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ND continues work in Haiti one year after quake

By MEGAN DOYLE
Associate News Editor

One year after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake shook Haiti, the Notre Dame Haiti Program remains present in the country through relief efforts and public health programs, Sarah Craig, the program manager, said.

"We were in Haiti before, during and after the earthquake," Craig said. "We saw a need to step aside from our public health program to address the efforts for relief after the earthquake."

The Notre Dame Haiti Program, led by Fr. Tom Streit, fights infectious diseases throughout the country. The program specifically targets lymphatic filariasis, also known as elephantiasis.

After the earthquake struck Haiti on Jan. 12, 2010, the Haiti Program turned its attention to the emergency.

Streit and other volunteers provided medical support for victims of the earthquake's

destruction.

Craig said over 100 of 500 volunteers were Notre Dame alumni from the medical profession. These volunteers saw over 30,000 patients, performed 700 surgeries and delivered 250 babies during the six months following the earthquake, she said.

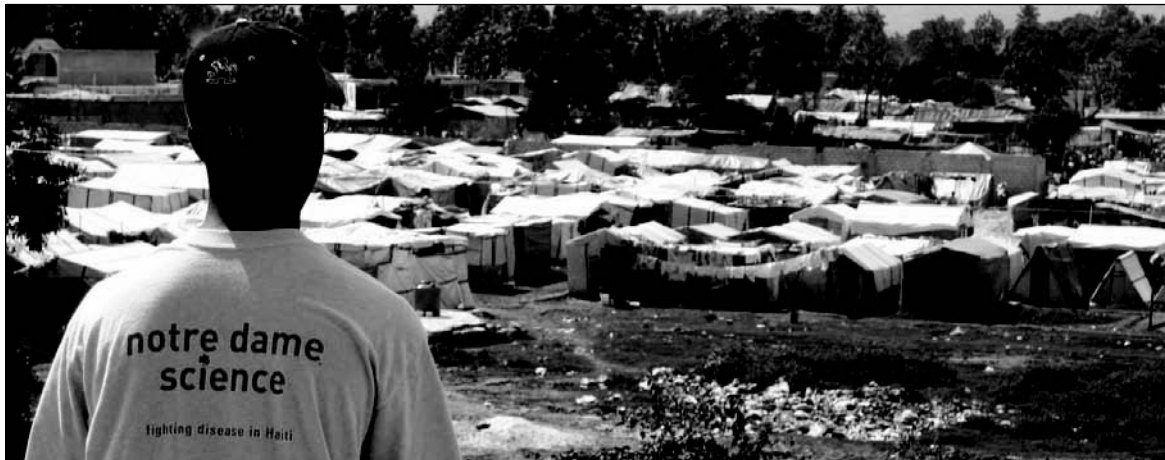
The volunteers faced basic challenges such as the lack of shelter, transportation, water and food. Medical supplies and support were also scarce, Craig said.

"We also are addressing some of the needs for rebuilding, specifically in Léogâne where we are headquartered," Craig said. "Our building there is our home base and where we concentrate most of our efforts."

According to the program's summer 2010 newsletter, the earthquake did not alter the program's mission.

"In truth, The Notre Dame Haiti Program's mission in Haiti has never changed. For 17

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Above: A person dressed in a Notre Dame Haiti program t-shirt looks at a group of tents set up as temporary housing in Haiti after the January 2010 earthquake. The Notre Dame Haiti Program dedicated itself to relief efforts in its aftermath.



Right: A building in Léogâne stands amidst rubble and damage from the 7.0 magnitude earthquake. The Haiti Program is involved in rebuilding efforts.

Photos courtesy of the Haiti Program Archives

Marching band wins prestigious award



LAURA MYERS/The Observer

The University of Notre Dame Marching Band performs at the Sun Bowl on Dec. 31, in El Paso, Texas.

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

The Sousa Foundation announced on Dec. 17 that the Notre Dame Marching Band received the 2011 Sudler Trophy.

The Sudler Trophy is awarded every two years, and a marching band can only receive it once. The same company that manufactures the Heisman Trophy also manufactures the Sudler Trophy, Kenneth Dye, director of Notre Dame Bands, said.

This prestigious award recognizes a contribution to the field of bands over a long period of time and is the only award given to college marching bands.

"This is a huge honor for our band," Glynnis Garry, drum

major of the Marching Band, said. "It puts us in a category of marching bands that have been recognized as outstanding groups that have really contributed to American culture, like [the University of] Michigan [and] Michigan State."

College band directors across the country submit nominations for the Trophy, Dye said. These nominations usually come from directors who have received the award in the past.

Each nominated band submits an unedited video sample, usually of a single show, to a screening committee that reviews the videos and selects finalists. Finalists must then submit more video footage, and a selection commit-

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Coughlin assumes new role

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Brian Coughlin, former assistant vice president for student activities, assumed the position of associate vice president for student development on Jan. 1.

The promotion is part of a reorganization of the University's Division of Student Affairs. Coughlin, a 1995 Notre Dame graduate, has been a senior staff member in the division since 2007.

Coughlin said he most looks forward to working with different students and staff in his new role at the University.

"The thing that excites me most as I take on this new opportunity is the chance to assist and walk with students who may be in the most need of



Coughlin

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OIT works on CIF system after Dec. crash

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

The University's Course Instructor Feedback (CIF) system experienced problems at the end of last semester, resulting in the entire student body receiving their grades at the earliest time, Erin Hoffmann Harding, associ-

ate vice president for Strategic Planning, said.

"For a period of about three hours on the last night of the CIF window for most undergraduate courses, the OIT server supporting the CIF system experienced a slow down in performance," Hoffmann Harding said. "The system never crashed, almost 1,000 surveys were successfully

submitted during this time and no information was lost."

Some students who tried to access the system could not complete their CIFs, she said. Beginning during the 2009 fall semester, completing CIFs allowed students to view their semester grades seven days early.

"The system slow down pre-

vented some students from successfully submitting their CIFs," she said. "Unfortunately, it was not possible to reopen the survey system prior to the beginning of final exams. It was also not feasible to identify which students had been affected by the slowed performance."

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR GOAL FOR 2011?



Tori Creighton

freshman
Pasquerilla West

“To go to bed earlier and get more sleep”



Tyler Moorehead

sophomore
Dillon

“Well I’m still learning the alphabet.”



Amanda Bruening

sophomore
Welsh Family

“To run the Holy Half!”



Kaitlyn Strand

senior
off campus

“To get a ring ... I mean job by spring”



Sean Hannon

sophomore
Siegfried

“Get a tan.”



Tommy Reagan

senior
off campus

“Kick Lord Zed’s butt.”

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



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

A giant snowman sculpture complete with a coal mouth and a carrot nose sits outside Riley Hall Wednesday afternoon. South Quad and the rest of campus remains covered in snow.

OFFBEAT

Mass. police chief: Man tried to sell me fake gold

RANDOLPH — Police say a Boston man picked the wrong mark when he tried to sell him fake gold jewelry at a grocery store.

The man approached William Pace on Sunday and offered to sell him a bracelet and chain marked as 14 karat gold for \$100. Two problems — Pace is the police chief in Randolph, Mass., and he owns a jewelry store.

Pace, who was out of uniform, tells The Patriot Ledger he could tell the gold was fake by its look and feel.

The suspect, identified by police as Johnnie Butts, will be issued a summons

to appear in court on a charge of attempt to commit larceny by false pretense.

Police are trying to determine if Butts sold any fake jewelry to others before approaching Pace.

Boston lacrosse team sorry for racy halftime show

BOSTON — Boston’s professional indoor lacrosse team is apologizing for a racy halftime show featuring scantily-dressed women giving lap dances to the team’s mascot.

An online video shows dancers taking turns gyrating in front of and on the seated mascot, Scorch, while an announcer bel-lows, “What do you

think?”

Boston Blazer’s general manager Doug Reffue says the team was “extremely disappointed” with parts of the halftime show Saturday at the TD Garden. On Monday, Reffue said it was part of a halftime promotion that “wasn’t executed according to how it was spelled out to us.”

Reffue said the dancers were not members of the Blazers’ dance team, but fans who volunteered for the halftime promotion. He declined to discuss additional details, but said it won’t happen again.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The lecture “Benefit Corporations — A New Kind of Corporation for a New Economy” will be given today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 1140 of the Law School. The elcture will describe how a new corporate form is providing the legal infrastructure for a more sustainable and inclusive economy.

There will be a Mass celebrated for the Feast of Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C. today at 5:15 p.m. The mass, celebrating the feast day of the Congregation’s founder, will be held in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Join celebrant and provincial superior of the Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Rev. David Tyson, C.S.C., in liturgy.

Taste of the States: Southern Style will take place in the LaFortune Ballroom today at 10 p.m. It is a free food giveaway extravaganza featuring foods such as gumbo, southern fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, BBQ pulled pork and key lime pie.

Jay Cohen Gilbert will give the first lecture in the Ten Years Hence Lecture Series tomorrow at 10:40 a.m. Cohen is co-founder of B Lab, a non-profit organization dedicated to using the power of business to solve social and environmental problems. It will take place in Jordan Auditorium.

Rolfs Aquatic Center will host a Dive-In Movie tomorrow at 10 p.m. The featured movie is The Goonies and students can watch from inside or alongside the pool.

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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ROTC recognizes new student leaders

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

Notre Dame's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) held a Change of Responsibility Ceremony Wednesday to pass leadership of its battalion to new cadets.

Senior student leadership of the Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC branches changes at the beginning of each semester. The Navy and Air Force branches also held similar ceremonies this week.

"Being able to contribute in a very high degree and having the capacity to have a substantial influence and leave a mark ... on the program was great," Cadet Lt. Colin Raymond, last semester's Cadet Battalion Commander, said.

Although rewarding, Raymond said his former job was quite challenging.

"It was a ton of work, and I am excited to play a more supporting role this semester," Raymond said.

Cadet Lt. Kyle Hanratty, last semester's Cadet Operations Officer, said he sees the transition as a "shift of responsibilities" for the senior leaders instead of a relinquishing of duties. He is now a platoon leader.

"[As platoon leader] I will be able to focus more on the individual soldiers and developing them versus the big picture I had last semester of the whole battalion," Hanratty said.

Raymond, Hanratty and last semester's Cadet Major Louisa White handled most of the event planning and training for the other cadets, which exposed them to the challenges of peer leadership.

"You can't use the force of this imaginary rank to get someone to do something when they're your friend and they've done the same thing as you this entire time," White said. "You really don't have a show of force other than who you are."

Raymond said he had encountered the same difficulties and tried to include his peers as much as he could.



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Army ROTC cadet Alex Barbuto, right, receives recognition at the battalion's Change of Responsibility Ceremony Wednesday.

"I wanted to respect my friends as competent leaders themselves so giving them opportunities as well was important," he said.

At Wednesday's ceremony, each of last semester's leaders symbolically passed the flag of each unit to the battalion commander, who then gave it to the incoming leader. According to Cadet Lt. Neal Dillon, coordinator of the event, this exchange represents the trust between members of the battalion.

Raymond said he trusts the new Cadet Battalion Commander,

Cadet Lt. GERALYN Janke to lead this semester, and she is prepared to take on this role.

"Colin is good at everything ... he did a great job last semester," she said. "It will definitely be tough to fill his shoes, but I'm ready."

Hanratty is succeeded by Alex Barbuto as Cadet Battalion Commander and White is succeeded by Graham Hoar as Cadet Major.

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SMC earns community engagement classification

By BRIDGET MEADE
News Writer

Saint Mary's is one of 114 institutions that earned recognition from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in 2010.

The Carnegie Foundation announced this month that Saint Mary's was selected for its 2010 Community Engagement Classification. This year, 305 institutions applied for the classification.

Carrie Call, director of the Office of Civic and Social Engagement at Saint Mary's, said the recognition is a testament to Saint Mary's increased engagement in the local community within the past five years.

"The fact that we got the designation means that even though we are a small campus, we are very big when it comes to engagement," she said.

The Carnegie Foundation, a national resource for teaching and learning on all education levels, established the national classification system in 1970, according to its website. The Community Engagement Classification began in 2006.

According to the foundation's website, the application process includes providing examples of community engagement through mission, culture, leadership, resources and practices.

Call said she learned about the program a few years ago and thought the campus showed a stronger likelihood to be selected in 2010.

With over 80 percent of Saint Mary's students participating in community service by the time they graduate, Call said the College is above the national average.

"[The students'] engagement is across a wide variety of activities from tutoring to mentoring to visiting the elderly to working with the homeless," she said.

Members of Saint Mary's administration completed the application, which consisted of about 40 pages on the College's activity in the community, such as volunteer work, internships, publication and research of faculty and new program development.

The application process offered the school an opportunity to reflect on its community awareness and relationships, Call said.


"It's also a great thing for our admissions information," Call said. "Students can know in advance that this will be a place where they can be engaged in service."

Although the administration has not looked into the details of reapplying for the 2015 classification, Call said the school is interested in the idea.

"In the meantime," Call said, "we plan continue to foster the connection between campus and the larger community."

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February 17th

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years, the program has aided and fought for Haiti by researching elimination methods for lymphatic filariasis (LF) and neglected tropical diseases (NTD)," the newsletter stated, "But since the beginning, the overarching goal has been improving the lives of the people of Haiti, and in that respect, the last six months have been no different."

Following the earthquake, a cholera outbreak disrupted the program's work with lymphatic filariasis and other diseases.

"Almost worse than the earthquake was the cholera outbreak in the fall," Craig said.

The Haiti Program will resume its disease elimination programs beginning Monday.

As the program turns back to treat disease elimination, rebuilding was still an agenda for Notre Dame volunteers.

"Disease elimination is our forte and what we are in Haiti to do," Craig said. "But we still will work on rebuilding because we are morally and ethically responsible to do so."

The Haiti Program headquarters in Léogâne and the program's three other facilities in the country remained standing in the middle of rubble after the earthquake. The buildings were among the few with running water and electricity.

Student groups such as ND Fighting NTDs and the Haiti Working Group were also among the organizations that reached out to victims in Haiti.

These groups used the crisis in Haiti to highlight the need for public health initiatives.

ND Fighting NTDs president Emily Conron said she hopes the club will send students to Haiti someday to witness its public health initiatives first-hand.

"We use Haiti as an example of how focusing on neglected tropical diseases can help the community," Conron said. "By focusing on public health the economic and social and even emotional repercussions [of these initiatives are] very clear."

The Haiti Program is an example of how public health programs can encourage hope for a better future, Conron said.

In a summer 2010 thank-you letter to all Haiti Program volunteers, Streit explained the involvement of the Notre Dame community in Haiti.

"A network of ND-connected health professionals is continuing to save lives," the letter stated. "ND engineers have already helped determine the viability of important structural assets in several communities, while ND architects are part of a massive 11 school building project in Léogâne. Many alumni are working in response teams addressing nutrition, relief logistics and development planning."

"Haiti requires the kind of support that is both immediate and enduring as well as a profound commitment to the idea that if we are part of the Body of Christ together, we are all at this moment Haitians."

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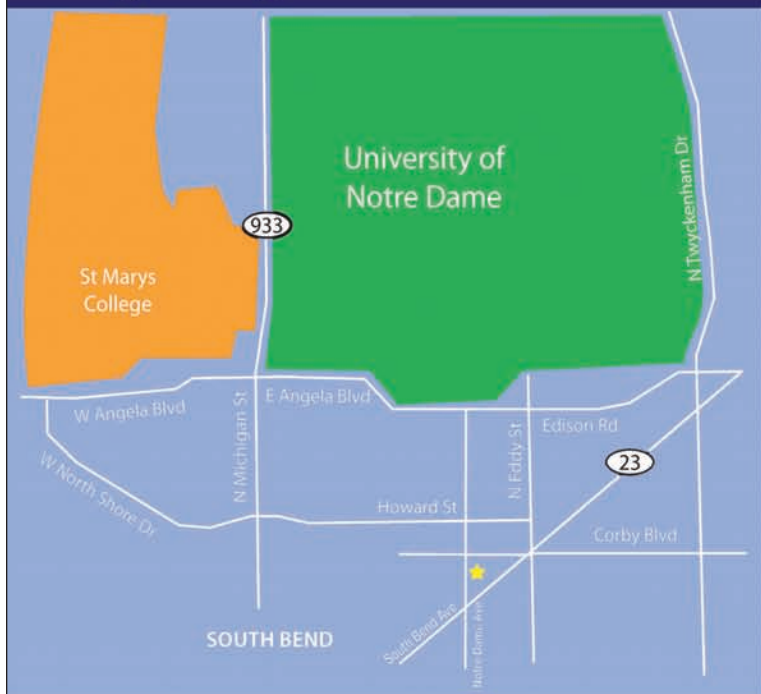
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CIF

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Administrators decided to modify the grade holding policy for the fall semester only, Hoffmann Harding said. OIT is investigating the system problems, and the early grade incentive will exist again in the spring.

Hoffmann Harding said the CIF system is still in development, and the next priority is to solve the performance speed.

"The system will also soon have the ability to provide more customized information to students in e-mails about which CIFs they still need to complete and when their individual survey windows close," she said. "We welcome suggestions about other enhancements that would improve students' ability to offer feedback to their professors."

The response rate was 78 percent for all of the fall 2010

courses, she said. This rate was lower than fall 2009, but exceeded the response rate for fall 2008.

Dennis Jacobs, vice president and associate provost, said feedback from CIFs is integrated into the classroom through feedback given directly to departments and faculty.

"Instructors are provided with a detailed summary report of the CIF data collected for every course section they teach," Jacobs said. "For each CIF item, the instructor can see the distribution of student responses, a calculated mean score, and a comparison to the scores received by other faculty who teach similar courses at Notre Dame."

Professors also see the open-ended answers, but they cannot see student names, he said. This allows for anonymity.

"Many faculty members reflect on thoughtful CIF feedback from their students as they consider

ways to improve their teaching in future semesters," he said.

Past improvements to CIFs have provided more incentive for students to complete them, Jacobs said.

"Five of the questions appearing on the CIF were written together by students and faculty with the purpose of providing more information at the time of course selection," he said. "The results to these five items are displayed within Class Search on the Registrar's website."

Only students who have completed their CIFs the previous semester can view these results, Jacobs said.

"This enhancement to Class Search along with gaining earlier access to grades provide two valuable incentives for students to complete all their CIFs," he said.

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Coughlin

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assistance, an entirely different group than I worked with previously," Coughlin said. "I am also looking forward to the opportunity to being a part of the senior team that will work with [Vice President for Student Affairs] Fr. Tom Doyle to bring alive his vision for student life at Notre Dame in the years ahead."

After graduating from Notre Dame in 1995, Coughlin worked at Bethany College and Boston College. But he said, "there is no place else like Notre Dame."

"The talent and passion of the student body, the commitment of the faculty and staff and the foundational mission provided by the Congregation of Holy

Cross make this a place like no other," Coughlin said. "It truly allows and encourages us to think of student life in a developmental way."

While working as the assistant vice president for student activities, Coughlin oversaw the renovation of LaFortune Student Center and Legends of Notre Dame. But he said watching students take on more leadership positions was the most valuable aspect of his job.

"One thing that really stood out for me from my time working exclusively with student activities was the shift in philosophy from staff-run programming to student-run, staff supported programming," Coughlin said. "We were able to see a significant increase in student leadership opportunities and the quality of programs produced on campus."

While Coughlin said he is

excited to fill his new position, he is aware of the challenges he faces. He said the administrative tasks may take some time to figure out, but he is positive about continuing the core mission of working with students while they grow and develop.

Coughlin believes that all of his previous experiences at Notre Dame will help contribute to his new position.

"It is my hope that every experience I have had along my Notre Dame journey will all provide me valuable insight and preparation as I undertake this new endeavor," Coughlin said. "No place is like Notre Dame and I have had the fortunate opportunity to see this place from so many different angles."

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Band

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tee chooses the recipient of the Trophy.

The last band to receive the Trophy was Western Carolina University in North Carolina, Dye said.

Notre Dame learned of its status as a finalist for the award in early November.

The Trophy will be presented to the University at the Oct. 8 football game against the Air Force Falcons. It will remain at Notre Dame for two years after its presentation in October.

"[The Trophy] is 22 and a half inches tall, which is the same length as a standard marching step, and it has a bronze drum major over a big stadium and a marble base," Dye said.

Although Notre Dame will only have the Sudler Trophy for two years, the Marching Band is allowed to order a replica to keep on campus permanently. Additionally, each member of the Band will receive a pin to wear on his or her uniform for the next two years in recognition of winning the Trophy.

"We've worked really hard to be innovative, to do new things, but we have a long history of service to the University that includes playing for all the troops that have left campus since the Civil War," Dye said. "Being 165 years old and the oldest college marching band, that probably was a big difference [in the selection process for the recipient of the Trophy]."

Garry said student band members were very excited and proud to receive the award.

"What's special about The Band of the Fighting Irish is that with our without any awards or recognition we all take immense pride

in what we do," Carolyn Weinschenk, a freshman piccolo player, said. "The Sudler Trophy is a well-deserved testament to the dedication and hard work of the directors and student leaders of the Band that make it all possible."

Bobby Reichle, a sophomore trombone player, said the award is a sign of band members' hard work.

"Hopefully this inspires the band to continue to improve, especially since our football team has been making such impressive progress," he said.

Garry said many band members did not know the band was in the running for the Sudler Trophy.

"It was a secret that we had made it to the finals, and this was really quite a surprise to the Band," Garry said.

The band is constantly improving and has been moving in a positive direction since Dye became the director, Garry said.

"With huge events like the Alumni Band Reunion and the New York trip, the Band has become very goal-oriented," Garry said.

Dye said his main goal for the marching band is "to constantly come up with new things while maintaining the tradition of the band's history."

"[Marching bands] really do contribute to American lifestyle and culture, and I think our band certainly does that," Garry said. "It contributes to the lifestyles of students and alumni, but I think it [also] does so nationally, and this award recognizes that. It's really cool that you can only win this once. To be a part of that group of bands that has won this is quite an accomplishment."

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Group discusses finances, Heritage Week

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Government Association (SGA) convened for its first meeting of the semester Wednesday, reviewing finance policies and documents and discussing Heritage Week events.

Treasurer Meg Griffin gave a report of SGA's monetary allocations that cover club expenses that fund campus wide events or are travel related. During her report, Griffin said SGA has granted a total of 19 allocations as of the end of the fall semester, 11 of which were campus-programming sponsorships and eight of which were travel grants.

As determined by SGA, campus programming refers to an event or activity that is open to the entire campus and has a potential to require more funding than regular club events. Travel grants are given to clubs to travel representing their Saint Mary's College club or organization as a group or team.

"Last semester there was \$68,240 designated for SGA sponsorships," Griffin said. "Last semester \$23,889 was spent, so there is still quite a bit available for this semester."

Along the lines of finances, Griffin gave a brief refresher seminar on finance policies and documents including the different financial responsibilities of the Office of Student Involvement and

those of SGA.

SGA is able to help clubs and organizations with the sponsorship process, the uses of funds from a sponsorship, club storage, cash boxes, meeting space in the SGA office and craft supplies.

Griffin also noted issues that had arisen with paperwork in the past to request for SGA funding, specifically the critical information that is frequently left blank on the forms — documentation of all costs and the itinerary for travel grants.

"All of the forms are available for downloading on the SGA website," Griffin said.

In addition to finances, SGA members discussed Heritage Week events that start this coming Sunday with Mass in both LeMans and Regina at the usual designated times, both followed by a small reception. Heritage Week is an annual celebration of Saint Mary's traditions.

Chief of Staff Kelly Zenere outlined the week's events and urged SGA members to sign up to work at the various events.

"Heritage Week is the biggest SGA event of the year," Zenere said.

Zenere placed special emphasis on the s'mores and Meet and Greet with the Sisters of the Holy Cross at the convent, taking place on Friday.

"The nuns are all very excited," she said.

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House votes to repeal health care measure

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Swiftly honoring a campaign pledge, newly empowered Republicans pushed legislation to repeal the nation’s year-old health care overhaul through the House Wednesday night, brushing aside implacable opposition in the Senate and a veto threat from President Barack Obama.

The 245-189 vote was largely along party lines, and cleared the way for the second phase of the “repeal and replace” promise that victorious Republicans made to the voters last fall. GOP officials said that in the coming months, congressional committees will propose changes to the existing legislation, calling for elimination of a requirement for individuals to purchase coverage, for example, and recommending curbs on medical malpractice lawsuits.

Republicans also intend to try to reverse many of the changes Democrats made to Medicare Advantage, the private alternative to the traditional government-run health care program for seniors.

Like the repeal bill itself, these other measures will require Senate approval and a presidential signature to take effect, and the prospect is for months of maneuvering on the issue.

Debate across two days leading to the vote was markedly restrained, as lawmakers in both political parties observed self-imposed vows of civility in the wake of the shooting rampage in Arizona that left six dead and Rep. Gabrielle Giffords wounded.

But there was no mistaking the significance many first-term Republican lawmakers attached to a day they had long waited for, finally getting a chance to speak and then vote on the House floor against a law they had campaigned for months to repeal.

Rep. Jeff Duncan, R-S.C. said the legislation produced by Obama and congressional Democrats was a “job-killing, socialist” approach to health care. Rep. Frank Guinta of New Hampshire, who defeated a Democratic incumbent last fall, said it was misguided, needing repeal.

“The American people have soundly, soundly rejected the Democrats’ government takeover of health care,” said Rep. Sandy Adams of Florida.

Rep. Steve Southerland, also of Florida, said the law imposes a crushing tax burden on businesses, and he predicted “1.6 million jobs will be lost by 2014 due to this mandate” to require many businesses to provide coverage for employees.

Both Floridians won their seats by turning out Democratic incumbents.

“This is not symbolic. This is why we were sent here,” added

Rep. Michelle Bachman, of Minnesota, a third-term conservative with strong support among tea party activists.

On the short end of the vote, Democrats challenged Republican claims and highlighted politically popular elements of the bill that would be wiped out if repeal took effect.

Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va., accused some Republicans of “the height of hypocrisy” by voting to repeal a vast expansion of health care at the same time they had signed up for coverage for their families through a government-organized program available to lawmakers.

Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., said that despite claims of employment loss, the economy had added jobs in each of the past 10 months.

In one of the most animated speeches of two days of debate, Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., said repeal would return power to insurance companies. “Has anybody, any family in America, any single mother, any spouse, any child, any grandparent met a more bureaucratic system than the American health insurance system? There is no more bureaucratic system.”

Three Democrats voted with Republicans on the repeal measure: Dan Boren of Oklahoma, Mike McIntyre of North Carolina and Mike Ross of Arkansas.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has said the legislation will not see the light of day there, but the GOP leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, said bluntly, “I assure you we will” have a vote on it.

The law faces another challenge, well beyond the reach of Obama’s veto pen. More than half the states have filed suits against it, and while some judges have upheld the legislation, one recently ruled it was unconstitutional to require individuals to purchase insurance. The Supreme Court is widely expected to have the final word.

The Obama administration has made a major effort in recent days to emphasize parts of the bill that have met with public approval, including one that permits children to age 26 to remain on their parents’ policies if they do not have on-the-job coverage of their own. Democrats also argue that repeal would short-circuit other changes yet to take effect, including a ban on the insurance industry’s practice of denying coverage or charging sharply higher premiums on the basis of a pre-existing medical condition.

Republicans intend to address the same issues with legislation they say they will bring to the House floor in the coming months, according to officials who have been involved in discussions on the issue, but no details were immediately available.

VATICAN CITY

Vatican: letter to Bishops misinterpreted

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — In a new round of damage control, the Vatican insisted Wednesday that a 1997 letter warning Irish bishops against reporting priests suspected of sex abuse to police had been “deeply misunderstood.”

The Associated Press on Tuesday reported the contents of the letter, in which the Vatican’s top diplomat in Ireland told bishops that their policy of mandatory reporting such cases to police “gives rise to serious reservations of both a moral and canonical nature.”

The newly revealed letter, obtained originally by Irish broadcaster RTE from an Irish bishop, has undermined persistent Vatican claims, particularly when seeking to defend itself in U.S. lawsuits, that Rome never told bishops not to cooperate with police.

An Irish government-ordered investigation into decades of abuse cover-ups in the Dublin Archdiocese concluded that Irish bishops understood the letter to mean they shouldn’t report suspected crimes.

And victims groups say it’s a “smoking gun” that shows that the church enforced a worldwide culture of concealing crimes by

pedophile priests of which Rome bears ultimate — and legal — responsibility.

“The letter confirms that the cover-up goes as far as the Vatican, that Vatican officials knew exactly what was going on, and that they proactively sought to deter Irish bishops from cooperating with civil authorities in Ireland,” said Andrew Madden, a former Dublin altar boy who was raped repeatedly by a priest, Ivan Payne, in the 1980s.

“This letter also documents how the church remained of the view that it is a law unto itself, how its rules and regulations regarding the handling of a criminal offense take precedence over civil society’s laws,” said Madden, who in 1995 became the first victim in Ireland to go public with a lawsuit against the church.

On Wednesday, the Vatican insisted the 1997 letter was only intended to emphasize that Irish bishops must follow church law meticulously. The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the Holy See wanted to ensure that pedophile priests wouldn’t have any technical grounds to escape church punishment on appeal.

It by no means instructed bishops to disregard civil reporting requirements about abuse,

added the Vatican’s U.S. lawyer, Jeffrey Lena, who said the letter had been “deeply misunderstood” by the media.

At the time, there were no such reporting requirements in Ireland. In fact, the Irish bishops were ahead of Irish lawmakers in pledging cooperation with law enforcement as dioceses were hit with the first lawsuits by victims of abusive priests.

Yet as a result of the 1997 letter, most Irish dioceses never implemented the 1996 commitment to report all suspected abuse cases to police, according to the conclusions of the government-mandated investigation into the Dublin Archdiocese published in 2009.

“This in fact never took place because of the response of Rome,” the commission said in its report, although it quoted Dublin Archdiocese officials as saying it was implemented there.

That eight-year inquiry interviewed two senior Dublin Archdiocese canon lawyers involved in handling abuse complaints. They were quoted as saying the letter discouraged bishops from pursuing their 1996 initiative for fear of being overruled by Rome, as had already happened in one notorious case of a serial pedophile.

UNITED KINGDOM

New UK law protects royals

Associated Press

LONDON — What happens in the palace stays in the palace.

A new British law that took effect Wednesday makes Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Charles and Prince William exempt from freedom of information laws, meaning many private details of their lives won’t be made public for decades.

Justice Secretary Ken Clarke says the exemption will protect the monarch’s private conversations with politicians and officials — but information advocates say it will make it even harder to hold to account a royal family that costs taxpayers millions a year.

For centuries, the workings of the British monarchy were shrouded in secrecy by a blend of law, convention, deference and media self-censorship. That media acquiescence is long gone, and under freedom of information laws that took effect in 2005, information about the royal family could be released if it was shown to be in the public interest.

“It at least raised the possibility that information could be disclosed,” said Maurice Frankel of the Campaign for Freedom of Information. “What the changes do is remove the public interest test — exemption becomes absolute.”

Although the 84-year-old queen has no political power, she meets regularly with prime ministers and other senior politicians to talk about events of the day. Imagining such scenes has been grist for writers of movies like “The Queen” — which shows Elizabeth meeting Tony Blair — and “The King’s Speech,” in which her father George VI consults

1930s Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin.

Authors will have to continue to use their imagination thanks to the new legislation, which amends the Freedom of Information Act to exempt communications with the monarch, the heir to the throne and the second in line, or with others acting on their behalf

In an irony noted by anti-monarchists, the change is buried within the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act, legislation the government says is aimed at “opening up public bodies to public scrutiny.”

Clarke, the justice secretary, said the new rule was needed “to protect the long-standing conventions surrounding the monarchy and its records, for example the sovereign’s right and duty to counsel, encourage and warn her government, as well as the heir to the throne’s right to be instructed in the business of government in preparation for their future role as monarch.”

The government argues the law enshrines the “well-established conventions of confidentiality” that protect the monarch’s political neutrality.

But critics say Prince Charles, the 62-year-old heir to the throne, has cast neutrality aside by peppering ministers with letters on behalf of environmental issues and his pet projects. With the new law, they despair of getting their hands on evidence of his alleged meddling.

“What he’s doing in some of these cases is obviously lobbying,” said Frankel. “That raises the question whether he should still enjoy the special protec-

tion that the monarch and the heir to the throne traditionally get.”

All freedom of information requests for details about Prince Charles’ correspondence have been rejected. But such requests have managed to extract some royal nuggets, including the queen’s 2004 request for money from a fund intended for low-income households to help pay palace heating bills. The request was turned down.

Frankel said the effects of the change would likely be limited. The royal household is already defined as a family rather than a public body, and so is exempt from most requests. And the new rule shouldn’t let the government keep factual information such as the size of royal budgets secret.

Buckingham Palace publishes annual accounts, which last year showed the total public cost of supporting the monarchy to be 38.2 million pounds (\$61 million), the equivalent of 62 pence (\$1) per person.

But Republic, a group that campaigns against the monarchy, said the change will “make it almost impossible to hold the royal household to account for their actions and spending.”

“The monarchy is a public institution, it is part of our political structure and it is funded entirely by public money,” said spokesman Graham Smith. “The public has a right to hold it to account and to know what it is doing.”

Britain’s Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition government insists its new legislation makes government more open, expanding the number of bodies covered by freedom of information rules.



INSIDE COLUMN

L.A. football

Oh to be a kid again. Don't you remember going to (insert NFL stadium here) and soaking it all in? Hey Dad, let's play catch before the game in the parking lot. Can I get a hot dog at halftime? These seats are awesome. Oh sorry, I was reminiscing there. And by reminiscing, I mean fantasizing.

While you smelled the sirloins cooking outside of the Linc, I asked mom if I could eat in front of the TV. She usually let me. While you picked icicles off of your beanie at Soldier Field, I put my cheesehead on and tried to stay out of the 85 degrees weather. Talk about a frozen tundra. While you woke up early to watch T.O. warm up, dancing to the tune of his headphones, I was waking up at 10 a.m. to watch whatever game FOX decided to show on Sunday. But don't worry — I had my popcorn ready, straight from the microwave, while you waited in line behind that one guy who ordered too many beers.

But Los Angeles really has everything. Look to the left and you see the shining sea under the spacious skies. Look to the right and there are the purple mountains majesty, above the fruited plains. But nowhere in America the Beautiful did it mention a football stadium, and God forbid it mention an NFL team. In between the mountains and ocean lie two basketball teams (one legendary, one laughable), an up-and-coming hockey team, two soccer rivals, two college football programs, and one baseball team (no, the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim do not count unless you want to drive an hour down the 5 Freeway to get to the stadium from the city). Nowhere in there is a mention of an NFL team.

Nashville has one; so does Jacksonville — heck, even Buffalo has something that we don't that isn't called a snow day. It's baffling isn't it? The second-largest metropolis in the United States isn't home to a team in one of the biggest sports businesses in the world. I have yet to see an NFL game, but remain a fervent football fan (taking time away from recent vacations in Hawaii and Orlando to catch a Sunday game or two).

Therefore, L.A. is the mixing pot of football fans. Just in my immediate family (all Angelinos) I can check off Chargers, Packers, Steelers, Rams, Vikings and Dolphins from the list of diehard fans. My parent's generation was fortunate enough to have the Raiders and Rams for a number of years until 1994. If it weren't for Al Davis or Georgia Frontiere I could be trying to memorize my seventh coach in 10 years or rooting my team on to win the NFC West at 7-9. Meanwhile my little cousin's Y2K generation can ride the bandwagon of the regional Chargers until they make the move to Los Angeles. Seriously, though, everyone claims to be a Chargers fan, yet the stadium struggles to fill up, threatening Southern California with a regional television blackout.

But until the proposed stadium is built (somewhere around 2015) and the Chargers/Vikings/Jaguars/Bills/Raiders/Rams settle into downtown, I will watch my games on the tube, because I know nothing else. You know it is bad when you find yourself wondering whether the yellow first down line is only on TV or actually on the field. Boy, those painters must work fast.

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Sports Production Editor

Liberated woman's theology

Well that was a provocative title, wasn't it? Now that I have your eyes, let me start off with a disclaimer. This is not a piece advocating the "make me a sandwich" train of thought when it comes to the denouncement of new age feminism. What it is, rather, is a surface examination of the college educated American female growing up under the influence of liberated woman's theology. These personal observations can and should be qualified as limited, but nonetheless are a valid sample taken from the stated population and proper analysis can be rendered.

You see, for centuries up until the modern age, gender roles were defined. Yes, there were weaknesses to this system and an inherent bias that devalued the worth of the female to society. However, the woman has great value to the man and as such a "pedestal" was built over time to protect women from the sinful behavior of men. Women ruled the social scene, the home, dictated culture, art, cuisine. After the revolution of women in the workplace took root and feminism in America propagated, we have continued to lose this traditional way of life. I can understand the initial backlash to not having an opportunity to advance in the real world, if one seeks that for themselves. Not everyone wants to be a stay-at-home mom, and in 21st



Mark Easley

Elephant in the Room

Century America, you shouldn't have that as your only option. But there are merits to that traditional way of life and it is not necessarily positive evolution to be able to leave that behind.

In our day, college educated women are taught to believe that they not only can break the oft mentioned "glass ceiling," but that they should seek to do so by pursuing a career and putting off marriage. While I agree that for the driven women, who are able to go head to head with competitive men and bite their heads off (not necessarily an unattractive quality), this is certainly a worthy philosophy, but some women do not fit that description. I know countless young women who don't know exactly what they would like to do with their lives, because they don't want to be a doctor, engineer, lawyer or business woman when they get out of school.

When it comes down to it, women have the ultimate trump card. They could claw their way through society and up the corporate and political ladders of our time working their butts off for years, or they could find a nice, successful man to marry. Once again this isn't the "make me a sandwich" argument. It is a societal fact that I feel women are more and more taught to ignore. What many feminists fail to recognize is the American man has also evolved. In Asia and the Middle East, marriage remains very traditional. The man and woman are defined as they have been for generations. In America, the man and the family unit are a lot more flexible, having developed in the more liberal western tradition. And even better, in America you can

divorce someone if it doesn't work out without significant social consequences. I do not advocate this at all, one should make sure to find a good one the first time (a lot more rewarding in the long run), but when compared relative to more traditional places where a woman sometimes is pressured to kill herself if her husband dies or is stoned to death for adultery or is the scarlet letter when she gets divorced, it's a pretty good deal. Not to mention with all the legal and financial protections available these days when one enters into marriage, it's amazing to me how American women aren't roping in men left and right.

I guess what I'm trying to say to all you ladies out there is while I encourage you to follow your dreams, you should also not let a good opportunity slip you by. Don't be afraid to be a homemaker for your future career. Don't be afraid to marry earlier. And don't buy into the superwoman myth that you can have your career and a great family life if you don't have superwoman personality, skills and drive. Marrying for love and money is often a smart decision, and there is no sense in putting that off if you've found it.

Nota bene for all the guys that made it to the end of this article: If you can get that sugar mama, go for it. You're welcome gender studies majors, finally a viewpoint you can talk about. Keep it classy ND!

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Exit, pursued by a bear."

Stage directions from William Shakespeare
English dramatist and poet

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of."

Blaise Pascal
French mathematician and physicist

Let it rip

What's the effect in our own lives of feeling chosen? Remember walking down your high school hallway to where the list of who made the basketball team or the Spring play was posted? Squinting over the heads of the swarm of your classmates, your heart thumping, eyes darting up and down the list. Remember the feeling you got when you saw your name?

Fr. Lou DelFra

Faithpoint

Unfortunately, the converse is also true — all of us can remember the feeling of scanning the list once, twice, three times and feeling the dread become reality. Not getting chosen for something is one of the worst feelings in life.

Moments of being chosen, or rejected, are some of the most intense, and indelible, moments of our lives.

As we begin a new semester, the Church too begins a new cycle of readings, in which we find ourselves again at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. All four Gospels begin their account of Jesus' public ministry by recording the same event: the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. John the Baptist immerses Jesus in the river's waters, and as Jesus emerges, the sky opens and the Spirit descends upon him like a dove. And the voice of God is heard through the heavens, revealing Jesus for the first time publically

as the Chosen One: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Remember what it was like to get picked for a study abroad program, or a graduate school, or a research grant; or someone you liked asked you on a date; or an employer said, "Congratulations, the job is yours." You will probably remember that the reality of being chosen gives you not just an adrenaline rush that wears off the next morning, but a deep-seated confidence about yourself. Your life suddenly seems to have purpose and direction. Your identity suddenly feels much more firm and secure. Spiritually, we often say at such times that we feel blessed, that we feel God is watching over our life and taking care of us.

I think of moments of being chosen when I read the early chapters of the Gospels, beginning with Jesus' baptism. He experiences this powerful confirmation from God of his identity: "You are my beloved." We can try to imagine the other spiritual realities that Jesus experienced, flowing from this confirmation: "Your life is dear to me. You have a special purpose. Your life will unfold in a providential direction. I am with you."

When you receive an endorsement like this from a booming voice thundering out of heaven, you're feeling pretty good about your life! You can pretty much let it rip ...

Which, of course, is precisely what Jesus does. From the moment of his baptism on, Jesus heads into the villages of Galilee, and unleashes the power and charisma of his newly confirmed identity — preaching, healing, cleansing lepers, challenging unjust authorities, raising the dead, casting out demons. The Kingdom of God explodes forth into the lives of the people whom Jesus encounters. And it all begins with this moment at the Jordan, this utterly convicting experience of being chosen, by God.

As we toe the line of the beginning of the Spring semester, here's the key for us: as Christians, that is, as people in whom Jesus dwells, as people for whom, as St Paul writes, "It is no longer I that live but Christ that lives within me" — as such people, the exact same thing that was true for Jesus is now true for each of us.

What God spoke to Jesus that day — "You are my beloved, you are the one I have chosen" — God is saying to each one of us, into the deepest center of our being. "I love you, and so I choose you — to be my beloved."

There is one thing, the Gospels suggest, that puts a confident strut in our step as we begin a new challenge, that lifts our shoulders, that makes us believe that we have an irreplaceable part to play in the world, that our lives have meaning and direction. And it turns out not to be grades, status, good looks, popularity, intelligence,

interpersonal skills, a great job — or all those other things that we feel if we just had a little more of, then our lives would really start rolling.

These things have their place, but in the end, what the Gospels tell us, is that there is only one thing we need to have confidence about our life and where it's headed.

We need to experience the voice of God, our Creator, say into the center of our being: "You are my beloved daughter; my beloved son. You are my beloved creation, chosen to live as my own image and likeness. And you will always be precisely this."

So as a new semester begins, we pray for the same confirmation of our deepest identity — as the beloved children of God — especially in those parts of our lives where we feel far from God, or insecure, or fearful of the future. And we pray that this confirmation gives to us what it gave to Jesus — the courage, the charisma, the ambition, the love to build up the Kingdom of God, in our divinely inspired and unrepeatable way.

For nothing less than this, we have been chosen.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

One less lonely Class of 2011

Thank you, Notre Dame football, for making everyone forget that the Class of 2011 is the losingest class in the program's history. It has not felt that way for the past two months. We saw an unbeaten November, which included our first win over USC since 2001, and a dominant win over Miami in the Sun Bowl. The last Notre Dame class to see two wins in bowl games? That would be the Class of 1996.

Congrats to the Class of 2011. Thanks to our football team,

we're going out as winners. So enjoy every minute of our last semester. As Billy Madison once advised a young, chubby student, "For the love of God, cherish it!"

In the words of another lover of higher education, Asher Roth, "Do I really have to graduate? Or can I just stay here for the rest of my life?"

Charlie Nejedly
senior
off campus
Jan. 19

Mike Brey a class act

On Tuesday night, I arrived back at my dorm at about 10:30 from the store. After shuffling for a couple of seconds to find my ID, I heard a voice behind me. "Mind if I follow you in?" I turned around, and behind me stood Coach Mike Brey. I opened the door for him, and he then proceeded to walk throughout the dorm, knock on doors and talk to students to make sure they were coming out in force for the Cincinnati game. He did all of this while he could have been at home with his family on a Tuesday night.

This dedication to the program is not a onetime thing. Coach Brey has come to my dorm before

for official meetings to recruit students to attend the games. He sends us an e-mail for every home game asking us to be there for the team. He meets with students at Legends on the nights he does his radio show with Jack Nolan. Coach Brey should be applauded for his dedication to the basketball program and this school. He has shown time and time again that he is the right coach for us as a student body.

To quote a friend: "Mike Brey is a class act."

Michael Matheson
senior
Alumni Hall
Jan. 17

EDITORIAL CARTOON



Movies to Look for in 2011

By SHANE STEINBERG
Scene Writer

More not less vampires:

Vampires! No not pale vampires with emotions who fight werewolves. In "Fright Night" a remake of an 80s comedy hit, Craig Gillespie ("Lars and the Real Girl") directs a team of witty, talented actors including Colin Farrell, Anton Yelchin and David Tennant. The story takes place in your average 80s suburb where one high school student suspects that his mysterious neighbor is a vampire.

The good, bad and the comedy:

Here's a spoiler: "The Hangover 2" will be hilarious. Yes, the whole crew is back on the eve of another wedding (this time in Thailand) where Stu (Ed Helms) takes all the precautions imaginable to make sure what happened in Vegas doesn't happen in Thailand. One cameo by Bill Clinton, a Zack Efron appearance, a truck's worth of booze and hopefully another album of pictures later, this movie has the makings of another night to remember (or not).

File "Cowboys and Aliens," a film where cowboys ... fight aliens under "The Bad." No, it's not a comedy per se, but if you've seen the trailer and wound up asking yourself "Why?" or "How?" then you know that while the cast is packed and Spielberg's name is attached to the film, this should be one hell of a laugher.

Horror movies that might actually scare us:

The top horror movie to look out for in 2011 is "Atrocious,"

a "Paranormal Activity" meets "Blair Witch Project" film out of Spain. The trailer looks genuinely scary, so now the question becomes whether "Atrocious" is what "Paranormal Activity" couldn't be — believable.

"Don't Be Afraid of the Dark" is the directorial debut of Troy Nixey, Guermillo del Toro's protégé. The story of a little girl who discovers monsters at home has been done a million times but Guermillo del Toro's name being associated with this and a rare Guy Pearce sighting is enough to make this film worth the wait.

The year of superhero movies:

This year features an overstuffed line-up of superhero movies: "Thor," "X-Men: First Class," "The Green Lantern," "Sucker Punch," "I am Number Four," "Captain America" and "The Green Hornet."

Probably the most anticipated of the group is "Thor." The film features a star-studded cast including Natalie Portman and Anthony Hopkins and marks a break from the cameraman-becomes-Spiderman or billionaire-becomes-Batman type of superhero movie. Instead, Thor's back-story is mythical, which should be something fresh in a year of superhero films with back-stories that seem a bit redundant. Additionally, in "Sucker Punch," Zack Snyder ("300") brings his unique flair to his first ever original script about a girl admitted to a mental institution who dreams up an alternate reality where she and her hot friends kick some ass.

Early Oscar hopefuls:

It seems these days that any emotional boxing movie gets an Oscar nomination (which is not to say that films like "Million Dollar Baby" or "The Fighter" are bad). With "Moneyball," the story of how Oakland A's GM Billy Beane turned the low-budget team into a contender using unorthodox methods, baseball might enter the Oscar ranks. With Brad Pitt playing the charismatic Beane, Philip Seymour Hoffman as Arty Howe (the team's manager) and Bennett Miller ("Capote") in the director's seat, this one is as close to a sure shot Oscar favorite as there is.

David Fincher, who might have to buy a new house to fit all his Best Director awards for "The Social Network," directs the American adaptation of the international hit film, "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo." Slated for a December release and featuring a talented cast headed by Daniel Craig (who will need the good attention after "Cowboys and Aliens"), this film should be as good as if not better than the original.

Our Yearly Dose of Pixar:

Pixar gets its own category for an obvious reason. This year's installment is a continuation of Pixar's planned sequels, "Cars 2." Although "Cars" is widely regarded as "the worst" (if you can really call it that) of Pixar's recent films, the studio has decided to take a different direction with the movie and from the first few trailers it looks to be worth giving the benefit of the doubt to Pixar, the studio that never fails.

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Weekend Events Calendar

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Student Standup/Humor Artists Legends
10 p.m.

Head out to Legends at 10 p.m. to see the funniest kids on campus. Student Standup/Humor Artists think they can make the audience roll on the floor with their wit. You be the judge.

friday

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Notre Dame Student Film Festival DPAC
6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Check out the best aspiring producers and directors from the Notre Dame FTT department at the 22nd Annual Student Film Festival. Tickets are \$6, \$5 faculty/staff and \$3 students.

saturday

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Hawthorne Heights with Identity Crisis Legends
10 p.m.

Hawthorne Heights headlines a show with Identity Crisis at 10 pm. The Ohio band promises to put on a good show, arriving at campus after their release of their album "Skeletons and Midwesterners."

sunday

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Women's basketball vs. St. John's Purcell Pavilion
2 p.m.

Take a break from studying and come support the women's basketball team as they play against St. John's. The game will take place in the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center.

By ADRIANA PRATT
Associate Scene Editor

Anne Hathaway

The devil in Prada did Anne Hathaway well. Since her role as an aspiring journalist working for a high-end fashion magazine, Hathaway has owned every red carpet, looking fresh, fantastic and fashionably fit. This Golden Globes, Hathaway literally shined and shimmered in a unique Giorgio Armani Prive gown, complete with bold shoulders, long sleeves and a barely there back. Her upcoming duty as co-host of the Academy Awards guarantees she will be dressed in something fabulous, but it is hard to imagine Hathaway topping this trendsetting Armani masterpiece.

January Jones

Ryan Seacrest couldn't lift his jaw long enough to say what we were all thinking: whoa. Jones left little to the imagination with a daring and plunging red Versace gown and literally drove men mad as they stumbled past her on the red carpet. Her polished coif and flapper fringe were a throwback to a more retro style but there's no way her sassy gown would have passed Prohibition-era laws. The vibrant color was beautiful as was the woman wearing it, but a little more coverage would have kept the vibe alive while maintaining Jones's status as drop-dead gorgeous.

Natalie Portman

The bony body of a ballerina was nowhere to be found as Natalie Portman twirled down the red carpet with a newly full figure. Portman traded in her role as the black swan for something a little more maternal and chose a gown to match the transformation. Her dazzling pale pink Viktor & Rolf dress was accented beautifully with a sparkly red rose blooming at the bust. The effect delicately complimented Portman's pregnant glow and looked particularly brilliant with the charming blush of her award-winning face. It's hard to imagine her one-upping this outfit, but if her determination to nail her role as a perfectionist ballerina proves anything, it's that we won't be disappointed come Oscar season.

Jennifer Lopez

Just call her Jenny from the (ice) Block. At Sunday's Golden Globes Award show, Jennifer Lopez looked more like Candyland's Queen Frostine than a diva American Idol judge. Her awkward shawl creation draped over what appeared to be a Zuhair Murad wedding gown ill fit the mood of the red carpet, where pink, green, black and beige adorned Hollywood's finest. Known as someone willing to take the plunge — i.e. her extremely revealing green Grammy's gown circa 2000 — J. Lo dove into the wrong pool this time and came out with nothing but an Arctic chill. Hopefully her iciness will thaw

for the sake of the auditioning American Idols. If not, Fox will be guaranteed one entertaining season.

Emma Stone

The only thing easy about Emma Stone at the Golden Globes was her effortless elegance in a peach Calvin Klein Collection number. Stone, nominated as Best Actress for her role in "Easy A," seemed so natural in her simple backless dress that it was hard to believe it was her first time up for the award. With her newly bleached hair and radiant smile, Stone looked sleek and chic and extraordinarily mature for a 22 year old. Let's hope other actresses take note: It's easy to get a red carpet "A" if you mix a pinch of sass with a whole lot of class.

Angelina Jolie

Angelina Jolie continues to be an enigma. These days, stars go to every length to look young, youthful and vibrant, so why Jolie would choose a grandma gown that showed off none of her toned features is beyond me. The shiny emerald hue was beautiful and the long sleeves of her Versace gown added a modern touch, but overall Jolie looked more ready to hit the sack than to accept a Golden Globe. Maybe she knew she wouldn't win and was planning an early night in. Hopefully she'll wake up in time for the Oscars.

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Gorgeous at the Golden Globes



NFL

St. Louis hires McDaniels

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — After a dismal exit in Denver, Josh McDaniels never considered taking a break from coaching.

The former NFL boy wonder, hired by the Broncos two years ago at age 32 and jobless the last four weeks of the season, wanted back in as soon as possible. McDaniels got a two-year contract as the St. Louis Rams' offensive coordinator, and believes it's a good place to relaunch his career.

"I love coaching football," McDaniels said on a teleconference from Denver on Wednesday. "I've missed it for the last six weeks and I'm eager to get started with the players and coaches."

"I definitely wanted to get back in."

Rams coach Steve Spagnuolo began a news conference in St. Louis on Wednesday by announcing the impending retirement of 70-year-old quarterbacks coach Dick Curl, who also had the title of assistant head coach. McDaniels' brother, Ben, was quarterbacks coach in Denver this season, but Spagnuolo said that job had not been discussed.

"Josh and I are going to talk about that," Spagnuolo said. "We really didn't have that discussion because this is fairly new, but when he gets here we'll talk about it."

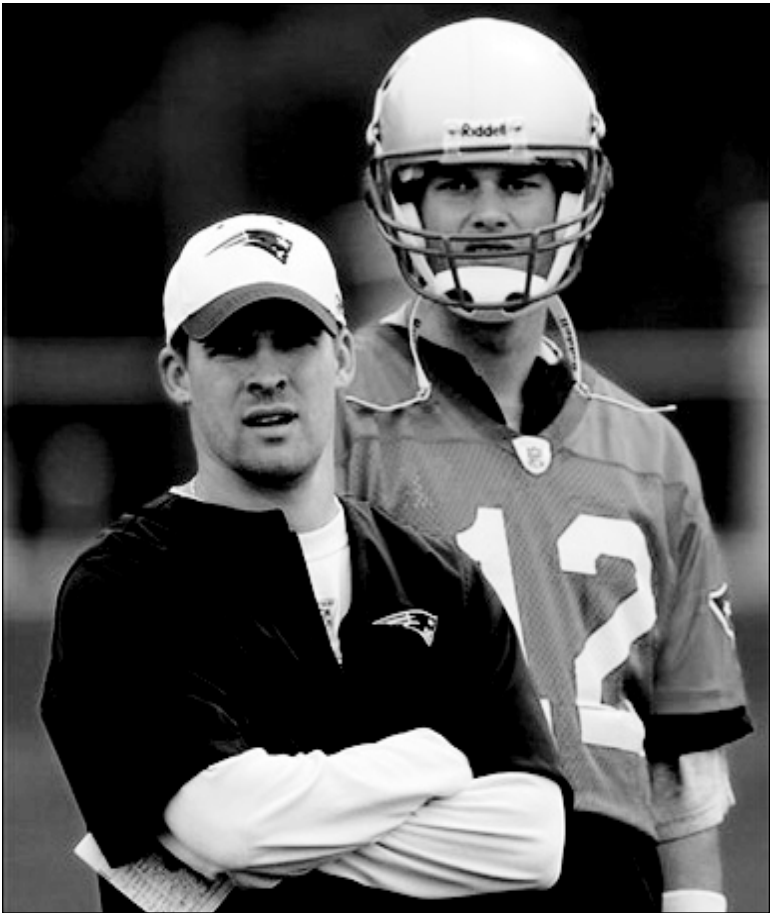
In a conference call from Denver, McDaniels deferred to the Rams.

"First of all, I don't make any of those decisions," he said. "Coach Spags, I'm sure he'll do what's best for the staff or the team. If that's something he wants to look at, I'm sure we will."

McDaniels said expected to be in St. Louis to start work "shortly."

McDaniels replaces Pat Shurmur, hired as head coach of the Cleveland Browns last week after a year helping to develop rookie quarterback Sam Bradford. Despite lacking a deep passing game most of the year, the Rams improved by a touchdown per game and finished 7-9 overall, a six-win improvement.

McDaniels had little to say about his downfall with the Broncos, saying he was "very appreciative" of the chance and "learned a lot."



AP
Josh McDaniels looks on at a Patriots practice from 2006. He was hired Wednesday for the same role with the St. Louis Rams.

But he took one shot at Denver in describing the franchise he's joining.

"I think it's important to have a solid direction and a solid structure and really have all the people pulling in the same direction," McDaniels said.

"That's what's really so appealing to me about St. Louis, that the direction is clear."

"What's expected of me initially was laid out clearly for me and I'm sure that's the way the rest of the organization is running, too."

During the search for a replacement, Spagnuolo said he kept rookie quarterback Sam Bradford informed "just to say 'Trust me, I'll make the right decision,' and said Bradford told him he'd have no problem adapting to a new system."

"He said, 'Well, you know what, I came in out of college and didn't know anything and learned an

offense, and didn't do too bad,'" Spagnuolo said. "He wasn't fazed at all. Sam can play in any offense."

Spagnuolo said the first item of business in his search was recalling which coaches he's had the most trouble defending throughout his NFL career. He said the schemes created by McDaniels and the 34-year-old's success with Tom Brady and Matt Cassel made the hire an easy choice.

"I just did a little study of the toughest schemes, the people that gave us problems in defending, and it led me directly to Josh," Spagnuolo said. "I think his record as an offensive coordinator speaks for itself. I think his work with quarterbacks is well documented and I think he's going to be a great fit for the Rams going forward."

Spagnuolo was Giants defensive coordinator when they upset the unbeaten Patriots, with McDaniels as offensive coordinator, in the Super Bowl after the 2007 season.

"I love coaching football. I definitely wanted to get back in."

Josh McDaniels
Rams offensive coordinator

MLB

Twins and Pavano agree to two-year deal

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The mustache isn't going anywhere.

Carl Pavano and the Twins agreed on a \$16.5 million, two-year contract Wednesday night, ensuring the popular right-hander who made the 'stache cool again in Minnesota will be back to provide stability to the team's rotation.

Pavano had several offers on the table and surprisingly considered a return to the New York Yankees before ultimately deciding to stay with the club that helped the 35-year-old have a career resurgence in 2010.

"I'm excited," Pavano said on a conference call. "When you go through free agency, there's a lot of big decisions that you have. Obviously I couldn't walk away from the rapport I have with my teammates, the staff and the organization."

Pavano went 17-11 with a 3.75 ERA and seven complete games last season to help the Twins win the AL Central title. More impressive for him, he pitched 221 innings, the second-highest total in what had been an injury-plagued career.

"He was in demand," Twins general manager Bill Smith said. "I know he had a lot of teams that called him. The best thing we both had going for us is he kept saying that he wanted to come back to the Twins and we kept saying that he was the one guy we really wanted to get."

Pavano came to Minnesota in a 2009 trade with Cleveland

and has been reinvigorated after four tough seasons with the Yankees. Injuries caused him to miss the entire 2006 season and much of three others, and he made only 26 starts for New York.

He was lampooned in the city tabloids as being fragile and couldn't wait to leave after 2008. Despite all the acrimony, Pavano said he has always kept in contact with Yankees GM Brian Cashman and still holds him in high regard.

"It shows a lot that he was going to stick his neck out there for me if something was going to work out," Pavano said of the possibility of returning.

He'll once again join a Twins rotation that includes Francisco Liriano and Scott Baker, with Brian Duensing, Nick Blackburn and Kevin Slowey likely competing for the final two spots. On a team with so many young starters, getting the veteran Pavano back was essential.

"Carl Pavano has been a leader on that staff since we acquired him in August of 2009," Smith said. "We can't say enough good things about what he has brought to us."

The Yankees swept the Twins out of the first round of the playoffs in 2010, but Pavano ultimately decided on coming back to Target Field for another run. Veteran slugger Jim Thome was one of the biggest advocates for the Twins after he re-signed, bombarding Pavano with text messages beckoning him back to Minnesota.



AP
Carl Pavano delivers a pitch in Cleveland. He will be back with the Twins in 2011 after agreeing to a new two-year deal.

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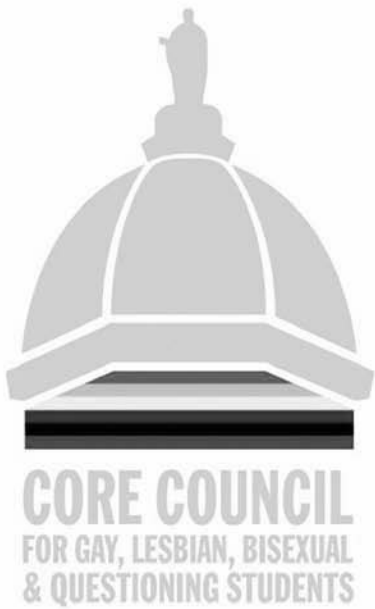
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NBA

Nets owner will not pursue Anthony deal

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The megadeal to bring Carmelo Anthony to the New Jersey Nets is dead.

Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov told the team to end trade talks with the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday, saying he was unhappy with how it played out in public, that it took too long, got too expensive and cost the team games.

The Russian billionaire also canceled a planned meeting with Anthony on Thursday and said there was no chance — that's a big nyet — that the trade would be resurrected.

"There comes a time when the price is simply too expensive," Prokhorov said in a news conference before the Nets' game against Utah. "I have instructed our team to walk away from the deal."

Previously, New Jersey had offered to ship six players and at least two first-round draft picks to Denver in a three-team deal that would have sent Anthony to the Nets along with former Pistons teammates Chauncey Billups and Richard Hamilton.

Prokhorov decided Tuesday to end talks with the Nuggets, and general manager Billy King said he informed them via a text message as Prokhorov was speaking on Wednesday.

"Really I am not happy with the way this deal has gone until now," Prokhorov said. "It has taken too long ... and I believe it has cost us several games."

The Nets have lost six straight, including all four on a just-completed West Coast road trip that ended in Oakland on Monday.

Prokhorov said the Nets received permission from Denver to talk with Anthony on Monday night, but he never spoke to the All-Star forward.

"There comes a time when the price is simply too expensive."

Mikhail Prokhorov
Nets owner

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Michigan faces rival Michigan State in Detroit, Mich. before traveling to Miami and hosting Ohio State and Western Michigan. The Wolverines are led by sophomore defenseman Lee Moffie, a two-way player who anchors a stout defense and pushes forward in the transition game to help create break-away opportunities.

No. 12 Miami of Ohio (13-8-3/10-6-2-1 CCHA), 33 points.

Despite sitting five points behind Notre Dame, the traditional RedHawk powerhouse is in firm control of its destiny, with six consecutive games against the three ranked CCHA teams ahead after traveling to Michigan State. If the RedHawks can find a way to sweep the Irish and Wolverines, Miami will earn the league title, barring any slip-ups against Western Michigan or Lake Superior. The RedHawks split an earlier series at home with the Irish and have yet to face Michigan this year, whom they will face in the friendly confines of Goggin Ice Arena.

Ferris State (11-10-4/8-8-3-2 CCHA), 29 points.

Though the Bulldogs fall outside the league's clearly established top-three teams, their upcoming schedule gives them an opportunity to quickly ascend the rankings if the league leaders beat up

on each other during the tail end of the conference slate. Ferris State's toughest remaining games will be when they host the Irish in mid-February. If the Bulldogs can pull off an upset or two and avoid tripping up on a road trip to Northern Michigan, Alaska or Ohio State, they may find themselves near the top of the league standings with just a little bit of help.

Even though Western Michigan is ranked in the top-25 in the country, they currently sit sixth in the conference behind Alaska with only 26 points. The Broncos (12-6-6/6-5-5-3 CCHA) have been hurt by a mediocre conference performance and will almost certainly not be in the

running for the league title. Ohio State, Northern Michigan, Lake Superior, Michigan State and Bowling Green round out the rest of the league and will not threaten the Irish or any of the other teams contending for the CCHA

crown.

One thing is sure, however — the final weeks of the season promise to be competitive and pressure-filled, a test for which the freshman-laden Irish squad will have to prepare.

"You could have any one of eight teams, nine teams, potentially finish in the top four or five in the standings," Jackson said. "It's that close, and I think it'll be that close right to the final game."

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Matchups

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Other top-20 finishers for the Irish were sophomore Lian Osier (9th, sabre), sophomore Jason Choy (14th, sabre), senior Hayley Reese (18th, foil) and senior Steve Kubik (19th, foil).

Overall Farr said he was pleased with what he saw in Dallas, but stressed that the

Irish still have improvements to make before the end of season tournaments.

"We had a lot of good finishes and saw that there is a lot of room to work on, and now we have a good foundation for the rest of the season," Farr said.

With the a few exceptions, Farr said that most of the competitors at Dallas will go on to represent the Irish at the NCAA championships. He said he sees the results from Dallas as an encouraging sign of things to

come.

"We are comparable to the rest of the really good schools out there and will be competitive," Farr said. "There are a lot of good things out here and nothing too big to work on, individual technique, but overall the kids looked great."

Both the men and women fencers will next compete at the NYU Duels Friday.

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NHL

Stafford to miss time with injury

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Drew Stafford is expected to miss two games with a mild groin injury, leaving the Buffalo Sabres down yet another top-line forward in their bid to climb back into playoff contention.

Coach Lindy Ruff listed Stafford as day to day Wednesday, a day after he was hurt in a 2-1 overtime win over Montreal. Stafford played only two shifts before leaving in the first period.

The initial prognosis was good news of sorts for Ruff. His team, after all, is already minus center Derek Roy, who will miss the rest of the season after tearing his left quadriceps tendon last month.

"It is a relief," Ruff said. "He's walking fine and his strength is pretty good. So, all that bodes well for coming back quickly."

Ruff called it doubtful that Stafford will play at Boston on Thursday or the following day, when the Sabres host the New York Islanders. There's a possibility Stafford could return for Buffalo's game at Long Island on Sunday.

Stafford has been one of the



Drew Stafford attempts a shot against Montreal earlier this season. The forward will miss two games after suffering a groin injury.

Sabres top scoring threats in helping the team go on a 6-2-1 run in its past nine. He ranks second on the team with 15 goals, and has scored five — including two game-winners — in the past eight games.

The win over Montreal allowed the Sabres to even their overall record at 20-20-5 and also even their home record at 11-11-1, a significant turnaround for a team that opened the season going 0-6-1 at Buffalo.

With 45 points, the Sabres, entering Wednesday's action, were tied with Florida for 10th place in the Eastern Conference standings, and eight points behind Atlanta for

the eighth and final playoff spot.

But as good as the run has been, offense remains a question mark for Buffalo. With 123 goals, the Sabres rank 20th in the NHL.

Though Roy was hurt on Dec. 23, his 35 points (10 goals, 25 assists) had led the team until Thomas Vanek took over top spot with two assists against the Canadiens. He has 37 points (17 goals, 20 assists).

Stafford's injury led to more line-juggling in practice. Ruff had Jochen Hecht centering Vanek and Jason Pominville on the team's top line, followed by Tim Connolly centering Tyler Ennis and Cody McCormick.

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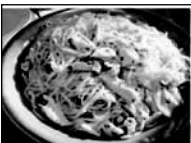
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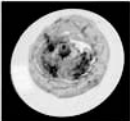
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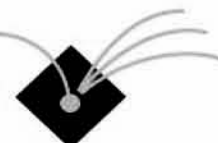
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NFL

Celtics victorious in Garnett's second game back

Pierce scores 22, O'Neal records double-double in win; Anthony scores 35 in win

Associated Press

BOSTON — For Kevin Garnett, returning from an injury is all about getting back the rhythm he has developed with his Boston teammates.

"It's like being at a party, and the record skips, and you've got to get back on beat," he said after helping the Celtics erase an eight-point, fourth-quarter deficit and beat the Detroit Pistons 86-82 on Wednesday night. "So, you know, the record skipped a bit. But I'm at the party; I've just got to find that groove again."

"For y'all who can't dance, don't take it personally."

Paul Pierce scored 22 points and Ray Allen hit a jumper with 25 seconds left to give the Celtics their first lead of the second half. Shaquille O'Neal had 12 points and 12 rebounds, and Garnett added 11 points and six boards in his second game back after missing nine with a leg injury.

Allen finished with a season-low seven points on 2-for-8 shooting, missing all four of his 3-point attempts. But the Celtics called a play for him out of a timeout and he caught the pass off a screen, turned and (with his foot on the 3-point line) hit the open jumper.

"I wasn't shooting the ball particularly well," said Allen, who needs 28 more 3-pointers to tie Reggie Miller atop the NBA's career list. "I didn't really think I had a great rhythm. But I always feel like the next shot is going to go in, so I was

never worried about it."

It was the fourth straight victory for the Celtics.

Rodney Stuckey scored 15 points and Greg Monroe had 13 points and nine rebounds for the Pistons, who led by eight with 8 minutes left but did not score over the game's last 2:43.

"We competed with the best team in the East, and one of the better teams in this league, on their home court," Pistons guard Tracy McGrady said. "If we can give this type of effort night-in and night-out, we're going to give ourselves a chance. We just have to learn how to close out games and to execute down the stretch."

The Pistons had won three in a row after coach John Kuester shook up his lineup, benching Richard Hamilton and inserting Monroe at center and McGrady at point guard. It was the longest winning streak of the season for Detroit, which opened with an 11-26 record.

The Pistons led by eight on Ben Gordon's 3-pointer, but the Celtics made three straight baskets before Chris Wilcox hit one free throw to make it 76-73 with 5:23 left. Rajon Rondo took a jumper near the top of the key, and O'Neal tipped the rebound off the backboard before grabbing it and laying it in; McGrady swiped at him, and the free throw made it 76-78.

It was a two-point game with 3:02 left when O'Neal missed two free throws, and Detroit made it 82-78 on Monroe's reverse layup. But Garnett scored inside, and then Pierce



Celtics guard Rajon Rondo lands in the stands trying to save a loose ball during Boston's 86-82 win over Detroit Wednesday night.

made a jumper in the lane.

After McGrady missed, Garnett missed a long jumper but Rondo got the rebound and called timeout. The Celtics ran Allen off a screen to get him open near the 3-point line on the right side and he sank the basket; it was initially ruled a 3-pointer, but replays showed his right foot was on the line, making the score 84-82.

Stuckey missed a leaner in the lane, and Garnett grabbed

the rebound, then hit one of two foul shots. Gordon drove and missed a layup over Glen "Big Baby" Davis' outstretched arms.

Nuggets 112, Thunder 107

Carmelo Anthony sees the New Jersey Nets' pullout of trade talks as a speed bump on his way out of the Mile High City and not necessarily a detour.

The Denver Nuggets All-Star forward said Wednesday night that he still thinks he'll be traded by the Feb. 24 deadline and that he doesn't foresee himself going to a contender simply as a rent-a-player for the final two months of the season.

He also demurred when asked after the Nuggets' 112-107 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder if he still felt staying in Denver long-term was a possibility.

"I'm not answering any more questions about an extension,

about being traded," he said. "I'm focused on being here right now. Until anything happens, you guys will see me upstairs in practice, playing hard, doing what I got to do, focusing."

"And, then, when anything happens, all you guys will have a big story to write about."

Anthony scored 35 points, hours after Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov announced he would no longer pursue the All-Star forward in a megadeal that had been the buzz of the NBA for weeks.

After the game, Anthony told the team's TV network while being both cheered and jeered: "It was personal. ... In spite of everything that is going on, I'm still here. ... I'm still a Denver Nugget."

Despite his dominating performance, Anthony said there was no weight lifted from his shoulders in light of Prokhorov's pulling the plug.

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Mavericks top defending champion Lakers

Associated Press

DALLAS — When his top players are healthy, Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle has the luxury of bringing off the bench Jason Terry and Shawn Marion, a pair of longtime starters capable of scoring 20 points any night.

Dallas, however, hasn't been anywhere near healthy the last few weeks. So Carlisle has been starting one, the other or both. And the Mavs were losing — badly.

Terry and Marion returned to their roles as super subs on Wednesday night, each scoring 22 points to lift Dallas past the Los Angeles Lakers 109-100, ending an ugly six-game losing streak.

Jason Kidd snapped out of an awful stretch of his own, scoring a season-high 21 points to help the Mavericks end their worst losing streak in a decade.

"We know what we are capable of doing night in and night out, but we have to bring it," Terry said. "Early on in the season we all bought into the system and all bought into our collective roles. Of late we've had some inconsistency and people going in and out of the lineup, but now we are going to be able to see what we have again once we are consistent with our lineup again."

Dallas was riding high at 24-5 a few weeks ago. Then Dirk Nowitzki hurt a knee, Caron Butler was lost for the season and everything cratered. The Mavs went in a 2-9 funk that dropped them from the second-best record in the Western Conference to sixth-best if they'd lost this game. They'd lost each of their last five games by at least 10 points, their worst such stretch since their Mav-wrecks days in the mid-1990s.

They were ripe for another defeat Wednesday, down by 11 in the first half and still trailing by eight midway through the third quarter. Then, everything changed.

The defense got stop after stop, and they could do no wrong on offense. Kidd scored 13 points in the third quarter

alone (his most points in any game this season had been 16) and Dallas had roared back so much it went into the final period leading by nine.

"We needed this one," Marion said.

Kobe Bryant tried getting the Lakers going all by himself, but couldn't do it. Terry and Marion kept the Mavericks up by at least seven points the entire fourth quarter, sending Los Angeles to just its second loss in 10 games.

"We were making mistakes all night on defense, because offensively things were going well for us," Bryant said. "It was one of those games that was fool's gold. We were playing well offensively and got a lead, but we were making mistakes defensively."

Pau Gasol scored 23 points, but took only four shots in the second half. Bryant had 21 points and 10 assists, and Lamar Odom had 20 points and 10 rebounds.

During the game-changing third quarter, Los Angeles scored only 17 points. The Lakers also turned the ball over seven times, from Andrew Bynum getting caught twice spending more than three seconds in the lane to Bryant throwing a pass that Gasol never saw coming.

"They got us on our heels," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said.

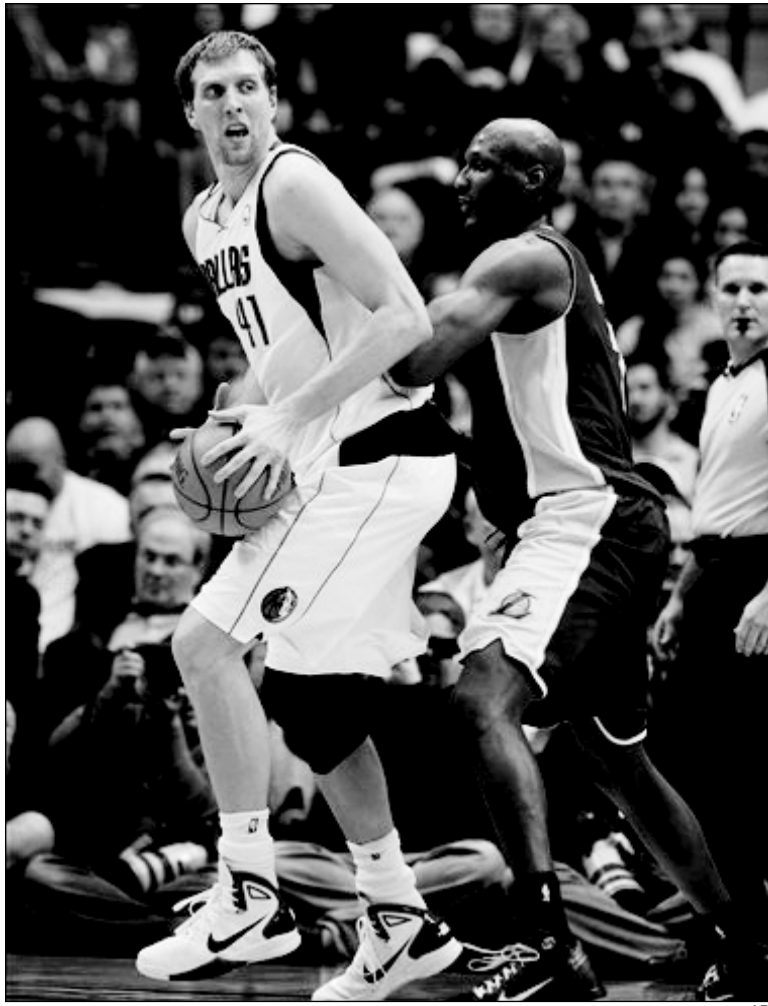
But who could've expected the Mavs to make a season-high 55 percent of their shots? Especially after they missed their first seven 3-pointers.

Dallas had a lot of things go wrong early, from newcomer Sasha Pavlovic possibly rebreaking his nose on the game's opening play to Tyson Chandler vomiting and spending much of the first half in the locker room.

Nowitzki is still regaining his stride. In just his third game back, he was 5 of 15 for 14 points.

The biggest surprise was Kidd. After missing 13 of his last 14 shots, and 12 of his last 13 3-pointers, he made 8 of 12, and 5 of 8 behind the arc. He also had 10 assists.

Another surprise was Pavlovic.



AP
Dirk Nowitzki backs down on Lamar Odom during the 109-100 Dallas win Wednesday night. Nowitzki scored 14 points in the contest.

He moved into the starting lineup to help put Terry and Marion on the bench. That's unusual considering he was on the last day of a 10-day contract, and he just broke his nose in the previous game.

He was in no hurry to get it X-rayed to find out the latest damage. At least he got one bit of good news after the game: another 10-day contract.

NOTES: Bynum banged his

elbow, but stayed in the game. Jackson said it would be examined, but he expected it to be OK. ... Gasol went over 13,000 career points. ... Jackson and Mavs owner Mark Cuban played nice, with neither doing much to raise the stakes in their verbal sparring. Cuban said he enjoys the back-and-forth. ... The Mavericks got off to a strange start. In the first quarter, they were 8 of 11 on 2-

Brey

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attempts. "You're going to get your butt beat sometimes, but when you come back at home, you especially have to be able to regroup and get your team back together. That's what we did tonight."

Notre Dame led 33-19 at the half and extended that lead to 17 points midway through the second half. Cincinnati trailed 57-44 with 2 ½ minutes to play before an 8-0 Bearcats run that included 3s by Larry Davis and Dion Dixon and a pair of Irish turnovers.

That cut the Irish lead to 57-52 with 1:18 to play, but Hansbrough drew fouls on consecutive possessions and made all four free throws, helping Notre Dame to a 61-53 lead with 45 seconds to play. Freshman guard Eric Atkins (11 points) and senior forward Tim Abromaitis (12 points) each made a pair of free throws, and Hansbrough made one of two, to finish off the Bearcats.

Notre Dame next turns its attention to Saturday's home game against Marquette, which beat the Irish 79-57 in Milwaukee on Jan. 10.

"I think the focus is going to be on a group that really thumped us not too long ago and I'm sure they will be coming after us again," Brey said. "[Marquette] played the best defense against us all year with St. John's a close second. They're going to come in ready to harass us."

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points and eight rebounds. It was Murphy's 12th game this season scoring in double-figures.

Henley said she was happy with her team's overall performance in the second half.

"In the second half, we did a better job of playing defense and limiting turnovers," Henley said. "We were able to get out and run and attack their [zone] defense. Our defense really did a much better job."

The Belles will try to use the momentum from this win to continue at home when they face Kalamazoo tonight. The Hornets are the last team Saint Mary's will face in their first round of MIAA games, and they are looking to close out this opening segment of play on a strong note.

"We're really putting the focus back on us in terms of preparing [for Kalamazoo]," Henley said. "We're focusing on us in terms of defensively playing as a team and protecting the paint. We need to not let teams come in and score very easily, and cut down on mistakes and turnovers in the transition game. We're at the point where we're really shifting the focus on us and our defense."

The Hornets will play at Saint Mary's tonight at 7:30 p.m.

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Fuentes agrees to two-year deal with Athletics

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics have all kinds of options in the bullpen — and they like it that way.

The A's added another proven arm to their already deep corps of relievers Wednesday, finalizing a \$10.5 million, two-year contract with free-agent lefty Brian Fuentes.

"We're excited about the depth and versatility of the bullpen. Not only do we have more options than we've ever had, we have multiple guys who can pitch late in games," assistant general manager David Forst said.

The sides agreed to the deal last weekend and completed it after Fuentes passed a physical. The incentive-laden contract includes a \$6.5 million club option for 2013.

The 35-year-old Fuentes, who grew up in the Central Valley town of Merced where he still lives, was 4-1 with 24 saves and a 2.81 ERA in 48 appearances and 48 innings with the Los Angeles Angels and Minnesota Twins last year. He is slated to be a setup man for manager Bob Geren with Oakland going to 2009 AL Rookie of the Year Andrew Bailey as closer.

"I was told that he's the closer. There's no competition in my mind," Fuentes said.

"He's done a tremendous job. I've gotten to watch him from afar. He's electric, man. When he's healthy, he's really, really good."

Forst, Geren and general manager Billy Beane drove to Merced last week to court Fuentes, taking him to the top Mexican restaurant in town.

Fuentes will earn \$5 million this season and again in 2012. The A's must decide within five days of the finish of the 2012 World Series whether to exercise his 2013 option or pay him a \$500,000 buyout.

Fuentes also can earn performance bonuses with an additional \$100,000 each for 30, 40, 45 and 50 games finished and \$250,000 each for 55 and 60 games finished.

If traded, Fuentes would receive a \$200,000 bonus.

"It's a very young, talented group," Fuentes said of Oakland's staff.

"Coming into a staff that was already set up pretty well, to come in and make it a little bit stronger is a win-win situation. ... It's never a bad problem to have not knowing who to go to in games. It'll be a force to be reckoned with."

Fuentes became the second bullpen addition in two days. Oakland added right-handed reliever Grant Balfour on Tuesday when he finalized an \$8.1 million, two-year deal.

On Saturday, the A's agreed to terms with righty submariner Brad Ziegler on a

"We're excited about the depth and versatility of the bullpen."

David Forst
Athletics Assistant G.M.



Brian Fuentes delivers a pitch for the Angels last season. The left-handed pitcher will play for division rival Oakland Athletics in 2011.

\$1.25 million, one-year contract to salary arbitration.

On paper, Oakland seems to have one of the top pitching staffs in the American League.

Fuentes is happy to be pitching near his hometown and part of a talented staff.

"I can't get any closer than Oakland. It was a good fit overall," Fuentes said. "That was actually my team growing up, it's funny. ... I was a big Dave Stewart fan and that bulldog personality of his."

Right-hander Rich Harden is returning to the A's and could compete for the fifth starter job after years of injury troubles — though there are several talented candidates for the last rotation spot that will be decided once spring training begins next month.

The A's led the AL in ERA (3.56) and shutouts (17) while holding opponents to a .245 batting average last year, when they remained in the playoff chase until late September before finishing

second in the AL West to the eventual AL champion Texas Rangers.

The most memorable pitching highlight was left-hander Dallas Braden's perfect game against Tampa Bay on May 9, the first by an A's pitcher since Hall of Famer Catfish Hunter did it in 1968.

Along with Braden, Oakland has experienced starters in Brett Anderson, Trevor Cahill and Gio Gonzalez.

The AL West runners-up also upgraded an offense that hit just

109 homers and scored 663 runs last season, their second fewest in the last 28 non-strike seasons. The A's added middle-of-the order hitters Hideki Matsui, Josh Willingham and David DeJesus.


"We definitely have an opportunity. The pieces are in place. I see a lot of San Francisco in this team," Fuentes said of the improbable World Series champion Giants across the bay.

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1 "Caro nome," for one

5 Gov. Faubus in Arkansas history

10 Black

14 Bryn ____

15 Unsuspecting

16 Second to ____

17 "I don't know yet"

20 Comment put in by Putin, perhaps

21 Ballet headliners

22 Decide to take, with "for"

24 *1968 #2 hit heard in "Easy Rider"

27 Grp. at home on the range?

28 To ____ (just so)

29 English fashionista Bartley

33 Air or ami precedent

34 Biblical verb with "thou"

36 Aligns

37 "Yo te ____"

38 Ill-fated ... or a hint for answering the six starred clues

40 Hit Jerry Bruckheimer TV drama

41 Scorch

43 Boozer

44 Spoutage maker

45 Apples

47 They may be boxed

49 Over there

50 *1924 Isham Jones/Gus Kahn song

52 Interview part: Abbr.

53 Hollywood's Anderson and Reed

56 Diamond on a record player

58 "No way!"

Down

1 Tsp. or tbsp.

2 When repeated, excited

3 "Memorable movie quote of 1932

4 Like many a gallerygoer

5 Length in years of a lenient sentence, maybe

6 Head of the Egyptian god Amun

7 Through

8 Arthur Miller play " ____ From the Bridge"

9 Soup variety

10 Person with special access

11 Good name for someone born on Dec. 25

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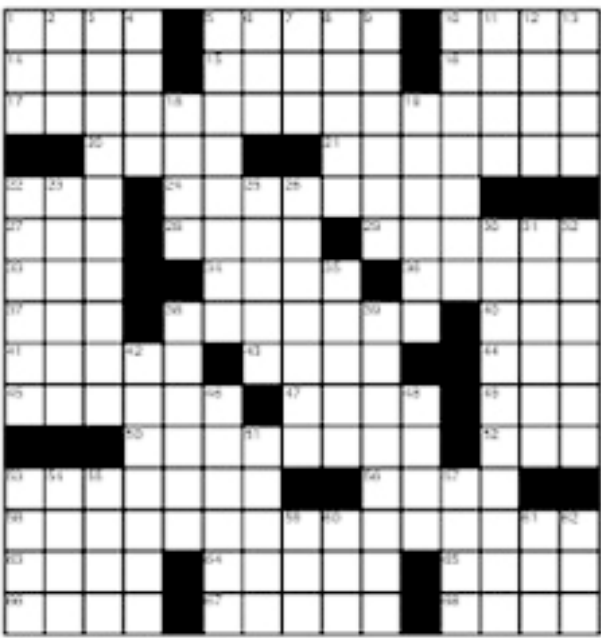
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Puzzle by Charles Gable

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26 Snug, as in bed

30 "Like someone who's had a narrow escape

31 Wound

32 Chinese, e.g.

35 Sweet wine of Hungary

38 Irk

39 Certain English poetry scholar

42 Feels a loss

46 Hirsute

48 Took to court

51 "That's ____ subject"

53 Fire starter?

54 Follower of Juliet

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57 Favorite

59 ____ Maria

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't take chances if they might create a negative influence on your personal or professional status. If you are too vocal, you will limit the possibilities. Keen perception and diplomacy will be required. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Talks will lead to decisions that will allow you to move ahead. Do not let anyone upset your plans. Change is your friend, not the enemy, so embrace what comes your way and make it work for you. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Focus on your future and on stretching your money. If whatever you are spending your money on is not going to help you earn more, don't do it. Prudence will make you feel better, spending on frivolous items will not. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you feel you cannot accomplish something on your own, get some help. A partnership can make all the difference. Compromise may be required but will be worth your while. Now is a good time to implement the changes you've been talking about. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You don't need to have a meltdown to get others to listen. Put your plan together and present it with dignity and diplomacy. Anger will only cause you to overlook something or someone important to your future. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The effort you put into your home will pay off. Socializing more will bring you in contact with someone who can help you make positive changes to your future. Be a participant instead of a spectator. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): There will be plenty of turmoil going on around you and it's important to be the friendly observer who can bring peace and order to the chaos. Focus on your own creative endeavors while you oversee what everyone around you is doing. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get back to basics. Once you get rid of any unnecessary items and chores, you will have more time to spend on what really can make a difference in your life. It's your life, so take control and do what's best for you. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Go at your own pace financially, emotionally and physically if you want to get to the finish line. Love is in the stars but you have to be honest about whether or not you are able to give what's required to make it work. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You've got the right attitude and you can make a difference. Try to be upfront about what you expect from others and what you are willing to give back. An unusual change will come as a surprise. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Slow down. Acting in haste will cause more harm than good. It's better to work as a team player and be included. Make the right choice and love will flourish; making the wrong one will alienate you from those you care about most. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may think you have all the answers but when faced with pressure or even a little forceful action, you will be second-guessing some of the decisions you've made in the past. Concentrate more on personal changes and with whom you can connect socially. ★★★★★

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

At home, on track

Scott returns, helps Notre Dame snap a two-game skid with win over Cincinnati



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Freshman point guard Eric Atkins looks to drive on a Cincinnati defender during the 66-58 Irish victory Wednesday night at Purcell Pavilion. Atkins scored 11 points and added five assists in the winning effort.

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

The return of senior forward Carleton Scott from a hamstring injury helped lift No. 16 Notre Dame to a much-needed victory Wednesday, as the Irish snapped a two-game skid by beating No. 25 Cincinnati, 66-58, at the Purcell Pavilion.

Scott, who had missed the previous four games for Notre Dame (15-4, 4-3 Big East), came off the bench to a chorus of cheers with 14:30 to play in the first half. He promptly made a 3-pointer that sparked a 10-0 run to give the Irish a 16-6 lead, which they never relinquished.

"[Scott] came off the bench and gave everyone a lift," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "He was a key for us tonight. Just his presence on the court as a leader and a voice really

helped the rest of his teammates."

Scott finished with six points in 15 minutes. Seniors Tyrone Nash and Ben Hansbrough each scored 13 points to lead a balanced Notre Dame attack that saw all five starters score in double figures.

The Irish shot 45.5 percent from the field and 50 percent (7-for-14) from beyond the arc after shooting less than 20 percent in road losses to

Marquette and St. John's last week. The free-throw line was also friendly to Notre Dame, as the Irish made 19 of their 24 free throws while allowing the Bearcats (16-3, 3-3) only eight free-throw attempts.

"We understand what it takes to win in this league," said Hansbrough, who struggled from the field (1-for-8) but made 11 of 12 free throw

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SMC BASKETBALL

Ronan's 22 lead Belles to victory

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

Junior guard Maggie Ronan dropped a career-high 23 points Tuesday night to help Saint Mary's grab a 74-53 conference win over Trine.

The Belles (11-5) took a 37-25 lead into halftime after outscoring Trine (4-11) 24-11 over the final six and a half minutes of the first half. The Thunder did not come within more than 12 points of the lead for the remainder of the contest.

Ronan, who averages 11.4 points per game, was nine-for-nine from the free throw line, and was able to find the gaps in Trine's defense to create scoring opportunities. She also hit seven of 14 shots from the floor. Belles' coach Jenn Henley said she was pleased with Ronan's performance.

"Maggie did a good job attacking the defense and getting hit on the offensive drive," Henley said. "She was perfect from the foul line."

As a team, the Belles hit 22 of 24 free throws, and were efficient in their scoring, not attempting a single three-point shot.

Junior forward Jessica Centa added 14 points in the win, and junior forward Kelley Murphy chipped in 13

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FENCING

DeSmet and Hurley earn medals at tourney

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The Lone-Star State was kind to the Irish over break, as the fencing squad traveled south to post their own Texas-sized accomplishment.

Junior Courtney Hurley and freshman Ariel DeSmet both earned medals at the tournament. In total, 21 Irish fencers competed in the Dallas North American Cup with 10 of the fencers notching top 20 finishes.

Courtney Hurley faced a formidable opponent in the finals of the Division 1 women's epee competition — her older sister and former Irish fencer Kelley Hurley. Courtney fell to Kelley in the match 15-11, earning second place for the tournament.

Freshman Ariel DeSmet impressed coaches with his third place finish in the men's Division 1 foil competition.

"Ariel was great all weekend," assistant coach Ian Farr said. "All the coaches were very happy to see that result from him."

Two other Irish fencers reached the medal round in Dallas. Senior Barron Nydam finished 7th in the saber event while Junior Enzo Castellani earned an eighth place finish in the foil.

Farr said that except for a few challenging matchups, two Irish fencers may have advanced further at Dallas. Junior foilist Reggie Bentley (18th) and senior saber Avery Zuck (11th) fell victim to difficult draws.

"Reggie was matched against someone who finished 5th in world championships, so if he doesn't fence him he probably gets in," Farr said. "Avery also had a tough draw against a fencer on the United States national team."

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HOCKEY

Irish atop CCHA standings

Eighth-ranked Notre Dame leads Michigan by a single point

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With only 10 conference matchups remaining, No. 8 Notre Dame finds itself atop the CCHA, clear of No. 6 Michigan by a single point. With an upcoming road trip to Ohio State and a crucial two-game series with No. 12 Miami (Ohio) looming after that, the Irish (15-8-3/12-5-1-1 CCHA) are locked in the heat of a tight homestretch battle for the league crown.

"You can't have a weekend where you just don't get points," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "You have to try to survive the road weekends."

Notre Dame also hosts Bowling Green and travels to Ferris State before closing the season with a home-and-home series against No. 17 Western Michigan. Jackson has been impressed by how tight each of the league games have been.



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Nick Larson chases the puck against Michigan State in a game played on November 20. The Irish won the game 4-2.

Below is a look at the three teams chasing the Irish in the CCHA race. Notre Dame currently has 38 points.

No. 6 Michigan (15-6-4/12-4-1-0 CCHA), 37 points.

The Wolverines find them-

selves just one point shy of the CCHA lead but face a daunting schedule that will force them to fight to keep pace with the Irish. Notably,

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