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## Applicants face toughest competition

*Office of Undergraduate Admissions sees increase in early and regular applications*

By SAM STRYKER  
News Writer

High school students applying to become the newest members of the Notre Dame Class of 2015 faced the stiffest admissions competition ever, according to Don Bishop, associate vice president for Undergraduate Admissions.

"This will be the most selective year in the University's history," he said. "It is likely we will admit no more than 25 percent of our highly talented applicant pool."

Bishop said the early applicant pool was up 24 percent from last year, with 5,294 early action applications received. He said roughly 1,950 students were admitted, at a 37 percent acceptance rate, down from last year's 42 percent acceptance rate.

Bishop said the early action acceptance rate is higher than the expected rate of admission because of the high quality of students who

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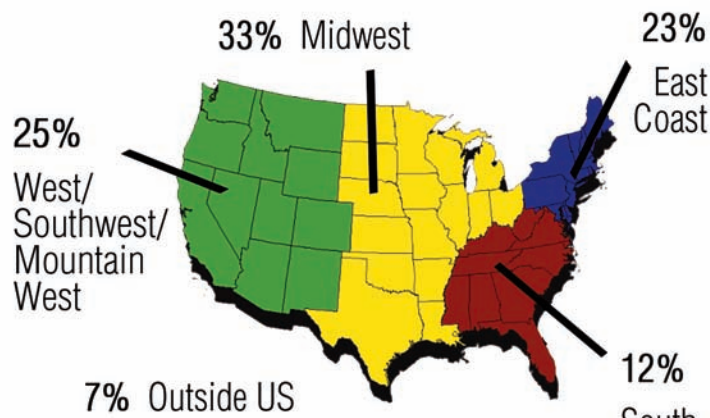
#### Anticipated Acceptance

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24 % increase in EA apps to 5,294

1,950 admitted  
37% EA acceptance rate down from 42% acceptance last year

#### Of Applicants Processed So Far:



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## County refuses approval

By AMANDA GRAY  
News Writer

A Dec. 21 public hearing of the St. Joseph County Area Plan Commission (APC) did not approve final site plans of nearby development Legacy Square, leaving some students wondering if they will have off-campus housing plans for the 2011-12 school year.

Legacy Square is a development to be located at the corner of Notre Dame Avenue and Sorin Street. The development has been in the planning phases since 2007, where the plot of land was rezoned from Single Family (SF2) zoning to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for more freedom and creativity of development not falling under the SF2 zoning.

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## OIT replaces campus printers over break

By KRISTEN DURBIN  
News Writer

As the spring semester kicks off this week, students who use campus printers may notice some new improvements and upgrades.

During winter break, the Office of Information Technologies worked with Xerox to remove all 35 Xerox Phaser 3600 printer models from residence halls, DeBartolo Hall, Jordan Hall of Science and several other buildings, Brian Burchett, manager for Technology Enhanced Learning Spaces, said.

"Our main focus was on residence hall printers because they were being taxed by the volume of printing being completed, so we replaced them with Xerox Phaser 4510 models," Burchett said. "These printers have a larger monthly duty cycle, meaning they have the capacity to print more pages per month."

More specifically, the 4510 model can handle 25,000 pages per month, whereas the 3600 model had a duty cycle of 8,000 pages per month and were being used to print 12,000 to

15,000 pages per month in most of the residence halls on campus, Burchett said.

"Students were obviously running the printers harder than they were intended to run," Burchett said. "In addition to having a larger duty cycle, the new printers print PDF files better than the 3600."

Burchett noted many students previously experienced difficulties in printing PDF files on the residence hall and other 3600 model printers, but he is confident the number of problems will decrease because the 4510 model handles PDF files better than the 3600 model.

In order to print to the new printers, students must update the print queues on their computers, and peel-off sheets with basic instructions for completing this update are attached to posters that are located at every printer release station in campus residence halls, Burchett said.

"We changed the print queues on the print servers, so now there is a print queue that we think students should use when printing PDFs, which should

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## Fans pleased with Bowl win

By ADAM LLORENS  
News Writer

Students celebrated Notre Dame's 33-17 victory over Miami in the Sun Bowl.

"The game was awesome," senior Fred Jung said. "I had a really great time both at the game and around the city of El Paso."

Most students agreed the best part of the trip was seeing the overflowing support for the football team.

"Although my friends and I did not go to the planned Notre Dame festivities, it was incredible to see the amount of Notre Dame supporters just at the tailgating scene," Jung said.

For senior Silvana Martinez and sophomore Walter Myers, both of whom are El Paso residents, the Sun Bowl was a unique opportunity for them to experience a major Notre Dame event in their hometown.

"The whole weekend was great," Martinez said. "There was a huge turnout of not only Notre Dame students, but also



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Irish coach Brian Kelly poses with the Sun Bowl trophy after the Irish won their New Year's Eve matchup with Miami.

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS THE BEST PART OF WINTER BREAK?



Becca Page

junior  
Welsh Family

“Christmas”



Emily O'Malley

senior  
Pangborn

“The beach”



Lauren McCallick

senior  
Pasquerilla West

“I took a trip to England and Ireland with my family and dropped my sister off for study abroad.”



Margaret Harrison

freshman  
Welsh Family

“Not having classes”



Stephen Quintana

freshman  
Dillon

“Visiting my buddy in Chapel Hill”



Tanya Watts

sophomore  
Pangborn

“I went to Kansas for New Years.”

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



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A man dressed in native attire roams the grounds at the Sun Bowl on Dec. 31 in El Paso, TX. Several individuals represented their tribes and greeted fans by dressing in traditional costume.

## OFFBEAT

### Owl attacks chihuahua on suburban streets

CRYSTAL LAKE, Ill. — An owl attack has left a 4-pound Chihuahua with a healthy fear of the dark.

The attack happened when Chico the Chihuahua was out for a walk with his owner George Kalomiris in the Chicago suburb of Crystal Lake last week. Kalomiris says they were walking down the street when a great horned owl swooped down and tried to fly away with the 3-year-old dog.

Kalomiris says he kept a firm grip on Chico’s leash as the bird dragged the dog across the sidewalk, and he managed to scare the owl away.

Chico was treated for a puncture wound caused by the owl’s talons, and his owner says he’s still traumatized. Kalomiris says the dog now refuses to go outside at night.

### Ancient Russian prison buys tanning beds

MOSCOW — A centuries-old Russian prison notorious for its primitive conditions will soon offer inmates a new perk — tanning beds.

The ITAR-Tass news agency on Sunday cited federal prisons service Viktor Dezhurov as saying the tanning beds at Moscow’s Butyrskaya prison will be ready for observances of its’ 240-

year anniversary this year.

Dezhurov was quoted as saying the tanning beds are meant to compensate for inadequate sunlight in the cells. But inmates will have to pay and at 10 rubles (33 cents) a minute, that’s a sizable fee in a country where the average monthly salary is well under \$1,000.

The prison’s dismal conditions attracted wide attention in 2009 after the death of Sergei Magnitsky, a young lawyer who died of pancreas disease there after inadequate medical care.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

The Department of Anthropology will present “From Insight to Motivation: Metalinguistic Labor and Addiction Therapeutics” today at 10:30 a.m. in room 201 O’Shaughnessy Hall.

The Geddes Hall Coffeehouse will host the 2011 Wellness Series: “Nutrition” today at noon. Jocie Antonelli, R.D., Manager of Nutrition and Safety will give talks on nutrition for all participants who register for this free event online.

Tonight at 7 p.m., Men’s basketball will face Cincinnati in the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center. Tickets cost between \$15 and \$40.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart welcomes Seraphic Fire in the Concert of Sacred Music at 8 p.m. tonight. This event is free and open to the public.

The 22nd Annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Screenings are at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the box office and online.

The Early Childhood Development Center at Saint Mary’s College will be holding open houses on Jan. 23 and Feb. 20. Held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Havican Hall, Parents and guardians can meet teachers and visit classrooms before registration. For more information please call 284-4693 or visit <http://www.nd.edu/~ecdc-nd/>

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

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## COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Talk centers on snow removal

By JOHN CAMERON  
News Writer

Following the recent passage of a new snow ordinance in South Bend, members of the Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the ramifications for off-campus students at Tuesday's meeting.

The new ordinance includes a penalty for residents who fail to shovel the sidewalk within 24 hours of the end of a snowfall. According to WNDU, the fine existed in the previous ordinance, but the city could only impose it after having paid someone else to remove it.

"We're concerned about students over break," student body president Catherine Soler said.

The city is establishing a snow removal program, which it hopes to staff with volunteers to clear the sidewalks at residences occupied by the handicapped or elderly.

Off-campus president Ryan Hawley said he thinks off-campus seniors will respond negatively to the new ordinance.

"Students don't have the money, time or energy to shovel our sidewalks," he said.

But student body vice president Andrew Bell said it is important for students to fulfill the responsibilities that come with living in South Bend.

"When you choose to move off campus and into the com-



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

**Student body president Catherine Soler sits alongside vice president Andrew Bell at Tuesday's COR meeting.**

munity of South Bend, you're choosing to follow these rules," he said. "We just need to remember we chose to be part of this. The real issue is about students not being around a lot of the time."

Chief of staff Nick Ruof said the administration would be meeting with city representatives to discuss Notre Dame students' role in the removal program and how the city will handle fines over breaks.

"They're looking for Notre Dame students to shovel elderly people's sidewalks," he said. "We'll be meeting with

the city attorneys in a few weeks."

Soler said it could serve as an opportunity for students to get service hours for Resident Life penalties.

Bell reminded members that a cooperative effort between students and the city, especially through the volunteer removal program, could help alleviate any issues that may arise with student residences.

"Just like everything else in a community, it's give and take," he said.

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## SMC student wins design competition

By ALICIA SMITH  
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's junior Elizabeth Carian placed first in a regional costume design competition on Jan. 8.

According to Carian, 18 students and two faculty members of the Theatre Department at Saint Mary's College, traveled to Michigan State University to take part in the American College Theatre Festival, a six-day event designed to educate students through participative learning.

The festival was held from Jan. 4 to Jan. 9.

"[The festival is] a huge conglomeration of theatre people who are enjoying each other's company, learning from each other immensely and seeing what we've done over the year," Carian said. "It's kind of like a celebration of it."

At the festival, Carian entered a competition called the Regional Paper Project, where undergraduate and graduate students designed costumes on paper.

"If [the contestants] had an unlimited budget, what would they design? What would they show to the director? Basically it's grunt portfolio work," Carian said.

Each contestant took his or her design and placed it on a foam panel for judging.

Carian said two judges examine each display without the contestants. Then, she said contestants are assigned times when the judges will return to each display. Each contestant has one minute to explain his or her design to the judges. The judges will then ask questions and relay feedback for four minutes.

"They tell you what they think,"

Carian said. "It's completely invaluable. It's amazing because these are professionals in the field that are telling you what they think about your work. These are directors and costume designers, so you get both sides of the story."

After the preliminary round of the competition, Carian said she had to wait for the results. Twenty finalists were chosen, and each competitor presented during another round with two new judges and one returning judge.

According to Carian, the final round was similar to the preliminary round; each contestant had one minute to explain his or her work. However, in the final round judges had 14 minutes of response time.

Carian also said the judges took copious notes in the final round.

The winners of the competition were announced at the award ceremony on Jan. 8.

Carian said she felt "disbelief" when she heard she had placed first at the ceremony.

"We've been going to this festival for 44 years and we've never had anybody win anything," Carian said.

Carian was the recipient of the award, and received a \$100 check, a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble and a membership into a technical organization where she will be able to attend other theatre competitions free of cost.

"The competitions give you prestige so that when you go into a graduate program or if you go into a job interview you can have it on your resume and say, 'look what I did' and it means something," Carian said. "It really does."

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## Printers

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solve some of the problems we saw previously," Burchett said. "There's also a print queue for all other printing."

Burchett said students who have trouble installing the new print updates should first rerun the installer and call the OIT Help Desk at 631-8111 if they experience further difficulties.

Another common printing problem that Burchett hopes the new printers will resolve is the incidence of paper jams. He explained many paper jam issues were related to the duplexing hardware on the 3600 model that allows documents to be printed double-sided by flipping the sheet of paper inside the printer.

"Our testing of the 4510 model shows that paper jams will probably be reduced significantly because it prints double-sided much better than the 3600," Burchett said. "But we can't test it as well as 10,000 students can."

Burchett also said fall humidity could have caused paper to absorb moisture, which could have contributed to jammed printers during the fall semes-

ter. However, he is confident the number of problems with residence hall printers will decrease dramatically this semester.

"It's early to tell how it's working out, but in a couple weeks we should be able to compare the number of problems during the first few weeks of this semester with the number from last semester," Burchett said.

Burchett said OIT saw a 50 percent increase in student printing last semester, so more students are expected to run out of print quota than they did last year. Students who run out of print quota will be able to purchase additional print quota for five cents per sheet this semester, as opposed to the usual 10 cents per sheet.

Student government also requested that a color printer be added to LaFortune Student Center and that a black and white printer be installed in O'Shaughnessy Hall, and Burchett said these printers should be installed toward the end of February.

Additional information about the printer upgrades can be found at oit.nd.edu/print.

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# Sun Bowl

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locals who embraced our school and became supporters.

"One of the best parts about the game was the fact that all of the cheers and traditions associated with the student section at Notre Dame Stadium were brought to Sun Bowl Stadium. It was awesome to see students doing push-ups after Notre Dame scores."

Myers agreed with his fellow El Pasoan.

"I have never seen this much hype surrounding the Sun Bowl. It was amazing," he said.

As a member of the Notre Dame Club of El Paso, Myers helped in the preparation for the game itself and the activities surrounding it.

"We organized a canned food drive for a local homeless shelter, and anyone who brought a can was given 'The Shirt,'" he said. "We also organized the battle of the bands event inside the El Paso Convention Center and the pep rally, which was unfortunately cancelled due to inclement weather."

The irony of the title of "Sun Bowl" was evident, as the kickoff

temperature was 34 degrees and snow was on the ground. For many students, the weather was the sole letdown of the weekend.

"I was expecting warm weather, so the sweatshirt and jeans I wore on game day were definitely not enough," Jung said.

"It felt like South Bend," Martinez said. "I do not think any of us were expecting as much snow as we got."

Despite the weather, the Irish victory and time spent with friends over the New Year's weekend made the Sun Bowl experience one to remember.

"I think the best part of my weekend was seeing all of my school friends and having them meet my home friends," Martinez said. "When I found out Notre Dame would be playing in the Sun Bowl, I was ecstatic because I knew my last Notre Dame football game as a student would be in my hometown. It was a great last hurrah."

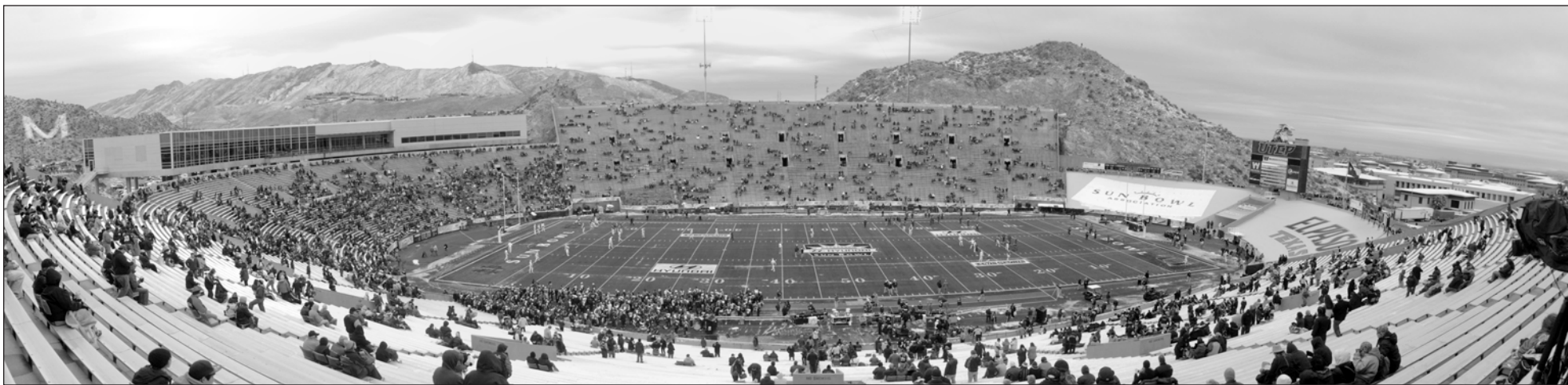
"El Paso did a great job of keeping the environment both hospitable and safe," Myers said. "I'm really proud of both my city and school."

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LAURA MYERS/The Observer

Amigos Man, the mascot selected to represent El Paso as grand marshall of the Sun Bowl parade, crowd surfs during gameday festivities on New Year's Eve.



COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer

Fans gather at Sun Bowl Stadium at the University of Texas-El Paso for the New Year's Eve game between the Notre Dame Fighting Irish and the University of Miami Hurricanes. Notre Dame won the bowl game 33-17.

# Professor to show at Sundance Film Festival

Special to The Observer

Danielle Beverly, a visiting assistant professor of filmmaking at the University of Notre Dame, is headed to the Sundance Film Festival next week for the world premiere of the documentary "Rebirth."

Beverly, who began teaching in the University's Department of Film, Television, and Theatre (FTT) this fall, spent the last nine years working as the movie's field producer.

Directed by Jim Whitaker, "Rebirth" chronicles the lives of five New Yorkers in the years after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, interspersed with footage from 14 time-lapse cameras trained on the site where the World Trade Center once stood.

The cameras—which have been filming around the clock since 2002—were Whitaker's idea, Beverly says. "He also conceptualized the idea of a human time lapse, which is paralleling the rebuild of ground zero by following the lives of several people who experienced loss as a result of that attack," she says.

Beverly says she was drawn to the project by Whitaker's vision and the opportunity to track the healing of a small group of people for nearly a decade. "I knew it would be a profound journey to witness

and for the people who were experiencing it on camera," she says.

One of Beverly's key roles as field producer was finding and building trust with the people who became the subjects of the film. These include a student who lost his mother, a widow of a first responder, a survivor from one of the floors above the impact zone, a man who oversees ground zero construction, and a firefighter who lost his closest friends.

"If you make documentary film, you don't have a film without the people," she says. "It takes their bravery to make a film."

As director, Whitaker conducted extensive interviews with the subjects each year on the anniversary of the attacks. In between his taped interviews, Beverly served as point person for each subject, tracking the unfolding events of their lives and making sure camera crews captured the footage needed to illustrate key moments through each year.

"They were like family members, in a way, for eight years," she says. "We came to weddings, we came to family events, we were inside peoples' homes at some of the most intimate moments of their story, and that is to their credit. They are remarkable people."

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# Student starts reading program using dolls

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY  
Saint Mary's Editor

While there are several ways to learn about history, Saint Mary's junior Eilis Wasserman said she uses historical fiction to share the culture of American history with a younger generation.

Wasserman said she is going to start an American Girl Reading Program for elementary aged girls in grades three through five.

"I am a huge fan of the American Girl Doll tradition that started 25 years ago," she said. "I have grown up playing with the dolls and reading the books that

goes with each one."

The program will meet once a month and explore the life and culture surrounding a different American Girl doll. Wasserman said the meeting would not look at the doll's specific story as much as it would focus on the era she was living in.

"We will discuss what it was like for that American Girl, by focusing not only on her story, but more so on the lifestyle and culture of that time period," she said.

Wasserman said she hopes the program will help bring an interest to American history and makes these girls more aware of

their own culture.

"[The goal is] to inspire young girls to become interested in their American history and also what makes them unique as American Girls of today," she said. "I hope that many girls will attend and thoroughly enjoy the activities will be doing. If this program is successful this year, I aspire to continue it next year as a senior."

She said she was interested in starting the program because it brings together several of her interests.

"I love American history because of our unique culture and opportunities that our coun-

try provides. I also enjoy volunteering with children and have a lot of educational background experience," she said. "I think it is important to have girls get involved in learning about history in a fun and intriguing way. I thought of the idea over the summer and started planning possible ideas for the club."

The dolls will be chosen from a variety of time periods, Wasserman said.

"It's hard to choose what dolls to pick," she said. "The girls get a wide scope of American time periods."

Wasserman said all meetings will be from 4 to 5 p.m. at the

Francis Branch of the St. Joseph County Library on the third Tuesday of every month, with a meeting at Centre Branch on the third Thursday every month except for March. The group will meet during the second week because of spring break. The meetings will go through to May.

Elementary students interested in joining can register online by going through Saint Mary's calendar of events, or by calling Francis Branch Library at 282-4641 or Centre Branch Library at 251-3700.

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## Early

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applied for early admission.

"Our admission rate for early applicants is higher because it is a higher ability [group] that has applied," he said. "We encourage the higher ability students to feel comfortable applying."

Bishop said the University makes it clear to applicants that only the strongest students should be utilizing the early action program due to its earlier evaluation period.

"Our philosophy on early action is we encourage students who feel their academic record is as high as it is going to get. They are ready to be evaluated," he said. "Generally we suggest to students that if they feel they are a close call for admission to not apply early."

Bishop said the University is looking for these higher quality students in the early admission process.

"It is our goal to admit students who are above the profile, but to defer students who may gain admission in the regular action pool," he said.

Bishop said the University is also cautious in the number of students they admit early so as to not take away spots from strong applicants in the regular decision process.

"We have to hold enough positions open so the regular action pool has all the spots available to be fair to all the applicants. We have no interest in admitting too many students early and then having to tell higher ability students we ran out of spots," he said. "We are

always more careful in early action."

Bishop said part of the challenge of the admissions process is to find students who are not only talented, but also a good match for Notre Dame.

"What we are looking for is not only the most impressive profile but the most impressive people that fit the Notre Dame mission," he said. "We are looking for students who have already distinguished themselves with a unique set of skills that combined with a Notre Dame education we believe will produce tremendously productive and creative graduates."

Bishop said the numbers for the overall applicant pool, including regular decision, is up 14 percent with roughly 16,500 applicants. He said this increase compares strongly with universities across the country.

"The highly selective schools that reported gains in early action applications as a group were up by about half the increased of Notre Dame's reported gain," Bishop said.

In processing applications, Bishop said he has noticed one of the University's strengths is the diverse location of the applicant pool.

"If you look at the regional distribution, I think Notre Dame can be identified as the most selective highly national university," he said. "We have probably the broadest national mix of students. We are not dominated by one single region. I think that is an important attribute of Notre Dame."

Bishop said of the applications processed so far this year, 23 per-

cent are from the East Coast, 12 percent from the South, 33 percent from the Midwest, 25 percent from the West, Southwest and Mountain West, and seven percent are students living outside of the United States.

Director of Admissions Bob Mundy said the amount of students visiting the school from across the country has been a strong indicator of the increase in applications. He said visitor numbers are up 10 percent for the year.

"That's usually a pretty healthy indicator because students who visit have a two-thirds application rate," Mundy said. "That is a significant figure."

In addition to visiting students, Mundy said one other explanation for the increase in applications is found in the increase in travels of University counselors.

"We have traveled more. We had a couple of our counselors out in November, which was highly unusual for us," he said. "Coming back from travel, they have commented on larger crowds at high schools and information nights."

Mundy said one of the strongest causes for increased applications has been an increase on the University's behalf in conveying the strengths of the Notre Dame experience to potential applicants.

"From the point of inquiry to the point of application I think we have been much better at thoughtfully messaging them about student life at Notre Dame, academic opportunities at Notre Dame," he said.

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The final plans were sent to a public hearing, where the APC voted against giving the plans approval, halting construction and causing concern for students who had signed leases at the development. The final site plans, according to the APC, do not fit the original intention and use of PUD zoning.

According to its website, the APC is a group of 15 members appointed to oversee the planning, zoning and subdivision of land within the county.

Junior Allie Hamman said she began looking at Legacy Square early on in the fall semester. She said students who had signed pre-lease agreements were sent e-mails from developer Robert Cimola just after Jan. 1.

In the e-mail, Cimola said he is working on changes to get the plan approved, and the development built, Hamman said.

"I'll probably live there, if it's still feasible," she said. "It's a nice location. There are a lot of it's — like if it's built on time."

Hamman said she was initially attracted to the project because

of the new buildings and furnishings.

"There are no issues with previous tenants to deal with," she said. "It's also not like living in an apartment building or house. You have your own space."

Cimola was present at the APC hearing along with his lawyer and several people in his defense. Speaking against the development was Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Organization (NNRO) attorney Dick Nesbaum, NNRO President Tim Sexton and Northeast Neighborhood Council (NENC) President Bill Stenz. Sexton is also the University's associate vice president for state and local public affairs.

The site plans did not have to go to the public hearing, council member Karl King said. The executive director of the APC, who normally approves or denies site plans, decided to send the plans to the public hearing because there were such strong feelings within the community on either side of the issue.

The APC, after hearing from both sides of the debate, voted unanimously against secondary approval, with King abstaining from the vote because of con-

flicting interests.

"This plan is not creative or innovative," Nesbaum said. "It is more of the same. This is a negative impact on the neighborhood."

Nesbaum said the APC's job at the meeting was to look for consistency in the plans from their original proposal to the final site plans.

"The fact of the matter is they aren't even close," he said.

If the project isn't completed by next year, Hamman said she's unsure if she will live off campus.

"I'm torn. I'll probably just stay on campus," she said. "It's just easier. It's so hard to find a new place, especially this late in the year. I'll have to talk to the other girls I'm living with to see what we want to do."

James A. Masters, the attorney representing Legacy Square, said the plans accomplish the intent of the PUD ordinance.

"To our knowledge, there are no requirements left to fulfill [to receive approval]. All that is required is the commission's approval of the final site plan," Masters said.

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# Obama and Chinese president share meal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Eager to soothe tensions, President Barack Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao shared an unusual and intimate dinner Tuesday night to discuss the strains and common goals that define the complicated relations between the two rival powers.

The private dinner, in the Old Family Dining Room in the White House residence, came amid disputes over China's currency, trade and human rights policies and a search for cooperation on national security. It preceded a planned pomp-filled gala for Hu on Wednesday night and illustrated Obama's careful mix of warmth and firmness for the leader of a nation that is at once the largest U.S. competitor and most important potential partner.

Also at the dinner were national security adviser Tom Donilon and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Hu brought along two top Chinese officials. Underscoring the desire for candor, the White House said there were no official note-takers at the dinner and offered no read-out of the discussions.

For Hu, Wednesday's pageantry would be an accomplishment in itself. The U.S. has stiffened its stance against China after initial entreaties from the Obama administration, and any images of a friendly welcome in the U.S. could serve to polish Hu's image at home and abroad and to soften the American public's suspicions about China.

Hu received red carpet treatment upon landing Tuesday afternoon at a wet Andrews Air Force Base, where he was greet-

ed by Vice President Joe Biden and a military color guard.

For Obama, the visit represents an opportunity to carry out the engagement he promised would be a trademark of his foreign policy. But Obama is also under pressure to show resolve as a range of interest groups — from business leaders to human rights advocates — press the administration to stand up to Beijing.

The White House on Tuesday stressed that Obama did not intend to avoid difficult subjects. "Whether we're dealing with economic discussions, whether we're dealing with those in the security realm, or whether we're doing those with human rights, I think this is an argument that we have and we'll continue to make to the Chinese and push them to do better," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said.

A key moment will come Wednesday when Obama and Hu appear at a brief news conference. The two will take four questions — two from U.S. journalists and two from Chinese reporters. The White House insisted that the two leaders face reporters.

In China, Hu's public appearances are always under controlled circumstances that don't lend themselves to spontaneity. Hu did take questions at a 2005 news conference with President George W. Bush in Beijing, but he refused to do so when Obama visited in 2009.

Obama plans to host a meeting Wednesday afternoon for Hu and U.S. and Chinese business leaders to promote increased U.S. exports to China and greater Chinese investment in the United States. Among those scheduled



Vice President Joe Biden greets Chinese President Hu Jintao during an arrival ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. Tuesday. AP

to attend are CEOs Steve Ballmer of Microsoft, Lloyd Blankfein of Goldman Sachs, Jeff Immelt of General Electric, Greg Brown of Motorola, Jim McNerney of Boeing and nine other U.S. executives.

U.S. companies have been longtime critics of Chinese policies that kept its currency low relative to the dollar. A low-priced yuan makes Chinese products cheaper in the U.S. and U.S. products more expensive in China.

Two senators, Democrat Sherrod Brown of Ohio and Republican Olympia Snowe of Maine, sent a letter Tuesday to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner informing him that they plan to introduce legislation that would penalize China if it continues to manipulate its currency.

But with the yuan rising 3.5 percent against the dollar since June, the currency dispute has in part given way to U.S. complaints about theft of intellectual property and barriers to Chinese

contracts for U.S. firms.

In a letter to Obama on Tuesday, a coalition of financial organizations urged the president to prod the Chinese to open up its financial services sector to greater competition. U.S. Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Donohue said the business community wants to make sure the U.S. continues a trend to expand exports to China and added that he worries China is showing favoritism to domestic industries.

# Congress tones down anger in light of shootings

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Born of bloodshed, a self-proclaimed Age of Civility dawned in Congress on Tuesday. Republicans and Democrats of the House spoke without angry shouts and debated legislation to repeal the nation's year-old health care law without rancor.

By unspoken agreement, manners mattered, although there were few overt references to the reason — the shooting rampage in Arizona 10 days ago that left six dead, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords wounded and lawmakers of both parties stunned.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., said no directives had gone out to rank-and-file lawmakers cautioning them about their behavior as the House convened to debate

a highly controversial bill.

"We expect the debate to ensue along policy lines," he said, suggesting one that did not stray from the merits of the legislation itself.

Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the second-ranking Democrat, agreed.

"My expectation is that members will heed their own advice and will address the issues in a way that will deal with them on the merits," he said. In the past, he added, too much of the public debate was "about incitement rather than informing . about making people angry, disrespecting the ... point of view of the other side."

The change in tone was evident from the opening moments of the debate about a bill Republicans promised in last fall's campaign to make an early 2011 priority.

Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis.,

referred to the "job-destroying health care bill" that President Barack Obama won from a Democratic-controlled Congress last year. It was a small but notable change from "job-killing" — the term Republicans had invariably preferred before the shootings in Arizona.

A few moments later, Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., took a moment to congratulate Republican Rep. Lamar Smith of Texas on his ascension to chairmanship of the House Judiciary Committee. It was a post Conyers was forced to surrender when the GOP won a majority in last fall's elections.

A vote on the legislation is set for Wednesday. Its passage is not in doubt in a House now controlled by Republicans who voted against the health care bill a year ago, plus newcomers who campaigned on its repeal. Democrats are expected to vote overwhelmingly if not unanimously against the GOP measure.

The White House has said Obama will veto the bill if it reaches his desk, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. has vowed not to let it get that far.

At a news conference, Cantor challenged Reid to reconsider his earlier statements that he would not call for a vote on the measure. "He should bring it up for a vote if he's so confi-

dent he's got the votes," the House majority leader said.

Barring Senate approval of the repeal measure, Cantor said House Republicans "will do everything we can to delay and defund the health care bill." That, too, would require approval by the Senate and a presidential signature, unlikely events that suggest a protracted struggle over the bill that Democrats passed a year ago.

Republicans postponed the debate and vote on the repeal legislation from a week ago, when lawmakers were still reeling from the shootings in Arizona. In the interim, lawmakers in both houses and both parties have spoken publicly of a need for greater civility in Congress, an institution that many also have noted is designed to permit deep differences to be argued out.

In a symbolic move, some members of Congress have announced plans to sit next to lawmakers of the opposing party next week when Obama delivers his annual State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress.

Still, Democrats, Republicans and outside political groups began maneuvering for political advantage within hours of the shootings, and it will be months before the long-term effects of the episode in Arizona on Congress are clear.

And for sure, there were

exceptions Tuesday to the rule of restraint that seemed to be in effect.

Rep. John Garamendi, D-Calif., his voice rising as he addressed Republicans, said, "What in the world are you guys doing" before he caught himself in midsentence. "What in the world are our colleagues doing" he said in more tempered tone of voice before going on to challenge their effort to repeal the bill.

Across the aisle, Reps. Jeff Landry, R-La., and Joe Walsh, R-Ill., both referred to the existing law as "job killing," the reference Ryan and other more senior members of their party had sheathed.

While lawmakers toned down the debate, the Obama administration released a study saying repeal of the existing law could threaten between 50 million and 129 million nonelderly men, women and children with denial of affordable health insurance because they have pre-existing medical conditions.

The administration built its estimate on changes in the law that already have taken effect or might take effect by 2014.

Republicans on the House Ways and Means Committee issued a point-by-point rebuttal that said the administration's claim was vastly overstated and accused Democrats of "scare tactics."

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# Investors unsure of Apple's future

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — If investors were as visionary as Steve Jobs has proved to be during his 35 years of tech wizardry, they might be able to figure out whether Apple can still thrive if its founder and CEO doesn't return from his indefinite medical leave.

But Jobs' prescience is a rarity, which is why doubt and anxiety will probably hang over the company until his fate is clearer.

The iPod-iPhone-iPad revolution that Jobs unleashed over the past decade should ensure that Apple's revenue and earnings keep growing for at least the next two to three years, according to analysts. What's more, Jobs has assembled and trained a savvy, hard-driving management team that should be capable of following his road map for the company.

The question is whether Apple can remain a step ahead and develop products that reshape technology,

media and pop culture if Jobs isn't around to divine the next big thing.

Without Jobs, "Apple is a lot more like other companies. Its extraordinariness fades," says technology analyst Roger Kay of Endpoint Technologies Associates.

Apple Inc. announced Monday that Jobs, who co-founded the company in 1976, would take an indefinite medical leave for unspecified problems. The leave could be related to his previous bout with pancreatic cancer or his 2009 liver transplant.

For now, investors appear to be hoping for the best. Apple stock fell \$7.83, a little more than 2 percent, to close Tuesday at \$340.65. It recovered more than half of that loss after the closing bell after reporting strong earnings.

For the regular trading day, Apple lost \$7 billion in market value, although most analysts believe Jobs' leadership and presence is worth much more to the company.

# Two students shot in gun incident

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A gun in a 10th grader's backpack discharged Tuesday when he dropped the bag, wounding two students at a high school, including one who remained in critical condition, police said.

Both teens were hit with the same bullet, Los Angeles deputy police chief Patrick Gannon said.

John Deasy, deputy superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District, said there was no indication the student with the backpack had touched the gun before it discharged.

"He literally dropped his knapsack on the desk and it went off," Deasy said.

Gannon said the student apologized before running to another classroom.

"He said, 'I'm sorry,' when the gun went off. It made it appear to the teacher that it was an accident," Gannon said.

Still, Los Angeles police Lt. John Pasquariello said it was a crime to bring a gun to campus. The unidentified student was arrested and charges were pending, he said.

"We don't know exactly what happened," Pasquariello said. "Traditionally, guns don't go off without someone's finger on the trigger."

A 15-year-old girl suffered a skull fracture and bruising to the brain and developed a significant blood clot when the bullet grazed her skull.

The blood clot was removed successfully, but the girl remained sedated and in critical condition, said Dr. James Ausman, a neurosurgeon at Los Angeles County Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The girl's family was by her side.

A 15-year-old boy was in fair condition after being shot in the neck in a classroom at Gardena High School, a sprawling, 1950s-era school with rows of barracks-like classrooms.

The shooting occurred in a classroom at the school, where Principal Rudy Mendoza said students were on a break at the time. The campus was locked down after the incident. Police initially reported a shooter was at large.

Student Semaj Elan was in an adjacent classroom when the shooting occurred.

"My friend came up to me in the classroom talking about how she almost got shot. They're gonna be traumatized by that," Elan said.

Numerous law enforcement agencies responded to the 2,400-student campus about 15 miles south of downtown Los Angeles.

Nelda Robledo, one of the worried parents who gathered near the school, said her 16-year-old daughter texted her that students were ordered to get down on the ground or hide in a corner after the shooting.

If the student is released on bail, the school will recommend to the district disciplinary office that he be suspended, district spokeswoman Gayle Pollard-Terry said. The office also could recommend expulsion, which would have to be approved by the school board.

Expelled students are referred to the Los Angeles County Office of Education to complete their education.

Shedric Porter, 14, said he was walking past the classroom at the time.

"I didn't see anything, but I heard the shot, and it was really loud," he said. "I stopped. I was scared. Then I thought it was just a book or something hitting the ground, but it was too loud for that."

It's unclear how the student got in with the gun in his backpack, Pollard-Terry said.

Arriving students are checked with security wands

on a random basis at Gardena High, she said. No district school is equipped with walk-through metal detectors.

Several parents said their children had described racial tension at the school.

"There's usually fights everyday, you're going to see blacks against whites and whites against blacks every single day," said Christy Westbrooks, whose 16-year-old daughter attends the school. "Spanish, whites, Samoans — they don't care what race."

Discipline has long been a problem at Gardena, which ranks as one of the district's lowest-performing high schools. Roughly 35 percent of students drop out.

Five years ago, more than 2,000 students were suspended, and 15 students were expelled. Those figures remained high until last year when the number of suspensions dropped to 300 and expulsions to two.

Forming a discipline committee was one of the principal's goals for this year, according to the school's website.

Frantic parents rushed to the school after hearing about the shooting. They paced nervously as they waited behind police tapes for word from their children.

"I've never heard of anything like this before," said Thomas Hill, whose 16-year-old and 18-year-old children attend the school.

Cynthia Cano, 15, said she was in a Mexican-American social studies class when an announcement was made that the school was in lockdown.

"We heard someone got shot. Everyone was freaking out a little," she said in a telephone interview from inside the campus.

Gardena High School was the scene of a shooting in February 2002, when three assailants tried to hold up two students in an outdoor area. Two students were shot.

In the past five years, two students have been expelled for firearms violations at Gardena High.

# Shriver, one of last links to JFK, dies

Associated Press

BETHESDA, Md. — R. Sargent Shriver, the exuberant public servant and Kennedy in-law whose career included directing the Peace Corps, fighting the War on Poverty, ambassador to France and, less successfully, running for office, died Tuesday. He was 95.

Shriver, who announced in 2003 that he had Alzheimer's disease, had been hospitalized for several days. The family said he died surrounded by those he loved.

One of the last links to President Kennedy's administration, Shriver's death comes less than two years after his wife, Special Olympics founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver, died on Aug. 11, 2009, at age 88. The Kennedy family suffered a second blow that same month when Sen. Edward Kennedy died.

Speaking outside Suburban Hospital in Maryland, Anthony

Kennedy Shriver said his father was "with my mom now," and called his parents' marriage a great love story.

At Eunice Shriver's memorial service, their daughter Maria Shriver said her father let her mother "rip and he let her roar, and he loved everything about her." He attended in a wheelchair.

The handsome Shriver was often known first as an in-law — brother-in-law of President John F. Kennedy and, late in life, father-in-law of actor-former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

But his achievements were historic in their own right and changed millions of lives: the Peace Corps' first director and the leader of President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty," out of which came such programs as Head Start and Legal Services.

President Barack Obama called Shriver "one of the brightest lights of the greatest generation."



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## A basketball fashion trendsetter

An open letter to Irish basketball coach Mike Brey:

Dear Coach Brey,

Thank you so very much. No, not for constructing winning teams despite academic standards far, far higher than anywhere else in the Big East. No, not for carrying on for the third-longest tenure in the conference despite an obvious lack of attention to your program at what is and always will be a football school.

Thank you for standing up against the tyranny of the tie.

As anyone who has ever attended or watched a basketball game knows, basketball coaches are expected to dress up like high schoolers attending their first homecoming. A dark suit, a white shirt, and a tie with one of their team's colors are simply expected. This isn't just in the college or professional ranks, however. This past break I returned to the small, sweaty gym at my high school to watch the Cardinals take on the hated Stallions. Standing on the sidelines next to a squad of awkwardly pubescent boys, there was the head coach, dressed up in a pinstriped suit and a tie that looked like it was about to choke him. And even the Stallions' coach (whom I assume is a scumbag for coaching that squad) wore a matching outfit.

This is ridiculous. Look, I'm a huge fan of a tie in the right situation. An interview, maybe, or a wedding. Perhaps even the world-famous Yacht Dance. But a basketball game? Are you kidding me? You're running up and down the sideline, trying to make your voice heard over those of 10,000 fans (or more), trying to coach a sport that requires athleticism ... and you're expected to wear something that chokes you? No, that's not right.

Just look at NFL coaches or soccer coaches or baseball managers. They wear track suits — or even a uniform. Besides the obvious comfort benefits of a easy-breathing athletic attire, we all know that it's easiest to be at the top of your game when you're wearing a pair of tearaways — just in case you're called into action and you need to get into shorts right away.

But in basketball, coaches still wear suits. You have begun to fight the brave fight by switching to the mock turtle-neck. It's too much to ask you to ditch the suit jacket, I'm sure. The day when basketball coaches can roam the sideline in sartorial freedom is far away. With your efforts, however, you have begun what I hope will be a vibrant movement against the iron grip of the half-Windsor. You, sir, are a true American, standing up for the constitutionally guaranteed right to a free and unrestricted neck. I know why we beat UConn earlier this year — it's because Jim Calhoun had to gameplan for both our players and our coach, who has attained a level of comfort never before seen on the sidelines.

You, sir, are a true hero.

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## Facebook, Wikileaks and us

The last year has been eventful for Mark Zuckerberg. Highlights include being the TIME Magazine Person of the Year for 2010, along with a recent \$50 billion valuation of his brainchild, Facebook, by Goldman Sachs. Less glowing was the cynical portrait of him presented in The Social Network, one of the year's best films. During interviews the increasingly articulate Zuckerberg speaks passionately about the way Facebook is fundamentally reorienting the Internet around people. A runner-up for Person of the Year was Julian Assange, founder of Wikileaks. The whistleblower website has made its way thunderously onto the international scene, embarrassing the United States by pouring massive amounts of documents about Iraq, Afghanistan and diplomacy into full public view. Both websites expose certain truths — both hopeful and uncomfortable — about the nature of the Internet.

Facebook and Wikileaks represent opposing forces — personhood versus anonymity, community versus atomism. While Zuckerberg's talk about Facebook restructuring the web may seem self-serving, it is undeniably true. Whereas the Internet used to be modern wild west — the ungovernable, lawless, frontier — Facebook has instituted a measure of civility. People are now present on the Internet, in addition to simply user names. If the Internet is a microcosm of society, Facebook is the first step towards institutionalization and some measure of control. As Facebook becomes more integrated with the rest of the web, as it has and surely will continue to do, one can imagine an even more personal experience. We are now able to keep track and communicate with more friends, share our interests with a larger audience and see what matters to the people around us. If you go to the movie reviewing site

RottenTomatoes.com, or the New York Times website, you can easily see on the home page what movies and articles your friends like. This is an undeniably positive development — in addition to being able to share in the experiences of those around us, it makes the Internet a more communal place.

On the negative side, there will always be issues with privacy, and disturbed people who take advantage of the fundamental disconnect with reality the Internet provides — a la Catfish (an unsettling recent documentary film about a woman who creates an entire community on Facebook). The illusory, not-quite-tangible nature of some Facebook relationships are not satisfying on their own, and will always lack the richness of interpersonal interaction. No human being can be accurately summarized in an "About Me" section. Facebook should be viewed as a place to augment and form relationships that have already or will eventually translate into reality, not as an end in itself.

Wikileaks, on the other hand, demonstrates the power of the Internet on the opposite end of the spectrum — anonymity. What Assange seeks — some sort of loosely constructed quilt of human rights, anarchy, the fall of the U.S. and transparency from governments and corporations — lacks rigidity. But it is of paramount importance, telling us that on a grand scale, the Internet is a vast, ungovernable place. When Wikileaks was kicked off its Amazon servers, dozens of mirror sites popped up, ensuring that there will always be some way to access it.

Indeed, one can imagine that even if Julian Assange is imprisoned or Wikileaks itself is shut down, some other talented programmer will pick up the reins. The idea is far too alluring to die with one man or one website. Wikileaks is both diffuse and anonymous, and the massive document hemorrhages from the United States speak to its power. Like Facebook, it could be an incredible

force for good — if it holds governments and corporations accountable for things that are clearly in the public interest. Correspondingly, it is a potent tool to swing public mood and geopolitical relationships. If used for partisan purposes (anti-U.S.), the possibilities are much more ominous.

The tension between personhood and anonymity has always, and will always, be a central issue of the Internet. The rapid growth of Facebook shows that most people do want to develop their own niche in the digital world. However, anonymity is simply hardwired into the Internet's DNA. It is great when used as a tool for free speech — sites like Wikileaks have real potential to improve the accountability of major institutions — At the same time, there is something undeniably sinister about the anonymity afforded by the web, like walking along buzzing New York City streets only to veer off into an undesirable alleyway. The underside of the Internet is not pretty: One quarter of all searches are pornographic, anonymous cyber-bullying can have devastating consequences and it is not at all difficult to find hateful discussions and comments on everything from YouTube videos to newspaper articles.

What makes the Internet great also makes it sordid. The bestowal of the ability to keep in touch with hundreds of friends goes hand in hand with less privacy. One's prerogative to anonymously release important secrets that benefit the public also gives them the ability to utter anonymous racial slurs or urgings for others to commit suicide. If you take one, you get the other. As long as humans constantly struggle between the light and the dark, so will the Internet.

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## Goodbye Notre Dame. It has been great.

To my fellow Irish students:

I can't thank all of you enough. You have been there for me and the rest of my teammates through the highs and lows and through it all, you have showed your loyalty and unwavering support. Every Saturday, you showed up and gave your all to make Notre Dame Stadium the best place in the country for college football, and for that, I'll be forever grateful.

I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to play football for the University of Notre Dame. I loved being both a student and an athlete here, and I'll cherish each minute that I wore the blue and gold. This school and this city hold a special place in my heart and I intend to remain an

active part of this community that has given me so much.

I am very excited about whatever the future holds for me, but know that regardless of where my next stop may be, I will always be Irish!

Finally, I'd like to give special recognition to my little brother, Louis Nix III, who will be wearing the No. 9 and continuing the tradition!

All the Best.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

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John Lancaster Spalding  
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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Don't ever confuse the two, your life and your work. That's what I have to say. The second is only a part of the first."*

Anna Quindlen  
U.S. author and journalist



# A DREAM Deferred

If there was ever a heartfelt piece of legislation, it's the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act, better known as the DREAM Act. The DREAM Act is a measure that will greatly reform America's dysfunctional immigration system in the short term by ensuring hundreds of thousands of young, undocumented students a piece of the American dream.

America's immigration policies create many barriers to success for the estimated 65,000 undocumented students who graduate from high school every year. While it is not illegal for them to attend college, it is extremely difficult because undocumented students do not qualify for federal aid, state aid or in-state tuition. Moreover, once these immigrants graduate from college, it is extremely hard to find work because employers require numerous legal documents that undocumented aliens cannot legally provide. Even though these students call America home and could be of great benefit to America, our immigration policies do not allow them to meet their full potential.

The DREAM Act works to change this by creating a three-requirement road to legalization for undocumented students. First, the undocumented student must

have come to America before the age of 15, be under the age of 30 at the time of the bill's passage, and have lived in America for at least five consecutive years. Second, the undocumented student must either graduate from high school, earn a GED or be accepted to college. Those who meet the first two requirements would qualify for a 10-year temporary legal status whereupon they would be able to legally work, drive and obtain both federal work study and student loans. Third, those with the temporary legal status must serve in the military or attend college for at least two years. Upon completion of the third requirement, those with the temporary legal status can apply for "legal permanent status."

Even though hundreds of thousands of undocumented students will become eligible for student loans and other benefits, the DREAM Act will not add to the national debt. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office found that implementing the DREAM Act would actually reduce the national debt by \$2.2 billion over 10 years, mostly from an increase in tax revenues from otherwise undocumented workers reporting their incomes legally.

The DREAM Act has received immense support from the business community. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg wrote a letter in support of the DREAM

Act that was co-signed by various CEOs, Presidents and Chairmen of major companies including: American Express, J.P. Morgan, Pfizer, Deutsche Bank, Macy's and Morgan Stanley. Even Rupert Murdoch, Chairman and CEO of NewsCorp, the parent company of right-leaning Fox News and The Wall Street Journal, co-signed the letter.

Recently, there was a major effort to pass the DREAM Act. The bill passed in the House, but Republicans used the filibuster to hold up the DREAM Act in the Senate. Since the DREAM Act could not attain the 60 votes required to end the filibuster (55 senators voted for the DREAM Act while 41 voted against it), the measure died in the Senate. Since the Republicans now have a majority in the House and more Senate seats, the DREAM Act has almost no chance of passage for the foreseeable future. It may be another decade before the DREAM Act becomes reality.

Many young immigrants who would be affected by the DREAM Act's passage, (nicknamed "DREAMers") and those who supported the measure eagerly watched C-SPAN during the Senate vote. Many were in tears as they saw a piece of legislation that meant so much to them lose by so little. As an American citizen, this was heartbreaking to witness.

While researching for this op-ed, I read the stories of many DREAMers. One is an

undocumented student from Mexico named Eric Balderas who was brought to America as a young child. He studies biology at Harvard and wants to become a cancer researcher. Recently, Eric was almost deported due to his illegal status. He was granted a temporary stay due to his story's national publicity. Another is Deivid Ribeirido, who was brought to America illegally from Brazil at age seven. Deivid wants to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology and become a college physics professor. However, due to his illegal status, he cannot receive aid. Both of these students would immensely benefit from the DREAM Act, and as a result directly benefit the country they call home: America.

There are hundreds of thousands of other DREAMers who have stories similar to Eric's and Deivid's; all you have to do is change the name, home country and how they want to serve America. Reading about these young people has shown me that even as undocumented immigrants face challenges, America will always be their home, even if 41 senators don't want it to be.

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*The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*

**Adam Newman**  
Scientia  
potentia est

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# The gift of art

I graduated in the late 1970's in the Fine Arts. I had hopes and dreams, and then I gave birth to a beautiful baby boy in 1988. Little did I know the vaccine that was given him would cause his autism.

The years of drawing him to live in our world, endless therapies, sleepless nights, now comes back to my education at this fine University.

I have been offered to teach an art class at Hannah and Friends, a non profit organization. It is a neighborhood where people with different abilities can live independently with support. My autistic son just moved there this past June, and he is going to be my assistant!

We thrive on donations, and we are in need of art supplies. This special charity was founded by Maura and Charlie Weis in

honor of their beautiful daughter Hannah. Please check out our website [hannahandfriends.org](http://hannahandfriends.org)

I want to focus on painting. We are in need of paint brushes, acrylic paints and canvases, and easels. Now I get to share my talents from my BFA degree at Notre Dame with my very special loving friends.

Thank you for considering this very honorable request. Thank you Dillon Hall for all your help and donations.

"To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world."  
— Anonymous

**Katherine Robinson Coleman**  
alumna  
Class of 1978  
Jan. 5

# Off to the Pros

We of the Rakes of Mallow would like to congratulate Jeb Brovsky, Bilal Duckett and Steven Perry on being drafted last Thursday in the Major League Soccer Superdraft. We wish Jeb and Bilal luck in Vancouver as they play for the expansion side Vancouver Whitecaps. We also wish Steven luck as he joins the New England Revolution who are in the process of rebuilding. Thank you for all your commitment, passion and hard work these past four years, and may your professional career be successful, long and full of trophies.

**Tim Staub**  
junior  
Dillon Hall  
Jan. 15

# Thank you St. Edward's Hall

I'm writing this letter today to say thank you to both Fr. Ralph Haag and the students in St. Edward's Hall. First of all, Fr. Ralph is a very kind and generous person. Without getting into specifics, Fr. Ralph has gone above and beyond to help me and my family. On many occasions he had come to my aid both personally and professionally and because of him my life is much better. He offers this help without question and was a source of support through a rough time. I've heard on countless occasions comments by students indicating how much they love and appreciate Fr. Ralph and all he does for everyone. St. Edward's Hall is blessed to have him as a rector.

I would also like to say that the students that live in the hall are among the most courteous and respectful group of people I know. They are considerate of the staff and their peers. They make it a priority to keep things clean and orderly, which makes my

job so much easier. They show a deep level of respect for their school, housekeepers and fellow students by leaving things tidy and organized and ensure that the building and facilities are well cared for during their stay. They make sure to find me daily to say good morning. They treat me as an equal or a second mother instead of an employee. They make it enjoyable to come to work.

Both Fr. Ralph and the students of St. Edward's Hall should be very proud of the way they carry themselves. They are a shining example of the Catholic mission and way of life. I would just like to thank them personally because they are a joy to know and serve.

I hope they both know how much they are appreciated.

**Maem Detaksone**  
Notre Dame building services employee  
Jan. 17

# Welcome Back!

# Have any interesting experiences over break?

Write a Letter to the Editor.





Alice in Nightmareland



Five Months, Three Weeks



On/Off



Pixel



Rick and Ilsa



The Art of the Chase



Rosa y Luna

# Notre Dame Studio

## Film, Television and Theatre students

By JORDAN GAMBLE

Scene Editor

History classes have research papers, business classes do group presentations, but film students make movies.

The 22nd Annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival features 15 short films created by students taking film production classes in the Department of Film, Television and Theatre. Students — film majors and non majors alike — often take their spring or fall breaks to shoot footage.

Ted Mandell, a professor for the department and the festival's coordinator, says the film festival gives the student filmmakers a chance to see real-world reactions to their work.

"It's a reward for all the hard work that they do," he says. "Films are made to be shown in front of an audience, they're meant to be digested."

"It's a great sounding board for the students and a great ... lesson for how your work is exhibited and how the audience reacts to it."

Some of the student directors gave The Observer a quick overview of their projects.

### The Elect

Directed by Dan Moore and Erin Zacek

**Zacek:** The Elect is a short, verite-style documentary that explores daily life inside the controversial Westboro Baptist Church. The film follows spokeswoman Shirley Phelps-Roper and her children as they carry out their day-to-day activities. Through a unique fly-on-the-wall perspective, the film allows the viewer to experience the oppressive reality of everyday existence within the church, while gaining a sense of how such hatred could be passed down from generation to generation.

Our idea came from curiosity from seeing them in the news: they are most famous for protesting at military funerals, and I was interested to see why in the world a group of people would do something so terrible; there had to be a reason behind their behavior.

**Moore:** I had first heard about the Westboro Baptist Church when they protested funerals of victims of the Northern Illinois University shooting back in 2008. I was furious and fascinated at the same time. What could create such senseless hatred? How could this spread from generation to generation? What is it really like inside the church? Especially, what would it be like to be a child in this church? It was in hopes of answering those questions that we traveled to Topeka to make the documentary.

**Zacek:** Shirley Phelps-Roper and the rest of her family were very hospitable

towards us, which was so strange because it was completely opposite of their hateful ideology. They bought us dinner one night, and made sure we had water bottles for our drive home. That was definitely unexpected, as well as their willingness to let the camera into their daily life. We pretty much arrived at 7 a.m. and left at 7 p.m. and they let us film what we wanted.

**Moore:** The biggest challenge in making the film was surviving the shooting process. We spent two 10-hour days, one 12-hour day and one 4-hour day with members of the church. It was a mentally and emotionally draining experience to remain silent in the face of their relentless proclamation of their shocking ideology.

### Rosa Y Luna

Directed by Javi Zubizarreta, Michelle Carlisle Lee and Marie Wicht

**Lee:** Rosa y Luna is about the joys and challenges of single motherhood. The bond between a mother and her baby cannot be easily broken. Rosa is a young, single mother who is going back to work for the first time since giving birth to her baby Luna. Like many young women, she has to juggle work with motherhood on a limited income. Unlike most women, her job is as a full-time construction worker, and day care isn't an option.

**Zubizarreta:** The script was originally written for a screenwriting class taught by Jill Godmillow. The assignment was to write a script based on New Yorker cover art. My drawing was of a female construction worker breastfeeding atop a metal sky-rise. It was certainly intimidating writing for this subject and character — I obviously have no experience on the matter. So, I turned to my own mother, and talked to her about her experiences with motherhood and returning to work after having a child. She told me about the pain and hardship, and ultimately I channeled that into this film — taking many left turns along the way.

**Lee:** Our first challenge may have been our biggest. We had to find a newborn Hispanic baby, and a mother who felt comfortable breastfeeding on camera with her baby ... We ended up finding our actress by putting out an ad on the Mexican radio station in town, WSBF 98.1 FM, and then meeting with all the women who were interested at a local restaurant. We got very lucky — our actress did a great job.

**Wicht:** We used the home of our actress, Tania. She lived in a very small home within which we crammed the three of us, up to four extra crew members, the film equipment, lighting

equipment and at times a crane rig for the camera all while simultaneously trying to film a space that made sure you couldn't see any of that. Most of the interior shots took place in a space approximately 20 feet by 30 feet with seven people, lighting rigs, a crane about a yard wide and 7 feet tall, not to mention the normal furniture and extra equipment.

Another huge challenge was working with Tania's daughter, a child of only one year, who we could never predict or direct. She was incredibly cooperative most of the time but we couldn't ask her to smile on command. It was a new experience trying to balance babysitting, directing, cinematography, loading film and everything else involved in making a film.

**Zubizarreta:** Absolutely everything was a challenge making this film — from casting to shooting to editing. For example, how do you make a button pop off a shirt on command? There's no information guide on that. And as a male director, how do you tell your actress that she, uh ... you know ... needs to look more ... more like ... she's breastfeeding? There were many awkward moments along the way and speed bumps aplenty. But ultimately, with Marie and Michelle working so hard, it came together wonderfully.

### Picking Up America

Directed by Michael Burke and Marie Wicht

**Wicht:** The film is a documentary following the four young people of Pick Up America who are walking across the country picking up roadside trash in hopes of inspiring a nation-wide transition to a zero-waste America. The idea actually came from my partner Michael Burke who had the opportunity to meet the members of Pick Up America at a conference last year.

The biggest technical challenge of shooting Picking Up America was shooting a group of people who were constantly on the move. We never had time to set up a shot or really use a tripod, we had to constantly chase after the members of PUA while they worked. However, the biggest challenge in making the film otherwise was keeping focused on the



# Student Film Festival

## debut class projects on the big screen

shooting the film and not dropping the camera to help them in their cause. Pick Up America always needs volunteers and the amount of trash on the road was shocking. It was frustrating to be present and not be able to pick up trash with them. [They] picked up over a ton of trash in just the few days we filmed them.

### Sacrifice Hits

Directed by Viviana Kim and Patrick Berry

**Berry:** Sacrifice Hits is a personal story of regret and redemption, and portrays baseball as a metaphor for life.

**Kim:** The idea sprung from an image that Pat had in his head: a 1950s setting in an alleyway with four or five young children playing ball together. That's really where it all started.

**Berry:** Viv and I picked a quote that we liked by a former Major League Baseball manager and went from there. The quote describes baseball as a metaphor for life, and we liked the idea of filming a baseball scene. After days of back-and-forth, Viv and I finally had a relatively coherent story to begin the project.

**Kim:** Shooting during a South Bend winter with lots of equipment, a small but wonderful crew, a dead battery in the light meter and several young children was definitely a challenge. I'd have to go with the untimely snow that came down the night before our first shoot that took place outdoors. But our kid actors are so adorable and great that I'm sure nobody will notice the continuity issues regarding South Bend's weather.

**Berry:** All of the sound in our project was recorded separately from the film and largely in different locations. This includes the sound effects, voiceovers and ambience noise. Also, we sent an e-mail to [University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh] to do a voice over of the quote, not expecting a response. To our delight, he graciously agreed to provide the voiceover that bookends our short.

**Kim:** The scene where young JP hits a baseball into the elderly woman's milk bottles were shot on two different days. JP and his friends were shot in a completely different location

from the elderly woman's back porch location. The sound of that bottle breaking may have been the sound of a liquor bottle smashing on the sidewalk in front of my apartment.

### Searching For Dillinger

Directed by Tom Demetrio and John Harig

**Harig:** The film is about a small town in Northwest Indiana called Monterey. The town is hidden away in the middle of nowhere and often gets people coming through that are hiding out from the law or other things. John Dillinger was rumored to have hidden out there, and some of the older townspeople have stories of Dillinger and other gangsters hiding out there. Our documentary is a humorous take on our attempts to uncover the mysteries surrounding Monterey and Dillinger's time there.

We originally planned on making a serious documentary about Monterey, but after several weeks of shooting, we realized that most of the townspeople were unwilling to go into great detail about what we wanted to know. After some suggestions from our professor, Tom and I decided to make the film into a parody of over-the-top investigative reports. Luckily, the people we did interview from Monterey were quite a cast of characters and gave us some great sound bites and shots.

### The Zebra's Stripes

Directed by Duncan Smith and Rob Schaus

**Smith:** The Zebra's Stripes examines a traditional African folktale and the lessons it has to offer, set in a modern context. The story is viewed through a child's imagination, thus changing the traditional elements into a grade school setting of a 5-year-old girl. I read a story of the same title in an African anthology of poems and stories and wanted to translate it into a film.

You can't tell from watching it, but ... in actuality, the Zebra parents are the real-life parents of Bomani, the baboon villain.

### On campus

**What:** Notre Dame Student Film Festival  
**Where:** Browning Cinema, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center  
**When:** Jan. 20, 21 and 22, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
**How much:** \$6, \$5 faculty/staff, \$3 students  
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### Also playing:



**True (above)**  
*Dylan McEnerney and Allen Murphy*  
A sleek noir thriller about a guy, a girl and the other guy.

**Rick and Ilsa**  
*Krissy Estrada and Dan Moore*  
The afternoon matinee of Bogart and Bergman brings together two dreamers in this homage to the classic film.

**On/Off**  
*Kurt Zhuang*  
A lonely television offers more than just the regular cable lineup.

**The Art of the Chase**  
*Pat Toland and Kelsie Kiley*  
A playful pickup line turns into a game of cat and mouse between a waitress and a patron.

**Clutch**  
*Michael Burke, Latifah Cato, Dylan McEnerney and Allen Murphy*  
Twists, turns and a tire squealing car chase.

**Offering**  
*Duncan Smith*  
Poetic and spiritual, a tribute to the soldier off to war.

**Alice in Nightmareland**  
*Andrew Cheng and Zachary Smith*  
Weird things happen when you fall asleep at 3 a.m. on the 10th floor of the library.

**Five Months, Three Weeks**  
*Paul Dechant and Clayton Smith*  
Dealing with pregnancy on her own, a mother-to-be learns to cope.

**Pixel**  
*Nick Andert and Jacob Griswold*  
A high tech firm sifts through the pixels to sort out doctored photos and videos and find the hacker responsible.

Synopses courtesy of the Department of Film, Television and Theatre



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Picking Up America



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NBA

Lebron misses lead to loss

Associated Press

MIAMI — Josh Smith made a go-ahead layup with 34.7 seconds left in overtime, Joe Johnson scored 19 points and the Atlanta Hawks beat Miami 93-89 on Tuesday night to send the Heat to a fourth straight loss.

Johnson had a game-tying layup with 25.4 seconds left in regulation and two game-sealing free throws with 5.2 seconds remaining in overtime. Jamal Crawford also scored 19 for Atlanta.

LeBron James scored 34 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for Miami, but missed a long 3-pointer at the end of regulation and another 28-foot try as the shot clock was expiring late in overtime and the Heat down by two.

Dwyane Wade finished with 27 points for the Heat, who got 16 rebounds — with no shot attempts — from Joel Anthony.

The Heat had a chance to win it at the end of regulation after Johnson knotted the game, but chose not to call time-out for a final play. Instead, they worked the clock down and set up James for a 28-footer that banged off the side of the rim just before the buzzer.

Miami had three game-tying scores in overtime, the last of those coming when James made a 3-pointer with 51.9 seconds left. The Heat didn't score again.

Atlanta got 15 points and 12 rebounds from Smith, 15 points from Mike Bibby and 11 from Mo Evans. The Hawks tried a season-high 31 3-pointers, making seven.

Eddie House scored 12 for Miami, and Mario Chalmers added 10.

The Hawks played most of the second half without Al Horford, who sprained his right ankle early in the third and departed with six points and nine rebounds.

Miami's lead was 70-64 when Wade made a fadeaway jumper with 4:26 left, but on a night where neither team ever enjoyed much in the way of offensive flow, the Heat picked the wrong time to go cold.

Bibby's fourth 3-pointer of the game with 2:32 left got Atlanta within 72-70. Evans tied it a half-minute later with a pair of free throws, Smith hit two more to give the Hawks the lead, and Bibby made another for a 75-72 edge with 1:23 remaining.

That's when James tried to take over.

A pair of free throws got Miami within one, and he simply overpowered Bibby for a layup and foul to give the Heat



Hawks forward Al Horford successfully defends against Heat forward Lebron James during the Hawks' 93-89 win.

a 77-75 edge — but Johnson sent the game into extra time.

Anthony's start — just the fifth of his career at power forward — was needed because Chris Bosh sat out with a sprained left ankle. James' status for the game wasn't clear until just before game time because he, too, has been hobbled by a sprained left ankle.

"We do have versatility on the roster," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said before the game. "This is probably the time it'll show the most, playing guys that weren't necessarily playing big minutes, they'll be able to step up and have their opportunity."

Anthony must have been listening.

According to STATS LLC, only Dennis Rodman — who had 20 rebounds with no attempted free throws or field goals for San Antonio on Jan. 25, 1994, plus had an 18-rebound, no-shot game for the Spurs three weeks earlier — had at least 16 rebounds in a game without ever trying a shot of any sort.

It wasn't enough, on a night when there were plenty of rebounds to be had.

Atlanta nearly held the Heat to single digits in the opening quarter, setting the tone for an offensively challenged night all around.

Only Chalmers' buzzer-beating 3-pointer at the end of the

first saved Miami from that indignity, as Atlanta — which forced the Heat into missing 15 of their first 18 shots — ended the opening quarter up 19-11. James started 1 for 8 from the floor, missing his last six tries of the period.

The Hawks' befuddling of Miami continued in the second. When Bibby hit a 3-pointer with 6:37 to play in the half, Atlanta led 30-17, and the Heat looked totally lost.

It changed quickly.

Miami scored the game's next 13 points, James getting five of them, including a shot in the lane with 2:47 left — moments after Anthony blocked a dunk attempt by Johnson — that knotted the game at 30. Eddie House's 3-pointer 42 seconds later put the Heat on top, and Miami took a 35-34 lead into halftime.

The Heat shooting improved in the third quarter as well — up to 46 percent, less than riveting but far better than the showing in the first half. Turnovers, though, were the damning factor.

Atlanta forced six takeaways in the third, getting 13 points off them, more than enough to stay in the game. The Hawks led 58-55 going into the fourth, after a third period that featured five lead changes, four ties and neither team ever leading by more than six.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Paul sparks Illinois past Michigan State

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.— Brandon Paul scored 17 of his 20 points in the first half to lead No. 23 Illinois past 17th-ranked Michigan State 71-62 on Tuesday night.

The Illini (14-5, 4-3 Big Ten) led 53-43 on a 3-pointer by Paul with 13:08 to play. But they had to hold off a late Spartans charge and ultimately won with seven free throws from four players that built a two-point lead back up to 65-57 with 5:25 left.

Demetri McCamey had 15 points and 11 assists, and Jereme Richmond added 14 points off the bench for Illinois. The win ended a two-game skid for the Illini that included defeats at Penn State and Wisconsin.

Michigan State (12-6, 4-2) was led by Kalin Lucas, who scored 15 points. Raymond Green had 12 but fouled out with 36 seconds to play.

The Illini led 41-37 at half-time and outscored Michigan State 12-6 over the first 7 minutes of the second half.

They closed that stretch with two inside points from Richmond on a long pass from McCamey that sliced just over the outstretched hands of two Spartans defenders and a 3-pointer from Paul after Richmond forced a Michigan State turnover.

After a dunk that had revved up the home crowd, Lucas hit a 3-pointer that quieted fans and pulled the Spartans to 59-53 with 10:28 remaining.

Just 46 seconds later, Delvon

Roe sank a short basket that cut the Illini lead to 59-55. With 8:55 to play, Roe tipped in a miss to it to 59-57.

The Illini, after riding their outside shooting much of the night, spent the next 3 minutes methodically rebuilding their lead at the free throw line.

Mike Tisdale hit one, followed by two each from McCamey, Mike Davis and Richmond to stretch Illinois' edge back to 65-57.

Davis finished with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Paul's first-half outburst included nine points on 3-for-3 shooting from 3-point range.

The sophomore guard, coming off the bench, hit one 3 that capped a 7-0 Illini run that gave Illinois a 28-23 lead with 8:24 to play in the first half.

Just under 5 minutes later he nailed his last 3-pointer of the half from the baseline in front of the Michigan State bench, giving the Illini a 38-31 cushion. Less than a minute later he added a three-point play when he was fouled by Keith Appling.

Paul played defense, too.

With 2:16 to play in the half and Illinois leading 41-35 he sprinted the distance of the court to chase down Korie Lucious, cleanly swatting down what looked like an easy layup off an Illini turnover.

After losing their shooting touch in back-to-back road losses to Penn State and Wisconsin, Illinois found its form. The Illini went 25 of 47 (53.2 percent) from the field and made eight of their 17 3-pointers.



Illinois guard Demetri McCamey and Michigan State guard Korie Lucious battle for a loose ball last night.

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Now, some Office:

Guess what? I have flaws. What are they? Oh I donno, I sing in the shower? Sometimes I spend too much time volunteering. Occasionally I'll hit somebody with my car. So sue me-- no, don't sue me. That is opposite the point I'm trying to make. -Michael Scott

There is a master key and a spare key for the office. Dwight has them both. When I asked, "what if you die, Dwight? How will we get into the office?" He said, "if I'm dead, you guys have been dead for weeks." -Pam Beesly

Michael Scott: Man I would love to burn your candles!  
Jan: You burn it you buy it!  
Michael Scott: Oh good! I'll be your first customer!  
Jan: You're hardly my first.  
Michael Scott: THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID!!



NFL

Lower-seeded Packers, Jets take down top teams

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL can't be upset with so many upsets in the playoffs. What better evidence is needed that the "anybody can win at any time" mantra is accurate when two No. 6 seeds are in the conference championship games? And nobody would be shocked to see both the Green Bay Packers and New York Jets in the Super Bowl. Indeed, the wild-card Packers are favored for Sunday's NFC title game at Soldier Field, home of the champions of their division, the Chicago Bears. "Yeah, we're championship caliber," Packers linebacker A.J. Hawk said. "But championship caliber to us isn't getting to the NFC championship game. We have a lot higher goals than that. We're where we want to be. We've been saying all year, 'Just give us a chance to get here.' Now, it's up to us." And up to the Jets to set up the first Super Bowl involving non-division winners. "The idea is to win the Super Bowl, whether you do it by winning your division or as a wild card," Jets cornerback Darrelle Revis said. "Keep winning." Long shots going far in the playoffs, even winning Super Bowls, is not unheard of.

Consider that since the league went to six playoff teams in 1990 — there were three divisions and three wild cards until 2002 — wild cards have made the title game 14 times. Counting the Packers and Jets, eight of those have occurred since 2005. Two of those wild cards, the 2005 Steelers and 2007 Giants, won the whole thing. In '05, '08 and this year, a wild card got to the conference championship match. No Super Bowl has featured a pair of non-division winners. "We have a lot more, our season is bigger than just beating the Falcons and going to the NFC championship game," Packers defensive tackle B.J. Raji said. "We've got bigger goals than that. ... We expect to win no matter where we go." They go to Chicago, where the Bears beat them 20-17 in Week 3, a horrendous performance in which Green Bay set a team record with 18 penalties. And barely lost. The Packers won 10-3 at Lambeau Field in the season finale to clinch their wild-card spot. They've beaten Philadelphia and top-seeded Atlanta in road playoff games, and now are a victory away from becoming the second No. 6 seed to win a conference championship.

Don't expect the Bears (12-5) to treat the Packers (12-6) like some rank outsider standing in their way. Not with all that history accompanying the longest rivalry in pro football. Not with the way Green Bay's defense has stymied two of the league's best offenses the last two weeks, or the way quarterback Aaron Rodgers is playing. Rodgers, though, has not done much against Chicago this season, throwing for 545 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions in the 1-1 split. Bears coach Lovie Smith expects the usual animosity between the teams, who will face off for the 182nd time, but just the second in the postseason and first since 1941. "You just look at our history and it does have a respectful tone, but it can be nasty also," Smith said. "It's going to be a physical game. We don't like each other. "Believe me, there is not a whole lot of love for us coming up north. But games are supposed to be played on the field." Hours later at Pittsburgh (13-4), the Jets also could add to the Super Bowl wild-card total against the only previous sixth seed to make a Super Bowl, the Steelers, who then beat Seattle for the



AP Packers head coach Mike McCarthy and quarterback Aaron Rodgers speak before Rodgers' first playoff game in Arizona in February.

2005 title. The Jets (13-5) were the fifth seed a year ago and got this far. Indeed, until last year, when the top-seeded Saints and Colts each made the Super Bowl, the No. 1 teams from both conferences hadn't gotten there since the 1993 season. So road wins aren't that unusual, and the Jets are the best example: They are 4-1 in the playoffs under coach

Rex Ryan, all of those games away from the Meadowlands. "We know what it was like to play in a tough environment," quarterback Mark Sanchez said. "We knew that all of our games were going to be on the road because of our seed. We know how to play on the road; I think we're better on the road, so that's a huge help for us. We have a lot of experience doing it."

NHL

Crosby hopes to heal up by All-Star game

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Penguins captain Sidney Crosby is feeling better despite a concussion that has sidelined him for six games, but doesn't know when he can resume practicing or playing. Crosby's status for the NHL All-Star game Jan. 30 in Raleigh, N.C., is uncertain, although he said Tuesday there is a "slight chance" he could be back for it. "It's tough to put a timetable on it," he said. Crosby, the NHL's leading scorer despite being out for nearly two weeks, is experiencing occasional headaches that are preventing him from returning. The Penguins have said Crosby will not take the ice again, even for practice, until he is symptom free. "It's kind of hard to judge because it's not something I've gone through before," said Crosby, who was scheduled to sit out the Red Wings-Penguins game on Tuesday night. "I'm progressing. It's on and off. ... Some days you feel good, you feel like you've made progress. Some days are a bit tougher." Crosby was injured after absorbing hits to the head in successive games from the Capitals' David Steckel on Jan. 1 against Washington in the Winter Classic and the Lightning's Victor Hedman on Jan. 5. Neither player was fined, even though the NHL is taking a tougher stance this season on

hits to the head, particularly from the blind side. Hedman did receive a boarding penalty. Crosby denied a report in Canada's Globe and Mail newspaper that he might skip the All-Star game to protest the lack of punishment. "That's not even close," Crosby said. "I'll be there if I can be there and I still haven't ruled out being there. Hopefully in the next few days, things get better. There's a slight chance I can still be back for that." If Crosby doesn't return until after the All-Star game, he would miss at least nine games. However, he would get an extra week of rest without sitting out any games because the Penguins don't play after their Jan. 25 game against the Islanders until they meet the Rangers on Feb. 1. As for the hits not drawing scrutiny from the league, Crosby said that is "out of my hands." "If anything, it's frustrating being out, but (the hits) are not what fuels the frustration," he said. "The frustrating part is not being able to play hockey every day." The first concussion of the 23-year-old Crosby's career is giving him greater insight into the difficulty of mending from one. Not only is he not practicing, he is not exercising or exerting himself off the ice. He did make an appearance to sign autographs Monday night at the team's annual charity bowling event.

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## NBA

# Anthony not stalling trade

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — A person with knowledge of the proposed Carmelo Anthony trade says the holdup is over the framework of the deal, not the All-Star forward's willingness to commit to New Jersey.

Though they appeared close to a deal 11 days ago, the teams are still negotiating what the Nets would send to Denver, the person told The Associated Press on Tuesday on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly about the trade.

New Jersey has offered to ship six players and at least two first-round draft picks to Denver in the deal that would send Anthony to the Nets along with former Pistons teammates Chauncey Billups and Richard Hamilton.

But the teams haven't been able to agree on the exact price that will persuade the Nuggets to finally part with their franchise player.

The person added that the Nets are not concerned about Anthony's commitment to the franchise for the long term should the trade be completed, saying they are convinced the 26-year-old will sign a \$65 million, three-year contract extension if New Jersey, Denver and Detroit can agree on the others parts of the deal.

The teams continued their negotiations on Tuesday, but little was happening, the person said.

Anthony has refused to sign an extension that the Nuggets put on the table before the season started, leading Denver to



Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony has reportedly been seeking a trade away from Denver throughout this season.

listen to trade proposals.

The Nets and Nuggets came close to making a deal for Anthony before the season started. Talks renewed in earnest after New Year's with more than a dozen players involved in what has to be considered a megadeal.

However, the on-again, off-again process appears to be weighing on Anthony and casual observers.

"I stopped following it. It's getting to the point where you're just like, move on already or don't," said Miami guard Dwyane Wade, a friend of Anthony's. "I'm sure 'Melo is more tired of it than anybody. But it's just to the point, as a sports fan, you're just, 'All right, it's just enough.' I'm sure for everybody in Denver and everybody in New Jersey as well, and whatever other team comes into it, it's been a long saga. It's

been a long soap opera. Hopefully it comes to an end and they can focus on basketball."

There were reports over the weekend that the Nets had asked for and received permission from the Nuggets to talk to Anthony.

The high-scoring forward scoffed when asked about them Sunday, calling the reports false.

"I don't want to talk to nobody," Anthony said. "I'll let the front office handle that. It ain't my job to be talking to New Jersey, New York, Lakers, Dallas, no one. That's not my job to do."

Anthony, who could become a free agent at this season, is the centerpiece of the deal and a star that New Jersey feels it can build a team around, especially when it moves to Brooklyn for the 2012-13 season.

## NFL

# Players file collusion claim against owners

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The NFL players' union filed a collusion claim against the league's owners, another move in the back-and-forth between the sides as they near the expiration of their labor contract.

The union originally had until December - 90 days after the start of the season - to accuse teams of conspiring to restrict players' salaries last offseason, but the league agreed to extend that deadline.

"They have filed that claim. They filed it probably a week ago. There has been no activity at this point. But it's something that was not unexpected," the league's lead labor negotiator, Jeff Pash, said Tuesday, when owners met in Atlanta. "It's just another piece of litigation that we have to work our way through. So we will do that."

The case is before Stephen Burbank, the same special master who is considering a complaint about the league's TV contracts, which the union says were set up to guarantee the NFL money even if there were a lockout this year.

Union spokesman George Atallah said Tuesday he could not comment on the collusion case. Pash said no date has been scheduled for a hearing. "It is something they were committed to doing. Their attorneys told us that they didn't see any reason to delay it any further," Pash said. "Our reaction was, 'That's fine. If you feel you have a claim and want to file, go ahead and file.'"

Collusion has been an issue in Major League Baseball, and as recently as September, for example, players and owners in that sport settled allegations of possible collusion against free agents after the 2008 and 2009 seasons.

As part of the agreement - with no admission of guilt by the teams - some of baseball's free-agency rules were changed.

In the 1980s, arbitrators found baseball teams acted in concert against free agents following the 1985, 1986 and 1987 seasons, and the sides agreed to a \$280 million settlement - which took until 2005 to be completely distributed to the players following claims hearings.

NFL owners and players are trying to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement to replace the one that expires in March. Among the key issues are how league

revenues will be split by the sides moving forward; the possible move to an 18-game regular season; a rookie wage scale; and pensions for former players.

In Atlanta, N F L Commissioner Roger Goodell

was asked about the collusion claim.

"It's more litigation. I've said before: This is not going to get resolved through litigation," Goodell said, according to the NFL Network. "It will get resolved through negotiation. It's time to get to the table and negotiate."

The union's TV complaint that Burbank is considering says the NFL structured contracts with its broadcast partners to make sure rights fees would be paid even with no games in 2011 - while not maximizing revenue from other seasons when the league would need to share that income with players. The union says that violates an agreement between the sides that says the NFL must make good-faith efforts to maximize revenue for players.

The union says the league will receive \$4 billion in TV revenue this year, whether a season is played or not; the NFL says its TV contracts normally protect the league against the possibility that games might be lost.

*"This is not going to get resolved through litigation. It will get resolved through negotiation."*

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NFL commissioner Roger Goodell is tasked with negotiating with the players' union to avoid a potential lockout for the 2011 season.



## NFL

# McDaniels hired by Rams

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Rams hired former Denver Broncos coach Josh McDaniels as their offensive coordinator on Tuesday.

McDaniels replaces Pat Shurmur, who was hired by the Cleveland Browns as head coach earlier this month.

"We are happy to announce that Josh will be a part of our staff," coach Steve

Spagnuolo said in a statement. "I've always recognized that he is one of the top offensive minds in the NFL. We think he is a great addition to our organization."

McDaniels parlayed success as an offensive coordinator with the New England Patriots into his first head coaching job and at age 32 was the NFL's youngest coach in 2009. He favors the spread offense, run by quarterback Sam Bradford in college.

Bradford, the top pick of the last draft, broke several of Peyton Manning's NFL rookie records last season.

McDaniels was let go by the Broncos on Dec. 6, with four game left in the regular season and in the midst of the franchise's worst slump in four decades. After winning his first six games of his rookie season, the Broncos lost 17 of the last 22, and the team also had several of issues off the field.

McDaniels also was fined \$50,000 by the NFL after a videographer violated league rules by videotaping a San Francisco 49ers practice in London in October.

The Rams made a six-victory improvement last year under Spagnuolo, who'll be entering his third season.

McDaniel was with the New England Patriots from 2001-08, and was a personnel assistant on the '01 team that beat the Rams in the Super Bowl. New England won two more Super Bowls and totaled four AFC championships in his eight seasons with the franchise, the last three as offensive coordinator.

In McDaniels' first season with the Broncos, Kyle Orton set career highs for pass, completions, passing yards, touchdown passes and passer rating while tying his career low for interceptions. Orton's 3,802 yards were the sixth highest for a season in Broncos history.

Last season, the Broncos were seventh in the NFL in passing yards and 13th in total offense.

## NFL

# Bears' offense finds its stride in postseason



Bears quarterback Jay Cutler fends off Eagles defenders during the Bears' Nov. 28 31-26 victory.

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Tight end Greg Olsen sprinted past Lawyer Milloy, hauled in the pass from Jay Cutler and didn't stop running until he hit the end zone with a 58-yard touchdown.

The Chicago Bears kept going, too.

They gained 473 yards and raced past the Seattle Seahawks 35-24 in a divisional playoff game last week, showing that even with a simpler offense, they can still be pretty crafty.

When the Bears face the Packers for the NFC championship, they'll need another big effort to get by their old rivals, similar the one they delivered against the Seahawks.

As good as they looked against Seattle, Olsen said they're "not even close" to where they can be.

"We're still kind of going up," he said. "I still think we have a lot of untapped potential that we're still kind of trying to get to. ... Even going into next year and the future, the young guys that we have and the experience that this season has given us, going through the ups and downs that we had earlier in the year — I think this year has been good for us on a lot of different fronts. We still have our chance this year ... to reach the ultimate goal. One more game away from putting ourselves in that position, that's where all our focus is."

They'll need to be sharp on Sunday against Green Bay if they're going to make it to Dallas for the Super Bowl.

It's one thing to roll over a team with a losing record and one of the league's worst defenses. Cutler and the rest of the offense expect to have their hands full against the Packers defense.

"After last year, the disappointment, the struggles we had offensively and we're kind of rebuilding this year and with Mike (Martz)," Cutler said. "It's been fun, but it's not over yet. We still have some business to take care of."

It hasn't been easy for the Bears, who struggled early while their quarterback was getting pounded. They committed to the run at midseason and had a big turnaround that led to the NFC North title and a first-round playoff bye.

They kept rolling against Seattle, pulling out a few surprises to keep the Seahawks off balance right from the start.

The Bears handed off to Matt Forte on their first two plays

from scrimmage and then the quarterback and tight end made the first big strike.

On his first career playoff attempt, Cutler found Olsen deep downfield when he beat Milloy for that 58-yarder, setting the tone for the victory.

When he wasn't beating the Seahawks with his arm, Cutler was doing it with his legs. There was a 6-yard scoring run off a draw play in the second quarter, and with a shovel-pass option in the third, he kept it and rolled to his right for a 9-yard touchdown that made it 28-0.

He was making the right decisions, and the Bears kept it going when Kellen Davis caught a 39-yard TD off a play-action play in the fourth. Considering he had only one catch in the regular season, that play was a surprise, but it was another example of the way the Bears were keeping Seattle off balance.

Cutler became just the second quarterback in NFL history to throw for two touchdowns and run for two in a postseason game, joining Cleveland's Otto Graham. He threw for 274 yards and finished with a 111.3 rating, the third highest among Bears QBs with at least 20 attempts in a playoff game.

"We feel real good about where he is," coach Lovie Smith said. "He's come a long way. He's capable of making plays like that. I really like the decisions he's making."

Olsen also had a career day, catching three passes for a personal-best 113 yards. It showed just how valuable he can be in the passing game after seeing his statistics decline in his first year in Mike Martz's system.

Olsen's 41 catches and 404 yards were the fewest for him since his rookie year in 2007, when he finished with 39 receptions and 391 yards. He has one more year left on his contract, and although he's a favorite target of Cutler, there are fewer opportunities in a system where a pass-catching tight end isn't a priority.

Martz values blocking at that position, and although Olsen has improved somewhat in that area, it's far from his strength.

"I have been comfortable with Greg since I got here," Cutler said. "He is a really friendly target. He works the middle of the field really well, he knows zones, he knows when to sit down, he knows when to go, he's got a really good football feel. It isn't anything new. A lot of teams try to take him away because they know he is good."

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## NFL

# Colts' Irsay eager to negotiate with Manning

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning is expected to get a pay raise next season.

Oft-injured safety Bob Sanders may have to take a pay cut, and longtime Colts running backs coach Gene Huey is looking for a new job.

It's just one week into Indianapolis' offseason and already one of the NFL's most stable teams is preparing for the whirlwind of twists and turns.

"Yeah, I think something will get done (with Manning), but it's hard to predict when," Tom Condon, the agent for Manning and Sanders, told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

At first glance, it looks as if this will be one of the least contentious negotiations in league history.

Team owner Jim Irsay reiterated late last week that he still intends to make Manning, the only four-time MVP in league history, the NFL's highest-paid player.

But first, the two sides must agree on who holds the distinction now.

Manning's expiring deal, signed in 2004 for \$98 million, was one of the largest ever at the time. Four quarterbacks — Michael Vick, Carson Palmer, Ben Roethlisberger and Donovan McNabb — all agreed to deals totaling at least \$100 million, though each of those contracts was longer than Manning's. Vick's record-setting \$130-million contract also was later voided.

Or it could be annual average salary. Manning's younger brother, Eli, signed a six-year deal with the Giants worth \$97.5 million last year, giving him \$16.25 million per year. New England's Brady topped that in September, agreeing to a four-year contract worth \$72 million, or \$18 million per year.

Or perhaps it could be based on guaranteed money. Rams quarterback Sam Bradford got a record \$50 million guaranteed in his rookie contract last summer. Even Brady, a three-time Super Bowl winner, couldn't top that. He got \$48.5 million.

Irsay has generally cited Brady's deal as the standard, and he's made it clear he wants Manning to stay with the Colts for the rest of his career.

Both sides say negotiations have not yet begun.

"I'm not going to get into any specifics in terms of the negotiations, but I've said before this is an unusual situation," Irsay told The Associated Press. "It's not a normal negotiation, his legacy and our relationship, it's very unusual. You hope it happens a lot, but it doesn't."

Irsay wanted to reach a new deal last summer and when that didn't happen, the Colts tried to make Manning a formal offer during their bye week. Condon then told them Manning wanted to focus on football, not contracts, until after the season.

Now, things could get complicated.

Manning turns 35 in March and although Irsay wants to make him a Colt for life, age could certainly dictate how long Manning signs for — and that could impact the deal's total value.

And this time, the Colts will

have to negotiate without a collective bargaining agreement to guide them.

"I think we're going to have to try to move forward with some things before early March, knowing (about the CBA) or not," Irsay said.

Manning's contract isn't the only concern for Irsay.

Indy's list of potential free agents includes running back Joseph Addai, safety Melvin Bullitt, left tackle Charlie Johnson, defensive tackle Dan Muir, linebacker Clint Session and kicker Adam Vinatieri. The good news is none of those players can sign with another team until a new CBA is in place.

The bad news: They still need room to be flexible.

One way to save money could be redoing the \$37.5 million contract Sanders signed after winning the 2007 NFL Defensive Player of the Year Award. Sanders has played in

only nine regular-season games over the past three seasons, and he's missed more games (64) than he's played in (48) during his seven-year career.

On Friday, Irsay said the team was discussing the possibility of redoing Sanders' deal — something Condon is already preparing for.

"I anticipate the same thing you do," Condon said. "The guy doesn't play for three consecutive years, they're probably not real excited about that, and they paid the other safety, what \$6.5 million, this year. Is there another team in the league that pays both its safeties more than \$5 million? The answer is no. So he doesn't have to tell me anything."

Not enough?

On Tuesday, the Colts parted ways with Huey, who had coached in a franchise-record 304 games as an assistant coach. In 19 seasons with Indy, Huey's star pupils included



Colts quarterback Peyton Manning and owner Jim Irsay speak before Super Bowl XLI in 2007. Irsay plans to give his star player a pay raise.

names such as Marshall Faulk and Edgerrin James, and he mentored five different 1,000-yard runners.

After finishing near the bottom of the NFL in rushing the last three years, coach Jim

Caldwell decided to make the move that was first reported by WTHR-TV and later confirmed by the Colts.

Irsay's No. 1 priority, of course, remains working out a new deal for Manning.

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## NFL

# Steelers happy to host AFC Championship

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — After dispatching the Baltimore Ravens, 31-24, in the AFC Divisional round on Saturday, it appeared the Pittsburgh Steelers were headed to New England for a date with the mighty Patriots.

They should have known better.

After all, this is becoming

old hat in the Steel City, isn't it? Clearly, they know the drill by now: Get the No. 2 seed in the AFC, watch the No. 1 seed fall flat, then get the AFC Championship game in their backyard.

In fact — thanks to the New York Jets (13-5) and their 28-21 upset of the Patriots on Sunday — the Steelers (13-4) will get to host the title game for the fourth consecutive

time that they've been a No. 2 seed.

Pretty strange, indeed. But, hey, the Steelers aren't about to complain.

"It's better to play at home," safety Ryan Clark said. "It's huge."

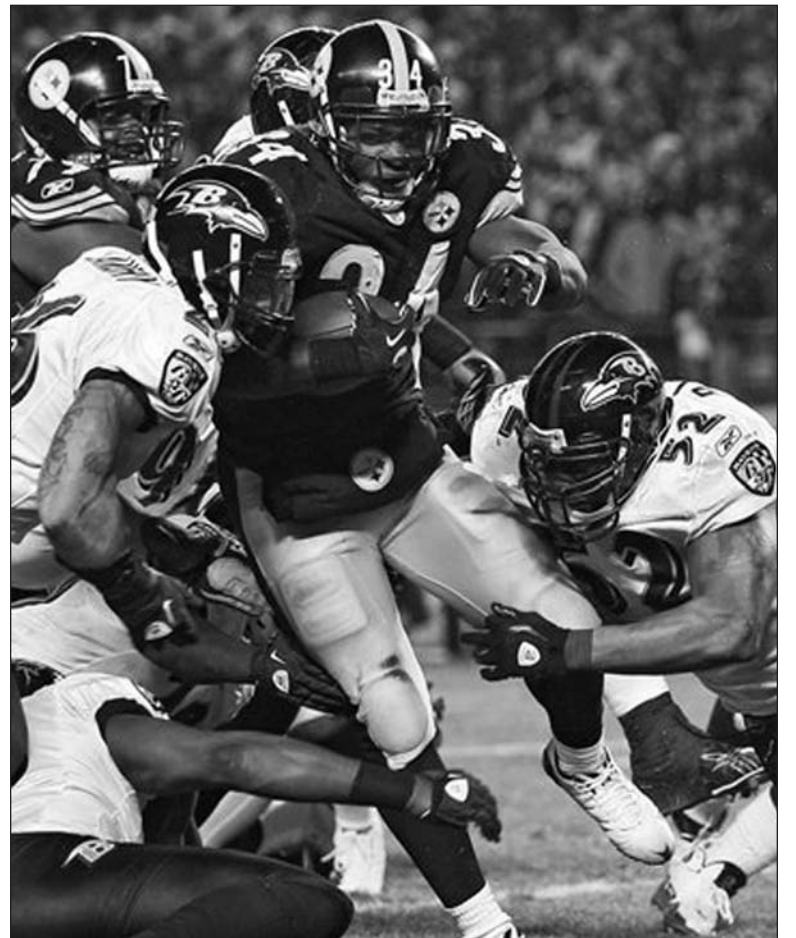
And doesn't that represent a change of heart in the Steelers locker room? After the win over Baltimore? Sure. Players characteristically were noncommittal about the next opponent. But now that they know it's New York, and that it's at Heinz Field? Different story.

"It's good because you get to do the same routine," Clark said. "Going on the road, and having to pack up? Fly? That's the part of home-field advantage that I don't think people understand. You've got the big locker room, not the small one they put you in when you're on the road. It's just little things like that that mean a lot as far as home games go. We're excited."

They should be.

The Steelers, after all, have played in eight AFC title games over the past 17 years, and all but one has been staged on Pittsburgh's North Shore. To put that in perspective, no other team can match hosting the AFC Championship seven times over the entire course of the game's history, dating back to 1970. And five AFC franchises — including, yes, the Jets — have never even played one title game at home.

"It would have felt like a home game anyway, because (Steelers fans) travel so well,"



Steelers running back Rashard Mendenhall eludes a tackle during Pittsburgh's 31-24 win over division rival Baltimore on Saturday.

Clark said. "But we'd rather have it here with the black-and-gold seats."

Clark — like all but one defensive starter — was on the 2008 team that was a No. 2 seed and hosted the title game when the Ravens beat the Tennessee Titans the week before. That Pittsburgh team went on to win the Super Bowl, a 27-23 decision over the Arizona Cardinals.

The No. 2 seed trick surfaced in 1996 and 1998, as well, although the Steelers split those two title games played at Three Rivers Stadium. In fact, hosting doesn't always translate into success, especially when you consider that Pittsburgh has lost four of six home title games since 1994.

But, to be clear, playing in Pittsburgh sure beats the alternative, doesn't it?

"Heck yeah," rookie center Maurkice Pouncey said. "That's awesome. We're here with our great fans and have another exciting game on Sunday."

This is the 11th time the Steelers will host a conference championship game. It's also the 15th they will play in. Both are league records. But you won't hear this team bragging about that this week.

"We just go about our business and prepare the right way to play a football game," Pouncey said. "We don't do a lot of talking."

Their opponent? Well, they take a different approach.

Jets coach Rex Ryan has

caused a ruckus each of the past two weeks, singling out a "personal" rivalry against the opposition. First, it was the Indianapolis Colts. Next, it was the Patriots.

Along the way, his players have joined in. Cornerback Antonio Cromartie even used an expletive to describe Patriots quarterback Tom Brady last week.

But the Steelers maintain they won't be dragged into it.

"We don't pay attention," Pouncey said. "It don't bother us at all. Let them talk."

They probably will, especially considering the Jets posted a 22-17 season-saving win over the Steelers at Heinz Field four weeks ago. In the victory, New York ran for 106 yards against the NFL's best rushing defense en route to

ending a two-game losing streak.

That might give the road team a little leverage in the war of words this week.

But again, that's all well and good to the Steelers. Sunday is all that matters to them.

"You know, they had storylines in the other places," Clark said, referring to the Jets' first two opponents. "We don't. There's just not good storylines between us."

"The only storyline we have is six (Lombardi) trophies. And we're trying to get another one. That's all we're working towards."

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**Ryan Clark**  
Steelers safety

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# Guentzel

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kind of unspeakable that we already have 12 this year.”

Sophomore Nick Larson doubled Notre Dame’s lead at 18:45 of the final period. Larson got the puck on his stick at the right side of the Alaska goalmouth and patiently outwaited Greenham before putting the puck in the back of the net.

At that point, it looked like Johnson was in line for this first shutout of the season.

“I mean I know how much time’s on [the scoreboard],” Johnson said “I wouldn’t say I’m counting down the seconds because that’s how it can get really long.”

With an extra attacker on the ice, Alaska’s Aaron Gens took a feed from behind the net and floated the puck over Johnson. The Nanooks were unable to tie the game, though, and the Irish skated off the ice with their ninth home win of the season. Guentzel said the tough win would prepare the team well as they ready for the stretch run.

“In the playoffs, it doesn’t matter how as long as you get it,”

Guentzel said. “We’re used to scoring a lot of goals, but when you can win a game 2-1, it’s also a lot of confidence down the stretch.”

In the second game, though, the Nanooks jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead behind goals from Scott Enders and Jarret Greenberg. The second goal came on the power play after the Irish had taken a bench minor for too many men on the ice — the first of two times that would happen on the night. Jackson said the mental lapses were unacceptable, but that he also would shoulder the blame.

“I honestly don’t think that I had these guys prepared to play this team,” he said. “I’ll take responsibility for it. I think that they [Alaska] put a lot more pressure and played a lot more physical than I prepared them for.”

Freshman Mike Voran cut the lead to 2-1 at 8:56 of the second period when he corralled a rebound at the left edge of the crease, settled the puck, and coolly slid it past Greenham for his fourth goal of the season.

The Nanooks extended their lead to 3-1 early in the third period with a goal from Carlo Finucci.

Notre Dame went without a power play on the night until 14:41 of the final stanza when Alaska’s Joe Sova was given a five-

minute major and a game misconduct for contact to the head. Instead of the Irish taking advantage of the man advantage, though, it was the Nanooks who scored a shorthanded goal one minute into the penalty.

The 4-1 deficit was too much to overcome, and the Irish were forced to settle with a split in the series.

“We have to move on, but we’ve got to get better,” Jackson said. “This team has shown signs of being extremely good, but we’ve also shown signs of weakness and we’ve got to get better.”

The Irish still sit in first place in the CCHA standings, one point ahead of rival Michigan, though the Wolverines have a game in hand on Notre Dame. The Irish return to action next weekend with a pair of games against Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio.

**Note:**

♦Senior left wing Calle Ridderwall missed both games with a lower body injury. Tuesday, Jackson said Ridderwall’s status for this weekend’s games was unclear and his status was “day-to-day.”

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Irish sophomore Nick Larson skates with the puck during a Nov. 20 contest against Michigan State. The Irish swept the series.

# Diggins

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took over the game in the first half and didn’t try to do too much in the second half.”

Diggins hit a three-pointer at the 12:23 mark to give the Irish their largest lead of the first half at 23-10. The Hoyas were unable to cut the

deficit to less than 10 and entered halftime trailing 45-33. Much of the Irish success was due to Diggins’ leadership, as she has evolved into the most vocal leader on the team.

“We had so many seniors last year that they did most of the communicating,” she said. “This year I do a lot more talking.”

Notre Dame was able to jump ahead by such a large margin due to its suffocating defense and a season-

best performance from behind the arc, sinking eight of 14 attempts. Senior guard Brittany Mallory made three long-range baskets to lead the Irish. She was cleared to play shortly before tip-off following a collision Saturday against Pittsburgh.

An 8-0 run early in the second half extended the Irish lead to 19 points. The run started when Georgetown junior forward Adria Crawford fouled Diggins and was

assessed a technical foul due to a scuffle following the play. Diggins sunk both technical free throws.

Notre Dame eliminated any doubt of the outcome after a 7-0 run that gave them a 76-53 advantage with 5:18 to play. They never looked back and were able to avenge last season’s disappointing loss to the Hoyas.

The team has won 11 of 12 and McGraw said she expected the team to continue to improve as the season

progresses.

“I think we’re growing,” she said. “We’re getting better every game and doing some good things every game, but we can still get better.”

It was the largest victory over a ranked opponent for the Irish since 2004, when they defeated Miami (Fla.) by 35.

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# Award

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dedication.

“It’s great for the staff,” he said. “It’s a reflection of a lot of people, not just me. It’s a great award for us collectively.”

Junior All-American forward Melissa Henderson also collected hardware in addition to her Final Four Offensive MVP award. Henderson won the Honda Sports Award for women’s soccer, a national player-of-the-year award that also makes her one of 12 finalists for the year-end Honda-Broderick cup, awarded annually to the Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year.

“I’m glad to see her win the Honda,” Waldrum said.

Despite her triumph over Stanford senior forward Christen Press in the national championship game, Henderson finished second to Press in balloting for the Hermann Trophy, the premier player-of-the-year award in women’s soccer. The award, however, distributes ballots before the Final Four weekend, indicating that some voters may have cast their ballots before witnessing Henderson’s dominating Final Four performance.

“The national championship is the biggest test to me, but a lot of coaches probably voted early,” Waldrum said. “Had nobody voted until after the Final Four, [Melissa] would have

won hands down. Finishing second will motivate her for next year – she’s in the driver’s seat.”

Henderson was not the only Irish player to be recognized for her success. All-American senior forward/defender Lauren Fowlkes and senior forward Rose Augustin were selected in the 2011 Women’s Professional Soccer (WPS) Draft. Fowlkes was selected in the first round at fifth overall by the Philadelphia Independence, while Augustin was selected in the third round at 13th overall by the Western New York Flash. Fowlkes’ pick matches the highest a Notre Dame player has been selected in the WPS draft.

“I’m really proud of both,” Waldrum said. “That’s a pretty good representation of where our program stands.”

With many professional teams set to lose some of their best players to World Cup duty, there has been a renewed interest in new draft picks, and Waldrum believes that his program has prepared its graduates for success.

“They’re going to make really good pros,” Waldrum said. “Every team was very excited about them. We’ve laid the groundwork for them.”

With the success of his squad in the past year, it seems that the rest of the soccer community agrees.

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at unranked Marquette and St. John’s, where they turned the ball over a combined 32 times and struggled to keep up with their opponents’ athleticism. Brey, meanwhile, expects the deep Bearcats (16-2, 3-2 Big East) to utilize their speed and athleticism to press the Irish, which has been a successful defensive game plan against his squad recently.

“I am impressed with [Cincinnati’s] defensive effort and with the vibe they have about that group,” Brey said. “But when we do a good job of keeping the speed and athleticism of our league from getting to us and getting into our lane we have a pretty good chance [of winning].”

The Bearcats are led by junior guard Dion Dixon, who averages 12.8 points per game and scored 18 in a 67-52 loss at No. 3 Syracuse Saturday. Cincinnati trailed by only four at halftime but made only 2 of their first 20 shots of the second half to cripple any chances of an upset victory. In addition, the Bearcats may be without their key big man, junior forward Yancy Gates, who went down with an ankle injury Saturday. Gates averages 11.4 points per game and 6.7 rebounds per game and was instrumental to the Bearcats season-opening 15-game winning streak, ended by last week’s 72-61 loss at No. 7 Villanova.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame has gone through a shooting slump of its own, making only four



Senior forward Tyrone Nash powers toward the basket during Notre Dame’s 69-55 victory over Georgetown on Dec. 29.

field goals in the entire first half in their 72-54 loss at Madison Square Garden to St. John’s, in which the Irish hit only three of 20 three-point attempts. But senior guard Ben Hansbrough expects that to change with a change of scenery for the Irish, who are 11-0 at home this season.

“There’s a comfort zone on your home court,” Hansbrough said. “These are your rims that you’re used to practicing on and they’re your balls that you’re used to shooting with. I think everyone is just amped up to go at home. Just having the home crowd with you helps you out.”

But with the longest losing streak of the year for the Irish, the veteran sharpshooter is relying on last year’s experience

to rally his teammates in what is considered the toughest conference in all of college basketball.

“We have to bounce back, and we will,” Hansbrough said. “You have to understand this league. We went on the road and lost two tough road games, but this league is all about bouncing back. Last season we had a losing record in the Big East, and then we came back and won six in a row and finished off the season 10-8, so I think perseverance is a big factor in the Big East.”

Notre Dame hopes to get back on the winning side of things against Cincinnati tonight at 7 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Coming home

*Irish return to Purcell to face Cincinnati*

By ANDREW GASTELUM  
Sports Writer

Returning to campus has never felt better for the No. 16 Irish, who have dropped their last two Big East road games by double digits after a promising start to conference play.

Notre Dame (14-4, 3-3 Big East) will return to Purcell Pavilion to face conference rival No. 25 Cincinnati while trying to remain undefeated at home this season.

"We are simply trying to get back home and win against a good team that you can't look past," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We need to be better with the ball. I was disappointed with our handling of the ball [in last week's road losses], which made it hard to get into any offensive rhythm."

The Irish are riding a two-game losing streak after losing

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Senior guard Ben Hansbrough drives past Connecticut guard Kemba Walker in the Irish's 73-70 win on Jan. 4. Hansbrough and the Irish will return home to face Cincinnati on Wednesday night.

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## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Henderson runner-up for trophy

By ALLAN JOSEPH  
Sports Writer

First, Notre Dame earned the national championship. Now, the Irish are collecting accolades on the awards circuit. Irish coach Randy Waldrum won the NSCAA/Mondo National Coach of the Year award for the first time in his career after guiding the Irish to the pinnacle of the sport following a shocking upset in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

"I'm really proud of that one," Waldrum said. "This is the first time I've won it from the coaches' association, so it really meant a lot. This one's the big one."

Despite his personal triumph, Waldrum views the award as a recognition of his entire staff's hard work and

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Record three senior players selected in MLS SuperDraft

Observer Staff Report

Three Notre Dame men's soccer players were selected in Major League Soccer's (MLS) 2011 SuperDraft with an additional Irish player being selected in the league's supplemental draft.

The draft was held Jan. 13 in Baltimore.

Midfielder Jeb Brovsky, defender Bilal Duckett and forward Steven Perry, all seniors, were selected over the course

of the three-round draft for senior collegiate players or players who have otherwise been signed by MLS. Senior goalkeeper Phillip Tuttle was selected in the follow-up supplemental draft held Jan. 18.

Brovsky was the first Irish player taken after being tabbed with the 19th overall pick by the expansion Vancouver Whitecaps FC. Brovsky overcame an early-season injury in 2010 to start all twenty matches for Notre

Dame, notching four goals and an assist while powering the Irish midfield.

Duckett joined Brovsky in Vancouver when he was selected 18 picks later with the 37th overall selection. Duckett started 40 of 42 matches at right back over the course of the past two seasons for Notre Dame as part of a defense that posted 14 shutouts in that time.

Perry was picked up by the New England Revolution with

the 39th overall pick after a 2010 campaign that saw him post career-highs in goals (12) and assists (4) for Notre Dame while playing as the sole forward in coach Bobby Clark's offensive formation.

Tuttle joins the San Jose Earthquakes after being selected 33rd overall in the supplemental draft. Tuttle suffered an injury while working out with the California-based club in the summer, but returned in time to start 13

matches for the Irish and notch two shutouts while tending the net through Big East and NCAA tournament play. He joins 2009 Notre Dame graduate Justin Morrow on the Earthquakes.

The three players selected in the official SuperDraft order ties a program record for Notre Dame that was posted in 2005, and brings Bobby Clark's total of players selected by MLS during his decade at Notre Dame to 18.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Notre Dame powers by Hoyas

By ANDREW OWENS  
Sports Writer

Georgetown sophomore guard Sugar Rodgers may have narrowly beaten out Irish sophomore guard Skylar Diggins for last year's Big East Rookie of the Year honors, but it was the Irish guard who got the best of her Georgetown counterpart Tuesday night in an 80-58 victory over the Hoyas.

The sophomore jumpstarted the Irish offense with eight points in the first four minutes of the game. She made a layup and was fouled on the first play of the contest. She added the free throw to give Notre Dame (16-4, 5-1 Big East) an early 3-0 advantage over Georgetown (14-5, 2-3 Big East).

"Skylar was Skylar tonight," Irish coach Muffett McGraw said. "She

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Senior guard Brittany Mallory brings the ball upcourt during Notre Dame's 79-76 loss on Jan. 8. Mallory had six points in the game.

DAN JACOBS/The Observer

## HOCKEY

# Squad splits weekend series with Nanooks

By SAM WERNER  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame returned to action at the Joyce Center this weekend, splitting a two-game series with Alaska.

Playing in their first home game since Dec. 29, the Irish (15-8-3, 12-5-1-1 CCHA) defeated the Nanooks (10-8-4, 7-7-4-2 CCHA) 2-1 Friday night before falling 4-1 in the rematch Saturday.

Sophomore goaltender Mike Johnson was the star of Friday night's win, stopping 34 of 35 Alaska shots and holding the Nanooks scoreless for the first 59:37 of the game.

"It's unfortunate that he didn't

get the shutout because I thought he deserved it," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "He made the difference tonight."

The Irish got on the board first with a shorthanded goal from freshman Anders Lee. On a two-on-one break with senior line-mate Ryan Guentzel, Lee took a nice feed in the high slot and fired a writer that beat Alaska goalie Scott Greenham stick side at 15:16 of the second period. The shorthanded goal was Notre Dame's CCHA-leading 12th of the season.

"We've been fortunate enough to score some crazy shorthanded goals," Guentzel said. "We obviously can't complain, but it's

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