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Judicial Council explains sanctions

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

The initial election results for student body president and vice president were delayed 24 hours due to an allegation filed against one of the tickets, Michael Thomas, judicial council vice president of elections, said.

Thomas said an allegation was filed Monday morning against the James Ward-Heather Eaton ticket.

"When an allegation is filed,

the Election Committee is required to convene in order to address the allegation," he said.

The allegation involved an e-mail Ward sent to some students Sunday night.

The Election Committee met Monday evening to discuss the claim.

Prior to the meeting, Thomas said he, along with Judicial Council President Marcelo Perez, Chair of Senate Oversight Committee Paige Becker various Student Activities Office (SAO) advi-

sors, made the decision to seal the election results until the allegation was resolved.

Thomas said no student, including himself, knew the election results at any point during the hearing process.

"If at any point the election committee knew the results, there would be a real danger that knowledge of the results would influence the hearing process," Thomas said.

At the meeting Monday evening, the election committee determined the Ward-Eaton ticket had violated

Section 17.1(h) of the student union constitution.

Thomas said this section is known as the "ethics clause," and states that candidates are expected to behave ethically at all times.

In the Sunday e-mail, Ward called the current student government "lax."

"The only accomplishments they can tout are the implementation of a textbook rental program that the previous administration put in effect,

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Confession app draws attention

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Since their recent launch of an iPhone app meant to guide Catholics through confession, Notre Dame doctoral candidate Ryan Kreager and his business partners Chip and Patrick Leinen have sold thousands of apps and received a great deal of media attention.

The app, titled "Confession: A Roman Catholic App," is based on an examination of consciousness by Fr. Dan Scheidt, pastor of Mishawaka's Queen of Peace Church and a Notre Dame graduate. Scheidt originally developed it for use in his own parish.

"The examination of consciousness at its very nature is a general diagnostic tool," Scheidt said. "I took what I thought was most helpful from several and developed one for the adults in my parish."

Scheidt said the app helps Catholics focus during confession.

"The app helps people who are so anxious about confession that they forget some or all of what they were going to say and it helps focus their thoughts," Scheidt said. "An unanticipated way in which it is helping is students who

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Candidates debate before runoff election



Heather Eaton and James Ward speak about their campaign platform during Wednesday night's runoff debate in LaFortune Student Center.

By MEGAN DOYLE
Associate News Editor

The remaining tickets in the election for student body president and vice president answered questions about their platforms and the role of student government at Notre Dame during a Wednesday night debate in LaFortune Student Center.

Two tickets proceeded to the runoff election today after neither candidate received over 50 percent of the votes in Monday's initial election. The runoff is between Pat McCormick and Brett Rocheleau, who won 38.07 percent of Monday's votes, and James Ward and Heather Eaton, who had 22.59 percent.

The runoff election will begin

at 8 a.m. today and last until 8 p.m. Students may access the voting website through an e-mail sent to the student body from Judicial Council.

The Ward-Eaton ticket said its ideas reflect student interests that should be important to student government.

"We really want to bring concrete results to people in little and big aspects of student government," Ward said.

McCormick and Rocheleau said their platform speaks to the idea of "hope in action."

"The size of our hopes for Notre Dame just did not match the smallness of the traditional student government," McCormick said.

McCormick and Rocheleau said their administration would

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OIS receives record number of applications

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

The Office of International Studies (OIS) received a record number of applications for study abroad during the 2011-12 school year, according to Kathleen Opel, director of OIS.

An increase in applicants is a recurring trend, Opel said.

"The number of applications is very slightly higher than last year," she said. "Each year the number rises slightly."

Opel said 1,002 students submitted 1,571 applications. OIS accepted approximately 800 students. That number will rise in the coming weeks

as OIS accepts students from wait lists.

"A number of offers of acceptances will be extended in the next two weeks to cover those who withdrew an application or declined acceptance," Opel said.

The rise in applications displays students' interest in education extending beyond Notre Dame's campus, Opel said.

"The numbers indicate Notre Dame's study abroad programs are strong, and that our students recognize the value of an international education experience, whether on an OIS study abroad program, a service-learning international experience or a research or internship oppor-

tunity off campus," she said.

Opel said OIS works to be a valuable asset to students' educations.

"Being engaged with the international community is an integral part of a Notre Dame education," she said.

The deadline for applications for the 2011-12 academic year was Nov. 15, 2010. Opel said the process of evaluating the applications is very intensive.

"Each program has a committee that reads all the applications to determine if the student meets the qualifications necessary and if the student preferences for site and semester can be met,"

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2011-2012 Study Abroad Applications

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800 Students accepted initially

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH DO YOU PREFER ... BOXERS OR BRIEFS?



Alyson Grillot

*freshman
Pangborn*

*"Boxers ...
they're
roomier"*



Brittany Backstand

*freshman
Pangborn*

*"Briefs because
Alyson said
boxers."*



Shane Hannon

*freshman
Alumni*

*"Boxers ...
why?...
freedom."*



Pat McIntyre

*sophomore
Dillon*

*"Boxers ... that's
what I grew up
on!"*



Patrick Rice

*sophomore
Alumni*

*"Whatever
Badin girls
don't prefer"*

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Sophomore Isaac Harrington tutors Paul Ferguson, a seventh grader at LaSalle High School, at the Robinson Community Center. The Robinson Community Center recently celebrated its 10th anniversary.

OFFBEAT

Dog helps in owner's arrest on drug charges

MORO, Ore. — An Oregon sheriff's deputy didn't need a drug dog to point out a stash during a recent traffic stop. The driver's dog did it for him.

KGW-TV reports Sherman County sheriff's Sgt. John Terrel was pulling over a pickup truck Feb. 9 when he saw a sock fly out the window. It turned out to be stuffed with marijuana and hashish.

The driver told Terrel he was trying to hide the sock, but his pit bull mix grabbed it and wouldn't let go, enjoying a tug-of-war game.

The dog won the tussle

and tossed the sock out the window, and the 32-year-old driver was indicted on drug possession charges.

Sheriff Brad Lohrey says he wished everyone traveled with their own personal drug dog.

German law encourages children to make noise

BERLIN — Children of Germany take heart — it may soon be perfectly legal to make noise.

Germany is so desperate to encourage people to have more children that the government is proposing a bill allowing citizens under six to laugh, shout and play at any volume.

Germany is a land of many rules, especially

about noise. The government's move comes after a series of lawsuits about children and noise, and a recent call from a senior citizens' chapter of Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives, who sought to ban kindergartens from residential areas because they are too loud.

The government said Wednesday the proposed law would exempt children from strict regulations on noise limits, which force construction sites to stand idle for hours at midday and prohibit mowing lawns on Sunday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The final lecture for Ethics Week 2011 will be presented by Peter Dawes, President and CEO of Composetech Structures. His talk is titled, "Sustainable Energy: A Wind Energy Primer-Profits and Politics?" Ethics Week 2011 covers a range of topics dealing with sustainability and new and alternative energy sources. The lecture will start at 12:30 p.m. today in the Giovanini Commons at the Mendoza College of Business. The event is free.

Today at 4 p.m., Dr. Carl Elliot will be giving the spring Schmitt Lecture entitled, "A Clinical Trial, A Suicide, and the Strange Recent History of Anti-Psychotic Drugs." The lecture is being held in McKenna Hall and is free.

A Fullbright information meeting is open for junior and seniors today in Geddes Hall. The event starts at 4 p.m. for those interested in spending a year after graduation abroad.

The film "Downfall", about Hitler and the final days of his regime will be showing in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center today. The film starts at 7 p.m. and costs between \$3 and \$6.

The final in a series of five presentations, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Series for the Study of Race will be held today in DeBartolo Hall room 136. The event is led by Irene J. Kim Park and May Kim. The series is presented by Multicultural Student Programs and Services and will begin at 6 p.m.

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

CORRECTIONS

A Feb. 15 article, "Notre Dame works to be green," misspelled Notre Dame graduate Heather Christophersen's name. The Observer regrets this error.

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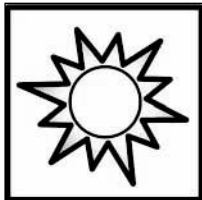
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Students prepare for graduate school exams

ByMEGAN DOYLE
Associate News Editor

Midterm exams are rapidly approaching, but many upperclassmen are focusing their attention on post-graduate exams.

To prepare for these exams, many juniors and seniors reach out to organizations such as Kaplan Test Prep.

Liza Weale, executive director of pre-business and pre-graduate programs for Kaplan, said Kaplan Test Prep provided courses to more than 638,000 students worldwide over a single year. Kaplan offers preparation for the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT).

Admissions tests are one of the only quantitative and objective measures on applications for graduate school.

“In Kaplan Test Prep’s 2010 surveys of graduate school, business school and law school admissions officers, the GRE, GMAT and LSAT, respectively, ranked as the most important admissions factors,” Weale said. “According to our medical school admissions officers’ survey, a low MCAT score is the biggest application killer.”

However, students can improve their scores dramatically before they send appli-

cations to graduate programs by preparing correctly, Weale said.

Kaplan offers a range of programs in the classroom and online as well as private tutoring to help students prepare for these tests.

Junior Tony Dang is among the many pre-med students preparing for the MCAT in May. Dang said he began slowly preparing for the exam over summer break.

“The resources that I have been using so far have been the Kaplan MCAT test books for each individual subject (Physics, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Biology and the verbal portion of the test),” he said. “I also have 10 practice tests that a friend that sent me for extra practice once I’m done with studying the subjects. All of the studying is individualized, meaning that I am not taking any classes in preparation for this test.”

Dang said he would like to see different organizations, such as the Princeton Review, on campus in addition to more traditional companies.

“I think the [University] offers adequate options to help with test preparation,”

he said. “But I would like to see other organizations other than Kaplan on campus.”

Senior John Anders prepared for the LSAT with a Kaplan Live Online class during summer 2010 before he took the exam in October. The instructor for the course broadcasted the lesson over a video to students across the country.

“Because I took this class, I took five practice exams prior to my actual test day,” he said. “They gave me a feel for where I was before taking the actual exam.”

Anders said he utilized the online LSAT tools provided by Kaplan to monitor his studying.

“They have this thing called Smart Reports that analyzes your performance on practice tests and diagnoses where you could use more practice and tracks your progress,” Anders said. “I found this to be one of the most helpful tools in my preparation.”

Because of the ample resources offered through Kaplan, Anders said he did not seek out resources through Notre Dame other than quiet study space in campus libraries.

“I think the [University] offers adequate options to help with test preparations. But I would like to see other organizations other than Kaplan on campus.”

Tony Dang
junior

“I think knowing exactly what I was going to get on the exam was a huge confidence boost for me, and my scores represented this.”

John Anders
senior

Anders said he was confident of the test format and types of questions on the exam, and he said he was very happy with his score.

“I think knowing exactly what I was going to get on the exam was a huge confidence boost for me, and my scores represented this,” Anders said. “I have the class I took to thank for this.”

Saint Mary’s senior Kristen Metzger will take the GRE at the end of the summer and was accepted to the Teach for America program after graduation. Metzger will receive her master’s degree in education at the University of North Carolina while she completes that program.

Metzger said she used Kaplan resources to study for past exams and turned to their GRE preparation book because she was familiar with their format.

“They also offer practice tests online that I’m sure I will take advantage of,” she said.

The “Classroom Anywhere” online option is the most popular among students preparing for exams through Kaplan, Weale said.

“Classroom Anywhere

courses take the dynamic interaction of a live instructor — who brings all the enthusiasm and inspiration of our Kaplan classrooms — and combines it with state-of-the-art online classroom tools to translate the combination into an online environment that’s designed to enhance the learning experience,” she said.

Fees for Kaplan programs vary depending on the program. Weale said thousands of free practice tests and admissions seminars are available across the country.

Students unhappy with their preparation or exam score can study with Kaplan for free for the next test date or for three more months for computer-based tests.

“Students in our programs see great results, as evidenced by the tens of thousands of students who come to us each year,” Weale said. “Much of Kaplan’s growth comes from reputation and word-of-mouth, so we have a vested interest in helping our students succeed.”

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Group dedicates funds to printers in dorms

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Student Government Association (SGA) members voted unanimously to pursue an initiative that would eventually put printers in each residence hall and voted to dismiss a proposal for additional bike racks on campus.

Both initiatives were ideas to spend the remaining \$3,400 of the current SGA administration’s capital fund.

Student body president Rachael Chesley brought technology into the dialogue. Updating technology has always been an interest of SGA, but all preceding administrations abandoned the idea after running into several obstacles, Chesley said. These obstacles include not having any one person responsible for the printer, which led to frequent state of disarray of the printers.

According to Residence Hall Association (RHA) President Marianne Jones, RHA also has an interest in installing printers in the dorms, but funding is a roadblock.

“Hall councils have been charged with coming up with a list of improvements to residence halls,” Jones said, “and the number one thing that everyone wanted was printers in the dorms, but this is out of

RHA’s price limit.”

SGA voted unanimously to officially pursue putting printers into the dorms. Chesley and student body vice president Laura Smith will meet with Coordinator of Student Computing Kathleen Hausmann next week to discuss a proposed plan of action, Chesley said.

“I kind of see it as a phase process,” Chesley said. “It wouldn’t be all the dorms at once. I think it would begin with one dorm, one printer to prove to the technology department that we can do this, and then we can expand it in the future.”

SGA also discussed installing more bike racks on campus.

The bike rack proposal came from a series of comment cards SGA received from students through the comment card collection in the dining hall earlier in the year. Chesley pursued the suggestion with Building Services and brought price points and information to last week’s SGA meeting, but the initiative was moved to this week’s agenda.

SGA members voted to dismiss the initiative due to lack of evidence that a majority of the student body supported it and due to the high cost of installing the bike racks.

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tumultuous relationships with the South Bend police (and continued arrests), a poorly advertised student discount program and poorly attended pep rallies," the e-mail stated. "Little or no consideration is given to the students, and current leaders within student government itself are content to rest on their ... laurels."

The committee decided an appropriate sanction for Ward would be the submission of an apology e-mail to Judicial Council by 11:59 p.m. Monday, which would then be distributed to the entire student body. Ward complied and sent the e-mail by the given deadline.

However, the e-mail was not

sent to students right away, as Ward and Eaton chose to file an appeal to the allegation.

An appeal must be filed within 24 hours of the allegation, Thomas said. After an appeal is filed, Student Senate must convene within 48 hours to hear the appeal.

Thomas said he once again made the decision to withhold the election results until the appeal process was finished, in order for the Senate to remain unbiased.

After consulting with Becker, Thomas also decided to wait until the appeals process was finished before distributing Ward's apology e-mail to the student body.

"James satisfied the requirements of the sanction, but I wanted to give the process time to work," Thomas said. "In case the Senate found it was an unfair sanction, that

way we wouldn't have to back-track."

However, the Ward-Eaton ticket dropped the appeal on Tuesday evening and the e-mail was sent to the student body.

With the sanction completed and the appeal dropped, Thomas was able to announce the results of the election Tuesday night.

According to Thomas, all of the rules for campaigning are publicly available in the student union constitution. These detailed, extensive rules are in place in order to maintain an equal playing field between all candidates, he said.

For example, no campaigning is allowed to take place in any meeting or on any agenda of official student union business, such as meetings of Student Senate, Class Council or Hall President's Council.

"The goal for that is to remove any advantage current student government leaders may have in campaigning," Thomas said.

Similarly, campaigning in LaFortune Student Center is only allowed on the first floor and in the basement, in order to keep campaigning away from the student government offices on the second and third floors.

Candidates are also not allowed to solicit endorsements or use listservs for campaigning purposes. These two rules are among the most commonly broken, Thomas said, along with the need for candidates to have all of their campaigning materials approved by the election committee.

Thomas said the formation of the rules falls under the jurisdiction of Student Senate. "Student Senate writes the

rules, I as vice president of elections inform the candidates of the rules and the election committee interprets the rules and determines whether or not they were broken," he said.

Any student can file an allegation, Thomas said, and directions for how to do so are available on the Judicial Council Web site.

Thomas said allegations are usually uncommon, and the reason for so many in this year's election is probably due to the high number of tickets running for student body president and vice president.

"This created a very competitive environment," he said. "The candidates wanted to make sure that no one was gaining an unfair advantage."

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MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observer

University of Notre Dame doctoral candidate Ryan Kreager, creator of the I Confess iPhone app works at his laptop.

App

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have special needs. They use their iPhone to help focus on what they want to say."

Kreager said they launched the app through their business Little i Apps, LLC. He thought of the idea by talking to his sister's boyfriend.

"John [Deng] and I were just talking about confession," Kreager said. "He made a comment about making confession easier and we thought there should be an app for that."

Deng did not want to be involved in the app development process, so Kreager took the idea to the Leinen brothers. They jumped at the chance.

The three self-described "Catholic Geeks" did have some experience in programming and web development, but had never developed an app before.

"There was a learning curve on the app development side," Kreager said. "But for us, this was an evening and weekends project."

After about six months, they released a prototype of the app to a few close friends and a local youth group. Soon after their beta testing ended, the app was released.

The app received an imprimatur, an official statement

from a bishop that states that there are no doctrinal or moral errors.

Bishop Kevin Rhoades, of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese, granted the examination of consciousness the imprimatur.

"As far as we know, we are the first app to receive this," Kreager said. "It gave the app a credibility that it wouldn't have had otherwise."

The examination of consciousness the app uses is what specifically received the imprimatur.

Scheidt said non-Catholics also use the app just to look at their life and examine the choices they are making.

"This gives non-Catholics who are unfamiliar with confession the ability to see and learn more about the sacrament," Scheidt said.

Even though the app has proved to be helpful, Kreager said there has been misleading media coverage of it. Originally, coverage was only picked up by some Catholic blogs and news sources, he said. Other media outlets eventually picked up the story of the app and some even reported that the Catholic

Church had approved confession via iPhone. Some news sources retracted their false statements, while Kreager said others did not.

"The Vatican released a statement saying that they are not opposed to the app as long as it is used correctly," Kreager said. "We also issued

a statement saying that we stand fully behind the Vatican's statement and that the app is just an aid to confession, not a replacement."

Scheidt said the confession app "has generated a conversation about confession that would be difficult to pay an advertising company to replicate. It has gotten people talking and that's a good thing."

With all the coverage, the app was even mentioned in jokes on both Conan O'Brien and Jay Leno's television shows, Kreager said.

Currently the team is working on adding new features such as customizable sin lists, porting it to the Android and translating the app into several other languages.

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Ryan Kreager
doctoral candidate

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redefine student government to give Notre Dame students a voice in larger social justice issues.

"We want to transform what has come to be an institution where we all know the script. What we want to try to do is offer a vision of more," McCormick said. "We want to try and make an argument that it is a false choice, this difference between issues of convenience and issues of consequence. We think it is time to build a student government that matches the size of the hopes in the Notre Dame student body."

The team would expand on the Playing for Peace rally and basketball tournament held this year to promote peace in Sudan, and hopefully hold a large charity concert with celebrity guests to raise awareness for a social justice issue, McCormick said.

Rocheleau said the team would create a director of constituent services to tackle smaller student concerns, such as lowering the price of "quarter dogs" back to 25 cents and increasing print quotas.

In contrast, Ward and Eaton said they would make the current structure of student government more transparent to improve communication with students.

Eaton said this transparency

would also help students better understand the resources available through student government to help finance better programming.

"There are already councils and organizations set up to increase communication between the different branches of student government," Ward said. "The biggest aspect here is communication between student government and the student body. Transparency is always an issue. We don't really see the things that are going on in student government."

Ward also said the Campus Life Council (CLC) would be an important forum for discussion under his presidency.

The candidates also answered questions about community relations between Notre Dame students and the city of South Bend. Both tickets emphasized community

service as a way to involve students in the local area in a positive light.

Eaton said their administration would encourage community service through the Robinson Community Learning Center and other local organizations.

"Notre Dame is much more than just the drinking culture," she said.

McCormick said he would specifically expand the eND Hunger campaign begun by the current administration in a focused attempt to end food insecurity in the West Side of South Bend.

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James Ward
Student body presidential candidate

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Pat McCormick
Student body presidential candidate

memorandum of understanding that has already been begun by this administration, which will institutionalize our relationships

with the South Bend police," McCormick said. "In order to build community relations we think we need to prove to community members that students are about more than just drinking off

campus."

The candidates both included expanding LBGTQ inclusion at Notre Dame and increasing campus sustainability in their plat-

forms.

Ward said he would appoint a member of CORE Council to the Gender Relations Committee.

"We do finally want to address LGBTQ issues directly from student government rather than solely from the CORE Council," Ward said.

Ward and McCormick both said they would work to establish a gay and straight alliance on

campus as an official student club.

McCormick also said his platform includes a long-term pro-

posal to reduce the University's carbon footprint by 70 percent.

"We have outlined in our platform a series of proposals that will help us get there," McCormick said. "They center around diversifying the University's energy portfolio ... and to really come together to achieve measurable progress of this school."

All candidates said they would continue with student government positions whether their ticket wins or loses in the runoff election.

"A great thing about going to a place like Notre Dame is that you know that all the candidates in the race would do a great job," Eaton said. "We all have the students' best interests at heart."

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Presidential candidate Pat McCormick, right and his running mate Brett Rocheleau speak Wednesday night at the runoff debate in LaFortune Student Center.

OIS

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she said.

Opel said in addition to two students who were accepted to the new program in Dakar, Senegal, OIS is looking to replace the Leuven, Belgium program by next year.

OIS accepted 26 students to its program in Cairo. Opel said despite the political upheaval in the country, OIS is exploring all possible options for students who were admitted.

"It is not clear that the [Cairo] program will run, particularly in the fall. We are presenting the students with several options including deferring acceptance to spring semester when the situation may be clearer or changing to their second preference program for consideration," she said. "I hope and anticipate that Cairo will continue to be a study abroad site in the future."

Regardless of the location, Opel said OIS ensures programs affiliated with Notre Dame are of the highest quality.

"We know our partners abroad and work with them to

ensure that our students are in quality programs that provide rigorous and stimulating educational experiences while keeping students in safe living and learning environments," she said.

Regardless of whether OIS acceptances or rejections, Opel said Notre Dame undergraduates should attempt to study abroad by any means possible.

"We in OIS want to help provide this opportunity to every student we can," she said. "If there is not an opportunity through OIS, we urge students to explore other international options through ND or beyond ND."

Opel said the power of international educational experiences is defined by how students develop in a foreign setting.

"Study abroad can change you, your life goals, your perspectives about other countries and cultures as well as your own," she said. "It provides a window on the world beyond the U.S. It allows you to grow and test yourself in ways that aren't possible when you are in a completely familiar environment."

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CBS earnings grow during forth quarter

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — CBS Corp.'s earnings growth accelerated during the fourth quarter as advertisers spent more broadcasting their commercials during last year's political campaign and holiday shopping season.

The results released Wednesday provided the latest sign that advertisers are increasing their television and radio marketing budgets as they feel more confident about the U.S. economy's recovery from the Great Recession. Advertising also has been rising in most other media but newspapers.

CBS, based in New York, serves as a barometer of advertising sentiment because it runs the top-rated television network and owns 28 local TV stations and 130 radio stations.

The company's total ad revenue during the final three months of 2010 rose 12 percent from the prior year, with the biggest gains coming at its local TV stations. Political spending heading into the early November election drove the growth early in the quarter and then CBS got a boost from a marketing blitz in the best holiday shopping season in four years.

Although management didn't provide a specific earnings forecast, executives said they expected profit margins to widen this year and next. "We expect great things this year and beyond," CEO Leslie Moonves said.

CBS earned \$283 million, or

41 cents per share, in the quarter, compared with profit of \$59 million, or 9 cents per share, at the same time in 2009. The 2009 results included \$200 million in charges that depressed the bottom line.

If not for one-time items in the latest quarter, CBS said it would have earned 46 cents per share. That figure topped the average estimate of 43 cents per share among analysts polled by FactSet.

Revenue for the period rose 11 percent from the prior year to \$3.9 billion, slightly above analyst estimates. Revenue in the 2009 fourth quarter was \$3.5 billion.

Besides benefiting from an advertising revival, CBS also raked in higher licensing fees for its shows. Those fees climbed 29 percent in the fourth quarter, with the biggest chunk coming from the syndication rights to the series "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation."

CBS's cable division, Showtime Networks, also fared well with a 6 percent revenue increase. The cable networks ended the year with 67.1 million subscribers, up 5.8 million from 2009.

CBS shares initially rose after the fourth-quarter results came out but were unchanged after a few hours of extended trading. The stock ended the regular trading session at \$22.10, up 45 cents. Investors have driven up CBS's market value by about 40 percent since the end of September, reflecting their belief that the company would benefit from an advertising revival.

Computer competes on show



Contestants Ken Jennings, left, and Brad Rutter compete against a computer named Watson on the game show "Jeopardy!" in Yorktown Heights, N.Y.

Associated Press

Machines first out-calculated us in simple math. Then they replaced us on the assembly lines, explored places we couldn't get to, even beat our champions at chess. Now a computer called Watson has bested our best at "Jeopardy!"

A gigantic computer created by IBM specifically to excel at answers-and-questions left two champs of the TV game show in its silicon dust after a three-day tournament, a feat that experts call a technological breakthrough.

Watson earned \$77,147, versus \$24,000 for Ken Jennings and \$21,600 for Brad Rutter. Jennings took it in stride writing "I for one welcome our new computer overlords"

alongside his correct Final Jeopardy answer.

The next step for the IBM machine and its programmers: taking its mastery of the arcane and applying it to help doctors plow through blizzards of medical information. Watson could also help make Internet searches far more like a conversation than the hit-or-miss things they are now.

Watson's victory leads to the question: What can we measly humans do that amazing machines cannot do or will never do?

The answer, like all of "Jeopardy!," comes in the form of a question: Who — not what — dreamed up Watson? While computers can calculate and construct, they cannot

decide to create. So far, only humans can.

"The way to think about this is: Can Watson decide to create Watson?" said Pradeep Khosla, dean of engineering at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. "We are far from there. Our ability to create is what allows us to discover and create new knowledge and technology."

Experts in the field say it is more than the spark of creation that separates man from his mechanical spawn. It is the pride creators can take, the empathy we can all have with the winners and losers, and that magical mix of adrenaline, fear and ability that kicks in when our backs are against the wall and we are in survival mode.

Ind. House approves banning gay marriage

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana House approved a constitutional amendment on Tuesday to ban gay marriage and civil unions — a step opponents said was unnecessary since same-sex marriage is already illegal in the state.

Supporters say the amendment would provide an additional layer of protection for traditional marriage in case courts later overturn Indiana's law. The Republican-controlled House voted 70-26 to advance the proposal, which must clear two separately-elected Legislatures to get on the ballot for a public vote.

"Marriage is — and should be — the union of one man and one woman," said Rep. Eric Turner, R-Marion.

Rep. Ralph Foley, R-Martinsville, said nothing in the resolution keeps gay people from living together or loving each other. But he said that's different relationship than marriage.

Opponents said the proposal would write discrimination into the state's constitution.

Rep. Matt Pierce, D-Bloomington, said the constitution should protect the minority, and that the proposed amendment goes against that philosophy. He said attitudes about mar-

riage change over time and noted that some states once outlawed interracial marriages.

"What side of history will we stand on?" he asked.

Rep. Mary Ann Sullivan, D-Indianapolis, prepared her remarks in the form of a Valentine's Day poem since she anticipated a vote on the proposal Monday. Although the vote was delayed a day, she said her comments still applied since they came from her heart.

Her poem said people would be hurt and communities would be less diverse if the constitution was amended to ban gay marriage.

"Please have the courage to keep the document free of your personal judgment of what marriage should be," she said.

A similar amendment banning gay marriage passed the General Assembly in 2005 when Republicans controlled the House and Senate. But in 2006, Democrats won control of the House and the proposal didn't clear the chamber again while they held power so the process had to start over.

Republicans won control of the House last year, giving the proposal new life. Now that the House has approved the measure, it moves to the GOP-ruled Senate, where it is expected to pass.

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Obama presents 2012 budget outline

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said Wednesday that difficult debates on how to address the costs of Social Security and Medicare are “starting now,” even though his 2012 budget blueprint lacked any major changes to the large benefit programs.

Illustrating the challenges ahead, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., stressed that any cost-cutting of major government benefit programs is possible “as long as you eliminate Social Security” from the discussion.

In an interview with a Cincinnati television station, Obama did not offer any spe-

cific modifications but did not take Social Security off the table, as Reid insisted. Obama has been having a number of budget discussions with congressional officials, meeting with Senate Democratic leaders on Wednesday and with House Republican leaders last week. He is scheduled to talk to House Democratic leaders on Thursday.

“We’re starting now. I mean, the conversations have already begun,” Obama told WCPO television, the ABC affiliate in Cincinnati.

Reid, who requested Wednesday’s Senate leadership meeting with the president, reiterated his view in the meeting that Social Security is in fine shape for

decades and shouldn’t be targeted for cuts, according to two Democratic aides with knowledge of the discussion. They spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the private conversations.

“Social Security has contributed not a single penny to the deficit,” Reid said earlier in the day. “So we can talk about entitlements as long as you eliminate Social Security. Because Social Security is not part of the problem we have in America with the deficit.”

In the meeting, Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., told the president he thought Social Security should be considered separately from the budget, one aide said. Also attending were Sens. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Patty Murray, D-Wash.

Senior lawmakers in both parties have talked in general terms of seeking a broad deficit-reduction agreement later this year. Reining in the growing costs of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid are widely cited as essential ingredients in any such compromise. Medicaid is a state-federal program that provides health care to the lower-income. Social Security and Medicare, in particular, are politically sensitive, providing retirement and health benefits for millions of seniors.

House Republicans have said they plan a budget proposal that will take on overhauling Social Security and Medicare, and they have criticized Obama for failing to address the programs in his budget. Democratic lawmakers favor waiting to see what the GOP proposes before moving forward, aides said.

Adjusting Social Security and Medicare have been politically charged topics that both parties have used to attack each other, and any political party that seeks major changes unilaterally leaves itself open to criticism. Obama noted in a news conference this week that in the past, significant changes to Social Security were bipartisan.

In his interview with the Cincinnati television station,

Obama carefully avoided showing his preferences for containing program costs.

“The key on both Social Security as well as Medicare is making sure that we do changes that strengthen the system, that make sure that the same amount of money going out is the same amount of money coming in,” he said. “Social Security is a little easier to deal with. We know there are just four or five different things that we could do. The question is, what’s the best mix? Medicare is a little tougher because it involves the health care system as a whole.”

White House press secretary Jay Carney said Wednesday that making needed changes in the two massive programs will require compromise.

Carney distinguished between Social Security and Medicare, asserting that Social Security spending does not contribute to short-term deficits. And he reiterated Obama’s assertion that he does not want to “slash” Social Security benefits. He declined to say whether Obama would accept any reduction in benefits for future retirees.

“The president wants to protect current retirees,” Carney said. “He does not want a solution that slashes benefits.”

Reid’s spokesman, Jon Summers, said the Nevada Democrat opposes any cuts for Social Security recipients, as well as any reduction in benefits promised to future retirees. He also rejects an increase in the age at which workers can begin to draw full Social Security retirement, Summers said, adding, “he sees that as a benefit cut.”

Though Obama’s budget did not contain any adjustments to those programs, a presidential deficit-reduction commission floated several late last year. Among them was an increase in the age for full retirement benefits under Social Security, and steps to slow the growth of future benefits.

Wolves in Montana to be shot

Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — Defying federal authority over gray wolves in his state, Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer on Wednesday encouraged livestock owners to kill wolves that attack their animals — even in areas where that is not currently allowed — and said the state will start killing off packs that hurt elk herds.

Schweitzer told The Associated Press he no longer is willing to wait for federal officials to resolve the tangle of lawsuits over wolves, which has kept the animals on the endangered species list for a decade since recovery goals were first met.

“We will take action in Montana on our own,” he said. “We’ve had it with Washington, D.C., with Congress just yipping about it, with (the Department of) Interior just vacillating about it. What we see in Washington, D.C., is motion masquerading as action.”

State wildlife agents and ranchers killing wolves already occurs regularly across much of the Northern Rockies, where 1,700 of the predators roam parts of five states. Rules against killing wolves have been relaxed by federal officials over the past decade.

Livestock owners in southern Montana and Idaho have authority to defend their property by shooting wolves that attack their cattle, sheep or other domestic animals. And federal agents regularly kill wolves in response to such attacks, with more than 1,000 shot over the past decade.

But Schweitzer is moving to expand those killings beyond what the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has so far allowed, including to parts of Montana where ranchers are not allowed to shoot the predators.

Fish and Wildlife spokesman Chris Tollefson said the agency was working with Montana and other states in the region to address their concerns over wolves.

“We’ve been in negotiations with Montana and the other states for some time, and we’re committed to continuing that and trying to find a solution that works for everybody,” he said.

In a letter to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar that was provided by Schweitzer’s office, the Democratic governor said state game wardens will be directed to stop investigating wolf shootings north of Interstate 90, the part of the state with the heaviest protections for the animals.


And he said he directed Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks to begin removing packs in the Bitterroot Valley south of Missoula that have been driving down elk populations.

The state has a pending petition before the Fish and Wildlife Service to remove a dozen wolves in the Bitterroot.

A decision on that petition is pending, according to federal officials. Schweitzer indicated Wednesday that he was not going to wait, and would leave it to state wildlife agents to decide when to kill the wolves.

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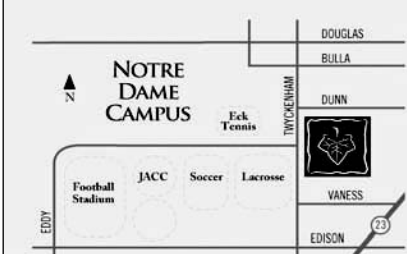
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A lesson from Earnhardt

Feb. 18, 2001: Michael Waltrip crossed the finish line for his first win in 462 consecutive NASCAR races. It was Daytona racing's biggest stage and his brother, Daryl, made the call from the broadcast booth, in tears.

Fox Announcer: Daryl, is this better than winning it?

Daryl (in tears and disbelief): Oh it's better. This is ... great. [Then a daunting silence.] I hope Dale's okay. I guess he's alright, isn't he?

He wasn't.

The living legend became a legend that afternoon, exactly 10 years ago Friday.

The scene was endearing, from the older brother's tears of joy to the younger Waltrip's burden finally lifted off of his shoulders.

Yet something was wrong, chillingly wrong.

Of my youth, I remember two moving moments in sports perfectly clear: 1) The New Orleans Saints' first home game following Hurricane Katrina and 2) The Daytona 500 where we lost Dale Earnhardt Sr.

Why was a 9-year-old kid who hadn't ever seen a NASCAR race watching? The question still eerily hits me today.

The crash didn't even look too bad. The illustrious No. 3 car, clipped from behind, lost control and went head-first into the wall. No flips, no flames, no fireworks; after all, we've seen far worse on SportsCenter's Top 10.

Yet something was wrong, terrifyingly wrong.

Waltrip's tears of joy soon reversed course, and the world felt helpless as NASCAR's superman passed away.

Today, you still see the black hats with the white and red outlined "3," or the stickers on the back of a pickup truck. But how do we go only 10 years since his death and still not feel its impact like we do for the respective, tragic passings of Len Bias and Roberto Clemente?

Nonetheless, the man was a celebrity, husband and father. An image still runs in my head of the young Dale Earnhardt Jr. celebrating his second place finish in his biggest race, looking to celebrate with someone. But there wasn't anyone anymore, as Junior soon sped off to find his father. And I sit here, reflecting on how much my father means to me, while feeling the utmost pity for the petrifying, heart-dropping feeling that Junior experienced at that moment, because it is probably the most absolutely terrifying feeling someone could ever have. Ever.

Think about it.

Racing's equivalent to Michael Jordan died doing the thing that he loved, the way he probably wanted to go.

So here I am 10 years later, still not a NASCAR fan, yet respectful beyond doubt of what Earnhardt's death means to us all. Just as he did what he loved, we should do the same and encourage others to do so, because this could sadly be one's last moment. That is the moral of Dale's story, and it is a shame that it took me 10 years to figure it out.

Something was wrong, horribly wrong. But now we can learn, thanks to No. 3.

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Freedom for all

Ever since the protests for political change have kicked up across the Arab world, my colleagues on the right wing have feared about the takeover of anti-U.S. Islamic extremist groups such as the Muslim

Brotherhood that we have seen in places like Iran, Palestine and others in the Middle East. These fears are unwarranted in my opinion. The basic definition of freedom is the ability to choose your own fate in this world individually and collectively.

Freedom does not mean you are going to make the right or smart choices every time, but its success has been based on the fact that free peoples more often than not do make the right decisions. The conservatives in this country have nothing to fear from a free Egypt, because there is still a good chance that it will turn into a great democracy. Many will deny it, but the greater good we originally sought to achieve with our military presence in the Middle East is coming to fruition.

Tyrants are falling and nascent democracies are beginning to form in places that have never seen the phenomenon in centuries, if ever. We cannot measure or deny what the indirect role of having U.S. built democracies in the region is playing in this social and political upheaval we are now witnessing. Yes, our government has helped prop up some of the tyrants that are now threatened, but facts on the ground are changing and only now is American foreign policy beginning to catch up.

For all our optimism, what if even the

good people of Egypt get turned by the evil of extremist theocracy? Well, at least we gave it a shot. The rise of political and militant Islam is an unfortunate, but common occurrence in Islamic countries. They have tied a religious system into a political system that cannot be easily separated. The dangers of this combination have already been revealed many times in the annals of history. Americans, present and future, will be forced to continue to the battle the followers of extremist Islam because those extremists are bent on our destruction.

They seek the decline of the West and a return to relevance for their people. Many will claim that disdain for radical Islam is demagoguery, but this is an idea that needs to be changed in favor of more mainstream and peaceful ideology. Something is amiss when young American-born Muslims can be turned into terrorists by puppet masters over the internet. Ideas like National Socialism, authoritarian communism and tyrannical monarchy do not go away without words exchanged and blood being spilled.

There is an upside to the rise of radical Islam on the world stage for those that seek the defeat of this old but newly powerful enemy. The fight becomes much easier when the enemy institutionalizes themselves instead of hiding in the shadows of crowds and the deep caves of mountains. War is easier to understand in the 20th century style of nation states, not in the guerrilla, non-conventional style of the 21st century. Monikers like Nazi Germany, Stalinist Russia, Imperial Japan, unstable North Korea and dangerous Iran make it easier to point out the bad guys.

The free people of Iran had a chance to choose their own fate in 1979 after the fall of the Shah and what they chose was an anti-American theocratic dictatorship that I predict will be at war with us with-

in our lifetime. The ideology of the regime is too strong for something not to happen and for our side not to respond. Hezbollah and other militant groups maintain popular political support throughout the Arab world and can quickly step in to seize power if the status quo changes. Even in secular and democratic Turkey, religiously-biased political parties are gaining ground.

The Palestinians, in free elections, voted for their own Hamas "freedom fighters" (read terrorists) and as a result will continue to be at perpetual war with Israel. Time and time again Israel allows chances for peace, but the Palestinians fueled by a bloody history and unyielding ideology collectively choose to support Hamas, essentially extending the sword instead of the olive branch with their freedom.

Now it is Egypt's turn to decide what they will do with their freedom. Assuming a new strong man does not come to power, Egypt will have a chance to develop either a mostly secular democracy or a conservative theocracy that leans on Sharia Law and Islamic doctrines that clash with Western liberalism.

The same choices apply to other Arab nations that are successful in their quest for social change. Will we see a new dawn of peace in the Middle East and the West or is a new Caliphate rising to seek to challenge the free world?

It is not we who should be scared of a free Egypt and Middle East; it is the Egyptians and Middle Easterners who should be scared of a failed democratic revolution.

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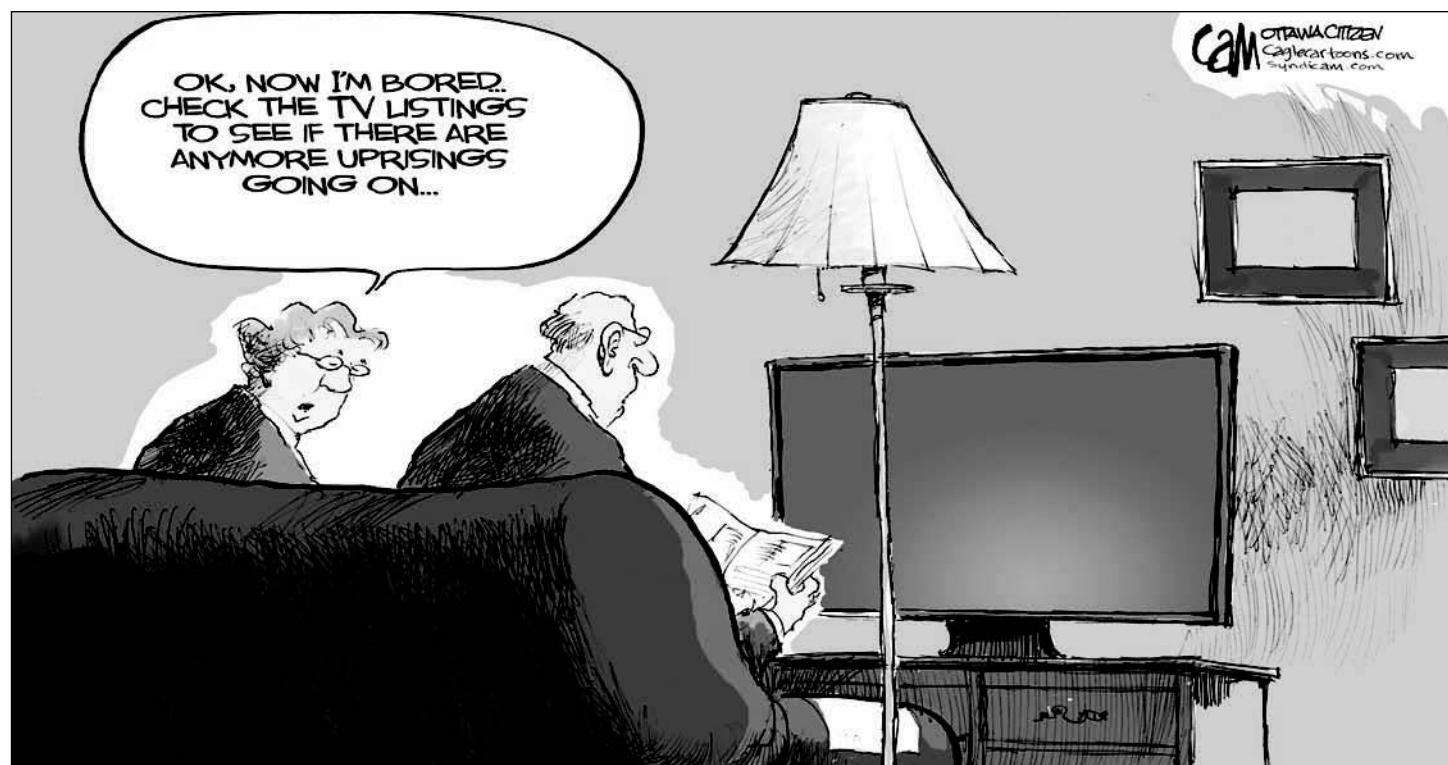
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Elephant in the Room

EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps, for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference between what things are and what they ought to be."

William Hazlitt
English essayist

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"For all their strength, men were sometimes like little children."

Lawana Blackwell
U.S. author

THE OBSERVER VIEWPOINT

Get well soon

It is mid-February, and I do not need to tell you it has been a cold, snowy winter. No matter if you played snow football or curled up on your futon with hot chocolate, chances are your immune system is weakening.

I spent the past weekend drinking liters of Powerade, eating multiple bowls of soup and taking doses of ibuprofen for a sore throat among other ailments. Sunday seemed to be the turning point when I woke refreshed with less aches and pains. But it was too good to be true, as Monday brought a new round of sneezes and runny noses.

As I stared down a busy week on my calendar, I felt overwhelmed. Colds are impossible to beat with long days and little rest. I could easily take a sick day from work, and my coworkers would greatly encourage me to stay at home.

Yeah, right. The absolute last thing I can imagine doing when my calendar is jam packed would be taking a day off to sleep. How will the work get done?

Meg Mirshak

Faithpoint

Many of you right now have the flu or common cold. For those of you without a low white-blood cell count, you might feel burnt out with classes or battling the winter blues. But your professor still expects you to be in class, meet for a group project and turn in a 10-page paper. You absolutely cannot lay on the futon because how will the work get done?

I tell you what a wise friend told me: “All will be well, and all manner of thing will be well.” (My friend, Julian of Norwich, is a fourteenth century nun and writer.)

At the end of the day, God is God. All will be well.

Life can seem overwhelming. Society, especially at Notre Dame, pressures us to work at the highest capability. Do and do more is our mantra. Even then, our accomplishments seem insignificant. We sense our smallness in a vast world. Our bodies feel defenseless.

In a physical sense, our body has the flu. Spiritually, our soul requires some tender, loving care. We must look for nourishment and sustenance, and Julian points us to God’s grace shared through Christ made

man. God himself was made human, so that we might have his very being among us.

We, like Christ, are dwelling places of God. The human heart is large enough to contain God. Our minds can hardly comprehend how the all-present and all-knowing God makes His home in your heart. God is not bigger than us. God is in us.

Remembering this is essential for our physical and spiritual well-being. We are created beings and we are at the center of God’s story. God made us, God loves us and God cares for us. Even when we feel most sick and weak and insufficient, we do not fall into nothingness. The infinite love of God saves us from harm. If we cannot rest in this wisdom, God’s peace cannot dwell in our hearts.

Love yourself enough to rest. Your physical body and your spiritual soul need healing. When we sleep, we help our body fight off viruses and bacteria that are making us sick. Letting go of transgressions on our soul helps to make our heart a healthy dwelling place for God. There

are dark corners of our heart that we think light will never reach. We feel the pain, we ache and we grow tired. God’s love and grace alone restores us to well-being.

Rest knowing that even if you cannot “do and do more” God will take care of your needs. Rest in the belief that after Christ’s pain, He rose again and all things were made new. Take consolation in our Lord’s suffering and hear God say, “All will be well.”

The work will get done. But if you are sick, the work will feel insufficient, unsatisfactory and unfulfilling. Nurse yourself back to health. Pay attention to areas of your physical and spiritual self that need God’s nourishment. He made you in love, and he will care for you.

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Envisioning the next 10 years

The Robinson Community Learning Center marks its 10-year anniversary this Friday, and our local community and University have much to celebrate. Emerging in 2001 as a partnership between the

Northeast Neighborhood and the University, RCLC is a nexus for community empowerment, neighborhood social capital and community-based research and learning. On the eve of this occasion, I offer two commendations and a set of observations and questions to guide the way forward.

First, I commend those who set forth the bold vision to establish a joint, community-based neighborhood initiative over 10 years ago. University and community leaders such as Fr. Edward “Monk” Malloy, Fr. Don McNeil, Ms. Marguerite Taylor and countless others gave life to a fledgling concept, ensuring not only the resources to build it, but a resident informed approach to growing and sustaining it. Many of the key stakeholders involved in the planning and founding of RCLC will attest that there were indeed challenges to overcome — historical distrust, turf issues, lack of communication and more. Having persevered through those challenges, even forging new partnerships because of them, I hope that anyone who had a role in the launch of RCLC takes pride in what it has become.

What RCLC has become leads me to my second commendation. The RCLC staff, for several years under the leadership of Jay Caponigro and now led by Jennifer Knapp

Beudert, makes tireless efforts each and every day to enact the bold vision set forth in 2001. A host of residents, undergraduate students and volunteers assist the staff as the front-line providers of programs and educational opportunities that reach over 500 residents per month. Offerings that span the life course are a hallmark of RCLC: A second grader attending a tutoring session in reading, a Notre Dame sophomore serving in Take Ten, the senior residents who participate in book club and fitness activities and the group of youth who perform in the Robinson Shakespeare Company. These examples are the living embodiment — the hoped-for potential realized — of the founding vision.

The 10-year milestone at Robinson provides a moment of opportunity both to evaluate where we are as a University in regard to community engagement and to chart a pathway for the next decade. Many institutions of higher education — in this country and abroad — are explicitly and powerfully re-committing to scholarship, teaching and learning to enhance civic engagement. The verbiage surrounding these efforts differs depending on each institution and its mission: public scholarship, community-engaged scholarship, outreach scholarship, the scholarship of engagement, action research, community-based research, etc. While the nomenclature varies, some central premises of community engagement are invariant: Efforts are predicated on mutually beneficial outcomes for communities and universities; communities have specialized expertise to share with universities; and the collective capital of the com-

munity-university partnership is well-suited to both innovation and addressing social problems.

As we look ahead, we should acknowledge that there is already a decided momentum at Notre Dame regarding community engagement, evidenced by a 2009 Task Force on Community Engagement in St. Joseph County, newly created University positions (namely an associate vice president for Public Affairs and a director of Community Engagement) and the recent announcement that Notre Dame successfully received classification as a “community engaged institution” from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Assembling the application for the Carnegie designation revealed strong pockets of community engaged scholarship, teaching and research in almost every College and School. In some cases, goals specific to community engagement are woven into department and school-level strategic plans. Moreover, hubs of wisdom and expertise like the Center for Social Concerns have been and continue to be strong and pivotal catalysts for community engagement efforts.

Building upon these developments and rich assets as well as the lessons learned at RCLC, we are poised to deepen our commitment to community engagement even further. To do so, we must take up a host of provocative and intriguing questions: At an institution like Notre Dame, infused as we are with a distinct Catholic character, how does “faith in action” permeate community engagement? Are we appropriately attentive to the demands of authentic partner-

ships, recognizing how long they take to develop, foster and mature? How do we measure and track community engagement and its impact on students, faculty and the community? Do we understand and uplift the beneficial student outcomes of service learning and/or participatory research? Do we support and develop faculty that already engage in community-based research and teaching and assist those who wish to develop such skills? Are we vigilantly open to other opportunities and venues for partnering with South Bend neighborhoods and schools? Engaging with questions such as these all but ensure that the next ten years of community engagement will be life-giving, dynamic and transformative.

I close with some borrowed language from the RCLC founding document: “If we aim to be an example of Christ in the world, if we intend to foster, teach, and live justice, if it is our mission to educate students who will lead society to engage community issues, then we simply cannot ignore both the community gifts and needs at our doorstep.”

Congratulations and thank you, Robinson Community Learning Center. I say, let’s continue to be Christ in the world.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keenan should be proud

Students of Notre Dame:

My name is Alex Deak, you may remember me as the skunk from “The Worst Musical Ever,” of the critically-acclaimed and uncensored 2010 Revue. Let me preface this letter with the fact that I not only did not see the Revue, I have not even heard the content of the jokes involved. What I have seen is the strong character of the Keenan guys who are now sophomores, juniors and seniors. Having been involved with the Revue for several years, I know that the idea is never to hurt anyone or attack anyone personally. We just try to say what everyone’s thinking but afraid to say, except we do it on stage, often dressed as animals or women.

Our mantra, through all of the things that happened with Saint Mary’s and all of the content problems we have had in the past, has been that the show must go on. But Saturday’s situation was basically impossible — only five skits uncensored? And the show went on.

So, guys, you did a great job, and though I’m sure it wasn’t as funny as last year, I’m very proud of how you handled yourselves.

My only words to you, SAO, are that you should be embarrassed. You dropped the ball here; you had every chance to view the material beforehand and clearly didn’t. If any students were hurt by the jokes in the Revue, then I am sure that was not Keenan’s intention, and SAO should have prevented it from happening instead of being reactionary and throwing the Saturday show into question. I am as disappointed in the administration as I am proud of the Keenan guys.

So guys, keep your heads up, and keep the Revue just the way it is.

Alex Deak

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Class of 2010

Feb. 15

Know what
grey space
means?

Time to write in.

Celebrities → FASHION



Justin Timberlake
William Rast

These names may mean nothing to those who don't follow fashion closely, but it's surprising just how many designers are recognizable not for their design aesthetic, but for their acting or singing chops. Everyone from the Olsen twins to Sienna Miller has dipped their feet into the fashion pool.

Though they started as

With New York Fashion Week drawing to a close, names like Kate Mulleavy, Prabal Gurung and Oliver Theyskens are on the mind of any fashion follower.



Courtney Cox
Scene Writer



adorable Michelle on "Full House," Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen have almost entirely given up their acting career for their pursuit of fashion stardom. They are extremely well respected in the fashion community and take their collection, The Row, very seriously.

The Row is a high end line that focuses on simplicity and sophistication without losing its cool edge. The fabric choices are very deliberate and uphold the luxurious image of the collection

as a whole. Luxury, of course, comes at a price — and The Row is quite pricey. Its Fall 2011 collection includes handbags that will be priced similarly to handbags from Hermes (in the \$3,000-\$6,000 range).

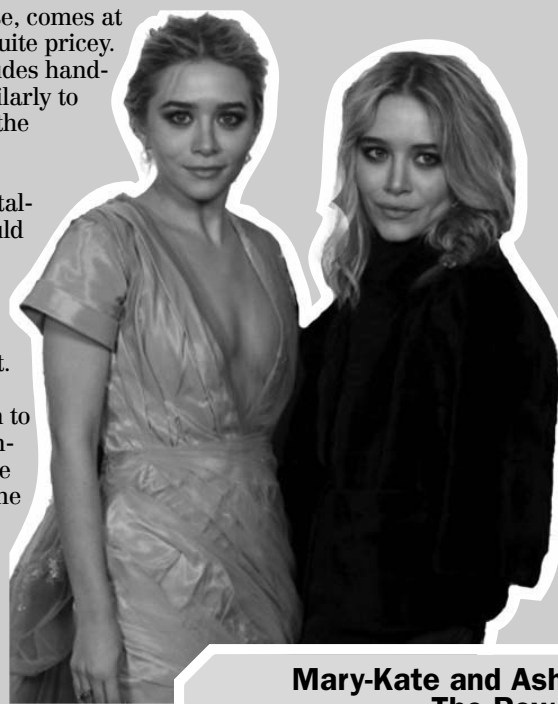
It's no secret that Justin Timberlake is unbelievably talented, but who knew he could add designer to his already extensive repertoire? He works alongside his friend Trace Ayala as the designer behind the line William Rast. The line has an extensive denim collection in addition to androgynous women's clothing with an American hippie vibe and men's clothing in the same vein. The brand recently collaborated with Target to provide their clothing at reasonable prices.

Any conversation about celebrities crossing over into the world of fashion would be incomplete without acknowledging the role Gwen Stefani plays in fashion. She began her line, L.A.M.B., in 2003 and it has only grown in popularity since its first showing at New York Fashion Week in 2004. The clothing is always bold and is exceptional in its creation of prints. It embodies the rocker-chic aesthetic that Stefani has mastered so well. The collection can also boast celebrity fans like Kim Kardashian, Rihanna and Rachel Zoe.

A new addition to the celebrity-designer club is Victoria Beckham. She has made an incredible transition into the field and won the hearts of stylists, editors and fellow celebrities. Her self-titled line is a testimony to her impact on the fashion industry. Well known for her chic personal style, Beckham transforms her style into a cohesive collection full of wearable dresses in solid colors and flattering silhouettes. This season she used plenty of flowy lines as opposed to body-hugging dresses as she had in the past — perhaps a nod to her growing baby bump?

Regardless, the collection is a favorite of fashion fans.

Design talent doesn't have to lie in clothing alone. Kate Bosworth brought her California-Bohemian style to her latest project,



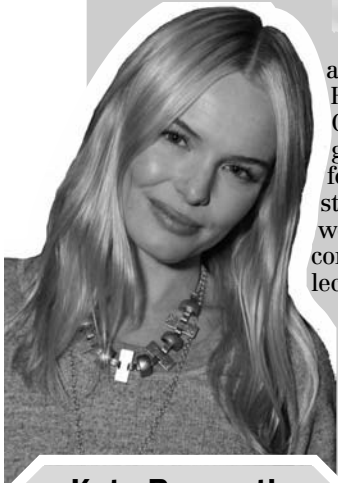
Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen
The Row

Jewelmint.com. The site, created in collaboration with stylist Cher Coulter, is essentially a jewelry club that sends users an item of their choice designed by Bosworth and Coulter once a month for \$29.99. It also features style tips and weekly trend reports. The designs of the jewelry are inspired by pieces that Bosworth would be seen wearing in the day and could become staples for any budding "It Girls."

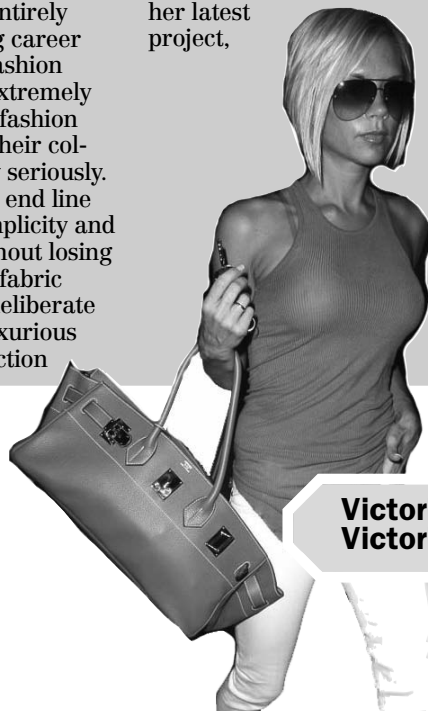
The fashion industry is difficult to break into, especially as a designer, but with a famous name and unique perspectives on personal style these celebrities have succeeded at leaving their mark on the world of design.

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Kate Bosworth
Jewelmint.com



Victoria Beckham
Victoria Beckham



Gwen Stefani
L.A.M.B.





Gwyneth Paltrow

Famous for her taut body (even after two kids), starring roles in movies like “Shakespeare in Love” and her status as the wife of Coldplay lead singer Chris Martin, it’s obvious that Gwyneth Paltrow has got it going on. Apparently all that success wasn’t enough, because Paltrow decided to take it a step further and premiere as a singer this year.



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The leap began with a role as a country singer in the recently released “Country Strong” and continued with an appearance on “Glee.” Paltrow’s version of Cee Lo Green’s “Forget You” on “Glee” was such a success that she was asked to perform the song live with Green on the Grammys. She’ll make the awards show circuit complete with a performance of “Coming Home” from “Country Strong” at the Oscars. If the Grammys are an indicator, expect to see Paltrow confident, boisterous and ready for action at the Feb. 27 award show.

Lindsay Lohan

Though she’s better known these days for rehab and shoplifting, there was a time when Lindsay Lohan had more to her name than felonies. She started out as an adorable, freckly redhead in “The Parent Trap” and became a high school

staple as the socially-awkward-girl-turned-diva in “Mean Girls.”

Nothing topped the charts, though, like Lohan’s 2004 debut album “Speak.” Just kidding. Really though, her song “Rumors” was pretty catchy and the album peaked at No. 4 on the Billboard 200.

Most music critics wouldn’t consider Lohan’s contributions to the industry legitimate, but for the girls who “just wanna dance and have a good time,” as Lohan sings, she admittedly had some repeat-worthy tracks. Her days of singing might be over for now, but if nothing else her life experiences will provide some great lyrics material.

Hilary Duff

She stole our hearts as a girl whose deepest thoughts — usually about boys and her frenemy Kate — were narrated by her cartoon alter ego on the Disney Channel show “Lizzie McGuire.” When she proved she could sing, Hilary Duff solidified her status as an idol for pre-teens everywhere.

Her lovable turn as Lizzie led to her singing debut with the release “I Can’t Wait” on the show’s soundtrack. From there, Duff went on to release tracks on “The Lizzie McGuire Movie” soundtrack including “Why Not” and “What Dreams Are Made Of.” She also starred in the movie “Raise Your Voice” where she played a teenage performing arts student.

This pop idol’s hits became the theme songs for MTV’s “Laguna Beach” and “My Super Sweet Sixteen” and she even

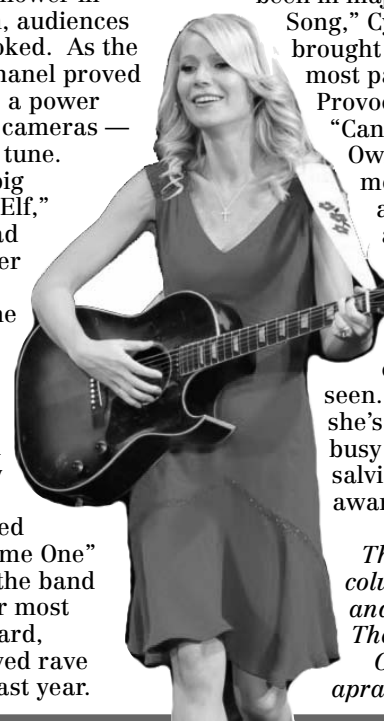
released a “Best of” album, which the author of this article may or may not own. Lately she’s been preoccupied with being a newlywed and promoting her soon-to-be-released book “Elixir,” but has plans to hit the film set in March for the upcoming movie “The Story of Bonnie and Clyde.”

Zoey Deschanel

There’s a reason Buddy the Elf couldn’t get enough of Zoey Deschanel. From the second her silky voice streamed out of the shower in Gimbels’ locker room, audiences everywhere were hooked. As the sarcastic Jovie, Deschanel proved that not only was she a power player in front of the cameras — she could also hold a tune.

Before she hit the big screen in the movie “Elf,” Deschanel already had loads of practice under her belt. She has experience playing the keyboard, percussion, banjo and ukulele, and in 2001 she performed in the jazz cabaret act If All the Stars Were Pretty Babies.

In 2008, she released her first album “Volume One” with M. Ward under the band name She & Him. Her most recent album with Ward, “Volume Two,” received rave reviews from Scene last year.



In “(500) Days of Summer,” Deschanel impressed audiences with her drunken karaoke cover of “Sugar Town” and reiterated the fact that she’s a multi-talented master. Her marriage in 2009 to Death Cab for Cutie’s lead singer Ben Gibbard ensured that regardless of what she does on camera, she will remain an indie idol for years to come.

Miley Cyrus

She might have been called the next Britney Spears, but not for the right reasons. Though Miley Cyrus can belt out a pop song or two, today’s comparisons to the former queen of pop have more to do with lifestyle choices than musical ambitions. Cyrus began as the perky pop star teen on “Hannah Montana” but once she buried Disney in the dust, her talents took a turn for the scandalous.

Though she continues acting and has been in major films like “The Last Song,” Cyrus’s turn as a singer has brought her more attention than most parents are comfortable with. Provocative music videos like “Can’t Be Tamed” and “Who Owns My Heart” have forced mommies to grab the remote and put it on the high shelf as Cyrus rolls around in cages and pretends to kiss girls.

Whether or not Cyrus keeps up her musical career still remains to be seen. In the meantime though, she’s sure to keep the tabloids busy with tricks like smoking salvia and pole-dancing at awards shows.

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Weekend Events Calendar

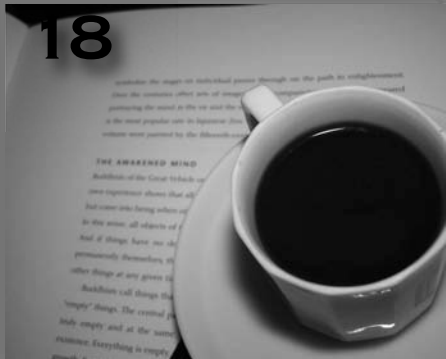
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Student Stand Up/Humor Artists Legends
10 p.m.
Free with ND/SMC/HCC ID

Improv, standup, sketches, slapstick — these kids have it all! Cheer on your friends and check out the best comedy at ND.

BCAC Coffeehouse LaFortune Ballroom
7-9 p.m.
\$5

Enjoy an evening of entertainment that celebrates the dynamic African Disapora at the Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC) Coffeehouse event. Two outstanding freshmen who have displayed dedicated service in the Notre Dame community and within the BCAC club will be awarded the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship for the upcoming school year.

Women’s lacrosse vs. Northwestern
Loftus Fieldhouse
5 p.m.
Free with ND/SMC/HCC ID

See No. 10 ranked women’s lacrosse play rival No. 2 Northwestern and cheer on the Irish to victory! Be sure to enter the contest to win free books for a semester.

“Proof” Philbin Studio Theater at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
2:30 p.m.
\$10

This cerebral mystery approaches issues such as what the link may be between genius and madness and whether either or both can be inherited. It is a story about human relationships, suggesting that developing trust and love can be as difficult, and just as uncertain, as establishing the truth of a mathematical proof.

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NBA

Sessions, Cavaliers take down struggling Lakers

Heat's Bosh scores 25 in his return to Toronto; Stoudamire's 23 points help propel Knicks over Hawks

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kobe Bryant slipped a black backpack across his shoulders and left Quicken Loans Arena without talking about what had just happened. After losing to the lowly Cleveland Cavaliers, nothing needed to be said.

The Lakers hit the All-Star break broken.

Looking nothing like two-time defending NBA champions, they dropped their third straight game, a stunning 104-99 loss Wednesday night to the Cavs - the league's worst team, which avenged a 55-point embarrassment against Los Angeles last month.

The Lakers, who played so crisply and with purpose in recent wins over New York and Boston, look absolutely lost.

"It's a painful, painful loss," said Pau Gasol, who had 30 points and 20 rebounds. "It's very disappointing. I don't understand it."

Ramon Sessions came off the bench and scored a season-high 32 points for the Cavaliers, who were beaten 112-57 by the Lakers on Jan. 11. That loss - the worst in club history - was No. 11 in a league-record streak that eventually reached 26 before Cleveland ended it last week with an overtime win against L.A.'s less-heralded squad, the Clippers.

After his club's worst loss this season, coach Phil Jackson didn't tell his players anything other than what time they're due to report for practice Monday.

"I think they took the break before the game started," he said.

Playing the finale of a seven-game road trip, the Lakers spent much of the night looking as if they were already on vacation. They threw errant passes, forced outside shots and couldn't catch the Cavs down the stretch despite a frantic comeback.

"It's back to the drawing board," said Lamar Odom, who was asked what's at the top of the team's to-do list. "Defense. Cohesiveness. Our chemistry on offense. I'm not that worried. I think it's things we can fix."

Bryant finished with 17 points on 8-of-25 shooting. Derek Fisher had 19 for the Lakers, who committed 19 turnovers and enraged the normally tranquil Jackson, who screamed at them during timeouts after inexcusable defensive lapses.

Losing in Orlando on Sunday was hardly reason for much concern, but a 20-point setback in Charlotte on Monday left both Jackson and Bryant speechless. Now, a loss to the Cavaliers, who are 3-37 since Nov. 27, is enough

reason for the Lakers to be worried.

Odom believes the Lakers coast against lesser teams.

"That's our problem overall," Odom said. "We take teams lightly at times. We play the cat and mouse game. Sometimes the cat loses."

But as poorly as they played, the Lakers did cut a 10-point lead to two in the final minute. But Anthony Parker and Sessions made two free throws apiece in the last 17.9 seconds.

After the final horn, the Lakers walked slowly toward their locker room and a trip home not knowing what might happen next. With the trading deadline just a week away, the rumors involving Denver star Carmelo Anthony will likely heat up.

This much is clear: Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak needs to do something to awaken his team.

The Cavs, on the other hand, reached the season's unofficial midpoint on a high.

This was their best effort of the season. They played with the energy coach Byron Scott wants every night, and they gave their dedicated fans a taste of what could be ahead. Beyond that, they somewhat erased the memory of being pummeled in Los Angeles.

"The only time you should be beating somebody by 50 points is on a video game," said forward Antawn Jamison. "That night it felt like we were in one. It shows you when we focus for 48 minutes what we're capable of doing. The biggest question is how do we be consistent doing that."

Heat 103, Raptors, 95

The Miami Heat banded together to get Chris Bosh a win against his former team.

Dwyane Wade scored 28 points, LeBron James had 23 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists and the Heat beat the Toronto Raptors Wednesday night.

Bosh finished with 25 points and the Heat went into the All-Star break having won 10 of 11.

"I know firsthand how important it is to finish strong going into the break," James said. "You feel good about All-Star weekend, you walk around feeling good."

Before arriving in Toronto, the Heat had talked about winning this one for Bosh. That sentiment was reinforced by a handwritten note on the pregame scouting board that read "Band of Brothers."

"We wanted to be there for him as a brother and a teammate," James said.

Andrea Bargnani scored 17 of his 38 points in the fourth quarter and DeMar DeRozan finished



Guards Kobe Bryant and Steve Blake look on in the first quarter of the Lakers' 104-99 loss to Cleveland Wednesday. The Lakers have lost three straight heading into the All-Star Break.

with 24 but no other Raptor had more than eight points. Toronto never led after the first six minutes and lost their 17th game in 19.

"We tried different guys in there, even tried going big to see if we could get one more scorer in there, or at least get rebounds if we weren't going to get that scorer," Raptors coach Jay Triano said.

Miami took an 88-79 lead on Wade's 3-point play with 6:37 left. Bargnani made a free throw on a 3-second call, then he and DeRozan hit back-to-back jumpers as the Raptors cut it to 88-84 with 5:48 remaining.

James made 5 of 6 from the line over the next two minutes, giving the Heat a 93-87 lead with 3:53 to go.

After Bosh made 1 of 2 from the line, missing for the first time after hitting his first nine, Bargnani answered with a 3, making it 94-90 with 2:43 remaining.

James made another free throw and, after DeRozan missed a reverse layup, Erick Dampier tipped in Wade's miss, giving Miami a 97-90 lead with 1:50 left.

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said his team "did just enough."

"We're all happy for Chris," Spoelstra said. "It was not our best game but guys definitely wanted to band together and win it for him."

Even though the Heat are on a roll, Spoelstra is happy to give his team some downtime.

"We all could probably use this All-Star break right now, get a little bit of rest and get away and then make this final push in the final third of the season to really take another step forward as a team and try to find our ceiling," he said.

Knicks 102, Hawks 90

NEW YORK — Even after a decade of futility, the New York Knicks aren't satisfied with a winning record at the All-Star break.

They're already focused on playing second-half games that matter.

Amare Stoudemire scored 23 points, leading the Knicks into the All-Star break above .500 with a victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Wednesday night.

"It was a great win for us," Stoudemire said of his return after missing a game with a sprained right big toe. "We'll take something into the All-Star break, that confidence that we needed and now we just use that motivation for the second half of the year."

Wilson Chandler added 20 points and Danilo Gallinari had 17 for the Knicks, who at 28-26 matched their average victory total for the last five full seasons. They didn't even earn their 28th victory last season until April 6

and haven't been above .500 this late in a season since they finished 48-34 in 2000-01.

But Mike D'Antoni believes they will need to reach the 40-win plateau to end a postseason drought that dates to 2004, so there's plenty of work left.

"We've got a ways to go yet, but at least we'll have a good break and get everybody back and ready to make that stretch run of 28 games that we need to play full tilt," D'Antoni said.

Raymond Felton finished with 13 points and 11 assists as the Knicks controlled the second half and beat Atlanta for the first time in three meetings this season.

Marvin Williams scored 17 points for the Hawks, who lost for the third time in four games and fell a game behind Orlando for fourth place in the Eastern Conference. Mike Bibby had 15 points, and Al Horford had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

"We just totally went away from our game plan," Hawks coach Larry Drew said. "We have a recipe when we play on the road and I thought early the warning signs were there early in the first quarter. Especially defensively. I wasn't as concerned offensively. My main concern was defensively. We had multiple defensive breakdowns and then at the offensive end we just started settling. Being on the road you have to get the shots you want."

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Ryan: Did this happen on company property?
Michael Scott: It was on company property, with company property. So, double jeopardy, we're fine.
Ryan: I don't think-- I don't think you understand how jeopardy works.
Michael Scott: Oh, I'm sorry. What is, 'we're fine'?

Dwight Schrute: Welcome to the Hotel Hell. Check-in time in now, check-out time is never.
Jim Halpert: Does my room have cable?
Dwight Schrute: No. And the sheets are made of fire.
Jim Halpert: Can I change rooms?
Dwight Schrute: Sorry we're all booked up. Hell convention in town.
Jim Halpert: Can I have a late check-out?
Dwight Schrute: I'll have to talk to the manager.

Jim Halpert: You're not the manager, even in your own fantasy?
Dwight Schrute: I'm the owner.. the co-owner. With Satan!
Jim Halpert: Okay, just so I understand it. In your wildest fantasy, you are in hell and you are co-running a bed and breakfast with the devil.
Dwight Schrute: But I haven't told you my salary yet.
Jim Halpert: Go.
Dwight Schrute: Eighty thousand dollars.

MLB

Mattingly begins new job

Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Don Mattingly opened his first spring training camp as a major league manager, saying he wasn't concerned with how his Los Angeles Dodgers wore their hair or what music they played in the clubhouse. Side issues aside, the rookie manager also made an announcement Wednesday: Clayton Kershaw will start on opening day. Mattingly said he made the decision shortly after he found out he would succeed Joe Torre. Kershaw will pitch March 31 against the World Series champion San Francisco Giants. "He has the opportunity to be special," Mattingly said. The Dodgers officially appointed Mattingly in mid-September after Torre said he was retiring. Promoted from hitting coach, the 49-year-old former Yankees star takes over a team that went 80-82 last season. Mattingly battled away any suggestion that now isn't the greatest time to manage the Dodgers, what with the uncertain ownership situation. "Not at all. This is a great franchise. We've got talent. For me, I couldn't have asked for a better opportunity."

"There's been no talk about the ownership situation. There's no effect in that clubhouse," he said. As for his players, Mattingly said Matt Kemp is coming off a "rough year" but remains the center fielder — "I don't see any reason to move him," Mattingly said. Andre Ethier returns in right, leaving the Dodgers to settle on a left-fielder this spring. "I'd rather have guys stay in their positions. I'd rather move one guy, not two," Mattingly said. Jonathan Broxton will be the subject of a rehabilitation project by Mattingly's staff after the closer's decline in last season's second half. Broxton is "in a good frame of mind. I think he's going to pitch well. I'm counting on it," Mattingly said. "Last year is last year, it's gone. All you can do is learn from it." Regarding off-the-field items, Mattingly said he's not worried about the hairstyles of his

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Don Mattingly
Dodgers manager

players. This comes from a former All-Star who had to sit out a game in 1991 under Yankees manager Stump Merrill because of a disagreement over hair length. Mattingly said he felt he'd been singled out and blind-sided just before a game with a demand to cut his hair, rather than being advised to do so the day before. "The only thing I have with hair is if it gets in the way," he said. "If you can't see the ball, then it's a problem." "I'm not concerned about peripherals unless it's a problem. I'm concerned that we're ready to play." As a big leaguer, Mattingly said he kept track of all his managers' traits, both "good and bad." Billy Martin was "just a fierce competitor," he said, yet a leader who took a relatively relaxed approach to spring training. "But when the bell rang and those games started counting, he was a different animal. I liked that." On the downside, Mattingly recalled he could go 0-for-4 and Martin would act as though "you'd stolen from him and he looked at you like, 'You make me sick.'"

MLB

Brewers agree to deal with infielder Weeks



Brewers infielder Rickie Weeks is upset after failing to turn a double play. He signed a four-year deal with the Brewers Wednesday.

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — After a record-breaking season, the Milwaukee Brewers took the risk that Rickie Weeks' injury-plagued career is firmly in the past. Weeks agreed to a \$38.5 million, four-year contract with the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday that contains a 2015 option which could increase the total value to \$50 million. "We are thrilled that Rickie has chosen to remain a Brewer," general manager Doug Melvin said. "He has become one of the best leadoff hitters in the game today; possessing speed, plate discipline and power. His aggressive style sets the tone for our offense." Weeks, the No. 2 overall draft pick in the 2003 amateur draft, was a day from an arbitration hearing after saying last month he would end long-term contract talks with the team when he reported to spring training. The 28-year-old proved too valuable to pass up. "It feels good. It feels real good at a time like this," Weeks said. "Players leave teams often. It's one of those things where it happens a lot around baseball, football and basketball. It feels good that I'm going to have security." After making \$2.85 million last year, he sought \$7.2 million in arbitration, while the team offered \$4.85 million. Weeks hit .269 with 29 homers, 83 RBIs and 112 runs in 160 games as the Brewers' primary leadoff hitter last year, shattering most of the franchise's marks for a second baseman while putting up the best power numbers in his career. He has a simple explanation for why. "If you stay healthy, good things happen," Weeks said. "I don't set expectations on really anything. I just want to go out there, play good

baseball for us and stay healthy." The organization has never questioned his toughness, but his durability had been the biggest issue until last season. Weeks missed half of a year with right wrist surgery in 2006, needed a procedure on his knee after 2008 and played all but 37 games in 2009 after a left wrist injury. "Rickie is also one of the toughest players to play the game and has always played at a high-intensity level," Melvin said. That led to a creative option in the fifth year of the contract. Weeks will receive a \$4 million signing bonus, of which \$1.5 million is payable upon approval and \$2.5 million on July 15. He will receive salaries of \$3.5 million this year, \$10 million in 2012, \$10 million in 2013 and \$11 million in 2014. Weeks' option year is for \$11.5 million, but the club can void 2015 if he does not make 600 plate appearances in 2014 or 1,200 plate appearances over 2013-14 combined. Weeks broke the franchise record last year with 754 plate appearances. Milwaukee's projected starting lineup and starting rotation is under contract or team control through the 2012 season other than slugger Prince Fielder, who can become a free agent after the World Series. Weeks was a key in Milwaukee's plans. The Brewers traded their best other option at second base when they sent top prospect Brett Lawrie to Toronto for right-hander Shaun Marcum in December. Negotiations with Weeks' agent were steady throughout. "It was one of those things, if the time was right, it would get done," Weeks said. "It's good. It means I'm a Milwaukee Brewer for a long period of time now."

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NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Pittsburgh wins again with late run

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Nasir Robinson and Brad Wanamaker each had 13 points and No. 4 Pittsburgh pulled away over the final 10 minutes to beat South Florida 67-55 on Wednesday night.

The Panthers (24-2, 12-1) won for the 14th time in 15 games and took a two-game lead in the Big East — but it wasn’t as easy as expected against.

Bulls (8-19, 2-12) lost their fifth consecutive game and fell to 0-9 against ranked teams, but were within a point of the Panthers in the second half.

Playing without leading scorer Ashton Gibbs (left knee) for the third consecutive game, Pitt led 45-44 before going on a 15-2 run to ensure its fifth win in a row.

Shaun Noriega had 11 points to lead the Bulls.

USF was dominated by Notre Dame in its most recent game 78-55 on Saturday, but the Bulls had lost by more than 10 points only three times previously this season and beat Pitt in Tampa last season. USF went out to a 14-10 lead Wednesday.

The final time USF would lead would be at 16-14 with about 11 minutes left in the first half. The Panthers immediately went on a 16-4 run to take a 10-point lead.

Talib Zanna, who had scored a total of three points in the previous six games, scored eight Pitt points in a row midway through the first half. He had 11

points at halftime — already the third-most of his career for a game.

Gilbert Brown also had 11 points for the Panthers, who had a 40-18 advantage in rebounds.

Gibbs is practicing with the team and is expected to play in Pitt’s next game, at St. John’s on Saturday. He leads the Panthers in scoring (16.3 ppg), but where he has been missed most is from 3-point range. Pitt made only two 3-pointers after making only one in each of the first two games — wins at West Virginia and Villanova — without him. Gibbs averages more than three per game.

Coming off a career-high 23 points Saturday, Noriega had consecutive 3-pointers late in the first half to allow the Bulls to trim their biggest deficit to that point — 36-23 — to seven at halftime. USF then scored six of the first eight points of the second half to pull within 38-35 and force Pitt coach Jamie Dixon to use a timeout.

With the score 46-44 with 9 minutes to play, USF was called for offensive fouls on consecutive possessions.

Noriega had a steal and chance at a layup to tie it with 7:41 left, but Travon Woodall hustled back and altered the shot, forcing a miss.

Seconds later, Gary McGhee converted a three-point play and Wanamaker hit a 3-pointer on the ensuing Pitt possession to give the Panthers an eight-point lead.

NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Purdue wins important conference home game

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — JaJuan Johnson had 20 points and E’Twaun Moore scored 19 to help No. 11 Purdue beat No. 10 Wisconsin 70-62 on Wednesday night.

Lewis Jackson added 18 points and five assists for the Boilermakers. Jackson scored just one point when Wisconsin beat Purdue 66-59 at home on Feb. 1.

Purdue (21-5, 10-3 Big Ten) moved into sole possession of second place in the conference. The Boilermakers, now 14-0 at home, host league leader Ohio State on Sunday.

Johnson, who has scored at least 20 points in nine of his past 10 Big Ten games, also had 10 rebounds and four blocks.

Jon Leuer scored 23 points and Jordan Taylor added 15 for the Badgers (19-6, 9-4), who had won four straight — including a victory over then-No. 1 Ohio State at home on Saturday.

Leuer and Taylor combined to shoot 16 for 27 from the field, but the rest of the Badgers were 8 for 32.

A pair of free throws by Ryan Evans cut Purdue’s lead to 58-56 with 3:55 to play, but Moore stopped the rally with a floater, then a 3-pointer that pushed it back to 63-56 with just more than 2 minutes left.

Wisconsin led 10-4 before Purdue responded with a 14-4 run. Moore gave Purdue its first lead with a 3-pointer after Jackson flipped the ball back to him on a fast break.

Leuer picked up his second foul with 7:42 left in the first half, and Wisconsin didn’t make a field goal for nearly 4¼ minutes. A layup and 3-pointer by Jackson helped Purdue push its lead to 29-22, and the Boilermakers led 31-25 at halftime.

Early in the second half, Jackson got a steal and started a fast break. Moore took off from the side, cocked the ball behind his head with his right hand and slammed it home to give Purdue a 35-27 lead and send the crowd into a frenzy.

Purdue took off on another fast break, and Kelsey Barlow scored and was fouled. He converted the free throw to give the Boilermakers a 44-34 lead.

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NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Blue Devils win fifth straight game

Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Sputtering offensively, Duke relied on its defense and Nolan Smith to beat Virginia for the seventh straight time.

Smith had 22 points, seven rebounds and four assists to lead the fifth-ranked Blue Devils to a 56-41 victory Wednesday night.

The Blue Devils (24-2, 11-1) won their fifth straight overall, despite getting only two points from second-leading scorer Kyle Singler and being held to their lowest scoring output of the season.

“You know, points were hard to come by,” Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. “Their defense was good. I thought ours was a little bit better.”

“Again, Nolan was a huge difference in the game. To get 22 points in a game like this is a lot of points. It’s a lot of points.”

Singler was in foul trouble for much of the game and didn’t score his first bucket until the 16-minute mark of the second half.

Krzyzewski lauded the defensive performance of sophomore big man Ryan Kelly, who also chipped in with 11 points.

“They started the four perimeter guys and could really shoot the 3, and we had to have one of our big guys guard (Joe) Harris,” he said. “And Ryan was on him most of the time, and I thought did a really, really nice job because he’s a very good player, and our defense of the 3 was good.”

Virginia was 3 of 12 from behind the arc and Mustapha Farrakhan led the Cavaliers with 11 points.

Duke took command early in the second half, building on an eight-point halftime lead by holding Virginia to one field goal over the first eight minutes.



Virginia coach Tony Bennett leads his team during a loss to Duke Wednesday night. It was their seventh consecutive loss in the series.

The Blue Devils’ Mason Plumlee drew an offensive foul on Harris on one end, then dunked on the other to put Duke up 41-30.

Duke held Virginia to 15 second-half points.

Virginia (12-13, 3-8), which dropped under .500 for the first time this season, has lost three straight.

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point of the second half with 10:44 remaining, they had already committed nine team fouls — one away from the double bonus. The Saint Mary’s (17-7, 10-5) parade to the free throw line soon ensued.

In the second half, the Belles shot 15-for-20 from the line and finished the game 25-for-31. After junior guard Maggie Ronan’s made free throw in the first half, the 2010-11 Belles set a new program record for most free throws made in a season, surpassing 2008-09’s mark of 484. This win also ties the school record for most wins in a season, also set by the 2008-09 team.

The Belles once again kept a balanced attack on offense, putting four players into double figures. Junior forward Kelley Murphy scored a game-high 18 points on 7-for-12 shooting and pulled down a game-high nine rebounds. Junior guard Patsy Mahoney also chipped in 13 points while moving into fourth place for free throws made in a single season by any Belles player.

A season-long goal, Saint Mary’s outscored Adrian 38-18 in the paint.

“We have the height advantage with our post players,” Henley said. “We were able to take advantage of how Adrian was playing us and we started converting in the paint.”

Saint Mary’s extended its winning streak to three games and has now won eight of their past 10 games. The Belles have one remaining conference game this weekend, when they travel to Kalamazoo for the finale of both teams’ regular seasons.

“This game definitely gives us a little bit more confidence defensively,” Henley said. “This game set the tone for our last game.”

Saint Mary’s will close the regular season against Kalamazoo before returning home and hosting a MIAA tournament game.

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earned first place finishes in both the 1000-yard freestyle (11:04.69) and the 500-yard freestyle (5:25.39). Dalrymple garnered a first in the 200-yard breaststroke by four seconds (2:31.23) and the 200-yard Individual Medley (2:18.51). She also finished second in the 100-yard breaststroke by just 34 hundredths of a second with a time of 1:11.39.

Dalrymple and Watson will headline the Belles’ effort this weekend amidst a very competitive MIAA league, including Albion and Olivet, the host schools for the event, and Calvin, the 2010 MIAA champion.

The meet runs Thursday through Saturday, with preliminary heats begin-

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MLB

Cardinals unable to reach deal with Pujols

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. — The St. Louis Cardinals made Albert Pujols what they said was their best offer.

It wasn't enough.

So get ready, baseball: Pujols seems headed for the open market next fall.

The deadline Pujols set for the Cardinals to reach a new contract agreement passed Wednesday with no deal, making it likely the three-time MVP will become a free agent after the World Series. The Cardinals said they will respect Pujols' wishes and not request more talks during the season, unless their first baseman surprisingly changes his mind.

"A difference of opinion in determining Albert's value simply could not be resolved," said Pujols' agent, Dan Lozano.

The Cardinals would not reveal their offer, though it was believed to be somewhere around \$200 million for eight years, possibly with an opportunity for Pujols to obtain an ownership stake in the franchise once his playing days are complete.

When — and if — talks resume, it's unclear if St. Louis will increase its offer to Pujols' liking.

"We explored a number of different things in the negotiation," Cardinals chairman William DeWitt Jr. said at a news confer-

ence. "Without getting specific in what those were, there was discussion about other things that could be part of the contract. ... You can be sure that we explored a number of different avenues."

Pujols will make \$16 million this season in his contract's final year, with \$4 million of the money deferred with no interest. A nine-time All-Star, Pujols is the only player in major league history to hit 30 or more home runs each of his first 10 seasons — all with the Cardinals, the franchise he's previously said he wants to remain with for the rest of his career.

Now, that hardly seems like a lock.

"I don't think there's a better guy for us to have on the team," Cardinals teammate Skip Schumaker said. "He's the face of the franchise. You respect both sides of it. You respect what the Cardinals are doing, you respect the management and what Albert's agent is doing. It's a tough situation, as everybody knows. He's an iconic player."

Pujols is expected to be in Cardinals' camp on Thursday, two days ahead of when position players were asked to report. Lozano said Pujols does not want to discuss his contract status either now or during the season.

Nor, for that matter, does St. Louis manager Tony La Russa.

"We don't want to get our minds cluttered as a team," La

Russa said. "There's enough to do. ... The competition in the Central and the National League has got our complete attention. And that's just what we're going to think about. You can choose what you think about. That's what we're going to think about."

Already, there's buzz around baseball on where Pujols could go. A big-spending club like the Red Sox, Yankees or Angels? Perhaps the rival Cubs? The Texas Rangers?

Before the first pitch of the season, the first debate of the 2011 offseason is underway.

"Goes on the open market, who knows what he'll get?" said Cubs right-hander Braden Looper, a former Pujols teammate.

Added Rockies right-hander Aaron Cook: "I'm surprised something didn't get done. He has the right to become a free agent and get what he wants. I hope for their sake it doesn't become a distraction."

The only absolute in the process, it seems, is what the Cardinals will give.

In short, they aren't prepared to set records. The team's payroll this season will be between \$100 million and \$110 million, DeWitt said, noting that the Cardinals lack the revenue streams to keep up with baseball's biggest checkbooks.

"We're not the Yankees or the Red Sox or the clubs that have



Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols hits a double in a game last year. Pujols is expected to become a free agent after the 2011 season.

revenues multi-tens of millions of dollars greater than ours," he said. "How they react remains to be seen. They're great fans. They're the best in baseball. To draw the way we draw in a market the size of ours is extraordinary. No one else can do it. Cardinal fans, they step up year in and year out."

There is no framework for a deal in which St. Louis would get the right of first refusal on any future Pujols offer. Still, the Cardinals believe a deal can eventually get done — and aren't

fearing that it will turn into a situation where Pujols simply winds up playing for the highest bidder.

"We know what we can do and what we can't do," general manager John Mozeliak said. "When you operate in that way, you tend not to make bigger mistakes."

The closest Pujols came to an appearance at camp Wednesday morning was a sighting of his black pickup with Missouri license plates in the parking lot of the team's spring training complex.



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said. “All the kids were very smart but they were at the age where doing the wrong thing was ‘cool.’ Our biggest goal was to show them that it was ‘cool’ to do the right thing, and in order to go to college you had to do the right thing.”

Throughout the fall semester, junior and senior team members also attended mass at St. Augustine Church in South Bend every Sunday.

“The mass was distinctly different from any I had previously attended,” junior defenseman Kevin Randall said. “Due to the small size, the offering of a sign of peace allowed us to meet nearly every parishioner.”

Following mass, the Irish players and St. Augustine Youth Group would form two teams and play a game of flag football.

“Our goal for doing all of this was to get involved with the community by putting on a fun activity the kids could look forward to,” junior midfielder Max Pfeifer said. “In addition to averaging roughly 3 TD passes a game to my main receiver Xavier — the fastest 14-year-old I’ve ever seen — I genuinely had a blast playing around with these kids every Sunday, and you could tell that they were having a good time, too.”

The Irish switched from flag football to lacrosse on an occasional Sunday because the children showed great interest in learning the game that their new friends play.

“Some days we would bring lacrosse sticks and see how they liked the sport and throwing around, but most of the time it was football,” senior midfielder and co-captain David Earl said. “We played our team versus [their team] and lost a bunch of times; they were super fast and quick.”



OBSERVER FILE PHOTO

Sophomore Ryan Foley runs across the field during a match last season. He will be crucial to Notre Dame’s success this season.

In collaboration with the men’s basketball team and Campus Ministry, Irish assistant coach Kevin Dugan helped to coordinate the event Playing for Peace at the Joyce Center one Saturday morning in December during study days.

“[Dugan] helps run an organization in Uganda called Fields of Growth, which teaches kids to learn valuable life lessons along with playing lacrosse,” senior defenseman and co-captain Kevin Ridgway said. “Playing for Peace was an amazing creation, considering it came together in about two weeks, and the event was held during study days.

“Each member of our team went and talked individually to a dorm earlier in the week and then led them to the rally on Saturday. It was a great turnout and we really appreciated the support from the student body even though it was such a busy time of the year for everybody.”

Junior attacker Nick Beattie

said he learned a lesson from the rally.

“I took away from this that if you’ve got a passionate group working collectively for change, you can make an impact,” he said. “It doesn’t have to be in dollars raised, but in awareness gained.”

Corrigan believes that serving the local community provides the Irish with opportunities to grow as a team.

“One of the things I love most about coaching at Notre Dame is the authentic sense of camaraderie and fellowship our team enjoys; they really enjoy each other’s company,” Corrigan said.

“A selfless, team first attitude is what enabled us to make our run to the National Championship last year. When you have that attitude, the team transcends the individual, and you are capable of realizing your full potential.”

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NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Wright scores 20 in home win

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Cashmere Wright scored 20 points, Sean Kilpatrick added 18 and Cincinnati bolstered its NCAA tournament resume with a 63-54 victory over No. 16 Louisville on Wednesday.

Embattled junior forward Yancy Gates added eight points and six rebounds for the Bearcats (20-6, 7-6 Big East), who smothered the Cardinals to reach the 20-win plateau for the first time since 2006.

Terrence Jennings led Louisville (19-7, 8-5) with 12 points but the Cardinals turned it over 15 times and never got into a rhythm in the face of Cincinnati’s tough defense.

Louisville shot a respectable 47 percent from the floor but made just four of 17 3-pointers, five below its season average.

The Bearcats never trailed and led by as many as 15 early in the second half. Louisville cut the deficit to 43-38 with 13:15 to play but the Bearcats responded with seven quick points to beat the Cardinals for the second straight time.

Gates, who was suspended for a game earlier this month and benched in the second half of a loss to St. John’s on Sunday, pro-

vided some energetic play off the bench, but it was Wright who starred.

The sophomore hit a number of big shots, including a twisting layup just before the shot clock expired to give Cincinnati a 56-43 lead with just more than 6 minutes to play. Louisville never threatened again.

The Cardinals have been one of the Big East’s biggest surprises, entering the game in a tie for third in the conference despite a slew of injuries coach Rick Pitino has called the “most annoying” of his long career.

Louisville is finally healthy, and Pitino said Tuesday he was eager to see what the Cardinals could do with a full complement of players.

For a game at least, the answer apparently was “not much.”

Cincinnati’s defense had plenty to do with it. Pitino called the previous matchup — a 69-66 win by the Bearcats in last year’s Big East tournament, the “ugliest” game in the history of Madison Square Garden.

Things weren’t much prettier on Wednesday, though you won’t hear Cincinnati complaining after the two rivals spent 40 minutes tussling all over the Fifth-Third Arena floor.

The Bearcats played with an urgency they’ve lacked of late as the drama surrounding Gates coincided with disheartening home losses to West Virginia and the Red Storm.

All, however, appeared to be forgiven by the time Gates checked in to a round of applause about 4 minutes in. The Bearcats went right to him and he scored an early basket as Cincinnati controlled play from the outset, using an 11-0 run fueled by some energetic defense and stellar shooting by Wright to take a quick 18-6 lead.

The Bearcats attacked Louisville’s matchup zone relentlessly on offense, then bottled up the Cardinals at the other end of the floor. Louisville missed its first four 3-pointers and looked disorganized at times with starting point guard Peyton Siva missing most of the half with foul trouble.

Freshman Elisha Justice eventually followed Siva to the bench with two fouls of his own, forcing Preston Knowles to run the point.

It failed to spark the Cardinals, and Cincinnati rolled into the break with a 36-24 edge, halfway to the quality win it desperately needed to bolster its hopes of making the NCAAs for the first time since 2005.

NHL

Kovalchuk scores to lead Devils to win

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — A revived Ilya Kovalchuk scored his 20th goal of the season and sixth in seven games and the New Jersey Devils took another step in their unlikely playoff push with a 3-2 victory over the Carolina Hurricanes on Wednesday night.

Brian Rolston and Patrik Elias blew the game open with goals early in the third period as the Devils won for the 13th time in 16 games and moved within 12 points of eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

Johan Hedberg made 25 saves for New Jersey, which was 27 points below the postseason cut-off line heading into its game against Tampa Bay on Jan. 9. The Devils are 13th in the East.

Sergei Samsonov scored for eighth-place Carolina, which opened and closed its five-game road trip (1-3-1) with losses at New Jersey. Tuomo Ruutu scored with 2.8 seconds to play to make it 3-2.

Kovalchuk, who had scored the winning goal in the Devils' previous two games, put New Jersey ahead for good in this one with a great effort.

Kovalchuk took a pass along the goal line from Nick Palmieri, skated out to the left point and then turned and skated back into the left circle. Once he got to the top of the circle, he hit the brakes to shake off Joe Corvo, waited for the defenseman to get back into the play and then used him as a screen on a shot that beat Cam Ward to the glove side.

Kovalchuk then played to the

crowd, going to a knee and rubbing the ice as the crowd chanted 'Kovy, Kovy, Kovy' for the \$100 million man they loved to boo when things were bad earlier this season.

Hedberg started his fourth straight game in place of Martin Brodeur, who is sidelined with a sprained right knee. He came up big to keep New Jersey ahead the rest of the period, stopping Jerome Samson twice in close and Erik Cole once.

The Swede also got a break when Eric Staal missed the net in the closing seconds of the period with a shot while all alone from between the circles.

Rolston and Elias gave the Devils a three-goal lead in the opening 1:59 of the final period.

After Hedberg stopped a shot from the left circle by Joni Pitkanen, the Devils counterattacked. Defenseman Anssi Salmela set up a chance in close by Elias. Ward made the save, but Rolston got the rebound between the circles and backhanded the puck into an open corner at 34 seconds.

Elias got his 14th of the season less than 90 seconds later, taking a cross-ice pass from Rolston at the Hurricanes blue line, skating around a defender and beating Ward with a backhand in close.

Hedberg's bid for his second shutout of the season ended at 8:17 when Jiri Tlustý gained control of the puck after a faceoff to the left of Hedberg, skated behind the net and found Samsonov for a tap-in from the crease.

Aoki

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ment regional appearance in 42 years and nearly knocked off national power Texas in a 25-inning game that would have sent Boston College to its first super regional appearance in school history, but the Eagles fell short. Aoki and his staff will seek to revitalize the Irish, and thus far he believes the transition has been well-received.

"It seems to me that me and my staff have been well-received by the players, and I think they've done a good job thus far," Aoki said. "I think it's been a pretty good transition for all of us. The administration has been very supportive, and the alumni as well as the people in the community I have met."

Senior shortstop and captain Mick Doyle echoed the coach's sentiments, citing Aoki's energy in practice.

"The biggest difference between Coach Aoki and Coach Schrage is coach's energy in practice," he said. "It really helps get us up for practice."

Engineering the turnaround this season will be a balanced and young roster led by Doyle and fellow captain and starting pitcher Brian Dupra. Though Aoki has not finalized his starting lineup, he said that Doyle, sophomore second baseman Frank DeSico, center fielder Charlie Markson, and freshman infielder Eric Jagielo would likely see time in the starting nine. Aoki said his team will feature strong pitching and defense.

"Our strengths are going to be pitching and infield defense," he said. "We have some older pitchers who know how to throw strikes and ex-



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Joe Spano delivers a pitch in a game against Toledo last season. The junior will be crucial to the success of new coach Mik Aoki.

cute a gameplan."

The coach added that in order for his team to achieve success this season, they would need to stay healthy.

"Our only glaring weakness is depth. I've been saying to people that we can win 35-plus games, but if we suffer the wrong injury we could struggle to win 15. So hopefully the luck of the Irish is on our side with injuries."

The Irish begin their 2011 campaign this weekend in Florida, for three games in the Big East-Big Ten Baseball Challenge against Michigan

State, Purdue, and Penn State. In a glimpse of the winning attitude he is bringing to the program, Aoki made his goals very simple for his first weekend at the helm of the Irish program.

"I want three wins," Aoki said. "These games count on our record. What I want out of the weekend are three wins."

The Irish play the Spartans at 4 p.m. Friday, Purdue Saturday at 4 p.m. and Penn State at 10 a.m. Sunday.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Walker scores 31 points in win over Georgetown

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Kemba Walker had 31 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds to lead No. 13 Connecticut to a 78-70 victory over No. 9 Georgetown on Wednesday night, snapping the Hoyas' eight-game winning streak.

Jamal Coombs-McDaniel had 23 points in his second straight big game for the Huskies (20-5, 8-5 Big East), who had lost three of their last five, including two at home.

Chris Wright had 19 points for the Hoyas (20-6, 9-5), who went on their winning streak after starting conference play 1-4.

Walker had a highlight reel full of incredible drives to the basket, with the 6-foot-1 junior going under, around and sometimes it seemed through bigger defenders.

Georgetown's last lead was at 70-69 on a basket by Austin Freeman with 4:01 left. But that was the Hoyas' last field goal of the game as the Huskies closed on a 9-0 run with Walker scoring the

first three points of it.

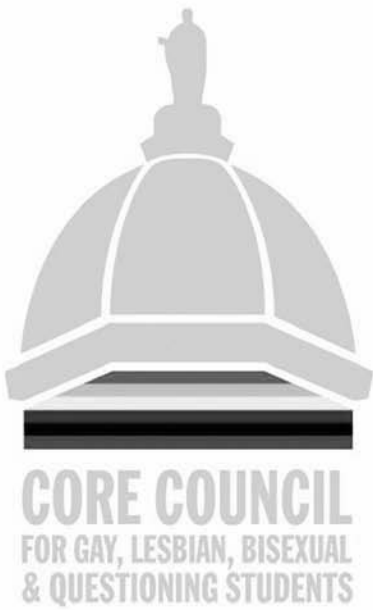
The game was a matchup of two of the top candidates for conference player of the year in Walker, who is second in the league in scoring at 22.8, and Freeman, who is third with an 18.5 average. This one went to Walker in a walkaway.

It wasn't just the points Walker scored, it was how he scored them.

With 13 minutes to play, he was covered by 6-10 Henry Sims on a switch. Walker faked a move to get Sims to one side and threw the ball hard off the backboard, jumped into the lane ahead of everybody else, grabbed the rebound and tossed it in from about 4 feet to make it 53-46.

The sellout crowd of 16,294 at the XL Center was suddenly alive because of Walker and he didn't let them down. A minute later he drove through two defenders and flipped the ball in to give the Huskies a 57-48 lead.

His third amazing move came with 8 minutes left, just after a technical foul was called against Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun.



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University Counseling Center

(Individual counseling)

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- Across**

1 Bunk

5 Turkish honorific

9 Jean-Luc Godard's "Une _____ Mariée"

14 Words said with a nod

15 They're seen from a porch

17 1944 mystery play by Agatha Christie

19 1950s White House name

20 Fashion designer Tahari

21 Spouse in 2009 headlines

26 Rookie

27 Nickname of Schumann's Symphony No. 3

30 Miles Davis jazz number

33 Stick around a barroom

35 Billy Joel's " _____ Extremes"
- 36 Certain Buddhist

37 Something that may be on a house

40 Playbill item

41 Fund

43 N.Y.C. subway inits.

44 Vassal

45 Some snowmobiles

48 Division politique

50 Who said "I put up my thumb and it blotted out the planet Earth"

55 Teeming (with)

56 Pegasus appeared in this company's logo

57 Takes things a bit too far

63 Yellowish dessert

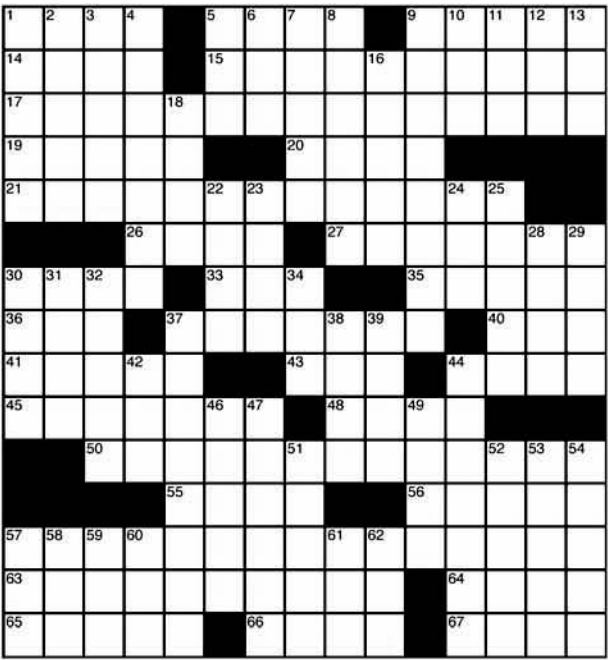
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65 Is conservative in blackjack, say
- 66 _____ before (no later than)

67 Members of a former union: Abbr.

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- 2 Norm
- 3 1938 Physics Nobel
- 4 Was a tributary for
- 5 Source of about half the world's diamonds: Abbr.
- 6 Miracle- _____
- 7 Practiced
- 8 Horn
- 9 Carte blanche
- 10 Long time
- 11 "Voulez-vous coucher avec _____ ce soir?" (1975 lyric)
- 12 Mid-century year
- 13 Oxford-to-London dir.
- 16 _____-high boots
- 18 Choosing-up word
- 22 Shamu or Keiko
- 23 Sauce thickener
- 24 School subj.
- 25 Weeper of Thebes
- 28 Rouse
- 29 Place for a shoe
- 30 Awful "Dancing With the Stars" scores
- 31 Blockhead
- 32 No _____ sight
- 34 Golf course planting



Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski

- 37 They're helpful for long shots

38 Tabloid couple

39 Vittles

42 Something Ben Jonson wrote to himself

44 Boardwalk activities

46 Tony _____, 1964 A.L. Rookie of the Year
- 47 _____ Field (where the Mariners play)

49 "Don't throw bouquets _____"

51 Screened again

52 Annual spring ceremony, with "the"

53 Montana, once
- 54 Emmy winner Sharon

57 Literary monogram

58 Bran choice

59 Bygone Spanish queen

60 Opinion

61 Ref's decision

62 Part of H.R.H.

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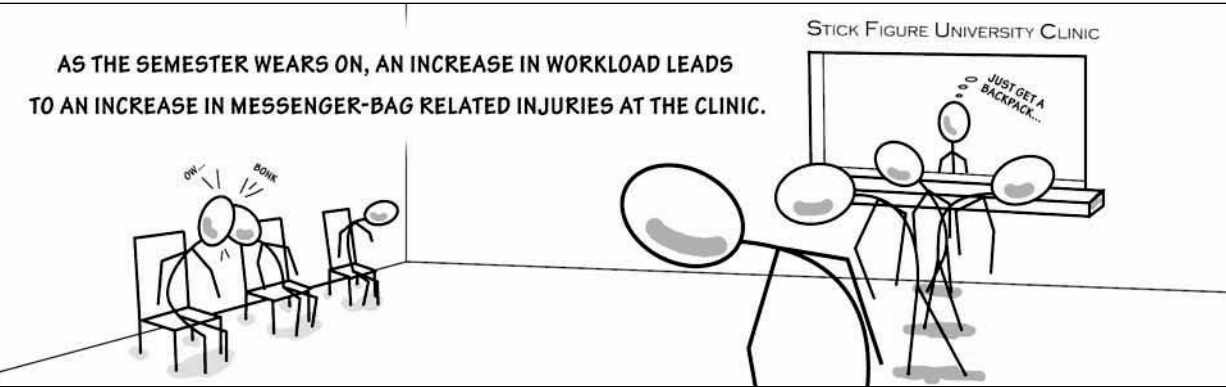
PLEASANDVILLE

James Sollitto, Cody Eckert and John Flatley

The Observer apologizes for the lack of angry editorials written about PleasaNDville, its failure to incite a Comic War to end all Comic Wars, that funny smell coming from your roommates' side of the room, Taylor Swift's latest album, that irritating knocking sound early in the morning in the Riley Hall of Art, that dent in your door after you parked funny. You know what, we're not sorry about that at all. You deserved it after parking like Charlie Sheen going to the Rehab Clinic. Just because there's a little snow doesn't mean people forget all of a sudden how to park, give me a stinking break. What was I talking about? Is Glee on tonight? What do you mean I missed it? What happened? Is Gwyneth Paltrow back? She's soooooo hot.

THE MATING RITUAL

Scott Mitchell and Matt Momont



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EUGENIA LAST

- CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Steffani Brass, 19; John McEnroe, 52; Ice-T, 53; Levar Burton, 54
- Happy Birthday:** You can make a difference this year if you put your heart and soul into getting ahead and helping those around you. Your energy, enthusiasm and problem-solving skills will help you move into a leadership position. Your popularity will grow based on your contributions. Your numbers are 6, 10, 21, 29, 35, 44, 49
- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Mix business with pleasure and you can skillfully find a way to offer your services to a wider variety of people. Your serious but innovative approach to something you do well attracts attention and the support you require to advance. ★★★★★
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Someone will try to take advantage of you. Don't give in for emotional reasons. You will lose self-respect if you don't stand up for your rights. Taking on responsibilities that don't belong to you will end in disaster. ★★
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Size up your situation and make an honest attempt to reach your goals. Success awaits you both personally and professionally if you play by the rules, are charming and take care of business efficiently. ★★★★★
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Evaluate your relationships with others. You'll be prone to making the same partnership mistakes you have made in the past. Do what you can to make your home safe and a place of comfort. You need a place to relax and relieve stress. ★★
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll be open to adventure and learning. A change in the way you do things or in your surroundings will stimulate ideas that can turn into a profitable endeavor. Someone older will help you move forward. ★★
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Concentrate on children, your lover or, if single, getting out and socializing with people of interest. A creative outlet or social networking will be conducive to meeting new people. Update your image. ★★
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You'll shine at social events. Those looking for a new way to do things will welcome your insight and your progressive action. You can ensure a secure place for yourself, socially and professionally. ★★★★★
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You'll have mixed emotions regarding a move or change at home. Rely on your ability to visualize the possibilities and you will make the right decision. Change is good and with it will bring a new lifestyle, new friendships and new beginnings. ★★
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You can learn a lot if you put your mind to it. Observe what others do and use discipline in order to reach your goals. Opportunities are opening up -- be ready, willing and able to take advantage. ★★
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Refrain from taking on too much or letting things get out of control. Being a team player will allow you to monitor what develops. Your input can make the difference between success and failure. New techniques will help limit waste and errors. ★★
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Discipline and hard work will pay off. You can overcome anything you put your mind to right now, so stop procrastinating and start your journey down a path that can lead to a better future. ★★
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You'll have some remarkable ideas but, before you try to put them into motion, make sure you know what you are doing. An oversight on your part will cost you. Be responsible for the work that needs doing and you won't be let down. ★★
- Birthday Baby:** You are outgoing, sentimental and welcome a challenge. You are energetic and a true visionary. You fight for your rights and stick to your beliefs.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Chasing a title

Notre Dame looks to build on last year's near title

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

Though the Irish have been eagerly awaiting their national championship rematch against Duke this weekend, the off-season provided the team with a chance to intensify their efforts for charity through the local community as well as through the Notre Dame student body.

Irish coach Kevin Corrigan initiated a mentoring program in which Notre Dame team members spent time with students at Marshall Middle School. Junior attacker Sean Rodgers said the team members served as role models for the students by spending quality time with them and developing trust in one another as friends.

"For the most part we dealt with kids who were often in trouble or lacked a male role model in their life," Rodgers



Senior David Earl chases an opponent during a match against Providence last season. The Irish midfielder returns for his final year after a busy offseason with teammates.

Observer File Photo

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles hope for win at tournament

By KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

The Belles (1-5) will wrap up their season this weekend at the annual Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) championships, an event hosted by Jenison High School in Jenison, Mich.

Though the Belles have struggled this season, there have been bright spots. The team earned a victory against Alma on Jan. 29, their first dual meet win since Jan. 17, 2010, when the Saint Mary's defeated Albion.

Junior Audrey Dalrymple and sophomore Ellie Watson have also provided some impressive performances throughout the season. In the win over Alma, Watson

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MEN'S TENNIS

Doubles teams continue to provide crucial victories for Irish

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The No. 25 Irish have earned all the available doubles points in each of their matches except one this season, something Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said has been and will continue to be key for their success this season.

"All of our doubles teams have made good strides this year, but particularly at No. 2 and No. 3 where we have become pretty darn good," Bayliss said. "We knew that

[seniors] Stephen [Havens] and Tyler [Davis] were going to be a potent combo because they have good skills and plenty of experience, but the maturation of [junior] Niall [Fitzgerald] and [sophomore] Spencer [Talmadge] has been great to see. They are doing a terrific job of reading returns and cutting balls off at the net."

The Irish are coming off of two big wins last weekend over Michigan State and Marquette. They claimed the doubles points in both matches.

The only time this season the

Irish did not earn the doubles points was against No. 1 Virginia.

The Irish returned their full varsity starting lineup from last season which Bayliss said is helping their improved doubles play. He said they are also becoming more comfortable around the net with the increased levels of experience they have throughout the lineup.

"We are playing better doubles this season because we return all of last year's starters and the experience has been helpful, particularly in making match adjustments," Bayliss said.

Bayliss said adding a new addition to the lineup in freshman Greg Andrews has also helped the lineup get a new perspective.

"Greg Andrews has been all that we expected and we expected a lot," Bayliss said. "He has been rock solid and demonstrated poise in the face of significant adversity."

The bottom portion of the doubles lineup has also been very strong for the Irish early in the season, but Bayliss said they are looking to get more wins out of the No. 1 singles spot to bolster the lineup further.

He added that winning at the top is difficult as you are always facing the other teams best players.

"Nine matches into our schedule Casey Watt has already played several players who are going to be All Americans this year, as has Stephen Havens," Bayliss said.

The Irish will try to continue their winning ways in doubles in both upcoming matches when they host Michigan and North Carolina this weekend at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles win in Pink Zone event

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

Pink must be their color. The Belles won this year's Pink Zone game, tripping up Adrian, 73-52.

Saint Mary's, outfitted in everything from pink shoelaces to pink headbands, pulled away in the second half on the strength of a 27-5 run. The run opened the Belles' lead up to 24 points.

"We had to do a better job in the second half of boxing out. I wasn't too happy with our rebounding in the first half," Belles coach Jenn Henley said. "We just picked up the intensity and got stops."

By the time the Bulldogs (7-16, 4-12 MIAA) scored their ninth

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Freshman Shanlynn Bias backs down on a defender from Hope College Feb. 3. The Belles defeated Adrian 73-52 Wednesday night.

BASEBALL

New season begins with Aoki at the helm

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

Throughout his playing and coaching career, new Irish head coach Mik Aoki has found himself at strong institutions, including Davidson, Boston College and Columbia. But when Notre Dame came calling in the offseason and asked Aoki to replace former head coach Dave Schrage, the new Irish skipper could not turn the offer down.

"When you look at Notre Dame, it's a place that's capable of attracting great kids," Aoki said. "It has a niche, being the premier Catholic institution, and it has one of

the strongest academic traditions in not only the United States but the world, in addition to having a great athletic tradition, including one in baseball."

Aoki takes the reins of a program that has been mired in a down period after a run of success in the early to mid-2000's. In 2010, Schrage's final season, the Irish went 22-32 and failed to make the Big East tournament. Aoki was hired to replace Schrage after building up the Boston College program during his four-year tenure as head coach. In 2009, the Eagles made their first NCAA tourna-

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