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## Council elections lead to run-offs

By EMILY SCHRANK  
News Writer

Monday's Class Council elections resulted in run-offs in each of the Sophomore, Junior and Senior Class Council races, said Michael Thomas, Judicial Council Vice President of Elections. The run-off elections will be held Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

To win the initial election, a ticket must win a majority of the votes cast, Thomas said. No ticket received more than 50 percent of the vote in the election.

Juniors Anne Huntington, Mike Oliver, Brittnei Alexander and Tyler Harmsen advanced to the Senior Class Council run-off election with 38.8 percent of the vote.

Huntington said her ticket wants to make it a fun senior year for the Class of 2012.

"We have a lot of experience and know how to run events," she said. "We just want to make it the best senior year it can possibly be."

Huntington said she is excited to be a part of the run-off election.

"It's all about making new friends and meeting new people," she said. "That's been the greatest part of this experience."

Juniors Parker King, Ben German, Alicia Elliott and Brinya Bjork proceeded to the run-off election after capturing 29.2 percent of the vote.

King said his ticket wants the

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### CLASS COUNCIL FIRST ROUND RESULTS

#### SOPHOMORE CLASS COUNCIL (2014)

President: <b>Anthony Krenselewski</b>	Secretary: <b>Jackie Picache</b>	27% or	President: <b>Nicholas Schilling</b>	Secretary: <b>Mary Claire Rigali</b>	37%
Vice President: <b>Lizzie Helping</b>	Treasurer: <b>Alesandra Mendoza</b>		Vice President: <b>Paul DiGiovanni</b>	Treasurer: <b>Margaret Preuss</b>	

#### JUNIOR CLASS COUNCIL (2013)

President: <b>Michael Weiss</b>	Secretary: <b>Mike Kress</b>	34% or	President: <b>Kevin Doherty</b>	Secretary: <b>Kim Neary</b>	41%
Vice President: <b>Julianne Crimmins</b>	Treasurer: <b>Sean Hannon</b>		Vice President: <b>Megan Rodts</b>	Treasurer: <b>Nolan Welsh</b>	

#### SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL (2012)

President: <b>Anne Huntington</b>	Secretary: <b>Brittnei Alexander</b>	39% or	President: <b>Parker King</b>	Secretary: <b>Alicia Elliott</b>	29%
Vice President: <b>Mike Oliver</b>	Treasurer: <b>Tyler Harmsen</b>		Vice President: <b>Ben German</b>	Treasurer: <b>Brinya Bjork</b>	

BRANDON KEELEAN | Observer Graphic

## John to appear in court after guilty plea

By MEGAN DOYLE  
Associate News Editor

A former Notre Dame student will appear in court March 18 after he allegedly molested a 12-year-old South Bend girl he met on MySpace.

Ackley F. John, who was a senior at the time of his arrest, pleaded guilty in November to two counts of child molestation, both class B felonies. According to court documents, he was arrested April 4 after he allegedly engaged in a sex act with the girl after meeting her online.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said John's enrollment at Notre Dame ceased April 6, two days after he was arrested by local law enforcement.

Court documents from the St. Joseph County Courthouse reported that at approximately 3:30 a.m. April 4, the girl's parents called Mishawaka Police to report their daughter as a runaway. A Mishawaka officer responded to the call and asked about the girl at a

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## Students save with Groupon discounts

By MARISA IATI  
News Writer

Students are exploring local businesses and saving money using Groupon, a collective buying website that offers discounts.

Groupon offers discounts for local services ranging from 50 to 90 percent off, Kelsey O'Neill, a spokeswoman for Groupon, said.

"We drive new business and revenue to local merchants while providing customers with deep discounts on new ways to

explore their city," she said.

Sophomore Michelle Yanik began using Groupon last year in her hometown of Raleigh, N.C., and now subscribes to the South Bend offers. She has purchased Groupon deals for local businesses, including Chicory Café and Salon Rouge as well as franchises like Barnes & Noble and Moosejaw.

"Groupons do a great job of promoting local independent businesses," Yanik said. "It allows people to discover new restaurants and shops in their

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## ND celebrates Rare Disease Day

By ANNA BOARINI  
News Writer

The Center for Rare and Neglected Disease hosted a dinner featuring speakers from different projects centering on rare disease research to celebrate World Rare Disease Day.

Dr. Katsuri Halder, director of the Center, wants to raise awareness and funds to fight neglected disease.

"There are 7,000 rare diseases, which means one in 150,000 people are affected," she said. "There are 7 million Americans affected by rare disease and 200 million

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GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Students and staff gathered at the Center for Rare and Neglected Disease for dinner Monday to celebrate World Rare Disease Day.

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU WERE BORN ON A LEAP DAY, WHEN WOULD YOU CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY?



Andrew Velzen

junior  
O'Neill

“Every four years.”



Caleb Cobbin

freshman  
Morrissey

“Either Feb. 28 or March 1, or actually both days!”



Megan Dustin

freshman  
Lyons

“I would celebrate it the day before.”



Robin O'Brien

sophomore  
Walsh

“I would celebrate it four times as much.”



Ryan Loos

sophomore  
O'Neill

“6 a.m. on March 1.”



Sarah Kimball

junior  
McGlinn

“Probably March 1.”

## Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail [obsphoto@gmail.com](mailto:obsphoto@gmail.com)



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Students show their love for fourth-year forward Tim Abromaitis during Notre Dame's 93-72 win over Villanova Monday night. The win guarantees the Irish a double-bye in the Big East tournament.

### OFFBEAT

#### UK removes ice cream made with breast milk from shop

LONDON — Local government officials said Monday they have confiscated ice cream made with human breast milk from a London shop amid concerns the dessert is unsafe.

A spokeswoman from Westminster City Council said it was responding to two complaints from the public over whether a shop should be selling edibles made from other people's bodily fluids and awaiting guidance from Britain's Food Standards Agency. The official spoke on condition of anonymity in keeping with council policy.

The official said the ice cream, marketed as “Baby

Gaga” and launched last week, is being tested with the full cooperation of The Icecreamists, the parlor marketing the dessert.

Viruses, including hepatitis, can be passed on through breast milk.

#### Gator surprises woman and child after flood

SAO PAULO — After floodwaters receded from her home, a Brazilian woman was shocked to find a most unwelcome house guest: a 5-foot (1.5-meter) alligator lying tamely in the living room as her 3-year-old son petted the reptile's head.

The animal apparently was washed inside by the high water Monday night, said Luiz Claudio Farias, a

captain of firefighters in the north-central city of Parauapebas.

When the woman went to clean up the following day, she saw the boy playing with something behind the couch, Farias said. It turned out to be a gator.

“She snatched the boy away and called us,” he said.

Farias said it was lucky the reptile apparently wasn't in the mood for a meal: “If he was hungry, he could have seriously hurt or even killed the boy.”

Firefighters trapped the alligator and took it to a nearby environmental preserve, where they set it free.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

### IN BRIEF

Leonardo Arriola will give the lecture “Electoral Violence in Democratizing States” today at 12:30 p.m. in room C103 of the Hesburgh Center. Arriola is visiting from the department of political science at the University of California, Berkeley.

The semifinal round of the 81st annual Bengal Bouts tournament will begin at 5 p.m. today in the Joyce Center. The bouts raise funds for the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh. Tickets are \$5 for students and children and \$7 for adults.

RecSports and the Kellogg Institute for International Studies will host Festa, Dança e Bate-Papo today at 6 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center Ballroom. The event will feature Brazilian dancing, refreshments and casual conversation.

The Catholic Graduate Community will host the religious orders panel “Exploring Diversity in Catholicism” Wednesday at 6 p.m. in 129 DeBartolo Hall. The event will feature a panel of priests from several of the religious orders represented at Notre Dame. The priests will each offer a brief introduction to his order followed by a Q & A period.

2011 Sandeen Prize Winner Janet Kaplan will be reading from her book of poetry, Dreamlife of a Philanthropist, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The reading will take place at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore and is free and open to the public.

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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# Saint Mary's kicks off World Cinema Festival



BRANDON KEELEAN | Observer Graphic

By MIRANDA PERETTI  
News Writer

Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) partnered with the Intercultural Studies Program to host the World Cinema Festival. The week-long event, which began Monday night, will present films from around the world until Friday evening.

"Our objective in organizing such an event is to bring to campus films from different areas of the world in order to not only widen students' knowledge of the art of filmmaking, but also to present different international perspectives and world views,"

Associate Director of CWIL and Director of the Intercultural Studies Program Mana Derakhshani, said.

The first film, "Blind Mountain," ran Monday in Vander Vennet Theater in Saint Mary's Student Center. The Chinese film, directed by Li Yang in 2007, centers around a young woman who

soon after graduating college, was drugged, kidnapped and sold to a villager as his bride.

"No film can, of course, represent an entire culture," Derakhshani said. "These are cinematic windows and artistic representations created by individual filmmakers in a particular cultural context."

A Saint Mary's faculty member will introduce each film in the series and lead a discussion afterward.

A new film from a different culture will be shown every day this week at 7 p.m. in Vander Vennet at Saint Mary's. CWIL invites everyone to come out and watch these screenings, Derakhshani said.

"Light refreshments — including popcorn — will be served," she said.

Many of the films are in a foreign language with English subtitles, Derakhshani said.

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# Group to make beds from bags

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY  
Saint Mary's Editor

There is more to a plastic bag than carrying groceries, senior Monica Aguirre, president of Saint Mary's Environmental Action Coalition (SMEAC), said.

The Coalition will be collecting plastic bags to make sleeping mats and send them abroad to disaster victims and several community organizations, Aguirre said.

"We plan to contact a few organizations within the South Bend community, in order to see if they will take a few completed mats and hand them out to anyone living on the streets who would be interested," she said. "They are very lightweight and weather resistant."

SMEAC advisor Cassie Majetic, a professor of biology, said the practice is popular around the country right now.

"I actually first heard about this idea over the summer from my mother, who is a teacher and Girl Scouts volunteer," Majetic said. "Since then, we've found numerous examples of youth and volunteer groups doing this, and SMEAC decided they want to be a

part of it."

Right now, the group is collecting plastic bags from students outside 252 Science Hall at the College until Earth Week, which is April 17 to 23. Aguirre said students will be making the mats during the week.

"During Earth Week, we will host a workshop teaching interested students how to make the mats, we will provide the bags as well, each student will then be responsible for turning in the completed mats before finals week," Aguirre said.

Majetic said it is important for students to save all their bags because it takes 500 to 700 plastic bags to create one mat.

"Each [plastic] bag is cut apart and the loops are tied together to make plastic yarn, which is then crocheted into a mat," Majetic said. "Each mat requires 500 to 700 individual bags,

so we need as many donations as we can get."

Aside from the bag collection, the group is also conducting a school-wide recycling survey, Aguirre said.

"Well we have a recycling survey out now," Aguirre said. "Our club hopes to discover creative, new ways we can educate the campus

about how to recycle. So anyone can complete it, it just takes about five minutes."

SMEAC's main goal is to make Saint Mary's a more environmentally-friendly campus, she said.

"The Environmental Action Coalition is a club that works to edu-

cate the campus about environmental issues," Aguirre said. "We want people to feel that they can personally make a difference with the simple choices they make."

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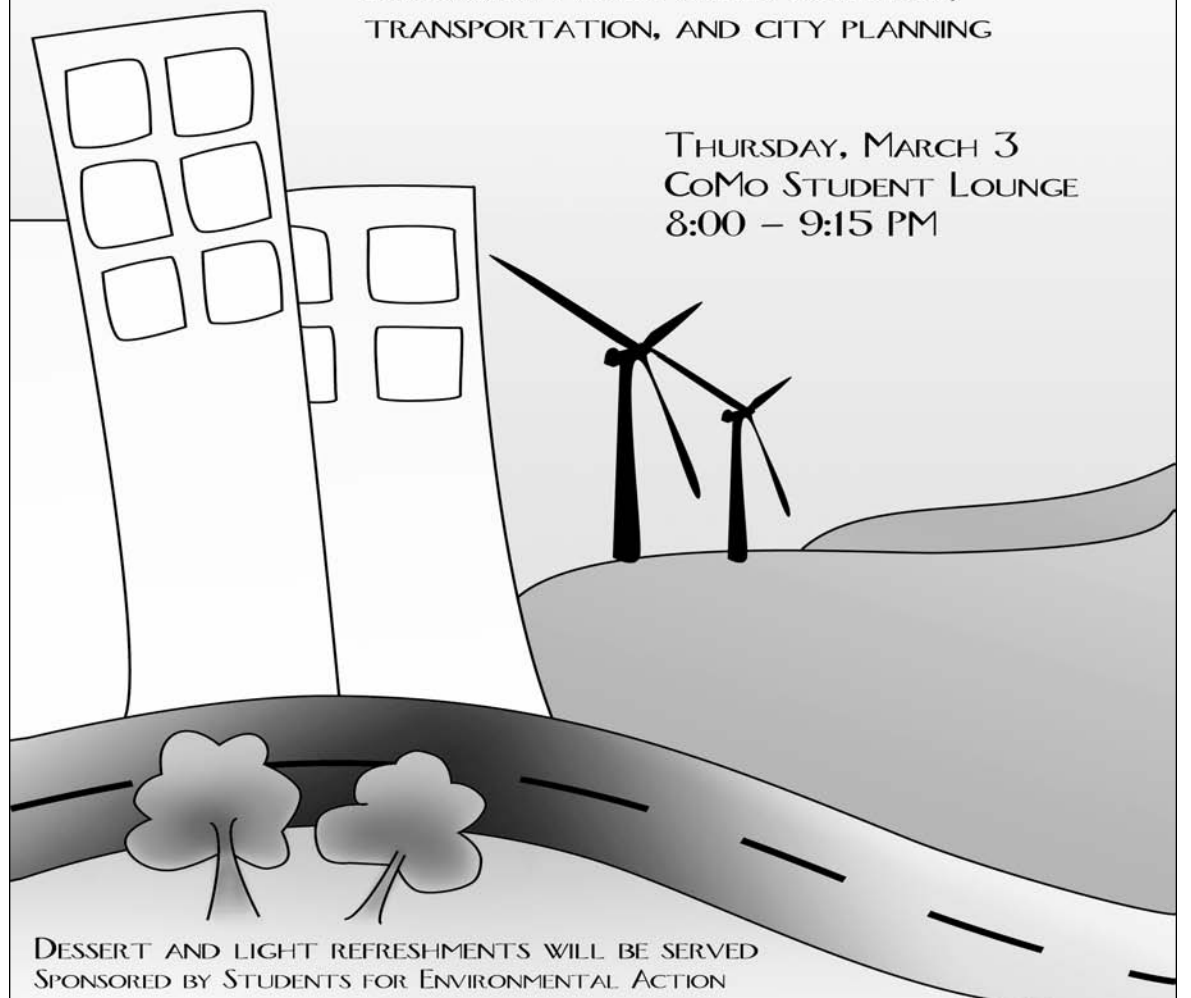
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7-11 convenience store near her home. The store's clerk said a young girl had been in the store about 30 to 40 minutes earlier and asked to use the phone to call her father.

The clerk allowed the girl to use the phone, and she then left the store shortly after and got into a gray car parked near the building.

The officer called the phone number given to him by the clerk and reached an answering machine stating, "This is AJ, and leave me a message."

The officer left a message, and a man returned his call approximately 40 minutes later. The man denied knowing the girl. He said his name was Ackley John and he was a student at Notre Dame.

At approximately 5 a.m., the Mishawaka officer received a call stating Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) located the girl on campus. The Mishawaka officer and an officer from NDSP contacted the girl's parents and questioned John.

When questioned by police, John said he met the girl on MySpace, where she was listed under a different name. He said her MySpace profile stated she was 15 years old, but she told

him she was 14 years old. John told police he communicated with the girl online for several months, and they spent time together on three occasions. John said she performed oral sex on him on two occasions, including April 4 in a Grape Road parking lot.

John said he planned to drive the girl home that morning but saw her father's car and drove to Notre Dame. When they got to campus, they started arguing, and John told her to go talk to an NDSP officer in the area, according to court documents.

The girl was questioned by police and confirmed she met John on MySpace. She admitted she called John to pick her up

around 2:30 a.m. from the convenience store. She told police she performed oral sex on John that night, and she confirmed that they were driving to her house when they saw her father's car and drove to Notre Dame instead.

The Observer will not name the girl because she is a minor and the victim of a crime.

Court documents show John, 22, was arrested on campus April 4 and taken to the St. Joseph County Jail. He posted a \$3,000 bond two days later and was released April 6.

According to Indiana state law, any sexual intercourse or deviant sexual conduct with a child under 14 years old is con-

sidered child molestation. The charges against John, both class B felonies, are punished with a prison sentence between six and 20 years, with an advisory sentence of 10 years.

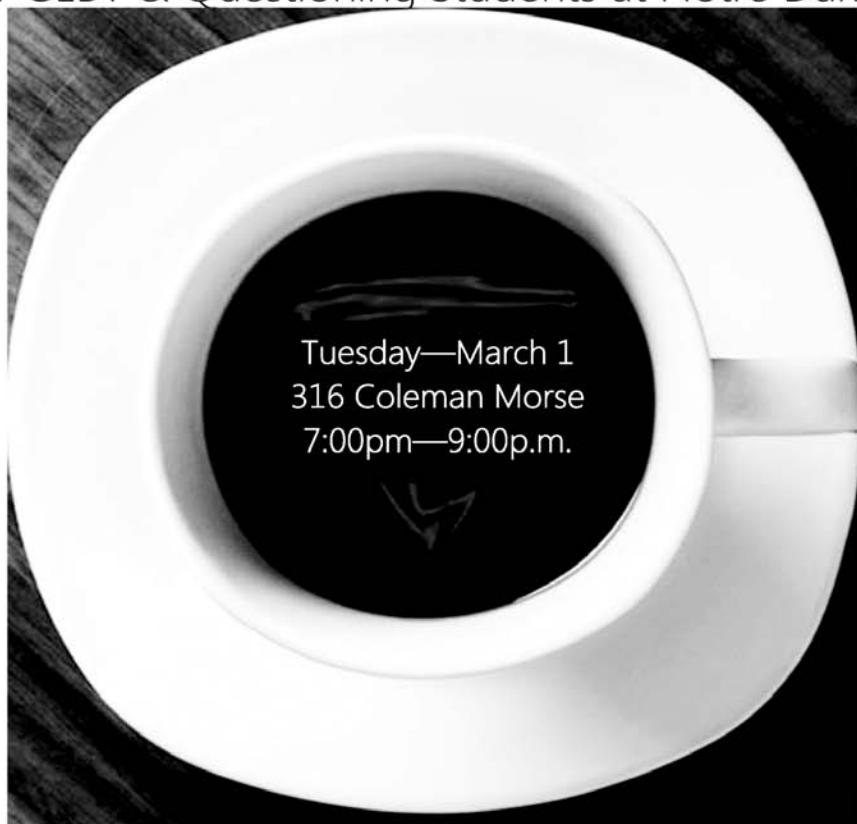
Brown said the University does everything possible to help law enforcement.

"When the University is made aware of off-campus incidents involving possible violations of the law, we provide any assistance requested by local law enforcement agencies and are confident that these agencies will ensure that justice is done under the law," he said.

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## Coffee at the Como

For GLBT & Questioning Students at Notre Dame



The Core Council invites GLBT & Questioning Notre Dame students, their friends, and allies, to an informal gathering at the CoMo.

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Class of 2012 to feel fulfilled when they graduate from Notre Dame.

"We want seniors to get the most out of their four years here and leave having done all they wanted to do," he said. "That's why we have our Notre Dame bucket list idea and plans for many other fun events."

King said, if elected, he would also like to help prepare seniors "to go out into the real world."

"Once we graduate, we'll really be living on our own for the first time, without the comforts of the dining hall or any of the other things that Notre Dame has to offer," he said. "We want to help seniors get ready for that transition."

Sophomores Kevin Doherty, Megan Rodts, Kim Neary and Nolan Welsh advanced to the Junior Class Council run-off election with 41.4 percent of the vote.

Doherty said his ticket's biggest success has been in talking face-to-face with other members of the Class of 2013.

"This shows that people like what we've been saying and what we have to offer," he said. "Hopefully putting the extra

"We want seniors to get the most out of their four years here and leave having done all they wanted to do."

**Parker King**  
presidential candidate  
Senior Class Council

time into campaigning before the run-off will help us to reach the majority vote we need to win."

Doherty said his ticket's main campaign platform is centered on establishing a homecoming week tradition at Notre Dame, known as Domecoming.

"We have the foundation with this year's first Domecoming week," he said. "Now we want to make it bigger and better."

Sophomores Michael Weiss, Julianne Crimmins, Mike Kress and Sean Hannon proceeded to the run-off election with 34.3 percent of the vote.

Weiss said his ticket is anxiously anticipating the extra day of campaigning.

"We're really excited to get the extra day to talk to more people and share all of our great ideas," he said.

Weiss said he is really confident in his ticket's platform.

"We're pushing for better apparel, off-campus dances and a class trip to a Chicago Cubs game in the spring," he said.

Freshmen Nicholas Schilling, Paul DiGiovanni, Mary Clare Rigali and Margaret Preuss proceeded to the run-off election after garnering 36.5 percent of the vote.

Schilling said his ticket will focus on mobilizing more voters in Wednesday's run-off.

"We want other members of the Class of 2014 to feel like they've had a significant say in the results," he said.

Schilling said he is looking forward to being a part of the run-off.

"Our biggest strength is in the specificity of our ideas for next year," he said. "The different events we have planned, like Domerfest 2.0, are what's really unique about our ticket."

Freshmen Anthony Krenselewski, Lizzie Helpling, Jackie Picache and Alesandra Mendoza advanced to the Sophomore Class Council run-off election with 27.1 percent of the vote.

Krenselewski said his ticket's focus is on bringing unity to the Class of 2014.

"That's what we've been about the whole campaign and that's what were going to continue to be about heading in to the run-off," he said.

Krenselewski said he hopes to build a stronger identity for next year's sophomore class.

"We hope we can bring our class together through a number of different events," he said. "Our best ideas are centered on the concept of greater unity."

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own community, and from what I've read, it's also a cheap form of advertising for the business."

Recent Groupon deals in the South Bend area have included Italian cuisine and salon, paintball and tanning services, O'Neill said.

Sophomore Patty Walsh said Groupon has introduced her to businesses she hadn't tried before, such as Indulgence Pastry Shop & Café in South Bend.

"[Groupon] gives me an excuse to eat off campus more because if I have a coupon I'm more likely to go, and I think I'm getting more use for my money because [I'm] getting deals," Walsh said. "For example, when [my friends and I] went to Indulgence, we paid \$7, but we got \$15 worth of food."

Groupon offers one deal every day, and each deal is available for 24 hours. Customers can sign up on [groupon.com](http://groupon.com) to receive daily e-mails specifying that day's deal, O'Neill said.

"The collective buying concept comes into play because each deal has a tipping point — a minimum number of users that are needed to activate the deal and make it officially 'on,'" she said. "We encourage users to spread the word about deals via e-mail, Facebook [and] Twitter so all can enjoy."

Sophomore Charlie O'Leary said he likes that Groupon deals are easy to purchase.

"They send the deals from South Bend right to my e-mail, so I know they're applicable to me, and all it takes to buy one is a few clicks," O'Leary said.

O'Leary said he also uses an iPod application for Groupon. The application allows users to visit Groupon's mobile website and use a given code to pur-

chase deals.

Customers can also visit the website or follow their cities' Facebook or Twitter pages to see local deals, O'Neill said.

Walsh said Groupon rewards users for recommending deals to other people.

"Groupon has a thing where if you recommend it, you get money back, so the more people I send it to, the more I can benefit," Walsh said. "If I send them an e-mail and they click on the link, then it bounces back to me, so that's pretty great."

Yanik, Walsh and O'Leary said Groupon benefits college students.

"I think Groupons are great for college students living on a budget, especially ones that [are] offered from restaurants," Yanik said. "Restaurants usually don't have an equivalent of a store sale. However, with Groupons, you can get that same satisfaction of a great deal."

Groupon is comparable to its competitors, such as Living Social, O'Leary said.

"I think it's an equally good service. The idea of having the online gift card that's accessible and specific to my geographic area is really special," O'Leary said.

Walsh said she's grateful for the excuse to escape dining on campus.

"As somebody who doesn't appreciate the magic of the Notre Dame food system, I definitely appreciate [Groupon]," Walsh said.

There are currently over 30,000 Groupon users in the South Bend area, including Notre Dame students.

O'Neill said Groupon was launched in Chicago in November 2008 and expanded to South Bend in January.

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GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

**Dr. Katsuri Haldar, director of the Center for Rare and Neglected Disease, delivered a speech Monday in the Galvin Life Science building urging her audience to raise awareness about rare disease.**

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worldwide."

Haldar said everyone at the event now has the responsibility to go out and raise awareness about rare disease.

"My charge to this group is to go out and be ambassadors in order to facilitate the process of rare disease research," she said.

Many different labs, as well as both undergraduate and graduates, attended the event.

Mary Claire Sullivan, a first year MBA student at the Mendoza College of Business, became involved in rare disease research through an interdisciplinary class project that combined science and business. She helped take the research and what is happening in the lab and turning it into a business. Sullivan said her passion

is to use business to create social change.

"The body of knowledge and passionate individuals can make an impact for those people that have no hope," she said.

Aaron Patzwahl is an undergraduate student taking a clinical research class focusing on Niemen Pick Type C disease (NPC). The class analyzes patient data and creates a numerical value that can track the progression of the disease.

"I got interested in the class through [Dean of the College of Science Gregory Crawford] and his bike trip this summer," he said. "I thought it would be a way to take my science and do something move socially conscious with it."

Senior Nina Farivari took the clinical research class in the fall of her junior year. She became so interested in NPC that she worked in Dr. Forbes Porter's lab this summer. Porter — of the National Institutes of Health — is currently running the only clinical trial of NPC in the country.

"For me, it was a way to put a face and a family to the dis-

ease system," she said.

Farivari attended the national conference for NPC last August. Attending the lectures by the leading researchers in the field and getting to see the families outside a clinical setting were the best parts of the conference, she said.

Katherine Byrd, a third year chemistry graduate student, is currently working on synthesizing biochemical tools to help study disease.

"The body of knowledge and passionate individuals can make an impact for those people who have no hope."

**Mary Claire Sullivan**  
graduate student

Emmanuel AduGyamfi, a chemistry and biochemistry

graduate student, is researching the Ebola virus, a highly contagious disease with an almost 90 percent mortality rate during outbreaks.

"We use an interdisciplinary approach to try and understand how the proteins of the Ebola virus replicate," AduGyamfi said. "Hopefully, we can use our findings for other kinds of rare disease."

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INSIDE COLUMN

A pandemic

As I sat in CoMo last week, trying in vain to think of something significant to say about Voltaire, my writer’s block was the least of my concerns. Much more bothersome was the aural assault I was enduring.

The offender, sitting directly next to me, was mouth-breathing. That is, he was breathing heavily, in a Neanderthal-like manner. If you are familiar with “Hey Arnold,” he sounded something like that kid with the glasses who Helga always decks in the face. I wanted nothing more than to emulate Helga in this situation.

My irritation subsided, and I gained perspective on the situation. Perhaps this instance would be like swinging a baseball bat with a donut. If I could concentrate on the difficult material while enduring this obnoxious noise, then writing on the test would be a breeze.

It wasn’t. Throughout the test, my ears were again violated by the sound of a female’s raucous respiratory cycle. I tried my best to block out the noise, but had a rough go with the test despite my efforts (I need a scapegoat for my less-than-stellar performance, and it’s you, mouth-breather girl). While leaving this class, I pondered the severity of this apparent mouth-breathing pandemic and its important social repercussions. Being tuned in to the issue, I made an effort to better observe mouth-breathing habits and draw conclusions. Luckily we are in the midst of cold and flu season, so in no time I had enough mouth-breathing observations to write a freaking dissertation.

The most prominent observation I made is that mouth-breathing results in immediate and significant loss in intellectual cred. I cannot take you seriously if you are breathing, mouth agape, while carrying on with your various activities. I associate mouth breathing with Neanderthals, dogs and stereotypical sitcom or cartoon nerds. If you are an offensive mouth-breather, I immediately associate you with one of the above categories. Another observation I made about mouth breathing is that it is does not discriminate. Males and females alike practice this vexing technique. Likewise, people of varying sizes and ages can be offenders. Finally, mouth breathing is often accompanied by other unpleasant mouth-related sounds.

For example, CoMo kid also engaged in a bizarre mouth-smacking motion that resulted in a noise like he was chewing a banana. Thus, by becoming conscious of their mouth breathing, transgressors can likely also save themselves from committing a host of other horrible mouth-related noises. Breathing is widely assumed to be an inherent trait. People often conclude, “We come out of the womb breathing, it shouldn’t be a process which requires attention and regulation.”

Incorrect. Mouth-breathing can have unthinkable implications on your public appearance, so beware. It is my hope that through attentiveness, and perhaps cough drops and nasal decongestant, this campus can be entirely free of mouth-breathers. When that day arrives, I will have to think of another excuse for why the grade on my test is less than desirable. I’m sure I’ll come up with something passable.

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I love numbers. How could anyone not? Numbers are so much more precise than their linguistic counterparts, words. Whereas a word could mean any number of things based on context and tone, numbers will always mean the exact same thing. You can take them at face value.

Andy Ziccarelli

Moment of  
Inertia

The other wonderful thing about numbers is their universal nature. There are over 3000 different languages that are spoken in the world today, rendering worldwide communication near impossible without significant translation and effort. However, numbers and mathematics are able to bridge the gap that is created by spoken language. The laws of mathematics, physics and probability apply to every corner of the world, regardless of language.

Perhaps my fondness for math has to do with the way my brain operates. I do not operate in shades of gray, rather my mind tends to see things in terms of black and white. Either things are right or they are wrong. That mindset is probably why I have struggled with literature and composition for most of my life. Writing papers where there is no right or wrong answer never appealed to me, and it didn't make much sense, either.

I might represent an extreme perspective, but it is amazing to think about just how much of our life is governed by mathematics. The laws of physics apply to everything that we interact with, and they are governing over you this very instant as you are reading this. The next time you

go on the Internet, realize that your computer, at its core, is simply transferring a long string of zeros and ones into a medium that we can understand as a user. During your walk to class today, notice how everything around you is laid out in a geometric fashion. Perhaps most interestingly, the idea of uncertainty and probability rules over our daily lives in a way that we do not realize.

In the movie “(500) Days of Summer,” protagonist Tom Hansen falls for his co-worker, Summer Finn. In the end, though (spoiler alert!), their relationship didn't last and Summer ends up marrying a guy who she happened to meet in a coffee shop as she was eating lunch one day. The narrator remarks, “Coincidence, that's all anything ever is, nothing more than coincidence.” That might be an overstatement, but it highlights the fact that a lot our lives can be defined in terms of probability and the likelihood of events. There is a very, very small percentage of the population that one would consider as “marriage material.” So what is the probability that one of those people was in the same coffee shop (out of all of the coffee shops in L.A.), at the same time as Summer. Not only that, what are the odds that she is reading a book that he is interested in and that, because of seeing that, he decides to go over and talk to her? The probability of all of those events happening and coming together is very small.

The wonderful thing about life, however, is that it is defined by the extraordinary events, not by the ordinary. We are taught in statistics class that things will randomly fluctuate back and forth around a mean. Sometimes these things are fur-

ther away from the mean and sometimes they are very close, but everything will eventually tend to approach that average. This is extremely useful for predicting future events from what we know about the past. For math nerds like me, it brings a certain level of order and predictability to a world that is extremely uncertain and full of variables. We think we understand what is going on, or at least what should go on.

But every so often, an event blows up our conventional wisdom and simply defies the odds. The odds tell us that no, you will not meet your future spouse today. But how magical would it be if you did? Notre Dame hadn’t had a snow day in decades, so what were the odds that the school would cancel class a few weeks ago due to snow? How many people grow to be almost 7 feet tall, and still possess the athleticism necessary to play basketball at a high level? Not many, but we have a collection of them on campus, and they are currently residing among the top 10 teams in the country and are gearing up for a deep run into the tournament.

Life can be predictable. Things tend to unfold as we expect, and most days come and pass without much of a surprise. Keep your eyes open, though, because you don’t get any warning when things are about to defy the odds and impact you for the rest of your life.

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UWIRE

Social networking  
no substitute to transparency

Social networking has ushered in an age where individuals can be everywhere at once. Through Twitter and Facebook pages, what someone had to eat or which activity they are partaking in is relayed to hundreds, thousands or sometimes millions of people within a matter of seconds.

It has even become a tool for use by top-level politicians and administrators to tap into and communicate information to constituents. President Barack Obama’s 2008 campaign and — closer to home — University of Cincinnati Provost Santa J. Ono are just two examples of those in charge utilizing the phenomenon.

Ono alone has Twitter and Facebook pages where he often touts the latest happenings at UC, whether on the basketball court, in the classroom or on the pages of The News Record.

The glut of accessible information provided by these social networking sources, however, should not be mistaken for transparency on the part of those in charge. Unfortunately, it often is.

While you may find Ono praising UC head football coach Butch Jones on his latest recruiting class or reminding his Twitter followers that the deadline is nearing for UC’s College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services scholarship applications, you won’t find him addressing issues of rising tuition or university budget deficits on his Twitter feed.

You’ll find President Obama tweeting about finding somewhere to watch his State of the Union address or what he plans on asking Congress for during the address, but that information has already been presented to the public via other outlets.

In other words, it’s nothing new, nor is it really transparent. But

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The News Record

QUOTE OF THE DAY

*“There’s an old saying about those who forget history. I don’t remember it, but it’s good.”*

Stephen Colbert  
U.S. political satirist and comedian

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*“Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.”*

Oscar Wilde  
Irish writer and poet



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Anti-M.R.S.

When I saw a YouTube video featuring a 5-year-old girl insisting she must have a job before she gets married on a friend's Facebook wall, I commented, "She's so Saint Mary's." As a senior at Saint Mary's, I meant this very sincerely. I have watched my friends over the last semester be accepted into Ivy League graduate programs, accept incredible job offers, get published in journals, and, generally speaking, achieve great things. When an acquaintance of mine saw my comment, he said "No, that girl is not Saint Mary's." He claimed that stereotypically, Saint Mary's women are not on a mission to find a job, they "are trying to find Notre Dame husbands; in pursuit of their M.R.S. degree." In making this claim, a claim that would no doubt infuriate the 1,600-plus women of Saint Mary's College as it infuriated me, he diminished us to nothing but girls who twiddle their thumbs by day and man-hunt by night. Not only is it appalling that this idea pervades the Notre Dame campus, but the idea that any 21st century woman goes to college simply to meet a man is both archaic and demeaning. Newsflash: The M.R.S. degree does not exist, and if it did, attending an all-women's college to get it is an idea that's a little more progressive than I would expect anyone from Notre Dame to be. Domer boys, we're working just as hard as you. We can be executives, lawyers and dentists, too.

Emily Newton  
senior  
off campus  
Feb. 27

Gingers have friends

In Monday's Ice Breaker, Tierney Roche declared that Harry Potter was unrealistic because she does not believe a ginger can have two friends. As a ginger I take great offense to this. We gingers have battled with the sun for centuries. We survived the Potato Famine. Throughout history, we've been subjected to discrimination and fearful prejudice. We have been declared soulless. But today, I will take no more. I along with the ginger community would like to dispel myths about the ginger being.

First, despite what South Park says, we do have souls. Yes, I know it is hard to believe, but it is true. We are just like you.

Finally, we do have friends. I can name them off for you. There's Mike, Nate and uhhh that girl that sits next to me in philosophy class.

I would like to end with a new idea. I would like to start the club "SPF 100," the club for gingers and others to learn about the ginger culture and the pain that we have suffered throughout the years. I hope you all have been educated today, so go out and hug a ginger, we need all the love we can get.

Sean Fitzgerald  
freshman  
Dillon  
Feb. 28

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than the sword.  
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Changing the game

On Feb. 8, 2011, my father, Peter Grant, met a tragic end by taking his own life, just a week and two days before Dave Duerson's suicide. Our family donated my father's brain and spinal cord to the Boston University study of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE), the same study to which Duerson bequeathed his brain. My father, a 1983 graduate of Notre Dame, not only was a classmate of Duerson, but also lived in Grace Hall and personally knew him. These are not their only similarities. My father was not a Notre Dame football player, but he was an enthusiastic high school and interhall football and hockey player. During his high school sports career, my father sustained seven "major" concussions, with at least two extended hospital stays.

CTE has been in the national media spotlight in recent weeks, but I want to stress that even though the primary focus of this study is professional and collegiate athletes, the disease potentially affects anyone who has suffered head trauma. My father is, to my knowledge, the only member of the study not associated with collegiate or professional sports. I would like my father's donation to bring awareness of CTE to sports at all levels. I believe if a significant effort is made that sports such as football and hockey can adapt to reduce head trauma in a fashion that does not take away the integrity of the game.

This is a vital and necessary cause needed to be pursued not only by the NFL and NCAA, but by all sports associations that deal with these injuries, whether high school or even younger. I know Notre Dame will spread awareness of this issue, now having two alumni in the Boston University study. Notre Dame stands on the principles of community and faith. These principles combined with the University's devotion to football make me firmly believe we can expect an increase in awareness about this issue.

As a final thought, there are no words to express how thankful my family and I am to this University. We understand more than ever what it means to be a member of the Notre Dame family. This University truly does live up to, in every way possible, its values. My family and I could not have gotten through the most difficult days of our lives without the tremendous and continued support that goes above and beyond anything we could have ever imagined. Thank you Notre Dame and thank you to everyone who has shown us support or kept us in their thoughts, it means more to us than you could ever know.

Katie Grant  
senior  
off campus  
Feb. 27

Non-athlete shirts a reminder

Most of you have seen the "Irish Non-Athlete" shirts around campus, and I'm glad that they have stirred up discussion. I'm fed up with everyone assuming I'm an athlete. Just because I'm a black student at Notre Dame doesn't mean I play sports. I hope the shirt will serve as a reminder to everyone to think before they assume.

Holden Lombard  
sophomore  
off campus  
Feb. 27

EDITORIAL CARTOON





By COURTNEY COX  
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The stars came out to celebrate talent in film Sunday, but the real winners of the night were not necessarily the best actors and actresses but the individuals who brought old Hollywood glamour to the red carpet.

A glowing Natalie Portman paid homage to "Black Swan" costume designers Kate and Laura Mulleavy by wearing a custom designed dress from their line Rodarte. The plum gown with an empire waist was perfect for accommodating her growing baby-bump. Her purple and gold Tiffany & Co. earrings and soft wavy hair served to accentuate her chic ensemble.

Portman's "Black Swan" co-star Mila Kunis was radiant on the red carpet in a lavender Elie Saab Haute Couture dress. The dress only added to the effortless beauty for which Kunis is known. Though the dress was accentuated in lace, it was in no way prim or fussy. It was instead elegant in the most understated way possible.

Newcomer Hailee Steinfeld has received rave reviews for her red carpet fashion at the Golden Globes and Screen Actors Guild awards, and she did not disappoint this weekend. She looked age appropriate in a tea length Marchesa dress made of layers of nude tulle and sequins. Her fresh fashion sense is a much-welcomed breath of air.

Presenter Reese Witherspoon showed up in a simple black column dress from Armani Privé. The dress itself was simple but the styling choices made it a home run. She

wore a 1960s inspired voluminous ponytail updo and kept the makeup minimalistic save for thickly-lined eyes. The emerald earrings are reminiscent of something Angelina Jolie has previously worn, but the smaller size was just right and did not attempt to compete with the eye-catching hairdo.

Another star sporting Marchesa was Halle Berry. Her nude tulle and sequin mermaid gown was clearly from the same designer of Steinfeld's youthful look, but Berry was nothing if not sophisticated. She wore her hair in its signature tousled pixie, and her makeup was flawless as

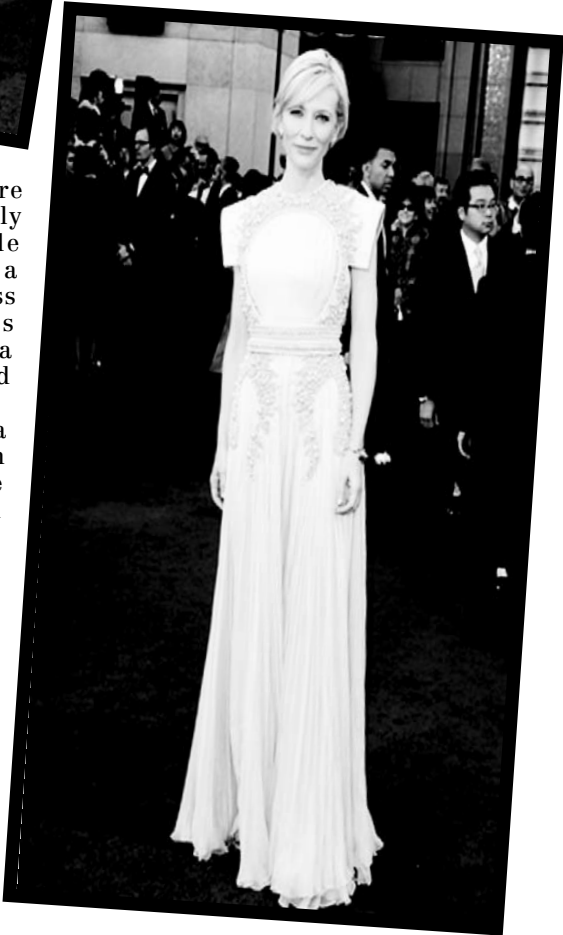
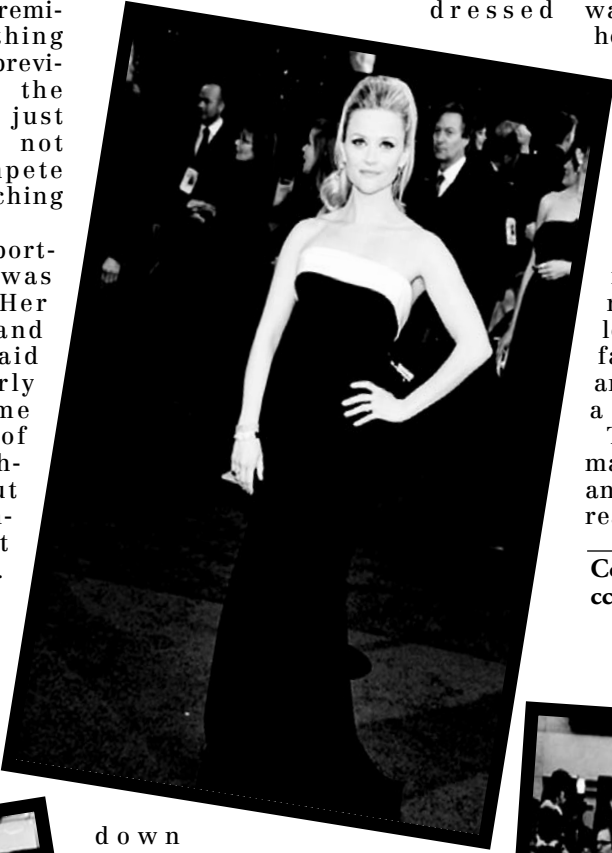
Following the nude trend was an almost unrecognizable Mandy Moore. Moore is most often dressed

ure was accentuated by the flattering dress and her hair was pulled back highlighting her glowing face. She was dripping in diamonds and yet her smile was the focal point of the entire ensemble.

One of the most controversial choices at the Oscars was Cate Blanchett in Givenchy Haute Couture. The intricately beaded lilac dress was without question the most incredible work of art on the red carpet. Though she may not win an award for choosing the most wearable or the most effortless outfit, Blanchett was the most fashionable person in attendance and was a beacon of avant-garde in a sea of safe dresses.

The Academy Awards are the ultimate showcase for celebrity fashion, and this year there were few, if any, real disappointments.

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down in jeans and T-shirts so it was a welcome departure to see her looking impeccably chic. She wore a nude tulle Monique Lhuillier gown with a smattering of sequins across her torso and arms. It was nowhere near casual and a perfect fit for the Oscars red carpet.

Gwyneth Paltrow was a vision in a silver Calvin Klein column dress. The dress, though fluid and seemingly unforgiving, complimented her body perfectly. The actress paired the dress with accessories including earrings, a brooch and a ring from Louis Vuitton, and they served as a welcomed burst of color in an otherwise monochromatic palate.

Jennifer Hudson has truly never looked better in a tangerine Atelier Versace gown. Her newly slimmed down fig-

always.





By MAIJA GUSTIN  
Scene Writer

The 83rd Annual Academy Awards was a night lacking surprises. “The King’s Speech” took home major awards, the Academy continued to rush people off the stage by playing music during their acceptance speeches and Billy Crystal remained the funniest man alive when inside the Kodak Theatre.

This year’s ceremonies, though, felt distinctly different than their predecessors. In an effort to draw in a larger, younger audience, James Franco and Anne Hathaway co-hosted the event. The two made no effort to hide this, frequently referring to the new hip Oscars. There was even an Autotune video with clips from “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1,” “Toy Story 3,” “The Social Network” and “The Twilight Saga: Eclipse” to amuse any young viewers. Their parents, though, and most of the audience were probably just left feeling confused.

The 2011 Oscars weren’t all about being hip and youthful, though. The ceremony paid homage to days gone by with clips, references and montages from past hallmark winners, including “Gone with the Wind,” the blockbuster hit “Titanic” and The Lord of the Rings. This year’s ceremonies handled the Academy Awards history with care, using these films as testaments to cinematic achievement and as examples that influenced the contemporary films honored that night.

Hathaway and Franco gave their best effort to add a little youthful energy to the show. Their opening clip, a film montage in which they travel through Alec Baldwin’s dreams to get tips on hosting the Oscars, was a fantastic way to start the night. However, from there their overly-scripted dialogue became stunted at best. The two lacked any serious chemistry, but played off each other fairly well.

Franco has excellent comedic timing and an amazing dead face, but Hathaway became a little over-eager at times. She could take a few pointers from the more laid-back Franco. However, her outfits were incredible and her solo singing number wasn’t half bad, though she is still no Hugh Jackman.

In the major categories, Melissa Leo dropped the F-bomb while accepting the Best Supporting Actress award for “The Fighter.”

The time-delay at ABC saved America’s audiences from hearing it, and Leo seemed genuinely shocked that it slipped out.

Christian Bale gave a charming acceptance speech for Best Supporting Actor for “The Fighter” in which he referenced his past mistakes with that same F-bomb but ended with an endearing note to his daughter.

Aaron Sorkin gave one of the best speeches of the night for Best Adapted Screenplay for “The Social Network,” talking right through the orchestra’s efforts to kick him off the stage while David Seidler’s speech was heartfelt and hysterical for Best Original Screenplay for “The King’s Speech.” Lee Unkrich’s speech for “Toy Story 3” for Best Animated Feature was similarly heartwarming.

For someone who just won an acting award, Natalie Portman gave a surprisingly jumbled acceptance speech for Best Actress for “Black Swan.” However, something about her pregnancy glow makes her endlessly charming. Colin Firth, on the other hand, was both giddy and understated in his Best Actor speech for “The King’s Speech.” His charm is never-ending.

The biggest upset of the night came in the Best Director category, when Tom Hooper won for “The King’s Speech.” Many thought that David Fincher would win for “The Social Network,” but Hooper certainly deserved the achievement. In a night of shout-outs to mom, his was the best.

“The King’s Speech” won the big prize at the end of the night, Best Picture. The Academy topped off an incredible awards season for the British film that has swept the world up in its story.

So while the tone of the ceremony was different, the point of the Oscars remained the same — honor films and those involved in them with a Hollywood extravaganza. Franco and Hathaway may have tried to draw in the younger audience, but their hosting was only good, not great. In fact, the numbers so far indicate that this year’s Oscar telecast is down in numbers from the last. If they really want to bring in the big numbers, maybe the Academy should just nominate the last Harry Potter film at next year’s awards.

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There was little surprise at Sunday’s Academy Awards when Steven Spielberg announced “The King’s Speech” the Best Picture winner, capping off a spectacular award season for the British film starring Colin Firth as the stammering King George VI.

The film had racked up all the major guild awards and Colin Firth’s heart-wrenching performance rendered the film virtually unstoppable. But rewind six weeks, or heck, to the night of the Golden Globe Awards, and the outlook for the Oscars was very different.

The favorite at that time was director David Fincher and screenwriter Aaron Sorkin’s “The Social Network,” which chronicled the birth of Facebook and what the site’s creator, the now infamous Mark Zuckerberg, personally sacrificed to make his vision a reality.

The film is incredibly relevant as it examines events that happened in the past decade (the film opens in 2003 at Harvard) and it has Shakespearean overtones as Zuckerberg, for all intents and purposes, betrayed everyone, including his best friends, on his road to success and fortune. Meanwhile, Facebook grows from a website into a cultural movement that reaches across the globe.

When it comes down to it, “The King’s Speech,” with its uplifting message and royal subject, is a far more enjoyable film to watch. Enjoyable. Not necessarily better.

Last year, the Academy named the gritty war drama “The Hurt Locker” Best Picture over James Cameron’s smash blockbuster “Avatar.” Why? Over the past decade, the Academy has begun to shy away from simply handing out awards to the crowd-pleasers and instead has focused on rewarding films that say something more about what’s happening in the greater culture.

“The Hurt Locker” brought home the real life drama of modern warfare in an

almost painful manner. “The Social Network” is a movie that Notre Dame students can easily relate to, and is probably the first movie to capture the new digital age and critique the new methods of communication. The film uses its version of a caustic and socially-awkward Mark Zuckerberg to illustrate the shift in how we now interact with one another.

“The Social Network” offers a commentary on the multimedia world we all now inhabit. It shows how one Harvard student’s difficulties in connecting with people on a personal level led to the creation of something so immense and consuming, that Facebook now functions as both a noun and a verb in contemporary English vernacular.

So why did “The King’s Speech” ultimately triumph Sunday? One could offer cynical reasons, saying it was simply riding the wave of support the film had acquired after sweeping every major award ceremony after the Globes. Or, audiences looked at the deeper meaning of the film.

At its heart, “The King’s Speech” is about a man struggling to find his voice. Firth played

the king as a tormented man thrust into a position of power he never desired. He tries over several years to lose his stammer, and at the culmination of the film, he successfully delivers a moving speech to his countrymen on the brink of World War II.

Few today would believe that eloquent words, especially from a figurehead such as the English monarch, could solve a nation’s problems. But King George’s inspiring journey perhaps struck a chord with audiences because it moved people in the theater the same way King George moved his contemporaries.

Perhaps audiences wanted to sit for two hours and believe that words could bring about change and unite a country in a time of crisis. Perhaps everyone needed to believe, especially in today’s uncertain world, that it was all that simple.

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NHL

Blue Jackets trade Klesla to Phoenix for Upshall, Lepisto

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Phoenix Coyotes needed a big, stay-at-home defenseman to fill in while Ed Jovanovski is out with an injury. The Columbus Blue Jackets wanted more speed and financial flexibility.

Both sides got what they wanted a couple of hours before the NHL trade deadline ended on Monday.

The Blue Jackets dealt their last original player, defenseman Rostislav Klesla, to the Coyotes for left wing Scottie Upshall and defenseman Sami Lepisto. Columbus also included minor-league forward Dane Byers, who was acquired from the New York Rangers in November.

“When Ed Jovanovski got injured, we felt very vulnerable on our blue line, especially in the defensive-matchup, penalty-killing role,” Coyotes GM Don Maloney said. “We searched for what we hoped was a top-four defenseman who could match up against good players. This deal really came up today and it was a case where we had to give to get.”

The Blue Jackets and Coyotes are both fighting for spots in the crowded Western Conference playoff race.

“They were looking for a left-handed, bigger, stronger shut-down-type of guy. That sort of fit their need,” Blue Jackets general manager Scott Howson said. “And we wanted to improve our mobility and maybe give us some offense.”

Klesla, hampered by injuries the past two seasons, was the expansion club's first-round pick (fourth overall) in the 2000 player draft. The 28-year-old had three goals and seven assists in 45 games this year with a plus-10 rating.

Klesla has size (6-foot-3, 221 pounds) to help the Coyotes' blue line. Jovanovski is recovering from an orbital-bone fracture.

“It's been a long time. I've really enjoyed my time in Columbus,” Klesla said on TSN. “I met a lot of great people. The only thing that wasn't great was that we weren't able to bring a winning team. I wish them the best.”

The Coyotes felt that the deal would be a tonic for Klesla.

“It's a fresh start for him,” said Maloney, who has Klesla's first coach with the Blue Jackets, Dave King, on his coaching staff. “We felt we had a good insight into the player and the personality and the fit with our group because so much of what we do is chemistry and mix. We look at him

as a tandem with Mike Rozsival that can match up with anyone in the West and straighten up our penalty killing a little.”

Klesla has three years remaining on a contract that pays him almost \$3 million a year, through the 2013-14 season.

“Well, it was hard to move Rusty,” Howson said. “(He is) a good person, really good in the community, been a really good player for us. That wasn't an easy deal. It was just a case where the needs fit each team.”

Just before the deadline, the Blue Jackets also dealt left wing Tom Sestito to the Philadelphia Flyers for former Columbus center Greg Moore and center prospect Michael Chaput.

The Blue Jackets need quicker players to plug into coach Scott Arniel's attack. In addition, Howson was looking to add to the club's depth while stocking up on younger players.

Upshall, 27, was a No. 1 pick in the 2002 draft (sixth overall). He had 16 goals and 11 assists this season and 80 goals and 85 assists in 340 career games with Nashville, Philadelphia and Phoenix. The Blue Jackets, badly in need of players with an edge, coveted a player who was tough in addition to having offensive skills.



Columbus defenseman Rostislav Klesla battles Tampa Bay center Nate Thompson around the net during a Jan. 18 game.

Upshall last week was suspended two games by the league for a hit on Flyers defenseman Oskars Bartulis. Upshall received a two-minute boarding penalty, and Bartulis left the game with a shoulder injury.

Lepisto, a 26-year old from Finland, has four goals and seven assists this year and five goals and six assists in 131 career games. He was a third-round pick (66th overall) in the

2004 draft by Washington.

Upshall, making \$2.25 million this year, is an unrestricted free agent after the season. Lepisto, a restricted free agent after the season, is making \$800,000.

“(The trade) will give us some flexibility as we move forward into the long-term future,” Howson said. “But this was about now, really, in trying to give our team a little boost as we try and make the playoffs.”

MLB

Crawford makes debut, Ortiz homers in Red Sox win

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Not much to remember from Carl Crawford's spring training debut for the Boston Red Sox.

The \$142 million man was 0 for 3 in Monday's 7-6 win over the Minnesota Twins. David Ortiz hit a three-run homer, and Josh Reddick hit a two-run drive.

“First time I've ever seen Carl in a Boston uniform, so that was good,” Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. “It's just two games into spring training.”

Daisuke Matsuzaka

allowed one run in two innings — on a Jason Kubel homer in the first. He struck out one and walked one, throwing 14 of 25 pitches for strikes.

“Very good velocity. That was exciting to see that, especially early on,” Francona said. “Very aggressive with his fastball. Had some good life to it. I was excited about that.”

Matsuzaka, who has battled control issues, was satisfied with his appearance.

“As it's the first outing of the spring season, the fastball is running pretty well,” he said through interpreter Kenta Yamada. “That's something I'm very confident with. Overall, I

think I did a very good job as a first outing.”

Twins starter Nick Blackburn gave up two hits in two scoreless innings, throwing 18 of 28 pitches for strikes.

“He went right at the hitters,” Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. “Good velocity and good movement.”

Blackburn is adding a slider back to his repertoire following a 10-12 record last year.

“Last year, I didn't have a great season,” he said. “But I learned how to pitch without my slider, which is something that I haven't been able to do for my entire career. Hopefully adding that slider will make it a little easier, won't have to rely on the sinker as much, kind of mix it up, give me an extra pitch.”

Loser James Hoey gave up Reddick's seventh-inning

homer.

“Good arm, great arm,” Gardenhire said. “The ball really came out of his hand. I mean the ball was flying out there today. But even the pitch the guy went deep on was not a bad pitch. It was down, with an angle and good velocity. I like to see that velocity.”

Luke Hughes hit a two-run homer in the third against knuckleballer Tim Lincecum.

Ortiz's homer to right field came with Jacoby Ellsbury and Dustin Pedroia on base. Ortiz has gotten off to slow starts the past two years.

Although, it's spring training, Francona was happy with the swing Ortiz took.

“I think it counts,” Francona said. “I'd much rather see guys swing good than not good. The way they go through spring training, there's no way, you don't see it very often where guys get hot, because they don't play every day. They're not supposed to. If we played David a week in a row, he would probably find his swing, but he'd find it in February. We need guys to grow into it or build into it. I was excited because he kept that ball fair. He kept his hands in and didn't hook it foul. It was a pretty swing.”

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Glee -Brittany Quotes

"I don't brush my teeth, I rinse my mouth with soda after I eat. I was pretty sure Dr. Pepper was a dentist."

Will: "What's a ballad?"

Brittany: Its a male duck

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"People think I went on vacation, but actually I spent all summer lost in the sewers"

Will: "What's a duet?"

Brittany: "A blanket"

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as senior walk-on Tom Kopko drove the lane and scored in the final minute.

As time expired, only one phrase could be heard, yelled by students, fans and Brian Kelly alike — “We are ND. We are ND.”

In the last game of the season, the loudest game of the season, the loudest cheer explains why this Notre Dame team is the best we’ve seen in years.

It was a night of 3-pointers and individual performances. Fourth-year forward Tim Abromaitis tied the Joyce Center record for individual 3s in a game. He and Hansbrough each scored 30 for only the second time in school history. Hansbrough and senior forward Tyrone Nash each recorded double-doubles. But it was the team performance that once again shows the potential of this Irish squad.

All but six of Notre Dame’s 29 made shots came off assists. Four players scored in double-digits. Every single player on the Irish bench got playing time.

I’ve said it many times throughout the season — this Notre Dame team is special because there isn’t just one star. True, Hansbrough has a chance to be the Big East Player of the Year, and Notre Dame thrives off of his energy and ability. But, as Villanova learned the hard way tonight, if you leave Abromaitis open, he will destroy you — and not just with 3s.

This team is versatile, and that’s why they clinched a top-two finish in the Big East, clearly the best conference in the country. That’s why the

Irish still have a shot to finish first in the Big East with a win over Connecticut and a Pittsburgh loss Saturday. That’s why a win in the Big East tournament puts the Irish in a good position to be a No. 2 seed in the NCAA tournament. And that’s why, dare I say, if the Irish can pull out three straight victories in New York next week, they have a shot at a No. 1 seed. Who could possibly have seen that coming?

The energy in the Purcell Pavilion was unlike any this school has seen away from the football field in years. From the tip-off, every person inside knew who was going to win the game. The students knew. Mike Brey knew. Hansbrough knew. Deep down, even Villanova knew. Let me repeat: A Notre Dame basketball team not only beat, but dominated and knew it was going to dominate a top-20 Big East team, after just a day of rest when four of the Irish starters played 29 or more minutes against Seton Hall. As a result, the Irish go undefeated at home for the third time in five years. Now that’s a home-court advantage.

When Hansbrough took the microphone to address the crowd after the game, he said that from the season’s outset, one of the team’s goals was to be perfect at the Purcell Pavilion.

“We wanted to go undefeated at home. We,” he said, with an emphasis on “we” as he pointed around the building.

We are ND, and this time, we’re for real.

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# Irish

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Hansbrough’s 30 points, despite only hitting one field goal within the arc.

“I don’t think [Villanova] really focused on shooters like some of the other teams do,” Abromaitis said. “Earlier in the year I would have paid a good amount of money to get a couple of those looks.”

Notre Dame (24-5, 13-4 Big East) put the Wildcats (21-9, 9-7) on their heels from the opening minutes, riding four 3s — in order, one from senior guard Carleton Scott, Abromaitis, Hansbrough and another from Abromaitis — inside the first four minutes to take a 14-4 lead.

“We came out here and hit a couple 3s in the first few minutes,” said senior forward Tyrone Nash, who finished with 11 points and 11 rebounds. “We really came out and won the first four minutes of the first half. I think that’s really when we won the game right there.”

Scott ended the game with two from behind the arc, senior guard Scott Martin and freshman guard Eric Atkins added one apiece, and Notre Dame ended the night with a program-record 20 3s, shooting 62.5 percent from deep.

“I think that’s just part of our mental preparation, and people getting in the gym and working on their shots by themselves, and just seizing opportunity when it’s there,” Hansbrough said of the sky-high conversion rate. “We just shot incredible tonight.”

The record-setting performance carried Notre Dame to a few unique marks. The win assured the Irish will finish no lower than second in the final Big East regular season stand-



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**Senior guard Ben Hansbrough backs down a Villanova defender in Notre Dame’s 93-72 win Monday. Hansbrough netted seven 3-pointers.**

ings, with a chance at first place still standing. Resulting from that, Notre Dame will receive a double-bye in the Big East tournament, beginning the tournament in the quarter-finals. The Irish also ended their home schedule without a blemish, 19-0.

“One more thing — at the very start of the season, we talked about no matter who came in, we wanted to end the season undefeated at home,” Hansbrough said as he addressed the crowd after the game.

“For us to come out and do that, that’s what makes it so emotional for me.”

The win also tied Nash and walk-on senior Tom Kopko with last year’s senior class as the winningest class in school history.

Hansbrough, Nash and Kopko — the three seniors with no eligibility remaining — each took a turn at the mic after the game amidst loud applause.

“All I want to say is thank

you to the fans,” Nash said. “It’s been a long four years, but I couldn’t have done anything without these 12 guys behind me and the coaching staff.”

As for Kopko, the loudest cheers of the night did not come during his speech, but rather when he entered the game with one minute left, and managed to score on a drive for Notre Dame’s final points. As he picked himself up off the court and the ball fell through the net, the crowd cheered louder than it did for even Hansbrough’s record-breaking 3.

“First off, I have to thank these guys for getting me in at the end there,” Kopko said. “I have to thank these 12 guys, the coaching staff for giving me this opportunity, and coach Brey, thanks a lot.”

Notre Dame ends its regular season with a match-up against No. 16 Connecticut Saturday at 2 p.m.

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## NFL

# Players and owners try to avoid lockout

Associated Press

NEW YORK — This is the week hardly anyone expected to actually arrive: deadline time for the NFL and its players' union.

The collective bargaining agreement expires Thursday night, and the owners could lock out the players. Even before that, though, the Players Association is likely to decertify to prevent a lockout and take its chances in court.

Both sides will resume meeting with a federal mediator Tuesday and probably Wednesday in Washington; seven recent sessions brought little progress. The 32 team owners have meetings Wednesday and Thursday in nearby Chantilly, Va., where they will be briefed on the status of negotiations before deciding on the next step.

Just ahead stands the unthinkable: a labor shutdown in America's most prosperous and popular sport.

"Everything is hypothetical right now," new 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh said Monday. "I'm just optimistic we can get something done."

If the league locks out the players, everything stops except the NFL draft on April 28-30 — and any interviews or workouts teams conduct with college players leading up to the draft. After that, teams can't contact their picks, nor can they sign undrafted rookies.

Veterans also will be in limbo, with no offseason workouts (OTAs) or mini-camps held. The longer the impasse lasts, the more in jeopardy training camps, the preseason and — gasp! — the regular season become.

Dolphins quarterback Chad Henne already has plans for practicing with teammates.

"We picked out a spot to work out at, and we're trying to get guys back in town," Henne said. "Normally our offseason program starts March 28, so we're going to try to have everybody back March 28 ... and hopefully a lot of guys will come back and we can work out and we can build some bonding and camaraderie."

The financial losses are almost incalculable, but would grow by tens of millions of dollars the longer the work stoppage lasts. The NFL is a \$9 billion industry, but not when it comes to a halt.

Should the union decertify, something it did in 1989, only to reform, individual players would seek a court injunction preventing a lockout. Players on every team approved decertification in votes during the season.

But going through the courts can be a long, winding journey.

The league filed an unfair labor practice charge against the union with the National Labor Relations Board in mid-February, saying the NFLPA "consistently has failed to confer in good faith" during negotiations for a new contract. The NFL claimed

the union's plans to decertify overrode its interest in reaching a new CBA, a charge union spokesman George Atallah said had "absolutely no merit."

If the union decertifies, which it must do before the CBA expires at 11:59 p.m. Thursday night, Commissioner Roger Goodell and the NFL in essence would have nobody to negotiate with. Then again, the players wouldn't have executive director DeMaurice Smith representing them anymore.

Already, some teams have withheld 2011 playbooks from veterans, particularly teams with new coaches, offensive or defensive coordinators. Indeed, several teams are putting together two sets of playbooks, one for use if there is an agreement and offseason workouts take place, and one in the event there are no OTAs or mini-camps.

"There have never been any restrictions on when you could or couldn't hand out playbooks or do the normal offseason stuff," Cardinals coach Ken Whisenhunt said.

"Obviously, we have different schedules planned," Broncos coach John Fox added, "but all 32 teams are dealing with this."

Judge David Doty in Minneapolis is dealing with an NFLPA motion that \$4 billion in TV rights fees from the NFL's network partners should be placed in escrow rather than spread among the teams in 2011 — even if no games are played. The league's agreements with the networks calls for payments to be made whether games take place next season or not, and the NFL says lockout protection is a normal part of such contracts.

Doty's decision likely won't come before Thursday night's CBA deadline.



NFL commissioner Roger Goodell arrives in Washington, D.C. Thursday to meet with representatives from the NFL Player's Association. A federal mediator heard the labor investigations. AP



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## MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

# Suriano carries prep success into college

By JOE WIRTH  
Sports Writer

Irish junior Zac Suriano is no stranger to the level of success he is currently having on the track.

Suriano, who attended Shenendehowa High School in Clifton Park, N.Y., was a 10-time letter-winner between cross-country, track and field and soccer during his high school years. As a junior in high school he was on the national champion 4x400-meter relay team. He was responsible for three records during his time at Shenendehowa. He set high school records in the 800-meter, the indoor sprint medley relay and the outdoor sprint medley relay. He was also a seven-time conference and regional winner.

The junior said he started participating in track and field as a kid as a way to stay in shape for other sports, but he soon found out he had quite a knack for competitive running.

"I initially started running track in elementary school with my town's club team because of some encouragement from my parents to give it a try," Suriano said. "For a few years track was a way to stay in shape for soccer and basketball until freshmen year of high school when I started to realize it was the other way around and what I looked forward to was track season in the spring. By junior year, I had started running all three seasons with cross country and track and am still doing so now five years later."

As a senior in high school

he had his heart set on running for Duke, but family advice and a trip to South Bend swayed his decision.

"Entering my senior year I was set on going to Duke to continue my education, it wasn't until my grandmother said something about how great of a school Notre Dame was that I looked into it," Suriano said. "I arranged a visit with the team and after spending just two days on campus I knew it was where I wanted to be. Despite being here for a shutout loss to USC before fall break the campus had a great feel to it where I could see myself enjoying my four years while getting a top-notch education."

Suriano was a member of the honors society in high school and maintains his commitment to academics here at Notre Dame.

"I struggled my freshmen year finding the balance between academics and athletics and paid the price on both ends. The key is being efficient with what time you have," Suriano said. "You can't stay up late half-working, half-watching TV and still expect to perform well at practice and in the classroom. And despite my will to procrastinate, planning a week or so ahead has become the norm to keep things from becoming too hectic when traveling to meets on weekends."

Suriano and the rest of the Irish track and field team will be in action at home this weekend in the Alex Wilson Invitational.

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## Demons

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the second half, Mallory attacked a DePaul guard and stole the ball, feeding it from the ground to junior Natalie Novosel, who gave it to Devereaux Peters for a layup.

The play came after a furious half and gave Notre Dame its first lead in four minutes—but was once again, it wasn't enough.

DePaul senior Felicia Chester made a layup with four seconds left and No. 7 Notre Dame (24-6, 13-3 Big East) fell 70-69 in the final seconds to No. 11 DePaul (25-5, 13-3) Monday night at the McGrath Phillips Arena in Chicago.

Down 32-26 after halftime, Notre Dame scored the first seven points of the second half and 19 of the first 26 to open up a 58-49 lead over DePaul.

"We knew in the first half we weren't really playing our game," Mallory said.

But the Blue Demons fought their way back with a 12-0 run that spanned more than three minutes to take a 61-58 lead.

The Irish tied it at 61 with four minutes to play and the two teams sparred for the remaining time.

"I thought we made a valiant effort at the end of the game," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Chester led all players with 20 points on her own senior day, and celebrated with fans who rushed the court after the victory. DePaul junior Keisha Hampton came in right behind her with 17 points.

"I thought Hampton and Chester were too much for us defensively," McGraw said.

Diggins led the Irish with 18 points, while Novosel had 17, Peters 15 and Mallory 10. Senior forward Becca Bruszewski had just six points after getting into foul trouble early, and she fouled out with 5:28 remaining in the game.

The Irish now have six days to think about the loss before they begin play in the Big East tournament Sunday in Hartford, Conn., as a No. 3-seed.

"The season's over, it's done," Mallory said. "We've got to move on."

DePaul will be the No. 2-seed in the tournament, meaning the two teams could play each other again in the semi-final round on Monday.

"We'll be ready," McGraw said. "I can guarantee that."

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Senior midfielder Zach Brenneman runs upfield with the ball during a game last season against Providence.

## Lacrosse

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season, Brenneman has recorded four goals and two assists, leading the Irish in points. When asked about his success thus far, he shied away from the attention and quickly credited the Irish defense for the team's 2-0 record.

"What we're doing as a team is we're playing great team defense. Our defense really stepped it up last game when our offense wasn't doing that great," Brenneman said.

Irish coach Kevin Corrigan admitted he and Brenneman have had a few encounters regarding play-calling, but he said these discussions are fueled by Brenneman's desire to make his team better.

"I'll be honest with you, Zach and I have at times butted heads because he's a really strong-willed guy. He has strong feelings about the way he's going to play, and I have strong feelings about what I want our team to be like," Corrigan said. "I don't mind working through this with a kid when he wants to make the team great. I probably butt heads with him more than anyone on the team, but that's alright; that's not bad at all."

Brenneman said Corrigan makes himself approachable and easy to work with whenever a player has questions.

"Coach and I have a dynamic where he has a strong personality, and his ideas are always something that I take into consideration. He will talk to the players if they say, 'This play doesn't work,' or 'We can score a lot of goals on this play,'" Brenneman said. "If they ask him anything, he'll talk. He's a great guy, especially when

it comes to anything like that."

Brenneman said one lesson in particular stood out from the many teaching moments he has had with Corrigan.

"When he talks about how he'd rather you play hard and make mistakes than not play hard and not make mistakes, kids aren't afraid to make mistakes," Brenneman said. "And kids who do make mistakes are rewarded because they're making plays while going hard and not being afraid to make mistakes."

Brenneman said he has taken that philosophy to heart, and he works hard on the field to set the standard for his teammates.

"I'm not a vocal leader. I tend to lead by example in that I try as hard as I can, and I give it 110 percent in practice," Brenneman said. "I bring that attitude to those younger than me and try to be that person who's always trying."

Corrigan said Brenneman's hard work and drive to improve have made him the athlete and the leader that he is today.

"Zach's best leadership is in his example of how much he cares and how much he wants to be good," Corrigan said. "He's more of a guy who is a motor within a team because guys see how hard he works and how hard he has worked to get where he is, and they realize that there's no shortcut and no easy way to get there."

That passion and work ethic, Corrigan said, is what makes Brenneman's teammates follow the co-captain.

"The quality that Zach exudes is an enthusiasm for playing, an enthusiasm for everything," Corrigan said. "He's a passionate kid, and that's why the players

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## Conway

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enough to study after our rounds," Conway said.

The small size of the golf team — usually just six to eight golfers — makes competing for Top Team GPA honors more difficult.

"There is no room for anyone to have a bad GPA. If so much as one person does badly, the team really suffers and there is no hope of winning the [award]," Holt said. "There is pressure to do well and not let your teammates down."

But the close-knit atmosphere — and peer pressure — that comes from being a member of such a small team is

also one of the squad's greatest assets.

"The upperclassmen have had a positive influence on me

and have set a good example because when I feel like relaxing or sleeping, I see them working and studying hard, and so I feel obligated to do the same," Zhang said.

The team begins every semester with a meeting to set athletic and academic goals, and every semester the group resolves to win Top Team GPA honors. But members of the squad believe that this goal would be unattainable if it weren't for the drive and strong work ethic of each individual Irish golfer.

"Having the highest GPA is something we are very proud of, and while it was a goal of ours at the beginning of the season, it's more a product of our individual goals and motivation to be successful," Conway said.

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24 Sassy sort

25 Has control over

26 "Friendly" action

27 Bright-eyed and bushy-tailed

28 Japanese noodle dish

29 Eskimo boat

30 Israeli P.M. after Shamir

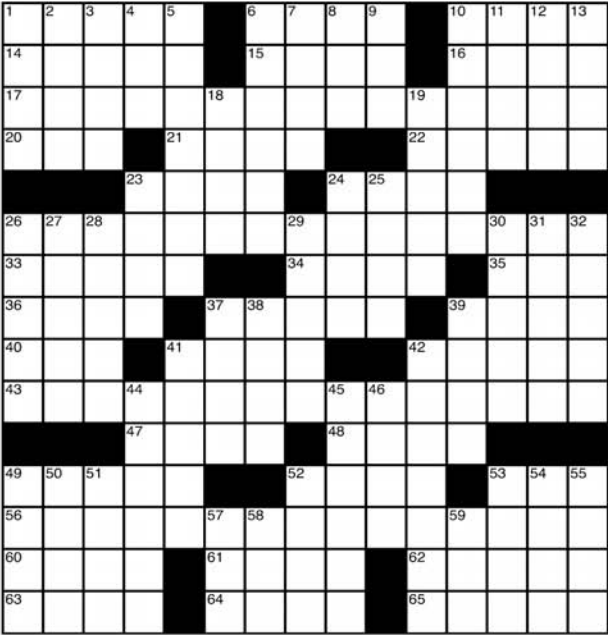
61 Seep

62 Deadly

63 Gets the picture

64 White-tailed \_\_\_\_

65 Picture holder



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- 31 Having a pulse

32 Firefighting aid

37 Wingtip or wedge

38 Country bumpkin

39 Elvis \_\_\_\_ Presley

41 Doctrine

42 Leave, as kids at school

44 Gives a speech

45 Fireplace remnant

46 Algerian port

49 Sacred bird of ancient Egypt

50 Gold streak

51 Manhattan, for one

52 Clothing tag information

53 Terrier in "The Thin Man"

54 Travel aimlessly

55 Up to the task

57 Go-ahead sign

58 Female 64-Across

59 La Brea goop

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EUGENIA LAST

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Jason Aldean, 34; Ali Larter, 35; Eric Lindros, 38; Pat Monahan, 42

**Happy Birthday:** Those you have done favors for in the past will make offers that allow you to put your skills to the test. You will be able to connect with people who can contribute to your life both personally and professionally if you broaden your interests. Think outside the box this year. Your numbers are 4, 9, 16, 21, 33, 38, 40

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Tread carefully. Overreacting will be your downfall. Being a patient observer may not be to your liking but it will spare you from coming across as difficult, ruining your reputation. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Take time to listen and help others. Making personal or professional changes based on what you know and can offer will help you advance. Don't let anyone persuade you to do something that will not benefit you or a cause you believe in. ★★★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Listen to someone with more experience but don't feel obligated to pay for the information. You will be doing whoever helps you a service by teaching them, in return, that they have something to offer. A shared effort will bring the best results. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You'll have a greater interest in your financial status and should be able to come up with an original idea that can be used to accumulate greater cash flow. Joining forces with someone either personally or professionally will help you lower your overhead. ★★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Think about your beliefs, your lifestyle and what motivates you. It may be time to alter the way you do things but don't go overboard or put pressure on someone else in order to do so. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Do everything in your power to be the best you can be. A makeover, picking up skills or even changing the way you handle your money can all contribute to your future success. Love is on the rise. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't give in to someone putting unreasonable demands on you. You have to be strong if you want equality. A change in the way you do things or your professional direction can contribute to your self-confidence. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't wait for someone else to tell you how things should be done or what you should do. Make up your own mind and follow your own path. You won't be disappointed in the results. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't let someone's criticism or lack of understanding throw you off course. Recognize what it is that will make you happy and concentrate on getting to that point. ★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Stifle any emotional feelings that may stop you from doing what's best for you, personally or professionally. Remembering why you have to make changes will give you the strength to do what's required to move forward. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Listen to good advice. It may not be what you want to hear but it will help you make a better choice. Someone from your past will have an impact on you now. Put distance between you and someone who is a bad influence. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** A last-minute change of plans may be annoying but, in the end, it will be beneficial. Offering your services or knowledge will result in a favor or promise being made. Don't put pressure on anyone or let anyone pressure you. ★★★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are creative and cautious—a combination that will help you excel. You have integrity, courage and problem-solving skills.

JUMBLE

JEFF KNUREK  
MIKE ARGIRION

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

IXTYS

ONLOY

ROTHEY

KHENAS

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

A: [Circled letters from the words above]

IT ON

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: DECRY UNCLE MALTED NUMBER  
Answer: A beauty queen will make her entrance to — ENTRANCE



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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Senior moments

*Notre Dame earns double-bye in Big East tournament with win*

By DOUGLAS FARMER  
Sports Editor

In his last home game wearing a Notre Dame uniform, senior guard Ben Hansbrough went out with a bang, and then another one, and another one, and another one, until he had tallied 30 points on 7-of-10 shooting from behind the arc.

Hansbrough's seven 3s didn't even lead the No. 8 Irish during their 93-72 victory over No. 19 Villanova Monday. That honor went to fourth-year forward Tim Abromaitis as he tied a Joyce Center record with nine 3s on only 13 attempts.

"I was telling Abro, 'Did you and me get 16 3s combined?'" Hansbrough said of the record-shooting performance. "That's a decent enough shooting night."

Abromaitis matched

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Senior forward Tim Abromaitis drives past a Villanova defender early in the second half of Monday's game. Abromaitis tallied 30 points in Notre Dame's 93-72 victory over the Wildcats.

JULIE HERDER/The Observer

*Hansbrough, Abromaitis score 30 points in rout at home on Senior Night*

As the clock wound down on Notre Dame's 21-point victory over Villanova Monday night to seal a perfect record at the Purcell Pavilion and clinch a double-bye in the Big East tournament, the loudest cheer of the night rang through the arena.

It wasn't the cheer that rose up when the Irish broke Notre Dame's single-game 3-point record. It wasn't the cheer as Ben Hansbrough left the court for the last time in his Notre Dame career. It wasn't even the cheer the echoed through the building



Eric Prister

Associate Sports Editor

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## ND WOMEN'S GOLF

# Squad impresses in the classroom and on the links

By VICKY JACOBSEN  
Sports Writer

The women's golf team enjoyed success on the course this past fall, compiling a record of 53-11-0 and ending the season with a No. 17 ranking. But the squad also impressed in the classroom, finishing the fall semester with a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.534, the highest of any Notre Dame varsity team.

"It feels great to have com-

plied the highest team GPA for the fall semester, as it was our main academic goal for this year," freshman Nicole Zhang said. "All of us on the team work really hard on both academics and golf, and it has paid off."

The golf team has turned academic excellence into a habit, winning the Top Team GPA award twice since Susan Holt became named head coach in 2006. The squad has finished with the second highest GPA of all Irish varsity

teams, and has never finished a semester lower than fourth in the standings. Members of the team have been named Big East Academic All-Stars 19 times during Holt's tenure.

"The team performs very consistently in the classroom, and I think it is just the culture that has been created," Holt said. "I am most proud of the accountability our players have for themselves and to each other to succeed in the classroom."

While schoolwork is clearly a

priority for the Irish, balancing the demands of challenging coursework with the golf course does not always come easy.

The golf team competes in both the fall and spring semesters, so there is no off season when the golfers can focus more energy on their classes. Tournaments are often held as far away as Florida and Hawaii.

"On the road, it is pretty hard to find time to study or do homework because we golf

from sunrise to sunset on the 36-hole days, and we have to make sure we go to bed early and get a lot of practice in," Zhang said. "We try to do as much homework as we can before we leave for tournaments, but we usually hit the books when we are on the plane and in the car."

Senior Katie Conway agreed with Zhang's assessment.

"Our biggest challenge is probably staying awake long

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# ND falls to Blue Demons

By LAURA MYERS  
Sports Writer

CHICAGO — With just over a minute to play in the first half of Notre Dame's final regular-season game, senior guard Brittany Mallory sprinted the length of the court after a fast-breaking DePaul guard, diving to knock the ball from her hands and out of bounds before she could make a shot.

The play came after one of Notre Dame's 15 first-half turnovers and was followed seconds later by a Blue Demons lay-up — just another too little, too late moment for the Irish.

With 30 seconds to play in

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SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins sets for a shot during Notre Dame's 70-69 loss at DePaul Monday. Diggins led the Irish with 18 points.

## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Senior Brenneman leads team by example

By MEGAN GOLDEN  
Sports Writer

Growing up in competition with his younger brother in his East Hampton, N.Y. backyard, all signs pointed to a successful athletic career for senior midfielder and co-captain Zach Brenneman.

Zach and his brother, freshman midfielder Tyler Brenneman, often played with the neighborhood kids, engaging in any activities that involved competition.

"We had a big neighborhood community, and obviously I would always pick on Ty," Zach said. "We used to always play manhunt, and we enjoyed play-

ing little stupid games. They were always competitive."

Brenneman was in the seventh grade when his father saw him with a lacrosse stick for the first time. His father, who played baseball at Geneva College, was initially thoroughly disappointed with his son's choice of sport.

"It's a funny story actually," Brenneman said. "My dad came home, and I had a lacrosse stick in my hand. My dad was a baseball fanatic. He was kind of upset, but then he saw how much fun I was having, and after that he didn't really care."

In the first two games of the

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