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Gates to speak at 2011 Commencement

Observer Staff Report

U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates will be the 2011 Commencement speaker, according to a University press release.

Gates will speak and receive an honorary degree at the University's 166th Commencement on May 22 at Notre Dame Stadium.

"The contributions Dr. Gates has made in service to our nation and to higher edu-

cation are many and significant," University President Fr. John Jenkins said in the press release. "I am so pleased that he has accepted our invitation and look forward to welcoming him to our campus. I am sure his perspectives on our nation and world



Gates

will be of considerable interest to Notre Dame's graduating Class of 2011."

Nominated by President George W. Bush, Gates became the 22nd secretary of defense in 2006. Under President Barack Obama, he became the only defense secretary asked to remain in his role under a newly-elected president.

After joining the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in 1966, he served as an intelligence professional for 27

years, including nine years at the National Security Council.

He served as director of the CIA from 1991 to 1993, which made him the only career officer in CIA history to rise to director after beginning at an entry-level position. Gates was also deputy director of the CIA from 1986 to 1989 and was assistant to the president and deputy national security adviser at the White House from 1989 to 1991.

Gates also has experience in higher education. He was

president of Texas A&M University for four years before becoming secretary of defense. From 1991 to 2001 he was interim dean of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M from 1999 to 2001.

Gates earned his bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary, his master's degree from Indiana University and his doctorate in Russian and Soviet history from Georgetown University.

Students March for Life in Washington

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Junior Veronica Stafford said the March for Life in Washington, D.C., represents the power of people coming together to show their support of one specific cause — in this case, the repeal of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court ruling on abortion.

Stafford, along with other Notre Dame students, made the trip to Washington, D.C., over the weekend to show support in the repeal of the ruling in the annual march that brings together groups from all over the nation.

Between 380 and 390 students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross attended the March held Monday, junior Kyle Clark said. Clark is the co-commissioner of the trip to the March For Life through Notre Dame's

Right to Life club (RTL).

"It would be easy to just talk about pro-life issues. It's altogether different to actually stand and walk outside in freezing temperatures for hours," he said. "The March is a way for all of us here at Notre Dame, particularly in RTL, to stand together and proudly stand up for the basic right to life that is guaranteed in our nation's founding documents but more importantly is a hallmark of our Catholic heritage."

In this sense, the March fits perfectly with Notre Dame and its mission, Clark said.

"As a Catholic institution, we have to stand up and expose the injustice of abortion, and there is no better way to do that than to travel and express that in the nation's capital," he said.

Stafford said groups at the March join together in praying

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Photo courtesy of Ashley Logsdon

Notre Dame students participating in the March for Life protest abortion law in Washington, D.C., on Monday.

Residents may face snow fine

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

A snow removal ordinance recently passed in of South Bend may penalize off-campus students who do not clear their sidewalks in front of their houses within 24 hours of snow accumulation.

Student body president Catherine Soler said the new ordinance reinforces a policy that was already in place in South Bend.

"It's been a long conversation in community meetings about people not shoveling their sidewalks, not just students but everyone," Soler said.

The new ordinance will impose a fine of \$15 to start and \$25 for noncompliance if a sidewalk is not cleared within 24 hours after snowfall, according to The South Bend Tribune.

Soler said student government believes off-campus students choose to be a part of the South Bend community and therefore assume all the responsibilities of a regular resident.

"We are members of the community," Soler said. "If we want to be respected in other ways we have to participate as a normal citizen would."

Although students will be responsible for their sidewalks while school is in session, student government is

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Rectors' pets call residence halls home



MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observer

Fisher Hall rector Fr. Rob Moss pets his basset hound Ellie. Ellie is one of the several pets residing in residence halls around campus.

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

Although animal-loving students may suffer when they leave pets behind and come to Notre Dame, residents of some dorms can still interact with the furry friends belonging to their rectors.

New rules instated in the last decade prohibited pets in residence halls, so pets already living with their rector owners in the dorms were "grandfathered in" as residents of their respective halls, Farley Hall rector Sr. Carrine Etheridge said.

Etheridge unexpectedly

became the owner of Farley, a Pekingese mix, about 10 years ago.

"Farley was a stray, and security brought her to my attention on a bitter, cold night in December," Etheridge said. "She would have frozen to death, but she's been living here ever since, and it's been a lot of fun having her."

For the past 10 years, residents of Fisher Hall have become accustomed to the mellow, friendly basset hound named Ellie, who belongs to Fisher Hall rector Fr. Rob Moss.

"She's kind of a fixture,"

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A GUEST SPEAKER AT ND??



Jack Heinrich

junior
Duncan

“Lou Holtz.”



Charley Berno

freshman
Fisher

“Warren Buffet
... if Michael
Neuberger is
booked.”



Melissa Coles

senior
Lewis

“The Pope,
because he’s an
awesome dude
we could learn
a lot from.”



Michael Neuberger

freshman
Fisher

“President
Obama.”



Annie Cragg

sophomore
Walsh

“Steve Martin,
he has some of
my favorite
tweets.”



Phil McAndrews

junior
O’Neil

“Wiquer
Burnz.”

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



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Senior Annie Scully (left) and sophomore Margaret Kennedy encourage students in front of South Dining Hall to attend Eucharistic Adoration in the CoMo chapel, MWF, and in the Lady Chapel of the Basilica on Fridays.

OFFBEAT

Chicago salesman fired for wearing Packers tie

OAK LAWN, Ill. – A car salesman in suburban Chicago has been fired for refusing to remove a Green Bay Packers tie that he wore to work the day after the Packers beat the Chicago Bears to advance to the Super Bowl.

John Stone says he wore the Packers tie to work Monday at Webb Chevrolet in Oak Lawn to honor his late grandmother, who was a big Green Bay fan. The sentimental gesture did not impress his boss, Jerry Roberts.

Roberts says the dealership has done promotions

involving the Bears and he was afraid the tie could alienate the team's fans and make it harder to sell cars.

Roberts adds that Stone was offered five chances to take off the tie but he refused.

Grand piano found on sandbar in Miami bay

MIAMI – A grand piano recently showed up on a sandbar in Miami's Biscayne Bay, about 200 yards from condominiums on the shore.

The piano, which weighs at least 650 pounds, was placed at the highest spot along the sandbar so it doesn't get underwater during high

tide.

While officials aren't sure how it got there, they know it won't be going anywhere unless it becomes a hazard to wildlife or boaters.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spokesman Jorge Pino says the agency is not responsible for moving such items. And, he adds, unless it becomes a navigational hazard, the U.S. Coast Guard won't get involved.

For now, the piano has become a fancy roost for seagulls.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Professor Gang Cao will be presenting a colloquium on the “Spin-Orbit Interaction Rediscovered in Transition Metal Oxides” today from 4-5:30 p.m. in 118 Nieuwland Science. Professor Cao is a physics professor at University of Kentucky - Lexington.

Melissa Delvecchio will give a lecture titled “On Campus with Robert A.M. Stern” today from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall. Delvecchio is a partner with Robert A.M. Stern Architects in New York. A reception will follow.

A photo exhibit and remarks on “The Spirit of Holy Cross: Celebrating a Saint” will be held today at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Building rotunda. This event is part of Holy Cross Week which goes from January 20-26.

The Social Concerns Fair will take place today from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Rooms B034 and B036 in Geddes Hall. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the local community, and find ways to get involved and make an impact.

“Women and War: In and Out of Uniform,” a panel discussion, will be held tomorrow from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall. This event is being Co-sponsored by ROTC Women, the Gender Relations Center, Women in International Security, Feminist Voice and Women in Politics.

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

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Student government launches new website

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

At Tuesday's meeting of the Council of Representatives (COR), student body president

Catherine Soler walked members through an overview of the new student government website.

Assembled by newly-appointed student union webmaster Frank Soler, the revamped site is intended to offer students easier access to more information on the projects being undertaken by the different groups within student government.

"Now it has more info about what they [the groups] are doing in student government instead of just contact info," Soler said.

The new site more clearly outlined the dates and times of student government events and meetings.

"We have a news feed that connects to our calendar. ... I think it would be great if [the COR representatives] could get all of our events together here rather than the individual group sites," she said. "We have our meeting schedule up, because all of our meetings are open to the public if people want to come."

In addition to keeping students

up to date on upcoming events, the site will provide students tangible examples of student government action in the form of resolutions and initiatives.

"We put a page on here for the beND campaign, just explaining some of the characteristics of our administrations and ways to get involved," Soler said. "We have our resolutions available to download on PDF."

The various Student Senate committees' progress will also be followed on the site.

"For each of the senate committees we have the chairperson's contact information but also what they've worked on and what they're working on now," she said.

Outside of student government-related activities and information, the new site will contain links to information about the surrounding community.

"We added different things like Transpo information and '365 Things to Do in South Bend,' which is a blog," Soler said.

Soler said the site must undergo evaluation by the Student Activities Office before being launched.

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Catherine Soler
student body president

Aquinas lecture analyzes atheism

By BRIDGET MEADE
News Writer

Fr. Robert Barron addressed atheism in his lecture on Tuesday evening as part of Saint Mary's 14th annual St. Thomas Aquinas Symposium.

Barron, a Notre Dame graduate and professor of systematic theology at Saint Mary's of the Lake, titled his lecture, "Thomas Aquinas and Why Atheists are Right."

"New atheists have emerged as strident critics of religion. I have found that more often than not I agree with them, for the God they deny is one that I would deny as well," he said.

Barron's address focused on the definition of truth and the perception of God in both believers and atheists alike.

Barron said atheists and Catholics define God in different ways. Atheists focus on what God is not rather than what God is. However, religions are often stigmatized in modern society.

Barron stressed the importance of a Catholic's ability to address and debate religion in a public setting.

Dr. Joe Incandela, the event's organizer and Joyce McMahon Hank Aquinas Chair in Catholic Theology, said the message of a deep and clear understanding of God's existence is both relevant and necessary on Saint Mary's

campus.

"Aquinas brings faith and reason together [in his beliefs]," Incandela said. "When we do that, we're participating in a theology that, in a sense, is being done through divine revelation."

The College is a place to discuss theology openly, he said.

"You can do theology in public, and it can be fun," Incandela said. "And I think that

Saint Mary's is a home for that theology."

Barron's renowned global media ministry ranges from YouTube to books to podcasts and DVDs, as well as the Eternal World Television Network (EWTN). As an award-winning author, he has been invited to speak across America and abroad, including the Pontifical North American College at the Vatican and the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

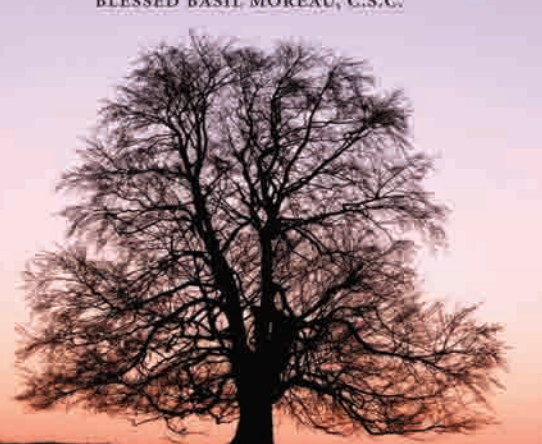
As stated by his website, wordonfire.org, his preaching has a straightforward and revolutionary mission: to evangelize the culture.

A crowd of about 150 gathered in the student center to hear Barron. The lecture was sponsored by Joyce McMahon Hank, a 1952 graduate of Saint Mary's and member of the College's Board of Trustees.

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March

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the Rosary, cheering and singing.

"RTL offers the opportunity for students to cooperate and march to prove through their actions that they value all human life, no matter how small," she said. "I love to see all of the groups on the March for Life interact, especially all of the university groups from across the country."

During the weekend of the annual March, Stafford said Washington, D.C., colleges hold open panels and discussions relating to issues of life.

"While exploring the city, several people came up to me and asked about my Notre Dame affiliation and commended me on participating," she said. "Even on the bus, the driver took time to thank us for supporting a cause that he believed worthwhile."

The March for Life has been held since 1974, and this year marked the 38th March, according to Clark.

"For the past two years we have been honored and grateful to have University President Fr. John Jenkins march with Notre Dame students," he said. "His commitment to the pro-life cause is, in my opinion, beyond reproach, and his presence demonstrates that."

Students attending the March had several options on transportation and lodging, Clark said. The longer trip option, which put students in Washington, D.C., from Friday to Tuesday, cost \$60, while the shorter, Sunday to Tuesday trip cost \$45.

"Chris [Stare, junior and co-commissioner] and I began organizing the March back in early October. It's a huge undertaking," he said. "... At times the organizational aspect of it could get to be quite a headache, but of course it is worth it in the end. We were fortunate this year to have been provided funding that allowed us to lower costs for students."

Junior Ashley Logsdon said this was her sixth time at the March for Life, which she has previously attended with her family.

"I think that the March for Life fits in perfectly with the standards that Notre Dame upholds as a Catholic institution — the witness of so many Notre Dame students, staff and faculty at the March for Life is truly amazing," she said. "I don't think anything less than this witness should be expected of such a great Catholic University."

A highlight for many attendees was the Mass celebrated by Fr. Jenkins and the other Holy Cross priests that traveled to the March at St. Agnes' Parish in Arlington, Va., Logsdon said.

"It was such a beautiful moment of solidarity as we prayed together as a community and prepared ourselves for the climax of our pilgrimage," she said.

Stafford said after Mass, the group traveled to Washington, D.C., by the Metro to the National Mall to listen to speakers.

"Once the March begins, everyone funnels slowly onto the street to march up to the Supreme Court building and the conclusion of the March," she said. "While I cannot attend every event offered, the general experience of the weekend makes me both proud to travel with so many other Notre Dame students and also to support my beliefs."

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Saint Mary's students celebrate College history

By ALICIA SMITH
Saint Mary's Associate Editor

As a continuation of the celebration of Heritage Week at Saint Mary's College, students met for tea in Riedinger House, the residence for official friends of the College who visit campus.

Tea was offered at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday. The event was restricted to 25 students per session, said Kara O'Leary, director of Alumnae Relations.

Students were provided with fresh fruit and cookies, as well as soft drinks, tea and water.

At the sessions, students had the opportunity to learn about Saint Mary's College history, particularly about the Alumnae Association and Riedinger House.

The event was part of Saint Mary's College Heritage Week, which celebrates the history and founding of the College.

O'Leary detailed the history of the creation of the Alumnae Association.

"During the early days of the Association, the alumnae worked closely with the sisters, and then every two years [came] to visit with old friends and to watch the progress of the current students," she said.

O'Leary said the Association was the oldest Catholic women's alumnae group in the United States. The group is the seventh oldest alumnae association for women's colleges in the United States.

The Alumnae Association began in June 1879 as a way for graduates of the College, then called Saint Mary's Academy, to reunite.

"The stated purpose was, 'to preserve the bond of affection existing between our alma mater and her children,'" O'Leary said.

Since that time, the Alumnae Association expanded and now includes more than 18,500 members

with 60 different clubs, O'Leary said.

O'Leary also said the Riedinger House played an interesting role in College history.

"The house was built in 1939, and it was the practice house for Home Economics majors," she said.

Students lived in the house for a semester to learn how to manage a budget, plan meals, buy food, cook, keep house and entertain guests, O'Leary said.

O'Leary said the house was named after Adaline Crowley Riedinger, the first alumna to have her daughter graduate from Saint Mary's College.

"The Riedinger family donated the major portion of the funds for the construction of the house," she said.

According to O'Leary, the interior of the house was designed on 7/8th scale in order to save money during construction. The house cost

around \$21,000 to build, with \$4,500 used for equipment such as the refrigerator, sewing machine and stove.

The house now houses official guests of the College when they visit campus.

Sophomore Meghan Feasel gave students a tour of the house.

Events continue throughout the week including the Heritage tour and tour of the convent at noon and 2 p.m. and Moreau Dinner held in the Nobel Family Dining Hall from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The Heritage Dinner will be held in Stapleton Lounge in Le Mans Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, and s'mores and a meet-and-greet with the Sisters of the Holy Cross will take place at 2 p.m. in the Lillie O'Grady Room Friday. Heritage week will conclude with the All School Formal on Saturday.

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Snow

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in the midst of figuring out how to help students over breaks, Soler said.

"We want to make sure that students who are away over break aren't penalized," Soler said. "Hopefully we can work out a system and provide volunteers."

Soler said the University hopes to create a volunteer system to help both off-campus students and those in the local community who are not able to shovel outside their homes. This project was still in planning stages, but Soler said Notre Dame and other local colleges want to set up a database of students willing to be contacted after snowfall in the area.

The various leasing companies around Notre Dame have different policies regarding shoveling. Mark Kramer, owner of Kramer Properties, said his policy is to shovel snow for students over breaks and after

the heaviest snowfalls, but his tenants are responsible for clearing their sidewalks after light snowfall.

"If it's just a light snow then it's in their lease that students will take care of that part themselves," Kramer said.

Senior Elise Gerspach leased her off-campus house through Kramer Properties. She said she agrees Kramer should be responsible for shoveling over breaks and the students should be accountable for their sidewalks while they are at school. However, some companies will shovel for their tenants after any amount of snowfall.

"It's definitely an annoyance especially considering our next-door neighbor's landlord did shovel for them last time it snowed," Gerspach said. "Their sidewalk was literally shoveled right up to the borderline between our houses."

One such landlord is Campus Housing, a leasing company managed by Campus Apartments. Property manager Sean

Conley said his company shovels for its residents throughout the winter.

"We make sure everything's cleaned for our students," Conley said. "We're constantly removing snow from sidewalks and if they have driveways then clearing the driveways."

Conley said Campus Houses takes pride in the fact that their maintenance staff and landscapers keep their sidewalks clean.

"We don't want to make it our students' responsibilities," Conley said. "We just want people to feel safe walking out their doors."

Driving on snowy roads is also a concern for many students. Gerspach said she would like to see the city become more efficient in their own removal of snow on the streets.

"Maybe if my car didn't slide out of control on my way to campus every time it snows I'd be more willing to shovel my sidewalk," Gerspach said.

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Pets

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Moss said. "She was my mother's dog, and I probably won't have another one in the future, but I don't think she's moving anywhere."

Fisher Hall residents christened Ellie as the dorm's unofficial mascot, and she often attracts crowds during dances and parties in the hall, Moss said.

"There's one chair in the main lobby that I let her sit on, so it's pretty much her throne," Moss said. "She's so friendly that she practically flirts with some students, and she puts up a little fuss if the assistant rectors don't pet her."

Ryan Hall rector Breyan Tornifolio has enjoyed the companionship of Ella, a cocker spaniel-springer spaniel mix, since she arrived at Notre Dame five years ago.

"Ella is a great companion to have," Tornifolio said. "The women like having her around, and it's nice having her there when I get back from a meeting or while I'm in my room."

Etheridge, Moss and Tornifolio

all said their dogs comfort homesick students and help them deal with difficult situations, such as the loss of a family member or illness.

"Farley is very sensitive and will sit by a girl who is in trouble or in need of help," Etheridge said. "She's particularly good with girls who have broken up with their boyfriends, but she's heard everything and she never breaks her confidence."

Similarly, Tornifolio said she encourages her residents to feel comfortable around Ella and to confide in her because she is "the best secret keeper there is."

Sr. Sue Dunn, who resides in Cavanaugh Hall, said her dog Leo is a substitute for Cavanaugh women who miss their own animals at home, she said.

"He came through when I had to break hard news to residents in the hall," she said.

In addition to supporting students through trying experiences, residence hall dogs often receive a great deal of attention and special treatment, including walks and treats from students.

This Christmas, Tornifolio said Ella even received a gift from one Ryan resident's mother. Moss also said one Fisher student carved a wooden picture frame for Ellie a few years ago, and Ellie often rides the elevator and goes on rounds with security guards.

Etheridge said the women of Farley enjoy dressing their dog in costumes for every occasion, including dances and football weekends, and Farley knows which students keep dog treats in their rooms.

"We put her in a black taffeta dress for dances, and she wears either a football jersey or cheer-leading costume to pep rallies, which people love to see," Etheridge said. "Once, we had a luau, so some girls made her a grass skirt and used walnuts instead of coconuts for her top. We have a lot of fun with her."

Although allergies to dogs present a point of concern, only Moss ran into issues with allergic students in the past, but this problem was resolved when the student moved from the first floor to an upper floor, and no problems have occurred since.

Despite the responsibilities of having a pet in a residence hall, the rectors unanimously agreed their pets make life in their halls more lively and interesting. Tornifolio said she "couldn't imagine Ryan Hall without a dog."

Other dog owners living on campus include Fr. Austin Collins, resident of Dillon Hall and owner of an Irish setter named Big Red.

"It's just fun having a dog," Etheridge said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The true* home run king

Forget Roger Maris, Mark McGwire or Barry Bonds. I am the true single-season home run king. Maris swatted a paltry 61 long balls in 1961, McGwire hit an insignificant 70 in 1998 and Bonds tallied a lackluster 73 in 2001. In the summer of 1998, at the age of seven years old, I belted an inspiring 140 big flies.

Michael Todisco

*Sports
Production
Editor*

Each day my dad would return from work, I would drag him to the back yard with a bucket full of tennis balls. With the picket fence in my backyard standing maybe 100 feet from the improvised home plate, I would take aim for the neighbor's house in the distance with each cut of the bat. That summer, as America was infatuated with McGwire and Sosa's home run chase, I quietly etched my name into baseball's record books, a true dark horse, obliterating one of the most hallowed marks.

Clearly this logic is asinine. My "record" was achieved hitting tennis balls with an aluminum bat, pitches topping out at maybe 25 miles per hour, and a generous umpire on fair or foul calls (thanks, Dad). Bond's record (although it may have an asterisk of its own) was achieved facing formidable fastballs and behemoth ballpark fences.

Comparing what I did to the legends of the long knocks is unfair to both sides. Each record was accomplished against different competition and should be celebrated separately; Bonds has Cooperstown, while my record is inscribed on the back of a Christmas ornament, proudly displayed each December.

If only the national media could have seen the fallacy in such an argument over winter break when the UConn women's basketball team won their 89th consecutive game. ESPN touted the accomplishment as breaking the streak set in 1974 by UCLA.

But the sports are completely different; different strategies, styles of play, ball-size and three-point lines. Men's and women's basketball are distinctly separate, and the records should be viewed as such.

Am I being chauvinistic? Not one bit. This is not about men and women; it's about respecting the history of different sports and levels of play. Heisman Trophies are not compared to NFL MVP awards. Those accomplishments lie strictly within the confines of their leagues. As a nation we don't see the need to compare Tom Brady and Cam Newton (speaking of asterisks, cough cough). Heisman Trophy winners and MVP's are celebrated separately.

So was what I did as a seven year old more impressive than Barry Bonds 2001 season? Is the current UConn women's team better than the 1974 UCLA men's team? While one of the preceding answers is blatantly more obvious, there is no need to even engage in debate.

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The environmentally unconscious one; or, Why I love America

This past weekend I attended the Notre Dame Film Festival. It proceeded pretty much as you'd expect — couple great ones (big ups to the Westboro Baptist Church documentary), lotta decent ones, a clunker or two. There was one movie about garbage in America that followed a group called "Pick Up America," a bunch of people whose idea of a good time is picking up trash by the side of the road and measuring it. They marshaled some impressively apocalyptic statistics about how there are a trillion kabilion pieces of plastic in the ocean that will be around for hundreds of thousands of years and 100 pounds of trash on the side of any ordinary road.

Brooks Smith

*Humanity's
Bro*

Personally, I didn't much care for these eco-Nazis, nor their Goebbels-meets-Riefenstahl approach to youth indoctrination. The comparison to the Nazis works on more than one level: that documentary was an atrocity. A well-meaning, hectoring, sermonizing, passive-aggressive bomb (and not in the sense of explosive power, either), it proved what anyone who's ever littered has long suspected: environmentalists are morons who hate fun.

But the documentary did have one stimulating effect: it reminded me why I love America so much. Where the documentary showed only the dark side of American power, I have

a more positive outlook on the tons of trash that our industrial society is producing. Instead of taking litter as an index of everything that is wrong with society and humanity, I run the analysis backwards. A society is only as powerful, durable and long-lasting as the trash and toxic byproducts it creates.

Take that statistic about plastic I cited earlier. The environmentalists say "there is a 6:1 ratio of plastic to plankton in the ocean" and that most of that plastic will not biodegrade for hundreds of millennia. Is there nobody else who finds this totally badass? What other civilization in the history of the world has wielded so much power and influence over nature? What other civilization has fabricated objects, like these pieces of plastic, which will essentially last forever? This is a form of industrial immortality.

But we live in a society of intense political correctness. So instead of being proud that we've invented Coke can holders of plastic that are strong enough to choke a fish or a duck, we're ashamed of our "adverse environmental impact." News flash, people: the only way to have zero impact on the environment is to cease to exist, one way or another. We have shaped this planet to reflect our glory and to suit our needs!

Take the greenhouse effect. What if someone told you, "Hey So-and-so, according to science, we're producing so many heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere that soon the entire earth will be tropically warm, the

beaches will move further inland so middle America isn't so boring and basically it's gonna be like the world is a Caribbean paradise." This, as I understand it, is the scientific community's predictions if "global warming" and "climate change" are left unchecked. I think the question most sane people would ask, faced with this eventuality, is "How can we build as many coal-fired factories with huge smokestacks as possible?"

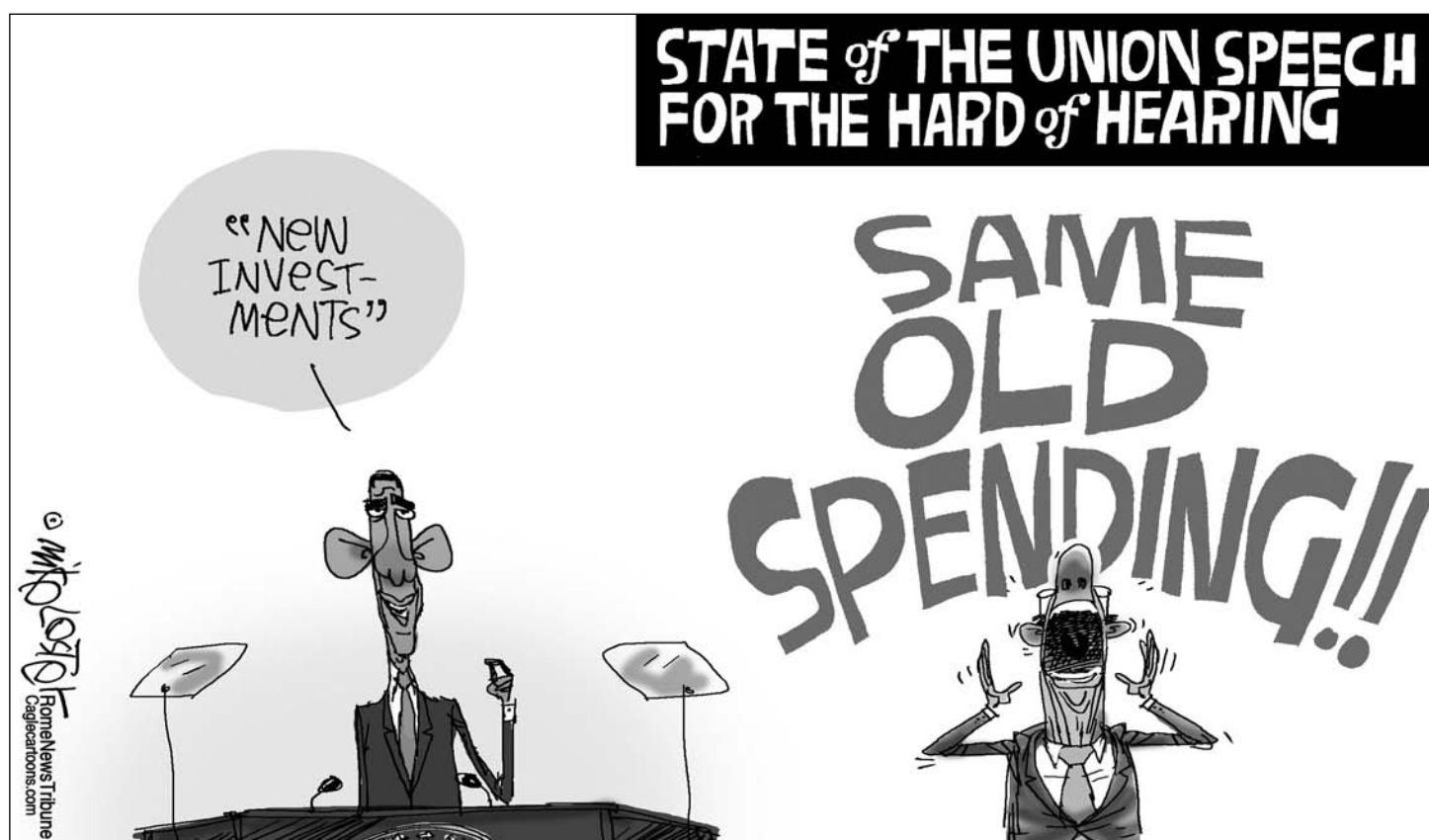
So be of good cheer, my friends. Maybe the world is coming to an end if we don't smart up and fix some piddling environmental issues. But, as one of my Facebook friends' profiles says in their Favorite Quotes section, "Life is a party and parties weren't meant to last." In other words, eat, drink, be merry and litter. It's all part of the one party I'm proud to belong to: the American Party, where the booze is cheap, the girls are cute and actions don't have consequences because "you were too hammered to know what you were doing bro!"

I invite all of my readers to crack a bottle as they read this last paragraph and toast to America. And when they finish their bottle, I invite them to discard it wherever the mood strikes them.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask, and he will tell you the truth."

Oscar Wilde
Irish dramatist,
novelist and poet

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Open the tunnels

I'm assuming you must know this by now, but South Bend winters are harsh. The chilling winds can bite through any article of clothing and the countless inches of snow slow us down no matter where we are headed. Not only do these low temperatures pose a threat to our immune system, but the idea of ice hidden on any path poses a physical threat — a broken bone or a twisted ankle is on no one's agenda this winter.

This is where you come in. As almost all of the campus knows, Notre Dame has an extensive underground tunnel system leading to and from nearly all the important buildings on campus. So here's my simple proposition: Open those underground tunnels for students and faculty during these bone-chilling months of winter.

Now sure, you may be thinking that this could be dangerous, letting hundreds of people trek through these passages daily. However, with proper guidelines, disciplinary action and constant surveillance, I do not think the members of the Notre Dame community would be disrespectful regarding this. Instead, we all would be grateful. The number of cases of sickness would decrease, the amount of snow-related injuries would decline and students would generally be happier staying out of the harsh South Bend winter.

Just think about it. The opening of the underground tunnels would overall increase the effectiveness of the campus during the cold months. People wouldn't be hesitant to head to study to the library or go visit their teacher during study hours and Notre Dame would be a more effective and healthy campus.

Thanks for reading,

Elizabeth Linnemanstons
freshman
Lewis Hall
Jan. 25

UWIRE

Education reform necessary to return U.S. students to the top

U.S. students are falling behind. This statement shouldn't come as a surprise to most, as it's a fact discussed often in recent times. There's even a movie about it, "Waiting for Superman." Clearly, the U.S. education system is broken. The question is how do we fix it? Do we even need to fix it?

Evan Marolf

Daily Nebraskan

Students in America go to school 180 days a year. Meanwhile, students in Japan have a 243-day school year. It's no surprise, then, that so many successful young people come out of Japan. It doesn't matter how rigorous our school systems are, we can't keep pace with Japan if our students go to school some 60 days less per year. And Japan isn't the only country with 200-plus school days a year.

Unfortunately, the length of the school year is not the only problem with the U.S. education system. From kindergarten through high school at least, students aren't challenged enough to maximize their potential. Courses move only as fast as the slowest student can learn. Therefore, almost every other learner is breezing through the class without challenging his or her brain. Imagine a weight-lifting class where everyone lifts the same amount of weight. The weakest student, Little Timmy, can only bench the bar, but everyone else can lift the bar one-handed. While Little Timmy will increase his strength, no one else will develop any muscle. That's America's education system in a nutshell.

By this logic, students should be placed in separate classrooms based on their abilities. Many schools try to do this to an extent by offering advanced placement (AP) classes, but it's mainly voluntary. On the other hand, obligating students to be in AP classes also presents problems. It would obviously require more teachers and more money. Then there would be the inevitable complaints from parents whose children are at a different level than they believe their kids should be. But the bigger problem for underachieving students is that they would be in an environment where they're expected to underachieve without any overachieving students to give them an example of how to excel academically. Therefore, low-achieving students would continue to be low-achievers. So, how does the problem of underachieving students

affect Americans in general? Who cares about all the students who don't have what it takes to go to college? Everyone has different abilities; the ones with less brains can take those jobs at Wal-Mart, while college students get the higher-paying jobs more suited to their abilities. Their failure doesn't prevent our success, does it?

Unfortunately, it does. The failure of the American education system contributed to the economic meltdown and may prevent the U.S. from continuing to be the world's top economy. Not that the unemployment rate wouldn't be high right now if every American went to college — lots of people with college degrees are out of jobs, too — but many industries are being sent to Japan and China because they have smarter people and more of them. It's not nearly that simple, but education is definitely a factor. We need to send more kids to college while restoring the economy, so that the U.S. can get back to being the most innovative country in the world with the most opportunity. Again, there are many other reasons for the poor economy, but having more smart people surely won't hurt. And there's a bonus — more students means more professors, more staff, more of whoever it is that makes this place run smoothly. More jobs.

Forty percent of young Americans have college degrees. That is the same number as Americans over sixty. Meanwhile, 56 percent of young adults in Canada graduate from college. It's not that we've slowed down, we just haven't kept up with other developed countries.

The point is that young people aren't getting the education they need in order to live up to their potential. If America is to continue to be the "Land of Opportunity," the greatest country in the world, it needs to have the best education system in the world. Education reform should be one of the top priorities for President Obama and the 112th Congress. Teachers, as well as parents, need to consistently challenge kids throughout their education. A stronger education system would help fix many of America's problems.

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What the NFL could teach the rest of America

The worst recession since 1929 shattered American confidence in our economy and in our government. Global stock exchanges crashed, and the whole world lost its savings in the wreckage. Wall Street and Detroit teetered on the edge of insolvency, and Washington, when it finally realized the scale of a problem that had been brewing for years, reacted in panic.

Nicholas A. Nehamas

Harvard Crimson

As we attempt to reshape our politics and our badly sputtering economy, a good place to start looking for models would be a business most Americans—Tea Partiers and Marxists alike—consider a crucial part of our national identity: football. Despite the poor corporate climate, the National Football League continues to attract fans, rake in profits, and dominate the television market. Why? Because the NFL puts out a good product—entertaining games between well-matched teams—that people will pay to watch. Perhaps economists and policy-makers should take notice. After all, if there's anything more American than football, then by golly, it's got to be capitalism. But the methods behind the success of the NFL might surprise many of its most loyal fans, given how loudly we proclaim our collective love of free markets and our corresponding disdain for their ever-encroaching enemy: European-style socialism.

By American standards, our football league is Red to the core: The league office sets a limit on how much each team can spend on its players and fines them heavily if they fail to comply. It divvies up the revenue from its gigantic television contracts equally between every team. It allows the visiting team to collect forty percent of the ticket sales at away games. All these regulations are explicitly designed to help teams from small-markets, like the Green Bay Packers, win Super Bowls alongside big-city rivals like New York and Dallas.

What's going on here? Doesn't it seem deeply un-American that the richest teams are forced to cap their spending? It's their money; they earned it. Let them do what they want with it, not force them to give it away to less successful teams! How can Budweiser and General Motors, companies whose marketing departments make explicit the connection between owning their products and being a patriot, use this competition to hawk their beer and trucks? Why do we cheer wildly when our favorite team wins a league run like a European welfare state but lose our tempers about common-sense regulations on healthcare, pollution, and Wall Street? It seems like a glaring contradiction in our national psyche: We love our football league but hate the sensible policies that have made it so profitable.

Well, maybe it's possible that the NFL isn't so far to the left. I mean, imagine: If our favorite sport is run by little Lenins and imitation Trotskies, what must European football be like? Most likely

every player, regardless of talent, is paid exactly the same salary, one mandated by some faceless bureaucrat in a tiny office in Brussels or Geneva, and the teams line up in alphabetical order to take turns winning the league title.

The reality is far different: In Europe, teams are allowed to spend whatever they want. There are no salary caps and revenues are not shared equally. And so, unlike the NFL and even Major League Baseball, where all but the most poorly-run teams have a shot at the championship each season, in Europe, the same three or four soccer clubs win the league trophy year after year. In England, for example, just three teams—Manchester United, Arsenal and Chelsea—have lifted seventeen of the last eighteen English Premier League titles. Pretty boring compared to America. In the same time span, twelve teams have won the Super Bowl, and eleven have captured the World Series.

But European soccer isn't in danger of boring people or losing fans. Instead, it faces a financial catastrophe much like the one that took down so many of our banks and corporations, one caused by a boom of cheap credit, poor risk management, and a complete absence of effective regulation. With no financial watchdog, the European clubs borrowed heavily and sold themselves hastily to corporate raiders. With no spending limits, they used their inexhaustible lines of credit to spend obscene amounts on players who flopped or got injured and coaches whom they were

forced to fire.

With their cheap credit and revenue streams drying up and interest rates skyrocketing, all these teams are now in danger of collapse. Their irresponsible behavior demonstrates the superiority of the NFL's insistence on limiting spending and economic disparity. And while the clubs' global brands most likely will allow them to stay afloat, their days of wild spending appear to be over. Michel F. Platini, the president of European soccer's governing body, seems to mean business. He has threatened any team that does not meet a salary cap and strict accounting rules with expulsion from the fabled European Champions League, an absolute cash cow for every club involved.

For the sake of soccer's long-term health, let's wish Mr. Platini luck as he attempts to turn his sport into Europe's version of the NFL, in the process regulating one of his continent's last Wild West markets. Let's also hope that our own politicians and business leaders here in America turn more to the National Football League and less to Goldman Sachs as they attempt to restore civic and financial responsibility to America. Even if they have to use a little NFL-style socialism to do it.

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by Laura Mittelstaedt

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"Shadows" — Au Revoir Simone

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"Night Time" — The xx

While the gigantic snow drifts and killer icicles were cute for a few days, it's cold.

Really cold. There aren't enough mugs of tea or fuzzy slippers or goofy hats in the world to keep us warm. However, here is a playlist sure to make the freezing temperatures a bit more bearable: the soundtrack, if you will, to a January day in the frozen tundra of South Bend.

Snowflakes and snowball fights included.

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Rom-Com with Benefits



Portman and Kutcher spice up 'No Strings Attached'

By CLAIRES STEPHENS

Scene Writer

"No Strings Attached" is a romantic comedy for the new decade.

Ashton Kutcher is surprisingly endearing in the role of Adam, son of a famous TV star trying to make a name for himself in the television industry. Adam finds himself putting up with his reckless father's divorces and remarriages all his life as he struggles to maintain a romantic life of his own.

Natalie Portman, transitioning well from more dramatic roles, is cast as Emma, a cute and somewhat funny young doctor, who for years has convinced her mother and sister she is independent and can take care of herself.

Having been camp friends from elementary school days, Emma and Adam reunite at a college party, then again years later through Adam's desperate, drunken texting. Here begins the ingenious plan to use each other for sex with no jealousy, cuddling or emotional strings attached.

The rest of the film is fairly predictable in the sense that, no, Emma and Adam do not stay emotionally uninvolved to the end (shocking, isn't it?). However, "No Strings Attached" manages to separate itself slightly from the cookie-cutter romantic comedy. Defined by some critics as a "sex comedy," it maintains a somewhat realistic look at the character's lives as far as sex, friendship, family and careers.

"Attached" is a fun, funny date night flick or comedy to see with a group of friends, but also a refreshing break from the over-the-top, cheesy, painfully predictable romantic comedies most have grown up with. Though not the greatest cinematic work Portman has ever been in and not the funniest work for Kutcher, the two have good on-screen chemistry.

Not to be forgotten is the rest of the cast, including Emma's friend

Shira, played by Mindy Kaling from "The Office," Kevin Kline as Adam's ridiculous and carefree father and Adam's bizarre ex-girlfriend Vanessa, played by Ophelia Lovibond. Significant supporting actors bring more true-to-life facets at the forefront of the film, like friendship and family, lacking from most romantic comedies.

Credit also should be given to screenwriter Elizabeth Meriwether's use of clever, intelligent humor throughout — from the entire cast — to keep the movie light, fun and modern. Reitman's change in focus keeps the fairly simple plot moving between characters and events without becoming unbearably predictable.

Another spin on the formulaic romantic comedy is the score's contribution to the fun, modern-day tone of the movie. While occasionally using the score to set the emotion of a scene, songs like "Ms. Jackson," "I Wanna Sex You Up," "99 Problems" and other songs of the young demographic's time to remind the audience this is not a bad, fluffy romantic comedy of the '90s.

"No Strings Attached" is proof that Natalie Portman can do comedy well, proof that Ashton Kutcher can be more charming than "Punk'd" and hope for romantic comedies of the future.

No Strings Attached

Paramount

Director: Ivan Reitman

Starring: Natalie Portman, Ashton Kutcher, Kevin Kline, Mindy Kaling



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THE OBSERVER SCENE

An Introduction to

Culture tantrum

Welcome to the first installment of a weekly column that will explore the grand facets of culture that pop and fizzle around campus. Last semester, I

had the privilege of bringing you three artists who were “under the radar” every week. This

year, I have been given free reign to discuss the more savory bits of music, television and movies.

I plan to discuss getting re-acquainted with your favorite TV show after it jumps the shark (I’m looking at you, “House”), conversations with people who listen to pop songs on repeat in order to learn lyrics they can shout at the ‘Backer, what it’s like to participate in a drum-off with nearly no prior instruction on the instrument and why I think “True Grit” was God’s gift to the picky critic. First, let me explain the moniker this column is currently toting: Culture



Stephanie Deprez

Scene Writer

Tantrum.

Tantrum: “violent, uncontrollable outburst of rage, esp. in children.” In most cases, when we think of a tantrum we think of a 3-year-old in a grocery store, pitting his entire will against a universe that won’t allow him to have the doggie chew toy that he’s grabbed and wants to treat as a stuffed plaything. We imagine a little girl red in the face, sitting in the middle of a daycare, screaming for her mother. We think of children and pain. But I would like to propose another view of this emotional release. That which I have described would most likely be called a temper tantrum, which arises from a sharp inflation of the temper. I would like to remove the first word and focus instead upon the second.

As someone who has experienced a number of tantrums throughout my younger years, I know what it’s like to find myself powerless at the hands of others, screaming in my infant indignation. I’m sure you can all recall more or less the attitude adopted by your toddler self when that which you had expected was suddenly subverted. We all threw a tantrum. Wailing with

young lungs testing their strength, pushing back at the world with arms new to their agility, we knew we had lost, but we weren’t going to let the issue die without a fight. We wanted the world to know where we stood before we went down. It was a charge to utilize our only cards — we could refuse to move, and, boy, could we make noise.

But when it was over, we had accepted our fate; our eyes were dried by our mothers, their own eyes bleary from the effort exhorted to calm us down while trying not to lose themselves in maternal pity for their child. We felt — better. Stronger. Like we had something to say and, by George, had said it! Unnoticed by our kid-sized minds, we had just experienced one of the great facts of being human — the emotional catharsis.

This is necessary training. Our emotional abilities have matured (at least I hope) and confined our tantrums to the dorm room, the empty classroom, the blog. But our need to speak our minds in that bloated moment when we know we’ve been wronged still exists. Feelings cannot be controlled, only contained. We

choose to unleash them to our friends, our parents or our dog. I assure you my golden retriever will, at a moment’s notice, recall for you the last 15 ways the world fell out of whack and failed to do what her loving master had expected. Such a good sport, Molly.

What happens, then, when a tantrum moves from the dorm room to the middle of South Quad? The only way it will be taken seriously is if it adopts that last lingering Victorian virtue: civility. Our real vice is not that we are wrong, but that we’re no good at telling people why we’re right. Someone in the heat of a tantrum doesn’t know how to talk to the passing student and explain the source of her exasperation.

But what does any of this matter? You’re going to blow off steam where and when you choose. I myself am choosing these few inches of paper. After four years as a “Scenester,” embracing the insults as well as the free CDs, I have discovered that the only way to get people to pay attention is to be civil. Too many times I have written in this spread, bashing about in a bombastic sea of banality and bad

alliteration. Seriously.

Today I begin a column that will run through my last semester (and out the door!), which will seek not so much to elevate my opinion in a slew of superlatives, as it will provide the view from my window. This will be tough — I may be brazen, but I know myself and my shortcomings. I’ve completed a major in film slightly skewed towards television. I’m about to complete a major in vocal performance. I soak myself in copies of Entertainment Weekly and can go toe-to-toe about indie bands with nearly anyone. I like the idea of going to church and to the Oscars. So today, amid the snow and food in South Dining Hall, I offer you my column, which will be, for lack of a better title, a civil sort of culture tantrum.

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NARNIA'S JOURNEY TO THE BIG SCREEN REVEALED

By **MARIELLE HAMPE**

Scene Writer

When “The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” debuted in theaters in December 2005, Narnia supporters enthusiastically embraced the faithfulness of the movie to C.S. Lewis’s original text. Mark Joseph’s newly published book, “The Lion, the Professor and the Movies: Narnia’s Journey to the Big Screen,” describes the efforts of many individuals to adapt C.S. Lewis’s beloved children’s series into a multi-million dollar film franchise.

Since its publication in 1949, the seven-book series of “The Chronicles of Narnia” has sold over 120 million copies in over 80 languages. The series details the adventures of children in the fictional realm of Narnia where the children help the lion Aslan.

Walden Media and Disney co-produced “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” and the second movie in the series, “Prince Caspian.” After poor reviews and financial difficulties for “Prince Caspian,” Disney left the franchise. Walden Media co-produced the latest installment, “The Voyage of the Dawn Treader,” with 20th Century Fox.

Joseph worked for Walden Media for five years, and he played a small role in the development of the film. He wrote his book from the “perspective of a cultural observer,” he said in an interview

with The Observer. “While I had a lot of private conversations and knew a lot of inside information, I relied on public source material for the writing of my book.”

Originally, Joseph wished to title his book “The Road to Narnia.” As his writing continued, Joseph said he thought it would be “neat to play off of Lewis’s original title, ‘The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,’ and to inform the reader that the book is also about the views of C.S. Lewis and the important role of the lion Aslan. It’s not just about the movie.”

Joseph crams every page with facts and stories about the primary people involved in the Narnia series. He reveals several unsuccessful attempts to make the movie that were vetoed by C.S. Lewis’s stepson, Douglas Gresham. For instance, in previous ideas, earthquakes would replace air raids, the children would ask for cheeseburgers and fries instead of

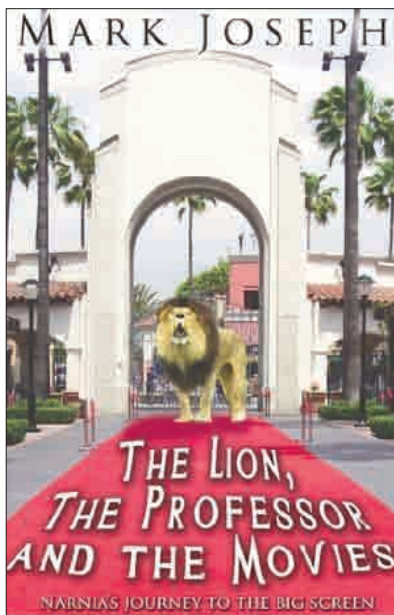
Turkish delight and Janet Jackson would be cast as the older sister, Susan.

Joseph describes Gresham’s attempts to keep any proposed script as faithful as possible to Lewis’s book series. The books contain symbolic Christian themes that Gresham and faithful followers of Lewis wished to preserve.

Joseph commented that he, like many other people, is curious what Lewis would think of the produced movies. Lewis did not like Disney and did not want Disney to gain the movie rights to his books.

“The Lion, the Professor and the Movies” reveals that some Narnia supporters felt uncertain about Disney’s involvement in the film. Joseph describes a boycott started in 1995 by the American Family Association

because of Disney’s perceived tolerance of homosexuality and diminished representation of family values in Disney products. The boycott eventually stopped, but Joseph’s inclusion of these types of interesting facts provides



enlightening behind-the-scenes information.

C.S. Lewis gave the world a children’s series that has endured for more than 60 years. Joseph began reading the Narnia series as a child. His favorite books written by Lewis are “Mere Christianity” and the “Screwtape Letters.” Joseph read Lewis daily for about 10 years, and he said that he “so would have liked to meet him.”

Joseph harnessed his dedication and love of Lewis to produce an insightful and entertaining read in “The Lion, the Professor and the Movies.” Any admirer of C.S. Lewis, “The Chronicles of Narnia” series or movie production can find something to appreciate in Joseph’s articulate account of the Narnia franchise.

The Lion, the Professor and the Movies
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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Federer advances to semifinals against Djokovic

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Two points into the final game of his Australian Open quarter-final against Roger Federer on Tuesday, Stanislas Wawrinka steadied himself to try returning a forehand smash.

Wawrinka playfully waved his racket over his head in a mock attempt to return it. Forget it, the ball sailed past him and Federer won the point.

It was that kind of match for Wawrinka.

Federer faced just one break point, won all 13 of his service games, got 77 percent of his first serves in and polished off his Beijing Olympics doubles gold medalist teammate 6-1, 6-3, 6-3 in 1 hour, 47 minutes.

“When it’s clicking it’s really a good feeling, and I don’t ask too many questions,” Federer said of his outstanding serve.

All facets of Federer’s game were working Tuesday as he advanced to the semifinals, where he’ll meet 2008 champion Novak Djokovic.

No. 3-ranked Djokovic overpowered Tomas Berdych 6-1, 7-6 (5), 6-1 in a night match at Rod Laver Arena.

“I was trying to change the pace, put him out of the comfort zone,” Djokovic said. “When he is in his comfort zone, he is a very difficult player, hits very strong, he has powerful strokes, powerful serve. So I needed to put some variety in the game.”

He’s liking his chances in the semifinals.

“If I continue playing like this, I think I have a good chance,” Djokovic said. “But in the next match I have Federer. We all know he is the best player ever, so we all know it is going to be tough.”

Still in the realm of probability for the defending champion is a final against Rafael Nadal and a chance to prevent the Spanish left-hander from winning his fourth consecutive Grand Slam. No man has held all four major titles since Rod Laver in 1969.

Nadal plays fellow Spaniard David Ferrer in one quarterfinal Wednesday, while Andy Murray takes on Alexandr Dolgoplov in the other.

Federer is not looking ahead to Nadal just yet.

“It’s normal to follow Rafa in a big way because he’s going for something particularly very special,” Federer said. “My

focus is not playing him in the finals quite yet. He still has to win a few matches against really tough players ahead of him. I got my hands full ... I’m not quite there.”

Top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki is nearly there, advancing to a semifinal against China’s Li Na. The 20-year-old Danish player was under intense pressure early against French Open champion Francesca Schiavone before beating the Italian veteran 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Li advanced to the semifinals for the second year in a row at Melbourne Park after beating Andrea Petkovic of Germany 6-2, 6-4.

The other women’s semifinalists will be decided Wednesday when second-seeded Vera Zvonareva plays Petra Kvitova and U.S. Open champion Kim Clijsters takes on Agnieszka Radwanska.

Wozniacki rallied from a set and a break down to beat Schiavone and ensure she’d maintain the No. 1 ranking after this tournament.

Schiavone dominated the opening set and a half before the effects of her previous



Roger Federer reaches for a backhand shot during his quarterfinal victory over Stanislas Wawrinka yesterday.

match kicked in. She beat Svetlana Kuznetsova in a three-set match lasting 4 hours, 44 minutes, a record for a women’s Grand Slam singles match.

“Maybe in the third set I felt a little bit something physically, but it’s not an excuse,” Schiavone said. “I think I gave the best that I could do.”

Wozniacki described Schiavone as a “fighter.”

“She started off really, really well and I didn’t feel like I had the right timing,” Wozniacki

said. “So it was difficult for me in the beginning, but I fought back and I’m so happy that I’m standing here as the winner.”

The match point was contentious — first called out by a line judge. An overrule by chair umpire Eva Aseraki forced Wozniacki to ask for a video ruling, which confirmed the initial call and ended the match.

Schiavone knew the match was over even before the replay — “I saw the ball was out, was no chance,” she said.

NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Gators surge past Bulldogs 104-91 in double overtime



Florida center Vernon Macklin attempts to block a shot from Georgia forward Jeremy Price during Florida’s 104-91 win last night.

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Chandler Parsons took control in the second overtime after the teams traded tying last-second shots, leading No. 24 Florida to a 104-91 victory over Georgia on Tuesday night.

Trey Thompkins put back a missed shot just ahead of the buzzer at the end of regulation, capping the Bulldogs’ rally from an eight-point deficit in the final 3 minutes. Florida (16-4, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) forced a second overtime when Erving Walker raced down the court and hit a long 3-pointer with 1 second remaining.

It was all Gators in the second overtime. They scored the first nine points of the period with Georgia (14-5, 3-3) turning it over on two straight possessions. Parsons hit a huge 3 from the corner and sent the home crowd toward the exits when he flew in for a putback that made it 96-88 with 1:40 remaining.

Parsons scored half of his 18 points in the second overtime, and had 12 rebounds. Walker and Kenny Boynton led Florida with

24 points apiece, while Vernon Macklin added 23 and did yeoman work underneath, grabbing six offensive rebounds.

Travis Leslie scored 21 points for Georgia, and Thompkins had 20 points and 13 rebounds.

The lopsided score at the end was hardly indicative of a game that was tight until the closing minutes.

Playing off the Georgia fan who does a Rocky-themed climb to the top of the stands at every game, the teams traded punches like heavyweight fighters in the first overtime. The lead changed hands a staggering eight times, the teams never more than two points apart until Jeremy Price hit two free throws with 6.7 seconds left, giving Georgia an 85-82 lead.

Walker got the inbounds pass and took off, flying down the court before he pulled up a good 5 feet behind the arc to launch the jumper. Nothing but net. Georgia didn’t have time to answer, and the Gators dominated the final 5 minutes.

Florida appeared to be in control when Walker drove for a layup that put the Gators up 72-64 with 3:08 left in regulation.

Turns out, there was a long way to go.

Walker missed two crucial free throws, Gerald Robinson hit a huge 3-pointer on a tough night with 22 seconds remaining, and Georgia wound up with a chance to tie on its final possession. Robinson had just seven points and turned it over six times.

It looked as though the Bulldogs wouldn’t even get a final shot when Price wound up with the ball at the top of the key, looking for help. Dustin Ware finally came to get the ball, hurried toward the basket and threw up a wild left-handed shot that wasn’t close.

But it ricocheted off the backboard right to Thompkins — as good as a pass. He laid it in ahead of buzzer, the ball clearly out of his hand before the red light went off.

Florida climbed back into The Associated Press rankings this week with wins over Auburn and Arkansas, but it’s been an inconsistent season for the Gators. They followed big wins over Florida State, Kansas State and Tennessee with surprising losses to Central Florida, Jacksonville and South Carolina.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Pirates stun No. 9 Orange

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Jeremy Hazell led a long-range Seton Hall barrage with 28 points and the suddenly hot-shooting Pirates stunned No. 9 Syracuse 90-68 on Tuesday night, the Orange's third straight loss.

Syracuse (18-3, 5-3 Big East) had lost two straight to top 10 conference foes, on the road at Pittsburgh a week ago and on

Saturday at home to Villanova before a crowd of 33,736. In both games the Orange fell behind early — Pittsburgh scored the first 19 points of the game and Villanova hit eight 3-pointers in the first half.

That trend continued against Seton Hall (9-12, 3-6), which had lost three straight. The Pirates torched Syracuse's zone defense for seven 3s in the first half, four by Hazell, and built a 13-point

halftime lead.

Seton Hall, the worst shooting team in the Big East, finished 10 of 17 from beyond the arc and shot 54.1 percent for the game while holding Syracuse to 5 of 21 from long range and a season-low 36.1 percent from the field.

Jordan Theodore had 19 points on 7-of-10 shooting for the Pirates while Fuquan Edwin had 13 points, Jeff Robinson 12 and Herb Pope 10.

Kris Joseph led Syracuse with 17 points, all but one coming long after the game was decided, and Rick Jackson had 12 points and 11 rebounds, his 14th double-double of the season. Scoop Jardine and Brandon Triche each had 11 points.

After their first meeting 17 days ago, a sloppy 61-56 Syracuse victory, Orange coach Jim Boeheim winced at the stat sheet. The Pirates missed all 17 3-point attempts in the first half.

It was a much different story on Tuesday, and Boeheim was wincing again. Seton Hall hit its first three from beyond the arc, two by Hazell, and led 26-15 on Theodore's 3 from the right wing with 12:07 left.

And they weren't through. In the final 6 minutes of the half, Seton Hall slowed the pace to a crawl and the strategy paid big dividends. Hazell drained two 3s from the wing, the second at the shot clock buzzer, and Theodore followed with another — all three in a span of less than 2 minutes — to put the Pirates up 37-23 with 3:49 left.

The Orange missed their first six 3s, three by James Southerland, before Mookie Jones, playing for the first time since last month, hit from the wing with 2:02 left.

MLB

Rangers add catcher Napoli from Angels



Catcher Mike Napoli moved from the Angels to the Rangers Tuesday in a trade that also included closer Frank Francisco.

Associated Press

The Texas Rangers traded former closer Frank Francisco and cash to Toronto for catcher-first baseman Mike Napoli on Tuesday, giving the AL champions a much-needed versatile bat off the bench and the Blue Jays more bullpen depth.

It was the second time in five days Napoli was traded, quickly returning to the AL West. Toronto acquired Napoli and outfielder Juan Rivera from the Los Angeles Angels on Friday for outfielder Vernon Wells.

"It's been a crazy couple of days," Napoli said. "I know the division well and the lineup they have, the type of players they have."

Napoli was on a cruise last week when he found out he had been traded the first time. He didn't even talk to Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos until Tuesday, then found out he was going to Texas.

"It was kind of weird to me. Obviously there was something going on," Napoli said. "It's great. I'm excited. I can't wait to get to spring training and try to win a job and help these guys win."

Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said Napoli "brings a lot to the table" in his ability to catch, play first base or designated hitter.

Anthopoulos said he had inquired previously about Francisco, and a deal came together when Texas was among several teams who had already asked him about Napoli. The deal involves arbitration-eligible players that have not settled their 2011 contracts.

"Frank Francisco is a guy we've liked for quite some time," Anthopoulos said. "He has closing experience and will compete for a chance to close. This is going to be an open competition."

Kevin Gregg agreed to a two-year contract with Baltimore this winter after saving 37 games for Toronto last season. Octavio Dotel saved 22 games while with Pittsburgh, the Dodgers and Colorado last year and Jon Rauch, who signed with Toronto last week, had 21 saves filling in for injured Joe Nathan in Minnesota.

Francisco accepted salary arbitration in December instead of becoming a free

agent. He asked for \$4,875,000 and Texas offered \$3.5 million, only a slight bump from his \$3,265,000 salary last season.

Napoli, who hit .238 with team-leading 26 home runs and 68 RBIs in 140 games last season, requested \$6.1 million from the Angels for 2011 while they proposed \$5.3 million.

After beginning last season as the Texas closer, Francisco blew two save chances the first week of the season. Hard-throwing Neftali Feliz was then given a chance in that role, and went on to set a major league rookie record with 40 saves and become the AL rookie of the year.

Francisco was 6-4 with a 3.76 ERA in 56 appearances before missing the final month of the season and the postseason with a muscle strain. He has a career mark of 17-15 with 32 saves and a 3.75 ERA in 277 appearances for Texas since 2004.

"We certainly wish Frankie all the best in Toronto," Daniels said. "He was a very good part of what we were doing for a number of years and I think the organization has done a good job of adding to our bullpen and our pitching depth over the last couple of years to where we felt we could make this type of move."

The Rangers recently signed veteran left-hander Arthur Rhodes and agreed to terms on a \$1.251 million contract with arbitration-eligible reliever Darren O'Day.

When free agent third baseman Adrian Beltre signed with the Rangers this month, they said Michael Young would become their primary designated hitter and fill in at all the infield positions. That included sharing time with World Series rookie standout Mitch Moreland at first base, a position Young has never played.

"(Napoli) adds a power dynamic to the lineup against anybody. He can catch. He's caught some good pitching on winning clubs. He can play first base," Daniels said. "He gives (manager Ron Washington) an option at DH as well on days when Michael's in the field or Michael gets a day off. On days when he isn't starting, he gives us a pretty good weapon off the bench."

Napoli played 70 games at first base and 66 at catcher last year for Los Angeles, where he played the last five seasons.

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PGA

Tiger prepares for 2011 season opener

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Tiger Woods can't start a new year without being reminded of the last one. And the last one wasn't very good.

Some of his peers couldn't help but chuckle when the pro-am tee times for the Farmers Insurance Open were posted in the locker room. For more than a decade, Woods had the first available tee time, a perk for being the best player on the PGA Tour, or not far from it. Those pro-am times are determined by the previous year's money list.

Woods was No. 68 on the money list.

He tees off at 11 a.m., which is about the time he used to finish.

"I can't imagine he'll be too thrilled with that," Pat Perez said.

And then there's the world ranking.

Woods lost his No. 1 spot nearly three months ago to Lee Westwood, so that's old news. He dropped yet another spot to No. 3 this week when Martin Kaymer won the Abu Dhabi Championship by eight shots. And if Woods doesn't return to his former self quickly, it won't be long before he slips even farther. The last time he was not in the top three was May 11, 1997.

What's more noteworthy about the world ranking, however, is it's the first time Woods has been ranked behind someone younger than him. He turned 35 over the holidays.

Woods has known this day was coming, even when his game appeared untouchable. In time, there would be a player — or players, in this case — younger than him and not as intimidated.

Sure, there was a brief challenge from Sergio Garcia. Adam Scott reached as high as No. 3, and Paul Casey did the same a year later.

Now, the youth brigade is coming in bunches.

Ahead of him in the ranking is Kaymer, the 26-year-old German who won the PGA Championship last year to become the youngest major champion since Woods. Kaymer also won the European Tour money title, and started the year with an eight-shot victory over what will be one of the strongest fields the European Tour will see all year.

"He's probably the most formidable player in the world when he is leading," Padraig Harrington said.

That's what they used to say about Woods. But in his most recent tournament, the Chevron World Challenge, Woods blew a four-shot lead in the final round to U.S. Open champion Graeme McDowell. It was the first time Woods had lost a lead that large.

"He used to appear invincible," McDowell said that day. "Of course, he's made himself appear more human in the last 12 months. But there's something a bit special about his golf game, and I fully expect that mystique to return."

McDowell is 31, and right behind Woods in the world ranking at No. 4.

Woods also has to contend

with younger players like Rory McIlroy, Paul Casey and perhaps even Luke Donald from Europe, not to mention Dustin Johnson and Anthony Kim from the American side.

So many talented, young players will not make Woods' task any easier. The bigger question is whether Woods is equipped for the fight.

Some of the answers might arrive this week at Torrey Pines, a public course along the Pacific bluffs that Woods has owned like no other. His epic U.S. Open title in 2008 was the seventh time he had won as pro on Torrey Pines. He has not lost on this golf course since 2004, although he missed the last two years. He has never finished out of the top 10.

But just like last year, no one is quite sure what to expect.

His new swing coach, Sean Foley, said he spent about four hours a week with Woods on the practice range at Isleworth the last few months, and he liked what he saw. He said Woods no longer has to think as much about what he's doing. The swing repeats more easily. What he feels matches up with the mechanics.

How will that translate with a scorecard in hand?

"If you want to anticipate what happens in the future, look to the past," Foley suggested. "What people lose touch of, because we're such a bandwagon society, is that for a decade there, it might have been one of the greatest 10-year runs in the history of athletics. Obviously, he struggled last year. But I look forward to watching him compete."

When Kaymer won in Abu Dhabi, it was his ninth win in his 100th start on the European Tour. That still doesn't compare with Woods, who won 28 times — including six majors — in his first 100 starts on the much stronger PGA Tour.

History is easily forgotten, although in this case, it's understandable.

Woods has overcome swing changes in 1998 and 2004. He has overcome knee surgeries, one at the end of 2002, two during 2008. Even so, he has never been humbled like he was last year, when his private failures became so public, and so embarrassing.

His performance was such that no one fears him.

Ian Poulter had some fun with Woods on Twitter early Tuesday, after seeing that Woods had offered to answer questions from his tweets before leaving Florida for San Diego.

Poulter kept egging on Woods to get involved with Twitter.

"come on tiger when are you going to join the lads for some banter," said one Poulter tweet. That was followed by Poulter's message to Westwood that "im not having it that No3 is writing his own tweets. He doesn't want to play."

Westwood submitted this question to Woods: "is it true you've dyed your hair Ginger,signed a deal with IJP clothing and bought a White Ferrari cos your in awe of poults?"

Woods didn't take the bait. There were no replies.

NFL

Welker apologizes for taunts

Associated Press

BOSTON — New England Patriots wide receiver Wes Welker says he regrets comments he made referring to foot-fetish reports involving New York Jets coach Rex Ryan.

"Yeah, sure I do," he told the Boston Herald, according to a report on the newspaper's website Tuesday.

The Herald said Welker expressed his regret at an airport in San Francisco while awaiting his flight to Honolulu for the Pro Bowl on Sunday.

At a news conference on Jan. 13, three days before the Jets beat the Patriots 28-21 in a divisional playoff game, Welker made about a dozen references to toes and feet, a not-so-subtle dig at Ryan. Patriots coach Bill Belichick benched Welker for the first offensive series of that game.

In the week before the game, the Jets' Antonio Cromartie used an expletive in referring to the Patriots' Tom Brady.

Welker told the Herald that it's sometimes tough to keep from responding to opponents' remarks.

"It's not always easy to keep a lid on it," he said, "but, at the same time, there's a greater goal, and that's winning the game and playing good football. That's what matters. All that other stuff doesn't matter at the end of the day."

Welker was on the field as a punt returner on the Jets' first series but sat out the Patriots first possession despite having led them with 86 catches this season. CBS said during the game broadcast that he was

benched for his comments three days before the game.

Asked at his postgame news conference why Welker was on the bench, Belichick said, "I don't have any comment on that."

Welker told the Herald he didn't want to go into details, but "I don't think it's worth putting coach in that situation," he said. "So in a sense, I do regret it. ... As much as you

might want to get enticed into that stuff, at the end of the day, it's just not worth it."

Among phrases Welker used during his pregame news conference were, "putting your best foot forward," "sticking your toe in the water" and "being good little foot soldiers."

He told the Herald "the best way to stick up for your teammate is on the field."

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Burn

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Prior to the road upset, every time Notre Dame scored less than 60 points in a game, it stumbled to that low total thanks to abysmal shooting.

The Irish shot a disappointing 18.8 percent from 3-point range in a 22-point trouncing to Marquette, 20 percent from deep in a loss to St. John's, and a 7.7 percent performance from deep in the second half against Kentucky.

At Pittsburgh, the Irish shot 9-of-18 from behind the arc and took just 39 total shots. The vast majority of those shots came with only seconds left on the shot clock — neither team scored a single fast-break point.

"We knew going in that we wanted to work [the shot clock] down," senior guard Scott Martin said. "We were just happy to be hitting those shots when we had those opportunities."

Martin opened Notre Dame's scoring with two 3-pointers in the opening minutes. In the second half, senior forward Carleton Scott hit multiple 3s, ending the night five-of-six from deep. Even when the Irish took their first lead since leading 8-5, it was on a 3-pointer courtesy of senior guard Ben Hansbrough, giving Notre Dame a 42-41 lead.

"I just felt like I was in the zone last night," Scott said. "[Martin] started out in the zone, and I guess he passed it on, and I passed it on to Ben. That's the great thing about our team, anybody can start feeling it at any moment."

In the burn offense, Notre Dame works the shot clock down to 10 seconds before

looking to attack the hoop, on every possession, to the extent that on some possessions Notre Dame endures a shot clock violation, and thus a turnover, rather than give the ball back to its opponent quickly.

"We are still just as aggressive as we normally are, it just takes us longer to get to it," Martin said. "We don't stop looking to score, we just wait for it, wait for it, let the clock burn down a little bit, then we have our aggressive mindset the rest of the shot clock."

Thus, the Irish force their opponent to play defense for 30 seconds at a time, rather than the usual 15 to 20.

"I felt it was definitely frustrating," Martin said. "When you have to play defense for 30 seconds every time down the floor, it gets old. I could tell they were getting a little frustrated."

As Pittsburgh's frustration grew Monday night, its deep bench stewed, not having an opportunity to create a difference in the game. Notre Dame avoided foul trouble, and its starters controlled the pace throughout the slow-paced, close match. This storm resulted in a Notre Dame upset that Brey said may be the biggest of his career.

Now, the Irish head into a nine-day break before heading to DePaul on Feb. 3 for the second half of its Big East season. With the break, the NCAA tournament will be on Notre Dame's mind, an invitation to which could come as a result of the burn, just as it did last season.

"If it wouldn't be for [the burn], we wouldn't have gotten a bid last year," Brey said. "So you have a great selling point."

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"We knew going in that we wanted to work [the shot clock] down. We were just happy to be hitting those shots when we had those opportunities."

Scott Martin
senior guard

Belles

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weren't falling."

Henley said she feels confident in her squad entering tonight's game.

"Last time we played Olivet, we did a good job forcing them into turnovers," Henley said. "Unfortunately, we had turnovers as well, which kept it a close game. As we prepare to play them tomorrow, we need to cut down our turnovers. We need to do a better job of defending the drive against Olivet and limit the number of points they get in the paint."

Junior forward Kelley Murphy led a balanced attack for the Belles with 24 points the last time they faced Olivet. Three other players reached double-figures in

scoring during the contest, and the four together combined for all but nine of Saint Mary's points.

"We have a pretty balanced attack on offense, so I can't really pick out one person in particular [to lead us offensively]," Henley said. "We as a team need to step up our defense if we want to be successful. Tomorrow is all about defense. It has really been a focus of ours all season long."

Henley expects the game to be close, and knows what her team has to do in order to achieve the outcome they are looking for.

"Olivet always plays us tough," she said. "They do a nice job of attacking the paint in their offense. We really need to focus on that and keep them off the foul line."

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1 Cry at the start of a vote

6 Tree in California

10 Soulful Redding

14 Duane ____ (New York City pharmacy chain)

15 Land west of the Pacific

16 "This is terrible!"

17 Greased

18 "Believe" singer, 1999

19 Liberals, with "the"

20 "Soon enough, my friend"

22 Big mess

24 "Bien ____!"

25 Former "S.N.L." comic Gasteyer

26 French theologian who wrote "Sic et Non"

28 Jean Sibelius, for one

29 Seat of Albany County, Wyo.
- 30 Biggie ____ (rapper a k a Notorious B.I.G.)

33 Bennett of "What's My Line?"

34 "Am ____ risk?"

35 Women's rights pioneer Elizabeth ____ Stanton

36 As a package

37 Old man: Ger.

38 Here, in Juárez

39 Bomber type

41 More agile

43 Relinquish, as arms

45 Move from site to site?

46 Hall of TV fame

47 Oslo Accords party, for short

48 One way to sway

51 Many a Justin Bieber fan

52 Completely imagined

54 Restaurateur Toots
- 55 Kirk's foe in a "Star Trek" sequel

57 Lofty dwelling

58 Unadulterated

59 Alveoli site

60 "I love you," in a telenovela

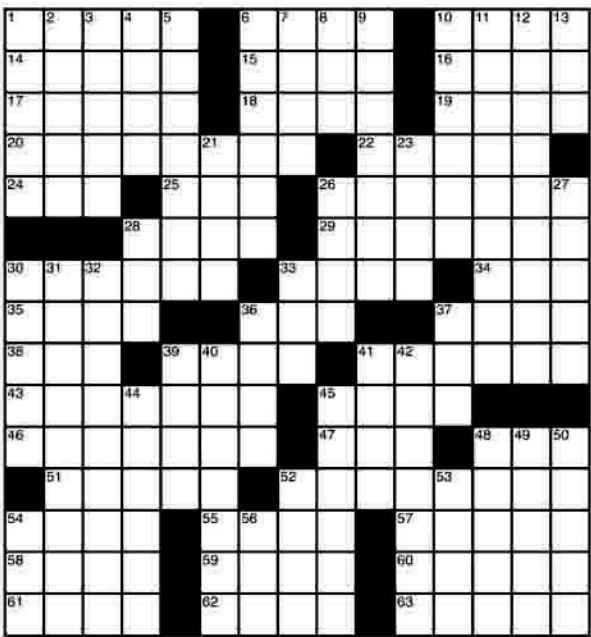
61 Sacred chests

62 Tense

63 Poker phrase ... or what's needed to complete the answers to the six italicized clues

Down

- 1 Aristophanes comedy, with "The"
- 2 Alphabetic pentad
- 3 Bravery
- 4 Took too much
- 5 Common North American hawk
- 6 Iconic chomper
- 7 New York stadium eponym
- 8 Taradiddle
- 9 Classic candy with nougat
- 10 "How lu-u-uxurious!"
- 11 Top-rated TV series of 1971-76
- 12 Madden
- 13 Lush
- 21 Quaint lodgings
- 23 Brand of 45-Down balls
- 26 Direction at sea
- 27 Block
- 28 Pass muster
- 30 Where "Otello" premiered, with "La"



Puzzle by Michael Sharp

- 31 General played by Fonda (in 1976), Peck (1977) and Olivier (1982)

32 To be expected

33 MSNBC competitor

36 Vintner's prefix

37 Terrier's sound

39 Exemplar of dryness
- 40 Glimmer

41 U.S.S. Enterprise helmsman

42 How some wages are calculated

44 Popular tractors

45 See 23-Down

48 Untamed
- 49 Sam who directed "Drag Me to Hell"

50 Classic theater

52 Masculine side

53 Cad

54 Where the robed are rubbed

56 Movie for which Patricia Neal won Best Actress

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:
Kirsten Prout, 20; Hilary Duff, 23; Mira Sorvino, 43; Janeane Garofalo, 46

Happy Birthday: It's never too late to change your mind, your direction or your attitude. New beliefs incorporated into the lifestyle and traditions that suit you best will enable you to form a solid and secure base in which to build your future. Rethink your past strategy. Once you eliminate what is holding you back, the rest will be easy. Your numbers are 5, 11, 17, 20, 29, 32, 38.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Consider what you used to enjoy doing. It will benefit you to review the past in order to make the right choice now. Someone you liked but never got a chance to really get to know will give you another opportunity. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Taking the initiative and making suggestions that will help others feel confident about your capabilities will lead to a successful outcome. Your willingness to adapt and accommodate the situation you are dealing with will help you prosper. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a serious look at what you have accomplished and how you present who you are. You may want to spend a little time fine-tuning. Once you feel comfortable and confident with your direction and presentation, you can make great strides forward. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do what's being asked of you quickly and efficiently so you can do things you enjoy. Love is highlighted. A romantic encounter for two should be penciled in for the evening hours. Don't let demands being put on you stop you from having fun. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Gauge what you do and say, especially when dealing with family or personal matters. You will face an emotional blowout with someone you've treated poorly. Make amends before you push someone away who will be difficult to replace. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You need to make a couple of changes in order to stay on track and enjoy life's little pleasures. Love is on the rise. Don't let your emotions stand in the way, connecting with someone who shares your interests and can enhance your personal life. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Acquiring knowledge and sharing your ideas and concepts will allow you to weigh what your next step should be. Don't let someone you are close to or live with discourage you with negative input or criticism. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Before you make a move or change your personal life, clear up any money or legal problems you face. Make sure you know exactly where you stand before making a financial commitment. Love is on the rise. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Preparation is what will count in the end. Change is all around you but acceptance will be what makes the changes worth your while. Don't get caught up in your own melodrama. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone is likely to take over if you don't show initiative. Take control before you have no other choice than to follow. A life experience will lead to a greater realization about who you are and what you are capable of doing. ★★★★★

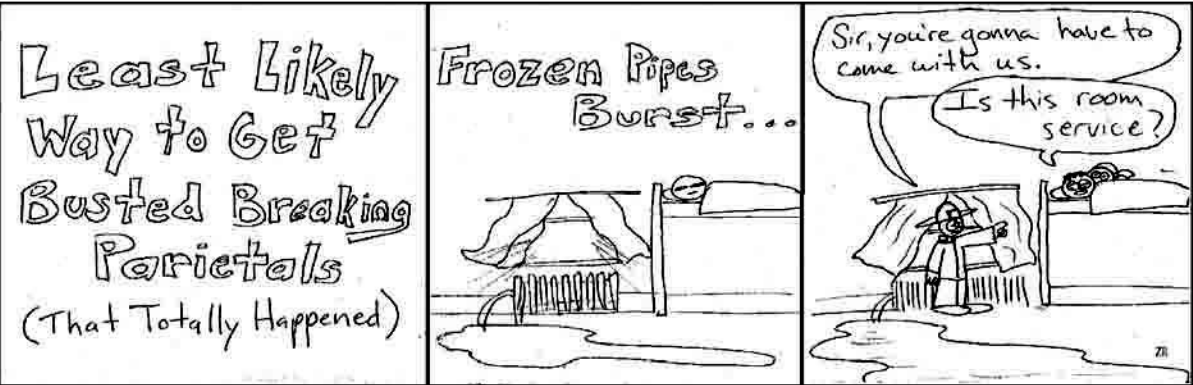
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take great care of your personal and financial affairs. The prospects available to you are greater than you think. Added discipline will enable you to overcome bad habits or stick to a regime that will help you be your very best. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't put trust in what someone else tells you. Recognize what you do have to offer as well as what you might be lacking. Honesty, integrity and patience will all be required if you intend to get ahead. ★★

Birthday Baby: You have stamina, grace and the will to make a difference. You are intelligent, curious, intense and disciplined.

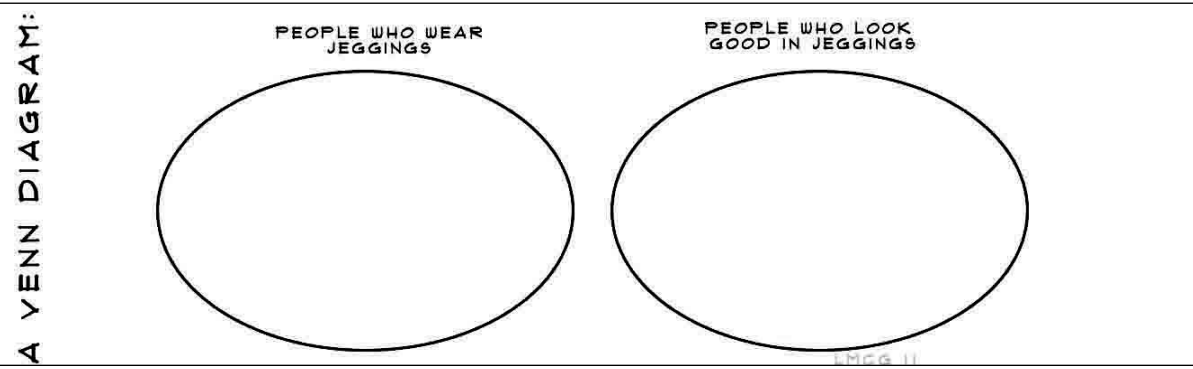
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TUESDAY VARIETY SHOW

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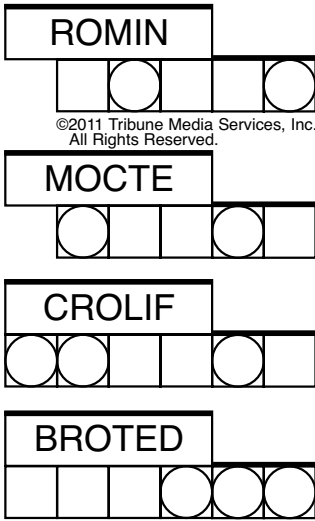
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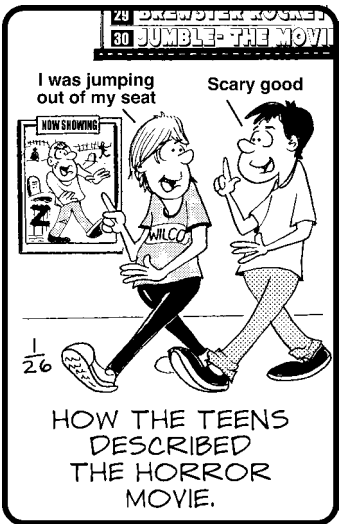
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Ans: " [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] - [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PRIZE DROOP MEMBER MUSCLE
Answer: What the farmer acquired when he bought the junkyard — A "BUMPER" CROP



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Burn, baby, burn

Offense's change of pace slows down Pittsburgh

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

Nearly half of Notre Dame's field goals came from behind the 3-point arc Monday night. Nonetheless, the No. 14 Irish toppled second-ranked Pittsburgh 56-51. Why the low scores despite the hot shooting? One word: Burn.

Irish coach Mike Brey first instituted the burn offense late last season. Since then, whenever Notre Dame (17-4, 6-3 Big East) breaks out the burn, it tests the patience of the players, its opponent and its fans.

"It is a drastic style of play," Brey said Tuesday afternoon. "Everybody gets less shots, everybody touches the ball less. The mental concentration and sacrifice of reps on the offensive end I think is underrated and it tells you how this group really believes."

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Fourth-year forward Tim Abromaitis holds the ball during Notre Dame's 80-75 victory over Marquette Saturday. Abromaitis and the Irish routinely let the shot clock dwindle in their burn offense.

SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to rise in standings

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's continues its second round of MIAA Conference play when it faces Olivet tonight at 7:30.

The Belles (12-6, 5-4) are looking to rebound from a 74-60 road loss to Calvin over the weekend. They defeated Olivet (6-11, 5-4) once already during the 2010-11 season, a 72-67 victory away from home. The winner of tonight's game will move into sole possession of fourth place in conference standings, behind only Calvin (9-0), Hope (8-1), and Albion (6-2).

Belles Coach Jenn Henley said she liked parts of what she saw in her team against Calvin, even if the outcome was a loss.

"We got good looks in our offense against Calvin in the first half," Henley said. "Our shots just

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FENCING

Unexpected lessons from grade school lead to college passion

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

Elementary school gymnasiums are often filled with dull activities; square dancing, gymnastics and dodge ball are among the pastimes dreaded by young students. For freshman fencer Ariel DeSmet, however, his elementary school gymnasium was where his future passion would be identified.

"A local fencing coach came to

my grade school back in 1999 and offered a few classes," DeSmet said. "When he saw that I did well he offered to give me free lessons and free stuff, and from there I really got into it."

While DeSmet did not fence for his school, he refined his skills at the Northwest Fencing Center in Beaverton, Ore. Under the tutelage of top coaches, DeSmet excelled on the junior circuit, competing for the United States team at world competi-

tions on four occasions.

Many of these tournaments were hosted in different countries, an aspect of the sport that DeSmet truly enjoys.

"Fencing is a pretty unique sport in that it allows you to travel all over the world; Europe, China, Japan," DeSmet said. "Turkey was my favorite. I got to spend three weeks right on the Mediterranean coast."

When it came time to choose a school, DeSmet's decision was easy. Notre Dame's combination

of competitive dominance and top coaching was too good to pass up.

"Notre Dame [is] the powerhouse of my weapon, the foil," DeSmet said. "The coach here [Gia Kvaratskhelia], is one of the best, nicest, and most amazing coaches in the country. Also, because everyone on the team fenced at such a high level before coming here, I'm familiar with so many of them. It's fun to be teammates with former rivals who I have known for

years."

Notre Dame's prominence in the foil has provided DeSmet with many mentors and role models on the team.

"Our team captain (senior) Zach Schirtz has been really helpful, and the upperclassmen have helped me manage balancing fencing and travel with school," DeSmet said.

DeSmet is also learning to balance fencing for Notre Dame

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MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Dyer leads ND in four events

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

As a freshman, swimmer Frank Dyer is making an impact both in the lanes and in the locker room. The freestyle specialist holds the top times for the Notre Dame team in four events this year, and has become a key member of a strong Irish squad.

When Notre Dame (5-3) hosts the Shamrock Invitational this weekend, Dyer will be one of the swimmers to watch. Having swum the 50-, 100-, 200-, 500- and 1,000-yard freestyles this year, Dyer can claim the team's best time for the events in all but the 50-yard

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Freshman freestyler Frank Dyer heads toward the wall during the Dennis Stark Relays at Notre Dame Oct. 8.

COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Miler rises to second in NCAA with 4:42.14

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

As a little girl growing up in the suburbs of Chicago, Rebecca Tracy would keep a jar filled with little pieces of paper, detailing her latest aspiration. Unraveled, they spelled out dreams like soccer player, interior designer and paleontologist, among many more.

At that young age, nowhere in the jar did she scribble college runner, let alone second fastest miler in the NCAA. Ten years later, the sophomore distance runner finds herself surprising everyone who sees her

run, as well as herself.

"[I'm] thrilled," Tracy said about her personal record mile time this past Saturday. "Every time that I [set a personal record] I am utterly surprised. Coach tells me to just run to win the race and the times come. So I just ran."

By just running, Tracy posted the second fastest mile time in the NCAA with a 4:42.14 at the Notre Dame Invitational. Not only did she set a personal best, but Tracy also beat out Michigan State senior and NCAA finals veteran Emily MacLeod by a mere 0.61

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