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## ND releases statement on assault

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame released a statement Thursday in which it said it thoroughly investigates every sexual misconduct allegation, adheres to student privacy laws and does not tolerate sexual misconduct, in response to complaints directed at the University.

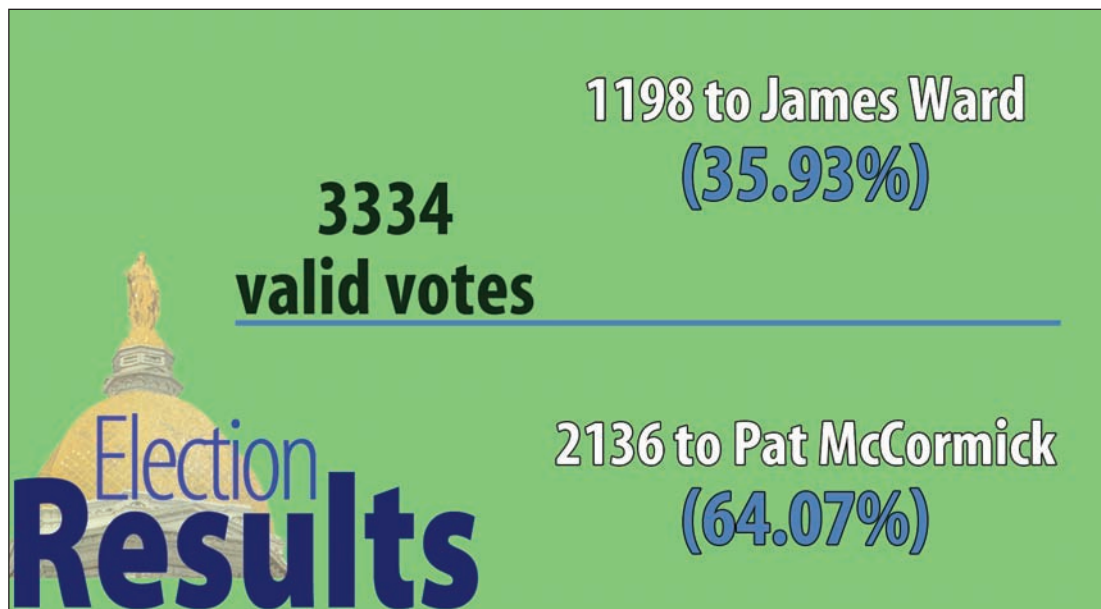
"Sexual misconduct is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at Notre Dame," the statement said. "The unfortunate reality is that sexual misconduct is a serious issue at colleges and universities across the country, and we are not immune."

The Chicago Tribune reported Thursday that Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) delayed the investigation of a sexual assault allegation that a Saint Mary's College student filed in September against a male Notre Dame student. The Tribune cited the student and her family's disappointment with the University's investigation.

The Tribune also compared the case to that of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Seeborg, a Saint Mary's student who committed suicide in September, nine days after reporting a sexual assault allegation against a Notre Dame athlete to NDSP. Seeborg's parents expressed disappointment with the University in a December interview with the Chicago Tribune, but Notre Dame and University President

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## McCormick wins in run-off



BLAIR CHEMIDLIN | Observer Graphic

By EMILY SCHRANK  
News Writer

Junior Pat McCormick and sophomore Brett Rocheleau won the election for student body president and vice president after capturing 64 percent of the vote in Thursday's runoff, Judicial Council president Marcelo Perez said.

McCormick and Rocheleau defeated junior James Ward and freshman Heather Eaton in the runoff election.

"It was a very normal turnout, with just a little over 3,000 students voting," Perez said. "No more or no less than usual."

McCormick, who currently serves as the chair of the Senate Social Concerns Committee, said he looks forward to working toward

a smooth transition with current student body president Catherine Soler and vice president Andrew Bell.

"We want to build on the extraordinary foundation their leadership has built for student government," he said.

The ticket's top priority is going to be trying to connect to students in all areas of their life, McCormick said.

"We want to try to transform student government as a way of amplifying students' voices and responding to issues that students care about," he said. "It is our hope that we can build a student government that allows students to chart their own course for the future of Notre Dame."

McCormick said they hope to make student govern-

ment more about students by creating a committee for constituent services.

"Ultimately, moral conscience is at the core of all of our ideas," he said.

Rocheleau, who was out of town when the polls closed at 8 p.m., received the results of the election via Skype.

"I'm very excited and I wish I was there," he said. "We're both looking forward to a great year."

Ward and Eaton received 35.9 percent of the vote in the runoff. Eaton said the ticket was excited to have made it to this point in the election.

"It's definitely something to cross off the bucket list," Eaton said. "I just want to thank everyone who has

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## Students appreciate hall staff

By NICOLE TOCZAUER  
News Writer

Senija Begic entered her position on the cleaning staff of Sorin College when she emigrated from Bosnia to America 11 years ago. Begic said she has developed strong relationships with residents of the dorm during her time on the job.

"I like my boys. They help me a lot and every day come to my break room and ask me questions," she said. "When I clean, these guys keep it clean too. I am proud of them."

At Notre Dame, there seems to be a special relationship between staff and students, with custodial doors often featuring thank you notes, banners and stickers.

In Sorin, the bond has led to Senija Appreciation Day, freshman Bobby Hess said.

"She has to deal with a lot of us, so last semester we signed up for half-hour periods and did jobs to help out," he said. "We know how much work she puts in to keep this place clean."

Working as cleaning staff for five dorms on campus, Shania Carter has established her own bonds with students.

"I do believe that there is a relationship between staff and students in the dorms," she said. "I've had wonderful expe-

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## Robinson Center celebrates 10th anniversary



MATTHEW SAAD/The Observer

Sophomore Linda Scheiber tutors Joy Brown, a seventh-grader at Clay Intermediate School, at the Robinson Community Learning Center.

By AMANDA GRAY  
News Writer

A little more than 10 years ago, Marguerite Taylor walked into the building on N. Eddy Street that would become the Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC), without knowing how the facility would become an integral part of the neighborhood.

"We stood here trying to figure out what we were supposed to do," said Taylor, the associate director for Adult Programs. "It has grown into a great place."

The RCLC serves as a community resource for the people of South Bend, specifically the Northeast Neighborhood, Taylor said. It began as an off-campus educational initiative created in partnership between Notre Dame and the Neighborhood.

The RCLC offers everything from afterschool tutoring for children in grade school to computer classes for the elderly to telephone service for a resident to use, Taylor said. They also hold community meetings there, with residents with different backgrounds coming together to give input.

"It's a safe, neutral place," Taylor said. "Everyone has the right to talk."

According to the 2009-2010 RCLC Annual Report, more than 16,200 guests signed into the RCLC during the year. Jennifer Knapp Beudert, the manager of the RCLC, said the RCLC programming reaches an additional 3,000 people outside of the building with programs in South Bend community schools.

"The foundation of everything we do is relationships," Beudert said. "Our new slo-

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: If your life was a party, what would the theme be?



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**Junior Oliver Chinell enjoys the 40-degree weather on Thursday sans shoes, and takes in the last of the snow by throwing snowballs on South Quad between classes.**

## OFFBEAT

### Man acquitted due to crazy hair style

DOYLESTOWN, Pa.— A Philadelphia man's wiry hair has helped him beat a robbery rap.

The evidence against Timothy Corbett included surveillance footage and an eyewitness account, but his defense was that his stiff hair didn't match the tousled appearance of the man in the video. The Bucks County jury agreed Wednesday, finding him not guilty of charges including robbery and terroristic threats.

Defense attorney Louis Busico tugged on his client's hair during closing arguments, telling the jury that if he couldn't move it

there was no way Corbett was the man with the mussed locks in the video. Corbett had been charged with robbing the Bensalem convenience store on April 24.

Assistant District Attorney Christopher Rees says prosecutors believed the evidence was solid but the jury found there was reasonable doubt.

### Elderly man survives 5 day stay in desert

PHOENIX — Henry Morello prayed to Saint Anthony, the patron saint of lost things. But as the 84-year-old spent a fifth night stuck in a ditch in the Arizona desert, he started to lose hope.

"My phone went dead, my battery went dead, and I went dead," Morello said.

But Morello lived to tell his tale at a Phoenix hospital, where the diabetic man was admitted in good condition despite drinking windshield wiper fluid to stay hydrated.

Morello said he made a wrong turn while driving home .

He ripped a chrome piece from his car and put it on the roof, hoping someone would see the reflection.

A pack of hikers found him Saturday morning and his long, painful ordeal was over.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

**Jeff Hollender**, the co founder and former President and CEO of Seventh Generation will be giving a talk **today** in the Ten Years Hence Lecture Series. The lecture will be held in **Jordan Auditorium** at the Mendoza College of Business. The lecture starts at **10:40 a.m.** The event is **free** and open to faculty, staff and students.

**The 10th Anniversary of the Robinson Community Learning Center** is being celebrated tonight. The event starts at **5:30 p.m.** and will be held at the center. University president Rev. John Jenkins C.S.C, Rev. Edward A. “Monk” Malloy C.S.C. and U.S. Rep. Joe Donnelly will be in attendance.

**Saturday night at 6:30 p.m.** the original Mel Brooks film **“The Producers”** will be shown in the **DeBartolo Performing Arts Center**. The film tells the story of two producers trying to make a hit out of the musical “Springtime for Hitler,” except notihng goes as they planned. The show costs **\$3 to \$6.**

Quentin Tarantino’s debut, **“Reservoir Dogs”** will be shown **Saturday night** in The **DeBartolo Performing Arts Center**. The film starts at **11:55 p.m.** and costs **\$3 to \$6.**

**Sunday, John Chappell Stowe** will be giving a concert of organ music in the **DeBartolo Performing Arts Center**. He will be performing a newly restored Baroque organ built in 1680. The concert starts at **2:30 p.m.** and costs between **\$5 and \$15.**

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

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# Course innovates with Wii

By ADAM LLORENS  
News Writer

Notre Dame's Department of Computer Science and Engineering prides itself on keeping pace with the fast-moving technological world. Only recently, however, has the department branched out to the world of video games.

Professor Aaron Striegel currently teaches a course in which students create software designed for the Nintendo Wii. The program, "WiiHab," is intended to assist stroke victims in the rehabilitation process.

Striegel said the use of video games in the classroom is an aim to generate an innovative learning experience.

"The idea for this course came about from a freshman engineering class," he said. "Wanting to make the class more interesting, the class decided they wanted to use the WiiMote, a nickname given to the remote used with the Wii, to come up with creative exercises for engineering labs."

Striegel's idea to make class more interesting swiftly developed into a full-scale course. He said originally, stroke rehabilitation was a side project of the class, but the class decided to become more involved with the subject.

"After putting our heads together, we decided to work with South Bend's Memorial Hospital's stroke rehab patients



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From left, sophomores Ben Coffey, Alvin Hu and Pat Bowlds work on an engineering project they hope will be used for the Wii-based course.

on their balance," Striegel said. Graduate student Anne Martin, who was involved in the creation of WiiHab, said the program is helpful for stroke patients in the rehabilitation process.

"I used a computer program to design a computer screen of where the center of balance was for the Wii Balance Board," she said. "The patient can then stand on the board, and

the Wii will be able to inform them instantly of their balance percentage."

Martin said the instantaneous results are beneficial for stroke rehabilitation patients.

"WiiHab gives more informa-

tion to stroke therapists than ever before," she said. "Having an objective piece of technology like WiiHab allows the therapist to give live information to their patient to tell them how much progress they are making."

Striegel said developing WiiHab is an ongoing process.

"We are continuing to research the impact the software has on its patients," he said.

Striegel said this continued research involves a wide variety of academic interests.

"We are always looking for students who would be interested in helping with the research," Striegel said. "Whether they are pre-med, computer science or engineering majors, we would love to have you on board."

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*"WiiHab gives more information to stroke therapists than ever before."*

Anne Martin  
graduate student

# Students learn from designer Cole in NY

By ANNA BOARINI  
News Writer

High fashion encountered high education two weeks ago in New York City, when a group of Notre Dame students met fashion maven Kenneth Cole to receive a project assignment for Advanced Product Research, an industrial design course at Notre Dame.

Professor Ann-Marie Conrado said the class, which is offered to junior and senior industrial design students, is meant to present real-world challenges on projects co-developed and monitored by an outside corporate manufacturer. Kenneth Cole Productions and its exclusive luggage manufacturer, Heritage Travelware, are the sponsors for this spring's course, she said.

Conrado said students will investigate how luggage usage and needs have changed since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. They will respond to these changes with design concepts.

"Basically we are going to adjust the luggage and come up with new and different ways to incorporate [Cole's] style," junior Ryan Geraghty said.

Senior John Traub said the students are coming up with profiles of who they believe a Kenneth Cole client is.

"By coming up with a person who will use this luggage, it gives you a sense of who you are designing for," he said. "Very rarely do you design for yourself."

Notre Dame MBA students Brent Schavitz and Byron Kern will advise the class throughout the process.

"We are really acting as advisors to the designers from the business perspective," Schavitz said. "At some point this is a real product that has to sell."

Kern said his background in graphic design has proved to be helpful.

"Because there is a fair amount of overlap between ID and graphic design, I can kind of speak their language," he said.

While in New York, the students visited Cole's design studio, as well as one of his stores and the luggage floor at Macy's.

"The environment of the studio and the people were what I liked the most," senior Lauren Maddox said. "It made me more comfortable meeting the designers and knowing that they wanted to hear what we had to say."

Schavitz said the studio was accommodating to the students, who were shown color pallets and trend forecasts for the Spring 2012 season.

"They really did show us a lot more than I thought they would," Schavitz said. "We were really able to capture the essence of their brand and glimpse at how they work."

Traub said visiting the store helped him understand the typical Kenneth Cole client.

"Having your own store is an excellent way to show your identity," Traub said. "It was nice to

see the vision transition from studio to store."

During a presentation on the project, Cole made a surprise appearance, fielding questions on style and his career.

"He told us to keep his style in mind and the products that he designs, as well as others, when we are coming up with ideas," Geraghty said.

Maddox said his favorite part was Cole describing how he got started in the industry.

"He tried to sell shoes in Times Square, but he was told to stop," she said. "The only people that were allowed to operate in Times Square are film crews, so he made a documentary about selling women's shoes and renamed his company Kenneth Cole Productions."

Designs will be reviewed at the end of the semester, and the winning design will be prototyped in China. Geraghty said all the students are excited about the fact their design could be manufactured.

"This isn't all conceptual," he said. "It's going to be the real thing. It's going to be made. That's just really cool."

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Brent Schavitz  
MBA student

*"The environment of the studio and the people were what I liked the most."*

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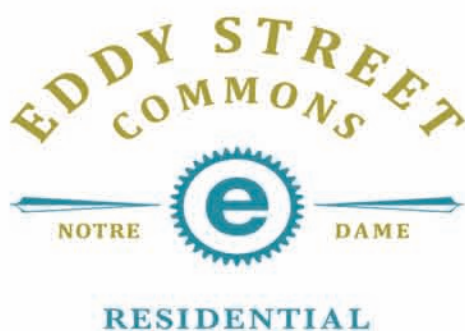
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Notre Dame industrial design students pose in Times Square during a recent class trip to New York City.





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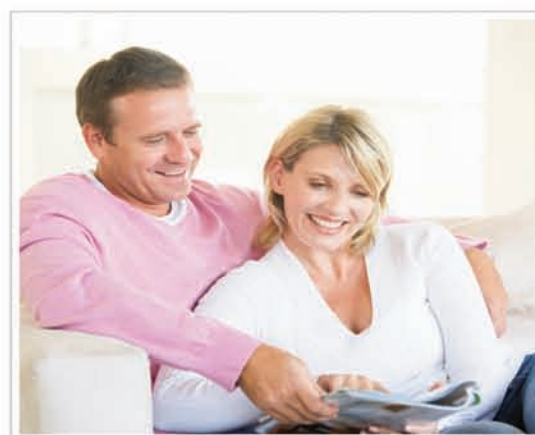
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# Students help file tax returns

By CARLY LANDON  
News Writer

Beginning Feb. 12 and running through April 18, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students will provide free income tax return preparation to low-income and disabled taxpayers in the South Bend Community through Notre Dame's Vivian Harrington Gray Tax Assistance Program (TAP).

The program has run annually since it was founded in 1972 by Ken Milani. This year, Milani stepped down and Ed Hums, Mendoza professor of Accounting, took the reigns. "Milani took over a small struggling program and over time built it into a program that last year did over 3800 tax returns for people in town and on campus," Hums said.

The TAP now involves more than 90 student volunteers as well as several faculty members and local accountants who staff nine area service centers, Hums said.

"We target people of modest means so in other words tax payers with incomes less than \$40,000 which is approximately the average income in St. Joe's County," he said. "We will do free federal and state returns for these individuals."

Hums said the program also provides tax return assistance to international members of

Notre Dame's community.

"In addition we will have a number of students who will work on campus with our international students to do tax returns for the international students and other members of the international community to assure that the proper returns are filed with the state and federal government," he said. "That is it also in compliance with their immigration status."

When Milani started the program, his aim was to give back to the community and this remains TAP's primary goal, Hums said.

"It's a community service. I think number one when Milani started the program he wanted it to be this. Ken is a very giving and caring person

who realized that a lot of how you got to where you are comes from folks of modest means," Hums said.

Although Hums is new to directing the program this year, he has worked with Milani on TAP for the past two years. He also had Milani as a professor back in 1973.

"I'm in the process of taking over and it's the same situation for myself. It's an opportunity for us to give back to the community because they did a lot for each of us," Hums said.

Hums said the program aims to bring Notre Dame and the

South Bend community together.

"I always remind our students that students do not meet or know people in the South Bend community, and people in the South Bend community do not meet and know Notre Dame students," he said. "This is one of the areas that I think the program allows us to come together and break down those barriers."

Both undergraduate and graduate students may participate in the program. Students who have taken or are currently enrolled in tax program class at Notre Dame are eligible to apply for the program. Hums said most students involved are accounting majors.

"When we go out, we have the class experience, the homework, and IRS certification. But all the certification and all the classroom examples are nothing compared to doing those first couple returns," Hums said. "You will know more about these people than anyone else because you know their income, their assets, you know everything"

Student involvement in the program is purely voluntary yet provides invaluable experience, Hums said.

"It's a tremendous opportunity for students because it's a challenge for students to work one on one in a real situation. You never know what he or she is going to come up with," he said. "We develop interpersonal skills, ability to think on your feet, and teach students how to really be accounts."

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# Sophomore discovers love for announcing

By ALICIA SMITH  
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Sophomore Chelsea Paccoini said becoming the voice of Saint Mary's basketball never crossed her mind when she initially thought about working at the Angela Athletic Center. But when it came time to sign up for a job, she only had two available options.

"I wanted to work in Angela, and I decided to do intramurals, and then we have the option to be game day workers," she said. "By the time

I went to sign up the only things that were left were ticket selling or [announcing]."

Paccoini said she is pleased she chose to become the basketball announcer.

"It's just fun because I know a lot of the girls on the team and I'm friends with them and so I've gotten to know them more," she said. "It's fun to be able to announce them when they do something good. I've gotten to work with a lot of people at Angela and they're really nice."

Paccoini said she announced a few games during her first year, but has worked at almost all of the home games this season.

Since then, announcing the beginning part of the game has been the highlight of her job. Additionally, Paccoini said she enjoys trying to engage the crowd with the play-by-play.

"My favorite part sometimes is

introducing the players and their hometowns because I know that I take pride in my hometown, so I really like to make that special," Paccoini said. "And then, if they have a back-to-back good play or something, I put more enthusiasm into it."

The crowd seems to appreciate her announcements, Paccoini said.

"All the fans usually applaud, and I think it gets them more into it, especially if somebody is coming to watch their friends," she said.

Paccoini said she has enjoyed basketball her entire life and

played from fourth grade through high school. Though she does not play for Saint Mary's, she still enjoys being a part of the atmosphere.

"I played basketball pretty much my whole life so I knew about it and I thought it would just be fun," she said.

Paccoini said she finds it difficult to remain unbiased when an opposing team is winning the game, but said she does her best to keep the atmosphere open and friendly.

Paccoini said she enjoys her job and plans to announce the basketball games throughout the rest of her time at the College.

"I get so much more into the game because I have to pay attention and it's so much fun," she said.

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**Ed Hums**  
Mendoza professor of accounting

# College to host 'Encounter Retreat'

By SUSAN HEAD  
News Writer

This weekend, 18 Saint Mary's students will participate in the fourth annual student-run Encounter Retreat. The event, sponsored by Campus Ministries, will be held at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan from Friday afternoon until Saturday evening.

The Encounter Retreat is a once-a-year event for Saint Mary's that focuses on students developing personal relationships with Christ. Students also learn to think about the ways they encounter Christ in their lives.

The retreat involves a series of six different talks concerning different aspects of faith and relationships. Student leaders deliver all of the talks.

"Students enjoy getting to know God through other people," Campus Ministry Assistant Director Regina Wilson said.

The student speeches differentiate the Encounter Retreat from other retreats. Every year, student leaders put a lot of thought and effort into their speeches. Students often apply creative techniques in their lessons including the use of music to establish and support a message.

The weekend will begin with a talk on how the attendees might first come to understand themselves and will conclude on Saturday with a talk titled "Beyond the Encounter," at which time attendees will be invited to learn how to be Christ-like to others. Throughout the weekend, attendees will also be encouraged to share personal stories of how Christ has impacted their lives. The retreat will end with a Mass at the retreat center.

In the past, students have found the retreat rewarding, giving positive feedback, and Wilson said she is confident this year's retreat will prove to have similar results.

"Students come looking for something such as friendship or faith and often find it very gratifying," Wilson said. "The goal of the retreat is that students will learn that their encounters with Christ have consequences."

The retreat also promises community-bonding events including games and various other activities. Wilson said she hopes the weekend will bring all in attendance closer not only with Christ, but also with each other.

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gan is 'A decade of changing lives, one relationship at a time.' It's all about relationships."

During the morning and early afternoon, adults participate in activities ranging from Wii Bowling and fitness to book and computer clubs. After 3 p.m. the rooms transform, bringing in a crowd of young children and college tutors from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, among other volunteers.

Notre Dame sophomore Linda Scheiber is one of the tutors, and she helps seventh-grader Joy Brown.

"I've been here a year," Scheiber said. "We help with pretty much all subjects, math and reading the most."

Brown said she went to the RCLC when she was a little girl, and she recently came back to get some help with homework.

"[The help from tutoring] is good," Brown said. "I enjoy being here."

Sophomore Isaac Harrington said he has helped seventh-grader Paul Ferguson for two years.

"My roommate wanted me to start coming with him," Harrington said. "It was fun, so I kept coming."

Ferguson said he was grateful for the help.

"If I didn't have tutoring, I probably wouldn't be getting my

homework done," he said.

Beudert said around 300 college student volunteers help each semester, with around 130 in both after-school tutoring and the Take Ten program, an initiative going to local schools to teach students violence prevention and conflict resolution. Others help in English as a Second Language (ESL) courses and adult programming.

Dr. Jim Frabutt, who serves on the RCLC Advisory Board, said the RCLC emerged out of a plan to find a way to have better relations with the community.

"It's a neat success story for Notre Dame and the Northeast Neighborhood,"

he said. "It's a great start, a great foothold. It's one of the biggest assets Notre Dame has in terms of relations with the community. It serves as a great example of how these partnerships work."

Frabutt said the RCLC touches everyone, no matter what age, because of the community it

fosters.

"That's why this place has a 360-degree perspective," he said. "It touches the lives of college students, faculty and local students."

Taylor said the way the RCLC was designed was instrumental in its community feel. Through community meetings during the months before it opened, residents had a large input of what they wanted the building to be.

"It's not what we want it to be," Taylor said. "It's what the community wants it to be."

Tonight, the community is invited to an open house from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to celebrate the anniversary, Taylor said. There will be speakers and special guests, as well as music.

"[The RCLC] is truly a reflection of the neighborhood," Taylor said.

She is the third of five generations to live on Francis Street and lives two blocks from the building. In fact, the center is named after her mother, Renelda Robinson, whom Taylor said was the heart of the neighborhood.

"She was a community activist," Taylor said. "She died before she could see it. She'd be thrilled if she could see it now."

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Residents of Farley Hall signed this poster in the building's basement as a demonstration of thanks to their custodial staff.

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ly get to know about them, their parents, boyfriends and issues with classes."

Working between dorms has allowed Carter to observe what factors contribute to these relationships.

"From my experience, it depends on what dorm you work in and a lot on the rector and the relationship that they have with the students," Carter said. "I've seen that the rectors active with their students rub off on them and the staff."

Carter said being outgoing is key to forming relationships with residents.

"Sometimes you guys are busy, back and forth to class, and if you just make the effort to say good morning that breaks the ice," she said.

Senior Sorin resident Dennis Malloy said the cleaning staff deals with difficult issues because of the college environment. Despite this, he said the staff continues to be friendly and open to conversation.

"I love Senija because she's always here for us. For four years, I've never heard her once complain and she's always very happy to see us — even weekend mornings, even days she had to come through the snow to get here," Malloy said. "And she's doing it every day."

Begic said during the seven years she has worked in Sorin, the men have come to respect her like a mother.

"I teach them a lot and they teach me a lot," she said. Lacing her fingers together above her heart, she continued. "Here, my heart is so big. I feel at home."

Begic said she often hears from men who have graduated. Similarly, Carter said she receives cards from some of the women she knew as students.

"After graduation, they write to let me know how they're doing. It really means a lot to me," Carter said. "Working in a place where you know these people makes a huge difference."

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Fr. John Jenkins have said the investigation had integrity.

"We regret that some are critical of our handling of sexual misconduct allegations, and we understand the pain these families are experiencing," Notre Dame's Thursday statement said. "At the same time, we stand behind the thoroughness, integrity and objectivity of our investigations, as well as the services available to students who are subjected to sexual misconduct."

NDSP works with the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office, Special Victims Unit and other area police departments throughout sexual misconduct investigations, according to the statement.

"Notre Dame takes very seriously its obligation to thoroughly investigate every allegation of sexual misconduct, particularly in light of the gravity, complexity and sensitivity of these cases," the statement said.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said the University is working with the U.S. Department of Education to review its policies on sexual misconduct allegations.

"We're working with the department on an overall review of our policies," he said. "This review is unrelated to any specific case."

The University does not release information about investigations, according to the statement, because it follows the

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which protects students' education records, grades and disciplinary histories.

"However, beyond the limitations imposed by FERPA, it is Notre Dame's long-held belief and policy that our students deserve certain degrees of privacy as part of the educational process, and we have stood by that principle, even in the face of the criticism that might invite," the statement said.

According to the statement, sexual misconduct cases are particularly complicated on college campuses, when the students involved are usually acquaintances and alcohol is often a factor.

"The University works tirelessly on many fronts to combat sexual misconduct — by holding students to the highest of behavioral standards, providing victims and survivors with the resources they need, offering an array of education and prevention programs and promoting an environment of respect that honors the human dignity of each person," the statement said.

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# Congress debates spending

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — In a deepening struggle over spending, Republicans and Democrats swapped charges Thursday over a possible government shutdown when money runs out March 4 for most federal agencies.

“Read my lips: We’re going to cut spending,” declared House Speaker John Boehner. He pledged that the GOP-controlled House would refuse to approve even a short-term measure at current funding levels to keep the government operating.

The Ohio Republican prefaced his remarks by accusing Democrats of risking a shutdown “rather than to cut spending and to follow the will of the American people.”

But moments later, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., retorted that Boehner was resorting “to threats of a shutdown without any negotiation.” Officials added that Democrats would seek a short-term bill without any cut in spending levels, a position sharply at odds with

Boehner’s.

The sparring occurred as the House labored to complete work on veto-threatened legislation to cut more than \$61 billion from the budget year that’s more than a third over. That bill also would provide funding to keep the government operating until Sept. 30.

Working through dozens of amendments, the House voted 244-181 in early evening to block the FCC from implementing “network neutrality” regulations. The rules prohibit phone and cable companies from discriminating against Internet content and services, including online calling and Web video services that may compete with their core operations.

With that one bill at the center of a political dispute — the House has repeatedly worked well past midnight on the legislation this week — Boehner chose the moment to open a second front. To underscore the budget-cutting commitment by the 87 conservative new members of his rank and file, he announced that Republicans would move quickly

this spring on companion legislation to cut “wasteful mandatory spending” by the federal government.

He provided no details, but party officials said they expected the effort to begin shortly after the House returns from next week’s recess.

The current legislation is sweeping in scope, containing cuts to literally hundreds of domestic programs, from education to environmental protection, nutrition and parks.

In addition, it has become a target for first-term conservative Republicans eager to demonstrate their budget-cutting bona fides and for other lawmakers hoping to change the course of government in ways large or small.

Republicans led the way on a 250-177 vote to stop the Environmental Protection Agency from imposing limits on mercury pollution from cement factories. Supporters said the new rules would send American jobs overseas, where air quality standards are more lax or non-existent.

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supported us. It’s been a great run.”

Ward said he hopes to remain involved with student government despite the loss.

“I’m thinking about jumping into the policy side of things,” he said. “It definitely opens up a lot of opportuni-

ties.”

McCormick said he and Rocheleau are looking forward to taking office April 1.

“We have high hopes for Notre Dame and the role that Notre Dame can play in higher education,” McCormick said. “We want to help students realize those hopes for our school.”

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# Publishing industry reels after Borders fall

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Whether or not Borders survives closing some 200 stores, the “superstore” boom of the past two decades has busted, authors and publishers face a market minus millions of square feet of physical shelf space and communities once crowded with booksellers may find themselves with none.

“I think Borders’ fall will cause a lot of publishers to realize they can’t just count on a few giant entities to sell their products,” said Simba Information senior trade analyst Michael Norris.

Borders, the second largest chain behind Barnes & Noble, Inc., filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Wednesday, and will close nearly a third of its 642 stores, from San Francisco to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. About 6,000 of the company’s 19,500 employees will lose their jobs. Borders owes millions of dollars to publishers, who must decide whether they should continue doing business with a bookseller that has been unable to pay its bills.

“Penguin hopes that Borders will emerge from this process as a smaller but stronger book retailer, and will work closely with Borders management to support this transition,” Penguin Group (USA), which is owed \$41.1 million, said in a statement. “Penguin has been following developments at Borders very closely for many months and has taken appropriate steps to mitigate the financial impact of the company’s bankruptcy on Penguin.”

Borders’ bankruptcy should accelerate at least a few trends: E-books now are an estimated 10 percent of the market, 10 times the share of three years ago, and readers no longer close to a Borders may instead download a book or buy a physical one online; author book tours will continue to evolve, as more events — if held at all — will take place at libraries, lecture halls and other settings outside a store; and the era when Barnes & Noble and Borders opened multiple stores within driving, or even walking distance of each other, is truly over.

Based in Ann Arbor, Mich., a college town, Borders Group Inc. began as an offbeat, likeable underdog, grew into a powerhouse that helped shut down many independent sellers and now must compete in a tight, increasingly online economy, in an ever-hurried world. Publishers are skeptical that Borders can rebound but very much wish it would. Although earnings have dropped sharply in recent years, Borders is still a billion-dollar entity which can make a book a hit. Superstores have a reputation for mechanically favoring commercial releases, but Borders has long had an affinity for literary fiction, especially paperbacks. In recent years, Chris Cleave’s “Little Bee” and David Benioff’s “City of Thieves” are among the books publishers credit Borders with helping to make best-sellers.

“They’ve always been great champions of the trade paperback format,” says Carrie Kania, who heads HarperCollins’ paperback imprint, Harper Perennial.



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# Father of music group members pleads guilty



Keith Brown, left, and attorney Steven Shapiro stand at his hearing in Provo, Utah, on Feb. 17.

Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — The distraught father of The 5 Browns musical group pleaded guilty Thursday to sexually abusing his daughters when they were children in a deal that will send him to prison for at least 10 years.

With scratches and bruises on his face from a crash in which his Porsche plunged 300 feet into a canyon, Keith Brown, 55, entered his plea to three felony counts in Fourth District Court.

"He is terribly remorseful for what has happened and for what he has put his family through," defense attorney Steven Shapiro said after the hearing. "He recognizes that this is the next step in the long road to trying to accept responsibility for something terrible that he did a long time ago."

Dressed in dark slacks and a grey overcoat, Brown appeared in court with his sister-in-law by his side. He showed few signs of the horrific crash just three days earlier that police called an accident.

His response to the judge when asked for his plea on each charge was a barely audible, "guilty."

Brown's three daughters and two sons are part of the classical piano group The 5 Browns, whose albums have topped the classical music charts and who have appeared on "Oprah" and other shows. The group also has been profiled by "60 Minutes."

Brown did not speak further during the hearing and declined to answer questions from reporters afterward. He remained free until his sentencing on March 31, after prosecutors said they do not consider him a threat.

Brown chose to enter the plea to bring a quick resolution to the case and did not want to "exacerbate the harm" by dragging out the proceedings, Shapiro said.

Utah County prosecutors charged Brown with one first-degree felony count of sodomy on a child and two second-degree felony counts of sexual abuse of a child.

He could face a sentence of up to life in prison on the first-degree felony and up to

15 years each on the second-degree felonies. Under the plea deal with prosecutors, he will serve at least a decade in prison.

The records filed Feb. 10 in the abuse case don't identify any victim by name or indicate the relationship between Keith Brown and the alleged victims.

However, Kimball Thomson, a spokesman for The 5 Browns, said the charges involve Brown's daughters and group members Desirae, 32, Deondra, 30, and Melody, 26. He declined to release further information on the women.

The Associated Press does not generally identify people who say they were sexually abused, but the Brown women have chosen to be identified and are cooperating with police, Thomson said.

None of the women were in court on Thursday, but in a statement issued to The AP late Thursday, Kimball said the sisters were satisfied with the plea agreement.

"The women were motivated to approach law enforcement out of concern for the welfare and protection of other young women and girls. All three sisters are at peace with the agreement that has been reached in this case," Kimball said in the statement. "While clearly the current events surrounding the family are painful, the sisters were well prepared for this day, and are relieved and grateful to close this chapter in their lives."

Kimball said the Brown sisters appreciate the respect shown to them by police and prosecutors, who sought their input at each stage of the case. He said none of the Brown siblings want to talk publicly at this time.

Thomson said the Brown children severed their professional relationship with Keith Brown in October of 2008. He was once the manager of The 5 Browns but now has no connection, Thomson said.

Court documents state the allegations stem from separate occasions between November 1990 and October 1992, November 1990 and November 1992, and March 1997 and March 1998 in Utah County.

# Hawaii eyes gay ceremonies

Associated Press

HONOLULU — For years, the Rev. Fay Hovey has held romantic ceremonies on the sand for gay partners who want to pledge their love in Hawaii. The couples take photos and memories with them, but they lack a legal and binding recognition of their relationship.

That will change when same-sex civil unions soon become law in the Rainbow State.

"They have that fantasy just like any other couple, to come and have a wedding and a honeymoon," said Hovey, of Aloha Maui Gay Weddings, who hopes for an increase in commitment ceremonies. "When they come to Hawaii, everybody can relax in their spirits and feel included."

Hawaii lawmakers gave final approval to civil unions Wednesday and sent the legislation to Democratic Gov. Neil Abercrombie, who plans to sign it into law within 10 business days. Civil unions would begin Jan. 1, 2012, making the state the seventh in the nation to grant virtually the same rights of marriage to same-sex couples without authorizing marriage itself.

The culturally diverse islands — with their swaying palm trees, picturesque sunsets and wind-swept sands — are already a welcoming place for gay tourists, including some who seek informal partnership ceremonies.

With civil unions, those ceremonies would come with a certificate that's valid in other states with civil unions or same-sex marriage, depending on their local laws. Five states and the District of Columbia permit same-sex marriage.

Hawaii, known as one of the nation's premier locations for destination weddings and honey-

moons, also will allow gay couples to get civil unions even if they don't come from states with compatible laws. This could provide a boost to the tourism-dependent islands that are trying to recover from the recession.

"It will certainly drive more tourism and bring more people to us," said Michael Waddell, general manager for the Maui Sunseeker, a resort catering to gay clientele. "They come here because they can be comfortable and they can be themselves."

The Maui Sunseeker is expanding from 17 to 30 rooms by the end of the year, which will help it accommodate new visitors, he said.

Honeymoons and marriages made up nearly one-tenth of Hawaii vacations last year, with more than 600,000 tourists traveling for that reason out of a total of about 7 million annual visitors, according to preliminary state government statistics.

"We don't discriminate. We're known for having tolerance and mutual respect for all," said Mike McCartney, president for the Hawaii Tourism Authority. "Our natural beauty, people and spirit create and environment for romance."

But the number of couples seeking civil unions may be somewhat modest, according to one study. Between 569 and 1,285 same-sex couples will enter civil unions in the first four years that registration is available, the Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation Law and Public Policy at UCLA estimated last June.

"A traditional wedding would tend to be marriage. The untraditional wedding would tend to be on the beach in paradise. That's one of the strong advantages of Hawaii," said the Rev.

Mike John Hough of Kauai Island Weddings, who expects the number of ceremonies he performs to increase between 10 percent and 20 percent.

When the Hawaii Senate voted 18-5 to pass civil unions Wednesday, it sought to end nearly 20 years of thousands-strong rallies, election battles and passionate public testimony that have divided the Rainbow State.

Voters overwhelming passed the nation's first "defense of marriage" constitutional amendment in 1998 in response to a state Supreme Court decision five years earlier that nearly made Hawaii the first state to legalize gay marriage.

The amendment resulted in a law banning gay marriage in Hawaii but left the door open for civil unions.

Since then, 29 other states also have enacted defense of marriage amendments.

Opponents of civil unions say the partnerships could lead to same-sex marriage, likely through a court challenge based on the argument that gay couples aren't truly being treated equally unless they're allowed to be married.

Their fears may have grown when the Senate confirmed the state's first openly gay Supreme Court justice, Sabrina McKenna, immediately before the civil unions vote.

McKenna pledged to be fair in her future rulings.

"As any judge, we bring to the judiciary our life experiences, but we rule based on the evidence and the law, and that's what I've done for 17 years and will continue to do when seated on the Supreme Court," said McKenna, who wouldn't specifically discuss civil unions.

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# Lawmakers debate unions

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Faced with a near-certain Republican victory that would end a half-century of collective bargaining for public workers, Wisconsin Democrats retaliated with the only weapon they had left: They fled.

Fourteen Democratic lawmakers disappeared from the Capitol on Thursday, just as the Senate was about to begin debating the measure aimed at easing the state’s budget crunch.

By refusing to show up for a vote, the group brought the debate to a swift halt and hoped to pressure Republicans to the negotiating table.

“The plan is to try and slow this down because it’s an extreme piece of legislation that’s tearing this state apart,” Sen. Jon Erpenbach said.

The move drew cheers from tens of thousands of protesters — teachers, prison guards and others targeted by the proposal — who filled the Statehouse during the past three days.

Republican Gov. Scott Walker, who took office just last month, has made the bill a top priority. He urged the group to return and called the boycott a “stunt.”

“It’s more about theatrics than anything else,” Walker said, predicting that the group would come back in a day or two, after realizing “they’re elected to do a job.”

Walker said Democrats could still offer amendments to change the bill, but he vowed not to concede on his plan to end most col-

lective bargaining rights.

With 19 seats, Republicans hold a majority in the 33-member Senate, but they are one vote short of the number necessary to conduct business. So the GOP needs at least one Democrat to be present before any voting can take place. Once the measure is brought to the floor, it needs 17 votes to pass.

Other lawmakers who fled sent messages over Twitter and issued written statements but did not disclose their location until hours later.

Erpenbach said the group had been in Rockford, Ill., but they dispersed by late afternoon.

In response to a question of where she was, Sen. Lena Taylor sent a tweet saying she was “doing the people’s business. Power to the PEOPLE.”

Sen. Tim Cullen of Janesville said he was back in Wisconsin by Thursday night, but he did not expect Democrats to return to take up the bill until Saturday.

As Republicans tried to begin Senate business around midday, observers in the gallery screamed “Freedom! Democracy! Unions!” Opponents cheered when a legislative leader announced there were not enough senators present to proceed.

The sergeant-at-arms immediately began looking for the missing lawmakers. If authorized, he can seek help from police.

Senate rules and the state constitution say absent members can be compelled to appear, but it does not say how.

“Today they checked out, and

I’m not sure where they’re at,” Republican Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald said. “This is the ultimate shutdown, what we’re seeing today.”

The Senate planned to try again Friday to convene. It was unclear when the state Assembly would conduct any business.

Elsewhere, some Democrats applauded the developments in Wisconsin as a long-awaited sign that their party was fighting back against the Republican wave created by November’s midterm election.

“I am glad to see some Democrats, for a change, with a backbone. I’m really proud to hear that they did that,” said Democratic state Sen. Judy Eason-McIntyre of Oklahoma, another state where Republicans won the governorship in November and also control both legislative chambers.

Across the Wisconsin Statehouse, Democrats showed up in the Assembly chamber wearing orange T-shirts that proclaimed their support for working families.

After a routine roll call, they exchanged high-fives with protesters, who cried “thank you” as the Democrats walked by. Protesters unleashed venomous boos and screams at Republicans.

Thursday’s events were reminiscent of a 2003 dispute in Texas, where Democrats twice fled the state to prevent adoption of a redistricting bill designed to give Republicans more seats in Congress. The bill passed a few months later.

# Feds outline Grand Canyon mining plan

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The U.S. Department of Interior has outlined four proposals to address mining around the Grand Canyon, including one that would ban any new claims on 1 million acres for 20 years.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar temporarily blocked new claims on the same land in 2009 while the department studied whether to set aside the acreage for a longer period.

“This process will help make a decision that recognizes the need for wise development of our energy resources, the importance of healthy lands and waters, and the voices of local communities, tribes, states and stakeholders,” Salazar said Thursday.

More than 85,500 comments were considered in forming the alternatives, which include taking no action, setting aside the 1 million acres, and partially withdrawing either 300,000 or 650,000 acres from any new claims. The alternative that involves setting aside 1 million acres is identified as the “proposed action” in a draft environmental study obtained by The Associated Press ahead of its scheduled Friday release. But Interior officials said they don’t prefer one proposal over

the others.

As many as 10,000 mining claims exist on federal land near the Grand Canyon for all types of hard-rock exploration. Some 1,100 uranium mining claims are miles from the park’s boundaries.

Should any of the land be withdrawn, mining companies would need to prove they have valid existing rights to those claims before mining could occur. Only one company actively is mining in the area. Anywhere from 11 to 30 mines could be developed, according to the draft environmental study done by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Arizona Congressman Raul Grijalva had advocated for a permanent withdrawal from new mining claims, but that was eliminated as a consideration in the study because the Interior secretary does not have the ability to segregate land for more than 20 years on more than 5,000 acres. Congress would be the appropriate venue for such action, the BLM said.

Grijalva said Congress is unlikely to act on the issue.

“We would have wanted a withdrawal in perpetuity, not just 20 years (for) all those obvious points,” he said in an interview. “We still have some concerns about the exploratory efforts going on in the region.”

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### More content please

I've got a beef with magazine advertisements.

My best friend got me a subscription to Vanity Fair for my birthday. This seems to be a trend, because another friend got me a subscription to Cosmopolitan last year. Two magazines arrive in my little mailbox once a month, making me happy while I'm on the exercise bike at the Rock.

When I got the gigantic Hollywood Edition of Vanity Fair last week, I was ecstatic. It was huge! It took up all the space in my box, nearly an inch thick with glossy pages, bright pictures and sure-to-be scandalous articles. I popped it into my bag without opening it, deciding to head to the Rock and read while I worked out. I grabbed Cosmo, too, because the Lea Michele issue was sitting unread on my desk.

I was downright insulted when I opened them up during my warm up. Starting with Cosmo, it took me 12 pages of advertisements before I hit the Contents page. Twelve! Flipping through the issue, I couldn't help noticing how intrusive these ads were. The ads weren't just traditional pages — a cardboard insert page had foundation samples in every skin tone and perfume samples overpowering everything else poked out between the skanky articles. (You know that's all anyone reads Cosmo for. Don't lie.)

After powering through Cosmo in 20 minutes, I switched to Vanity Fair. I was so excited, hoping this super-thick edition would be enough reading material left to get me through my workout.

I should have stuck with Cosmo. The Contents page was on page 48. The second page of the Contents page was on page 62. Honestly, I don't mind flipping through one or two pages of ads. I like looking at the new styles just as much as the next girl, and the 'haute couture' ads in magazines like Vanity Fair are always visually interesting, if not always applicable to real fashion sense. However, 48 pages of ads are not necessary at all. I know the journalism industry is fading quickly, but is it that bad? So much for expectations. I wanted page after page of Vanity Fair writing, which is known in the magazine industry to be some of the best long-form journalism out there. Don't believe me? Check out the January issue — the Johnny Depp feature will blow your mind. But I didn't get this writing with the March issue. Out of the 352-page issue, I got 70, maybe 80 pages of content. That's 23 percent content, 77 percent ads, adding up to 100 percent disgruntled reader.

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*The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*

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## Election committee decision warrants explanation

A campaign "ethics clause" violation that delayed the results of Monday's student body election results did not, in all likelihood, change the final outcome of the entire process, which came to a close Thursday night with the announcement that junior Pat McCormick and sophomore Brett Rocheleau would serve as the next student body president and vice president, respectively.

But the violation, and the process the Election Committee of Judicial Council used to determine its sanction demands a public explanation that has not been given — and likely won't be at all.

The facts of the case, as told to The Observer, are these: On Sunday night, student body president candidate James Ward, the current junior class president, sent an e-mail to a number of students in which he criticized the performance of this year's student government and accused current leaders of being "content to rest on their ... laurels."

On Monday morning, the day of the student body election, an allegation was filed against Ward's ticket, prompting a Monday night meeting of the Election Committee to address the allegation. Meanwhile, the decision was made to seal the election results until the allegation was resolved, in order to avoid allowing the "knowledge of the results [to] influence the hearing process," said Michael Thomas, judicial council vice president of elections.

At its meeting Monday, the committee determined an "ethics clause" violation had occurred and decided on its sanction: to require Ward to submit an apology e-mail to Judicial Council by 11:59 p.m. Monday that would then be distributed to the entire student body. Ward complied but also filed an appeal of the allegation, which he dropped Tuesday evening. The appeal would have given Student Senate the opportunity to review and, if necessary, revise the original sanction.

But when the appeal was dropped, Senate was no longer required to meet. Ward's apology e-mail and the original election results were distributed Tuesday night, setting up a Thursday runoff election between McCormick-Rocheleau and Ward and his running mate, Heather Eaton. Current student body president Catherine Soler and her running mate Emily LeStrange were eliminated from the ballot after receiving seven fewer votes than the Ward-Eaton ticket.

The Observer's Editorial Board acknowledges the difficulties the Election Committee must have faced in handling the allegation, and understands some of the complexities that may have been inherent to alternative solutions. Other solutions could have been eliminating the Ward-Eaton ticket from consideration altogether, or calling for a "do-over" election, which would allow the Soler-LeStrange ticket to proceed to a three-way runoff. While

the Constitution does not expressly allow for this possibility, it does give the judicial committee complete control over sanctions.

Perhaps these alternatives were considered but were deemed unsatisfactory or unfeasible — a decision we could understand, but one we believe must be shared and defended not behind the closed doors of a committee meeting, but in an open forum that can reach the entire student body.

Regardless of the challenges and imperfections of these alternatives, each proposal would have made at least some impact on the results of Monday's election — something the Election Committee's final decision completely and utterly failed to do.

In considering and critiquing our proposed alternatives, we could debate the seriousness of the violation. But the Election Committee, by ruling that a violation transpired, acknowledged that inappropriate behavior had occurred and an unfair advantage had been gained, at least to some degree. It would be difficult in any case to accurately quantify the impact a violation may have had on an election's results, and this is especially true in this case because of the uncertainty related to the number of students who received, and then cast votes as a result of, Ward's e-mail Sunday night.

We understand the sentiment behind the decision to keep the initial election results until the violation had been handled, but given the nature of the violation, the parties involved and, finally, the results of the Monday's election, how can a rational, effective decision be made and sanction handed down without an attempt to consider how the violation may have affected the voting? Given the narrow gap between the Ward-Eaton and Soler-LeStrange tickets in the initial election (seven votes), and the fact that the violation stemmed from Ward's criticism of a student government Soler currently leads, one must consider the strong possibility that the violation was the difference in determining which ticket advanced to a runoff with McCormick-Rocheleau.

Would such a runoff have changed the final result? That is, of course, impossible to determine, but the sizable margin between McCormick-Rocheleau and Ward-Eaton in both Monday's election (38 percent to 23 percent, to Soler-LeStrange's 22 percent) and Thursday's runoff (64 percent to 36 percent) suggests that the student body strongly made clear its choice for student government leadership.

Some might argue that the election of McCormick and Rocheleau renders irrelevant any discussion of the violation and sanction. Instead, we urge next year's student leaders to remember all the events of this week, and to consider them significant evidence of a need for transparency in a student government McCormick and Rocheleau aim to redefine.

## THE OBSERVER Editorial

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Love in different forms

Based on what appears to be your own self-assuredness and apparent wisdom on related matters ("Acting for love," Feb. 16), I ironically presume that you know nothing of what it feels like to be a self-identifying homosexual. It is precisely because of this that I strongly disagree with your statements on "holding hands, caressing, kissing" and their casual evidence in today's society.

It is not because such intimate physical expressions mean nothing that I and people like me have long wished for the freedom and comfort to show our love publicly and without hesitation. Much to the contrary, it is because they may serve as a sensually powerful representation of one's love for another that we hold them in such high esteem. And while you are quite right in sensing that we have felt "pangs" in our hearts at the sight of a straight couple in the midst of some display of affection, I feel you are again mistaken in asserting that any behavior not ordered towards marriage or its discernment is aimless. How shall straight persons at Notre Dame develop meaningful romantic relationships if the immediacy of questions concerning marriage and its discernment take precedence over all other forms of casual dating? Such a disjunctive

conception of sexual behavior supports a monochromatic attitude toward dating that may actually contribute to the "hook-up" culture you stand so strongly against.

Additionally, I am aware of official Catholic teaching on homosexuality. To be concise about a complex issue, I disagree. The argument that one may be gifted a sexuality with some practical restrictions is one thing. To then say that another may be granted their own ("equally valued") sexuality, one whose behavioral manifestation under any circumstances is sinful, is absurd and undermines any "teleology" you speak of.

I am in a relationship, and though my boyfriend and I are not big on "PDA," we have no doubts about the legitimacy of our love for each other, most especially in light of Church teaching. And, more importantly, I hope that this tired, uncharitable Christian hypocrisy shames fewer and fewer couples, gay or otherwise, into yet another file of spiritless obedience.

Sam Costanzo

junior

O'Neill Hall

Feb. 17

## OBSERVER POLL

### Observer Poll

What was your favorite Super Bowl commercial?

<b>Careerbuilder:</b> Chimps driving	3%
<b>Volkswagen:</b> Young Vader	50%
<b>Chrysler:</b> Eminem/Detroit	31%
<b>Bridgestone:</b> Beaver/Karma	9%
<b>Audi A8:</b> Luxury prison break	7%



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Justice consists not in being neutral between right and wrong, but in finding out the right and upholding it, wherever found, against the wrong."*

Theodore Roosevelt  
26th U.S. president



# The personal pitfalls of Craigslist

It is astounding how devastating and immediate the consequences can be from a misstep while Internet socializing. On the surface, banter could surely not harm one responding to a “woman seeking a man” ad posted Jan. 14 on Craigslist that asked why men all “look like toads.” Unfortunately, ferocious forces fell upon a congressman who embellished his response: “Hope I’m not a toad. :) i’m a very fit fun classy guy. Live in Cap Hill area. 6ft 190lbs blond/blue. 39 ... Lobbyist. I promise not to disappoint.”



Gary Caruso

Capitol  
Comments

Former up-and-comer U.S. Representative Chris Lee (R-N.Y.), from a district in upstate New York stretching from Buffalo along Lake Ontario to Rochester, abruptly resigned from congress on the same day the gossip website Gawker published his flirtatious e-mails. Elected officials should be allowed a personal life — even morally reprehensible ones — whenever such personal actions do not interfere with their official duties. It never halted the great stewardships of such presidents as Franklin Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower or John Kennedy. Attempted infidelity should not have forced the second-term congressman to resign

simply because he shaved seven years off his age, lied about his career and marital status and sent a shirtless picture of himself to a woman he met through Craigslist. Currently, U.S. Senators John Ensign of Nevada and David Vitter of Louisiana sit in congress despite their moral scandals — Ensign admitting an affair with a staff member and Vitter admitting the use of prostitution services in Washington. It should not matter that both are Republicans or espouse so-called conservative values like on Vitter’s website affirming that he is committed to “advancing mainstream conservative principles” and further noting that both he and his wife are lecturers at their hometown church. Private lives should remain distinct from public service so long as actions do not compromise public duties. Vitter sets a classic example for survival. Despite the scandal, Vitter won reelection by facing the charges head-on and apologizing. Calling it a serious sin for which he was completely responsible, Vitter continued, “Several years ago, I asked for and received forgiveness from God and my wife in confession and marriage counseling.” Vitter continued, “Out of respect for my family, I will keep my discussion of the matter there — with God and them. But I certainly offer my deep and sincere apologies to all I have disappointed and let down in any way.” Lee could have weathered his scandal when he opened, “I regret the harm that my actions have caused my family, my

staff and my constituents. I deeply and sincerely apologize to them all. I have made profound mistakes, and I promise to work as hard as I can to seek their forgiveness.” However, Lee threw in the towel with his quick resignation when he concluded, “The challenges we face in Western New York and across the country are too serious for me to allow this distraction to continue, and so I am announcing that I have resigned my seat in Congress effective immediately.” Our governmental system judges and potentially term limits congressional representatives every two years. An upset public can voice its displeasure at the ballot box each election cycle. Lee should have made his mea culpa and fought for forgiveness. He portrayed the type of working political philosophy the GOP continually purges in primaries. While identifying as a conservative, Lee stood outside of the typical GOP cookie-cutter stereotype. He voted with Democrats on several measures like the expansion of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program, compensation for 9/11 responders, the reauthorization of the America Competes Act and the overhaul of our nation’s food safety system. Legislatively, Lee outflanked the Democratic congressmen from his neighboring districts by obtaining \$29.7 million in federal earmark funds, a mortal sin to Tea Party activists. From his perspective as a former executive of his family’s manufacturing business, Lee explained that ear-

marks can help promote job growth through such projects as high-speed rail, another program the GOP targets to eliminate. Further, in the wake of Representative Gabrielle Giffords’ shooting in Tucson, Lee reasonably stood up against powerful gun lobbyists by saying, “We need to look at ... ensuring there are sufficient background checks to make sure that those who are unstable don’t have access to weapons of that nature.” It is uncertain if GOP Speaker John Boehner encouraged Lee to step aside before he said Lee “made the right decision for himself and for his family” by resigning. So much in the GOP leadership is now calculated to maintain party control rather than allow members to follow their personal district interests. Ironies lie in just that outlook — GOP leaders limit professional personal outreach across party lines and private personal outreach across the Internet. Such a puritanical approach prevented Lee from waging a capable, interesting comeback fight he could have won. Gary Caruso, Notre Dame ’73, serves in the Department of Homeland Security and was a legislative and public affairs director in President Clinton’s administration. His column appears every other Friday. He can be contacted at GaryJCaruso@alumni.nd.edu The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Revuepoint

At approximately 5:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, Fr. Doyle, Vice President of Student Affairs, made a telephone call to Keenan Hall’s rector, Fr. Dan Nolan. The Revue had to be changed. SAO had received too many complaints about the content of the show and decided it was time to step in. To placate the unhappy, immediate action needed to be taken. Later that morning, the president of Keenan Hall, along with the producer and director of the Revue, met with SAO representatives to discuss the content of the show. What happened next bordered on the absurd. SAO’s path of destruction left little in its wake, leaving only five out of the original 29 skits untouched. Seven skits had to be cut outright, while numerous others had key jokes, key characters or key lines removed. Seemingly little regard was held for the reputation of the Revue to make key commentaries on campus issues. A critique on the strong conservative stance of the Irish Rover? Cut. DTGTQHH? Cut. (If you were there Thursday or Friday, you know what it means). A tame song about Jimmy’s love for Golden? Cut. Solely because it contained the name Jimmy Clausen. Think about that for a second. Maybe a skit about inappropriate evening attire? Cut. A parody of the “What are you fighting for?” commercials? Cut. An inoffensive skit about what someone wouldn’t want a pilot to say? Cut. In one fell swoop, SAO had changed an event known for pushing the Notre Dame boundaries of sensibility (and wide boundaries, those are not) into a bland, uninspiring comedy show. Staff members and performers were outraged. Months of hard work and countless (ok, maybe not countless) hours were instantly perceived as wasted. Many wanted to cancel the show outright, too angry to want to perform a show when what remained were only fragments of the original, woven together piecemeal into a tame collection of subpar comedy. The integrity of the Revue was ruined. Nobody wanted to play by the rules of SAO. Several performers relinquished their roles. Skits were changed on the fly, bits of other skits interspersed in between to save jokes. It was then approximately 5:30 p.m., and we still had not decided whether the show would go on. As a group, we finally decided that what remained of the show would be performed. We could let the audience know what happened, but damned if we were going to totally disappoint 1,300 audience members, especially when many of them consisted of families of the performers and staff. To each of us, bending to SAO’s will was reprehensible, but to abandon the audience, our fans, without even giving them a taste of the potential of the show, would be infinitely worse. So we performed, doing the best we could. Cast members read scripts onstage, both off of cell phones and paper scraps. The stage crew adapted to the new set list. Luckily, the Revue band held together the show with another great performance. But the mood was not a happy one, even at the end of the show when anger slowly faded into apathy, the whole show feeling slightly like a chore. But we did the best we could. If you went Thursday or Friday, we really hope you enjoyed the 2011 Keenan Revue. If you went Saturday, we can only hope you enjoyed SAO’s Revue, performed by Keenan residents. We only wish that you know that you missed what we truly thought was a great performance and that if you don’t want to miss it again in the future, please let the administration know. We joke about the demise of the Dillon Hall Pep Rally, but Saturday was the Keenan Hall Pep Rally, and we despised it. So please, remind the administration that the Revue is not just a lewd comedy show tailored to college kids. It is a reflection of and commentary on the subtleties of the Notre Dame life, both good and bad. It truly tries to represent the Notre Dame student population as a whole and to stifle the Revue is to stifle us, the students. Thank you. Fratres in Christo. The Keenan Revue Staff

Zak Kapopoulos, Chase Riddle and Grayson Duren  
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Feb. 17

### What true freedom is

I often read Viewpoint articles that make me feel the need to respond with a letter of my own. Laziness and a generally laid back attitude usually stay my hand before I even begin. However, after reading the Viewpoint titled (“Consequences of Repealing Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” Feb. 15), I felt an overwhelming need to express my profound objections at the views expressed in said article. First, I would like to point out that it was not President Obama who created this legislation, but it was the Senate, which represents the majority of the population, who voted in an overwhelming majority to repeal Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell. Now let me continue on to the heart of the subject: the danger that we will be putting our military men and women in. Allow me to list some decisions made in recent years that turned out to be far more dangerous for our men and women in the military than allowing homosexuals to be outwardly homosexual: 1) Sending them to Iraq in the Gulf War; 2) Sending them to Afghanistan in the War on Terror; 3) Sending them to Iraq again in the War for Iraqi Freedom. The fact of the matter is, the military is a dangerous business to be in. Are we really going to claim that knowledge of a person’s sexual orientation will put somebody in more danger than the guns firing on the other side of line? In fact, one of the most famously successful armies in the history of the world was also known for being composed mainly of bisexual men (I am referring to the army of Sparta, for those who may not have heard the rumors). I must also remind readers that it was not so long ago that it was also thought that African Americans would put their unit in more danger because they too would cause disunity. Even more recently, women were considered to be this “dangerous” problem in the military. The point is, there is no additional danger added from these groups of people. Gay people are not animals — they will no sooner “go after people” in the shower than you or I would; in fact, from what I understand homosexual people tend not to find straight people attractive in the first place. Fraternization is forbidden in the military anyway; therefore it should not be an issue whether a person is attracted to men, women, nobody or everybody. No — there is no additional danger. This “danger” is simply another mask for the deep-seeded hate of that which is not understood. I have friends who are in the military who could care less about whether others in their unit are homosexual or straight. I also have friends in the army who are disgusted with the repeal of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell and I have found that it is not a fear of detraction from missions but rather a dislike for those who are different from themselves. Let’s call this what it is — it is just another issue in which people cannot accept those who lead a different lifestyle. This is simply the battle for civil liberties hidden in a new disguise. The more discrimination that people of non-heterosexual orientation face, the more of a disservice we do to the very people we are trying to protect. The men and women of the United States military risk their lives to protect civil liberties. If it is truly a distraction to them that the person risking their life next to them may be gay, then they don’t really represent the discipline or the idea of freedom that the United States military is supposed to. Mr. Falvey suggests that this diversity is not worth fighting for or dying for. I must say that there is nothing more worth shedding blood for than a person’s civil rights. It is what this country was founded on, and what we still claim to be based on today. America’s children — all of her children — cease to truly be American the minute we forget what freedom truly is.

Jim Ropa  
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Feb. 16



## MOLARITY:

A STUDY IN A SUCCESSFUL  
OBSERVER COMIC

By JORDAN GAMBLE  
Scene Editor

Believe it or not, an Observer comic strip can be memorable — and long-running.

Michael Molinelli's "Molarity" (a chemistry term, but also a play on the combination of his name and "hilarity") ran for five years in the 1970s and the 1980s. Molinelli said when he started freshman year in 1977, he was surprised that the campus newspaper didn't have any student-created comics.

"There was nothing in the paper, and I had grown up reading 'Doonesbury,' and I just assumed every college had a comic strip, and if it didn't I'd give it a try," he said.

The strip was mostly used to fill in gaps, and Molinelli said it wasn't until a managing editor, Steve Odland — now the CEO of Office Depot — advocated for the comic that "Molarity" began appearing five days a week.

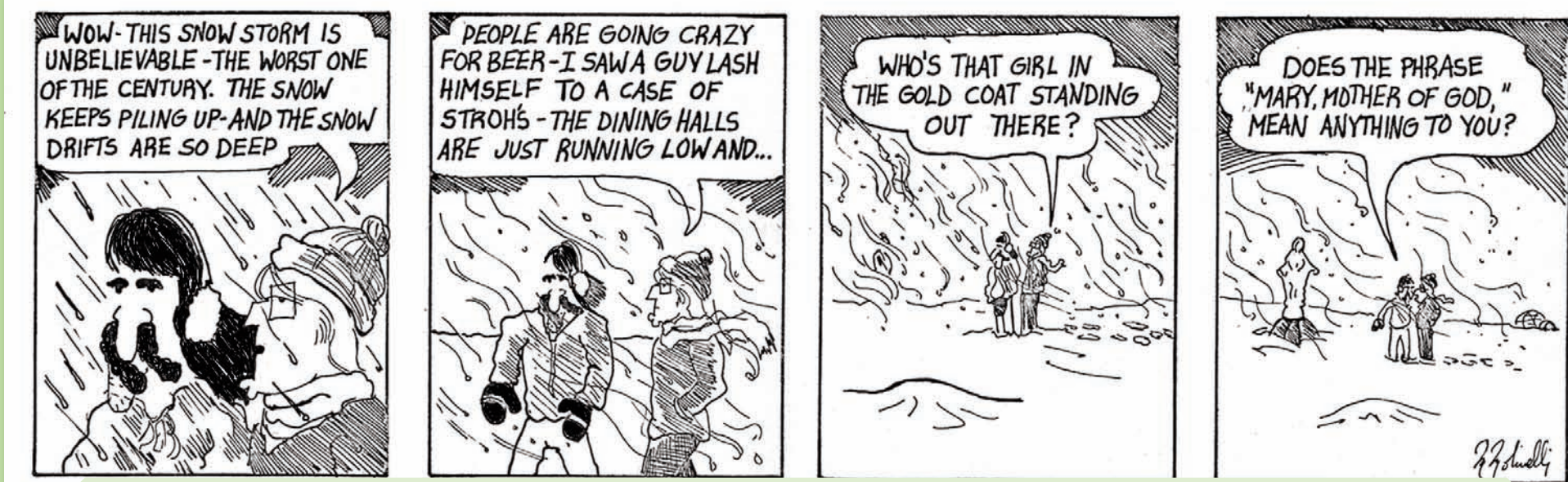
That kind of regularity gave Molinelli the chance to stretch out storylines and develop a core group

of characters surrounding his Jim Mole, the campus everyman.

"It was a great opportunity and I wasn't going to miss it. I never had writer's block," he said. "I was prolific enough that I really wasn't always striving for ideas — I was striving to get better ones."

Molinelli got paid \$2 a strip, which he said became his pocket money during the school year.

Molinelli even kept up with the daily cartoons during the year he spent in Rome as part of the architecture program. Because it was 1979 and



Above: This strip ran after the Blizzard of 1978, which shut the university down from a Thursday to the following Monday. Molinelli said it was the first cartoon that he heard mentioned in the dining halls and classrooms.

Below: The university administration started to crack down on alcohol in the fall of 1978, Molinelli's sophomore year. "Molarity" was indeed "Doonesbury" for the Dome crowd: it had a running cast of characters and storylines, but it also gave sharp and funny commentary on campus life. Molinelli said he never really worried too much about the content of the strips getting him in trouble. "I'm my own best self-censor," he said.



mail was the only way to get the comic back to Indiana, he said he would run over to the Vatican to send out the strips because the Holy See had a much more secure postal system than the Italian mail.

The strip was tremendously popular, even after its five-year run. In the early 1980s, three volumes of the comic were stocked in the university's bookstore, selling between 4,000 and 5,000 copies a piece, according to Notre Dame Magazine.

Though he had an internship in the art department of the Cincinnati Enquirer after graduation and later won several New York Press Association awards for political cartoons, Molinelli said cartooning never became a way to make a living, though not for lack of trying on his part.

"It's harder to please an editor individually than it is to please a larger group of people," he said.

"It's a lot like show business or publishing. You produce, you send it out there and people tell you why it won't be a success ... the usual stuff I got was, 'your stuff is too intellectual for people who read newspapers.'"

After a summer at the Enquirer, Molinelli started work at an architectural firm and has stayed on that track since. He now has his own firm in his hometown of Briar Cliff, N.Y., where he lives with his wife and three young children. The kids have seen "Molarity" and have started to draw on their own.

"Each of them has some talent in that regard, and my hope is when they go to college that Notre Dame will start offering cartooning scholarships," he joked.

Molinelli has since revisited his characters in "Molarity Redux" for Notre Dame Magazine's web-

site, with Jim Mole and the gang grown up and now back at Notre Dame as professors or coaches. The production schedule is a lot less hectic — he only submits about one a month, not five a week. Molinelli also uses Adobe Photoshop to color the images, though he still draws out the first draft by hand, just like he did as an undergraduate.

"I think why I like to draw the panels and then compose the strip in Photoshop is that I do all my architecture on computer — both drafting and 3-D modeling, so the chance to put a real pen to paper is refreshing and cathartic," he said.

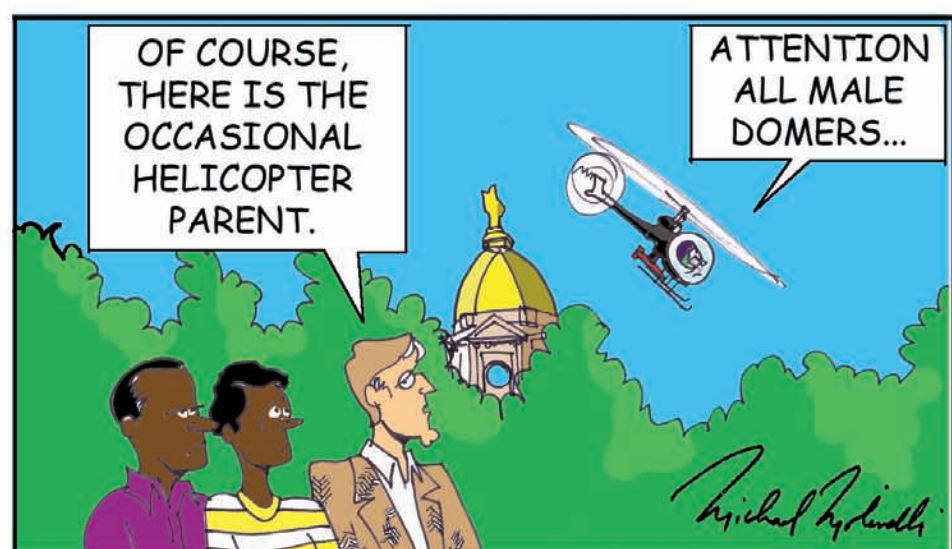
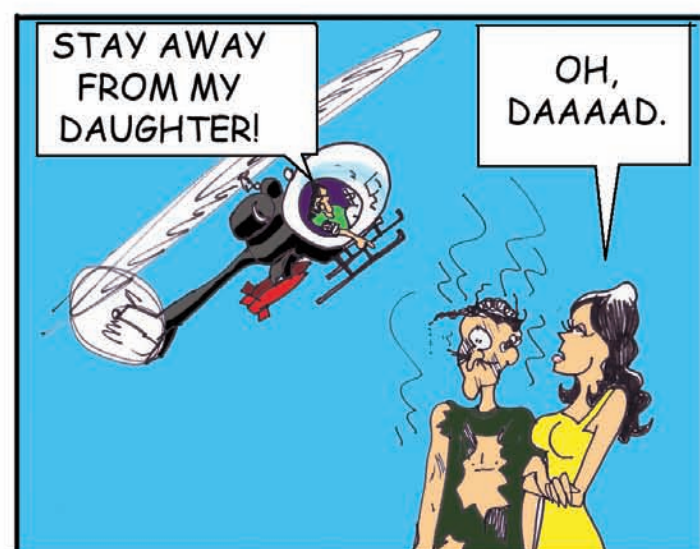
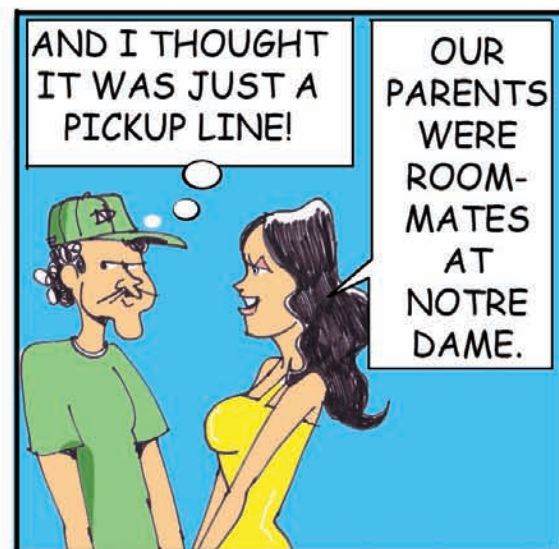
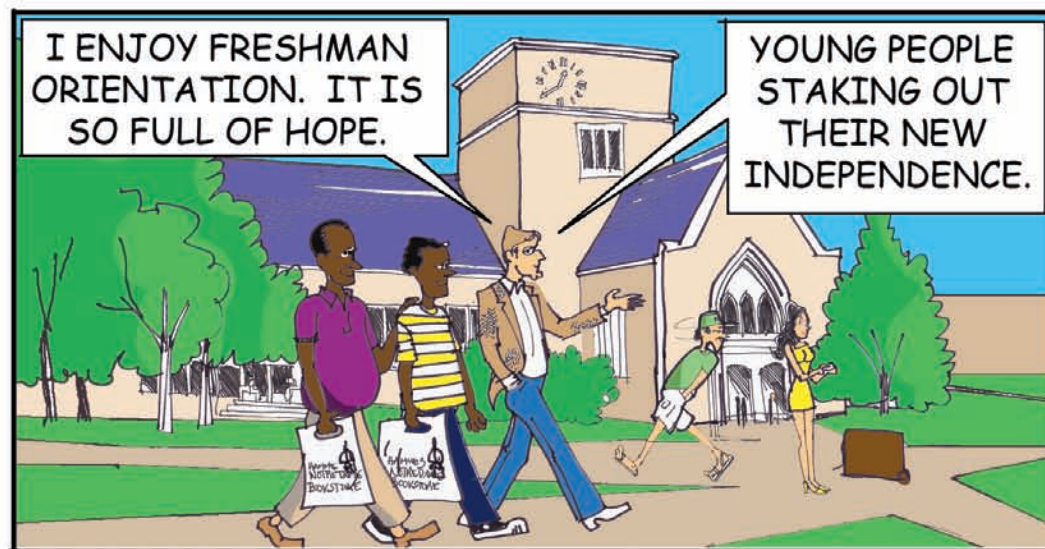
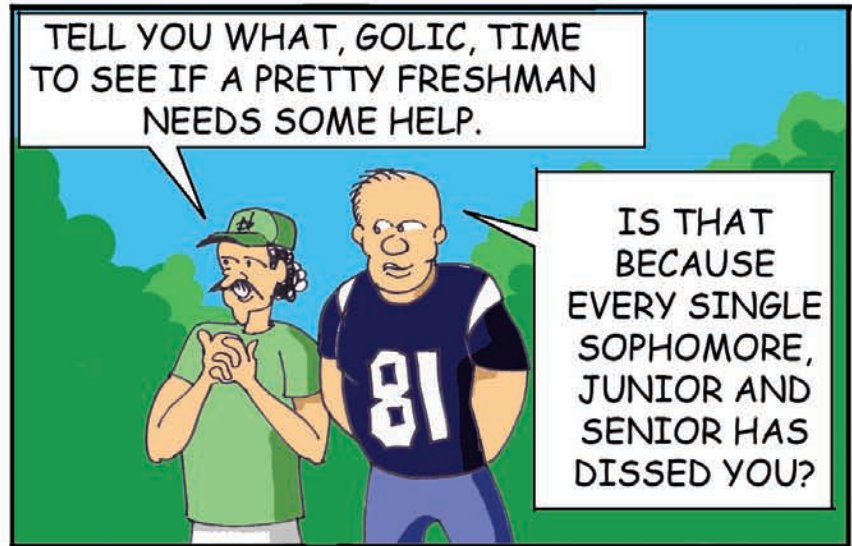
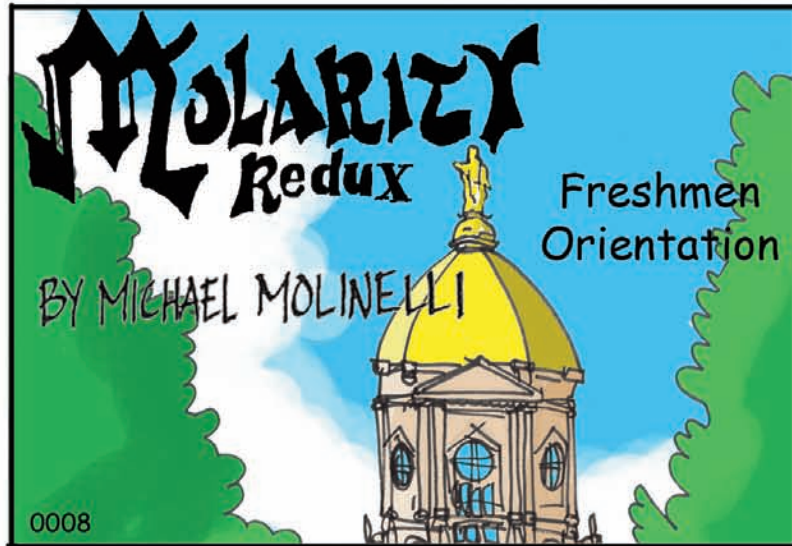
Occasionally Molinelli will run into alumni who will recognize his name and almost immediately ask, "Are you that guy who did the comic strip?"

"It is very cool to be engraved in people's brains like that," he said.

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Michael Molinelli continues his comic strip with "Molarity Redux." The new strips and archives of the original Observer run can be found at Notre Dame Magazine's website, [magazine.nd.edu](http://magazine.nd.edu)





MLB

Tigers star Cabrera arrested on DUI charges

Associated Press

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Detroit Tigers star Miguel Cabrera was arrested late Wednesday on suspicion of drunken driving in Florida, leaving teammates stunned and concerned about the slugging first baseman less than a week into spring training.

The 27-year-old Cabrera has struggled with drinking-related problems in the past, but he's coming off perhaps his best season. He hit .328 with 38 home runs last year and finished second in the American League MVP vote.

Cabrera was spotted by a deputy in a car with a smoking engine alongside a road in Fort Pierce. Inside the vehicle, Cabrera smelled of alcohol, had slurred speech and took a swig from a bottle of scotch in front of a deputy, according to the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office. He refused to cooperate and more deputies were called to the scene.

The arrest occurred about 110 miles southeast of Lakeland, where the Tigers hold spring training. Pitchers and catchers began workouts earlier this week,

but position players don't start until Saturday.

"It was obviously a shock to everybody," catcher Alex Avila said.

Cabrera is "very embarrassed" and plans to apologize to his teammates and the Tigers organization when he reports to camp Saturday, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press. The person said he talked to Cabrera after the slugger was released from jail, then spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to publicly discuss the incident.

General manager Dave Dombrowski said Thursday afternoon he'd spoken briefly to Cabrera. Dombrowski has also been in touch with the commissioner's office.

Detroit's position players are supposed to report Friday for Saturday's workout.

"He would love to be here (Friday), but we still need to work through some of this," Dombrowski said. "We fully support him trying to get help for his situation. You do that for anybody you know, if it was an employee, a friend, whatever it may be."

According to the police report, Cabrera was wandering into the road with his hands up before he was handcuffed. He kept saying, "Do you know who I am? You don't know anything about my problems," and cursed at deputies who tried to get him into a patrol car.

One deputy struck Cabrera in the left thigh several times with his knee after Cabrera pushed into him, causing the ballplayer to fall into the patrol car. Cabrera refused to take a breath test, deputies said.

He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and resisting an officer without violence. He posted \$1,350 bond and was released from jail at 7:45 a.m. Thursday.

"It's hard," said second baseman Carlos Guillen, who is in camp recovering from an injury. "He's a really good friend. I know he was working hard in the winter to have a good season this year."

The news was slow to reach the Tigers' spring training complex, but Guillen, who like Cabrera is from Venezuela, was shaken

when he found out.

"I worry about him," Guillen said.

Manager Jim Leyland declined to discuss Cabrera's situation.

When asked if Cabrera might have to spend time away from the team for counseling, Dombrowski said he didn't know.

"Those are in experts' hands," he said. "There's people that are experts in these areas, doctors that handle these types of situations. The commissioner's office and players' association work very closely together in trying to help these types of situations. Their knowledge far exceeds mine."

Late in the 2009 season, police said Cabrera got into a fight with his wife after a night of drinking, shortly before his team lost a key game. The Tigers then lost an AL Central tiebreaker to Minnesota.

Dombrowski had to pick up Cabrera at the station after that incident. No charges were filed.

Avila trained with Cabrera this offseason, and the two are close.

"As hard as we work in this game, and everybody wants to win, there's obviously things that are more important in life. ...

That's one thing that I know Miguel knows — that he has a family here," Avila said. "Millions of people have problems with alcohol throughout the entire world. It's not something that can't be overcome, but you need a lot of help."

During spring training last year, Cabrera said he was done drinking alcohol after he spent much of the offseason in counseling.

"You guys write in the paper 'alcoholic,' that's not right," he said last March before a spring training workout. "I don't know how to explain, but it's not an alcohol problem."

Cabrera has a home in Boca Raton, about 75 miles south of Fort Pierce. There was no phone listing for him.

Detroit went 81-81 last season but is hoping to make a run at the AL Central title after adding Victor Martinez to hit in the middle of the lineup with Cabrera. For a team that entered spring training full of optimism, the news Thursday was jarring.

"When you hear something like this, you don't really think about the baseball part," Avila said.

NBA

Prokhorov, Nets not interested in trade for Anthony

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — New Jersey Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov has not changed his mind about the franchise's pursuit of Carmelo Anthony.

The Russian told team executives last month to end drawn-out trade talks for the Denver Nuggets All-Star forward and nothing has changed with the NBA trading deadline a week away, his spokeswoman said Thursday.

There were reports on Wednesday that the Nets and Nuggets had renewed talks about a deal for Anthony. However, Prokhorov spokeswoman Ellen Pinchuk said in an e-mail that the billionaire maintains his stance, despite the reports.

"Mikhail has not changed his mind," Pinchuk wrote.

When asked if that meant Prokhorov does not want the Nets to reopen talks with Denver at this point, the spokeswoman said:

"What I said is what I said," she insisted. "Not what you said."

Prokhorov stunned NBA followers last month during a visit to New Jersey when he told the team to end trade talks for Anthony just a day before he was to have a sitdown with the player. At the time Prokhorov said the much ballyhooed, 15-player, three-team deal that also involved the Detroit Pistons had become too expensive. The negotiations had also become too public and the constant rumors were hurting his team.

Prokhorov also said at the time there was no chance the talks would be resurrected.

A league official with knowledge of the Nets told The Associated Press on Thursday that Denver recently contacted New Jersey to see if there would be any interest in acquiring Anthony, who can become a free agent at the end of the season. The official asked not to be identified because he was not authorized to speak for the Nets.

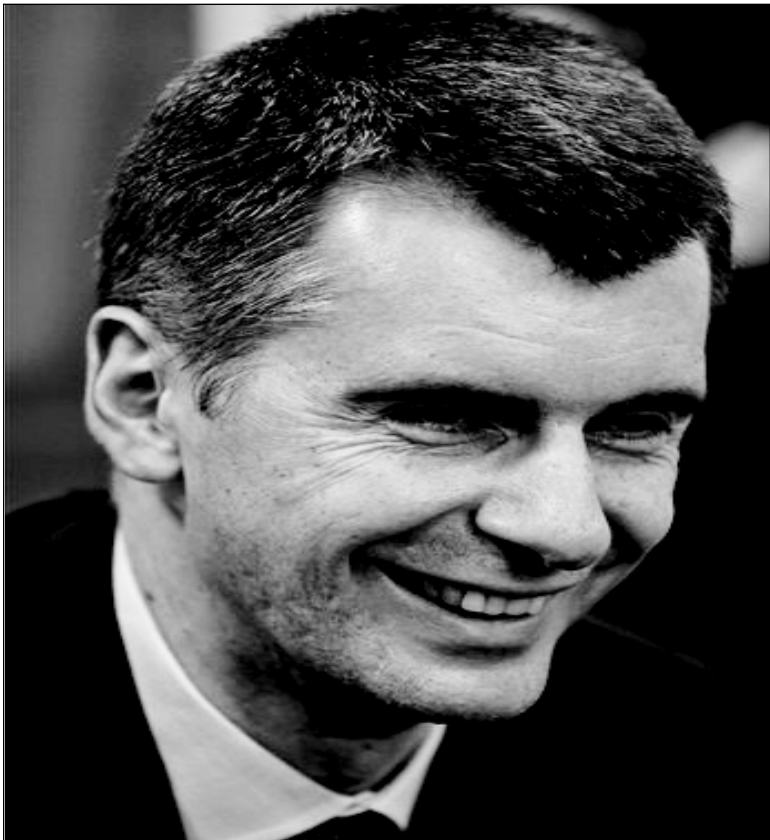
The Nets and Knicks have been mentioned as the most likely future home for Anthony, should he be traded. And

Anthony has been quoted several times that he would love to play for the Knicks.

But the Nets might have more to offer the Nuggets. Rookie power forward Derrick Favors, the No. 3 pick in the draft, has tremendous upside as a 19-year-old. His first season has not been overly impressive because of foul problems and a general learning curve. New Jersey also has five first-round draft picks over the next two years to offer.

Prokhorov and Nets general manager Billy King are expected to be in Los Angeles for the All-Star game this weekend, and Prokhorov might get a chance to say hello this time to Anthony. Of course, any trade to New Jersey would be contingent on Anthony signing a \$65 million contract extension that's been on the table since June.

Anthony also would have to know that coming to New Jersey probably would end his playoff hopes. The Nets have a 17-40 mark entering the break and are 8½ games out of a playoff berth with 25 left.



New Jersey Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov said he told the team to end discussions of a trade for Carmelo Anthony.

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## NHL

# Datsyuk scores two in big Red Wings win

Rask stops 34 shots to lead Boston over New York; Predators move into fourth place in conference with win

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Pavel Datsyuk scored twice, Danny Cleary had a goal and two assists and the Detroit Red Wings beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 6-2 on Thursday night.

Niklas Kronwall, Justin Abdelkader and Darren Helm also scored for the Red Wings, who have won three in a row and seven of 11.

Tampa Bay got goals from Victor Hedman and Steve Downie. The Lightning are 5-3-1 during a 12-game homestand.

It was the first time that new Lightning general manager Steve Yzerman faced his old team. He played 22 seasons before spending five more as a vice president with

Detroit.

After wasting a two-goal lead, the Red Wings rebounded on second-period goals by Kronwall (16:34), on the power play, and Abdelkader (18:00) for 4-2 advantage.

Datsyuk extended the lead to 5-2 on his second goal of the game, at 11:49 of the third. An octopus — a tradition at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena — was thrown onto the ice after the goal.

Helm added a breakaway goal with 1:50 remaining.

Hedman got the Lightning within 2-1 on his first goal in 32 games at 11:51 of the second. Downie tied it with 5:22 to go in the period.

Cleary put the Red Wings up 1-0 on a deflection of Nicklas Lidstrom's shot during a power play 6:40 into

the first. Detroit is 24-2-4 when scoring the game's first goal.

Lidstrom had two assists, giving him four in his last 12 games.

Datsyuk made it 2-0 with 5:03 left in the first. The center has eight goals and 16 points in his last 13 games.

Jimmy Howard stopped all six shots he faced, including an in-close backhand by Downie, during a 4-minute Tampa Bay power play midway through the first.

Tampa Bay right wing Martin St. Louis had an assist. He has no goals and three assists in 15 games against Detroit.

## Bruins 6, Islanders 3

Tuukka Rask stopped 34 shots and six Bruins scored as Boston snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory against the New York Islanders on Thursday night.

Blake Wheeler, Mark Recchi, Gregory Campbell, David Krejci, Tyler Seguin and Milan Lucic scored for the Bruins.

New York's four-game winning streak came to a halt. John Tavares scored twice to give him 23 goals on the season and Josh Bailey also had a goal for the Islanders. Rookie Michael Grabner had his six-game goal streak snapped.

Nathan Lawson started in net for the Islanders and stopped 13 of 18 shots before Al Montoya came off the bench to finish with 15 saves.

The Bruins started a six-game road trip that will take them to Western Canada and include two trips to Ottawa.

Against the Islanders, the first period belonged to Boston. The Bruins outshot New York 15-4 and took a 3-0 lead.

Wheeler picked up his ninth goal 1:52 into the game on a sharp-angle shot.

The Bruins struck again at 7:03 when the puck deflected in off Recchi's skate and the goal withstood a review. It was Recchi's 574th goal, moving him into 19th place on the NHL's career list.

Campbell's point shot went in off an Islanders player at



John Tavares of the Islanders and Patrice Bergeron chase the puck during the Bruins 6-3 win over New York on Thursday night.

9:04 to make it 3-0.

The Bruins' dominance continued in the second as Krejci scored on wrist shot 55 seconds in.

Tavares got New York on the board 55 seconds later, wristing a shot past Rask.

Seguin rebuilt the four-goal lead, putting the puck into an open net at 2:48. That ended Lawson's night.

Bailey made it 5-2 on a quick wrister at 5:36, but Lucic connected on a rebound for a power-play goal at 7:17.

Tavares scored again at 12:57 of the final period.

## Predators 3, Canucks 1

Nick Spaling and Mike Fisher scored 49 seconds apart in the second period, and the Nashville Predators beat the Vancouver Canucks Thursday night for their third victory in four games.

Martin Erat had a goal and an assist, and Fisher's goal was his first since he was traded to Nashville a week ago. The Predators began the night tied with four other teams for fourth place in the Western Conference.

Nashville evened the season series at a game apiece. Vancouver, which leads the West, remained the NHL's top team with 83 points.

Daniel Sedin scored a

power-play goal for the Canucks, who were playing their third game in four nights. Kevin Bieksa was a scratch due to a broken bone in his left foot, their sixth defenseman out due to injury.

All the injuries and a couple of rookie replacements had defenseman Christian Ehrhoff on the ice for a game-high 27 minutes, 13 seconds.

Vancouver had its chances, outshooting Nashville 36-26. But goalie Pekka Rinne stopped 35 shots and improved to 15-2-1 when his teammates score at least three goals.

The Predators had two players hit by pucks before they scored.

Fisher played only 3:12 of the first after taking a puck to his right cheek almost midway through the period. He went directly to the dressing room for stitches but returned. Steve Sullivan, however, didn't return after taking a puck to his face late in the second.

David Legwand tried to pass to Sullivan in the left circle for a shot, but the puck deflected off a stick and into Sullivan's face. He dropped immediately to the ice where he was tended to before slowly skating off.

Erat put the Predators up 1-0 when he scored his 10th off the rebound of his own shot from the slot with a wrister past Roberto Luongo at 14:13. Nashville was called for too many men on the ice, and Sedin scored with a wrister from the right circle off an assist from his brother Henrik 28 seconds later for a rare goal against the NHL's best penalty killers on home ice.

That just fired up the Predators.

Patric Hornqvist corralled the puck near the boards off the faceoff and fired the puck at the net where Spaling backhanded it past Luongo to put Nashville back up 7 seconds later. Then Fisher, with stitches on his right cheek, tipped in Alexander Sulzer's slap shot for a 3-1 lead at 19:11 of the second.

With the two-goal lead, Rinne just deflected shot after shot in the third to preserve the victory.

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NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

DePaul ends Big East losing streak with win

Weathers powers Troy over Middle Tennessee; Belmont clinches share of Atlantic Sun regular-season title

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — DePaul’s 24-game losing streak in Big East play ended Thursday night with a 79-76 victory over Providence.

Jeremiah Kelly scored a career-high 23 points to lead the Blue Demons to their first conference victory since they defeated Marquette more than a year ago and their first road victory since they topped Cincinnati on March 6, 2008.

Cleveland Melvin scored 20 for DePaul (7-18, 1-12 Big East) and Brandon Young put up 17 points, including 15 in the second half.

After the Blue Demons built a 10-point halftime lead, Providence (14-12, 3-10 Big East) slowly came back, eventually tying the score at 58.

DePaul put together a quick seven-point spurt to regain control, and the Friars were unable to come back. Marshon Brooks led Providence with 28 points, including 10 of his team’s final 12. Duke Mondy added 17 points and seven rebounds.

Troy 69, Middle Tenn. 65

Will Weathers scored 15 points and Troy scored the final four points of overtime to take a victory over Middle Tennessee on Thursday night.

The Trojans (8-17, 6-7 Sun Belt Conference) have won four of five games and broke Middle Tennessee’s five-game winning streak.

Steven Cunningham’s free throw gave Troy a 66-65 lead with 3:06 left in OT. The Blue Raiders (14-13, 9-5) missed four shots from the field before Levon Patsatsia’s layup gave Troy a 68-65 lead with 29 seconds left.

Weathers added a free throw for the final margin as Middle Tennessee went 0 for 9 from the field, including 0 for 5 from 3-point range, in overtime.

Vernon Taylor added 13 points and Patsatsia and Regis Huddleston added 10 points each for Troy.

Jason Jones had 21 points, Trevor Ottley had 16 points and 12 rebounds, J.T. Sulton scored 12 and James Gallman 11 for the Blue Raiders.

Belmont 68, ETSU 58

Ian Clark scored 18 points and Belmont clinched at least a share of the Atlantic Sun Conference regular-season title with a victory over East Tennessee State on Thursday night.

Scott Saunders added 10 points and eight rebounds for the Bruins (24-4, 16-1), who have won six consecutive games and also secured the No. 1 seed for the conference tournament by sweeping the second-place Buccaneers (19-10, 14-4) this season.

ETSU led by as many as nine points in the first half and 31-24 at halftime, but Belmont took a 40-38 lead with a 16-4 run and outscored the Buccaneers 44-27 in the second half.

Belmont outrebounded ETSU 44-28 and committed only three second-half turnovers (13 total) to offset shooting a season-low 32.7 percent from field (17 of 52) in the game.

Justin Tubbs, Mike Smith and Isiah Brown scored 14 points

each to lead ETSU.

Louisiana (Laf.) 64, ASU 61

J.J. Thomas scored 20 points and Louisiana-Lafayette turned back a furious Arkansas State rally for a victory, its eighth straight, Thursday night.

The Ragin’ Cajuns (11-14, 8-5 Sun Belt Conference) built an 11-point halftime lead and increased it to 14 points before the Red Wolves (14-14, 8-5) came back.

Arkansas State led by one point twice in the 10th minute of the second and the score was tied twice thereafter, at 44 and 58, before Raymonte Andrews put Louisiana-Lafayette ahead for good on two free throws with 45 seconds left.

Donald Boone missed two 3-pointers in the final 25 seconds for the Red Wolves. Thomas made two free throws with 6 seconds left as the Ragin’ Cajuns avenged a 74-65 loss in Jonesboro, Ark., on Jan. 13.

La’Ryan Gary had 14 points for the Ragin’ Cajuns while Travis Bureau had 12 rebounds. Rashad Allison led Arkansas State with 26 points.

Lipscomb 71, SC Upstate 62

Brandon Barnes scored 14 points and Josh Slater added 10 points and 12 assists as Lipscomb defeated South Carolina-Upstate on Thursday night.

The Bisons (16-10, 11-6 Atlantic Sun Conference) trailed 19-18 with 6:43 left in the opening half before going on a 16-2 run, capped by a Jordan Burgason 3-pointer, to take a 34-21 lead with just over a minute left to play.

Lipscomb led 53-44 with 8:34 remaining and scored nine straight points to increase its lead to 62-44 with 7:01 to go.

Burgason and Adnan Hodzic each added 11 points for the Bisons, who shot 56.3 percent from the floor (27 of 48), including 50 percent from 3-point range (9 of 18).

Ricardo Glenn and Torrey Craig each had nine points and six rebounds for the Spartans (4-23, 3-14), who have lost four straight and 17 of their past 19.

The Bisons outrebounded USC Upstate 37-27.

Western Carolina 80, Appalachian State 75

Brandon Boggs, Mike Williams and Richie Gordon combined for 59 points as Western Carolina defeated Appalachian State Thursday night.

Boggs and Williams each scored 20 points and Gordon added 19 as the Catamounts (14-13, 10-5 Southern Conference) won their fifth in a row and their sixth in seven games.

The Mountaineers (12-14, 8-8) got 30 points from Donald Sims and shot 54 percent from the field (27 of 50), but hurt themselves with 20 turnovers that led to 32 Western Carolina points. Andre Williamson added 16 points and Omar Carter tossed in 14, but the Mountaineers’ four-game winning streak ended.

The lead changed hands 20 times, the final time coming on Boggs’ 3-pointer with 1:24 left. That made it 75-72, and though Sims brought the Mountaineers within one, 76-75, with 28 sec-

onds left, Williams sealed it with a steal and four free throws in the final 25 seconds.

Quinnipiac 80, Bryant 60

James Johnson scored 24 points on seven 3-pointers and Justin Rutty added 16 points and 10 rebounds to lead Quinnipiac over Bryant 80-60 on Thursday night.

The Bobcats (18-8, 10-5 Northeast Conference) converted 14 of 18 two-point shot attempts in the opening half and led 42-34 at the break. Quinnipiac shot 7 of 11 from 3-point range (63.6 percent) in the second half, extending its lead to as many as 25 points.

Deontay Twyman added 13 points for the Bobcats, while Rutty notched his 38th career double-double — the most in Quinnipiac’s Division I history.

Alex Francis led the Bulldogs (9-18, 7-8) with 17 points and nine rebounds. Cecil Gresham scored 11 and Frankie Dobbs and Vlad Kondratyev each scored 10 for Bryant, which shot 52.4 percent from the free-throw line (11 of 21).

The Bobcats, who have won six of their last seven games, outrebounded Bryant 38-26.

LIU 83, Wagner 79

Kyle Johnson scored six of his 17 points in overtime, including the go-ahead layup and four clinching free throws, as Long Island University outlasted Wagner Thursday night.

The Northeast Conference-leading Blackbirds (21-5, 13-2) extended their winning streak to seven games and have won



Troy guard Will Weathers drives versus Middle Tennessee Thursday night. Weathers scored 15 points to lead the Trojans to a 69-65 win.

15 of their past 16, including an 84-54 rout of the Seahawks on Jan. 15.

David Hicks led Long Island with 21 points and Julian Boyd had 15 points and 12 rebounds.

With the Blackbirds ahead 64-57 with 5:30 to go in regulation, Wagner used an 11-3 run to lead by one with 55 seconds left.

Long Island answered with four free throws, then Chris Martin’s 3-pointer with 4 seconds to go forced OT.

After Naofall Folahan’s layup and dunk gave the Seahawks a 75-72 lead, Hicks hit a 3, then Johnson scored with 1 minute

left.

Latif Rivers led Wagner (13-13, 9-6) with 18 points.

Southern Utah 80, IUPUI 68

Jake Nielson scored 15 points to lead five Southern Utah players in double figures and the Thunderbirds came back to beat IUPUI on Thursday night.

IUPUI (16-12, 10-5 Summit) had won nine of the last 10 meetings between the schools, including an 87-61 rout at Southern Utah on Jan. 22. On Thursday, IUPUI opened up a 40-24 lead, but Southern Utah scored the last four points of the first half.

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## MLB

# Utley chases turnaround after subpar campaign

Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Chase Utley cemented his reputation for being a hard worker long ago.

First to arrive at the ballpark. Last to leave. Whether it's spring training or the regular season, that's Utley's way. It's helped him become a five-time All-Star second baseman and the centerpiece of the Philadelphia Phillies' offense as the No. 3 hitter.

But numbers don't lie, and Utley's production has slipped in recent years. Injuries have been a problem. That's an excuse, though.

"I can always improve," Utley said Thursday.

Utley's average has dropped each year since he hit a career-best .332 in 2007. He went down 40 points to .292 in '08. He batted .282 in '09 and .275 last year. From 2005-2009, Utley averaged 29 homers and 101 RBIs. He hit just 16 homers and had 65 RBIs last season when a thumb injury forced him to miss 47 games.

Even before he got hurt last June, Utley was struggling. He was batting .277 with 11 homers and 37 RBIs in 72 games — far below his usual output. At a similar point in '09, he had a .304 average, 17 homers and 52 RBIs. Over the first 72 games in '08, Utley hit

.303 with 22 homers and 62 RBIs.

"Baseball is a game of failure and good players learn how to deal with that failure and not let it affect them," Utley said. "This year is no different. I'm going to try to improve on years past and go from there."

Utley wasn't the only offensive star who slumped last year. Every regular except catcher Carlos Ruiz had a statistical decline.

The four-time NL East champion Phillies used to rely on a potent offense to win games. Now pitching is clearly their strength.

"We're better than we showed last year. Hopefully guys worked hard this offseason which it looks like they did and we're ready to go," Utley said. "Our pitching staff is pretty strong. It's a good backbone. We need to continue to work hard and play our game and win."

As usual, Utley showed up early to spring training. He said he added 10 pounds to his frame from the end of last season. But maintaining that weight throughout the year has always been an issue for the hard-nosed, gritty Utley. He's a career .265 hitter in August and .272 in September. He's hit at least .290 in every other month. That's an indication that he wears down physi-

cally over the course of the season.

Then again, Utley had enough left in the tank in '09 to tie Reggie Jackson's record for homers in a World Series with five. The Phillies had a week off before the Series, though, allowing Utley plenty of rest.

Does he plan any changes this year? Maybe add a workout regimen during the season — something he's been opposed to in the past?

"Every year is kind of a game of adjustments," he said. "You try to work out what works best for you at that time. I imagine there will be a few adjustments this year."

Utley doesn't say much, and he's not giving away any secrets now. He does plan to seek input from Hall of Fame second baseman Ryne Sandberg. The Phillies hired Sandberg to manage Triple-A Lehigh Valley, bringing back a player they once traded in perhaps the most lopsided deal in baseball history.

"Without a doubt I'm planning to pick his brain," Utley said. "We've already had a few conversations. He's one of the best second basemen of all-time. I'd be dumb not to pick his brain."

Utley spends long hours in the batting cage, watches video and makes sure he's always prepared before



A panel of Phillies players answers questions during a press conference held Monday. The Phillies are attempting to defend their NL East crown.

games. His work habits are admirable, but may lead to mental fatigue at times.

"I think sometimes that might be his biggest problem," manager Charlie Manuel said. "If we can give him a day off every now and then, that will be better for him. But I still look at him as a guy who's going to play more than 145 games, close to 150."

Utley is an intense player with a strong desire to succeed. So he works even harder than usual when he's slumping.

"When things are not going good, he likes to stand in there

and pound the hell out of the ball and he'll work until he finds it," Manuel said. "He likes to have his hitting coach in there with him and talk to him but he does a lot of his hitting on his own, tee work and things like that. He wants to correct it and he's determined to do good."

Manuel can take Utley's name off the lineup card to give him some rest, but that doesn't necessarily mean he won't do anything else that day. Manuel said it's "kind of hard" to get Utley to take a complete day off and not work on his hitting.

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ND SOFTBALL

Team opens season in Florida

By KATIE HEIT  
Sports Writer

The Irish begin their season this weekend in Orlando, Fla., in the UCF Invitational. With two fifth-year seniors and an additional six seniors in the lineup, there is no shortage of seasoned players ready to lead the Irish into the weekend's games.

Fifth-year senior catcher Alexia Clay is excited for her team to really come together this season.

"I think that it's going to be a collaborative team effort," Clay said. "We really are going to pull from the whole team because I feel like that's one of our big goals this year — to have a unified team."

In the tournament this weekend, the Irish will face Central Florida, Delaware, Miami (OH) and Illinois-Chicago.

Captain and fellow fifth-year senior Heather Johnson isn't concerned about the caliber of the teams this weekend.

"No matter who we're playing, we play Notre Dame style and we do our job and get things done," Johnson said. "If everyone's done what they needed to do, then we feel like we've done exactly what we've set out to do."

Johnson is looking forward to using her last year to lead the team to the post season.

"This is my last year and I really want to do whatever I can to help the team and just do my job," Johnson said. "I just want to go out there and give my team the best shot to win a national championship."

Clay is returning after a shoulder surgery that took her out of last year's season. She has her own personal goals of recovery



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this season.

"I just want to make an impact for the team," she said. "I really would like to get back to my own self, which is a great hitter, so I'd really like to hit above .330 and get 15 home runs, but I'm feeling really good. It's just nice to be back on the field."

With the returning seniors, a strong team of underclassmen and one of the premier coaches in the country, the team is eager and ready to take on a new season. Clay said the team sought to improve some flaws during the off-season.

"I think that the team has done really well improving on things in the off season, refining some raw talent and being unified on the field," Clay said. "We're still going to be working on those things, so I think that's going to be one of the key things to help us be successful. Being unified on the field. The team this year has

done a really good job of getting individual jobs done and working hard, so just kind of putting everyone's efforts together."

Johnson feels confident in their team's ability to succeed this season.

"We have strengths in every area," Johnson said. "Our defense has improved, our pitching is where it needs to be. We've worked out all the kinks. We're clicking right now and feeling pretty confident about the direction we're headed."

Clay had something different to say on the matter.

"We're Notre Dame. It really doesn't matter who we're playing. Hopefully if we play our best game, it will beat their best game," she said.

The Irish will kick off their season today at 2 p.m.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles finish up conference slate

By LAURA COLETTI  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's is looking to continue its three game winning streak on Saturday when it takes on Kalamazoo in its last MIAA conference game of the year.

With a current conference record of 10-5, the Belles (17-7, 10-5 MIAA) are sitting comfortably in fourth place in the MIAA standings, behind Calvin (14-1 MIAA), Hope (14-1), and Albion (11-4). Should the Belles defeat the Hornets (5-18, 4-11) on Saturday, an Albion loss would move the Belles into a tie for third place, which could be critical for seeding in the MIAA Conference Tournament, which begins next week.

Saint Mary's meeting with Kalamazoo on Jan. 20 resulted in the Belles' greatest offensive output of the season to date. The 90-59 win was in part a result of big games from junior forward Kelley Murphy and junior swing Maggie Ronan. The pair combined for 42 points, and Murphy added nine rebounds. Junior forward Jessica Centa also reached double-figure scoring with 14 points. Since last playing Saint Mary's, the Hornets have gone 3-4, posting over half of their wins for the year

in that time span.

Belles Coach Jennifer Henley is always primarily focused on the Belles' defensive effort, as she is of the philosophy that if her team plays strong defense, the rest will take care of itself. In the previous contest, Henley was not satisfied with her squad's defensive effort, and it is certainly something the Belles will be looking to improve upon from last time.

Saint Mary's will also be looking to their success from Wednesday's game against Adrian to carry over to Saturday's contest. Four Belles reached double figures, including Murphy and Ronan. On the year, four Saint Mary's players are averaging double figures. Murphy leads the team with 15 points per game, and is almost averaging a double-double, as she is hauling in rebounds at a 9.5 per game clip. She is followed by Ronan, who contributes 13.5 points per game, and junior guard Patsy Mahoney, at 12.8 points per game. Centa rounds out the Belles averaging double-figures, at 10 points per game.

Saturday's game will take place at 1 p.m. in Kalamazoo, Mich.

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Championships to be held in Jordan in March. For Rossi, this weekend will be his fifth year competing at the Junior Olympics.

"I began fencing with the Fencing Academy of Westchester, and as I got better I was picked up by the New York Athletic Club," Rossi said. "My best finish at the Junior Olympics was an eighth overall, so I hope to improve."

That eighth overall is significant in that in this competition there are only two age divisions, under-17 and under-20. According to Rossi, the experience of having fenced against much older athletes will help the Irish quartet this weekend.

"It's definitely an advantage to have a lot of experience going in," Rossi said. "We're older, stronger, and more experienced than a lot of the other fencers. Plus, we're so focused on the NCAA season that we're not too nervous going in."

Perhaps one person who has cause to be nervous going in is the sophomore Kaull, who Rossi believes has a legitimate chance of making the US team that will go to Jordan. After a 10th place finish at the NCAA

National championships last year, Kaull should be one of the favorites going into the Junior Olympics.

"James is definitely among the top three for this event," Rossi said. "I think he has a pretty good of making the team."

For these Irish fencers, the Junior Olympics, which are completely independent of the NCAA, will be the end of the line for their pre-collegiate fencing careers. With their eyes on an NCAA

national championship, the four some views the competition as a stepping-stone to team success.

"We are completely focused on winning NCAA's," Rossi said. "But it's nice

to get a chance to fence as individual."

For some, it could be a chance to move on and represent their country. For others, it will be a chance to garner individual accolades. Regardless, all realize the honor of representing Notre Dame at a national competition.

"We're definitely hoping to have a good showing for the Irish. We want to show we have the best fencers in the country," Rossi said.

Competition will begin Saturday in Dallas.

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# Duke

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“It’s not life or death, but last year this game is what got us into the tournament. Anytime we have a chance to go against a nationally recognized team we have to take advantage.”

In last year’s opener, the Irish defeated No. 2 Duke, 11-7. Corrigan said he sees many parallels between this year’s Irish team and last year’s.

“There are probably a lot more similarities than differences,” he said. “We have a very strong defensive group. Offensively, we

are an unproven commodity.”

Last year the Irish ranked second nationally in team scoring defense, surrendering an average of only 7.53 goals per game. Much of that success relied on the prowess of senior goalie and two-time All-American Scott Rodgers. Corrigan acknowledges his team’s inexperience at the goalie position, but has expressed confidence in sophomore John Kemp, who will man the net this year for the Irish. The Irish will look to protect the talented Kemp as much as possible against the Blue Devils.

“I think we are really trying to focus on limiting their transitions,” Brenneman said. “They are

a pretty good offensive team, and our team goal is to have a team score less than six and if our defense can do that and our offense can put up points on the board, I think we’ll have a good day.”

Should the Irish come out of the weekend with a win, their season, which has such high hopes, will be off to a great start.

“I have never gone into a game where the goal hasn’t been to win,” Corrigan said. “So why would you go into a season where the goal isn’t to win every game?”

The game can be seen on ESPN Sunday at 3 p.m.

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Observer File Photo

Senior midfielder Zach Brenneman runs past a Providence defender in an 11-3 win April 17.

## ND TRACK AND FIELD

# Team to compete at Big East meet

By SAM GANS  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame heads to the Big East championships this weekend, with the women’s squad hoping to continue a strong performance from last year and the men’s team trying to repeat as Big East Champions.

The Irish will compete against the entire Big East at the championships, which take place in Akron, Ohio.

While a large number of athletes will compete for Notre Dame, the men’s team is specifically relying on senior Justin Schneider in the heptathlon, junior Kevin Schipper in the pole vault and sophomore Jeremy Rae in the mile to lead them to another successful conference finish. Schneider and Schipper each won the Big East in their events last season, and Rae was named Big East Male Track Athlete of

the Week two weeks ago, the second week in a row he won the honor.

Irish coach Joe Piane said at least a top-three placement is within reach.

“We’re going to be pretty solid,” Piane said. “We won it last year and we’d like to repeat, but there are a lot of teams that want to win.”

On the women’s side, sophomore miler Rebecca Tracy, freshman 400-meter runner Michelle Brown, senior sprinter Natalie Johnson and senior shotputter Rudy Atang are expected to perform well for Notre Dame. Tracy set the second-fastest mile time in the NCAA on Jan. 22 at the Notre Dame Invitational.

Though the Irish will be missing some key competitors, Piane still expects the team to perform well.

“We hope to be in the top half,” Piane said. “We’ve had our fair share of injuries, so if we’re in the top half, that’d be a pretty good per-

formance.”

The Irish were last in action two weeks ago when they hosted the Moyo Invitational. Typically, meets occur in back-to-back weeks, but the Irish took a week off before the Big East championships this year, something Piane said was done to increase rest and maximize performance.

“It wasn’t an accident that we had the week off,” Piane said. “The Moyo [is] pretty high quality, so [the break allows us to] take it easy for a few days and then have a really good week of training. It’s done by design, and I think it certainly does help us.”

The quest for the men’s and women’s conference championship begins tomorrow and continues all day Sunday.

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## MEN’S TENNIS

# Irish look to succeed at home

By KATE GRABAREK  
Sports Writer

The No. 23 Irish will try to continue their four-match winning streak this weekend when they play host to No. 27 Michigan and No. 24 North Carolina at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

“This weekend we are facing two teams that traditionally are ranked among the nation’s elite,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “Michigan is getting better each week and North Carolina is continuing last year’s pace when they were a top-20 team all year.”

The Irish (6-3) have had a strong doubles presence in all of their matches so far this year, winning the doubles point in all but one match.

Notre Dame returns all of its starters from last year and therefore boasts a lineup with a lot of experience.

“Doubles will certainly matter,” Bayliss said. “We feel that we have the depth to compete with

both teams down low and a lot will depend on how much poise we can demonstrate, because both teams are going to battle down to the wire.”

No. 77 junior Casey Watt, who heads the lineup at first singles, will also be key.

The Irish placed both of their top two doubles teams in the top 60 teams in the nation in the most recent ITA Rankings.

Seniors Stephen Havens and Tyler Davis are currently ranked No. 28. Junior Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Spencer Talmadge are ranked No. 51.

Complementing the wealth of starters returning from last year’s squad is a talented group of freshmen that will help the Irish maintain their talent level for years to come.

“We could not be more excited about this year’s freshmen,” Bayliss said. “Greg Andrews has been all that we expected and we expected a lot. He has been rock solid and demonstrated poise in the face of significant adversity.”

The Wolverines started off last

season’s match strong, winning all three doubles matches, but the Irish will look to earn the point this season. Last season the Irish fell 4-3 to the Wolverines in a close match.

In the singles lineup in that match the Irish had very close matches and will be facing many of the same players as both teams return many starters.

The Irish are hoping that a change of venue from last year will make the difference.

“Both teams are very well coached and will be well prepared,” Bayliss said. “I am hoping that playing on our own courts in front of our fans will give us an edge, but I expect both matches to go right down to the wire. It will be a challenge for our top players to line up with those on both teams.”

The Irish will look to continue their winning ways beginning with Michigan on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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## ND WOMEN'S TRACK

## Young distance crew excelling indoors

By ANDREW GASTELUM  
Sports Writer

Exactly one month ago, Irish coach Tim Connelly reflected with distress on his team's performance at the Notre Dame Invitational, an early test that gauged the team's overall strength and performance.

"After seeing our [race times], I would say that we have to work on just about everything," Connelly said after the team's performance in late January. "There are some really big gaps and a little inconsistency in our performances that are preventing us from realizing our true potential."

At the time, the field events were the team's only true strength, finishing with the top thrower along with the top three triple jumpers and the top two long jumpers, practically carrying the team.

Meanwhile, on the track side, and especially in the distance events, runners continued to struggle in finding their form, leading to sub-par results. That weekend, the distance team earned only two finishes in medal position at a meet that consisted of only four squads.

Something had to change, and the distance squad has since proven it was up for the challenge.

"As a team we want to be as competitive as we can in the Big East," sophomore Rebecca Tracy said. "Coach [Connelly] just reminded us that if we really want to be competitive there is a lot of work to get done."

Two meets later, the distance squad completely dominated the 1,000-meter run, finishing with four runners in the top five at the highly anticipated Meyo Invitational on Feb. 4, which included 46 other track teams. Even in the Meyo Mile, one of the nation's most competitive races, the Irish placed fourth and fifth, respectively, led by Tracy (4:44.31) and freshman Alexa Aragon (4:56.75).

If there has been a constant for the distance team this year, it would be Tracy. The sophomore phenom began the year by posting the nation's second-fastest mile time (4:42.14), more than eight

seconds faster than her best freshman mark. Tracy continued her success at Meyo by winning the highly competitive 1,000-meter run with a time of 2:48.18, leading her teammates with her prowess on the track.

"Her level of expectation changed [from last year to this year]," Connelly said. "It came down to a matter of just doing the work and changing the expectation of what you are doing to fit your potential."

It seems as though Tracy's young teammates have taken to her example. Three freshmen — McKinzie Schulz (2:51.45), Kelly Curran (2:53.30), and Aragon (2:54.47) — finished third, fifth and seventh, respectively, behind Tracy's first-place finish at the Meyo Invitational. "The whole thing is developmental," Connelly said.

"It takes [the freshmen] a while to get their feet on the ground. Being here, their definition of good is redefined and it is just a big learning experience. You just challenge them all and hope they respond."

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## Johnson

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Mike Johnson played Friday and freshman Steven Summerhays played Saturday. It was the second weekend in a row that both goalies saw action. Jackson said that he would consider going with a two-goalie system for the rest of the season, but said it was far from set in stone.

"I'm going to play this by ear right now, because it's kind of a new experience for me too," Jackson said. "I've never gone to a rotation this late in the season."

Either way, he acknowledged the need for outstanding play in net during the stretch run.

"We're going to need a great weekend of goaltending," Jackson said. "The next three road games, we're going to need great goaltending because we're going up against great goalies and tough defensive teams, so we're going to have to play well enough to win 3-2 and 2-1."

Both Jackson and senior defenseman Joe Lavin said the team was treating this weekend like a playoff series. Jackson said he was bringing the whole team on the road trip to simulate the feel of playoff hockey.

"We're getting to that point in the season where it's like playoff hockey, and it's about everybody being part of it. One of the strengths of this team this year has been the team," Jackson said. "The guys that may not play every night, or may not play at all, are still a big part of this team and they've maintained great attitudes and that's important."

Lavin echoed his coach, saying the team was mentally prepared for the stretch



COURTNEY ECKERLE/The Observer

Freshman center Anders Lee skates around the net in Saturday's 5-1 victory over Bowling Green.

run.

"We're treating it like a playoff series, and I think it'll be important for us to do that before playoffs actually start because we need to make sure we're getting a head

start on things."

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# Huskies

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Connecticut three.

Now they face each other again, this time in Storrs, Conn., Saturday, with a possible Big East title at stake.

“We’re a better team now, and I’m sure they feel like they’re a better team now,” sophomore guard Skylar Diggins said. “But we’ve grown a lot and I’m really happy with it.”

Notre Dame (22-4, 11-1 Big East) enters the game second in the conference, behind the Huskies (25-1, 12-0). Both teams have four games left on their regular-season schedules.

“We have a chance to win the league,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “And we’re playing for seeding, both in the Big East and the NCAAs.”

Despite the emotional end to Notre Dame’s earlier matchup with Connecticut, McGraw said the team has improved because it never lost its focus.

“This team, under the leadership of [senior forward] Becca Bruszewski, has really approached every game as the most important game in our season,” she said.

But Diggins said the team never completely forgot.

“When we played Rutgers, it was all about Rutgers. Then boom, it’s on to the next opponent,” she said. “And that’s been this team’s focus all year, one game at a time.”

“But of course, it’s in the back of our minds.”

Diggins has been instrumental in her team’s growth in the last several weeks and was named Big East player of the



**Senior guard Brittany Mallory brings the ball past mid-court against Connecticut on Jan. 8.**

DAN JACOBS/The Observer

week Monday for her 20-point, five-rebound, five-assist performance against Rutgers Saturday and her 14-point, seven-assist, six-rebound, five-steal stat-line against Seton Hall on Feb. 8.

“When she gets in the lane, she’s really hard to guard and we’re a much better team,” McGraw said.

The Huskies last played Monday, when they defeated No. 14 Oklahoma 86-45. Huskies guard Maya Moore scored 27 points in the game to bring her career-total to 2,796 as she became the Big East’s all-time leading scorer.

The win was Connecticut’s 75th straight at the Gampel Pavilion.

“It’s going to be loud, and [the fans] are going to be on us,” Diggins said. “Hopefully we can take their fans out. We know they’re a huge part. Hopefully we can attack early and set the tempo early and

try to limit that.”

Beginning with Saturday, three of Notre Dame’s last four games are on the road against ranked teams.

Diggins said the team is playing with the most confidence it’s had all year, and have a very different approach to Connecticut than they did in 2010, when they burned the tapes of their 70-46 loss in Storrs.

“We burned it because it was awful,” she said. “This year, the last four minutes you want to burn up, but it’s like, ‘Hey, we can win this game.’ I feel like I don’t need to convince any of my teammates that we can win this game.”

“Last year, it was let’s play not to lose. This year, it’s let’s play to win.”

The game will be played at 2 p.m. Saturday.

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## WOMEN’S LACROSSE

# Showdown with No. 2 Northwestern awaits

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS  
Sports Writer

Another early season game, another early season cupcake, right?

Think again. For the second time in their first three games, the Irish will face a team ranked in the top 15, this time matching up against 2010 national runner-up Northwestern.

The No. 2 Wildcats are a familiar foe for No. 10 Notre Dame, which has been knocked out of the NCAA tournament by Northwestern twice in the past three years. Overall, the Irish are 2-10 against the Wildcats, including a 15-5 season-ending loss last year.

Notre Dame, however, rebounded in the fall by beating the Wildcats.

“To be honest, I think that win in the fall was a turning point,” Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. “The lead changed hands a couple times and it was a really competitive game. We made some mistakes that allowed to game to be so back-and-forth and we’ll be looking to correct those.”

In the closing minutes of that game, senior defender Lauren Fenlon controlled a crucial draw while fellow senior defender Jackie Doherty drew a key charge to seal the victory.

“We love playing them, they’re our regional rivals,” Coyne said. “We looked at a lot of tape from that game, seeing things that we did well and things we can improve on.”

The Wildcats — the third Irish opponent to open its season against Notre Dame —

return nine starters, including three All-Americans. Junior attack Shannon Smith, an early Player of the Year candidate, scored 69 goals last season while assisting on 33 others. For Northwestern, this is the first of five road games to open the season, four of which are against ranked opponents.

The Irish return home after splitting a pair of games in California, beating Cal 20-6 before falling to No. 13 Stanford 13-12 on Sunday. Junior midfielder Jenny Granger got off to a fast start, scoring six goals and adding two assists over the weekend. Freshman midfielder Kaitlyn Brosco started her college career in style, contributing four goals and an assist.

“Coming off the loss to Stanford, it would be huge to get the win,” Coyne said. “Playing those two early games was tough from a preparation standpoint. I need to have the team prepared as well as possible.”

Saturday’s game will be the home opener for the Irish, who will be playing indoors at Loftus Center instead of their usual home field, Arlotta Stadium.

“Arlotta Stadium is amazing, so obviously any time we get a chance, we want to play there, but we love the indoor facility too,” Coyne said. “It’s a little narrower but we’re used to it. We have great facilities here and we just love using them.”

The Irish open their home slate against the Wildcats on Saturday at 5 p.m.

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## SMC TENNIS

# Belles open hopeful season at Nazarane

By MATTHEW UNGER  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will look to build upon its recent success Saturday in its opening match of the season at NAIA opponent Olivet Nazarene. The Belles will strive for their sixth straight 10-win season along with their first NCAA Division III tournament bid since 2002.

Coach Dale Campbell, in his third year leading the program, hopes to build upon his team’s 13-9 record in dual matches last season, which included a 4-4 record in conference play. However, the team is left with the challenge of filling the void left by graduating senior Camille Gebert. She finished her junior and senior seasons undefeated in MIAA singles matches and earned All-MIAA honors twice.

Senior co-captains Jillian Hurley and Franca Peluso look to be candidates to replace Gebert’s produc-

tion. Last season, Hurley finished 15-7 in singles matches against the top opposing singles tennis players and has been named to the All-MIAA squad the past two years. In addition, Hurley and fellow senior Mary Therese Lee led the top doubles team in 2010, finishing with a record of 16-6.

Meanwhile, Peluso went 17-5 in her singles matches in 2010 and also teamed with Gebert for doubles matches against the top doubles pairs on opposing teams.

The Belles will seek to utilize their senior leadership, with five out of 10 players on the roster in their senior seasons. This experience will prove beneficial with four freshmen on the roster.

St. Mary’s will take on Olivet Nazarene at 2 p.m. on Saturday and continue with non-conference matches throughout the next month until their MIAA opener against Albion on March 29.

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# Brey

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great team?" Brey asked himself as a guest on ESPN's Rome Is Burning Tuesday. "I think at times that we are truly a great team because we play together and we really know how to play off of each other."

Waiting for the Irish is another veteran squad, a West Virginia team that has struggled of late and is in the toughest stretch of its schedule, in which it faces four ranked teams, including No. 4 Pittsburgh and No. 13 Connecticut.

"We are going into one of the top-three toughest places to play against a team with their back against the wall," Brey said. "But they still have that nucleus of guys who played on a Final Four team."

Senior guard Casey Mitchell — who averages 15.4 points per game, including a 23-point performance on 7-of-13 3-point shooting in a 63-52 loss to No. 17 Syracuse — leads the Mountaineers (16-9, 7-6) into the game.

But other than Mitchell, West Virginia has struggled to play consistently for a full game, as the Mountaineers relinquished a four-point lead at halftime to the Orange while only connecting on one shot in the last eight minutes of Monday's game. They have been outscored in the second half of their last five

games and have lost their last four meetings against ranked opponents.

Meanwhile, the Irish have done the exact opposite, winning their last seven Big East games, most recently Saturday's 78-55 win over South Florida in which six starters scored in double-figures for the second time this year.

*"I think at times that we are truly a great team because we play together and we really know how to play off of each other."*

**Mike Brey**  
Irish coach

Sophomore forward Jack Cooley led the Irish attack against the Bulls — which included a 22-0 run early in the first half — with 18 points and eight rebounds while making his first nine shots. Carleton Scott also recorded his sixth double-double of the year with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

But the unsung hero of the last few games for Notre Dame has been freshman point guard Eric Atkins, who leads the Big East in assist-to-turnover ratio. Atkins has recorded 19 dimes in the past three games, drawing a

comparison to an NBA All-Star from Brey and leading scorer Ben Hansbrough.

"Ben told me the other day of how much [Atkins] reminds him of [Celtics point guard] Rajon Rondo," Brey said at a Thursday press conference. "When he is in the game we have an understanding that we want to get him the ball, especially in transition. We want to take advantage of his ability to push the ball and find his teammates."

Atkins will be up against senior point guard Joe Mazzulla, who Brey called the

toughest player in the league after last year's 53-51 win over the Irish in the semifinals of the Big East Tournament. Junior forward Kevin Jones, who has averaged 12.7 points and seven rebounds per game, assists the lightning-quick Mazzulla. Brey said his squad makes up for its lack of speed with defense and size, and that will be crucial to Saturday's matchup.

"What we don't do with foot speed, our length and size help us. What has really shown up is our defensive rebounding, which is really what this game will come down to," Brey said.

The Irish take to the road in hopes of continuing its three-game road winning streak against the Mountaineers at 1 p.m. Saturday on CBS.

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7 1969 biopic starring 10-Down

8 Taylor of "The Haunting"

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10 Star of 7-Down

11 Fez wearer

12 Calendar abbr.

13 Mex. neighbor

14 "This \_\_\_ joke!"

15 Big name in construction

22 Quantity: Abbr.

23 Zip

24 Overnight sensation

26 Violinist/bandleader \_\_\_ Light

29 Base line

31 Green energy source

33 Pack rat
- 38 Hotel waiters?

40 Genealogist's study

42 Robotic rock group popular in the 1980s

44 Frosty's relative

46 Cost of living?

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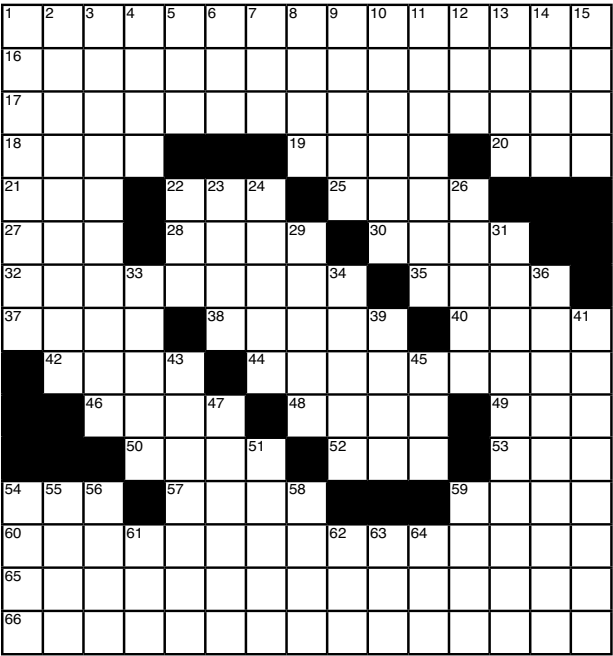
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Puzzle by Martin Ashwood-Smith

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EUGENIA LAST

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Joseph Gordon-Levitt, 30; Paris Hilton, 30; Denise Richards, 40; Billie Joe Armstrong, 39

**Happy Birthday:** Getting along with your peers and being an active participant will be worth your time and effort. Opportunities will develop through your own hard work, not because someone does you a favor. Don't count on others and you will excel and boost your confidence. Your numbers are 5, 11, 18, 21, 23, 38, 47

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Your philanthropic attitude will set you apart from anyone trying to outdo you. A serious look at a partnership will reveal whether or not you should cut ties or try to make it work. Don't take on more than you can handle. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You'll be forced to deal with a one-sided situation. If it will help you out professionally, proceed but, if not, walk away. You don't want to become emotionally entangled in something that infringes on your time and possibly your code of ethics. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Offer advice or alternatives to what's being presented and you will gather a following as well as the support you need to get your own ideas up and running. A celebration with someone you share your secrets with will enhance your relationship. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Ask someone who is up to date with the latest craze or technology to help you integrate your personal and professional lifestyle to meet current standards. Love is in the stars but so is disappointment. Don't let negativity lead to loneliness. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Let everyone know what your plans are and you will receive help getting to where you want to go. There is money to be made and deals to be struck. A proposal you weren't expecting will catch you off guard. Don't hesitate. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Secrets are being withheld. You have to dig deep in order to know exactly what you are dealing with. Focus more on home, family and your own emotional well-being and you will figure out what's required to improve your life and your relationships. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** The encounters you have with friends and colleagues will help you make an important decision, influencing your personal life, relationships and current residence. Consider the feelings of those your decision will affect. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You'll be caught in the middle of an emotional situation that can disrupt your home, family and emotional well-being. You have to look past current circumstances if you are going to reach your goals. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Extra cash is heading your way. Job interviews, advancement and taking on greater responsibility will all help to improve your life and bring you in contact with people who have more to offer you personally and professionally. ★★★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You will burn out fast if you take on too much. Limitation and frustration are apparent if you have to deal with someone negative or with authority figures that have the potential to make your life miserable. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't let poor financial or emotional choices stand in the way. You can excel if you are disciplined about work, finances and trying to make the most out of your life. A good offer should be accepted. Do what's best for you. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Being unpredictable can be to your advantage sometimes, but it can also cause people to keep their distance. Be careful what signal you send. You may find it hurts your reputation and your chance to advance. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are insightful, playful and entertaining. You know what and how to get your way. You are strong-willed and eager to show others what you can do.

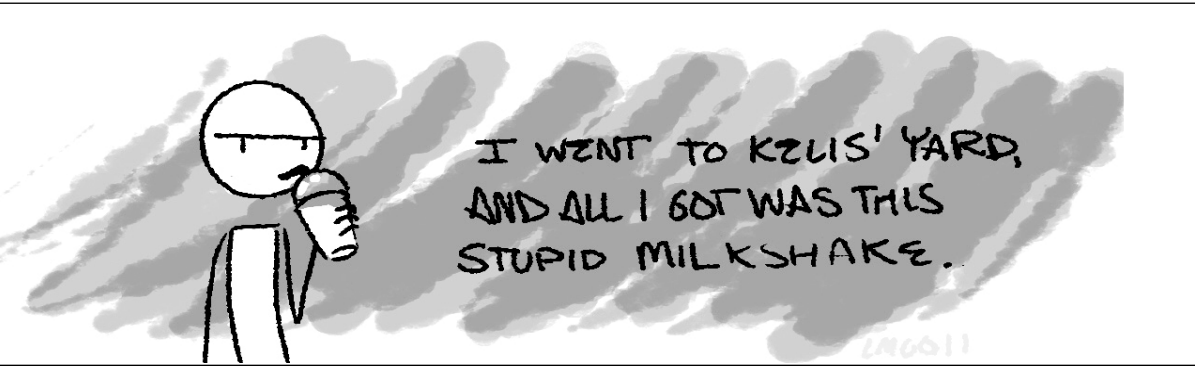
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TUESDAY VARIETY SHOW

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JUMBLE

JEFF KNUREK  
MIKE ARGIRION

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

ACTUD  
FEWAR  
CEMESH  
TRAPIE

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: [Circled letters from the words above] TO [Circled letters from the words above]

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TAWNY FOLIO UPSHOT SUBWAY  
Answer: When spring planting was completed, the farmer said it was — SOW, SOW

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# UConn do it

*Irish look to stun Huskies on the road*

By LAURA MYERS  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame didn't burn the records of its first meeting with Connecticut this year, as much as players may have wanted to get rid of those last four minutes.

A rebound here, or a shot falling there, and the No. 13 Irish could have come away with an improbable victory over the No. 2 Huskies on Jan. 8. Instead, they left with a 79-76 loss on their record.

In the six weeks since that game, neither team has lost. Connecticut, still No. 2, has averaged a 26.7-point margin in its 11 victories. Notre Dame, now No. 8, has averaged a 25.6-point margin in its nine wins. Connecticut has since defeated five ranked teams,

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DAN JACOBS / The Observer

**Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins looks for a teammate in a close 79-76 loss to Connecticut on Jan. 8 at the Purcell Pavilion.**

## FENCING

# Members go to Junior Olympics

By CONOR KELLY  
Sports Writer

Even on what is technically an off weekend, the Notre Dame fencing team will get a chance to shine. The undefeated and No. 1 ranked Irish teams will send three freshmen and one sophomore fencer to Dallas this weekend to compete in the United States Fencing Association Junior Olympic Championships.

The Junior Olympics are based on national points accumulated through years of amateur competition. Freshmen Mike Rossi, Nicholas Kubik, Abigail Nichols and sophomore James Kaull will compete against 1,500 of the top fencers in the country in an event that serves as a qualifier to represent Team USA at the 2011 Cadet and Junior World

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## HOCKEY

# Ferris State defense poses stiff challenge to first place team

By SAM WERNER  
Sports Writer

The Irish will be back on the road this weekend, heading to Big Rapids, Mich., to take on Ferris State in a key late-season two-game series.

Notre Dame currently sits in first place in the CCHA but is just a point ahead of both Michigan and Miami (Ohio). The Irish have clinched a bye

in the first round of the conference playoffs.

"We have to play well as we approach the playoffs," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "You work all season long to finish in the top four to get that bye and home ice, but you've got to play well. I don't care if you're playing at home in the second round, you've still got to play well."

Playing well, especially offensively, could be difficult against

a Bulldogs team that is notoriously tough defensively. Ferris State routinely plays its wingers down low in the defensive zone to stymie opposing offenses. The Bulldogs defense is tied for second-best in the CCHA, allowing just 2.12 goals per game.

"It's going to be about being patient, it's going to be about staying the course and not getting frustrated," Jackson said. "We have to generate scoring

chances in different ways, too. It can't just be off the cycle, because it's going to be hard to generate chances off the cycle."

The tenacious Ferris State defense is backstopped by senior netminder Pat Nagle, who leads the CCHA with a 1.90 goals-against average and a .925 save percentage.

"You have to play a smart, patient game against them because they defend their goal-

tender, who's maybe the best in the country," Jackson said. "They defend him well, and they play a good defensive style that allows them to create opportunities offensively off transition."

At the other end of the ice, the Irish goaltending situation remains somewhat muddled. In last weekend's sweep of Bowling Green, sophomore

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Irish chasing title dreams

By ANDREW GASTELUM  
Sports Writer

Chasing it down.

Irish coach Mike Brey's self-proclaimed theme of 2011 for his team's phenomenal run continues on the road Saturday in Morgantown, W. Va., as the No. 8 Irish (21-4, 10-3) try to chase down the regular season Big East title. The Irish are currently in second place, two games behind No. 4 Pittsburgh, whose only conference loss was to the Irish at home. But Brey remains outstandingly confident in his veteran players, banking on their experience and chemistry together.

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**Senior forward Scott Martin passes the ball into the post in Notre Dame's 80-75 win against Marquette on Jan. 22.**

## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Finals rematch offers a chance at revenge

By JOSEPH MONARDO  
Sports Writer

Nearly nine months after falling to Duke in the NCAA championship game in overtime, Notre Dame has a chance to begin its season with redemption.

When the Irish and the Blue Devils meet up in Jacksonville, Fla., Sunday, the rematch of last year's final will include two top-10 teams.

Coming off a season in which they went 7-6 before earning three straight upset victories in the NCAA tournament to reach the finals, the Irish enter the 2011 season ranked No. 7 nationally.

Duke is ranked as high as No. 4 in the polls.

"It's a big game for us," senior midfielder Zach Brenneman said. "Because it's our first one against a top team. You always want to start off your season well and a team like Duke, you always have to prepare well, and I think our coaches do a great job at that."

The Irish coaching staff is headed by Kevin Corrigan as he begins his 23rd year on the job. For Corrigan, the opening game against Duke offers a valuable opportunity.

"It is like all opening games," Corrigan said.

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