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Forum focuses on education problems

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

Four national leaders in education urged the Notre Dame community to use its resources to help improve the American school system at a panel titled, "The System: Opportunity, Crisis and Obligation in K-12 Education," held at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Wednesday.

The panel marked the beginning of the 2011-2012 Notre Dame Forum. The Forum will focus on the challenges K-12 education faces in the United States.

Panelists Michelle Rhee, Howard Fuller, Sara Martinez Tucker and John Dilulio discussed the successes and failures of the current system.

"We're at a specific moment in time right now [when] there's more attention being paid to public education reform, and we have the opportunity to radically transform it," Rhee said. "If we can't take advantage of this opportunity, then I don't know if another one like this is ever going to come up."

Fuller said the American ideal of universal education was important but policymakers still need to do what is necessary to make that ideal a reality.



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Education experts John Dilulio, left, Sara Martinez Tucker, center, and Howard Fuller, right discuss the challenges of the American education system at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Wednesday.

"The education agenda in our country has been driven by special interests," Rhee said. "The problem in that dynamic is that you don't have a national, organized interest group with the same heft as the teacher's union."

Rhee said the lack of a powerful group looking out for the children in the system was a problem.

"If there is not an equal or

greater force [than the teacher's union] at the table that's saying what is at the best interest of the children, then you're going to end up with a landscape of laws and policies that are skewed, and not towards children," she said.

Dilulio identified school violence and drop-out rates as two major issues facing American education. He said school violence is under-reported, where-

as graduation rates are over-reported.

Fuller said American students are performing significantly worse in the classroom than their foreign peers are. American students, however, have high intellectual confidence compared with students in other nations.

Fuller said talking about the

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Holy Half runners fight heat

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Editor

Completing the Holy Half was on senior Kaitie McCabe's college bucket list, but sun and 80 degree temperatures Sunday stood in her way as she attempted to complete the race.

McCabe trained for the 13.1-mile race in the weeks leading up to the Half, yet she only completed a portion of the race.

"I went out as fast as I had planned and by mile four I was really struggling," she said. "I ended up completing the 'Holy Quarter' but didn't feel like I could finish the entire half marathon. It was very disappointing."

Race organizer Gabby Tate described the day as a "perfect storm" of unexpected conditions.

"Most people were not accustomed to running on an 80 degree weather day," she said.

McCabe was not the only runner to feel the effects of Sunday's heat.

"Seven students were transported to Memorial Hospital for heat

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Lula's owner discusses café's closing, future



MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observer

After 16 years of operation, local Lula's Café closed in the fall. Owner Steve Egan is hopeful the Café will make a comeback.

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

After 16 years as a South Bend staple, Lula's Café closed in the fall much to the lament of students and town residents alike. The local hotspot was forced to shut down after its lease was not renewed for unknown reasons, Lula's owner Steve Egan said.

The ownership still hopes the restaurant can make a comeback, though.

"I want Lula's to exist in the community more than anyone does," Egan said. "I'm willing and open to listening to creative solutions on how that might happen."

While Egan considered multiple opportunities to reopen at other

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Students go bald for charity

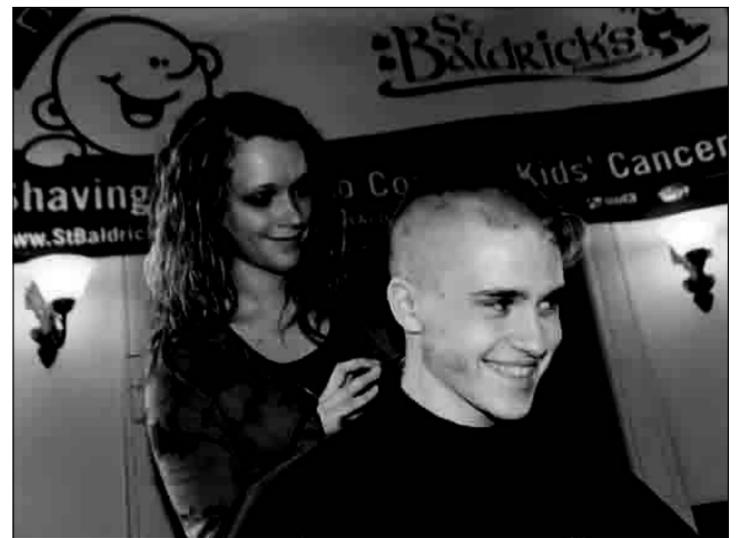
By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Despite her profession's affinity for hair, Angie Paris, a hairdresser at University Hair Stylists, decided to shave her head today for The Bald & the Beautiful: ND Fights Cancer.

"I feel like God planted it in my heart and I started to think about it," Paris said. "I asked myself 'Are you sure about this?' and I prayed about it, and I just feel like it's something I should do."

The Bald & the Beautiful — sponsored by the Class of 2012, student government, Circle K and Pangborn, Duncan and Badin Halls — is Notre Dame's third annual head-shaving event to raise money for St. Baldrick's Foundation, a charity committed to cancer research funding. The event kicked off Wednesday and will continue through Friday.

Former Hall President's Council co-chair Mike Oliver said 800 people participated in last year's event, which



ASHLEY DACY/The Observer

Freshman Michael Stankiewicz has his head shaved to raise money for the St. Baldrick's Foundation.

raised over \$41,500. This year, the goal is set at \$60,000.

Student body president emeritus Catherine Soler said the committee aimed to incorporate a variety of different organizations into this year's event, including class councils,

residence halls and athletic teams.

"I think internally we've gotten a lot more people involved and that's been great to spread it through the dorms and through campus," she

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE NINTENDO 64 GAME?



Yiting Zheng
sophomore
McGlinn

"Umm ... even though I'm Asian, I never played video games."



Ryan Turner
sophomore
Duncan

"Mario Kart 64. I like getting seizures on Rainbow Road."



Carolyn Christian
junior
Lewis

"Super Smash Bros because I actually get to beat my brother up."



Karl Celeste
sophomore
Duncan

"007 Goldeneye. That pretty much was my life when I was younger."



Andrew Bell
junior
Knott

"Mario Kart 64 by far. I can't even imagine what my GPA would be without that in my life."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com



Audrey Niffenegger, author of the book "The Time Traveler's Wife," signs books at one of the Student Union Board Literary Festival events on Wednesday night. Students lined up to get their copies signed.

SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

IN BRIEF

A hospitality lunch benefiting La Casa de Amistad, which operates a youth and community center on the west side of South Bend, will be held in the Geddes Hall coffee house from 11:45 to 1:30 p.m. today. A \$5 donation is requested.

Today from 3 to 9:30 p.m. in the monogram room of the Joyce Athletic Center students can participate in the IBM Smarter Planet University Tour. Activities include a scavenger hunt, an IBM skills zone and a Future Leaders session. Participation is free.

In room 129 of DeBartolo Hall, Harry F. Ridgway will give a seminar titled "The Quest for Pure Water ... From Atoms to Oceans" from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. tonight.

The lecture "Voting in Agreeable Societies" will be given by Francis Su of Harvey Mudd College in room 117 of Hayes-Healy Hall. The lecture will be from 5:30 to 6:30 and refreshments will be provided afterward.

Guy Kawasaki will present an Entrepreneur Week seminar in the Jordan auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. The seminar is from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. tonight.

The Black Students Association is hosting its annual film festival in LaFortune tonight. The film "Coming to America" will be shown from 9 to 11:30 p.m. and refreshments will be provided.

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Ohio police chief cancels over 900 speeding tickets

HAMILTON, Ohio — Motorists are off the hook for more than 900 speeding tickets automatically issued by a mobile police camera in southwest Ohio.

The camera had been stationed in a park in Hamilton on April 2 at the same time a youth soccer tournament, the Mid-American Soccer Classic, was being held.

Police Chief Neil Ferdelman tells The JournalNews of Hamilton that he canceled the tickets because of the tournament, which he says drew many out-of-towners who were unaware the camera was in use.

At \$95 each, the 900 tickets would have totaled more

than \$86,000. The chief says 70 of the tickets were mailed. Those motorists have been sent letters telling them: never mind.

Puppets pilfered in Hawaii, owners desperately search

HONOLULU — Thieves broke into a performing arts organization's van and stole three puppets worth \$10,000, cutting the company's cast in half in the middle of a popular tour and prompting workers to frantically dig through trash bins in search of the missing characters.

Maui Academy of Performing Arts officials said the cloth-covered foam puppets were created in 2009 by puppeteer Frank Kane, who

once worked for Jim Henson and the Muppets, and stolen Saturday night in Kahului. The group made a plea for the public's help in locating the missing puppets as workers searched roads and trash bins for any sign of them.

"They're really not of any value to whoever took them, but they're of great value to us," executive and artistic director David Johnston said Monday. "We scoured the area looking for them."

The missing puppets' characters were re-cast by reconfiguring facial features on other puppets.

"We did some emergency plastic surgery," said production manager Mark Collmer.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
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Faculty recognized for service to undergrads

Observer Staff Report

Twenty University faculty members received the Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and three members of the faculty were awarded with Dockweiler Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising, according to a Wednesday press release.

Peer and student nominations determined the recipients, and the Office of the Provost presented the awards.

The winners of the Dockweiler Award are Sam Gaglio, assistant dean and concurrent instructor in the Mendoza College of Business; Kathleen Kolberg, professional specialist in the Department of Preprofessional Studies; and Anne Venter, professional specialist and director of undergraduate studies in the Department of Psychology.

The Joyce teaching award honored 20 members of the faculty who had a profound influence on undergraduate students through sustained exemplary teaching, the release stated.

The Joyce winners are: Joseph Buttigieg, Department of English; Xavier Creary, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; Steve Fallon, Program of Liberal Studies; Agustin Fuentes, Department of

Anthropology; Daniel Graff, Department of History; Fr. Dan Groody, Department of Theology; Yih-Fang Huang, Department of Electrical Engineering; Anthony Hyder, Department of Physics; Charles Kulpa, Department of Biological Sciences; William Leahy, Department of Economics and Econometrics; Tara MacLeod, Department of Irish Language and Literature; Kerry Meyers, College of Engineering; Ken Milani, Department of Accountancy; Brian O'Conchubhair, Department of Irish Language and Literature; Jeffrey Peng, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; Anne Pilkington, Department of Mathematics; Georgine Resick, Department of Music; Deborah Rotman, Department of Anthropology; Maria Tomasula, Department of Art, Art History and Design; and Xiaoshan Yang, Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures.

A University press release stated the teaching award is supported by a gift from the late Father Joyce's classmates in the Class of 1937. The Dockweiler Charitable Foundation honored advisors and student mentors for the past four years.

Faculty committees in each of the seven disciplinary areas evaluate the peer and student nominations to select the winners.

STUDENT SENATE

Members offer feedback

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Student Senate discussed the effectiveness of the First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership (FUEL) program and the implementation of the Mendoza College of Business's major-eligibility algorithm at its Wednesday meeting.

FUEL began two years ago as FLEX, the Freshmen Leadership Experience, a program for freshmen interested in getting involved in student government. Student body vice president Brett Rocheleau said the program transformed into FUEL this year.

"This year it was a way for first year students to be a part of the policy-making side of student government," he said. "It was the first year FUEL was truly a part of student government in this manner."

FUEL co-director Ricky Bevington said the program places the freshman participants into the various Senate committees where they function as regular members.

Bevington asked the group how they felt the program could better serve student government and better inform future student leaders.

"First, as the policy-making branch of student government, we want to hear how FUEL can best help you," he said. "And second, a lot of you are new faces. We want to hear what you wish

you knew about student government before you came to Senate."

Badin senator Jen Simpson suggested the directors better advertise FUEL in the future.

"A lot of freshmen didn't know about it then, but know about it now and would have liked to participate," she said.

Cavanaugh senator Gaby Nunez recalled seeing FUEL at Student Activities Night but said she didn't know exactly what it entailed.

"I thought it was more just exposure to student government, I didn't know it was actual policy-making," she said. "It should be advertised as such, like you're actually involved in making things happen."

Turning from student government to academics, the group debated whether students should attempt to fight Mendoza's use of algorithms for determining which majors students can enter. Rocheleau said that while the algorithms have been in place for three years, one was used for the first time this year for the finance major.

Rocheleau said 290 students applied to the Finance major program, which was capped at 250 students. The remaining 40 students were either placed in their second choice major or marketing, the only business major with space left.

The algorithm that decided which students were able to declare finance was based off five

criteria: the student's current GPA, grade in Calculus I, ACT/SAT score, current number of credits from Mendoza and current number of total credits at the University.

"When we came to Notre Dame the admissions office told us we could take any major we wanted at ND and now we can't," academic affairs chair Neal Ravindra said. "It's not the University's fault but it's still a fact."

Some senators expressed concern at the fairness of using so few factors in the algorithm. Campus technology chair Yiting Zheng said hard working and intelligent students can end up with a poor GPA under certain circumstances.

"At least half our engineering class disappears," Zheng said. "Beginning freshman year engineering is really tough and your GPA is shot. And then you realize you want to be a business student and you're at a disadvantage."

Regardless of whether an attempt is made to reverse the algorithm policy, Morrissey senator Calvin Belden said the University should inform incoming students of the caveat on the presumed freedom to choose a major at Notre Dame.

"It would be a really disappointing shock if you come here and you were planning on being a finance major and then couldn't," Belden said.

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exhaustion,” University spokesman Dennis Brown said. “About 20 others were treated for heat-related problems.”

Two sports medicine doctors, a nurse, 14 First Aid volunteers and a mobile unit from the South Bend Medical Foundation staffed the event, Brown said. Two golf carts with First Aid supplies followed the race.

“A small amount of the medical costs — medicine and some supplies — are billed to the event,” Brown said. “Most costs are assumed by the First Aid Services Team budget.”

The First Aid Services Team is a student volunteer organization on campus.

Freshman Allie Kuhl was rushed to the hospital to replenish her fluids after she was severely dehydrated and fainted during the race.

“I sat down to rest around the 10th mile because I was struggling to just keep walking and I was not seeing clearly,” she said. “I intended to keep racing after I rested, but when I started walking again I ended up collapsing.”

Volunteers responded immediately after Kuhl collapsed.

“The volunteers and medical responders were very efficient, and I greatly appreciate their help,” she said. “I felt that the volunteers were very aware that runners may be struggling with the heat, and they seemed to be keeping an eye out for anyone who may have needed help.”

Kuhl said she left the hospital around 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon, and besides minimal soreness, she is feeling well.

“In the future, if I am running in the heat and feel the way I did before I had to quit running on Sunday, I will know that I need to stop and take a break rather than try to push through it,” she said. “This will not prevent me from running in future, but I hope it will make me a smarter and safer runner because I will be more aware of my physical limits and how to deal with them.”

Around the fourth mile-marker, freshman Billy Raseman said he began to feel the effects of dehydration in the heat when he stopped sweating and his back started tingling.

“Just before the 10th mile I slowed to a walk once I got the water station,” he said. “I could tell something was wrong because I felt dizzy and could not even walk in a straight line. The First Aid responded immediately — they gave me ice and water and told me to lie down on a nearby bench.”

Raseman said he began training over winter break.

“I knew it was going to be hot but I have run in similar weather before,” Raseman said. “I think the fact that all my training had been in much cooler weather made the heat worse than it would have been if I had been more acclimated to it.”

For his next race, Raseman said he will learn from his experience at the Holy Half.

“I need to make sure I

hydrate better for future races,” he said. “Also, I will make certain not to underestimate how the weather can affect the way I race. It is obvious I did not take the change of temperature into account as much as I should have and I will definitely plan better in the future.”

Freshman Jake Flynt ran cross-country in high school, but the Holy Half was his first attempt at a half marathon.

“I reached a point between 10.5 and 11 miles where my legs felt like they were simply out of my control,” he said. “Even before that point I started desperately looking forward to each water stop. When I realized how dehydrated I was and how uncontrollable my form was becoming, I stopped at the nearest volunteer. I asked her to call my older brother who was waiting for me at the finish line. I told her I didn’t think I needed any medical help and that water and rest would be enough, and she offered me her water bottle.”

Flynt said he wished water stops along the race route were more frequent.

“After dropping it several times due to my dizziness, I drank what I could of the volunteer’s water bottle and then what was left of my brother’s when he reached me,” he said. “I had four more bottles of water and some fruit upon reaching the finish line.”

Flynt said his entire body was sore Monday after the race.

“I think I will never again underestimate the need to hydrate,” Flynt said. “The wisdom of all of my past coaches keeps ringing in my ears and what seems to ring loudest is, ‘You need to hydrate the entire week leading up to the race.’ I would like to run another half marathon at the end of the summer. I’ll not only have more time to train, I’ll have training weather more indicative of that on race day.”

While runners recover from the Holy Half, McCabe said she is already anticipating her next race.

“I’m considering this race a learning opportunity,” she said. “I’ve already signed up for another half marathon this summer ... [and] I plan to come back after graduation next year and finish the Holy Half. Hopefully it doesn’t snow.”

Tate and fellow organizer Sean Kickham said heat was not the only problem for runners. Runners wore chip timers to record their times, but Tate said the times were lost when the chip timer transferred the data to the computer system.

“The chip timing did not work at all,” she said. “We only have times for people’s splits, the first half of the race.”

This year was the first where the race ever ran into problems with the chip timers, Tate said.

“This is also the first year where the course for the race was certified as a half-marathon,” Kickham said.

Many runners hoped to use their times from the Holy Half to qualify for other races, Kickham said, but unfortunately cannot do so.

“It’s really upsetting,” Tate said.

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SMC seniors exhibit artwork



Saint Mary’s senior art student Mary Castle, center, showcases her portfolio *Le Carnaval en Peinture* in the Moreau Art Gallery Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Castle

By ALYSSA PEREZ
News Writer

Saint Mary’s senior art students displayed their final exhibits at the College’s Moreau Art Center beginning last Friday.

The projects were the culmination of the seniors’ final year of work.

Senior Mary Castle, an art major and music minor, displayed 14 canvases inspired by the works of French composer Charles Camille Saint-Saens’ “Le Carnaval des Animaux.”

“I chose this theme in order to use a lot of different colors and techniques, which incorporate both my art major and music minor,” Castle said.

Castle accompanied her visual art with a piano performance during the exhibition. She said she hopes others see the parallels between art and music in her work.

Castle said she would like

to encourage a desire to listen to her work, “The Carnival of the Animals.”

Kelly Payne, another senior artist on display, said the natural beauty she enjoys while running outdoors inspired her work.

“Running outside got me interested in the beauties of nature, of what God has created to make the world look beautiful,” she said in her artist’s statement. “It also gave me a way to meditate and not think about the opposing and jarring aspects of life.”

Payne said her artwork depicts the abstract beauty of day-to-day images.

Abstract imagery also inspired Saint Mary’s senior Elizabeth McDonald to create her three-dimensional display, “A New Age of Horror.”

Social issues were also an inspiration to some artists. Senior Erin Malter created a six-canvas display to speak about animal abuse. Her exhibit, titled “In Their Shoes,” substituted

humans in the place of mistreated animals.

Senior Caitlin Duerinck created three-dimensional sculptures for her exhibit, “Duende.” Edward Hirsch’s book, “The Demon and the Angel: Searching for the Source of Artistic Inspiration,” inspired her five large-scale ceramic pieces.

“This philosophy book examined the ways in which artists in various media, such as dance, poetry and sculpture, connect and respond to the Spanish concept of duende, the evocative force that drives people to create works of art,” Duerinck said in her artist’s statement. “I created this work to encourage others to examine how and why they are inspired, to note what they are inspired by and to act upon their personal inspiration.”

The displays are open to the general public until Friday.

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Ally Pledge Signing & Day of Silence Card Distribution
11:30am-1:30 pm • SDH & LaFortune
Coffee House
7pm-9pm Geddes Hall

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Ally Pledge Signing & Day of Silence Card Distribution
11:30am-1:30pm SDH & LaFortune
The Laramie Project (Film) 7pm-9pm
Montgomery Auditorium LaFortune Student Center

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FREE Tee Shirt Distribution • 11:30am-1:30pm
Fieldhouse Mall
Sarah Brooks (ND’03) NYC Anti-Violence Project
Counselor & Advocate • 7pm-9pm Andrews Auditorium
Geddes Hall Presentation and student panel discussion

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An Evening with Judy Shepard
7pm-9pm 101 DeBartolo Hall
Judy’s son, Matthew Shepard, was murdered in an anti-gay hate crime. A National speaker, Judy Shepard urges an end to anti-gay violence while promoting a greater understanding of gay concerns.

APRIL
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STAND AGAINST HATE
Ally Pledge Signing & Day of Silence Card Distribution
11:30am-1:30 pm NDH, SDH & LaFortune
3pm-4pm **Silent Procession - Depart from Front of Main Building to Geddes Hall for Prayer Service.**

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Lula's

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locations, he said none of them worked out, despite his desire to bring back the popular restaurant.

Because of the inclusive nature of the Lula's environment, Egan said he would not want the café to move to the Notre Dame campus.

"Moving on campus would be exclusionary to most in the Michiana community so it would not be my top choice," Egan said.

Egan said Lula's ability to attract members of both the Notre Dame and South Bend communities made it a unique establishment in the area.

"Lula's has always been a bridge between the university communities ... and the town," Egan said. "Part of the appeal of Lula's for me and a lot of other people was that we were a place where everybody was welcome."

Egan said Lula's not only served good food but also brought people together and celebrated local art and culture.

"It was such a welcoming environment," Egan said. "You feel like you're at home. You feel like you can be yourself."

Egan said it was still unclear why Lula's was driven out of its

location and given less than 60 days to relocate.

"There's nothing wrong with Lula's. Lula's was a thriving business that had this monkey wrench thrown in, this unforeseen circumstance dropped upon it," Egan said. "Lula's was thriving even in the face of the new businesses at Eddy Street Commons."

Egan said regardless of whether or not Lula's returns, the café would remain in the memories of its patrons.

"It's a blessing to hear stories of people who had their first dates [in Lula's] or met their spouse or [who say] I got them through their Ph.D.," Egan said. "I appreciate those stories, and it's been very nice to hear."

Despite his love for Lula's, Egan said he does not see himself maintaining the same role he used to have now that he is in a leadership position at Anthony Travel.

"I would only suspect [my role] would be as a passive investor ... with a more passive ownership position," Egan said.

Egan said faithful Lula's customers should not give up on the café.

"My message [to them] is one of hope," Egan said. "We just haven't figured out the how yet."

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problems was not enough, that action was required.

"We cannot intellectualize this achievement gap for another generation," Fuller said. "You all have got to demand more from those of us who have verbalized about this problem, but when it comes time to make real, hard decisions ... it's clear to me that adult interests far outweigh student interests. As long as we allow adult interests to dominate, we will never close the achievement gap in this country."

Rhee said the leaders in the educational system were hesitant to point out ineffective teachers in fear of being labeled "anti-teacher," especially when some teachers fail under harsh conditions rather than from a

lack of effort or care.

"There is this real aversion right now to wanting to differentiate between teachers," Rhee said. "We have to create a dynamic with teachers where, when we start to talk about effectiveness, it doesn't become an anti-teacher thing ... Being a teacher in an urban school district is the most difficult thing you can do. And because of its

difficulty, not everybody is going to be good at it."

Fuller said many teachers work at schools where they would not send their own children but demand those schools remain open in order to maintain their salaries.

"When you tell a parent that you have to keep your kid in a school that is clearly failing ... we

have now put the system in front of the needs and interests of our kids."

Tucker said Catholic schools

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Michelle Rhee
former chancellor
D.C. public schools

are valuable because they encourage students to believe intelligence is malleable instead of predetermined.

"Students that have this belief that intelligence is incremental end up setting goals for themselves, persisting and dealing with academic challenges better," she said.

Tucker also asked Notre Dame to reconsider the ways in which it evaluates applicants. She said post-secondary institutions tend to overweight standardized test scores and should place greater value on students that believe in their own intellect.

Rhee said people need to be less averse to conflict and more willing to combat the injustices of the American education system.

"We need people who are going to come along and take a harder and harder stance and be willing to risk everything along the way," she said. "In my mind, there is nothing that is more worth fighting for to ensure that the next generation of Americans ... can have a chance at a great life and live the American dream because they're getting a good education."

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Baldrick's

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said. "It's just as much an awareness event as a fundraiser — all of ND coming together for one cause."

Soler said Paris is among a number of non-students participating in the effort.

Paris is shaving her head in solidarity with children affected by cancer. As a volunteer for beYOUtiful, a local initiative working with middle school girls to develop a healthy conception of "true beauty," Paris said shaving her head also offers a unique opportunity to further beYOUtiful's cause. "I'm excited about the platform this has given me," she said. "I'm excited to share my testimony with [the girls] and show them that it's not always going to be perfect and pretty."

Junior center Mike Golic said he and fellow teammate Dayne

Crist have been involved with The Bald & the Beautiful for the past three years.

"We're actually on the committee that sets this event up and gets everything together," Golic said. "Just being out here and being around these kids that we're trying to help through it all — this is really what makes it worth it."

Golic said about 45 members of the football team are shaving their heads this year. Next year the team hopes to win over another participant.

"Today we got the big commitment from Coach Kelly," he said. "Once we get the win for a BCS bowl game this year, he'll shave his head at the event next year."

Oliver said this event holds a

special meaning for his dorm, Duncan Hall.

"After my freshman year one of our classmates, Sam Marks, passed away from cancer," he said. "Duncan takes this event and tries to have a big participation in it."

Oliver said St. Baldrick's gave great support to Marks' family during his time in chemotherapy and Marks was a huge advocate for the foundation.

Last year, 45 members of Duncan shaved their heads. This year, Oliver said the goal is for 60 residents to participate and raise a total of \$10,000.

"It helps that my rector gave us an incentive," Oliver said. "If we got 60 guys and \$10,000, then he would shave his head

also."

Saint Mary's College sophomore Kasey Coonan will be shaving her head in honor of her family members who have been affected by cancer.

"My aunt had ovarian cancer a couple years back, and I saw the struggles she had to go through and how she found strength and it was something I admired in her," she said. "I also have two other family members who had to go through radiation for cancer."

Coonan said her relatives' trials prompted her to take part in the fundraiser.

"I'm very enthusiastic about it. I have a lot of support from all my friends," she said. "I love talking about it and I don't think I'll be nervous until I face

the clippers."

Paris said she has become nervous in recent weeks but knows shaving her head will be a unique chance to step out of her comfort zone.

"We're all pretty attached to our hair," she said. "It's definitely going to be a learning experience."

Students who will not be shaving their heads but still want to contribute to the event can donate eight inches of their hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths or buy a colored hair extension to benefit Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

Soler said event organizers decided to donate to Memorial Hospital because students at Notre Dame have worked with children in the hospital's pediatric outpatient program. Children from the hospital and their families are invited to attend the event.

"When the kids come here they're seeing people celebrate St. Baldrick's, but it's also going back to them," she said. "This year we made sure the kids were invited early, the families knew and that the football players were coming at the same time."

The staff of the hospital is involved as well. Soler said the head pediatric oncologist will speak at the event. In addition, this year one of the nurses is shaving her head while the children are present.

Soler said The Bald and the Beautiful will offer eight different color hair extensions, each representing a different type of cancer.

They are also serving free dinner each night of the event, donated from Fiddler's Hearth and Maury's Pub. The Bald and the Beautiful will continue today from 4 to 10 p.m. and Friday from 4 to 8:30 p.m. in the Sorin and Dooley Rooms of LaFortune.

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FAA suspends sleeping controller, adds staff

Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — A napping air traffic controller who forced a medical flight to land unaided in Nevada brought swift reaction from the Federal Aviation Administration, which on Wednesday added a second overnight controller at 26 airports and a radar facility. The move came after several other recent incidents of controllers sleeping during their shifts.

The controller at Reno-Tahoe International Airport was out of communication for about 16 minutes when the aircraft carrying at least three people was landing about 2 a.m. Wednesday, the FAA said. No injuries were reported.

"This is absolutely unacceptable," Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said in a statement. "The American public trusts us to run a safe system. Safety is our No. 1 priority and I am committed to working 24/7 until these problems are corrected."

It was the second case this week of a controller being suspended for sleeping on the job. A controller at Boeing Field-King County International in Seattle fell asleep during his morning shift on Monday and was suspended, FAA said. He was already facing disciplinary action for sleeping on two separate occasions during an early evening shift in January, the agency said.

The National Air Traffic Controllers Association has warned against putting controllers alone on shifts and assigning tiring work schedules.

At most airport towers, there's no bathroom in the cab — the room on the top of the tower. With only one controller on duty, the position has to go unattend-

ed at times if the controller needs to use a bathroom. It's common for the nearest bathroom to be located down a flight of stairs from the cab.

Two controllers at the airport in Lubbock, Texas, were suspended for an incident in the early morning hours of March 29, the agency said. In that instance, a controller in Fort Worth had to try repeatedly to raise the Lubbock controllers in order to hand off control of an inbound aircraft. The controllers also failed to hand off a plane departing Lubbock to the Fort Worth radar center, FAA said.

The latest cases follow three previously disclosed incidents in which controllers have been suspended, including two episodes of controllers sleeping on duty.

"Air traffic controllers are responsible for making sure aircraft safely reach their destinations. We absolutely cannot and will not tolerate sleeping on the job," FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt said in a statement Wednesday.

Babbitt and Paul Rinaldi, the president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, the union that represents FAA's more than 15,000 controllers, will be visiting airports and radar facilities around the country next week "to reinforce the need for all air traffic personnel to adhere to the highest professional standards," FAA said in a statement.

The FAA last month put two controllers on duty during the midnight shift at the Reno-Tahoe airport but went back to one controller several days later after implementing new procedures, FAA spokesman Ian Gregor said. Reno is one of the airports that will now get a second controller.



Krys T. Bart, President/CEO for the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority, talks to the media Wednesday. Bart addressed reports of a sleeping air traffic controller failing to assist a landing medical plane.

Airport chief Krys Bart said the pilot of the medical flight — a Piper Cheyenne with seating for five — and airport staff had tried to contact the controller multiple times without success. The FAA said the pilot was in contact with regional radar controllers in northern California during the landing.

"The pilot evaluated the airfield. The weather was clear. The aircraft did land without incident," Bart said.

It was not immediately clear where the flight was coming from.

The incidents come nearly five years after a fatal crash in Kentucky in which a controller was working alone. Investigators said the controller in Kentucky was most likely suffering from fatigue, although they placed responsibility for the crash that took 49 lives on the

pilots.

The new disclosures drew rebukes from the chairmen of the Senate and House committees that oversees FAA's budget.

"I just got off the phone with the FAA and told the administrator that I am sick of this," said Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., chairman of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.

But Rep. John Mica, D-Fla., chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, objected to adding more controllers at airports where nighttime traffic is light.

"Only in the federal government would you double up on workers, averaging \$161,000 per year in salary and benefits, that aren't doing their job," Mica said in a statement. "This staffing increase misdirects our

resources and focus away from congested air traffic control facilities," he said.

FAA said the airport towers where a second controller will be added to the midnight shift are Akron-Canton, Ohio; Allegheny, Pa.; Andrews Air Force Base, Md.; Burbank, Calif.; Duluth, Minn.; DuPage, Ill.; Fargo, N.D.; two airports in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Ft. Worth Meacham, Texas; Grant County, Wash.; Kansas City, Mo.; Manchester, N.H.; Omaha, Neb.; Ontario, Calif.; Reno-Tahoe, Nev.; Richmond, Va.; Sacramento, Calif.; San Diego, Calif.; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Terre Haute, Ind.; Teterboro, N.J.; Tucson, Ariz.; Willow Run, Mich.; Windsor Locks, Conn., and Youngstown, Ohio. A second nighttime controller was also added at an approach control facility in Omaha.

NASA shuttle program shuts down operations

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — On a memorable day in space history, NASA began its goodbyes to the shuttle program Tuesday, announcing the aged spacecraft will retire to museums in Cape Canaveral, Los Angeles and suburban Washington and sending a test-flight orbiter to New York City.

It was an emotional day — the 30th anniversary of the first shuttle launch and the 50th anniversary of man's first journey into space by Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin. Just two more shuttle flights remain, and the head of NASA choked up as he revealed the new homes for the spacecraft in an event at the Kennedy Space Center.

"For all of them, take good care of our vehicles," NASA Administrator Charles Bolden, a former astronaut, said with a catch in his voice. "They served a nation well, and we at NASA have a deep and abiding relationship and love affair with

them that is hard to put into words."

The choice of homes for the spacecrafts — sometimes described as the most complex machinery ever devised — was hotly contested. Twenty-one museums and visitor centers around the country put in bids.

The winners will have to come up with an estimated \$28.8 million to ferry the shuttles to their new homes and put them on display. Across the country, cheers erupted at the four winning facilities and groans at the locations that lost out.

After it closes out the program, shuttle Atlantis will stay in Cape Canaveral at the space center's visitor complex, just miles from the pair of launch pads used to shoot the orbiters into space. Space center workers, some of whom are likely to lose jobs when the shuttles quit flying later this summer, gave Bolden a standing ovation and whooped and hollered with the news.



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Congressional Budget Office evaluates compromise

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A new budget estimate released Wednesday shows that the spending bill negotiated between President Barack Obama and House Speaker John Boehner would produce less than 1 percent of the \$38 billion in promised savings by the end of this budget year.

The Congressional Budget Office estimate shows that compared with current spending rates the spending bill due for a House vote Thursday would cut federal outlays from non-war accounts by just \$352 million through Sept. 30. About \$8 billion in immediate cuts to domestic programs and foreign aid are offset by nearly equal increases in defense spending.

When war funding is factored in the legislation would actually increase total federal outlays by \$3.3 billion relative

to current levels.

To a fair degree, the lack of immediate budget-cutting punch is because the budget year is more than half over and that cuts in new spending authority typically are slow to register on deficit tallies. And Republicans promise that when fully implemented and repeated year after year, the cuts in the measure would reduce the deficit by \$315 billion over the coming decade.

Still, the analysis is an early lesson about Washington budgeting for junior lawmakers elected last year on promises to swiftly attack the deficit.

The House began preliminary debate on the measure Wednesday with it easily advancing over a procedural hurdle by a 241-179 vote. The measure appears on track to pass the House and Senate this week before a stopgap spending measure expires Friday at midnight despite opposition

from some of the GOP's most ardent budget cutters.

The budget deficit is projected at \$1.6 trillion this year.

The CBO study confirms that the measure trims \$38 billion in new spending authority relative to current levels, but many of the cuts come in slow-spending accounts like water-and-sewer grants that don't have an immediate deficit impact.

A separate CBO analysis provided to lawmakers but not released publicly says that \$5.7 billion in savings claimed by cutting bonuses to states enrolling more children and reducing the amount of money available to subsidize health care cooperatives authorized under the new health care law won't produce a dime of actual savings. CBO believes they are simply cuts to spending authority that is unlikely to be used anyway.

But those cuts to mandatory benefit programs, while pro-

ducing no deficit savings, can be claimed under budget rules to pay for spending increases elsewhere in the legislation. All told, \$17.8 million in such savings is claimed but just a tiny portion of it would actually reduce the deficit.

But CBO does credit a move to eliminate year-round Pell Grants with generating more than \$40 billion in deficit reduction over the coming decade from both mandatory and appropriated accounts, though just slightly less than \$1 billion this year.

Still, the measure halts and begins to reverse large increases for domestic agency operating budgets that have been awarded during Obama's first two years in office.

"With this bill we not only are arresting that growth but we are reducing actual discretionary spending by a record amount, nearly \$40

billion in actual cuts in spending that has not ever been accomplished by this body in its history, in the history of the country," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Harold Rogers, R-Ky. "The cuts in this bill exceed anything ever passed by the House."

Republicans say they wish the measure would cut more but that the cuts negotiated by Boehner are about as good as can be expected given that Democrats hold the Senate and the White House. In his February budget, Obama pressed a freeze on domestic agency accounts.

"The president said he would freeze spending. Our Speaker negotiated, outnumbered 3-1," he said, referring to Boehner's negotiations alone in the oval office with Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. "We have cut spending."

California college students and faculty protest budget cuts

Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Thousands of California college students and faculty led marches and occupied a campus administration building Wednesday in protest of state budget cuts to education that could lead to higher tuition, larger class sizes and lower enrollment.

The rallies and teach-ins were part of a day of protest planned for all 23 California State University campuses. Similar events were planned throughout April at campuses in Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey and other states where legislators are slashing education spending to close huge budget shortfalls.

About 1,000 faculty members, students and staff rallied

against the cuts at California State University, Sacramento, including about 100 who occupied a campus building.

In Long Beach, about 800 demonstrators marched to the student services administration building, which had already shut down as a precaution, carrying signs reading "Education is a right" and "No more greed."

"I'm just mad at the government for funding more for prison and war than for education," said Cecillee Espanol, a 22-year-old psychology major at the university's Long Beach campus, who said she's going to have to get a job next year to cover the cost of her classes.

Deep budget cuts in California during the height of the recession two years ago led to sharp tuition hikes,

employee furloughs, course cutbacks and reduced enrollment at the CSU and University of California systems.

The state restored some of that funding last year. But California's public colleges and universities face another round of painful cuts as Gov. Jerry Brown and the Legislature seek to close the state's \$26.6 billion budget deficit.

"We've been carving away and carving away and carving away," said Lillian Taiz, president of the California Faculty Association, which worked with students and employees to organize the demonstrations. "The path we are on is almost suicidal for the state."

UC and CSU would lose \$500 million under the governor's budget proposal, but his plan

depends on voters approving temporary increases in sales, vehicle and personal income taxes. So far, Brown hasn't secured the Republican support needed to hold a special election to even allow a vote on the tax question.

Without that tax revenue, the state's public colleges and universities could see much deeper cuts, which could lead to soaring tuition bills, fewer undergraduate seats and other drastic measures.

Faculty leaders say the cuts threaten to reduce student access to Cal State, sometimes called the People's University, which serves large numbers of low-income students, many of whom are the first in their families to attend college.

Brian Delas Armas, a 26-year-old master's degree student, said some of the anthro-

pology classes he is required to take aren't being offered regularly anymore. Jason Pinzon, a 19-year-old freshman at California State University, Long Beach, said the more than \$4,000 in fees he pays each year makes it difficult to cover his expenses.

"This semester I just barely had enough for my books," Pinzon said.

Faculty members say the younger generation is being cheated out of the kind of education they received in California — and that enabled them to pursue their careers.

Taiz said she is the prime example. She was a mother of two children and on welfare when she went to school and became a history professor.

"This is an investment," she said. "It has made us the envy of the world."

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Charlie Sheen discusses possible return to sitcom

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Charlie Sheen says he may be reunited with "Two and a Half Men."

In an interview with a Boston radio station Tuesday, Sheen said there have been discussions about bringing him back to the hit CBS sitcom he was fired from last month.

Sheen put the chances of him returning at "85 percent." He didn't offer details in the Sports Hub 98.5 WBZ-FM interview,

saying he'd been asked not to divulge anything.

CBS declined to comment, and series producer Warner Bros. Television didn't immediately return a call for comment.

The actor also said his profits from the show's rich syndication deals are being withheld and that's part of his \$100 million lawsuit against Warner and the show's executive producer.

Sheen was in Boston for his nationwide road show that has drawn mixed audience reaction.

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INSIDE COLUMN

West Coast hockey?

West Coast sports: What a joke.

They have the beaches, the mountains, Hollywood, etc. They can't have it all — and fanaticism is not an exception. Their metropolis can't even keep a football team.

I mean, their crowds are relaxed and unresponsive, their players are never exposed to the elements and their teams hardly have any tradition whatsoever, especially in hockey. Who



Andrew Gastelum

Assistant Sports Editor

who wants to watch hockey in L.A., Anaheim, San Jose, Dallas or Phoenix?

The first things that come to mind after seeing these names are heat, desert and ocean — not exactly the most conducive environments for hockey.

These teams just take up meaningless spots in the playoffs that should be reserved for the teams that actually matter: the East Coast and Midwest teams.

First of all, fans don't even go to the games, and those who do go don't care about what is happening. These fans should learn from those of the Pens, Habs and Wings. You know, those teams with the rings.

Yeah, the Kings and Sharks filled up over 98 percent of their stadiums on average. So what if they had higher attendance figures than both New York teams, Boston and a Canadian team?

They are probably there to make an appearance — they don't really care about their "teams". They don't even win. I refuse to count that Stanley Cup-sized fluke that the Anaheim Ducks had a few years ago, the decade of dominance by the San Jose Sharks or the back-to-back playoff runs made by the NHL's youngest team (Los Angeles Kings).

Beginner's luck.

The Ducks were named after a children's movie, the Sharks created because there is nothing else to do in San Jose and the Kings could only win when they lured Gretzky to the bright lights of Hollywood from a cash-hungry Oilers squad.

Sounds like sorry excuses for hockey teams. This season was the worst of all. The competition in the Western Conference was incredible — 12 of the 15 teams finished with records above .500. But of all the teams to make the playoffs, four of them (half of the entire playoffs) had to come from the Pacific Division.

Thankfully the Stars lost their last game, or else they would have booted the defending-champion Blackhawks from the playoffs and the entire Pacific Division would have made the playoffs. To tell you the truth, I would have rather preferred another lockout.

It doesn't matter if that division has sent three teams to the playoffs every season except one since the lockout.

It's just not like the rest of the country, sports over there. There is no pride, no fans, no fun. They should just cut hockey from the Pacific and Mountain Time Zones (unless your city is in Canada or above 2,000 feet). Save the integrity of the sport, hockey can't be popular out west.

Welcome to the life of a West Coast hockey fan: the criticism, the assumptions, the disrespect.

What a joke.

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Who wants to tax a millionaire?

With April 15 just around the corner and all sorts of stories swirling through the news about budgets, deficit-reduction plans and national debt, it seems as though there is a greater than usual interest in the issue of taxation. Given that the United States is currently racking up trillion-dollar deficits like its nobody's business (compounding a national debt that already totals some \$14 trillion) and is facing the prospect of having to drastically increase future spending in order to keep pace with rapidly growing entitlement obligations, it is no surprise to hear some shameless politicians claiming that "it's time for the wealthy to start paying their fair share in taxes." Truth be told, there are few phrases in the English language that are more infuriating than this one for a number of reasons.

Ryan Williams

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Comments like this betray a blatant ignorance of simple economic concepts as well as the reality of the American tax system, while simultaneously demonstrating utter disregard for fairness and common sense.

Most observers who believe that wealthy Americans ought to pay more in taxes would probably be surprised to learn that the top 5 percent of individuals in the United States currently pay almost 60 percent of all income taxes, with the top 1 percent of earners supplying 25 percent of all government revenues.

Meanwhile half of all individuals in this country pay no income tax at all. As those who are familiar with the U.S. tax code are well aware, the income of wealthy taxpayers above a certain threshold is subject to a higher marginal rate of taxation (currently 35 percent), one that President Obama and Democratic leaders in Congress would very much like to raise. The entire American tax system is predicated on this belief, that wealthier individuals should have to pay a higher percentage of their income in taxes in order to support programs that benefit the less fortunate. This policy needs to change immediately. Not only is the concept of

unequal tax rates egregiously unjust, it also spits in the face of common sense and reason. The system as it stands now currently penalizes success and rewards failure — in essence saying that the more productive you are, the more will be taken from you, while the less you contribute, the more will be given to you. How can we continue to justify a system that promotes laziness and freeloading?

Progressive Democrats and their allies on the far left have also recently begun touting increased taxes on the wealthy as a way to help close the budget deficit and start paying down the national debt. Unfortunately, like so many other economic plans put forth by Democrats recently, this one runs afoul of facts and reality. Currently, income earned by individuals in excess of \$373,651 is taxed at a rate of 35 percent, the highest marginal rate. President Obama and Democrats in Congress want to raise this rate to at least 39.6 percent, where it stood while President Clinton was in office.

However, even if income above that threshold were taxed at a rate of 100 percent, meaning that everything earned by an individual in excess of \$373,651 would be collected as tax, still that would only pay for about half of the federal government's projected budget deficit for next year. So taxing the wealthy into submission is not going to solve the nation's fiscal problems — there just isn't enough money out there in the hands of those few individuals.

While Democrats will undoubtedly try to raise taxes anyway, regardless of the ineffectiveness of the policy, there is an inherent danger to this approach. There is a theory in economics known as Hauser's Law, which observes that no matter what the top marginal tax rate has been in the United States, total government revenues have always equaled about 19.5 percent of gross domestic product. President Obama and many other Democrats would like Americans to believe that raising income taxes on the wealthy will generate more revenue that can then be "redistributed." However, as this law demonstrates, raising taxes on the wealthy will not actu-

ally increase government revenues, because the higher tax rates will be offset by decreases in productivity, innovation and growth. The only time government tax revenues will actually increase is when there is first a corresponding rise in GDP. The real question then ought to be how can we best go about increasing gross domestic product? Ask any economist and they will tell you that the answer most certainly is not imposing oppressive rates of taxation, particularly on the wealthy, who are most responsible for job creation. The answer instead will be cutting tax rates across the board, which will in turn inspire increased consumer spending and higher rates of economic growth.

None of the positions staked out in this column are very popular in the U.S. today, and they are even rarer among policy makers in Washington. Very few people are willing to stand up and acknowledge the reality that tax rates for the wealthy are simply too high and are offensive to any reasonable standard of justice. And who can blame them? No one wants to be seen (even if incorrectly) as greedy or selfish, especially in these difficult economic times.

But the fact remains that raising taxes on the wealthy will only be counterproductive and will further perpetuate and exacerbate the current system of inequality. In fact, slow economic growth is likely to be the least of this nation's problems, as wealthy Americans are more likely to finally call it quits if attempts to raise their taxes yet again are successful. Why should they continue to live and work in a country that constantly requests more and more of them, to pay for benefits, welfare and handouts that freeloading Americans demand but refuse to pay for? One day they are just going to leave, and it doesn't take a Ph.D. in economics to realize how bad that would be for the rest of us.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

One less customer

Mary (Apr. 13),

As a waitress, my hourly wage is normally taxed down to zero, and for this reason I am solely dependent upon tips for any take-home money. I am, at the same time, offended by this writer's attack on Caitlin's article. I believe that Mary took the most trivial and non-issue phrase in Caitlin's tribute (to Mary's place of employment) and turned it into something ugly.

Instead of personally calling Caitlin out for handing the sub's deliverer \$6, why would Mary not thank her for her business? She was dishonoring her company by speaking of her job negatively in such a public way. Work is hard, we can all appreciate this fact. It's easy to get beaten down or worn out. But at the same time, why is Mary not satisfied with simply having a job in this time of economic difficulty?

The proper reaction to reading this Inside Column would have been to give the writer the benefit of the doubt and assume that for modesty's sake the writer left out the size of

the tip they gave. (If, upon reading the article, one still felt strongly enough to write into Viewpoint about tipping, it should be done without calling out the writer by name. To react in any other way is disgraceful to that person's company, the school that educated him or her and his or her family.)

I think Caitlin did Mary a service by ordering a sandwich from her store. Furthermore, for her to dedicate a column to just how much she loves the food this store provides is yet another bone she's tossing the store's way. Suck it up, Mary. And maybe drive a little faster for better tips.

You've turned Ms. Housley's love of your store into one less consumer. Congrats, you have one less sub to deliver.

Cecilia Witous

Saint Mary's College

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Charles Darwin
English biologist

Celebrities, confessions and the Cross

Today's dining hall buzz is that [insert celebrity recording artist name here] has been spotted strolling around campus. The country-pop music singer is seen getting out of a black Escalade between Touchdown

Jesus and the Stadium. Then, she struts up South Quad before making her way to

Starbucks for a skinny vanilla latte.

Students squirming in their DeBartolo seats send mass texts to all their friends. Some unabashedly grab their cameras from their dorm rooms to prove on Facebook she is actually at Notre Dame. The Observer assigns its best reporters and photographers to get the story.

If a celebrity visits our campus, many of us race to see her. We welcome the music singer with screams, requests for autographs and photos together. Don't try to deny it.

This Sunday, will you choose to celebrate another well-known man? The Church commemorates the triumphant

entrance of Christ into the city of Jerusalem. Crowds gather, lay down their cloaks for Him to walk on, and cut branches from the palm trees to wave in veneration. Christ returns to his home city to complete his work as our saving Messiah. People praise Him with shouts of "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are you who have come to us so rich in love and mercy."

Palm Sunday begins the paschal mystery of Jesus's suffering, death and rising again to new life. The days following his glorious entry into Jerusalem are darkened by the mystery of the cross. Why do we begin such a solemn week with such a lively, joyful celebration?

We celebrate the coming of a Lord filled with love and mercy. Holy Week, the most solemn of days in the Church calendar, calls us to remember that Jesus willfully and obediently accepts the Cross. Christ forgives His children of their sins and lovingly promises us a share in His kingdom.

This Holy Week is an opportunity for us to strengthen our lives by using the Lord's example of love and mercy that

leads Him to the Cross. During the last Lenten days, how can we show others that love is stronger than death? Look to the mercy poured out on the Cross.

Occasions for love and forgiveness abound each day on our campus. Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C., wrote "Human life is like a great way of the Cross ... This Way of the Cross is everywhere and we travel it every day, even in spite of ourselves and without being aware of it."

Be aware of the Way of the Cross this week. You may meet someone who is weeping or sorrowful, or needs help carrying a heavy load. You may be called to love even when it is not the easy or pretty thing to do. Get out of the way and do the work of Christ.

Be merciful as Christ is merciful. Repent for your own failures and humiliations, and pardon those who have angered or wronged you. In forgiveness, we love life more than death. We reverse the suffering caused by our own humanity.

Seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation when needed. Consult schedules for

Holy Week in the Basilica. Confessions are offered multiple times each day, including 10:15 p.m. Tuesday night following the campus-wide Stations of the Cross.

To genuinely receive Christ the King as we commemorate on Palm Sunday, we need to awaken ourselves to our shortcomings. In what ways do we fail to love despite being loved so much by Christ? The more we seek to love and forgive, the more we are ready to rise, lay down our cloaks and carry palm branches.

Love and forgiveness can permeate our campus this Holy Week and fill it with special graces. Let's make that our last Lenten promise, and then we will run enthusiastically towards the Cross that holds the hope of our Easter salvation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where's the recognition?

As I read The Observer on April 12 I looked for some sort of article about the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. 150 years ago the Battle of Fort Sumter occurred. The confederates attacked the union fort and both sides called for war. The North fought for Union while the South fought to protect their constitutional rights and their home. The North tends to ignore that the war ever occurred while some of the South tries to hold on to their past.

Here at Notre Dame, though, there's a different meaning behind the civil war. The "Fighting Irish" is inherited from the Irish immigrant soldiers who fought with the Union's Irish Brigade. This was a group of soldiers, including Notre Dame students who were from New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. They fought in the Peninsula Campaign, the Seven Days Battles, the Battles of

Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Petersburg and at Appomattox Court House. They were at all the major battles of the Civil War. Notre Dame's third president, Fr. William Corby, was a famous Irish Brigade Chaplain and his statue sits outside Corby Hall. He is as well the only statue at Gettysburg of a non-general soldier.

With all this history influencing Notre Dame, it's sad that there was no recognition of an important day in American history. While no one wants to remember the terrible past of slavery or the most deadly war in American history, it's still an important part of past.

Alex Penler
freshman
McCandless Hall
Apr. 12

Wear sunscreen!

Dear fellow Irish,

I am writing this letter to you all in hopes that the unfortunate fate that has befallen me will be avoided by all you pale skinned people out there. As a freshman, I was unaware of how the months of sunless Notre Dame could make one tired, grumpy and yearning to see our yellow friend peek through the clouds again. And stupidly, I was also unaware that not seeing the sun for several months made my skin whiter and more sensitive than usual.

When the sun broke through the clouds this past Sunday afternoon, and while the temperatures climbed up to 80 degrees, I, like many of my ginger classmates, forgot about my sensitive, pale skin for the day and ventured across campus at noon to cheer on the boy's lacrosse team as they beat Georgetown.

This is what did me in. Two hours in the direct

sunlight without lotion on sizzled my pale skin to a scalding red. I can honestly say this is the worst sunburn I've ever received — every step I take I wince.

So, Irish gingers, if you have by some small chance avoided the first sunburn of the season this weekend, I send out warning to you all: put on sunscreen! We don't tan, we burn. I sincerely hope that others will take heed of my warning and lather up during the sunny days to come.

And if you see a girl walking around campus with lobster legs and arms, you know that you have spotted me.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Ripp
freshman
Lewis Hall
Apr. 11

A gentlemenly rebuttal

The Men of Morrissey Manor take great exception to slandering of those who identify themselves as gentlemen in Humanity's Bro's recent article (Apr. 13). The iconic men Morrissey produces have long identified themselves as gentlemen first, and prided themselves on chivalrous conduct and always being ready, willing and able to indulge the faintest whim of a member of the fairer sex. It is clear that Humanity's Bro has never encountered one of these upstanding Manorites from the article's description of a gentleman as a stiff prissy with little self-control and no regard for

the comfort of a lady. This is of course nonsense and the complete opposite of how a true gentleman strives to act. However the ladies of Notre Dame wish to dress, they should know that any true gentlemen will treat them in a courteous and honorable manner and anyone who does not is unworthy of the title our dying breed is trying to uphold.

Victor LeVasseur
freshman
Morrissey Manor
Apr. 13

Come take a swing

Tired of the same boring dorm parties without any swing music?

Girls, tired of creepy guys dancing up on you without asking? Guys, tired of not being able to show off your dance moves and impress that girl you've liked ever since she sat besides you in that one class? Then we at Swing Club have the greatest opportunity for you!

We announce the first ever Swing Formal, which will be held this Saturday, April 16, in the Knights of Columbus building from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. There will be food, there will be music and there will be most of all space. Anybody can come to this event for only a dollar, but swing members and ballroom members get in for free. That's right. Free.

Boyfriends, this is a way you can get classy without getting too expensive (if you want expensive, go to Lasalle Grill in South Bend, absolutely delicious). Dress is classy — after all it is a formal — but come ready to dance.

Come for the dancing. Come to try and pick up that one cool move you see that one guy in the hat pull at Legends all the time. Come for the food, come to get down with your boogie self and come to have a — got to keep this clean — great time! Don't be nervous or scared to come out. After all, Franklin Roosevelt said,

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

See, even one of the greatest presidents of our time wants you to go. We intend to have a blast, and anybody sure as heck can join in for this ridiculous night of dancing.

Knights of Columbus Building, Saturday, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Be there.

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SEQUEL SHOWDOWN!

The best and worst of Hollywood's second acts

SCENE STAFF REPORT

The sequel. It's one of the hardest movies to make in Hollywood. If you start with a lackluster film, the sequel could easily eclipse the first installment and rocket the series to fame. But if the series begins on a high note, unfortunately (unless the producer oozes talent) there's no direction to go but down. Hollywood has taken sequels in many directions trying to bring credibility to the genre, from replacing actors and actresses to changing settings. Below, Scene judges if they work.

The Best Sequels

Lord of the Rings

Peter Jackson's 2001-2003 trilogy not only swept up the Academy Awards, it also captured the hearts of millions of Tolkien fans. Each movie stayed close to the storyline of the beloved book it followed, which helped make each sequel a credible movie of its own.

This direction also helped keep the story arch of the trilogy on track, eliminating silly mistakes and discrep-

ancies. From Moria to Helm's deep, Rohan to Gondor, these movies kept audiences in their seats, despite the films' almost three-hour lengths.

Producers made sure the series never featured a dull moment and kept the dialogue fresh and witty. Viewers, even those who hadn't read the books, could not wait to see what would befall Frodo and his companions in each installment. And Jackson didn't even have to resort to painful cliffhangers. The all-star cast, who returned for each movie, and Jackson's novel idea to film all three movies at once greatly aided the success of his trilogy. These practices ought to serve as standards for other series to follow.



Toy Story

"Toy Story" aptly represents a series our demographic has grown up with. From the original, where we held our breath as the toys tried to escape sadistic neighbor Sid, to the more recent additions, where the toys attempt to stay relevant in their owner Andy's life, the series has never failed to tug at heart-strings.

The third film in the series amps up the sentimentality,



reducing many unsuspecting movie-goers to balls of tears. You'd have to have a heart of stone not to choke up as the toys, holding hands, prepare to meet fiery death. Although tackling an emotionally heavy storyline, "Toy Story 3," the best of the series, stays true to its roots. Like the other movies, the toys embark on a highly enter-

taining and spectacularly animated journey, meeting charming and funny new characters along the way.

Batman

"Batman Begins" was an incredible, refreshing change from the sub-par Batman movies of the 1990s. It gave the Batman story a dramatic, realistic and cinematic power. However "The Dark

Knights" jumped immediately into action. It kept the incredible acting skills of Christian Bale, Michael Caine and Morgan Freeman and gained the phenomenal performance of Heath Ledger's Joker. The violence, vehicular mayhem, emotions, plot twists and characters all go above and beyond the standards of the impressive first movie. The action, intrigue and powerful score by Hans Zimmer keep the audience at the edge of their seat throughout the entire movie. "The Dark Knight" takes its place not only as a successful sequel, but also as another one of Christopher Nolan's masterpieces.



The Worst Sequels

Pirates of the Caribbean

Gore Verbinski's series, which seems to never end, hit blockbuster gold with its first installment, "The Curse of the Black Pearl." Johnny Depp stole the show with his slightly eccentric portrayal of Captain Jack Sparrow, the swashbuckling pirate who achieved his goals through treachery and often dumb luck.

Despite the big hype for the second movie, "Dead Man's Chest" fell short. And to make matters worse, it ended on a cliffhanger, which only left audiences hoping the next movie would defy expectations. It did not.

Orlando Bloom and his lackluster acting skills played too large a role,

while Captain Jack was relegated to cheap laughs and weird scenes with sand crabs. The series veered too far from its first hit, which showcased an appropriate amount of the hunky hero (Bloom), the damsel "in distress" who can actually fight for herself (Keira Knightly) and the lovable cast of colorful characters (Depp, Geoffrey Rush, et al). Verbinski should have quit while he was ahead, instead of making upwards of four movies.



Legally Blonde

Women everywhere love Elle Woods as a girl who knows how to use both her beauty and brains to kick down barriers (in stilettos no less) but it's safe to say "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde" was a movie that never should have been made. Really, Sally Fields, what were you thinking? While the first movie was all novelty and sass, the second was worn out, and despite the amped up star power, lacked the heart and relatable storyline of the

first. Setting Elle up against Harvard Law pretensions was funny and made you root for her, but putting her in the serious and grown-up world of Washington, D.C. transformed our beloved heroine into a mockery. Next time, Reese, just go for "Sweet Home Alabama 2."



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"True Grit" SUB Movie

When: 10 p.m.
Where: 101 DeBartolo Hall
How Much: \$3

Don't miss the chance to see "True Grit," which was nominated for 10 Academy Awards in January. This film follows a precocious girl's journey through the Wild West, on a hunt for the man who killed her father.



Comedian John Mulaney at Legends

When: 10 p.m.
Where: Legends
How Much: Free

Comedian John Mulaney's comedy tour is Dome-bound. Mulaney, a "Saturday Night Live" writer and performer on VH1's "Best Week Ever," has also appeared on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and "Jimmy Kimmel Live."



Blue-Gold Spring Football Game

When: 2 p.m.
Where: Notre Dame Stadium
How Much: \$12

2011's football season kicks off with the annual Blue-Gold Spring Football Game. Following the debut of this year's "The Shirt," the scrimmage allows fans a chance to show their colors and get an early look at the team.



Notre Dame Symphonic Band and Winds Concert

When: 3 p.m.
Where: DPAC
How Much: Free

Having recently performed in the Beijing Concert Hall, the Sydney Opera House and the world-famous Carnegie Hall, the Notre Dame Symphonic Band and Symphonic Winds will be on top of their game Sunday.

DO THE BOSSY GIRL ROCK: Tina Fey gets real in her new memoir "Bossypants"



By COURTNEY ECKERLE
Scene Writer

Don't take Tina Fey's memoir "Bossypants" to class or the library, because laughing out loud is a guarantee. With the tagline, "Once in a generation a woman comes along who changes everything. Tina Fey is not that woman, but she met that woman once and acted weird around her," you can get a taste of Fey's special brand of self-deprecating humor, which permeates the whole book.

Fey's writing style makes you feel like you're having one really long conversation with your sarcastic, sassy best friend. The book begins "Welcome Friend," which would definitely be creepy coming from anyone but a real amigo, or rather friend, as the German Fey would say.

Fey seems almost indistinguishable from her character Liz Lemon on NBC's comedy "30 Rock," but how alike are they in reality? Turns out

exactly as much, if not more, than you thought. Fey explores these similarities in her memoirs and more. Much more.

She gives ... well, let's just call it her own special point of view on being the boss lady, tales of awkward encounters with the opposite sex from her teenage and adult years, and everything she knows about womanhood. How to lay out with tanning oil instead of sunscreen and how to listen to "General Hospital" on the radio by turning the radio dial way down — it's all in this book. There's a brief foray into her hijinks working the front desk at a Chicago YMCA, her death-defying honeymoon and her entrance on the "Saturday Night Live" stage, which serves as the inspiration for some of the weirder plots on "30 Rock."

Although the book reads like a random series of articles (considering two excerpts have been printed in the "The New Yorker" it kind of is)

anyone with a sense of humor can find the fun in Fey's tales of a woman unintentionally shaking things up in the male-dominated comedy world, i.e. pitching skits like "Kotex Classic." So fair warning to any hapless male who might pick the book up — it is definitely not for those who want women to remain flawless, goddess-y mysteries (men still think that about women, right?). Life gets real when you're dealing with Fey. No awkward, absurd moment is left untold.

Shaking up "SNL" with sassy and downright weird fellow female cast members might not have been easy, but her and bestie Amy Poehler's response to the hilarious (hint: sarcasm) quip that "women aren't funny" is simply, "We don't [expletive] care if you like it."

In fact, Fey said in her book, "My hat goes off to them. It is an impressively arrogant move to conclude that just because you don't like

something, it is empirically not good. I don't like Chinese food, but I don't write articles trying to prove it doesn't exist."

This is one comedian who can walk the walk and talk the talk, so women out there, take her advice. Do your thing and don't care who likes it.

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**'Bossypants'
Tina Fey**

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For Fans of: "30 Rock," "Saturday Night Live" and general hilarity.



MLB

Without Hamilton, Rangers fall to Tigers

Associated Press

DETROIT — Josh Hamilton sat in front of his locker and seemed a little more at ease, saying he and third-base coach Dave Anderson have cleared up any misunderstandings.

Now, the Texas Rangers have to try to win without their slugger. Their first attempt fell short.

Brandon Inge hit a solo home run in the bottom of the ninth inning and the Detroit Tigers beat the Rangers 3-2 on Wednesday. It was Texas' first game without Hamilton, who broke his right arm Tuesday while being thrown out at the plate.

Hamilton tagged up on a foul popup, a risky play he called "stupid" afterward. He said running was a bad decision, but that Anderson told him to do it.

The two met before Wednesday's game.

"I just appreciate Dave having confidence in my ability to think I could make that play. We talked behind closed doors

and just kind of talked about everything," Hamilton said. "I could have taken a different route, as far as trying to cool down a little bit before I spoke, but everything's good."

Hamilton broke his upper right arm. The Rangers put him on the 15-day disabled list, but the reigning AL MVP is expected to miss six to eight weeks. He isn't expected to swing a bat for a month. Texas recalled infielder Chris Davis from Triple-A Round Rock.

Anderson said before the game the team's style isn't going to change.

"It's an aggressive play that we tried to do and it didn't work. That took us a long way last year — a lot of those plays that we did. That's part of our game," Anderson said. "If he doesn't get hurt, then we're not even talking about this right now. He's out at home plate, we go back out. ... My job at third base is two things: Make sure they get the signs, and try to score as many runs as we can possibly score."

A few hours later, Hamilton

clarified his initial comments.

"I wasn't calling him stupid or anything like that. It was just the play itself and coming out injured," Hamilton said. "I could have made the play and then not gotten hurt, and it would have been a great play, but it didn't work out that way."

Texas had other problems besides Hamilton's absence. With the rotation taxed because of a Saturday doubleheader, the Rangers used five pitchers Wednesday.

Spot starter Dave Bush made his first appearance of the season. He made it through three scoreless innings, although he allowed three hits and three walks and threw 71 pitches.

"My pitch count was awfully high for three innings," Bush said. "That was the determining factor in me coming out. It's been so long since I've pitched, I really didn't want to go out and blow it out in the first time out. ... I'll take the three zeros."

With one out in the ninth, Inge hit the first pitch from Darren Oliver (1-1) over the



With his broken right arm in a sling, outfielder Josh Hamilton watched from the dugout as his team lost to the Tigers Wednesday in Detroit.

left-field wall.

"It looked like a slider down the middle," Inge said. "I knew he had thrown me a couple of

those yesterday or the day before, but I wasn't really looking for any pitch. I just wanted something over the middle."

NBA

Lakers' Bryant fined for homophobic slur

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The NBA fined Kobe Bryant \$100,000 on Wednesday for using a derogatory gay term in frustration over a referee's call.

NBA Commissioner David Stern issued a swift disciplinary ruling after the five-time NBA champion guard cursed and used a common homophobic slur when referee Bennie Adams called a technical foul on him Tuesday night in the third quarter of Los Angeles' win over the Spurs.

"Kobe Bryant's comment during last night's game was offensive and inexcusable," Stern said. "While I'm fully aware that basketball is an emotional game, such a distasteful term should never be tolerated. ... Kobe and everyone associated with the NBA know that insensitive or derogatory comments are not acceptable and have no place in our game or society."

Stern's action drew praise from gay-rights organizations that have demanded a fuller apology from Bryant and the Lakers. Bryant issued a statement earlier Wednesday, saying

his words came out of frustration and shouldn't be taken literally.

"We applaud Commissioner Stern and the NBA for not only fining Bryant but for recognizing that slurs and derogatory comments have no place on the basketball court or in society at large," Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese said. "We hope such swift and decisive action will send a strong and universal message that this kind of hateful outburst is simply inexcusable no matter what the context."

Bryant's words and actions were captured by TNT's cameras during the network's national broadcast of the Lakers' regular-season home finale.

Bryant punched his chair before taking a seat on the bench and threw a towel on the court near his feet in frustration after picking up his fourth foul in

the third quarter. He got his 15th technical of the season for arguing the call, one shy of the cumulative trigger for a one-game NBA suspension.

"What I said last night should not be taken literally. My actions were out of frustration during the heat of the game, period," Bryant said in a statement issued through the Lakers. "The words expressed do NOT reflect my feelings towards the gay and lesbian communities and were NOT meant to offend anyone."

The 32-year-old Bryant is a former league Most Valuable Player, a 13-time All-Star, the leading scorer in Lakers franchise history and sixth on the NBA's career list after passing Moses Malone last month. He was the MVP of the last two NBA finals while leading the Lakers to back-to-back titles.

Bryant has been among the NBA's most popular players

worldwide for most of his 15-year career, spent entirely with the Lakers, even after he was arrested and accused of sexual assault in 2003 in a case that was later dropped. He has several lucrative endorsement deals with companies ranging from Sprite to Turkish Airlines.

His No. 24 jersey was the league's best-selling uniform among fans during each of the past two seasons, and Bryant's jersey finished second to LeBron James' new Miami uniform in the NBA's annual rankings released earlier Wednesday.

Gay-rights groups denounced Bryant's actions. Jarrett Barrios, president of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, said slurs are unacceptable.

"Professional sports players need to set a better example for young people who use words like

this on the playground and in our schools, creating a climate of intolerance and hostility," Barrios said. "The LA Lakers have a responsibility to educate their fans about why this word is unacceptable."

Known as a fierce competitor with a nasty edge, Bryant has ranked among the NBA's top 10 accumulators of technical fouls during each of the past six seasons, and he has edged right up to the line of serious NBA discipline this spring. He ranks second only to Orlando's Dwight Howard in technical fouls this season, mostly for arguing with referees.

Bryant was called for an additional technical foul that was rescinded Monday. If Bryant gets another T in the Lakers' season finale at Sacramento on Wednesday night, he would be suspended for the first game of next season, not for a playoff game.

"Kobe Bryant's comment during last night's game was offensive and inexcusable."

David Stern
NBA commissioner

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You're going to drink harder than you've ever drank before... ...Failure is not an option... ...That's how winning is done... ...And tell our enemies, they can take our lives, but they can never take, our Calling. WAKE IT, SHAKE IT.

NHL

Bruins look to Thomas to fill role as playoff goalie

Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Mass. — Tim Thomas came out of playoff hibernation and played better than any goalie this season. Now, he'll try to be just as sharp in the postseason for the Boston Bruins.

Carey Price spent most of last year's playoffs on the bench. Then, he started 70 games for the Montreal Canadiens.

Another postseason starts Thursday in one of the NHL's richest rivalries and the goalies who didn't matter just a year ago loom as major factors.

"The situation's totally different," Thomas said Wednesday after a light practice lasting about 45 minutes. "That's the way it is in this game. Every year's different and a new opportunity."

Thomas sat out the playoffs last year with a left hip injury that required surgery. Tuukka Rask started all 13 games in

his place and seemed set to keep the No. 1 job. But Rask had little chance as Thomas finished first in the NHL with a 2.00 goals against average, a .938 save percentage and a .718 winning percentage and second with nine shutouts.

Now, he's a favorite to win his second Vezina Trophy in three years.

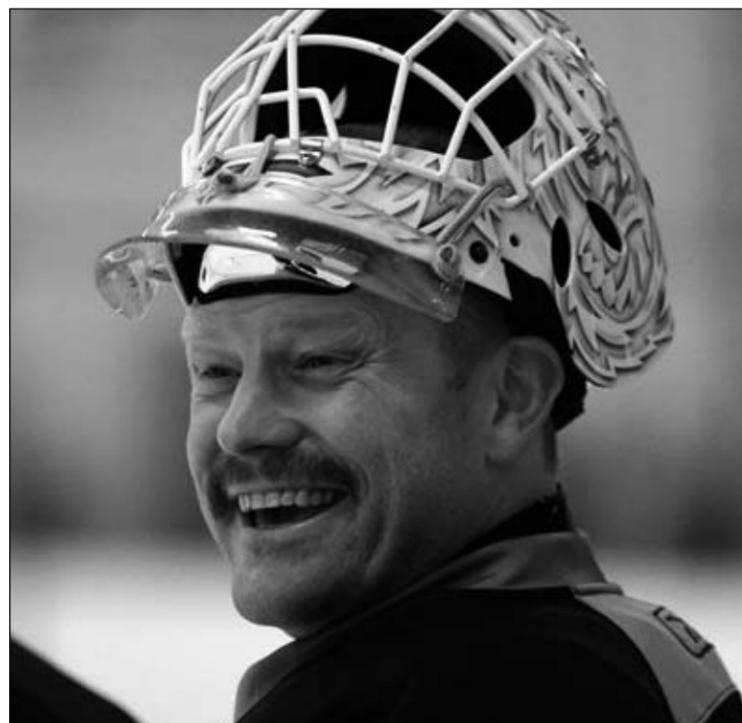
"I don't think he was 100 percent healthy last year and it really didn't help his play," Boston coach Claude Julien said. "What you saw this year is what you saw two years ago, when he won the Vezina."

Price lost his job in the middle of last season to Jaroslav Halak and started just one of Montreal's 18 playoff games. But when Halak was traded to the St. Louis Blues less than a month after the Canadiens' season ended, Price took over. He finished third in the league with eight shutouts, seventh with a .923 save percentage and 10th with a 2.35 goals against average.

"He could have easily pouted and been a distraction" in last year's playoffs, Montreal's Scott Gomez said. "He stayed after (practice), took extra shots. He was always positive, always talking. You've had backups when they're upset, you know it. Not this guy. He didn't even make it an issue."

The Canadiens, seeded eighth going into the Eastern Conference playoffs last year, overcame a 3-1 deficit and eliminated the top-seeded Washington Capitals in seven games. Then, they knocked off the defending-champion Pittsburgh Penguins in seven games after trailing 3-2, before being eliminated by the Philadelphia Flyers in the conference finals in five games.

"We definitely learned some things as a team, especially that series against Washington," Price said. "When we got down like that, we just played with no fear. And I think that's how we've got to go into these playoffs."



Bruins goalie Tim Thomas observes a hockey practice Tuesday in Wilmington, Mass. The Bruins face the Canadiens Thursday.

MLB

Pennington leads Oakland to victory over Sox

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Cliff Pennington's swing had been off and he'd been limited for two games because of an infected sweat gland under his arm.

Entering with a .160 average and batting out of the No.

9 hole, Pennington faced a difficult situation in the ninth inning. The Oakland Athletics had scored but still trailed the Chicago White Sox by two. And now the bases were loaded with two outs.

Facing struggling closer Matt Thornton, Pennington delivered. He dropped a two-

run single into center and the A's added three more in the 10th for a 7-4 victory.

"Matt Thornton on the mound throwing 97 miles per hour, I just tried to get a fast-ball I could hit and it fell in," Pennington said.

"That's what we have to do offensively — scratch and

claw."

With the White Sox leading 4-1 in the ninth, Chris Sale gave up a leadoff double to Conor Jackson, an RBI single to Josh Willingham and a single to Hideki Matsui. Jesse Crain came on and walked pinch-hitter Daric Barton to load the bases before fanning Kurt Suzuki.

Thornton then struck out pinch-hitter Ryan Sweeney for the second out but couldn't get the ball past Pennington.

"I guess it's made news that those guys have been struggling a little bit, but you're bringing in Sale, Thornton and Crain out of the bullpen, those guys are all nasty and they've been nasty for a while," Pennington said. "They're going to be a really good bullpen, we're just trying to scratch a few runs across any way we can."

Coco Crisp entered in the ninth as a pinch runner and was in a 3-for-22 slump before singling off Thornton (0-2) to give the A's the lead in the 10th. The hit came right after Thornton — who is 0 for 4 on save opportunities this season — walked Jackson and Willingham.

Barton followed with a two-run single and Thornton was booed as he walked off the mound after being replaced by Tony Pena.

The White Sox now have lost late-inning leads three times in less than a week, twice to the A's, who also rallied to win Monday night's series opener.

"Oh man," Thornton said. "There's nothing to even describe it right now. Frustration is pretty high. ... Confidence isn't the problem. It's my frustration right now. It's the most frustrated I've been in a long time. I can't remember a run of games like this where I haven't gotten the job done that many times in a row."

Grant Balfour (1-1) pitched the ninth for the win and Brian Fuentes worked the

10th for his fifth save in five chances.

Oakland finished its road trip to Toronto, Minnesota and Chicago at 5-4.

"I just loved the attitude. The guys kept fighting right to the end," manager Bob Geren said. "We were down and it was going to take putting some hits together, drawing some walks, and we did it."

"I know their bullpen is struggling a little bit, it gives you a little bit of feeling of hope. They just battled. ... Think about the road trip, how many close games we've had, this one to finish it off, it's a really good feeling. It's going to be a nice flight home."

Oakland's rally denied John Danks a victory after he gave up a run and five hits in eight solid innings.

The White Sox broke a 1-all tie in the sixth against Oakland starter Brett Anderson when Carlos Quentin was hit by a pitch, Alex Rios doubled and a sliding Quentin scored on Ramon Castro's grounder to third that drew a high throw to the plate from Kevin Kouzmanoff.

Brent Morel dropped down a bunt to score Rios from third for a 3-1 lead. Juan Pierre's third single of the game chased Anderson (0-2), who was hurt by his own error in the fifth. Anderson gave up nine hits and three runs — two earned — in 5 2-3 innings.

"I was (in the clubhouse), sitting here and Pennington flared one in," Anderson said. "Especially as the starting pitcher on the hook for the loss, it's not only a comeback for the team, but a no-decision for you. It's good for everybody."

Matsui's second homer of the season put Oakland up 1-0 in the fourth. Chicago tied it in the fifth when Pierre reached as Anderson fumbled his comebacker for an error and Gordon Beckham doubled.



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The Department of Marketing will host a Symposium on Marketing and the Common Good, on April 18-19, beginning at 8:30 AM, in the Oak Room on the Notre Dame campus.

The Symposium will explore the tendency of marketing to ramify far beyond simple economic exchange, into the realms of ethics and moral economy, into issues of public policy, and into practices of accommodation and resistance to consumer culture.

Discussion will build upon the research tradition of the Mendoza College Department of Marketing, which is to discover fundamental insights into marketplace behavior and to apply those insights in the service of more enlightened managerial practice, consumption and public policy initiatives.

The event will feature presentations by faculty members and marketing practitioners, and will examine such topics as consumer sentiment, sustainability, cultures of consumption, distribution of firearms, slotting fees, organ donation, globalization, truth telling in marketing, normative concerns, and managerial viewpoints of marketing in society. A marketing perspective of *Caritas in Veritate* will also be considered. Presentations will be cogent, and discussion time ample, to encourage a participatory atmosphere among all in attendance.

All members of the university are invited to attend, and the event is open to the public.

Presentation times and titles will be available at

http://business.nd.edu/Marketing/Marketing_and_the_Common_Good_Symposium/, and will be posted on flyers around campus. The Symposium is staged under the umbrella of the Notre Dame Forum, and funded by the Mendoza College of Business.

NFL

Bargaining issues continue



NFL commissioner Roger Goodell speaks with the media at the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service March 11 in Washington D.C.

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Different state. Different mediator. Same disagreements.

One month and two days after the NFL and its players cut off negotiations on a new collective bargaining agreement and put the 2011 season in peril, the two sides will return to the table for court-ordered mediation Thursday with a key legal ruling on the lockout still pending.

NFL executives met with U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan on Wednesday for five hours the day before the first talks between the league and the players since the middle of March.

Executive vice president Jeff Pash, the NFL's lead negotiator, was at the federal courthouse along with other officials and outside counsel. Lawyers for the players met with Boylan for about four hours on Tuesday.

"We appreciate the opportunity to meet with the magistrate and review the issues with him in preparation for our session tomorrow, and we're looking forward to seeing the players and their representatives tomorrow morning," Pash said. He declined to comment further.

Larger contingents are expected on when mediation begins in Boylan's chambers, including commissioner Roger Goodell himself. League spokesman Greg Aiello said Goodell will attend along with some of the owners.

NFL Players Association executive DeMaurice Smith is scheduled to attend, too, after withdrawing from a speaking event at Wake Forest so he could be in Minnesota.

The NFLPA, dissolved by a vote of the players, is now a trade association and not a union. Smith, an attorney, was

formally added to the legal team last week so he could represent the players in mediation even though he is no longer their union boss.

The talks are seen as the first encouraging step since March 11, when the union was dissolved, the CBA expired and the NFL wound up a few hours later with its first work stoppage since the 1987 strike. All that has taken place since then are lawsuits and sharp disagreements between the two sides in one of the most rancorous

sports labor disputes in memory. The lockout followed 16 days of negotiations overseen by a federal mediator in Washington, with the league and players failing to agree on how to divide more than \$9 billion in annual revenue.

The owners wanted to double the money they get off the top for expenses from about \$1 billion to about \$2 billion, but that number decreased during the last round of mediation. The players have insisted on full financial disclosure from all 32 teams, and so far the league has not opened the books to their liking.

Other major issues included benefits for retired players and the NFL's desire to stretch the regular season from 16 to 18 games. The NFL also wants to cut almost 60 percent of guaranteed pay for first-round draft picks, lock them in for five years and divert the savings to veterans' salaries and benefits.

More than \$525 million went to first-rounders in guaranteed payments in 2010. The league wants to decrease that figure by \$300 million, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press. The NFLPA had no immediate comment.

Boylan has a reputation as a problem-solver, but he may have

his work cut out for him.

The key for Boylan is to make both sides comfortable with his neutrality and fairness, said Robert Berliner, an attorney who runs the Berliner Group mediation service in Chicago. He said the judge also has to prove he knows the subject and is flexible. Persuasiveness is a must, too.

"I think this is a fascinating opportunity to bring this to a successful conclusion, but the parties have to be willing," Berliner said. "The mediator can only suggest, cajole and work hard to bring them together. He can't make it happen, and if the parties aren't willing to make a deal the best mediator in the world can't make it happen."

U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson, who ordered the mediation, is still considering a request from the players to lift the lockout imposed by the owners. After an April 6 hearing, she said she planned to rule on the injunction request in a couple of weeks.

Players including MVP quarterbacks Tom Brady and Peyton Manning filed the request along with a class-action antitrust suit against the league. The lawsuit has been combined with two other similar claims from retirees, former players and rookies-to-be.

For now, at least the two sides will be talking again — even though it's under a court order.

"Whether they'll make progress, it's really hard to tell," Berliner said. "I'd like to think so because I'm firmly a believer that parties are way better off deciding these issues for themselves than having courts decide them."

MLB

Liriano, Twins struggle against Aviles, Royals

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Francisco Liriano changed up this time and threw more fastballs. Too bad for him, the result was a replay of his two other starts.

Slumping Mike Aviles doubled twice and drove in three runs as the Kansas City Royals became the latest team to tag Liriano, roughing up the Minnesota Twins 10-5 Wednesday.

Aviles ended his 0-for-18 rut and Alex Gordon added two hits and drove in two runs. The Royals scored six times in the fourth inning to break open the game.

"It was a tough inning for me," Liriano said. "I think I made some good pitches in that inning and they still got hits. So, you've just got to tip your hat to them."

Liriano (0-3) gave up six straight hits during the Royals' big inning. He began the game with a 7.71 ERA after Toronto and the New York Yankees knocked him around in his first two starts.

The left-hander went 14-10 with a 3.62 ERA last year and ranked fifth in the AL with 201 strikeouts. He is still trying to re-establish his dominance after elbow surgery four years ago.

Liriano held the Royals hitless through the first three innings. The second time through the order, however, proved a tougher task. That's been his pattern this year — in their first plate appearance against Liriano, hitters are

batting just .083.

Manager Ron Gardenhire has been telling Liriano to relax, trust his movement and pitch to contact. In the first three innings, Liriano has a 2.00 ERA; from the fourth inning on, his ERA jumps to 18.56 and hitters are hitting .448 off him.

"I threw more fastballs than I'm used to today," Liriano said. "I just wanted them to put the ball in play and not strike them out."

Kansas City opened the fourth with five straight singles before a two-run double by Aviles. Alcides Escobar later singled and Chris Getz had an RBI single.

"Balls just seemed to find holes," Gardenhire said. "Nothing was hit really hard. Maybe a couple of them, but balls just kept finding places and rolling through."

Denard Span was 4 for 4 and scored twice for the Twins, who started the day as the lowest-scoring team in the majors.

"I thought the last couple of days the ball was coming off our bats pretty good," Gardenhire said. "We had a lot better at-bats and made some things happen. We got back into the game today by swinging the bats and having some good at-bats."

Kansas City is showing no such problem with its bats.

The Royals started the day with the AL's second-best batting average and every starter except Matt Treanor finished with a hit Wednesday.

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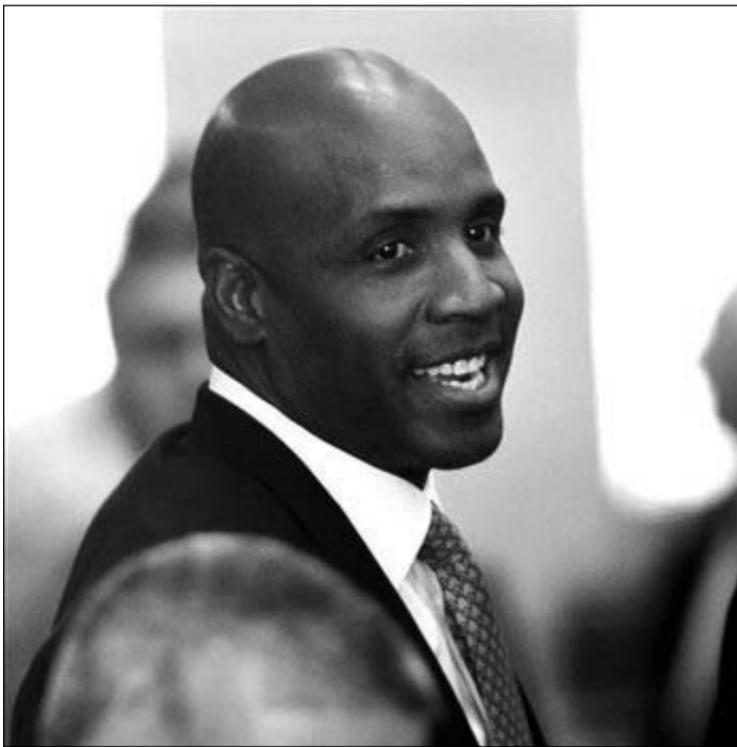


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MLB

Bonds convicted of obstruction of justice



Former outfielder Barry Bonds walks through security Wednesday at federal court in San Francisco during jury deliberation.

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal jury convicted Barry Bonds of a single charge of obstruction of justice Wednesday but failed to reach a verdict on the three counts at the heart of allegations that he knowingly used steroids and human growth hormone and lied to a grand jury about it.

Following a 12-day trial and almost four full days of deliberation, the jury of eight women and four men could reach a unanimous verdict only on one of the four counts against Bonds. U.S. District Judge Susan Illston declared a mistrial on the others, a messy end to a case that put the slugger — and baseball itself — under a cloud of suspicion for more than three years.

Bonds sat stone-faced through the verdict, displaying no emotion. His legal team immediately asked that the guilty verdict be thrown out and Illston did not rule on the request. She set May 20 for a hearing in the case.

The case also represented the culmination of the federal investigation into the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroids ring. Federal prosecutors and the Justice Department will have to decide whether to retry Bonds on the unresolved counts.

The counts that the jury could not resolve accused Bonds of lying to the grand jury investigating BALCO in 2003 when he said he never knowingly took steroids or HGH, and when he said he was never injected by anyone except his doctors.

The maximum sentence for the obstruction of justice count is 10 years in prison, but federal guidelines called for 15-21 months. For similar offenses in the BALCO case, Illston sentenced cyclist Tammy Thomas to six months of home confinement and track coach Trevor Graham to one year of home confinement.

Bonds walked out of the courthouse with his lawyers, who instructed him not to comment because they said the case isn't

over.

Impeccably dressed in suit and tie, Bonds flashed a victory sign to a few fans.

"Are you celebrating tonight?" one asked.

"There's nothing to celebrate," he replied.

Lead defense attorney Allen Ruby said the prosecution failed to prove the heart of its case.

The obstruction of justice count was a complicated charge that asked jurors to decide if Bonds was being evasive when making any one of seven statements to the grand jury. He was convicted on a single statement about his childhood as the son of major leaguer Bobby Bonds and his relationship with personal trainer Greg Anderson — it did not address performance-enhancing drugs.

The government "has determined it's unlawful for Barry Bonds to tell the grand jury he's a celebrity child and to talk about his friendship with Greg Anderson," Ruby said.

The foreman of the jury, who would only give his first name, Fred, said if prosecutors want to "pursue this case, they're going to have to do more homework than they did."

A juror who also gave just her first name, Amber, said that the final votes were 8-4 to acquit Bonds of lying about steroids and 9-3 to acquit him on lying about HGH use. The panel voted 11-1 to convict him of getting an injection from someone other than his doctor, with one woman holding out, she said.

The so-called needle count accused Bonds of lying when he said that no one other than his doctors injected him with anything. His personal shopper,

Kathy Hoskins, testified that she saw Anderson inject Bonds in the navel before a roadtrip in 2002. Hoskins was not sure what substance was being injected.

Amber noted that Bonds' former mistress, Kimberly Bell, testified he complained of soreness from injections. "That's what kind of stuck out for me," the juror said.

The jury foreman said the woman who held out on the needle count did so because Hoskins was the only eyewitness.

U.S. Attorney Melinda Haag said prosecutors were gratified by the guilty count and had not decided whether to seek a retrial on the remaining charges.

"This case is about upholding one of the most fundamental principles in our system of justice — the obligation of every witness to provide truthful and direct testimony in judicial proceedings," Haag said in a statement. "In the United States, taking an oath and promising to testify truthfully is a serious matter. We cannot ignore those who choose instead to obstruct justice."

Now 46, Bonds set baseball's career home run record with 762 while playing for the Pittsburgh Pirates and San Francisco Giants from 1986-2007. The jury met less than two miles from the ballpark where the seven-time NL MVP played for his last 15 years.

Bonds was indicted on Nov. 15, 2007, exactly 50 days after taking his final big league swing and 100 after topping Hank Aaron's career home run mark of 755. He also set the season record with 73 home runs in

2001 with the Giants.

Illston would not let prosecutors present evidence of three alleged positive drug tests by Bonds because Anderson refused to testify and there was no one to confirm the samples came from Bonds.

Bonds acknowledged that he did take steroids but said Anderson misled him into believing they were flaxseed oil and arthritis cream.

Anderson was sentenced by Illston in 2005 to three months in prison and three months in home confinement after pleading guilty to one count of money laundering and one count of steroid distribution. The trainer was jailed on March 22 for the duration of the trial after again refusing to testify against Bonds. He was released last Friday.

Jeff Novitzky, the federal agent who started the BALCO probe, had been hoping the Bonds case would be part of a wider investigation of doping in baseball. Last year, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Novitzky and his team of investigators illegally seized urine samples and records from 104 players in 2004.

Separately, Novitzky has helped develop the case against former star pitcher Roger Clemens, who is scheduled to stand trial in July for lying to Congress by denying he used performance-enhancing drugs. Novitzky also is a key player in the federal doping investigation of pro cyclists, including seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong. Rep. Jack Kingston, a Georgia Republican, recently suggested that the federal agent is motivated by a desire to bring down a celebrity.

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Irish senior Dan Stahl, in the No. 3 singles positions for the Irish, returns a serve in a 5-2 loss against Duke Feb. 6.

Fitzgerald

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State's top doubles combination and the No. 12-ranked pair in the country, 8-6, in the most impressive win of the day for the Irish.

"[Talmadge and Fitzgerald] played really well," Sachire said. "They had to come out competitively and they did. They broke the serve in the first game and went up 1-0. It was the only break of the match. At No. 1, you don't get too many opportunities and you have to take advantage of them when you do get them. It was a really good win for them."

The Irish added two singles victories on the afternoon, most notably at the No. 3 sin-

gles position, where senior Dan Stahl defeated freshman Ille Van Engelen, 6-3, 6-2. On paper it was the most evenly matched contest of the day, with Stahl ranked No. 99 nationally and Van Engelen only 13 spots behind him at No. 112.

"Stahl has been great for us all season," Sachire said. "He's playing really well right now. It's one of those things where none of us are surprised [by his success]. It's a tribute to his work ethic and attitude. He's a really good tennis player and I'm happy to see him succeed."

The Irish will have another 10-day break before facing Big East rival Louisville on the road in the regular season finale on April 23.

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Irish freshman pitcher Laura Winter winds up Wednesday against Loyola. Her nine strikeouts contributed to the Irish 8-0 win.

Fleury

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in a hole, and each inning we kept applying pressure and adding runs."

Fleury had three RBIs on the game for the second time this season. Senior captain Heather Johnson extended her hitting streak to 18 games with an RBI in the first inning.

Freshman pitcher Laura Winter struck out nine batters yet still cited the offense as the strongest aspect of the team's play.

"We really came out strong offensively and crushed any hope they had of beating us," freshman pitcher Laura Winter said.

Pinch-hitting specifically was mentioned as the biggest factor in the game by both

Winters and Maldonado.

"The big plays came from our pinch hitters this game," Winters said. "Everyone who got the chance made the most of it and put some hard grounders and line drives in play."

"We had an inning full of pinch hitters who found a way to produce a run," Maldonado said. "It is always awesome to see players come off the bench and pull through for the team."

This decisive victory was especially important to the Irish as they had lost in years past against Loyola and were playing with a chip on their shoulder. In 2010 the Ramblers defeated the Irish in five innings with the same mercy rule score, 8-0.

"After losing to them twice in the past year, it was about time we showed them how

great of a team we really are," junior outfielder Alexa Maldonado said.

The Ramblers had more errors than hits in the game, with four and three respectively.

The Irish look to continue this winning streak and channel their positive energy in their next games and the rest of the season as a whole.

"We have had our ups and downs but right now when we really need it we are beginning to hit our stride," said Winters. "The rest of the season will be very exciting."

The Irish will host a Big East conference three game series this weekend against Louisville, with games played Saturday at 12 and 2 p.m. and Sunday at 12 p.m.

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Roster

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tournament time comes." Saint Mary's entire roster will travel to Marshall, Mich., to compete against fellow MIAA squads. Hamilton said he is pleased with how the freshmen have been performing and is excited to see how they score Thursday.

"Our freshmen, Doyle O'Brien and Marin Beagley, have been very consistent for young players," he said. "Doyle kept us in the first round in Texas by leading the team scoring in some horrible weather. Marin just keeps getting better every week and her scores are about to go from good to great in the next two weeks."

With such a young team traveling, leadership is key. As two of Saint Mary's top golfers, seniors Mary Kate Boyce and Rosie O'Connor are expected to lead the Belles by example.

Hamilton said Boyce is her biggest critic and that she is capable of performing well under pressure.

"Mary Kate and Rosie O'Connor have both elevated their game to the level it needs to be for us to contend

for the NCAA title," Hamilton said. "No one expects more from Mary Kate than she expects from herself. She has laid the groundwork to become the best player in [Division III] and we are working on peaking at the right time."

Boyce said she does not allow others' expectations to distract her from playing well.

"At the end of the day, all I am looking to do is my best," Boyce said. "Whether that lives up to other people's expectations is out of my control."

If the Belles win Thursday, they will face No. 1 DePauw,

No. 3 Wisconsin-Eau Claire and No. 11 Illinois Wesleyan in the Illinois Wesleyan University Spring Fling this weekend.

"This is a big week for us. The MIAA N C A A Qualifier at Olivet will be a

good challenge. The Medalist is a tough golf course and our main competition, Olivet, is playing well," Hamilton said. "We are looking to go there and just play a solid round and accept the results."

The Belles will take the course and begin the MIAA NCAA qualifier Thursday.

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Mary Kate Boyce
Belles senior

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field, where he would shoot from one corner to a goal in the opposite corner. He rushed home from school every day to work on speed and accuracy — and a few garages.

"There are more holes [in my garage] than there is garage," Rogers said. "I hit my neighbor's house and garage a few times. I broke at least one window of my house. I hit the crossbar and it came flying back on me and shattered my parents' new windows in the back room."

In sixth grade Rogers started playing for his middle school, and began enjoying the game. His parents decided to send him to Holy Trinity for lacrosse, where he played on the varsity team for four years. His success in high school earned him a spot on the Long Island Empire team, which allowed him to showcase his talents in front of college coaches, including Irish coach Kevin Corrigan.

Rogers said he is beyond satisfied with his college decision, and he is thankful for all of the support he receives from the University.

"School's definitely difficult. It's obviously a lot harder being an athlete with all the time you have to devote, but the school does a great job giving you the resources you need to succeed," he said. "Some kids are just brilliant, so it's easy for them. The school and the athletic department make it easier to succeed."

Yet Rogers' academic success is not just due to the athletic department. Rogers was a frequent champion of the flash-card game "Around the World" in his third grade class. Many of his teammates wondered whether he needed any other education after they witnessed his mental math skills in action.

"Freshman year [my teammates] asked a question, and I answered it quickly. I'm just good at it," Rogers said. "Now my teammates love to ask me questions. It'll be a ridiculous question that I don't know the answer to, and they'll watch me struggle with it."

Rogers' experience as a member of the lacrosse team has been outstanding particularly because of the friendships he has with his teammates and the quality time they spend together. During the playoffs last season, the team stayed in Sorin Hall without any work or classes.

"We were basically professional athletes. We woke up every day, had breakfast and were off the rest of the day," Rogers said.

One memory from the team's stay in Sorin stands out to Rogers.

"[Sophomore midfielder] Tyler Kimball was in the shower late at night. My room was next to the shower, so I walked in, grabbed his towel. I knew he didn't have a lot of patience. Out of fear for my own being, I locked the door," he said. "Because kids were moving out, there was all this furniture in the halls. I piled it up in front of the entrances. I was watching from my room, and eventu-

ally he started shaking things and climbed out. [Sophomore midfielder] Steve Murphy was laughing when he came out, and Ty thought it was him. Everyone talked about it for a while, and I was just quietly laughing to myself."

Rogers hesitated to tell the story, fearing that Kimball might find out who set him up.

"[To this day], I don't think he knows it was me," he said.

Rogers recognizes an obvious difference between playing lacrosse for Notre Dame and playing lacrosse for any other school.

"What makes our team special is that we genuinely care about one another. Between playing and living with these guys, I spend close to 40 hours a week with them exclusively," Rogers said. "All the things we've gone through together, just being in college and experiencing college, we all get along really well. There's not one guy on the team that I don't like. [On] other teams, there's not the same camaraderie as there is here."

With expectations of an exciting postseason and a memorable senior season ahead, Rogers said he will never take for granted the teammates he has on this Irish roster.

"They are some of the most unique people I've ever met in my life. I feel safe saying I'm closer to them than some of my friends from home who I've known my whole life," he said. "These guys will be my friends for the remainder of my life."

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Junior attack Sean Rogers runs across the field during a game against Ohio State March 23. Rogers had three goals in the 8-7 win.

NHL

Third-period goals propel Penguins

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Alex Kovalev and Arron Asham scored third-period goals 18 seconds apart and Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 32 shots to lead the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 3-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning in the first-round playoff opener on Wednesday night.

Chris Kunitz sealed the win with an empty-net goal in the final minute in the Penguins' first postseason game in their new arena. Brooks Orpik, who had two assists, opened the game with a heavy and clean check on Lightning star Steven Stamkos.

Fleury made spectacular saves — including a blind stop on former Penguins forward Ryan Malone in the first period — and shut down the Lightning's high-powered offense. Fleury earned his fifth playoff shutout, one short of tying Tom Barrasso's franchise record.

The Lightning were held scoreless following a regular season in which they finished second in the Eastern Conference with 247 goals. Fifth-seeded Tampa Bay is in the playoffs for the first time since 2007.

The fourth-seeded Penguins seized the momentum by outshooting the Lightning 18-7 in the second period, and carried it into the third in the first playoff meeting between the teams.

Kovalev made it 1-0 at 6:05 of the third on a bit of a broken play after he was tripped in the corner by Tampa Bay's Pavel Kubina. With the crowd

booing the lack of a penalty call, Penguins forward James Neal got the puck at the left point and fed Kovalev, who one-timed a shot shortly after he got back up.

With the arena still buzzing, Asham doubled the lead with an end-to-end rush. Carrying the puck up the right wing, Asham faked a shot before cutting around the net to draw goalie Dwayne Roloson out of posi-

tion. Asham's first attempt to wrap in the puck failed, but he converted on a second chance by flipping the puck into the open left side.

With much of the focus on the Lightning's offensive stars — Stamkos, Vincent Lecavalier and Martin St. Louis — and the Penguins playing without Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin, the goalies stole the spotlight.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Team Rogers

Teammates contribute to junior's success

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

Junior attack Sean Rogers is a busy man, and it's all thanks to his tight-knit network of teammates and friends. They drive him to excel academically, athletically and socially — and he has done so, leading the Irish to an 8-0 record.

Rogers' lacrosse career first began in fourth grade when his friend decided to pick up the sport. If fourth grade athletics predicted anyone's future career in a particular sport, it was not Rogers'.

"The team I was on was a bunch of fifth graders. I was not good. I was pretty bad to be honest with you," Rogers said. "The first year was a struggle. I wasn't a huge fan of it."

His New Hyde Park, N.Y., backyard was his practice

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Irish junior attack Sean Rogers advances the ball during a game against Ohio State March 23. Rogers' goal with 33 seconds left clinched the 8-7 Irish win.

SMC GOLF

Belles try to eliminate weaknesses

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

The No. 9 Belles are adding finishing touches to their individual games and getting excited to take a shot at the MIAA NCAA qualifiers.

Coming off of a first-place finish at the Southwestern Invitational, the Belles are working on improving their game under unfavorable weather conditions. Belles coach Mark Hamilton said the team is preparing for any weather that might present a challenge.

"We are still working on getting used to being outside," he said. "The poor weather this spring has hindered our normal preparation. We are trying to cover all aspects of the game and make sure there are no major weaknesses when

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ND TRACK & FIELD

Notre Dame gears up for full weekend of relays

By JOE WIRTH
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After teaming up with Indiana to defeat their border rivals Louisville and Kentucky in last weekend's Louisville Border Battle, the Irish look to continue their success at three different events this weekend.

Notre Dame will compete in the Kansas Relays at the University of Kansas and the Mount SAC Relays in California, both of which start

today, as well as the Dave Rankin Invitational at Purdue, starting Friday.

The Irish will only compete in the multi-event competitions at the Kansas Relays. Senior Justin Schneider and freshman Peter Kristiansen led the multi-event athletes by finishing first and second in the javelin throw last week.

Junior Maddie Buttinger finished fifth in the long jump and sixth in the high jump last week. She will be looking to improve and earn crucial

points for the Irish women.

The Irish have 27 entries in the Mount SAC Relays, led by sophomores Rebecca Tracy and Nevada Sorenson on the women's side.

Both women are coming off first place performances in last week's races. Tracy took first in the 1500-meter race and Sorenson won the 100-meter hurdles.

The men in California are also led by two first-place finishers from the Louisville Border Battle. Junior Andrew

Hills won the hammer throw in Kentucky and is once again favored to finish first this week.

Sophomore Jeremy Rae came in first place in the 800-meter run last week. This weekend, however, he will compete in the 1500-meter run.

Before last week's races in Louisville, Rae said he was going to use last week's event as preparation for the upcoming races in California.

"I'll be running an 800-

meter this week, which is shorter than I typically race but will help get me prepared for my 1500-meter in Los Angeles next week," Rae said.

The fifth annual Dave Rankin Invitational will take place at Purdue's Rankin Track Friday and Saturday. The field will be made up of elite track programs across the Midwest including Notre Dame, Valparaiso and Purdue.

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ND SOFTBALL

Mercy rule seals victory

By JACK YUSKO
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The Irish meant it when they said that they weren't satisfied with their play Tuesday night, even though they finished their game against Loyola-Chicago 8-0. Stopped by mercy rule in six innings, the No. 24 Irish (29-7) extended their winning streak to 12 games.

The team dominated all areas of play, scoring prolifically and shutting out the Ramblers (15-16). The Irish jumped out to an early lead in the first inning with three quick runs.

"We had great hitting, defense and pitching," Irish senior infielder Katie Fleury said. "It's hard for teams to come back when they are put

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Irish junior infielder Dani Miller fields a grounder during the 8-0 win against Loyola Wednesday.

MEN'S TENNIS

Irish struggle against Rola, No. 2 Buckeyes

By ANDREW OWENS
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No. 2 Ohio State avoided No. 28 Notre Dame's upset bid in Columbus, Ohio Wednesday in a 5-2 victory that improved the Buckeyes' home record to a perfect 14-0.

At No.1 singles, Ohio State freshman Blaz Rola, ranked No. 5 nationally, outlasted Irish junior Casey Watt 6-3, 6-0 in the first of four victories at the singles positions for the Buckeyes.

"[Rola] is really good," Irish associate head coach Ryan Sachire said. "He's ranked No. 5 for a reason. He earned

it. He is clearly a top-10 player."

Junior Chase Buchanan defeated Notre Dame senior Stephen Havens at the No. 2 singles position, 6-1, 6-3. Buchanan is currently ranked No. 12 overall in the latest position rankings.

Watt and Havens combined to form the No. 2 doubles team and fell to the No. 66 doubles team of Buchanan and senior Shuhai Uzawa, 8-6.

Notre Dame's only doubles victory came in the No. 1 duo of sophomore Spencer Talmadge and junior Niall Fitzgerald. They topped Ohio

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