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Professors react to midterm elections

Notre Dame faculty members reflect on political ramifications of big Republican gains

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

After Republicans won big in midterm elections last week, Notre Dame professors said the party's gains could lead to a stronger sense of party division in the coming term.

"The Republicans won big, so they have no need to compromise," said Jack Colwell, adjunct professor of American Studies and South Bend Tribune columnist. "With Democrats, the more liberal Democrats won — it was the more moderate Democrats that lost."

The House of Representatives currently has 256 Democratic seats and 179 Republican seats. When the new Representatives take office, 239 Republicans and 188 Democrats will take the floor, with eight seats still pending, according to USA Today's website.

The Senate will go from its current 57 Democrats, 41 Republicans and two Independents to 51 Democrats, 46 Republicans and two Independents, with one seat still pending.

Colwell said Indiana's 2nd Congressional District, in which Notre Dame is located, had an interesting race. Incumbent Democrat Joe Donnelly narrowly defeated

Republican Jackie Walorski for the spot in the House of Representatives.

"It was amazing Donnelly could survive in such a Republican year in a Republican state," he said. "One of the problems for the next session is that Donnelly is one of the more moderate Democrats, and one of the few left."

In the races for governor, Republicans also took the majority.

Currently there are 26 Democratic governors and 24 Republican governors. After the new ones are sworn in, there will be 29 Republican governors, 18 Democratic governors and one Independent governor, with two races still pending results, according to USA Today's website.

When it comes to legislation, Colwell said he predicts problems between party lines.

"There will be stalemate," he said. "The Republicans in the House of Representatives have had great success with just saying no."

He also said he sees trouble for President Barack Obama.

"[Obama] will try to work with them — but it takes two to tango," Colwell said. "I don't see why Republicans would work with him ... I doubt they will work with him."

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	

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SENATE	

CURRENT	RESULTS
57 Dem	51 Dem
41 Rep	46 Rep
2 Ind	2 Ind
	*1 seat pending
according to the USA Today website	

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Dorms compete to conserve energy

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

If you walk out of your dorm room this month and see only half the lights on in the hallway, chances are it isn't an accident.

Keeping lights on the "half-on" setting typically used after parties is one way dorms are saving energy during this month's third annual Dorm Energy Competition.

The main objective of the competition is for students to realize how much energy they are actually using, said Rachel Novick, education and outreach programs manager for the Office of Sustainability.

"The goal is for students to become more conscious about the energy they use and particularly the energy that gets wasted," Novick said. "And also to see what kind of creative ways they can find to save energy."

The title went to Walsh Hall in 2008 and Cavanaugh Hall in 2009.

Cavanaugh was able to reduce their energy use by 34 percent for the month. Former rector

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Seniors weigh options for class Legacy Fund

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

After sifting through hundreds of suggestions from Notre Dame seniors, the final options for the Class of 2011 Legacy Fund focus on helping students who are in need of financial assistance.

Each year, the Student Development Committee (SDC) chooses a few ideas for the fund and the senior class votes on them and chooses where they would like their donations to go.

There are five choices this year, and the voting began about a week ago and will most likely extend until Wednesday, said SDC Co-Chairs Maggie Nettesheim and Maria Sellers.

"Something we definitely thought about a lot is that we wanted it to be something that

would continue to make a difference on campus," Nettesheim said. "We wanted it to be something that would improve life on campus and would continue to do so."

This year's choices focus on providing funds for students who are in need of financial aid for a variety of occasions.

The first option is a study abroad assistance fund. This program would be designed for students on financial aid who wish to go to abroad, Nettesheim said.

"If they choose to go abroad, it would give them a little more spending money," Nettesheim said.

The second choice is a partial tuition scholarship for incoming freshmen each year.

Seniors' third option is a

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group discusses Four Loko

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

The University will investigate the dangers of alcoholic energy drinks like Four Loko, a caffeinated, alcoholic beverage with 12 percent alcohol content, and discuss whether banning such drinks from campus would be the right move, a University representative said at Monday's Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting.

Assistant vice president for Student Affairs Brian Coughlin asked council members to participate in the committee that will decide how to handle Four Loko on campus.

"We do not want to make this decision in a vacuum,"

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Chief of staff Nick Ruof and student body president Catherine Soler participate in the conversation at Monday's CLC meeting.

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



At the volleyball game versus Northern Iowa on Sunday, students hold up large headshots of senior players Stephanie Slatt and Megan Dunne as part of the Senior Day promotion.

OFFBEAT

Prospective juror in Ohio excused for citing Dahmer

CLEVELAND — An Ohio man was excused from jury service after mentioning he was a childhood friend of cannibalistic serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer.

John Backderf was among prospective jurors being screened last week by a judge in Cleveland.

When asked if he’d known anyone convicted of a crime, Backderf responded: “I had a close friend in high school who killed 17 people.”

The Plain Dealer reports Monday the answer caused the judge to freeze and lawyers to drop their pens. Backderf explained he knew Dahmer, who was raised in northeast Ohio.

Backderf is a graphic novelist about to publish “My Friend Dahmer.” He was dismissed from the jury list.

Dahmer confessed to killing and dismembering men and boys in Milwaukee. An inmate killed him in a Wisconsin prison in 1994.

No fallen coconuts for Obama

MUMBAI, India — Staff security checks at the Gandhi Museum before President Barack Obama’s visit — check. But the coconut palm trees, too?

A few days before Obama’s visit Saturday, U.S. and Indian security officials visited the small two-story building and ordered the looping off of ripe coconuts

from the trees to prevent any accidental bonking.

“People do get hurt, or even killed, from falling coconuts. We had the ripe coconuts removed and some dried branches as well. Why take a chance?” said Meghshyam Ajgaonkar, executive secretary of the Mani Bhavan Gandhi Museum, located on a quiet street in this bustling commercial hub.

In preparation for the visit, the museum was shielded from onlookers and neighbors by a high white tent that covered almost the entire building. The street was closed to pedestrians.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The seminar “A New Model for Turbulent Dispersion” will take place today at 11 a.m. in Fitzpatrick Hall Room 258. Benoit Cushman-Roisin, professor of engineering at Dartmouth College, will present this installment in the Environmental Fluid Dynamics Seminar Series

The lecture “Hybrid Peace: What Happens When Top-Down and Bottom-Up Peace Meet” will take place today at 4:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. It is free and open to the public.

The Notre Dame Fund to Protect Human Life will sponsor “Dinner and Discussion: Bread of Life” today at 6 p.m. in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall. The dinner is intended to facilitate discussion about beginning of life ethical issues. Register for free by emailing ethics2@nd.edu.

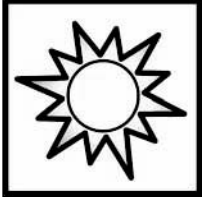





The Center for Social Concerns will sponsor a Summer Service Learning Program (SSLP) Information Session today at 6:30 p.m. in the McNeill Library of Geddes Hall. The SSLP is an 8 week experience within a 3 credit Theology course. The Center recruits Notre Dame students who are interested in expanding their education by working with and learning from persons who are marginalized in society.

The Brazilian Cultural Fair will take place today at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center Ballroom. Students can sample Brazilian cuisine and participate in Samba lessons.

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

CORRECTIONS

A Nov. 2 article titled “Habitat begins work on new house” misidentified the criteria Habitat for Humanity uses to select partner families. Habitat bases decisions on three criteria: ability to pay the mortgage by meeting income guidelines, demonstrate need of housing and a willingness to partner by fulfilling program requirements. The Observer regrets this error.

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INDIA

Obama hopes to boost India's status

Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Deepening America's stake in Asian power politics, President Barack Obama on Monday endorsed India's bid to become a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council, hoping to elevate the nation of a billion people to "its rightful place in the world" alongside an assertive China.

Obama's declaration, delivered to the pounding applause of India's parliament members, spoke to a mission broader than the makeup of one global institution. By spending three packed days in India, announcing trade deals, dismissing job-outsourcing gripes and admonishing India's rival Pakistan, Obama went all in for an ally whose support he hopes to bank on for years.

"I want every Indian citizen to know: The United States of America will not simply be cheering you on from the sidelines," Obama said inside the soaring legislative chamber of the capital city. "We will be right there with you, shoulder to shoulder, because we believe in the promise of India."

To Obama, that promise entails shaking up the world order by

giving more voice to developing countries that offer lucrative markets for U.S. products and potential help to counter terrorism and a warming planet. India fits Obama's agenda perfectly because it is the world's largest democracy and sits in the heart of a pivotal, vexing region.

The diplomacy in India also gave Obama a chance to reassert himself on the global stage, far from Washington in the aftermath after humbling congressional elections.

His final day in India began with a lavish welcome ceremony at the majestic palace residence of India's president and ended there as Obama and his wife, Michelle, were toasted to a state dinner.

The capstone of Obama's outreach here came when he announced support for India's

long push to achieve a permanent place on the Security Council, the elite body responsible for maintaining international peace. It underlined Obama's contention that the partnership between the U.S. and India could have defining impact on both countries and the world.

"The just and sustainable international order that America seeks includes a United Nations that is efficient, effective, credible and legitimate," Obama said as he called for India to be part of a reformed council.

Yet White House aides acknowledge any changes to the council could be messy and years in the making. Attempts to expand the council have long failed because of rivalries between countries.

India considered Obama's move to be an enormous coup regardless.

India is part of the so-called Group of Four, with Germany, Japan and Brazil, that has been seeking permanent seats as major economic and political powers. U.S. backing for a permanent seat for India is important, but officials here must also win support of the other veto-wielding council members, and the General Assembly has to agree on reform plan.

The five permanent members of the Security Council are the U.S., China, France, the United Kingdom and Russia. The only other country the U.S. has endorsed for permanent membership is Japan.

Pakistan criticized Obama's statement, accusing India of "blatant violations" of U.N. resolutions and calling on the U.S. to "take a moral view and not base itself on any temporary expediency or exigencies of power politics." China has long objected to India's proposed ascension to the council

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Tony Award winner visits Saint Mary's

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

In recent years, Saint Mary's students have welcomed various theater professionals to the college, including actor Glenn Close and comedian Lily Tomlin. Tony Award-winner and Broadway actress Donna McKechnie joined that list when she hosted a master class for students Monday.

"How fortunate we are that our students are able to learn from the masters like Donna McKechnie and Lily Tomlin, both Tony Award winning-actresses," Mark Abram-Copenhaver, a theatre professor at the College, said in a press release. "Ms. McKechnie is a master of not only the theater, but of what makes theatre sing — music and dance."

McKechnie, who teaches an acting class in New York, told the students in Monday's class why teaching others to act is important to her.

"My job in a class with students I teach in New York is to ask them, 'How do we make this more real for you?'" McKechnie said.

She said it is important to personalize a role and not to let fear cause hesitation.

"We have to stay out of our own way," she said.

McKenchie won a Tony Award for best actress for her role as Cassie in "Chorus

Line," according to the press release. Other credits include "On the Town," "Promises, Promises" and "State Fair."

"My soapbox in life is American musical theater," McKechnie said. "I learned with people who are incredible. I am a professional student and I will continue to study."

During master class, held in the studio in Regina Hall's basement, four Saint Mary's theater students came before McKechnie and performed a musical number each had been working on, and she supplied them feedback.

After each performance, McKechnie gave the student direction and they worked through the song with her.

Throughout the musical numbers, McKechnie said students need to put their fear aside.

"We try to show because we aren't in complete relaxation with ourselves," she said. "Really feel it before you say it. It's not about pain, it's about freeing ourselves."

McKechnie said the difficulty in acting is bringing all the elements together.

"We're integrating the words and the feeling and all of this," she said. "That's why it's so complicated."

Donna McKechnie
Tony Award winner

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Donna McKechnie
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Notre Dame study says unions are beneficial

Special to The Observer

It's no coincidence that American workers have never been more dissatisfied with their jobs, and labor unions' membership keeps dropping, according to a new study co-authored by University of Notre Dame political scientist Benjamin Radcliff. The study was published recently in the journal Social Indicators Research.

Based on a study of unions in 14 nations, Radcliff found that people who live in countries in which labor union membership was robust were happier — regardless of whether or not they belonged to a labor union themselves.

"There's both a direct effect of being a member and an indirect effect," Radcliff says.

Examining life-satisfaction data from several European countries as well as Japan, Australia and the U.S., Radcliff and his colleagues based their study on the notion that happiness with one's life increasingly means happiness at work.

So what, exactly, brings workers happiness? Unions, according to Radcliff.

There are obvious benefits for members: job security, fair wages, benefits and decent hours. But for those who are not members, there is Radcliff's "indirect effect."

"People who have union jobs like their jobs better," he says. "And that puts pressure on other employers to extend the same benefits and wages to compete with the union shops."

Election

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The repeal of healthcare reform was on the campaign promise list of many candidates, but Colwell said this would be impossible. However, the newly elected officials could still do some damage.

“Opponents will try to starve it,” he said. “They will try to sabotage it.”

He said this could come in the form of redirecting funds away from programming.

“The only thing that could help end the [partisan] stale-

mate is that both parties love their country,” he said. “If things started to get bad with something like the economy, you might see politicians on either side work with each other.”

Some have called the Republican victory a “tsunami” or a “hurricane,” Colwell said, but he also said the landslide could have been larger.

“It was a big Republican year,” he said. “They probably would have won the Senate if the Tea Party didn’t nominate so many questionable candidates.”

The Tea Party, a right-wing faction of the Republican Party, received a lot of media attention during the elections.

Michael Desch, chair in the Political Science department, said the Tea Party created

problems for the two-party political system.

“There is grounds for optimism for the Obama administration,” he said. “The rise of the Tea Party is not just a problem for the Democrats but also for the Republican Party. There is a lot of anger directed at the Republican establishment.”

Desch, who has a specialty in international politics and foreign policy, said some foreign policy issues were in the background of the midterm election.

“China and trade [was an issue],” he said. “The overarching issue was the economy and

unemployment. China was important with these persistent fears. We have an imbalance in trade with China.”

Desch said what seemed to determine the midterm election results was not a great support for the Republican Party, but a general sense of unhappiness with the current government.

“The problems with the economy are long-term and structural,” he said. “The problem is that there are no easy solutions. The American public doesn’t have the stomach for the solutions now.”

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Legacy

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stipend for students who would like to do summer service, but aren’t sure where their funds would come from.

“The summer service one would be a fund for those who want to do service, international or national, but they don’t have funds for where they’re living,” Sellers said.

Nettesheim said it would be particularly useful for students who do not feel they could give up a summer income, and it could apply to any service endeavor, even if it’s not through Notre Dame.

The fourth choice is an emergency assistance fund. This money could be used at the discretion of rectors in the event of an emergency, such as a death in the family of a student who is unable to cover the price of a plane ticket home.

The last option is a donation to RecSports, which would allow for the purchase of new uniforms or equipment.

SDC used multiple sources to gauge where the seniors wanted

the fund to go to, including booths at senior events and an online poll. Nettesheim said this year’s senior class was very enthusiastic in contributing ideas.

“We got probably 200 suggestions from the senior class when we did the online poll,” Nettesheim said. “We in the committee then narrowed it down from those suggestions.”

The final outcome of the vote will most likely be announced in December.

Tim Ponisciak, the assistant director of the Annual Fund, said the Senior Legacy Fund can generate anywhere from \$60,000 to \$100,000.

Contributing to the Senior Legacy is the first step into the Annual Fund, which is a general fund that accepts donations to support “virtually everything under the Dome,” such as financial aid for students or advancing Notre Dame’s Catholic mission, according to its website.

“In the spring we’ll send out a letter and brochure telling them about the sponsored fund, but also telling them a little about the Annual Fund,” Ponisciak said.

Ponisciak said seniors are encouraged to contribute to the sponsored legacy fund, but they

are also welcome to make a donation to any other fund at Notre Dame.

“For a senior to participate in the legacy they don’t have to give to the sponsored fund,” Ponisciak said. “They can participate in another aspect of campus that they feel strongly about.”

Although it is targeted toward the current seniors, other members of the Notre Dame community can contribute to the legacy as well.

“Through the phone center, we call their parents to see if the parents want to give on their behalf,” Nettesheim said. “Also, that fund stays in existence. Any alumni really could donate.”

For Nettesheim, the Senior Legacy Fund is important because it gives seniors the opportunity to give back to the University that gave so much to them.

“I think most of us leave Notre Dame feeling like it’s been the best four years of our lives,” Nettesheim said. “And if you can get seniors excited about giving back to the university and start that commitment early then I think that’s great.”

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CHOICES

for the Senior Class Legacy Fund:

- Study abroad assistance fund
- Partial tuition scholarship for incoming freshmen
- Summer service stipend
- Emergency assistance fund, given to students at the rectors’ discretion
- Donation to RecSports for the purchase of new uniforms or equipment

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Energy

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Amalia de la Torre said she believes one factor in particular was crucial to her dorm’s success — paretals lights.

“We kept half of all our hallway lights out,” de la Torre said. “In other words, we kept the lighting the same as it would have been after paretals. I think that made the winning difference.”

Overall last year, residence halls saved 58,800 kilowatt-hours. This is equivalent to 84,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions and adds up to a savings of \$2,940 for the University, Novick said.

Some common approaches to saving energy include hang-drying laundry and unplugging electronics when they aren’t being used, Novick said.

Novick’s goals for the competition not only include saving energy and money, but also having participation from every dorm.

“I’d definitely like to improve on the overall savings and costs to campus, but also to really try to get every dorm to be

involved,” Novick said. “I think that the dorms that were most engaged last year did an amazing job.”

Cavanaugh, the returning champion, is employing some of the same tactics as last year but also stressing the simple things, co-president Caitlin Desmond said.

“This year we are doing similar things, but also emphasizing to the girls to unplug things when you leave the room, such as turn off power strips, unplug computers and chargers,” Desmond said.

Some dorms don’t have a great chance at winning the competition due to long-standing traditions. Sorin College president Colin King said his dorm has never done well.

“Sorin is infamous for always coming in last in this competition,” King said. “We have a tradition to put incredible amounts of Christmas lights up right before Thanksgiving and leave them on at all times.”

The competition runs through the end of November and the winning dorm will receive a \$500 prize, Novick said.

“We have runner-up prizes too, and awards for sustainability commissioners who do really creative programs to get people involved,” Novick said.

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Coughlin said. "We want to have conversations about what is the best step for the University of Notre Dame and what is best for our students."

The committee would discuss how to educate students about the dangers of a drink like Four Loko and whether a ban on the product would be right for Notre Dame's campus.

Coughlin said the mixture of alcohol with caffeine makes alcoholic energy drinks like Four Loko particularly dangerous to students.

Students over the legal drinking age of 21 may possess or consume drinks of less than 14 percent alcohol content in residence halls, and hard alcohol is banned from dorms, according to the student handbook, du Lac.

"Technically Four Loko falls within the parameters of our alcohol policy for students over 21," Coughlin said. "Right now the allowing [of] the drink goes on a

hall-by-hall basis where each rector decides."

But Coughlin said the University's interest in researching the effects of Four Loko was sparked by recent incidents on campus.

"This was born out of a high number of ambulance runs in the past few weeks," he said. "The uptick of hospitalization was a catalyst for this conversation."

Several universities and state governments banned Four Loko as the risks of the drink became apparent, he said. Rectors on the council said they saw these dangers in their dorms as well.

Stanford rector Fr. Tom Gaughan said his hall staff put out a word of caution to their students when he first learned about the product Four Loko.

"To put a stimulant and a depressant in your body at the same time is a health risk," Gaughan said. "And despite our efforts to warn students it has not deterred appearances in the halls."

Council members debated whether a ban would only increase interest instead of preventing students from drinking Four Loko.

Student body vice president Andrew Bell said students looking to experience alcohol to an extreme would be drawn even more to Four Loko after a ban.

"If something like this is banned, it is banned because it is dangerous," Bell said. "As a side effect, because it is banned, people might do it more behind closed doors."

Educating students on the health risks of Four Loko will be a focus on campus whether or not the product is banned, Coughlin said.

"I would hope that whatever the committee decides to do as police is not the end of the story," Gaughan said. "That is one part of the story, but the other part is ongoing education."

The committee is unsure about whether the drink will be banned but will consider all the options, Coughlin said.

"Ultimately we are going to make the best decision we can for the health and safety of the student body," Coughlin said.

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UNITED NATIONS

Nobel laureate says opposition is growing

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Iranian Nobel laureate Shirin Ebadi said Monday that opposition to the Iranian government is growing, spurred by an increase in government violence, more human rights violations and deepening poverty.

The human rights lawyer, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003 for her efforts to promote democracy, said in an interview with The Associated Press that she came to the United Nations to talk about the deteriorating human rights situation in Iran and seek support for a draft U.N. General Assembly resolution that would condemn the country's rights record.

Although much of the opposition movement has gone underground since the violent crackdown after the disputed June 2009 presidential election, Ebadi said it definitely isn't faltering.

"I can tell you that opposition is increasing in Iran," she said. "Not only the government is becoming more violent every day, and there are more violations of human rights, but the issue of poverty has become another issue now. ... And, of course, poverty plays a big role in opposition."

She said the latest statistics she received had Iran's economy growing by just 1.6 percent a year, lower than the rates in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Ebadi urged the international community "to bring the voice of the people of Iran and the political prisoners to the outside world," stressing that the human rights situation in Iran "is very bad ... (and) is worsening."

She singled out the case of prominent human rights lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh, who has been on hunger strike since Sept. 25 but stopped drinking all liquids five days ago to protest her detention in solitary confinement on suspicion of spreading propaganda against the ruling system.

Ebadi said Sotoudeh's mother, sister and children went to visit her three days ago and they said "she was in poor health, she was weak, she couldn't talk, and also her face was bruised."

But despite her weakness, Ebadi said messages she got from other prisoners "say she's continuing her hunger strike — and she may not be able to survive this hunger strike."

Sotoudeh is believed to be one of the first lawyers jailed after representing several of the more than 100 activists and political figures tried on charges of fomenting postelection unrest. Her arrest in September was seen as a signal of a possible widening crackdown on the pro-reform opposition that took to the streets to protest the victory claimed by President

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Ebadi has lived outside her homeland since a day before last year's disputed presidential elections.

Doesn't she worry that she would be arrested if she returns?

"It's not important whether I am arrested or not," Ebadi said. "What counts is where I could be more useful for the people of Iran. And I feel that today with the censorship that exists in Iran I could be more useful outside of Iran."

As for the three American hikers charged with spying on Iran after being detained near the border with Iraqi Kurdistan in July 2009, Ebadi said, "even if they did have the intention of spying, they didn't have the time to do that."

"So I look at this as a political matter. I think that the government has taken these people as hostages, and that's because a number of people in the government of Iran are in prison in the United States, and they want to probably exchange them with those who are here," she said.

Ebadi said Sotoudeh was drinking liquids when she went on hunger strike on Sept. 25 to protest her confinement.

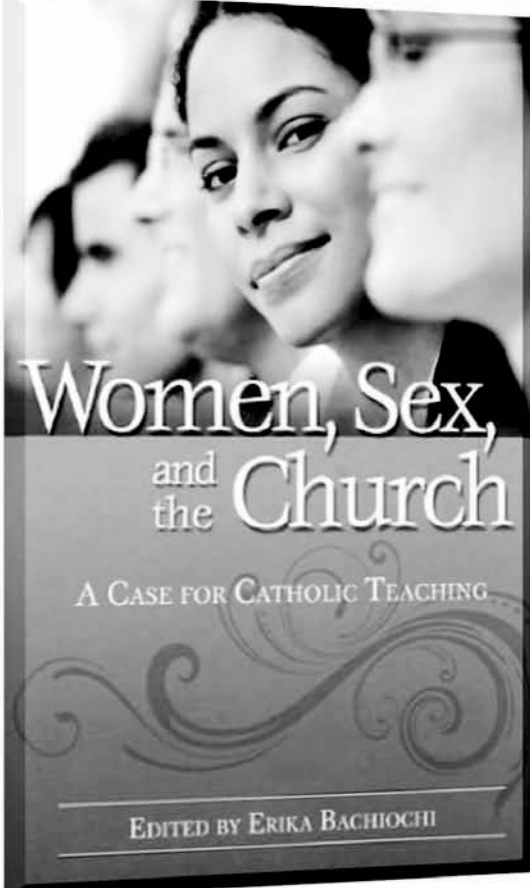
"Now, she's on a dry hunger strike," Ebadi said, because the prosecutor and her interrogators told her they would respond to her legal demands but they haven't, "and she believes that this has been a fraudulent issue on the side of the government."

The Nobel laureate also raised the case of imprisoned journalist Abdul Reza Tadjik, saying the only accusation against him is that he prepares reports on human rights violations in Iran. When he was apprehended, he was forced to stand nude before his interrogators, and when he protested saying it was an "insult" he was beaten, Ebadi said.

Tadjik told his sister what happened a month later when she visited, and his sister complained publicly and to the prosecutor, she said. Now, a criminal file has been opened against the sister and she "may be imprisoned pretty soon," Ebadi said.

The Nobel laureate said she had no information on the fate of 43-year-old Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani, who was sentenced to death by stoning for adultery but may now be executed for murder. Her lawyer and son have been arrested, and the only word is the government's announcement that "the judgment has not been finalized yet," she said.

"I'm against stoning, and even many of the clergy in Iran are against stoning, and they have announced that it's not even Islamic and we should take it out of our laws," Ebadi said. "However, the government does not abide by that."



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INSIDE COLUMN

‘No Shave November’

Nine days ago, I, along with my fellow O’Neill Hall Mobsters and (I’m sure) many men across campus, began the annual tradition of “No Shave November.” Scruffy neck beards and patchy facial hair undoubtedly ensued. Still, as the competitive Domers that we are, those brave of heart and strong willed, always abiding by “Rule 76: No Excuses — Play Like a Champion Today,” have continued on avoiding the razor. But the question arises, why do this? Apart from conformity and peer pressure, what good comes from 30 days without grooming? Well, dear readers, this column will (try to) tell you.

A quick Google search of “No Shave November” gave little insight into the origins of the worldwide practice, but the closest historical match has its traces in Australia and New Zealand. In those two nations, November is better known as “Movember,” a clever combination of moustache and November. There it is treated as a fundraising campaign for men’s health issues. How someone could raise money by sporting a moustache is beyond me, but it does bring up possibilities for the tradition in the U.S.

Noble causes such as raising money for Darfur and prostate cancer have spread across college campuses such as the University of Oregon and others. Additionally, it has been cited as means for water preservation, natural “beauty” and a means for “sticking it to the man” for overpricing razors and blades. I propose the University of Notre Dame organize similar charitable causes for monetary donations or mere awareness (how is this any different from sitting on a roof for X hours or posting where you like to keep your purse on Facebook in an attempt at making sexual innuendos?)

Now, there are downsides to “No Shave November.” I estimate that a mere 27 percent of men on campus can actually grow a reasonable amount of facial hair. It can be quite the unsightly sight. Yes, most women do not approve of the neck beard or sparse moustache (though granted, I’m pretty sure guys wouldn’t be thrilled if women partook in the festivities as well). Still, there are no actual hygiene implications or true downsides other than appearances.

The competitive nature of this tradition is inevitably entertaining, and countless excuses for it can be made. If honorable causes can be furthered through it, why not let the beard grow out? Not to mention the awesome alliteration.

I leave you readers with an anonymous quote I received while posing as if the issue of “No Shave November” was an Observer Question of the Day: “There are two people in this world that go around beardless — boys and women, and I am neither one.”

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Errors abundant

How is error possible? This is ambiguous between two related questions.

Consider the case of action: obviously, many people commit wrong acts — acts that they should not commit. The first question is fairly superficial: are such acts something other than purposive movement — that is, mere behavior that is inexplicable as voluntary action, as good-seeking? The answer is clearly no: the wicked person — Scrooge, for instance, or Herostratus — thinks that the last end is money or fame, but he is wrong about what his last end actually is.

But there is a second, deeper question: why should wickedness even be possible? If the wicked person’s last end is not, in fact, money or fame, isn’t it strange that he could take it to be? Metaphysically speaking, this is deeply confusing: the good — that toward which the wicked person is determined to move — is objectively one thing but subjectively another. For Aristotle, it is as though a rock, though determined to fall down, nonetheless fell up. We never see final causality failing in rocks — that is, we never see rocks “sin” by falling upwards — so why do we see it failing in humans? Material causality, for instance, never fails in this way: it is not as though a human, though in fact made of flesh and bone, ever acts as though he is made of air and floats up into the sky.

The answer to this second question is that everything is good to some extent: everything is a finite reflection of God, and since God is Goodness, everything that exists is good — that is, everything that exists can be taken, metaphysically

speaking, as one’s goal. The wicked person is not, as Aristotle makes quite clear, completely wrong: if he was completely wrong — if money and fame weren’t good at all — the universe would contain irreducible irrationality. Obviously, if the universe is a reflection of Mind — whose very essence is the Principle of Noncontradiction — this is impossible. But this is not how it is: the wicked person merely takes a partial good for the whole good.

Consider the parallel case of knowledge: obviously, many people affirm false beliefs — beliefs that they should not affirm. The first question is fairly superficial: are these beliefs something other than cognition — that is, mere cogitation that is inexplicable as justified belief, as truth-seeking? The answer is clearly no: the confused person — Heraclitus, for instance, or Parmenides — believes that all is change or stability, but he is wrong about how things actually are.

But there is a second, deeper question: why should confusion even be possible? If the world is not, in fact, all change or stability, isn’t it strange that Heraclitus or Parmenides could take it to be? Metaphysically speaking, this is deeply confusing: the true — that because of which the wicked person believes as he does — is objectively one way but subjectively another. For Aristotle, it is as though a hot rock, though truly a hot rock, nonetheless cooled the air surrounding it. We never see efficient causality failing in hot rocks — that is, we never see the surrounding air “believe” falsely by cooling after contact with a hot object — so why do we see it failing in humans? Again, material causality never fails in this way.

The answer to the second question is that every belief is true to some extent: everything is a finite reflection of God, and since God is Truth, everything that exists is True — that is, everything that one can believe does, in some respect, represent the world that caused one to

have that belief. The confused person is not, as Aristotle makes quite clear, completely wrong: if he was completely wrong — if change and stability weren’t aspects of how the world actually is — the universe would contain irreducible irrationality. Again, since the universe is a reflection of Mind, this is impossible. But this is not how it is: the confused person merely take partial truths for the whole truth.

One does not, of course, have to buy any of this. Most do not nowadays. But realize that, if one thinks that genuine irrationality can exist in the world — if, in other words, one admits the possibility of Radical Evil and, for lack of a better term, Radical Falsehood — one raises serious doubt that the world is in fact a Cosmos — is, in other words, a reflection of Rationality Itself, the Creation of God — rather than just a Weird Thing that Happened. All of us held, once upon a time, that all things are, ultimately, born of God and, ultimately, directed back toward God. Some of us hold this still.

But there are also drawbacks to buying all of this. The results of our exercise in ethics and epistemology are disturbing at best: things that we usually take to be unqualified evils, like arson and confusion and genocide, must achieve some good. This is what all of our pious talk about God having a “larger plan” actually means — that the universe, whatever the appearances, should have a purposeful ordering in which every part — no matter how depraved — has some function, some role to play.

Either of these options should make one profoundly uncomfortable.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Life does not cease to be funny when people die any more than it ceases to be serious when people laugh.”

George Bernard Shaw
Irish dramatist

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best day and night to make you like everybody else means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight and never stop fighting.”

e e cummings
U.S. poet

Pollo e dumplings

When she asked “soup or salad,” I asked in turn what my choices for the soups were.

“Zuppa Toscana, Pasta e Fagioli, Minestrone and Pollo e Gnocchi,” she unintelligibly rattled off from rote, not quite speaking Italian so much as putting the syllables in the places she imagined a native would.

William Stewart

Guest Column

My roommate and I turned confused glances toward each other, hoping that the other would be able to provide some helpful translation or an illumination of her words, the slightly furrowed brows and slack jaws betraying our complete bewilderment.

We snickered softly through our noses as the waitress’s shoulders slowly rose, and she, slightly exasperated, let out a barely audible sigh. The silence from the menus prompted her to try again.

“Cream of Potato, Chili, Vegetable, or Chicken and Dumplings.”

It may have been the sheer stupidity of the situation that made me pause as she walked away with our menus. The entire exchange, I realized, could have been easily avoided had she not begun with terms whose

descriptive qualities were unrecognizable to the guests. Yes, but I’m missing the whole point of the restaurant experience: the atmosphere is intended to be reminiscent of a quaint little ristorante in Florence or Rome.

Yet, after the bumbled ordering scene, in no way was it that, or, for that matter, anything close to resembling that. The frustrated translation revealed that we weren’t the first table of gringos ignorant of the restaurant’s pseudo-Italian jargon, and it stripped away whatever gilded veneer of Italian mimicry that may have been established when I walked through the door. This bothered me — how could the whole atmosphere turn so sour so quickly?

It’s not that my expectations are too high. I don’t expect a franchised restaurant that pays a reluctant minimum wage to employ native Italians or attract patrons who would understand what “fagioli” actually designates. I don’t expect this restaurant to be the paragon of authentic Italian cuisine.

What gets to me is the fact that the entire interaction with the waitress was a charade. Beneath the foreign appellations and Tuscan names, what she ultimately brought to the table were nothing more than plain,

American soups. Maybe with a dash of oregano and a sprinkle of Parmesan cheese. Yes, I grant happily that, with a few exceptions, the same ingredients constitute the majority of dishes eaten in Western cuisines. Perhaps the exchange over the soups should demonstrate to me the inherent similarities between so many facets of any two given cultures.

But when the English description is longer than the Italian name of the daily special, I can’t help but feel that the entire meal is staged, that the entire meal is an attempt to fool me into believing that my meal is more authentic than a pepperoni pizza from delivery, that the entire meal is an exercise in unnecessary rhetoric and meaningless words. I can’t help but feel that the restaurant serves a large helping of fraud on the side of their masked courses.

“Tonight our special is Pansotti con Pollo, large ravioli stuffed with four cheese, in a cream sauce with mushrooms and peppers, and served with grilled chicken.”

Tonight your special is feeble, empty words, words that must be qualified by long definitions in English and whose strange syllables are the only thing creating the illusion that we dine somewhere other

than a strip mall, the illusion that we have escaped the suburban Midwest for the hillside of Assisi.

Who am I kidding? That is astounding.

In spite of the undeniable absurdity of the scene of exasperated translation, without the foreign jargon, without those unintelligible words, the restaurant is no different than the American-themed fern bar across the street. Even in spite of the fact that they needed to be translated, it is those words and those names that transform this restaurant into something different than the fern bar. It is nothing more than the words themselves that create the stage and allow the actual, banal, domestic ingredients to charade as imported cuisine and culture. Just the mere act of saying them forces one to acknowledge an expectation, no matter how small — not of a plate of Costco pasta sauce but a true Italian experience.

So I yield to the supremacy of the word and swallow my annoyance.

“I’ll have the Pansotti and the Pasta e Fagioli. Thanks.”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The true end of an era

When I was a freshman in the fall of 1966, the slogan on campus was “The New Era with Ara”. Ara Parseghian had come within one play of winning a national championship in 1964, and 1966 was shaping up to be “The Year.”

It was. An undefeated season. A great feeling on campus. A feeling of pride to be a member of the Notre Dame community. Unfortunately, in 2010, that feeling is gone.

The tragic death of Declan Sullivan and the loss to Tulsa only highlight the malaise that engulfs the once proud football program. The hirings and subsequent firings of Gerry Faust, George O’Leary, Bob Davie, Ty Willingham and Charlie Weis have been embarrassing, at best. Now we have Brian Kelly who berates players during games, defies logic with his play calling and avoids being ultimately responsible for football operations.

Sadly, it’s not just the football program at Notre Dame that has lost its luster. While an undergraduate, I had a professor who characterized Notre Dame as “The truckdrivers’ Harvard.” With tuition, room and board approaching \$50,000 per year, that “affectionate” characterization of Notre Dame no longer applies.

Until just recently I never fully appreciated the impact Father Ted, Moose and Ara had on the fabric of Notre Dame. Those three individuals established a Golden Era at Notre Dame which should have been replicated.

David Testone
alumnus
Class of 1970, 1976
Nov. 2

Winter means you’ll have plenty of grey soon enough.

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WikiLeaked truths

The release of nearly 400,000 confidential Iraq war documents on Oct. 22 by the WikiLeaks website revealed a startling image of the secret history of the war in Iraq.

The documents contain details of events reported by the United States military and provide evidence of systematic torture and rape used as weapons of warfare. Sixty percent of the deaths registered in the documents are civilian.

The documents reveal the use of indiscriminate and disproportionate force used and condoned by the US military. They also raise substantial questions concerning war crimes. This leak has been the largest release of classified military documents in history.

Critics argue the release of this sensitive information will jeopardize US military operations and be used by opposition forces to seek out and kill Iraqi civilian informants working with the US military.

Supporters of the whistleblower website contend the documents contain information the public deserves to know. According to the documents, as many as 15,000 Iraqi civilian deaths were previously unaccounted for.

When President Obama was elected, he promised to conduct his administration with transparency. The amount of secrets revealed within the documents WikiLeaks released flies in the face of such promises. Obama’s promise for transparency has gone the way of his promise to close Guantanamo Bay.

To be fair, the files document the Iraq war during a time Obama was not president, but that doesn’t excuse him from failing to hold the Bush administration accountable.

Secrets and lies are what paraded the US into the war in Iraq. The WikiLeaks files reveal that secrets and lies have only prolonged that war.

It is difficult to justify a war waged under false pretenses. It is also tough to support a war effort that tolerates torture and civilian murder and gives private contractors free reign.

Julian Assange is the spokesperson and editor in chief for the WikiLeaks website. As would be expected, he is receiving a great deal of flak for releasing the Iraq documents. News organizations are wondering why he isn’t dead yet and claiming that the US government should list him as an enemy combatant, which would deprive him of the right to due process.

This doesn’t seem right. Shouldn’t he be considered a champion of truth and democracy? Don’t the people have a right to know about the sort of devastation and destruction that is happening in their name, with their tax dollars?

The WikiLeaks files are important for the historical

Stephen Bartholomew

The Independent Collegian

record as primary documentation of the many mishandlings of a complicated war. It appears the media is more concerned with attacking Julian Assange than with discussing the issue of human rights the documents raise.

In 1971, Daniel Ellsberg, a former Rand Corporation employee, released Department of Defense documents that detailed the United States political-military involvement in Vietnam from 1945 to 1967. The documents became known as the Pentagon Papers and indicated, among other things, that the Johnson administration had systematically lied to the public and to Congress. The publication of the papers caused a national outcry for government transparency and accountability.

Today, the socio-political landscape is much different. Many major media outlets have expressed their disgust over the release of the WikiLeaks documents.

On the other hand, some media sources commend the website for its courage and goodwill comment of being unsurprised by the lack of government honesty. There is no palpable call to action or demand for accountability. Instead the politically discontent shrug their shoulders and brush off the failure of military responsibility.

Wikileaks is trying to pull the wool out of the eyes of a world that prefers to live in the dark.

An Army whistleblower, Spc. Bradley Manning, is currently in custody. He is suspected for leaking thousands of Iraq war documents to WikiLeaks. The Obama administration has brought as many prosecutions for leaks to the American public as all previous administrations combined. Granted, it is a small number — three — but it is still important to note.

The administration is also threatening to use the Espionage Act to prevent further leaks. If that happens, the American public will know even less about the destruction that is happening in their name.

This past summer, WikiLeaks released over 70,000 documents relating to the Afghanistan war. The same national security concerns were raised at the time. But the Associated Press recently obtained a pentagon letter stating that no US intelligence services or practices were damaged after the release of the documents.

For a democracy to function as a true democracy the governing body must live up to the public’s expectation of transparency and accountability. WikiLeaks is providing information the United States government was expected, but failed to provide. The Iraq documents establish firmer ground for dissidents to stand upon in denouncing this despairingly unjust war.

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UNDER THE Radar:

synthpop



Stephanie DePrez
Scene Writer

The Situation: Music hunters seek, read, blog and cull music from radio, print and most often, the inter-webs. Music gatherers collect mix CDs, free digital downloads, and whatever their friends happen to be listening to. If you are a gatherer, this space is for you. If you are a hunter, e-mail me your latest find, and I promise you'll find it written up here. (Seriously. E-mail. Even if you're not a student.)

Hello, darling readers. I have been MIA for the past few weeks, but the music industry has trod on, blindly unaware of my lack of presence. I do hope you will forgive me for getting a bit "Drowsy" last week, instead of keeping my ear to the ground to keep you plugged in.

This week I would like to take a journey back to the days of '80s yore, when synthesizers ran freely and those black plastic shades with your dorm's name on the side were popular — for the first time. I would like to take us into the ever-renewing world of synth pop.

Depeche Mode
The great granddaddy of all synth bands formed in the U.K. in 1980. With their fully electrified sound, they blew up a genre that had barely existed. Deeply rooted in a darker sound, and perhaps even more "goth" than the yet-to-exist goths, this band has influenced everyone from Linkin Park to Coldplay (who based the video for "Viva La Vida" on Depeche Mode's "Enjoy the Silence" video).
Tracks to Tap: "Never Let Me Down," "Precious," "Enjoy the Silence," "Stripped"

Gary Newman
Go look up the song "Cars" right now. Do it. Now, tell me that it isn't the most awesomely synthesized track you've ever heard. Newman is a one-man band that survived failure after failure until he began plugging out hits in the 1980's. For some wild visuals, YouTube "DieHard Battery vs. Gary Newman" for one of the most inventive commercials you'll ever see.
Tracks to Tap: "Are 'Friends' Electric?" "Cars"

The Buggles
Add these guys to the list of great '80s artists who have been pillaged by the 21st century. Their beats seem to keep popping up in the background of the latest pop hits coming out of the speakers at the Backer. But their original sound gave us the immortal words "Video Killed the Radio Star" before both members moved on to join the band Yes.
Tracks to Tap: "Video Killed the Radio Star," "Living in the Plastic Age"

All right, my hunters. I have now a quest for you: this week, send me the wackiest music videos you've ever seen. Modern, dated, Peter Gabriel or Gabe Dixon, let me know which music videos are so outrageous that you can't help but post them on someone's Facebook wall.

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'Due Date' doesn't disappoint

By **ANKUR CHAWLA**
Scene Writer

Robert Downey, Jr. and Zach Galifianakis star in this "Rat Race"-like story of a man racing across the country before his wife gives birth to their first-born child. Galifianakis revisits his character as the unintentionally funny guy he played in "The Hangover" and "It's Kind of a Funny Story," while Downey, Jr. is an arrogant, overambitious architect traveling back to Los Angeles after taking a business trip to Atlanta. The two actors work incredibly well together, feeding off each other nicely in this comedy.

Peter Highman (Downey, Jr.) and Ethan Tremblay (Galifianakis) first cross paths as the station wagon Ethan takes to the airport breaks off the door to Peter's town car as he gets his luggage. Awkward as this was, Peter brushed it off and went to his flight. While sitting before takeoff, anxiously texting his expecting wife, Ethan reminds him to turn off his cell phone because terrorists use phones to set off bombs. This discussion promptly lands the two on the no-fly list, with Peter's luggage and wallet still on the flight. With no other option, Peter rides in Ethan's rental car and hilarity ensues.

Plagued by glaucoma, Ethan smokes marijuana more often than students on North Quad buy Starbucks. Speaking of coffee, Ethan carries his father's ashes with him in a coffee tin and shows his honest and sensitive side to compliment the typical character he plays in every movie. His trusty and inappropriate dog Sunny takes a similar role as Carlos, the just-as-inappropriate baby from "The Hangover." Inspired by the death of his father, Ethan hopes to go to Hollywood and make it on his favorite TV show, "Two and a Half Men."

An admitted rage-aholic, Peter lashes out at Ethan and most anyone he comes into contact with, up to and including an Army veteran and a 10-year-old boy. Not the best image for a soon to be father. However, in an understandably frustrating situation, he shows his depth as he warms up to Ethan and practices scenes with him at a rest stop and in the car.

Despite this, "Due Date" did have its downsides. At times the movie got repetitive with the constant back and forth between Ethan and Peter acting completely nonsensically. The filmmakers played too heavily on Galifianakis' character to provide humor as the ignorant, awkward adult. This was done much in the same way Seth Rogan is always some form of a stoner with his trademark laugh and goofy face. Beyond that, too much of the movie is left with loose ends and meaningless scenes that add little humor and even less plot or character development.

Still, this is a very entertaining, funny and fresh movie worth seeing. No, it is not "The Hangover" in a car, but it is funnier than most of the current alternatives — "Megamind," "Life As We Know It," etc. If you appreciate the ridiculous one-liners from Galifianakis such as "Dad was like a father to me..." and a cute dog companion, you will enjoy this movie more than the first snow of the year.

'Due Date'

Director: Todd Phillips
Starring: Robert Downey, Jr., Zach Galifianakis

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By MAC HENDRICKSON
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This Saturday, John Mellencamp brings his “No Better Than This” tour to the Morris Performance Arts Center. Mellencamp, an Indiana native, has experienced a musically diverse career full of artistic redirection and reinvention. His sound has appealed to many audiences, from when he first began to today, 35 years later. This show, consisting of three parts, reflects Mellencamp’s different achievements and levels of artistry.

The first segment is a documentary film “It’s About You”, shot on Super-8 film by acclaimed photographer Kurt Markus. It documents Mellencamp’s recent tour with Bob Dylan as well as the creation of the album “No Better Than This”. The album was recorded at three legendary studios: Sun Studios (which some call the birthplace of rock and roll), Room 414 of San Antonio’s Gunter Hotel (where infamous bluesman Robert Johnson recorded in the 1930’s), and Savannah’s First African Baptist Church (an historic site during the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement). The documentary has been praised for its artistic glance both at Mellencamp as an American musician and American culture in general at the start of the 21st century.

The second segment is a solo acoustic set featuring Mellencamp’s recent folk work. The third is a full band set, reflecting

Mellencamp’s earlier rock and roll mastery.

Mellencamp began his career as pop idol John Cougar Mellencamp, with hits such as “Hurts So Good” and “Jack and Diane.” After early mainstream success, Mellencamp developed into a mature American songwriter, demonstrating mastery of heartland rock and organic instrumentation.

Morris Performing Arts Center, which was first built as a Vaudeville performance center in the 1920’s, is known for its intimate setting, built for and maintained to generate the best musical atmosphere. Seating only 2,500 people, the concert hall offers an intimate experience with Mellencamp and his music, both for fans of his older rock hits and fans of his new folk sound.

Around the Bend

What: John Mellencamp, “No Better Than This” Tour

Where: Morris Performing Arts Center, South Bend, Ind.

When: Saturday, Nov. 13, 6:45 p.m.

How much: Tickets start at \$39.50

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Cowboys fire Phillips after disappointing start

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Jerry Jones never wanted to change coaches this season. As the blowout losses mounted, and Wade Phillips’ defense was mostly to blame, the owner of the Dallas Cowboys had no choice.

Jones fired Phillips on Monday and promoted offensive coordinator Jason Garrett to take his place on an interim basis. Defensive line coach Paul Pasqualoni was promoted to replace Phillips’ other role as defensive coordinator.

“I recognized that after the game we just weren’t playing winning football and our best chance was to make a change,” Jones said. “We are grateful to Wade and his contribution to the Cowboys, leading us. We also clearly understand we are not where we want to be at this time, and that’s an understatement. We share the responsibility — all of us.”

It’s the first time Dallas has made an in-season coaching change. Garrett becomes the first former Cowboys player to take over the job previously held by the likes of Tom Landry, Jimmy Johnson and Bill Parcells.

Jones decided enough was enough following a 45-7 loss to the Green Bay Packers on Sunday night. It was the Cowboys’ fifth straight loss, dropping them to 1-7.

The defense has allowed at least 35 points in three straight games, something that hadn’t happened to this team since

going 0-11-1 in its inaugural season, 1960. Stranger still, the unit features nearly all the same players who closed last season with the first back-to-back shutouts in club history.

Jones said his deciding factor was the defense’s erosion the last three games — bad against the Giants, worse against Jacksonville and trampled by the Packers, who actually backed off from scoring more than 45. Jones said he’d been “in denial” that the club was in such bad shape.

“It really was paramount in my thinking that we would make adjustments and have our defense more productive and demonstrate a correction,” he said. “But I really might not be sitting here today if we had gone and played well against Jacksonville ... and then we’d gone to Green Bay and played lights out defensively.”

This is the Cowboys’ worst season since 1989 and among the worst in franchise history by record alone. It could go down as the worst-ever considering Dallas was coming off a division title and a playoff win, and was expected to contend for the Super Bowl that’ll be held at Cowboys Stadium.

“I told (players) they should not think this an admission of defeat or finality in this season,” Jones said. “We have eight games left and we have one goal — to win.”

Jones was clearly unhappy and uncomfortable. He spoke slower than usual, with longer pauses to collect his thoughts, and fiddled

with his glasses throughout a 22-minute news conference.

He called Phillips “somebody we thought so much of” and “a good friend, as well.” He wouldn’t provide details of his conversation with Phillips, and became emotional as he described breaking the news to the team. He said the focus of that speech was accountability.

“I spoke of the realization that it’s not just about yourself,” Jones said. “It impacts others.”

The 63-year-old Phillips leaves with a 34-22 record over 4½ seasons guiding the Cowboys. He also was 1-2 in the postseason. Dallas won the NFC East twice on his watch.

Phillips released a statement thanking the fans and the Jones family “for all of the support” and thanked his coaches and players “for their loyalty and dedication.”

“I told the team today that I have been proud to be a part of their family and that will never change,” Phillips said. “I am disappointed in the results of this season to this point, but I am also very proud of what our team and our players accomplished in the previous three years. In good times and difficult times, our players stuck together and never lost hold of their belief in each other and the strong team bond that they have shared.”

The first game under Garrett will be at the New York Giants on Sunday.

Jones said Garrett will have an opportunity to keep the job permanently.

“If we do outstanding as a team



Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones speaks at a press conference. Jones fired coach Wade Phillips Monday after a 1-7 start this season.

and we have very visible, tangible success, then certainly that’s doing your job, if you will, in a crisis situation,” Jones said. “That kind of action goes beyond a resume.”

Garrett has been viewed as the team’s coach-in-waiting since he was hired — days before Phillips, in fact.

The 44-year-old Garrett was a backup quarterback behind Troy Aikman from 1993-99. He was the quarterbacks coach in Miami in 2005-06 before rejoining the club in 2007. He’s had the title of

assistant head coach since 2008, when he withdrew from other interviews to remain with the club.

His father, Jim, was with the organization for 22 years. Two of his brothers are on his staff: tight ends coach John and Judd, the director of pro scouting.

“I do believe Jason has the temperament, he has the disposition to affect a culture change,” Jones said. “I think this is important. We know all men’s styles are different. His style is one that I feel can be very effective.”

NFL

NFL fines Packers’ Collins for illegal hit on Williams

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The NFL fined Green Bay Packers safety Nick Collins \$50,000 on Monday for his helmet-to-helmet hit on Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Roy Williams.

In a statement, league officials said Collins “violently and unnecessarily struck a defenseless receiver” in the neck and head area with his helmet during Sunday night’s game at Lambeau Field and called it a “flagrant violation of player safety rules.”

NFL executive vice president of football operations Ray Anderson told Collins that further offenses “will result in an escalation of fines up to and

including suspension.”

The NFL is cracking down on illegal hits, and players who violate the rules are subject to increased fines or even suspensions.

Collins went helmet-to-helmet with Williams after an incomple tion in the third quarter of the Packers’ 45-7 victory over the Cowboys Sunday night. Collins was flagged for unnecessary roughness.

Williams said after the game that he didn’t think NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell should punish Collins for the hit.

“Commissioner Goodell, don’t fine the guy,” Williams said. “It wasn’t that bad of a deal, he shouldn’t get fined. It was a football play, a football player mak-

ing a football play. No injury, no harm.”

Packers coach Mike McCarthy said he spoke to side judge Rick Patterson after the play.

“It was a bang-bang play and I felt that really when I saw the replay on the Jumbotron, it looked like Nick hit Roy in the back and came up to the helmet,” McCarthy said Monday. “I understand why Rick threw the flag and we actually talked about the mechanics of it. That’s a tough call.

“I think the referees are doing a very good job with the aware-

ness of player safety, but I was standing right there and I can see what Nick Collins saw, too. The ball was in the air and he was trying to run through the proper target line and I think he hit Roy in the top of the pads and went up into the helmet.”

Packers defensive coordinator Dom Capers says that while players are taught to play within the rules, it can be difficult to avoid a hit that is considered illegal when trying to hit a moving target.

“It’s such a fine line, because you want guys to play aggressively within the rules,” Capers said. “That target changes sometimes a little bit, and when you’re out there going full speed and that target changes a little bit, sometimes you might end up 2 or 3 inches from where you aimed to begin with.”

The NFL did not hand out any discipline for the hit that gave Indianapolis wide receiver Austin Collie a concussion in Philadelphia on Sunday.

Collie was hit by safety Quintin Mikell, then took a shot to the helmet from fellow safety Kurt Coleman’s helmet in the second quarter. Collie briefly lost consciousness and was taken off the field by stretcher.

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Karaoke means “empty orchestra” in Japanese.

PGA

European golfers shine on PGA Tour and beyond

Associated Press

SHANGHAI — The PGA Tour continues to shortchange the one World Golf Championship held outside the United States by only offering a three-year exemption to the winner if he is a member of the American-based tour.

One person who didn't seem the least bit bothered was Francesco Molinari, who won the HSBC Champions.

"I'm a European Tour member," Molinari said with a shrug. "I'm proud to be a European Tour golfer, and it's a great moment for European golf, and I'm really happy to give my contribution to that. Honestly, going to the States, it's not really part of my plans at the moment. I'm happy to consider it a European Tour win."

At the trophy presentation in near darkness on the 18th green at Sheshan International, with Chinese drummers adding a unique touch to the ceremony, Molinari was announced as the winner of a \$1.2 million check.

That translates to just over 850,000 euros, enough to move him to No. 4 in the Race to Dubai, giving him an outside chance depending on how he fares this week in Singapore.

It used to be that beating the best field in golf, whether it was a major or a World Golf Championship, was essentially a free pass to the PGA Tour. Now it's a matter of whether Europeans want to go, much less need to.

Lee Westwood, the new No. 1 in the world ranking, tried a full PGA Tour schedule about five years ago and it didn't work for him. He added tournaments just to meet the minimum requirement of 15 events, and found himself going through the motions at times. Westwood played Las Vegas in 2005 to meet his number.

"That's why I don't join anymore," Westwood said.

PGA champion Martin Kaymer, eligible for a five-year exemption by winning a major, is said to be leaning against PGA Tour membership, even though his girlfriend is from Arizona and the German spent much of his time there before he became a veritable star.

The way this year has gone for Europe, its players can find plenty of competition at home.

Europeans did so well on the PGA Tour this year, with seven players winning eight times, that British agent Chubby Chandler quipped midway through the season that the Tournament of Champions in Kapalua "is going to be like a European Tour event."

One benefit for Europe when it began its "Race to Dubai" bonus program was attracting international stars, and it got the interest of Geoff Ogilvy, Anthony Kim, Camilo Villegas, Rory Sabbatini and several others. It was easy to meet the minimum of 12 tournaments because seven could be knocked through majors and WGCs before the Dubai World Championship.

Last month, however, the European Tour tournament committee decided to increase the minimum to 13 events. In a separate matter, it denied Kim a medical exemption despite the American missing three months after surgery on his thumb.

To some, the increase was seen as Europe closing its door to outsiders. For others, it was good business. Europe needs its members to play more at home to

accommodate sponsors in a tough economy.

David Howell, who is on the committee but made it clear he was not speaking on behalf of it, wondered whether Europe needed U.S. tour members to make its circuit stronger.

For every rising star on the PGA Tour — Dustin Johnson, Hunter Mahan, Jason Day, Rickie Fowler or Kim — Europe has just as many in Kaymer, Rory McIlroy, Alvaro Quiros, the Molinari brothers (Francesco and Edoardo) and Matteo Manassero, the 17-year-old Italian who two weeks ago became Europe's youngest winner.

Molinari is eligible for Kapalua, but not PGA Tour membership. He cannot even apply the money toward a tour card through non-member earnings if they were equal to No. 125 on the money list.

A big reason for the PGA Tour not treating the HSBC Champions equal to the other WGCs is that

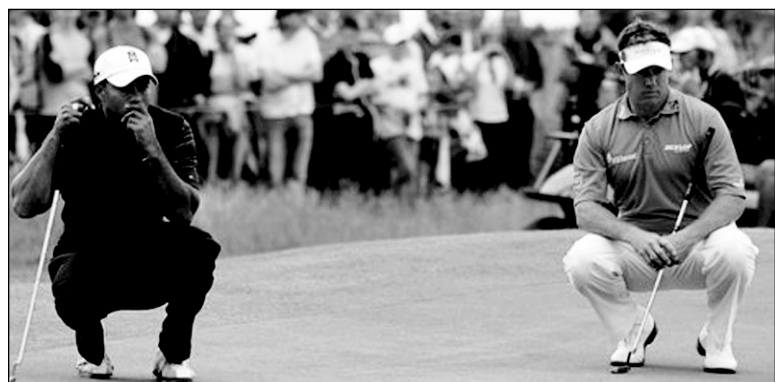
less than half of the 78-man field has tour membership. At the other stroke-play WGCs in America, PGA Tour members accounted for at least two-thirds of the field.

"I can understand if we weren't playing a strong field," Ben Crane said. "But I think if you can win a tournament like this — whoever you are — it doesn't matter. You've done something pretty special. I think this should count for everything."

Molinari turned in one of the best performances of the year. Playing in the final group the last two days, he matched the low round Saturday and Sunday with a 5-under 67. Molinari beat Westwood by one shot, and he beat everyone else by at least 10.

Europe swept the top five spots at Sheshan International, and 11 of the top 12 on the leaderboard were European Tour members. The exception was Tiger Woods.

PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem did not sound interested



Tiger Woods and Lee Westwood read putts during the British Open on June 16, 2009. Westwood passed Woods for the world No. 1 ranking.

in counting this WGC like the others, from a three-year exemption to the winner to the money being official. He cited the HSBC Champions being too late in the PGA Tour season, and there's merit to that. Europe still has three events remaining, ending with its version of a Tour Championship.

"To add an event that late in the

year at the end of the season is just not something we're prepared to do on the money list," Finchem said after the ceremony. "On the other side of the coin, I'm not sure it makes any difference. Our theory was players would come and support the event because it has a great purse, a lot of world ranking points. And that's been the case."

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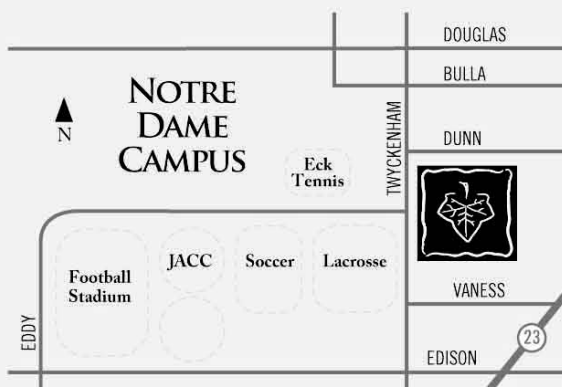
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Dillon

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was just opening up holes the whole time.”

While the offense was effective, the Dillon defense was the unit that set the tone. The Big Red forced the Ramblers to go three-and-out six times.

“Today wasn’t going to be the day we let up,” senior defensive lineman Jack Winnike said. “Today wasn’t going to be the day that we made mistakes.”

In fact, two mistakes nearly cost the Big Red dearly. Up 6-0 after two field goals, Dillon gave up the lead after two big Siegfried plays. Rambler senior quarterback Matt Meinert kept the ball on an option and went 44 yards. Three plays later, he found junior receiver Frank Conway for a 32-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. The extra point gave the Ramblers a 7-6 lead.

Things continued to appear grim for Dillon as precious minutes ticked off the clock. But when Dillon sophomore Dan Balcarcel blocked a punt, the Big Red regained life, scoring on the next play.

“It gave us good field position,” Balcarcel said. “It really brought the momentum back to our side and got the crowd back.”

It was a disappointing finish for the two-time defending champion Ramblers, who wanted to make it to Notre Dame Stadium for a third straight year.

“I don’t feel as though we came out at our best,” Siegfried senior captain Michael McDonnell said. “I wish things were different, but there’s nothing we can do about it now.”

Despite not reaching its ultimate

goal, Siegfried was not totally disappointed after starting the year flat.

“Considering where we started the season, I’m pretty darn happy with where we ended,” McDonnell said.

With the championship now on hand, Howard said Dillon plans to take confidence and effort into the Stadium.

“We’re always confident in what we can do,” Howard said. “We’re always going to fight 100 percent.”

Dillon will battle Sorin in the Stadium Sunday for the top prize.

Sorin 7, Alumni 6

Buoyed by a bend-but-don’t-break defense, No. 2 Sorin managed to stay afloat and advance to the men’s championship game in Notre Dame Stadium by beating No. 3 Alumni.

On their first offensive drive of the game, the Otters (5-1) drove 85 yards in 10 plays, culminating with a 21-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Ted Spinelli to sophomore wide receiver Ryan Robinson, who finished the day with four catches for 69 yards.

“[Robinson’s] been playing awesome all year,” Sorin senior running back and captain Michael Browder said. “I’d be scared of him. He’s been scoring left and right.”

After amassing 122 yards in the first half, Sorin’s potent offense ran only eight plays in the second half for a mere 25 total yards. Both of their second-half possessions ended in punts.

For Alumni (4-2), however, the second half was much better than the first. Starting from their own 28-yard line, the Dawgs ran the ball 12 times for 72 yards, highlighted by runs of 15 and 31 yards

by junior running back and captain Dan Dansdill. Dansdill punched it in from one yard out to pull Alumni within one point at 7-6. He had a game-high 97 yards on 16 carries.

Instead of trying for the extra point, the Dawgs instead opted to go for a two-point conversion. After a hard snap gained Alumni a yard and a half by drawing Sorin offside, Dansdill’s plunge up the gut was stopped short of the goalline.

“We switched kickers and we figured if we could get them offside, we’d go for it,” Dansdill said. “[We] got them offside and they just made a good play.”

The Dawgs never sniffed the end zone again.

On the game’s final drive, Alumni — needing only a field goal to win — got down to the Sorin 31-yard line after successfully drawing the Otters offside again on a key fourth-and-five play. Penalties, however, killed the drive and Sorin recovered an Alumni fumble at midfield.

“I’m really proud of my team,” Dansdill said. “Congratulations to Sorin, it was a fun game.”

While the Dawgs’ season comes to a close, Sorin will take on undefeated Dillon for the title next week in Notre Dame Stadium.

“What I would have given to be out there with my teammates. I’m pretty sure they won this one for me,” said junior playmaker Bobby Sullivan, who missed the game with shoulder, elbow and toe injuries. “We’ll take the week off and hope to enter the Stadium well-rested, healthy, and ready to have a good time.”

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The Irish rowing team practices during the 2009 season. The squad traveled to Indianapolis Sunday to take on Indiana.

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not common to the fall season, Notre Dame dealt with some rough water conditions. Stone said the conditions, which the Irish do not often face, forced his team to adjust. In agreement with Sunday’s theme, however, he said his squad learned from the challenge.

“Everybody got some good experience racing in some rough conditions which we usually don’t row in,” Stone said. “It just makes it a little tougher. We adjusted to the conditions and some pieces worked and some didn’t.”

As a long winter off-season separates the two seasons, Stone said it is important to carry those lessons into the later part of their competitive year.

“The fall is for figuring some things out that you want to carry over into the spring,” he said.

Although the Irish have yet to firmly establish lineups that will be used come springtime, Stone said he is not worried at this point in the year.

“Things change — people get more fit, get stronger and other things,” Stone said. “There are lots of variables. We’re probably pretty close for where we are right now in the season, but it’s not really a big deal.”

Notre Dame will conclude the fall season on Sunday, facing the Hoosiers again, along with Big Ten foes Michigan State and Ohio State. The scrimmage, hosted by the Buckeyes in Columbus, Ohio, begins at noon.

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Howard defense forced the Phoxes into a three-and-out. Gassner returned the punt to the Phoxes' 14-yard line, and Bishop scrambled in two plays later for the score. Bishop finished the day with 61 yards on the ground.

"Kayla can throw it perfectly to us, every time," Gassner said. "That opens up the long runs, and then we're really able to mix up our offense."

The teams then traded a series of punts, with Pangborn still unable to put a drive together. Pangborn senior quarterback Gabby Tate said that Howard's ability to shut down her team's offense stemmed from the meeting between the two teams in the regular season.

"Running and scrambling is a big part of my game, but Howard was able to totally take that away this time around," Tate said. "K-Rob [senior Kaitlin Robinson] was spying me all game, and she played phenomenal."

The Ducks were able to score once more shortly before halftime, with Bishop finding Gassner for a 38-yard score.

The Phoxes came out to play in the second half, and were able to drive all the way to the Ducks' 3-yard line. But on a crucial fourth-and-goal, Tate was sacked by freshman Claire Robinson, Kaitlin's younger sister, essentially putting the game on ice.

"I'm so glad to have Claire here," Kaitlin said. "It's good

to know Howard football will be alive and well after Kayla and I graduate."

Howard's next drive was capped by another long touchdown for Gassner, which pushed the tally to 25-0.

"We were able to attack the holes in their zones all day," Gassner said. "We used a lot of different routes, and we were able to keep our offense fresh."

Pangborn's final two drives ended in interceptions, one returned for a touchdown. With the final whistle, the Phoxes' playoff run came to an end. Although their season ended one game too soon, Tate said she was still pleased with her squad.

"I'm really proud of us," Tate said. "We were hoping to pull it out today, but Howard played phenomenal."

The Ducks now turn their eyes to Notre Dame Stadium, where they will take on Pasquerilla West in an attempt for a second consecutive unbeaten season.

"It's pretty awesome to go back. We were really nervous because Pangborn has played so well, but we were able to pull it out today," Gassner said. "Now we have one more game to win."

Pasquerilla West 6, McGlinn 0

In an intense defensive battle that featured a total of ten sacks and five interceptions, Pasquerilla West reserved its spot in Notre Dame Stadium for the second straight year with a win over McGlinn.

"Every single one of these girls deserves a scholarship to

Notre Dame for the way they played today," Pasquerilla West coach Ryan Hawley said. "It's almost unbelievable."

The No. 2 Purple Weasels' (6-0) defense showcased a bend-but-don't-break effort, giving up 173 total yards but coming up with two key goal line stands against a versatile Shamrocks offense.

"[McGlinn] came out with an unusual game plan that we couldn't defend behind the line of scrimmage," Pasquerilla West senior captain Libby Koerbel said. "But we stepped up when we needed to and played an overall great game."

The No. 6 Shamrocks (3-3) relied heavily upon sophomore receiver/safety Emily Golden, who accounted for 137 of the 173 total yards and also intercepted two passes. Golden's efforts were not enough for the upset win over the Purple Weasels, however.

"We came out and surprised a lot of teams this year, including [Pasquerilla West] today and I am really proud of the way we played out there," McGlinn senior captain Gillian Allsup said.

The Shamrock defense held Pasquerilla West to only 44 yards of offense in the first half while preventing the Purple Weasels from crossing the 50-yard line. The only score of the game came on Pasquerilla West's first play of the second half, a 45-yard option run by sophomore wide receiver Alice Yerokun that was all the Purple Weasels needed for the victory.

"It's a really unfortunate end to a wonderful season," McGlinn coach Steven de Groot

said. "It's a shame that we were one flag pull away from a totally different game but that's the way things work sometimes."

The McGlinn offense never got going in the second half, stymied by Pasquerilla West sophomore defensive tackle Meghan Schmitt, who recorded five sacks in the game. The Shamrocks had one last chance with one minute left in the game after forcing the Purple Weasels to punt, but a 38-yard desperation pass left them fifteen yards short of the end zone, sending the Pasquerilla West sideline into jubilation.

"We wanted a rematch [of last year's championship game against Howard] to happen," Pasquerilla West defensive coordinator Tim Bossidy said. "Howard has good athletes but I know for a fact that we have the better team."

Undefeated Howard and Pasquerilla West will meet Sunday in a rematch of last year's championship game in Notre Dame Stadium to determine the 2010 women's inter-hall champions.

Welsh Family 7, Pasquerilla West 0

Welsh Family came ready to fight as the Whirlwinds shut out the Purple Weasels in the Women's B-League championship.

Pasquerilla West's (4-1-1) defense shut out the Whirlwinds (5-0-1) until the final two minutes of play, but a late reverse to freshman Stephanie Lobaccaro gave Welsh Family the win.

"I think we played defense

pretty well today," Pasquerilla West freshman linebacker Tori Creighton said. "For the most part we held them several times right by the end zone and goal line."

Creighton intercepted the ball in the first half, coming right after a long run by the Whirlwinds.

"It's just reading the defense. We were putting pressure on the quarterback, so she was trying to get rid of the ball," Creighton said. "Basically, I knew she was looking to throw the ball, and [I] was there for the pass."

Purple Weasels freshman quarterback Elizabeth Arevalo had a few key rushes, but the Whirlwinds stopped Pasquerilla West's offense every time they crossed mid-field.

"We tried to take advantage of their holes, and we got through sometimes but they just made some good plays," Arevalo said. "I'm really proud of how our team played. It didn't go our way, but we worked hard out there, and it was a good season."

Without a starting running back, freshman quarterback Farrell Murphy took over the rushing game early in the Whirlwind's championship victory.

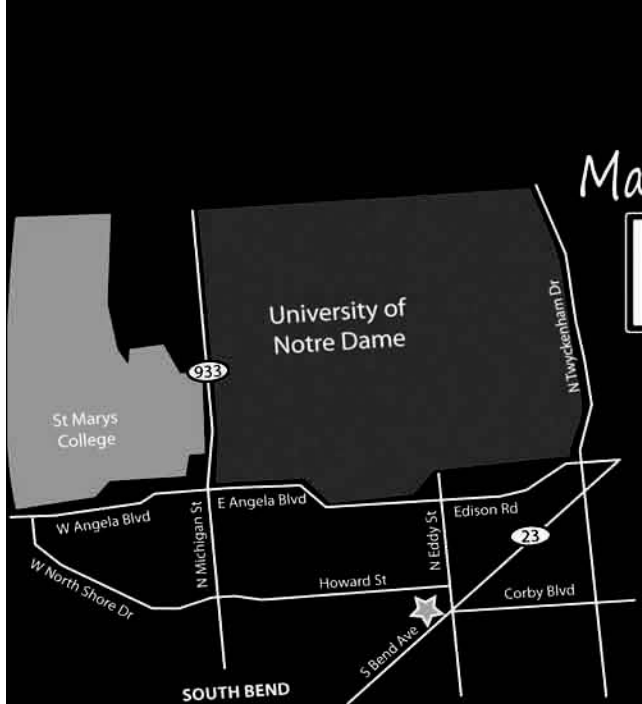
"I tried to run it a little bit to try and mix it up, so that they didn't know what we were doing," Murphy said.

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There will be a new champion this year, as No. 1 Dillon took down the defending champion No. 5 Siegfried 12-7 in Sunday's semi-finals with strong performances from all three areas of the game.

Sophomore running back Terry Howard took a run between the tackles for a 43-yard touchdown to put Dillon (6-0) on top of Siegfried (4-2) by the final margin with four minutes remaining.

"Our offensive line moved everybody," Dillon senior captain Jordan Smith said. "He didn't get touched on an iso play, which is incredible."

It was just one run of many on a fantastic day for Howard, who racked up 122 yards on 15 carries.

"I felt like I played a good game," Howard said. "Our line

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Dillon wide receiver Will Salvi jumps for a pass between two Siegfried defenders. The Big Red took down the defending champion Ramblers 12-7 Sunday.

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WOMEN'S ROWING

ND learns from meet at Indiana

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Even though Sunday's race against Indiana in Indianapolis was only a scrimmage, Irish coach Martin Stone said he thought it would go a long way in helping his team.

Stone stressed this weekend's importance as an opportunity to get everyone on the roster involved in more spring-season structured races.

"All our boats did well and gained some invaluable experience racing side-by-side with other boats," he said. "We did well, I was pleased. It was good for them to experience racing next to another boat and hearing the coxswain."

Besides the added challenge of racing side-by-side, a setup

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MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Despite loss, Sullivan sees progress in meet against Purdue

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The Irish fell to in-state rival Purdue Saturday, 173-127, for their second loss against a team from the highly competitive Big Ten Conference this season. Despite the loss, senior captain Mike Sullivan saw positives from his performance and the team's performance to carry through the rest of

the season.

Junior Boilermaker and U.S. Olympian diver David Boudia set his own Rolfs Aquatic Center record in both the 1- and 3-meter diving events while leading Purdue to victory. He had previously set the records in the Boilermakers' meet against the Irish in 2008. On Saturday, Boudia tallied a 473.47 total off the 3-meter board and posted 394.5 points from the 1-meter

board.

Although the Irish did not come out on the winning end, Sullivan said he saw plenty of good things that the team can build upon for future meets.

Sullivan picked up a win in the 400-yard individual medley and second place in the 200 backstroke against Purdue. Though the Irish (2-2) fell to the Boilermakers, Sullivan earned big points towards the Irish's 127 total

points.

"I started the day off a bit slower than I would have liked with the 200 free, but felt better as the meet went on," Sullivan said. "I was extremely happy with my 400 IM race, because it was the fastest I've ever been in a dual meet for that event."

Sullivan maintained a lead throughout the entire 400-yard race and was a full two body lengths ahead of the competition going into the

breaststroke leg of the race. He clocked in at 3:59.78.

"I wanted to get under that four-minute mark, and was able to do that so that was exciting for me," Sullivan said. "I would say it was probably my best [race of the year]. The fact that I have been improving with each meet is great to see, and always makes swimming more fun."

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Howard, PW earn title rematch

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Howard showed its dominance from start to finish Sunday, and is going to the Stadium after a 31-0 win over Pangborn in the semifinals.

The Ducks (6-0) started the game on offense, and marched down the field behind the arm of senior quarterback and captain Kayla Bishop. Bishop completed all four of her passes on the drive, the last finding junior wide receiver Jenny Gassner for a 15-yard touchdown that set the tone for the day.

Pangborn (4-2) then took possession, but a stifling

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Howard quarterback Kayla Bishop attempts a pass against Pangborn. The Ducks defeated the Phoxes 31-0 Sunday.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Boliermakers edge out Irish in close meet

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The visiting Boilermakers barely squeaked out a win Saturday when one event decided their 155-145 victory over the Irish at Notre Dame's Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The meet came down to the 200-meter medley relay, which would have resulted in a tie had the Irish won. The Boilermakers' strong start in the race was too much for the Irish to overcome, however, and Notre Dame's 1:33.37 time came just behind Purdue's 1:33.04 finish.

"We have been in this situation too many times over the past few years and have ended up on the losing side of things so we really wanted to close the meet with the win," Irish senior Kellyn Kuhlke said. "Everyone was excited, ready to go, and wanted to get it done. We fought throughout the meet to avoid the situation, so we were disappointed we found ourselves in that situation again."

Seniors Katie Casey and Samantha Maxwell led the Irish with two individual wins each. Casey took gold in 100- and 200- meter but-

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