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## Local businesses offer discounts

By JOHN CAMERON  
News Writer

Students hesitant to set foot outside Flex Point territory can venture off campus without breaking the bank thanks to the Students for South Bend (SFSB) discount program.

The program, which has expanded to include over 60 local restaurants, museums and other vendors, offers students with valid Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross IDs a variety of everyday discounts and daily specials.

Emily LeStrange, the former Off-Campus Concerns chair responsible for the program's founding, said the program is meant to increase both student patronage at local businesses and campus engagement with the community at large.

"I've always thought the program was a great way for students to break out of the comfort zone Eddy Street Commons has," LeStrange

### Students for South Bend Discount Program

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said. "If you create a way for students to continually shop downtown or to frequent the small businesses they didn't know existed before, I think you create a positive relationship with your community."

When the program began last year, LeStrange said a number of local businesses

were eager to participate.

"Businesses from the beginning have been interested in participating, especially small businesses in the South Bend city area," she said. "We were able to grab the attention of a lot of places students frequent, like Between the Buns, Studebagels, Legends, Le Peep and even the

South Bend Silverhawks."

Katy Zemlock, this year's Off-Campus Concerns chair, said SFSB is still seeking more local vendors.

"We are working with Kite Realty, the Eddy Street Commons developer, to discuss a blanket discount at the busi-

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## Kellogg to host abroad open house

By NICOLE TOCZAUER  
News Writer

Students who are interested in service or research abroad but are overwhelmed by the application process can get a head start at Wednesday's International Open House, where representatives from more than 20 University offices involved with study, service and research abroad will showcase a variety of available programs.

Holly Rivers, director of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, said the 450 students registered for the event will receive information on opportunities available in Africa, Latin America, Asia,

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## Campus fire department keeps students safe



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**Captain Robert "RD" Brown attends to daily activities at the Notre Dame Firehouse.**

By EMMA RUSS  
News Writer

In 1879, a devastating fire destroyed Notre Dame's Main Building, alerting the administration to the need for greater fire safety measures. More than a century later, the University

maintains constant vigilance through the Notre Dame Fire Department (NDFD).

NDFD handles all of the University's fire safety-related needs, and its responsibilities are broader than most municipal fire departments, Interim

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## Poverty rate increases in 2010

By MARIELLE HAMPE  
News Writer

Poverty in the United States rose to 15.1 percent in 2010, with 46.2 million Americans reportedly below the poverty line, according to a report released by the Census Bureau Tuesday.

While politicians debate a number of quick fixes to the apparent crisis, Notre Dame economics professor Jim Sullivan said some of the hype may be in the way the statistics are calculated.

"Poverty estimates are based on cash income like earnings and welfare payments. The poverty estimates exclude government programs such as food stamps, housing subsidies and the Earned Income Tax Credit, a 50 billion dollar program that is much larger than welfare," he said.

The Census Bureau determines poverty by comparing a household's total income to a threshold level that varies by family size and age composition. If a household's total income falls below the threshold, every member in the family is considered to be in poverty.

"Official poverty estimates are the single most important indicator for the well being of the people at the bottom of

the economic distribution," he said. "It allows us to answer the question, 'Have we made progress over time?'"

The Census Bureau report, "Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage: 2010," stated that the number of Americans below the poverty line increased from 43.6 million during 2009.

Sullivan said the selected indicators can obscure the positive impact of some government programs.

"By ignoring the effects of government funded programs, the official poverty estimates suggest that the government is losing the war on poverty, but this is not the case," Sullivan said.

While Sullivan acknowledges the worsening of many Americans' financials, his research shows that long-term progress has been made against poverty. He suggests

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### Poverty Statistics:

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau report, "Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage: 2010."

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

McCormick discusses social concerns with Council

By JOHN CAMERON  
News Writer

Continuing with the Council of Representatives' recent focus on inclusivity at Notre Dame, student body president Pat McCormick offered members a preview of upcoming events and projects relating to social concerns.

Following Monday's talk by Sr. Helen Prejean on the immorality of the death penalty, McCormick said a pending execution presented the opportunity for interested students to get more involved with the issue.

"There's someone who has been sentenced to death right now, and it could be carried out in a few weeks," he said. "So for those interested in some advocacy, there may be some going on at Notre Dame."

McCormick said a tentative upcoming campus visit by a high-profile name in the im-

migration debate could also relate to the issue of inclusion at the University.

"This upcoming October there's an historic opportunity for Notre Dame with Cardinal Mahony, the former Archbishop of Los Angeles," McCormick said. "He's interested in coming to Notre Dame to discuss the issue of human dignity at the center of immigration reform."

McCormick said Notre Dame's history as an educational institution for the children of Irish immigrants makes it an ideal place for such debate.

"Notre Dame is the perfect place to start this conversation since it was a place Irish immigrants could come to become part of the U.S. society," he said. "For Mexican immigrants, but really just immigrants in general, it's about expanding inclusion."



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**Student body president Pat McCormick, center, leads a discussion about Notre Dame's involvement with social concerns at the Council of Representatives meeting Tuesday.**

McCormick emphasized the need for campus debate to focus on the ethical rather than the political aspect of the issue.

"We're doing our best to steer clear of politics, [and

move] toward the dignity at the center of the issue for those involved not only immigrants but also law enforcement," he said. "This could be a controversial issue, but if we focus as

a student union on human dignity I think there's a chance to do some really cool work."

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Group chooses projects for year

By KRISTEN RICE  
News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Government Association (SGA) focused on choosing initiatives for the year at its second meeting Tuesday.

Members primarily discussed revamping the Student Center and Dalloway's Coffeehouse, particularly changing furniture

to make the space more welcoming.

Amanda Lester, public relations commissioner, said the current environment in the Student Center is not optimized for student use.

"We should make the Student Center more student-friendly," she said. "We need to make it so that it's true to its name."

Karen Johnson, vice president for student affairs, said replacing the furniture would go a long way in making the space more suitable for students to study and socialize.

"Adding new furniture to the student lounge would be beneficial and more comfortable for students," she said.

Members said the Women's Resource Center in the Student Center was one area that was in particular need of renovation. They said the space could be better publicized to students and would also benefit from redecorating.

Student Services commissioner Laura Glaub said SGA should

make efforts to increase student awareness and use of the center.

We should "make it more [actively used] and engaging," she said.

SGA also discussed the location of the Saint Mary's Grotto. The Grotto is currently located behind the Congregation of the Holy Sisters of the Holy Cross building.

Chief of staff Emily Skirtich said the location is inconvenient and possibly dangerous.

"It's very dangerous to go back there due to the river changing paths, and some of the Grotto has been eroded,"

Skirtich said.

Skirtich said gauging student interest in moving the Grotto to a more central location would be important in deciding whether to go forward with it.

"The first step of course would be providing information to students to see if they are interested in making this new Grotto," she said.

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**Emily Skirtich**  
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**Student body president Nicole Gans, left, and vice president Jacquelyn Zupancic lead an SGA meeting Sept. 6.**





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# Discount

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nesses there, and will continue to reach out to businesses if students express interest in certain establishments,” she said.

Zemlock said most businesses were made aware of the program at its inception, so business participation is likely to remain at its current level.

Student participation, however, is lacking. Zemlock attributes this to limited student awareness rather than a lack of popular businesses involved in the program.

“In speaking with my friends and people in my classes, awareness of the program appears to be very low,” she said. “In my experience though, when students are aware of the program, they do use it frequently.”

LeStrange said students at all three eligible colleges would be more likely to par-

ticipate if they were more informed about the businesses involved.

“I feel some students still don’t know about the program and the benefit it brings to them as shoppers. I’d love to see some more on-campus events [publicizing the program],” she said. “Working more with our SFSB liaisons at Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross College is a huge part of the growth and expansion of the program we’d like to see.”

Zemlock hopes the distribution of a mobile app will help keep students mindful

of where they could be using the program’s discounts.

“One way we hope to [raise awareness] is through the development of an app, which is currently in the SAO

approval process,” Zemlock said. “[The app] alerts the user where SFSB discounts can be found [by] location.”

For those students who are aware of the program, the majority of feedback is positive, LeStrange said.

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**Emily LeStrange**  
former off-campus concerns chair

# Abroad

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Europe and the Middle East.

“There are many, many international opportunities offered to students,” Rivers said. “This is the one night in the year where they all come together.”

Lance Askildson, assistant provost for internationalization, will kick off the evening with opening remarks. Two seniors will then share experiences from their time abroad and discuss their impact on a Notre Dame education.

“One of the things we want to convey is that you’re not just a passive participant in your education,” Rivers said. “It’s easy to be overwhelmed, but I think students should take the opportunity to build their own program.”

Rivers said students still considering different programs should talk to other students about their experiences before narrowing their options.

“The best advice, the hardest to follow, is [to] talk to others,” she said. “Then you can compare goals for your education, find how to reach them and pursue what makes the most sense.”

Students should research opportunities during freshman and sophomore year to find a niche for themselves, she said.

“You can’t write one application and expect that to get you into any program,” Rivers said. “You need to talk to each program, find out their missions and work with that.”

Students who participated in the programs gain confidence and a sense of independence, Rivers said. Managing education, research and work in a different culture helps students to grow as individuals and to gain a better understanding of the place of the United States on the global stage, she said.

Senior Lily Hough taught English in Manta off the coast of Ecuador the summer after her sophomore year. Hough traveled through an internship with the Kellogg Institute and was connected with a teaching program called WorldTeach.

“I had never taught before, so WorldTeach provided me teacher training for two weeks in the capital, Quito, before sending me out into the field,” she said. “I had to create my own curriculum for the summer and design all of my own lesson plans.”

Hough’s work in the classroom was extremely challenging, and she said being so far from home took a toll. Still, Hough does not regret her experience abroad.

“The language barrier was really tough, and without my family and friends, it was the hardest thing I’ve ever done in my life, but it was the best

“The feedback we did get from students was always very appreciative,” she said. “Sometimes we heard that the discount wasn’t applied as a student thought it should be, and we were prompt in contacting the business and getting confirmation that they were still in the program. Fine-tuning is another key part of the development of the program we’d like to see this year.”

Zemlock’s own experience with an off-campus business owner affirms her belief that the program can do more than just save students a few dollars.

“My friends and I dined a Girasol’s, a small Salvadoran restaurant, one day for lunch and had a lovely conversation with the husband and wife who own the restaurant,” she said. “It’s conversations like these that truly foster community engagement.”

LeStrange sees the program as a tool for popping the infamous campus “bubble.”

“SFSB creates a conversation with local residents that isn’t always there,” she said. “We hope it’s an entry way for students to break outside of the Notre Dame bubble and get involved with the community we live in.”

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too,” Hough said. “I had to get really creative to get the students to break out of their shells and start participating.”

The International Open House originally began as a re-entry point for students returning from study abroad like Hough, Rivers said. The first few workshops focused on returning students’ plans to continue work in the countries they visited.

Since then, the Open House has grown into a showcase of international study programs available to students still considering their options.

“Students can do almost anything they want to do,” Rivers said. “That wasn’t the case when I began nine years ago.”

Hough said her experience abroad, even with its challenges, had a positive impact on her.

“Especially when you’re engaged in work directed at someone else’s benefit, you learn a great lesson in service,” she said. “It’s about how working and engaging with that community changes something in you that makes you a better human being.”

The International Open House will take place in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m.

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# Fire

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Fire Chief Timothy Hoeppner said.

“These duties include building inspections, maintenance, testing of all fire protection systems and public education,” he said. “At the beginning of each school year we hold classes to instruct rectors and hall staff in the proper use of extinguishers. We also perform fire drills in all residence halls and some classroom buildings.”

Hoeppner stressed prevention as a crucial aspect of fire safety. Notre Dame firefighters are committed not only to fighting fires as they arise, but also to preventing dangerous situations from ever occurring, he said.

“NDFD is responsible for minimizing the possibility of fires by promoting fire safety wherever possible,” he said. “To do so, we perform annual fire code and [Occupational Safety and Health Administration] safety inspections, design reviews for building and remodeling projects and advise campus user groups on fire code compliance and general safety issues.”

Despite the fire department’s best efforts, fires and other emergencies do occur on the Notre Dame campus. The combined weekly average of fires, emergency medical calls and rescue reports at Notre Dame is three-and-a-half calls per day, Hoeppner said.

“Medical emergencies constitute the majority of NDFD’s responses, with over half of the department’s calls dealing with the ill and injured in our coverage area,” he said.

Fire-related issues constitute the remainder of emergency reports, which constitute about one third of all calls, Hoeppner said.

“The most common are cooking issues caused by students using excessive amounts of cooking oil and not closely monitoring their cooking, which can lead to an overheating situation,” he said. “This type of fire can be easily prevented by simply paying careful attention to any cooking activity and making sure that cooking surfaces are clean before use.”

Fire drills, medical transport and cooking fire extinguishment are all a far cry from the services provided by the University’s first fire prevention organization, established in 1846. The company was staffed by a group of volunteer Holy Cross brothers.

“Their main duties were listed in 1846 as ‘to procure buckets, axes and other tools during a fire,’” Hoeppner said. “Their ‘fire engine’ was a piece of pumping equipment that was located in a shed adjacent to the campus dog kennel.”

While the aforementioned Main Building disaster resulted in increased attention to fire safety, the department did not come into its current form until decades later.

“In 1896, a central firehouse was built with two bays to hold the hose carts and a tower was later added to hang [a] wet hose,” he said. “By 1900, the Notre Dame Scholastic noted that the University had the ‘best fire protection in America,’ and ‘could deliver over 2,000 gallons of water per minute within five minutes of the alarm.’”

Further expansion occurred after the St. Edward’s Hall fire in 1980, as the first professional firefighters were hired.

“This marked the beginning of the modern NDFD,” Hoeppner said. “We continue to work closely to promote the safety of our students, faculty and staff.”

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# Poverty

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analyzing a household’s consumption relative to income for a more accurate view of the situation.

“Consider if a person has a job, but the person is worried about losing the job in this time of economic struggle. The person might decide to save more money, and so consumption goes down,” he said. “The income remains the same, but without considering consumption, we cannot accurately depict the person’s true economic circumstances.”

The Bureau of Labor Statistics conducts consumption surveys quarterly. Households are asked questions about expenses such as groceries, clothes, mortgages and car payments.

“Poverty rates based on consumption would provide better estimates of the effectiveness of government programs, such as food stamps and Medicaid, and would show that these programs are working,” Sullivan said.

While the poverty levels on record have increased, Sullivan said a more holistic approach to analyzing the statistics would indicate a decline in the official poverty rate.

“Yes, the official poverty rate in 2009 is higher than it was in 1980,” he said. “But if you compare the poverty rates from 1980 to 2009 using consumption and after-tax in-

come, which adjusts for inflation and the Earned Income Tax Credit, the poverty rates have gone down.”

Whether the rate has marginally increased or decreased, Sullivan also acknowledges the continuing impact of poverty. He said large-scale economic improvement is the most certain way to improve the living standards of the poor.

“The best way to fight poverty is to promote economic growth,” Sullivan said.

One proposal for improving the situation is an increase in the minimum wage.

However, Sullivan said he doubts the effectiveness of such a solution.

“Increasing the minimum wage would be a very blunt instrument for fighting poverty. For example, some teenagers who work at minimum wage have parents not at the poverty level,” he said. “It would be more effective to increase programs such as the Earned Income Tax Credit because you would put money in the hands that need it most.”

Given the economic climate, Sullivan said there may not be an easy fix for the issue.

“Unemployment has actually come down a little, which suggests that poverty may fall in the future, but not by much,” he said. “Unfortunately, in the short-term, high poverty rates may be here to stay.”

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# Airports change child security procedures

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Children 12 years old and younger soon will no longer be required to remove their shoes at airport security checkpoints, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano told Congress on Tuesday. The policy also includes other ways to screen young children without resorting to a pat-down that involves touching private areas on the body.

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**Janet Napolitano**  
**secretary**  
**Homeland Security**

Napolitano said during a Senate hearing on the terror threat to the U.S. that the changes would be rolled out in the coming months. But the Transportation Security Administration later said the changes would be rolled out in weeks rather than months.

Napolitano said there may be some exceptions to keep airport security unpredictable. Terrorists have plotted to use children as suicide bombers, and some children still may be required to remove their shoes to keep security random.

“There will always be some unpredictability built into the system, and there will always be random checks even for groups that we are looking at differently, such as children,” she said.

Many travelers have complained that the TSA does not use common sense when it screens all air travelers the same way, including young children and the elderly. Criticism escalated last year when the government began using a pat-down more invasive than what had been used in the past, one that involves screeners feeling a traveler’s genital and breast areas.

Earlier this year, TSA introduced a modified pat-down for children 12 and under and later announced it would look at ways to screen children through other methods to reduce the number of pat-downs provided to them. TSA Administrator John Pistole had called for a more aggressive pat-down for air travelers when he took over the agency last year because he thought it gave screeners the best chance at stopping a suicide bomber like the one who nearly brought down an airliner over Detroit in 2009 with a bomb tucked in his pants.

To reduce the number of pat-downs given to children, screeners will soon be told to send children through metal detectors or the walk-through imaging machines multiple times to capture a clear picture and use more explosive trace detection tools such as hand swabs, according to the TSA.

“TSA anticipates these changes, which will begin rolling out in select airports this week, will continue to strengthen and streamline the security screening process for travelers,” said agency spokesman, Greg Soule.

The government is expected to soon begin testing a new

airport screening system on a small number of travelers who volunteer personal information that intelligence officials will vet. If cleared, these travelers could go through security faster, in some cases, because they won’t be asked to take their shoes off.

Removing shoes during checkpoint screening has been a common complaint among airline travelers since security was increased after an al-Qaida operative tried to set off a bomb built into his shoe on an American Airlines flight in December 2001.

# Students save life of motorcyclist

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The university math students heard the crash, saw the smoke and knew they had to act quickly. A motorcyclist had just collided with a car and was pinned beneath the flaming, twisted metal wreckage.

Disregarding their own safety, they rushed to the street and lined up with more than half dozen others on one side of the car. Within moments, they managed to lift the roughly 4,000-pound car just high enough for one rescuer to pull Brandon Wright to safety.

“The danger? I didn’t think about it for a minute,” said James Odei, 35, a doctoral candidate from Ghana who is studying statistics. “All I wanted to do was grab that car and raise it.”

For their actions, the rescuers are being called “heroes” and “angels” — their few minutes of heroics was captured



A group of people lift a burning BMW to free motorcyclist Brandon Wright from under the vehicle in Logan, Utah, on Monday.

on video and has gone viral on the Internet. The man they saved — the 21-year-old Utah State University student — is grateful.

“I’m just very thankful for everyone that helped me out,” Wright told The Associated Press by telephone from his

hospital bed. “They saved my life.”

Had none of the rescuers acted, “you can only speculate what the outcome would have been,” Assistant Logan Police Chief Jeff Curtis said. “Every one of those people put their lives in danger.”

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# Perry's HPV policy catches flack

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Four years ago, Gov. Rick Perry put aside his social conservative bona fides and signed an order requiring Texas girls to be vaccinated against HPV.

The human papillomavirus is a sexually spread virus that can cause cervical cancer, and he says his aim was protecting against that cancer. But it didn't take long for angry conservatives in the Legislature to override a measure they thought tacitly approved premarital sex, and for critics to accuse Perry of cronyism.

Now Perry's taking heat on the issue anew as he runs for the presidential nomination of a GOP heavily influenced by conservatives who are sour on the government dictating health care requirements. Illustrating the delicate politics at play, he's both defending himself and calling his action a mistake.

"If I had it to do over again, I would have done it differently," Perry said Monday night as he debated his rivals, insisting that he would have worked with the Legislature instead of unilaterally acting. But he did not back down from his stance that girls should be vaccinated against the virus, which is generally spread by sexual contact. He argued that it wasn't a mandate and noted that he included the right for parents to opt out of the vaccinations.

"This was about trying to stop a cancer," he said. "I am always going to err on the side of life."

Not that the explanation satisfied his GOP opponents.

Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum told Perry, "This is big government run amok. It is bad policy, and it should not have been done."

And Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann, looking to siphon support from Perry's base of evangelical and tea party supporters, said: "To have innocent little 12-year-old girls be forced to have a government injection through an executive order is just flat out wrong." She also noted that that the company that makes the vaccine, Merck & Co., employed Mike Toomey, Perry's former chief of staff, as a lobbyist in Texas, and that the



Presidential candidate Gov. Rick Perry speaks at the Republican presidential debate in Tampa, Fla. Monday night.

drug company had donated to Perry's campaigns.

Renewing the attack Tuesday, Bachmann said on NBC's "Today" show that "it's very clear that crony capitalism could likely have been the cause" of Perry's executive order.

The exchanges mirror the criticism Perry took in 2007.

It all began when Merck, which won approval for the first HPV vaccine a year earlier, was spending millions lobbying state legislators to require girls to be vaccinated with the new product, Gardasil. The company also was donating money to a national organization called Women in Government, which in Texas was led by state Rep. Dianne White Delisi, who chaired the House public health committee. She was also the mother-in-law of Perry's chief of staff at the time, Deirdre Delisi — the same woman who now is one of Perry's top presidential campaign aides.

Schedule and campaign finance reports show that on one day — Oct. 16, 2006 — Deirdre Delisi held a staff meeting to discuss the vaccine and Merck's political action committee gave Perry \$5,000. The drug maker had previously given \$6,000 in donations. Perry's office called the timing of the donation a coincidence.

A review of campaign finance reports shows that Merck's political action committee continued to contribute, a total of \$17,500 to Perry's campaign fund between 2008 and 2010 even though Perry's order was

eventually overturned.

By early 2007, Toomey and Dianne White Delisi were working to overcome opposition among lawmakers to a bill to require the vaccination. But conservatives said they feared the requirement would infringe on personal liberties and signal approval of premarital sex. Rather than wait for the Legislature to act, Perry signed an executive order on Feb. 2, 2007, requiring the vaccination — with an opt-out provision. It surprised even his allies who acknowledged that it was out of step with his limited-government stance.

Perry explained his action by pointing to his long-documented passion about fighting cancer. He had signed a host of legislation to that end, including a constitutional amendment in Texas that created a cancer research institute funded with \$3 billion from bond sales.

"We have a vaccine that's going to save young women's lives," Perry said in 2007. "This is wise public policy."

The governor quickly found that Texas parents didn't like the idea of the government telling preadolescents to be vaccinated against a sexually transmitted disease. Within three weeks, the House public health committee approved a bill negating the order but Perry persisted in defending his initiative. By May 8, when it was clear the Legislature was going to pass the bill stopping his order, Perry said he would stop fighting.

# New evidence cites more BP oil spill mistakes

Associated Press

A BP scientist identified a previously unreported deposit of flammable gas that could have played a role in the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, but the oil giant failed to divulge the finding to government investigators for as long as a year, according to interviews and documents obtained by The Associated Press.

While engineering experts differ on the extent to which the two-foot-wide swath of gas-bearing sands helped cause the disaster, the finding raises the specter of further legal and financial troubles for BP. It also could raise the stakes in the multibillion-dollar court battle between the companies involved.

A key federal report into what caused the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history is set to be released as early as Wednesday.

"This is a critical factor, where the hydrocarbons are found," said Rice University engineering professor Satish Nagarajaiah. "I think further studies are needed to determine where this exactly was and what response was initiated by BP if they knew this fact."

At issue: BP petrophysicist Galina Skripnikova in a closed-door deposition two months ago told attorneys involved in the oil spill litigation that there appeared to be a zone of gas more than 300 feet above where BP told its contractors and regulators with the then-Minerals Management Service the shallowest zone was located.

The depth of the oil and gas is a critical parameter in drilling because it determines how much cement a company needs to pump to adequately seal a well. Federal regulations require the top of the cement to be 500 feet above the shallowest zone holding hydrocarbons, meaning BP's cement job was potentially well below where it should have been.

Cement contractor Halliburton recently filed a lawsuit against BP asserting that Skripnikova's statements prove the oil giant knew about the

shallower gas before the explosion and should have sought a new cement and well design. BP has denied the allegations.

Skripnikova's job involved analyzing data from BP's Macondo well to determine the depth and characteristics of oil and gas deposits, which in turn is used in a process called temporary abandonment, when wells are sealed so they can be used for production later.

Based on the initial information, regulators approved BP's well sealing plan, which called for placing the top of the cement at roughly 17,300 feet below the surface of the water. The cement was pumped April 19, the day before the explosion. But Skripnikova said that after she flew back from the rig she and others re-examined the analysis, and on the day of the explosion she identified the shallower gas zone. That would have meant the cement should have been placed at just under 17,000 feet below the surface of the water.

She said she did not relay that information to drilling engineers on the Deepwater Horizon and warn them to hold off proceeding with the abandonment. She suggested in her deposition that she thought the information would be passed up the chain. BP was already \$60 million over budget and stopping operations at that point and coming up with a new cement design would have meant millions of extra dollars in costs.

Later in the deposition, Skripnikova backtracked and said the new analysis was not discussed among her team until the day after the explosion.

"Do you believe that BP complied with MMS regulations with its selection of where the top of cement should go in the cement job that was done on April 19," an attorney asked Skripnikova.

"I don't know," she responded.

Before her deposition, none of Skripnikova's findings appear to have been passed on to federal regulators or the numerous government investigations since the disaster. Skripnikova was never questioned at public hearings before the presidentially-appointed oil spill commission. Nor was she questioned before the joint investigative panel of the U.S. Coast Guard and the agency that regulates offshore drilling, which is readying its final report. Her name and the information she has is not in BP's internal investigation report released last September.

BP spokesman Scott Dean insisted in a statement Tuesday to AP that when assessing top-of-cement requirements before the accident, BP did not identify the zone in question as bearing oil or gas. Dean said "BP has provided material concerning this zone to the parties in the multi-district litigation and to government investigators."

BP provided a letter late Tuesday it said it sent the oil spill commission on Oct. 30, 2010, six months after the explosion. The letter said BP would be sending the commission draft reports the company prepared and more detailed studies to help inform its efforts to stop the flow of oil to the sea. The letter does not detail what the reports said, what data was provided, or whether the data was the same as what Skripnikova discussed in her deposition.

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## INSIDE COLUMN

## A Sharpe player in the Hall

The NFL season is upon us and that means NFL Sunday pregame shows are also upon us. While I have never been an avid viewer of any of the pregame shows, one will definitely catch my attention this season — that one is The NFL Today on CBS. The reason why I will follow that program is because of analyst Shannon Sharpe.

**Walker Carey***Sports Writer*

Shannon Sharpe was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Aug. 6 — a very deserving inductee who became one of the greatest tight ends of all-time during his career with the Denver Broncos and Baltimore Ravens. To tell you the truth, I was not the biggest fan of Sharpe during his playing career. I obviously acknowledged his undeniable talent, but his trash talking, showboating and what I perceived as a very arrogant personality always put me off. I often put Shannon Sharpe into the same category that I place Terrell Owens and Chad Ochocinco — that category being very talented, but just as egotistical. My thoughts on Sharpe forever changed when he stepped to the podium on that Saturday night and delivered the most heartfelt and inspiring Hall of Fame speech in recent memory.

Throughout his speech, Sharpe showed that he was much more than just a Hall of Fame football player. I never thought humility would be a word I would use to describe the legendary tight end, but now that is the only word that comes to mind. Sharpe's humility was never more evident than when he talked about his older brother Sterling. Sterling Sharpe was a standout receiver for the Green Bay Packers from 1988-1994, but unfortunately had his career cut short due to a serious neck injury.

When acknowledging his "hero," Sharpe stated, "I'm the only player, of 267 men that [have] walked through this building to my left, that can honestly say this: I'm the only pro football player that's in the Hall of Fame, and I'm the second best player in my own family."

Shannon's love for his brother was never as clear as when he said of him, "I never once lived in your shadow. I embraced it."

Sharpe also went into great detail describing his rough upbringing. His grandparents raised him, his brother and his sister in a one-thousand square foot cinder block home with cement floors in Glenville, Ga. He talked about times when they would have to eat cold oatmeal, raccoon, possum, squirrel and turtle. He never used his upbringing as an excuse, but rather used it as a driving force to provide his grandmother with what she deserved.

In the most touching moment of speech, Sharpe described when he saw his late grandmother in her casket and said to her, "Granny, are you proud of your baby? Because everything I've done in my life, I've tried to please you."

I never thought my opinion of Shannon Sharpe would change, but on that Saturday night, I began to recognize that Shannon Sharpe is not only a Hall of Fame football player, but he is also a Hall of Fame man.

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## Notre Dame's sexual assault policy changed for the better

*This article is part one of a two-part look into the University of Notre Dame's Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Assault Policy. Part two will discuss the relationship between sexual misconduct, sexual assault and alcohol and the University's Drug and Alcohol Policy.*

For citation purposes, OCR will refer to the June 30, 2011, letter from Debbie Osgood, Director of the Chicago Office of the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, to Father Jenkins, and RES will refer to the Resolution agreed upon and signed by Father Doyle.

**Alex Coccia***Shard of Glass*

When the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR) completed its Title IX investigation "to examine the University's policies and procedures relating to student-on-student (peer) sexual harassment and the University's implementation of those policies and procedures," media sources from ESPN to Fox News covered the story. While most of the focus of the media coverage was on the unstated link between the OCR investigation and certain cases from the previous year, little attention was given to the importance of the changes that Notre Dame agreed upon with the OCR. The changes to the University's practices and policies include:

(1) "Allegations of sexual harassment are evaluated using a 'preponderance of the evidence' standard;"

(2) "Complainant's option to pursue a criminal complaint with the appropriate law enforcement agency, to pursue the University's disciplinary process or to pursue both processes simultaneously will be stated more prominently;"

(3) "Complainants are advised that the University will investigate allegations of sexual harassment, and take appropriate action, even if the complainant does not wish to pursue the disciplinary process, but that any response by the University may be hindered by the complainant's wishes for anonymity and/or inaction;"

(4) "'No contact' orders are issued in writing to all parties to an alleged sexual assault promptly after the University receives notice of a complaint;"

(5) "Both the complainant and the accused in sexual harassment cases have the opportunity to present witnesses and other evidence, and both receive equivalent notice of the process, access to peer support, information about procedures and written notice of the outcome;"

(6) "The Code will be amended to provide for alternative arrangements for complainants who do not want to be present in the same room as the accused during the disciplinary hearing;"

(7) "Except in extraordinary circumstances (notice of which will be provided to all parties), case reviews will be resolved within 30 days of receipt of the request for review." (All citations from

RES).

Preponderance of the Evidence Standard: This is the standard used in the majority of civil cases. By this standard the criteria are met if the alleged action is more likely to be true than to not be true. One concern about using this standard for judgment is that persons falsely accused of sexual misconduct or assault could more easily be found responsible. However, "both the complainant and the accused in sexual harassment cases have the opportunity to present witnesses and other evidence, and both receive equivalent notice of the process, access to peer support, information about procedures and written notice of the outcome." The preponderance of evidence standard does not mean that the alleged perpetrator is guilty unless proven innocent. It does, however, lessen the requirements from the "clear and convincing standard" because the "clear and convincing standard" does not appropriately address the Title IX prohibition on "discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program" (OCR). The OCR Report further states, "sexual harassment of a student creates a hostile environment if the conduct is sufficiently serious that it denies or limits a student's ability to participate in or benefit from the recipient's program." The preponderance of evidence standard makes the process easier for the alleged victim in a process where previously "clear and convincing" might have been too difficult to prove when some cases have limited evidence or no witnesses.

Under the new OCR guidelines, the University will investigate allegations of sexual misconduct or assault even if the complainant does not wish the University to pursue the disciplinary process. Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Ann Firth explained that the reasoning behind this change comes from OCR's understanding of research suggesting that sexual assaults on campuses are acts committed by a small number of people, meaning that many cases of sexual assault are committed by serial perpetrators. Therefore, the obligation to pursue a claim should not rest solely with the complainant. The University has the obligation to pursue any claim made to a non-confidential source. Confidential sources include counseling services, health services, the SOS Rape Crisis Center of St. Joseph's County, campus ministers and rectors. Campus ministers and rectors must, however, disclose information to the University if they judge that someone is in imminent danger or if the alleged victim is a minor. Reports to rectors given by RAs and ARs are not considered confidential. The University's pursuance of claims is focused on taking "prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end the harassment, [eliminating] any hostile environment and its effects, and [preventing] the harassment from recurring" (OCR).

Amendment of the Code for complainants not to be present in the same room as the accused during disciplinary hearings: This change will hopefully be a relief for certain victims who may have doubts about coming forward because of fear that they will have to be confronted by the alleged perpetrator. This change, no contact orders and arrangements for dorm transfer and schedule change, can all help the victim pursue both criminal complaint and University disciplinary process without much fear of intimidation by the alleged perpetrator. The right to face the witnesses against oneself does not apply in civil court. So any criminal proceedings pursued by the complainant will have the face-to-face confrontation requirement. But on campus, the complainant should feel safe to discuss with disciplinary personnel the details of the alleged assault or misconduct. This policy change should also help the University to conduct more detailed and fuller investigations into claims that before would have been "hindered by the complainant's wishes for anonymity and/or inaction."

Case reviews done within 30 days of receipt of request for review: This policy ensures that unless there are extraordinary circumstances, the review of disciplinary procedures is not going to be drawn out. If this procedure is drawn out, the victim can become disheartened, dismayed and may lose the conviction to continue aiding the review. An expedited review also allows victims the closure while a prolonged review may take a psychological toll on the academic and social lives of both the alleged victim and the accused.

Another goal of the University is to better publicize the University's Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Assault Policy, the avenues that victims can take in filing complaints and the steps the University will take in conducting investigations. All residence halls should be informing their students about the policy and procedures. The changes that have been made to the University's policy are voluntarily agreed upon by the University and well advised by the Office of Civil Rights, and they will make Notre Dame's policy one of the top in the country when it comes to post-assault and post-misconduct action and investigation. An April 4, 2011, article in The Chronicle of Higher Education cites that "Data from the National Institute of Justice show that about one in five women are victims of sexual assault in college, and just over six percent of men are." Notre Dame has the opportunity and the resources to severely decrease this statistic, a topic that will be discussed further in Part Two of this University Policy segment.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"I haven't slept for 10 days, because that would be too long."*

**Mitch Hedberg**  
American comedian

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Football ticket economics

Ann Arbor ? Sept. 11 ? Mark Rolfes ‘84 re-  
porting:  
The futures market for Notre Dame Football tickets has fallen sharply due to concerns over the Greek debt situation, including fears that South Bend will be defaulting to Spartans and Trojans in the near future. Thus, supply is anticipated to be much higher than ever thought possible only two weeks ago. Those hedging in September and October tickets have been battered, and the derivatives market is all but non-existent at this point. A bailout from Lou Holtz was just not a possibility due to his current investments in South Florida at this time.  
While USC, Oregon, Miami and others have implemented Quantitative Easing programs for their players, University President Fr. John Jenkins will not be introducing any new stimulus plan at this point, urging all to hold the course (a position that has been attacked relentlessly by Michele Bachmann).  
Prime Minister Angela Merkel has considered propping up the Notre Dame regime, but reportedly she is demanding that the school’s nickname be changed to the Fighting Germans in return. Notre Dame priests are considering the move, but there is rumored to be dissent from the Board of Trustees, who are not sure the entitlement-class alumni will accept the Leprechaun being replaced by a lederhosen-

clad mascot. Students are supportive, based on the promise of a St. Pauli’s Girl passing out free beer in all of the male dorms. There is also rumor of a potential hostile takeover bid by Butler University looking to diversify into football after two years of meteoric success in its basketball endeavors.  
Meanwhile, another senior class is guaranteed to graduate without another national championship, causing the newest generation of Domers to fear that they will permanently have a decreased standard of football living than their parents and grandparents. Older Domers, who have lived through the Great Faust Depression and the Great Davie Recession say that these things are cyclical, and that every Brennan or Faust is followed by a Parseghian or Holtz, and that perhaps a Kelly will have what it takes to get things turned around.  
As grim as the current market conditions are, the incoming crop forecast of freshman and 2012 recruits are encouraging for a future turnaround. As always, in good times or bad, what though the odds be great or small — go Irish!

**Mark Rolfes**  
alumnus  
Class of 1984  
Sept. 12

A 9/11 commemoration

I was disappointed in The Observer’s full-page ad commemorating 9/11.  
It is appropriate to remember all those murdered by the al Qaeda terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001. It is appropriate to remember the U.S. soldiers killed and wounded in their commander-in-chief’s misguided, unprovoked invasion of Iraq and the ill-defined and indefinite police action and nation building that has been going on in Afghanistan for twice as long as the U.S. was involved in World War II.  
But it is untrue to say — no matter how fashionable or “patriotic” — that soldiers ordered to Iraq and Afghanistan have been sacrificing their lives, limbs and mental health to “defend our freedom?” Being ordered to invade a country that had nothing to do with a terrorist attack is not “defending our freedom.” It is a tragedy of monumental proportions and a dark chapter in our country’s history.  
I know it pains and offends many to say this, but merely serving in the military — even being sent somewhere to be shot at — is not defending our freedom either. If a country or group were to invade the United States with the intention of instituting a dictatorship, then being part of the

resistance would be defending our freedom. But that hasn’t happened — ever. Even the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor was not intended as the first battle in a war to conquer the United States and absorb it into the Japanese empire.  
So let’s honor members of the military for their courage and honor when they demonstrate it, as they often do, in a just cause. Let us continue to train and equip defensive — never offensive — military forces in numbers proportional to threats. But let us show service men and women our sympathy — not hero worship — when they are deployed on a nonsensical mission, as Iraq was. Let us demand, finally, an accounting for the wrongheaded decision and a public apology.  
And while we’re remembering the victims of 9/11, could we hear even one word of sympathy or regret for the tens of thousands of innocent Iraqis killed and wounded in a war fought on their soil that they neither deserved nor welcomed?

**Ed Cohen**  
Business Writer  
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Sept. 13

Randi’s got some explaining to do

I want to applaud the Office of the President for choosing such an important topic for the Notre Dame Forum. Our public school system is failing millions of students each year and no solution can be found until a discussion including current leaders and future innovators is held. The massive inequity in schools all across America is prohibiting low-income and minority students from functioning as self-sustaining individuals. More than that, our country is falling in international rankings and we are losing billions of dollars each year in lost wages and taxes. The crisis in American education will paralyze our country economically and socially if something is not done immediately.  
Last spring, the Forum’s precursor event, The System, brought together individuals who were wholly committed to changing the face of American education for good. I was then confused when I read that Randi Weingarten, the president of the American Federation of Teachers, would be speaking as part of the Forum 2011. I recognize that to understand an issue, both sides must be heard out. But why host a discussion on positive change and “reimagining schools” if the largest

opponent will continue to halt that progress and conversation?  
Unions are not an entirely bad concept, as teachers are still extremely underappreciated and overworked. However today, unions protect ineffective teachers and make it difficult for districts to implement changes to improve the quality of teaching. In no other profession is it acceptable to keep someone around who doesn’t do his or her job. Unions also halt serious efforts at reform for logistical reasons. How does this benefit the kids?  
Teachers’ unions place the importance of their members over the needs of children. But who is advocating for the children? Who is lobbying to make sure their rights are being protected? I welcome Weingarten because I think it’s about time the conversation about education came to Notre Dame. I hope students are ready to ask the tough questions, and I hope Weingarten is ready to answer them.

**Emmy Pusateri**  
junior  
Ryan Hall  
Sept. 12

The jumbotron factor

Shortly after graduating from Notre Dame in 2000 I moved to Los Angeles where I’ve spent the last ten years working on the television show South Park. My schedule allows me to travel to a fair amount of Notre Dame football games. I was at Yankee Stadium last year when we beat Army, and the Coliseum the following week when we snapped our eight game losing streak to USC. I passed on El Paso, but I did make the trip to South Bend for this year’s home opener against SFU, and I was part of the 114,804 in Ann Arbor last Saturday night.  
Following our Irish the past 15 years to stadiums all over the country has helped me further appreciate our traditions. Our students united in a singular colored T-shirt, our crowd-surfing pushups after touchdowns, our beautiful stadium and campus — I love that we stand together after games, win or lose singing our alma mater, and I’m proud that we play our opponents’ fight song for their visiting fans. That’s just classy. That’s who we should always strive to be.  
I had a moment of clarity Saturday night with 4:23 left in the 4th quarter: We need a jumbotron. Robert Blanton had just intercepted Denard Robinson’s pass in the end zone protecting our 24-21 lead. It was a huge moment in the game and should have been a big momentum shift. But it wasn’t.  
During the TV timeout, Michigan flashed clips from their glory years on their jumbotrons while blaring The White Stripes’ “Seven Nation Army.” Two minutes of “dunt-dunt-dunt-dunt-dunt-dunnnnn-duuuuuu” with 100,000 maize pom-poms in the air while they showed Desmond Howard and Charles Woodson highlights. My friend turned to me and said, “It’s as if they just scored a touchdown instead of throwing an interception.” He was right.  
You know the rest. Three and out. They score to take the lead. When we scored with 30 seconds left there was still no quit in their fans. Their energy willed their team to victory.  
The jumbotrons gave them that energy.

**Ben Paine**  
alumnus  
Class of 2000  
Sept. 13

The state of a letter

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Writing a Viewpoint is a vicious endeavor that requires coherent penmanship. It respectfully demands the use of both clear thoughts and complete names. However, you gain the respect of no one if you first fail to tell people what the heck you’re talking about. I’m looking at you Mr. Varley. (“The state of the program,” Sept. 12)  
As it stands, there is one man who has proven himself incapable of writing a coherent Viewpoint, three men who apparently have something to do with football, two men who each coach some sort of team, one running back who has looked pretty solid and thousands of people utterly confused by the content of your particular Viewpoint.  
Some will make comments that will reach the pinnacle of a Viewpoint war. One is still confused.  
The University of Notre Dame oversees a \$6.8 billion endowment that it has amassed due to its excellence in academic and spiritual pursuits (through the generosity of many very financially successful alumni). The football program is not the cornerstone — but it is one of many features (such as a few ACT points, a couple billion dollars and 258 miles) that separate us from the University of Dayton. Football seems to be the only reason why Mr. Varley attended Notre Dame.  
Mike, I don’t care what it takes. Review your letters with six black sharpies, remove it from Mother Earth and please do not send it to South Bend.  
The landscape of college football (is that what this letter is about?) has changed dramatically over the past two decades. Clever brand positioning is what I’m learning about in my marketing classes (funded by the endowment but also taught at the University of Dayton).  
It can sustain us a little longer. Conference affiliation is apparently not an option (probably because Dayton is in the A10).  
The time to act responsibly will occur on Saturday. We are only left with the rest of the week. Let’s party while we still can.

**Brett Straka**  
junior  
Siegfried Hall  
Sept. 12



## NEW TO Your Queue

### The Best of Watch Instantly

Wading through the excessive amount of horrible films on Instant Netflix can be daunting for any subscriber. To ease the process, Scene has graciously provided a list of the best Netflix has to offer.

#### 1. "Robin Hood"

Robin Hood is a timeless tale, inspiring movie, theatrical and television recreations throughout the years. In 2006, the BBC put their own spin on the classic legend, integrating modern humor with Middle Aged costumes to create this "Robin Hood." The theatrics of the characters and the dramatic plot twists seem silly, but given the show's nature, it entertains. Robin Hood and his faithful best friend Much return from the Holy Land to find Locksley different from when they left it. And so they set out, bows, arrows, Merry Men and all, to restore the England they love.

#### 2. "Parks and Recreation"

"Parks and Recreation" will certainly rise to the top of NBC's Thursday night lineup in light of Michael Scott's absence from "The Office." True comedians have praised the series for its oddball characters and who doesn't love Leslie Knope? Catch up on previous seasons and prepare for the season four premiere by watching as many episodes as possible on Instant Netflix. Look out for one episode in particular that features a mini horse with an honorary degree from none other than Notre Dame.

#### 3. "Toy Story 3"

Buzz, Woody and Andy return to the screen in the most heart wrenching film of the "Toy Story" series. As Andy prepares to head off to college, he struggles to decide what to do with the toys that brought him so much joy as a child. They mistakenly are taken to Sunnyside Daycare, a center where the toys are played with in the most unruly manner. The animated flashbacks to old "Toy Story" scenes are enough to melt even the hardest of hearts, but the best parts of the movie come in more hilarious moments like when Barbie meets Ken.

#### 4. "Live at the Purple Onion"

Though he is still best known to people as "that guy from 'The Hangover,'" Zach Galifianakis is a truly versatile and hilarious entertainer. This stand up special is a glimpse at the signature wit and alternative style that make Galifianakis such a cool guy. Filmed at San Francisco's famed Purple Onion theatre, titled in homage to a classic Smothers Brothers comedy album, this performance is perhaps among the best stand up of the last decade.

#### 5. "Party Down"

This hilarious Paul Rudd created show only ran for two seasons on Starz and, luckily, they're both on Netflix. Following a group of wannabe actors, writers and burnouts in Hollywood working at a catering company while they pursue their dreams, the show is one of the many cancelled-too-soon comedies that deserved a better shot. The show stars Adam Scott and Lizzy Caplan and has an excellent supporting cast featuring faces you'll recognize from their previous work in comedy. The dialogue is witty and fast-paced, and the stories are always entertaining.

## Fashion by Felicia

Dear Gentlemen of Notre Dame: Languish no more. The time has come. "Fashion by Felicia" has heard your cry and is here with the fashion tips you have eagerly been awaiting.

I know how stressful your days are — you are the Fred Astaires to our Ginger Rogers. You think: "What, just because she does everything backwards and in heels she gets all the attention? What about me, wasting away as I attempt to accomplish all my 'bro' social events, turn in that business plan for my start-up, and impress my Econ professor at 8:30 in the morning? Isn't my fashion presentation just as important as hers?"

Yes, you are right. After all, we women of Notre Dame do have to socialize and learn with you — it is fitting that you are anxious to look just as good as we do. As Fr. Hesburgh once said, the men of Notre Dame are the cream of the crop, and the women are the cream of the cream. So — let's delve into the proverbial fashion harvest together!

And so we will. It is getting close to harvest time here in the gorgeous Midwest, and the temperature is getting chilly and somewhat unpredictable. You find the air at 8:30 am bristling, while by lunch it's back to summer. The evening then returns to cooler temperatures following air conditioning and heating adventures while indoors. Sweatshirts may solve the problem, but then they have to get scrunched into backpacks or thrown over the shoulder at lunch like an unattractive sack of potatoes. Jackets prove to be the same problem. Let's face it — you just can't show off those toned arms of summer the same way in a long-sleeved T-shirt.

What would your European counterpart



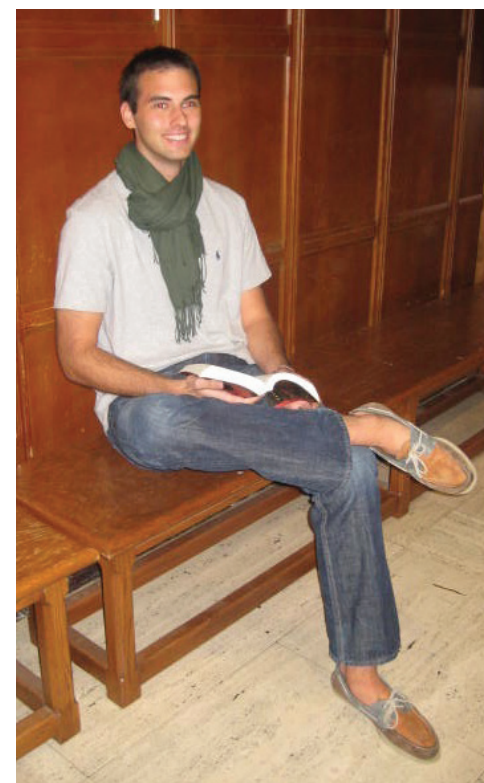
Felicia  
Caponigri

Scene Writer

The scarf for men sets off serious fashion radar. It says you're conscious enough of the elements, but independent and man enough to drape and wrap fabric. The ideal scarf for the chic man is made of cashmere for the winter months and a cooler cotton or mix for these transitional seasons.

Length is key — when simply hanging around your neck, the ends of the scarf should reach the lower end of your torso. A short scarf will make you seem childish. Thickness is also important — delicate scarves are for your female counterparts. You can fold the scarf in the middle, drape around your neck and pull the other end through to create a simple knot or wrap the scarf multiple times around your neck, tying the very ends in a small knot.

In terms of color, match the scarf to your overall ensemble. A navy scarf looks great with a white t-shirt and



Felicia Caponigri/The Observer

**Senior Andrew Shimrock models a scarf.**

jeans. Try a light caramel color to go with a leather jacket or that black suit you wore to impress those corporate career fair attendees. Feel free to play with brighter colors too — I'll bow to your manly judgment on this one. To finish the look, throw on killer sunglasses and, if you're feeling particularly daring, a hat. With a look like this, we women will be asking, "Who needs European men?"

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do? Well, he'd keep that attractive short-sleeved T-shirt on and accessorize with a scarf — the key element to any man's je ne sais quoi fashion appeal.

**Scarf, HM.com, \$12.95.**



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Groupon is a massively popular coupon service that emails you deals for a wide variety of businesses in your area, and it's completely free to join. Simply go to [groupon.com](#) and enter your email address and where you live. Groupon will then send you the daily deal. The service offers everything from discounted massages to putt-putt to Italian food. Groupon will introduce you to local businesses and make you feel like a savvy consumer in the process.

2  
"Dance Moms"

If you're looking for a new guilty pleasure show along the lines of "Toddlers & Tiaras," then turn to Lifetime's "Dance Moms." "Dance Moms" gives viewers a glimpse into the outlandish daily lives of five mothers and their dancer daughters. Emotional and volatile dance moms are the focal point of this revealing show. Their competitive attitudes and drama with each other take center stage, often eclipsing the true talent of their daughters. Check out "Dance Moms" on Wednesdays at 10 p.m. for an entertaining look at the dramatic inner world of dance training.

3  
Pumpkin Spice Latte

It's finally that time of year again when Starbucks releases its iconic offerings for the fall season. While the usual espressos and macchiatos start to seem a little boring, the Pumpkin Spice Latte makes its way back onto the menu to spice up our autumn days. So while the leaves begin turning, be sure to find the time to get the best coffee treat around ... while it lasts.

4  
Style.com

This website, while always a valuable resource for the fashion forward, is the go-to website for coverage of the month of international Fashion Weeks to come. It organizes the Spring-Summer '12 collections by designer in a user-friendly way. In addition to providing a review of each show, the site offers a full slideshow of every look from every collection. It's the perfect way to plan ahead for next season or look back at the Fall '11 collections for this season's biggest trends.

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This Week's Mix – Lollapalooza 2011



by Troy Mathew

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*If you were fortunate enough to go to Lollapalooza this summer, hopefully this playlist will bring back fond memories of raucous crowds, the beautiful Chicago skyline and all-around great music. For the rest of you, enjoy this eclectic sampling from artists featured at Lollapalooza and be jealous.*

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Federer’s reign over

In a sport predicated on fluidity, grace and precision, he embodies more than anyone those very qualities. He holds the most Grand Slam tournament titles and the most Grand Slam finals played, along with a host of other tennis records. He is perhaps the greatest tennis player of all time, but he’s no longer the greatest tennis player in the world today.

Joseph Monardo  
Sports Writer

And it makes me sad. Roger Federer’s reign atop the tennis world is apparently over, and the fans that watched him dominate the subjects held captive by his great rule are forced to move on. To be sure, Federer is no has-been, he’s not washed up and he’s not embarrassing himself by taking the court, but he is clearly no longer “the man.”

Beginning with his first title — Wimbledon in 2003 — Federer embarked on an astounding streak. Winning 16 of 27 Grand Slams from that Wimbledon to 2010’s Australian Open, Federer failed to reach the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam only once, as he landed in the final match of 22 of those 27 tournaments.

But the 2010 Australian Open remains Federer’s last major victory. He has been bounced from the previous seven Grand Slams, most recently in the semifinals of the 2011 U.S. Open.

The truth (and it’s an ugly truth for Fed-heads) is that Roger Federer is now one of best rather than the best, a fantastic player struggling to compete with his younger, fresher opponents.

This phenomenon happens all the time in sports. But for some reason I find Federer’s slow descent from godliness saddening. While Brett Favre tumbled ungracefully into the sunset with his guns blazing, Barry Bonds exited as a King\* amidst controversy and shame and Tiger Woods disgraced himself into mediocrity, Roger Federer will do no such thing.

The GOAT candidate has accepted his demotion with all the dignity and composure that one would expect him to. The soft-spoken Switzerland native makes himself so easy to sympathize with.

Every time I see Federer lose a match, every time I watch a final without him in it I feel bad. I feel sorry for Roger, that nice guy who flashes a shy smile in the face of his greatness.

Part of the reason behind this is the sport of tennis, in which

the player is completely alone, completely exposed. There is nobody to hide behind, nobody to help shoulder the burden or share the blame. What we see out of Federer is completely a product of his own doing. Because of this, the tennis player’s successes are made that much more impressive, his failures that much more disappointing. As a result, the viewer is able to relate directly to the player more so than in other sports.

But with Federer especially, the fan base has been able to root for him as its own. He has been a stellar player whose creativity and skill shine forth on the court. Rafael Nadal, 25, and Novak Djokovic, 24, who have combined to be the two-pronged thorn in Federer’s side, cannot possibly hope to ever command the respect that their 30-year-old counterpart does. They are the villains, the ones who interrupted the period of peace atop the world tennis scene.

For fans of tennis there is still plenty to cheer about. There is no doubt that exciting tennis will be played in upcoming years by Nadal, Djokovic, Federer and other, younger players. Competition is what sport is all about, but at times, greatness can be infinitely more compelling than parity.

It is rare that a man can manage to completely dominate a sport, and I regret the passing of such a period. I selfishly crave that greatness, but I also feel true empathy for Federer. His grip is very slowly loosening on that which not long ago seemed to be firmly in his grasp, and the world is watching him recede back into the ranks of mortal men.

But that is OK. Even in his regression, Federer could hoist another Grand Slam trophy in the near future.

When that happens, many fans around the world will enjoy the chance to celebrate one of the greatest tennis players of all time. Until then, I will remember Federer at his greatest.

Clad in a white sweater, zipping a between-the-legs shot past his opponent, hitting the perfect shot over and over, and over, again. They are the enduring images of greatness, Federer style.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Big 10 schedules top opponents

Associated Press

Fans are not the only ones who can’t wait for those marquee early-season games, like Ohio State’s trip to Miami this weekend.

“As a player, man, you love ‘em,” said Ohio State interim coach Luke Fickell, a former Buckeyes player. “You believe you’re invincible, and that’s what sometimes makes you good.”

Miami has been stricken by scandal, but winning at Coral Gables isn’t expected to be easy for Ohio State. So isn’t this a risk, no matter the recruiting benefits that might come with a little exposure in talent-rich Florida?

“You want to be able to test your team,” Fickell said. “Some people get too caught up in, ‘Well, you know we’ve got to be smart before you get into your conference because if we lose a game we can’t get in the BCS.’ I don’t think you can think about it that way.”

Said Illinois coach Ron Zook, whose team hosts 22nd-ranked Arizona State this Saturday: “This is why you come to the Big Ten, to play in these kind of games.”

Satisfying ticket buyers, attracting recruits and toughening up players for the conference-game grind requires a balancing act by coaches and administrators.

They must schedule a minimum number of home games to keep ticket, concession and parking revenue up. They have to consider the importance of overall records for bowl bids. There’s an aspect of goodwill, too, with helping smaller area schools who relish playing on a bigger stage and need Big Ten money to balance their budgets.

Ohio State paid Akron \$850,000 to lose 42-0 in the season opener in Columbus, and the Buckeyes are giving Colorado \$1.4 million to come to the ‘Shoe on Sept. 24.

This is how the matrix begins to fit together: Playing in Columbus is a thrill for the Ohio-born players on Akron’s roster. It’s greater exposure for the program. For the Buckeyes, it’s a guaranteed home game and, usually, a sure win.

Akron’s athletics department must generate about 25 percent of its own revenue, according to athletics director Tom Wistrill, so taking home close to \$1 million for playing one tough nonconference game



Ohio State interim coach Luke Fickell gives direction during the Buckeyes’ 27-22 victory over Toledo Saturday in Columbus, Ohio.

We’ve got to go play these money games,” Wistrill said. “That’s life at a mid-major.”

Michigan will start next season against Alabama in Texas at the home of the Dallas Cowboys. The Wolverines still have two open dates to fill in 2012. They’re already playing Air Force and traveling to Notre Dame.

“We’ve always played an aggressive schedule where I’ve been,” Wolverines coach Brady Hoke said.

Nebraska coach Bo Pellini espoused the same philosophy.

“My view is to challenge your team to get ready for conference play, but obviously you can’t play four top-10 teams every year,” Pellini said. “But I do think you want to put a product out there on the field and schedule games that are good for your fans. ... You can’t always get what you want.”

Just ask Minnesota coach Jerry Kill.

He inherited a 2011 schedule with a season-opening trip to USC. The Gophers played well and lost 19-17, but during the week of the game he frankly said it wasn’t his preference to play the Trojans on the road, despite the exposure and experience gained by the young Gophers.

“There’s an art when you turn a program around. We have large plans for what I think it’s going to take to turn the program around. Part of that is scheduling,” Kill said.

Kill had a seizure on the sideline last week near the end of Minnesota’s game against New Mexico State, a scary scene that overshadowed a rather ugly loss for the Gophers. Not only were they beaten at home by a team from a non-BCS conference that

since 1960, they paid \$800,000 to do it.

Most Big Ten teams play at least one opponent from a BCS conference — the ACC, the Big East, the Big 12, the SEC or the Pac-12 — each season. This year, only Iowa (Iowa State and Pittsburgh) and Ohio State (Miami, Fla., and Colorado) are playing two.

Most of them also look for one FCS foe — Minnesota hosts North Dakota State and Wisconsin takes on South Dakota, for example — to fill out the four-game slate. That typically leaves two spots for teams from the five non-BCS conferences at the FBS level — Conference USA, the MAC, the Mountain West, the Sun Belt and the WAC.

It’s not so simple, though.

Local and traditional rivalries are factored in. Iowa is committed to playing Iowa State, just like Notre Dame always lands on the schedule with Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue.

Sometimes, schools will sign two-and-one contracts, where a team like Miami of Ohio will visit Minnesota twice (including this Saturday) and the Gophers will travel there once.

“It’s a little bit like a jigsaw puzzle,” said Marc Ryan, an associate athletics director at Minnesota who works on scheduling.

Sometimes, finalizing agreements with other schools can take up to a year to complete, juggling dates and working out payments. Minnesota, for example, has a parking arrangement at the nearby State Fairgrounds for home games through 2012, preventing the Gophers from playing on Labor Day weekend on campus for the first four years of TCF Bank Stadium.

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NBA

Players, owners split on salary cap at latest labor meeting

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The start of the NBA season was thrown into doubt Tuesday after players and owners remained divided over the salary cap structure at a key labor meeting.

Tentative plans to talk again Wednesday were scrapped, and no further sessions were scheduled.

Union executive director Billy Hunter said players were pre-

pared to make a “significant” financial move, but found owners unwilling to budge off their positions. Commissioner David Stern and Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver countered that the union insisted the current cap remain exactly as is before they would agree to any further discussions.

A sign of how the day went: Owners spent the majority of about five hours of behind closed doors caucusing among themselves.

Union president Derek Fisher of

the Lakers said he will tell players that “the way it looks right now we may not start on time.”

Fisher added that “we can’t find a place with the league and our owners where we can reach a deal sooner rather than later.”

After three meetings among small groups in the last two weeks, full bargaining committees returned to the table Tuesday. They could have also met Wednesday, but Stern said it was best the two sides step away and meet with

their own membership groups on Thursday.

Though owners are seeking an overhaul of the league’s financial system after saying they lost \$300 million last season, the salary cap appears to have emerged as the biggest obstacle to a new deal.

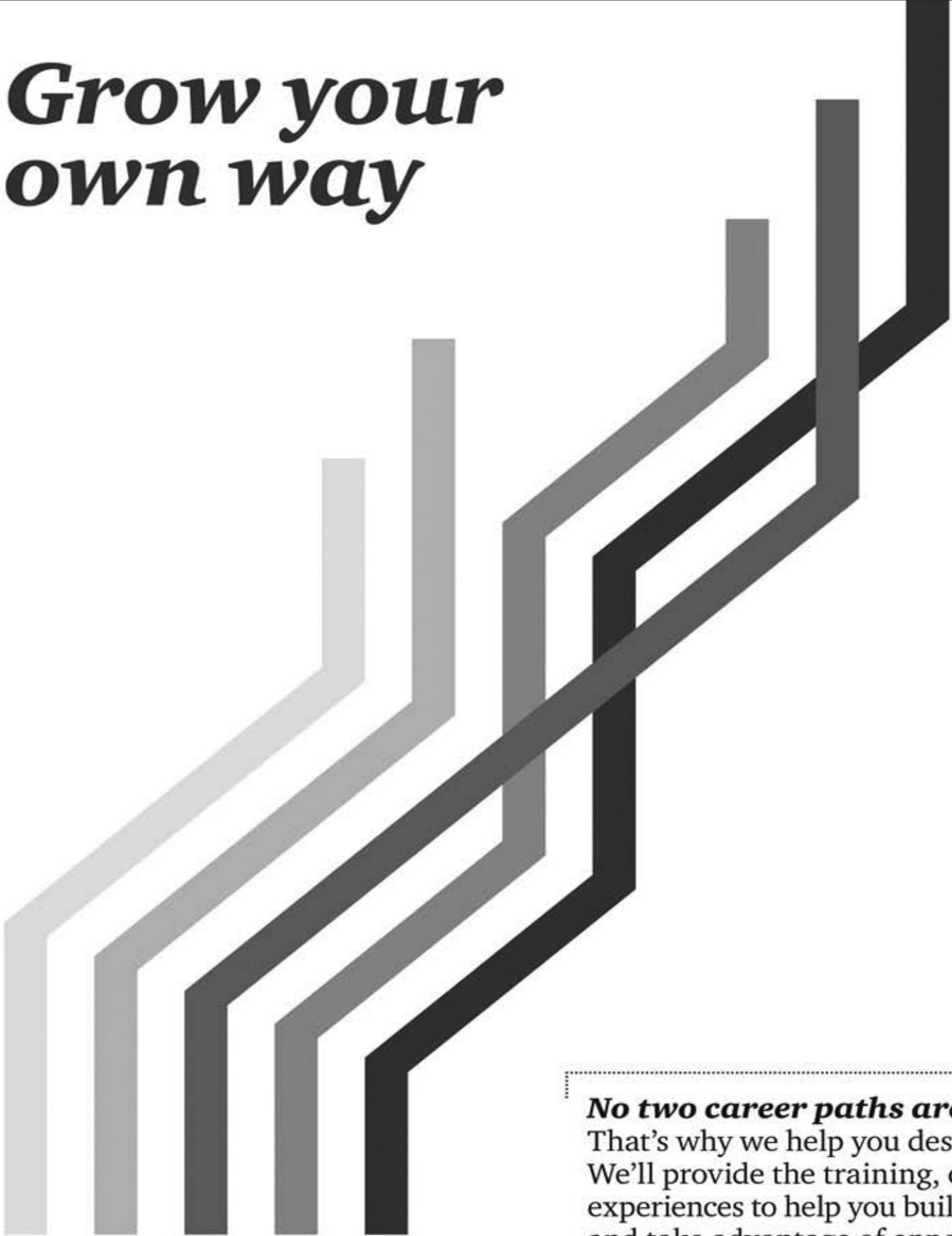
The current soft cap system allows teams to exceed the ceiling through the use of various exceptions if they are willing to pay a luxury tax, giving big-market teams such as the Lakers — who

can take on added payroll — an advantage over the little guys.

But Hunter said a hard cap is “highly untenable,” referring to it as a “blood issue” to the players. Stern said players wouldn’t negotiate without first getting a guarantee from the league that it would concede on the salary cap.

“All of the owners were completely unified in the view that we needed a system that at the end of the day allowed 30 teams to compete,” Stern said.

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MLB

Carpenter signs contract to stay with Cardinals



AP  
St. Louis pitcher Chris Carpenter delivers a pitch during the Cardinals’ 2-0 win over Milwaukee on Sept. 7.

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Chris Carpenter never wanted to leave St. Louis. The Cardinals never wanted to see the former Cy Young Award winner go. Still, there were moments this season, as the months passed and his club option for 2012 loomed, when the veteran right-hander wondered if he was a part of the team’s future. “As the year went on it was definitely a concern,” Carpenter said. Not anymore. Carpenter signed a \$21 million, two-year contract with the Cardinals on Tuesday that will keep him around until at least 2013. “We believe with him and Adam Wainwright we do have that 1-2 punch that we were so hopeful for this year and are glad it can be something we look forward to for 2012 and ‘13,” general manager John Mozeliak said. The 36-year-old Carpenter said he feels “great” as he nears the end of an uneven season for both himself and the team. He entered Tuesday night’s start against Pittsburgh at 9-9 with a 3.75 ERA as the Cardinals try to stay in the playoff picture. St. Louis began the day 4½ games behind Atlanta in the wild-card race and 6½ games in back of Milwaukee in the NL Central and “There’s all kinds of things that happened this year that kind of shuffled things around,” Carpenter said. “I like the way the team continued to play and continues to compete [but] we could never get on that roll.” Time is running out to make something happen this year, though Carpenter remains optimistic about the future. Wainwright, who missed the entire season after undergoing Tommy John surgery, will be back next spring and Carpenter is doing his part to make sure the team has money to retain core players. The new contract frees up some money next year, giving the team some wiggle room as it tries to re-sign first baseman Albert Pujols. Mozeliak said negotiations between the club and its superstar have not resumed but believes Carpenter’s signing

is the first step in the process of keeping Pujols. “Clearly getting Chris Carpenter done puts an exclamation point on our rotation for 2012 and we can start setting our sights on other objectives,” Moze-liak said. Carpenter didn’t rule out playing beyond 2013 but stressed it’s important for him to remain with St. Louis. The three-time All-Star is 93-42 in his nine seasons with the club and is fourth on the team’s all-time strikeout list. It’s heady company for a player who has struggled to stay off the disabled list since winning the 2005 NL Cy Young Award. He missed most of the 2007 and 2008 seasons with a series of arm injuries. He had bone spurs removed from his pitching elbow in May 2007 and had re-constructive elbow surgery that July, sidelining him until July 2008. A nerve in his right elbow was transposed in December 2008. Carpenter rebounded with a sterling 2009 in which he went 17-4 and posted an NL-leading 2.24 ERA. He went 16-9 last season but hasn’t been quite as sharp this summer, though he’s coming off an impressive four-hit shutout win over Milwaukee that manager Tony La Russa called one of the best performances he’s seen all season. While allowing every season is different, Carpenter is confident he can be effective well into the future. “I believe I can be better than I was this year, try and be more consistent,” he said. “If I’m healthy, I’m going to be fine.” Carpenter is 142-92 with a 3.79 ERA in 14 seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays and the Cardinals. Closer to the end of his career than the beginning, Carpenter is well aware of the company he’s keeping. “The whole time I’ve been here, there have been a lot of referrals to ‘the last guy to do this is Bob Gibson,’” Carpenter said. “I’m not Bob Gibson but ... [hopefully] when my career is over, people look back and say even though [I wasn’t] Bob Gibson, Chris Carpenter was a big part of this tradition.”

MLB

Ramirez charged with battery

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Former World Series MVP Manny Ramirez, a colorful slugger who abruptly retired this year amid allegations of banned substance use, is now facing criminal prosecution on charges that he slapped his wife during an argument. Ramirez, 39, could get up to a year in jail if convicted of misdemeanor domestic battery charges. He was released on \$2,500 bail Tuesday after spending the night in the Broward County Jail, with little to say to a knot of waiting reporters. “No thanks,” Ramirez said when asked for comment. “Let me see, where’s my family?” Ramirez hopped into a white Cadillac Escalade driven by his sister and was whisked away. A few minutes earlier, the Broward Sheriff’s Office released a tape of the 911 call made by his wife, 32-year-old Juliana Ramirez, from their sprawling home in the Ft. Lauderdale suburb of Weston. “My husband just hit me,” Juliana Ramirez says calmly on the tape. When the dispatcher asks where she was struck, Juliana replies, “My face and my head, in the bed. I have a bump on my head.” The dispatcher then asks if Juliana has a safe room to get away from her husband. “He’s not doing anything anymore because he knows I’m calling the police,” she says. Later, Juliana told sheriff’s deputies she called 911 because she was afraid the situation would esca-

late. At a brief court appearance Tuesday, Ramirez was ordered to have no direct contact with his wife by County Judge John Hurley. An attorney who attended the hearing on his behalf did not immediately respond Tuesday to an email requesting comment. After his release, Ramirez walked out of the jail alone and was confronted by reporters. He had told investigators only that he grabbed his wife by the shoulders during an argument and “shrugged” her, causing her to hit her head on the headboard of their bed. But he wouldn’t discuss the incident Tuesday. When a reporter said “You have to give us something,” Ramirez replied: “Not my problem.” He spoke to another TV reporter in Spanish and put his arm around two of the female reporters. He was wearing a tight, muscle-showing T-shirt and dark, low-slung pants. The Escalade’s driver, who identified herself as his sister, spoke briefly. “He’s my brother; we love him no matter what. He’s an amazing guy and we love him no matter what,” she said before rolling up the window. She refused to give her name. Ramirez retired in April from the Tampa Bay Rays after he tested positive for a performance-enhancing substance. Rather than face a 100-game suspension for a second violation of Major League Baseball’s drug policy, the 12-time All-Star left the game. Ramirez previously served a 50-game ban in 2009 with the

Los Angeles Dodgers. Second-time offenders get double that penalty. One of the game’s great sluggers, Ramirez was named MVP of the World Series in 2004 and helped the Boston Red Sox end an 86-year title drought. He was selected 13th overall by the Cleveland Indians in the 1991 amateur draft out of New York City and rose quickly through the minor leagues with youthful exuberance and natural charisma. He broke into the majors in 1993 and played his first full season the following year, when he finished second to the Royals’ Bob Hamlin in voting for Rookie of the Year. Ramirez went on to establish himself as one of the game’s most feared hitters, adopting a dreadlock hairdo that seemed to mirror his happy-go-lucky demeanor. He signed with the Red Sox as a free agent in December 2000, helping the long-suffering franchise win the World Series a few years later, then doing it again in 2007. The Red Sox traded him to the Dodgers in July 2008. He instantly became a fan favorite on the West Coast, with “Mannywood” signs popping up around town, as he led Los Angeles to the NL West title and a sweep of the Chicago Cubs in the playoffs. The clutch performances earned Ramirez a \$45 million, two-year contract. All that goodwill fizzled the following May, when Ramirez tested positive for human chorionic gonadotropin, a banned female fertility drug often used to help mask steroid use.

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UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

AC Milan ties Barcelona with stoppage time goal

Associated Press

LONDON — Barcelona conceded a goal after 24 seconds and another in stoppage time as its Champions League title defense opened with a 2-2 draw against AC Milan on Tuesday, while Arsenal was also left stunned by Borussia Dortmund's late equalizer.

Alexandre Pato opened the scoring for Milan and, after goals from Pedro Rodriguez and David Villa looked to have put Barcelona in control, Thiago Silva's header secured a point in Group H.

Dortmund leveled in the 88th minute, with Ivan Perisic's volley canceling out Robin van Persie's first-half goal for Arsenal in the 1-1 draw in Group F.

Chelsea manager Andre Villas-Boas oversaw a 2-0 victory over Bayer Leverkusen in Group E in his first Champions League match, while his former club Porto recovered to beat nine-man Shakhtar Donetsk 2-1 in Group G.

While Porto won the Europa League in May, Barcelona lifted the European Cup for the second time in three years.

The Wembley Stadium triumph cemented Barcelona's status as world football's superpower and Pep Guardiola's side is favorite to become European champions for the fifth time in May.

But the script went against them at the Nou Camp on Tuesday against a Milan side missing Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Robinho to injury.

Just 24 seconds had elapsed when Pato coolly slid the ball

under goalkeeper Victor Valdes after dashing through Barcelona's half.

A determined Lionel Messi led the Spanish champions' response as the Argentina forward created Pedro Rodriguez's 36th-minute equalizer before David Villa curled a long-range free kick into the net five minutes into the second half.

"We could have played better after Barcelona took the lead," AC Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri said. "But I'm happy because the team did not collapse until we found the late equalizer."

That came deep into stoppage time when Thiago leapt high to meet Clarence Seedorf's corner to secure a point for Milan.

"We did all we were supposed to do but we are still left with this bitter taste," Barcelona coach Guardiola said.

All four teams in Group H are on one point after BATE Borisov and Viktoria Plzen drew 1-1.

In Germany, Arsenal went in front just before halftime when Van Persie won possession from Sebastian Kehl and played a one-two with Theo Walcott before beating Dortmund goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller with his shot.

But after Marcel Schmelzer's free kick was only half-cleared by Kieran Gibbs toward the end, Ivan Perisic volleyed in a late equalizer.

The draw enabled Marseille to go top of the group after Lucho Gonzalez secured a 1-0 victory over Olympiakos.

The Argentine exploited a

lapse in the Greek defense, meeting Jeremy Morel's cross before beating former River Plate teammate Franco Costanzo in the Olympiakos goal.

At Stamford Bridge, Fernando Torres continued his goal drought for Chelsea this season but set up both goals.

David Luiz ran onto Torres' layoff before bending a sublime strike into the bottom corner of the net midway through the second half.

And after Torres broke down the left flank, Juan Mata tapped home the second with almost the last kick of the game.

Chelsea is top of Group E after Racing Genk draw 0-0 with Valencia in the other match.

There were two victories in Group G—both with 2-1 scorelines.

And at Porto's Stadium of the Dragon, all the goals came from Brazilians.

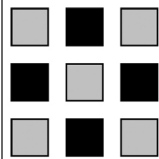
Porto goalkeeper Helton gifted Shakhtar the lead after 12 minutes, failing to hold Willian's weak shot from outside the area and spilling the ball for Luiz Adriano to tap in.

But striker Hulk equalized for Porto directly from a free kick just before the half hour and Kleber latched onto James Rodriguez's cross to poke in the host's winner six minutes after half time.

Shakhtar lost left back Yaroslav Rakitskiy just before half time for a studs-up challenge on Joao Moutinho and center back Dmytro Chygrynskiy was shown his second yellow card in the 80th.



AC Milan defender Thiago Silva, left, celebrates with teammate Alexandre Pato after the club's 2-2 tie with Barcelona on Tuesday.



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NCAA FOOTBALL

NCAA reinstates trio of Ohio State players

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Just in time for its first road game of the season, No. 17 Ohio State got some good news for a change.

The NCAA reinstated three Buckeyes players on Tuesday who were suspended for taking envelopes with \$200 cash from a university booster at a charity event earlier this year.

Tailback Jordan Hall and cornerback Travis Howard, tabbed as starters for the Buckeyes in the preseason, along with backup safety Corey “Pittsburgh” Brown, were suspended two games for violating NCAA rules by taking the improper benefits at an event in suburban Cleveland in February.

Ohio State (2-0) is girding up to play at Miami on Saturday.

“It’s always good, because these are all your brothers,” linebacker Etienne Sabino said soon after the news spread of the reinstatements.

“These guys you go to camp with, we work out all year long, we hang out off the field. You’re happy for them and you’re happy they’re going to be out there with you. It’s exciting.”

The NCAA's only additional stipulation was that the players pay \$200 to another charity.

“The university appreciates the NCAA's expeditious response in reinstating these three student-athletes,” Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith said in a statement.

The three were suspended just two days before the opener against Akron. Last week, interim coach Luke Fickell said they would be permitted to play in Ohio State's second game against Toledo, but the NCAA on Friday afternoon said it still was looking into the case.

The NCAA confirmed on Monday that it sent questions to Ohio State concerning the three players.

Earlier on Tuesday, Fickell said his team was in limbo when it came to the status of the three players.

“Right now we’re just ... waiting. We’re not going to make any jumps to conclusions,” Fickell said. “We’ll wait and see and hopefully we’ll hear something soon.”

The reinstatement of the three players adds much-needed depth to the Buckeyes.



## NBA

# Timberwolves land new head coach in Adelman



Former Rockets coach Rick Adelman, pictured during a game Feb. 2, has been hired as the Timberwolves' new coach.

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Even with a lockout firmly in place across the NBA, the Minnesota Timberwolves have still managed to land one of the biggest free agents on the market.

The team announced on Tuesday that it has an agreement in principle with Rick Adelman to make one of the game's great offensive minds its next head coach. An introductory news conference will be held once the contract is signed, but scheduling conflicts mean that is unlikely to happen this week.

Terms of the deal weren't disclosed, but there is no doubt that Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor had to dig deep into his billionaire pocketbook to land a coach who is eighth on the career victories list. The 65-year-old Adelman is 945-616 in 20 seasons as coach of the Trail Blazers, Kings, Warriors and Rockets.

Adelman and the Rockets parted ways in April after his four-year, \$16.25 million contract expired. It likely took quite a bit more to convince a coach who has led a team to the playoffs in 16 of his 20 seasons on the bench to take over a young group that is 32-132 in the past two years.

In doing so, Taylor delivered an emphatic statement to any fans who may have doubted his commitment to getting things turned around in Minnesota, especially considering he still owes the fired Kurt Rambis \$4 million over the final two years of his contract.

Adelman led the Blazers to the NBA Finals in 1990 and 1992 and has gained a reputation over two decades in the league as a coach who gets the most out of the roster he's given.

He replaces Rambis, who was given just two years as president of basketball operations David Kahn's first coaching hire.

Kahn clashed with Rambis over the team's pace of play, pushing for a faster, more free-flowing game while Rambis insisted that the players were too young to handle such responsibility.

Now it will be up to Adelman to try to harness the energy of the youngest team in the league and get the players to focus on being more consistent and professional night-in and night-out.

He has a promising nucleus to work with in All-Star forward Kevin Love, No. 2 overall draft choice Derrick Williams, Spanish import Ricky Rubio and gifted scorer Michael Beasley.

So the question becomes, does Adelman have the patience to teach Rubio the NBA game, put up with Beasley's hijinks both on and off the court and figure out a way to find enough playing time for Williams, Beasley, Wes Johnson and Martell Webster, all of whom have similar skill sets.

Like most coaches, Adelman has enjoyed his greatest successes on veteran-laden teams. And at 65, conventional wisdom was that he would wait for a job that included a more experienced roster who was considered closer to contending for the championship that has eluded him all these years.

But he has a good relationship with Love, the face of the franchise who played high school ball with Adelman's son in Oregon. The versatile power forward seems to be an ideal fit for the high post in Adelman's offense, which has utilized nifty-passing, sharp-shooting big men like Vlade Divac, Chris Webber and Jerome Kersey to great effect.

There is no doubt that Adelman will press to add a veteran or two once the lockout is lifted — hard-nosed Houston forward Chuck Hayes, perhaps? — to show the young pups how to be pros.

## ATP

# Djokovic eyes titles, acting career

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Novak Djokovic is ranked No. 1 and is 64-2 in 2011, and sees room for improvement.

He won three of the four Grand Slam titles this year—at the Australian Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open—and is talking about adding to his collection.

"There is a lot more to prove, a lot more tournaments to win," Djokovic told reporters at the Empire State Building on Tuesday, a day after he beat Rafael Nadal in the final at Flushing Meadows.

And that's not all: Djokovic gained plenty of attention for his spot-on impersonations of other players (Nadal, Andy Roddick and Maria Sharapova, among others), and now he wants to pursue acting.

"Yeah. Why not? I might do something if I have time soon. And I would like to. I just think show business is something that attracts me, that I really like watching, that I like being a part of. It's part of my personality," Djokovic said after making the rounds to various morning talk shows with a couple of days' worth of stubble on his face and the benefit of about three hours' worth of sleep.

The 24-year-old from Serbia didn't provide details or indicate whether he'd like to wind up on TV or in a movie; he did say he already has a couple of offers to consider.

"This the way I see things off the court. ... If I embrace them, if I accept them as something that can give me energy, that can make me happy, then it all goes in a positive direction," Djokovic said. "Or vice versa: You can say, 'Oh, look this is taking my attention off tennis. This is negative.' It just depends the way you look at it, and I try always to look at it in a positive way."

Just in case anyone might wonder how focused Djokovic is on his future as a thespian, he was sure to note: "I will not interfere that with my professional life."



Novak Djokovic lifts the U.S. Open championship trophy after defeating Rafael Nadal on Monday in New York.

Djokovic is doing pretty well at his day job, putting together what seven-time major champion John McEnroe called "the greatest year in the history of our sport, there's no doubt about it."

McEnroe, by the way, went 82-3 in 1984.

As impressive as Djokovic's overall record is, what's even more indicative of exactly how well he's playing is that he is 10-1 against Nadal and Roger Federer this season.

He overcame a two-set deficit, then two match points at 5-3, 40-15 in the fifth, to eliminate Federer in the U.S. Open semifinals Saturday, before dominating Nadal for most of the 4 hours, 10 minutes it took to complete their riveting 6-2, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-1 final. It's only the second time someone beat Federer and Nadal at the same Grand Slam tournament.

Against Nadal, Djokovic was treated by a trainer after the third set and twice more during the fourth for pain in a muscle between his ribs, an aching back and leg cramps.

"To be honest, there was doubts in my mind after the third set," he said Tuesday, "because physically I wasn't there. I wasn't fresh."

His serve speeds dropped

from around 120 mph to the 90s—"quite weak," Djokovic called it—during the fourth set, which actually might have thrown off Nadal.

"I guess he was a little confused as well—that's what I felt—on his return games because he was expecting the ball to come faster," Djokovic explained.

He improved to 6-0 against Nadal this year, all in tournament finals, and on three different surfaces: hard courts, clay and grass. Djokovic said those victories give him a "psychological advantage" against a player who preceded him at the top of the rankings and has 10 Grand Slam titles of his own.

Djokovic is the sixth man in the 44-year Open era to win three major titles in a single season. Nadal did it in 2010; Federer in 2004, 2006 and 2007.

"Maybe this is my year. Roger had a couple of years where he was winning two or three Slams. Rafa had that last year. ... God knows what's going to be next year," Djokovic said, shaking his head.

Then, thinking about all that he's accomplished and all that is to come, he chuckled as he said: "This is going to be extremely hard to repeat, that's for sure."

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Irish senior Chris Walker takes a shot during the Battle at the Warren on Apr. 12. Notre Dame took first place in the tournament.

## PGA

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make them ineligible by NCAA rules. But that doesn't prevent them from playing in major PGA and international tournaments.

Even if a college amateur were somehow able to win a major tournament like the U.S. Open, he or she would not be able to take home the million-dollar prize without losing his amateur status and NCAA eligibility.

"[Senior] Chris Walker made it through the local U.S. Open qualifying tournament before advancing to sectionals, which is one step away from the big tournament," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "You can play in any tournament, as long as you don't accept their money."

Kubinski believes that professional golfer status isn't just for anyone, even the most skilled golfers, because of other elements that factor into the world of a professional golfer.

"When these golfers get out on their own, it's a whole different world and everything changes," he said. "Emotional maturity is not talked about enough. We had a great golfer in 2007 [Cole Isban] who turned pro and he tried it and just thought it wasn't for him."

Heralded as the most-accomplished player in Notre Dame golf history by Kubinski, and Isban turned pro before leaving the tour and returning to Notre Dame to receive his MBA.

"Some people come to school to compete in golf and some come to find something else that interests them and take that head on," Kubinski said.

After playing in local and state-level amateur tournaments, a golfer can turn pro if he or she can play consistently at the highest-level, or just good enough to offset entrance fees and still make a sizable profit. Even so, only the world's best 200 golfers are admitted to the PGA Tour.

"A good way to start is to play the mini-tours before heading to qualification school where you are basically sorted out," Scodro said.

Major mini-tours include the eGolf Professional Tour, the Gateway Tour and the NGA Hooters Tour, where new professional golfers are able to gain experience while still playing at a highly competitive venue.

After mini-tours, golfers can advance to the PGA Qualifying Tournament, or Q-school. Q-school consists of a three-round tournament, preceded by a pre-qualifying round, where anyone who wants to join the PGA Tour can compete. The top 25 golfers of the tournament earns a PGA Tour card while anyone else who advances to the tournament's final round is eligible to play in the Nationwide Tour — the PGA Tour's second-tier.

Meanwhile, to remain on the PGA Tour, a golfer must be in the top-125 on the PGA money list at the end of the season to keep the tour card. But the PGA Tour creates a new world for the golfer psyche, something that Scodro is well aware of.

"I definitely would like to go pro, but I'll see how the season goes and weigh my options," Scodro said. "You go from traveling with your team and coaches to living life by yourself. I am from Chicago, so I would have to move to a warmer place like Florida or Arizona to play professionally. It's a lonely battle and it asks a lot of you in terms of giving up so much."

But Kubinski is confident that Scodro will be able to overcome these obstacles once he graduates.

"Max has the right disposition and he has what it takes to succeed at the next level," Kubinski said. "It really comes down to how much fire [a potential professional] has in him, and he's definitely got it."

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## Kuschel

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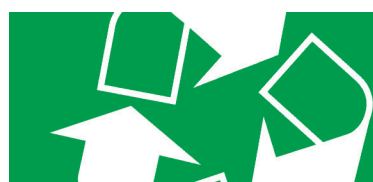
Kuschel is not worried about her team's current standing in the conference. Her team plays in one of the toughest conferences in the nation, with Calvin and Hope both ranked nationally. But in the end, every team is just trying to claim one of the top four spots.

Wednesday's contest against Alma will be a good indication of the improvements St. Mary's has made.

"No game that we walk into we expect to win [easily]," Kuschel said. "We just take each game as it comes and do our best."

The Belles will set up against the Scots tonight at 7 p.m. at the Angela Athletic Facility.

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# Stone

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to the team, the class also contributes with its intangibles. Stone said his seniors help bring the younger classes up to speed and occasionally communicate more effectively than the coaching staff.

“I think [the seniors] help the younger kids understand the culture of what we’re trying to do here,” Stone said. “Often times the seniors become a bridge between the freshmen, sophomores, juniors and the coaches. Sometimes the younger classes are more comfortable talking to another student than a coach.”

This communication between athletes and coaches stems from the growth of a relationship over four years, according to Stone. He said the seniors are at ease critiquing his coaching.

“We’ve gotten to know each other better,” Stone said of the relationship between the coaches and the seniors. “They are more comfortable talking about things we need to do differently or things we need to change.”

Both coach and player will have to rely on this bond as the Irish look to win their ninth straight Big East title this season. The hunt begins Sunday as Notre Dame takes on Michigan, Michigan State and Eastern Michigan in Ann Arbor.

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# Joyce

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and their improvement in the last year have inspired optimism in their coach.

“We played well against Olivet last year and came up short on the scoreboard, so we know it is a team we can compete with and are pushing hard to be on the right side of the score line,” Joyce said. “We are confident from our victories, but the disappointment from last season is still fresh in our minds, so we should be highly motivated.”

Despite Olivet’s victory last season, the Comets will not carry the same swagger from last fall when they came to St. Mary’s with a 12-3-2 record.

The Comets have lost all four of their contests so far this season by a combined score of 19-3, including a 7-1 loss to Case Western Reserve on Saturday. Still, the Belles are determined not to overlook their opponent.

“They haven’t won a game yet in their [pre-MIAA] season, but have played some very tough competition, so we’ve got to come out strong and fight every minute of the game for the result,” Joyce said.

Although Saint Mary’s earned consecutive victories to open the season, Joyce would still like to see improvement from his team.

“I’m always looking for us to push the quality of our play,” Joyce said. “Some of the turnovers we’ve had in our non-conference games could cost us against tough conference opponents.”

The Belles and Comets will take the field at 5 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary’s Soccer Field.

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# Kelly

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ball.”

Kelly specifically pointed out Dantonio’s meticulousness and insistence on toughness as attributes that have trickled down to the Michigan State players.

“He demands discipline, [and] attention to detail,” Kelly said. “He demands all those things on a day-to-day basis a toughness to his football team. He wants them mentally and physical tough ... I know Mark does a great job in attention to those specific areas.”

Coming off a difficult loss, the Irish (0-2) are using their past failures as motivation for a difficult test.

“They’re not pleased with their performance,” Kelly said. “They’re not happy where they’re at. The coaches are not pleased with our performance.”

Kelly believes his team is better than its record indicates, mainly because self-inflicted mistakes have cost Notre Dame each of its first two contests.

“I tell them this: I said, ‘I really believe that you haven’t won a game yet, but you haven’t been

beaten,’” Kelly said. “Last year we were beaten. We got beat by Michigan last year. As much as I don’t like to say it, they beat us last year.”

“We’ve really had a hand at beating ourselves, and that’s the big difference. If we do not beat ourselves, we’ve got a chance to be the kind of football team that we all believe we can be. I can see it.”

Kelly pointed to turnovers as the most important mistake for the Irish to fix. While his team ranks in the top-10 nationally in terms of yardage gained on offense, turnovers have cost Notre Dame points in each of its first two contests.

“The one stat that really matters to me is the turnover takeaway, and there’s a direct correlation to percentage of winning when you turn the ball over,” Kelly said. “There’s no stat for me that tells the story more than that.”

**Tight end situation resolved**

Last week at Michigan, Notre Dame was shorthanded at the tight end position behind sophomore starter Tyler Eifert. This week, two tight ends will return to bolster the depth chart.

“Alex Welch is cleared to practice and compete, [and] Jake Golic has been cleared to practice and compete,” Kelly said. “We do get a



SARAH O’CONNOR/The Observer  
**Junior tight end Tyler Eifert is brought down by two defenders during Notre Dame’s 35-31 loss to Michigan on Sept. 10.**

couple of tight ends back.”

The return of Welch and Golic is tempered by the loss of fifth-year senior Mike Ragone, who has been lost for the season due to upcoming ACL surgery.

“I’m pretty disappointed for him. He’s been a warrior for us in a sense,” Kelly said. “He’s battled through a lot of injuries. He loves to play the game. He loves competition, and we’re really going to miss him. He’ll still be around our football team. He’s going to help mentor some of our younger players.”

Freshman tight end Ben Koyack filled in late during Saturday’s loss, and Kelly was impressed by his effort.

“All in all, he did a nice job. He’s a kid that’s not rattled,” Kelly said. “I really love his demeanor. First time we put him on the field he didn’t have that look that sometimes you’re concerned about. I think Ben is going to be fine for us.”

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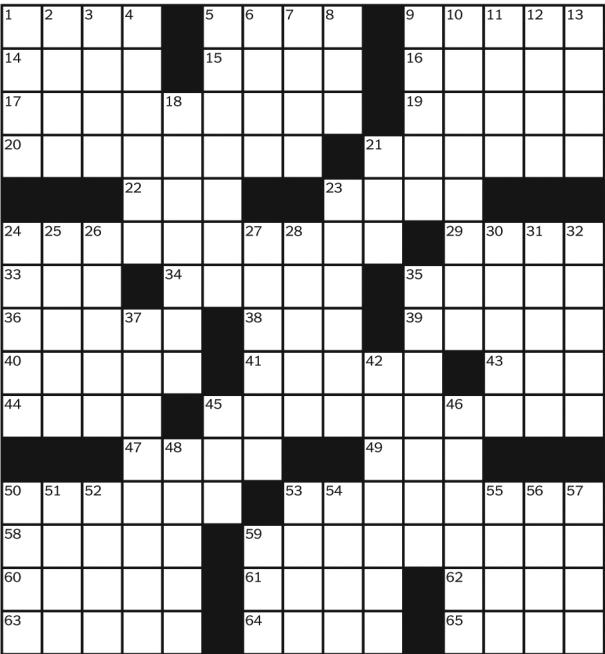
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Avoid situations that will add to your anxious mood. Relax and look at whatever situation you face practically. Once you decipher what's required, work toward getting the best end result. You will advance if you are precise and reasonable. ★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You can make headway at home and work if you push to be more productive. Your efforts will be impressive and lead to advancement, gratitude and rewards. Your concern and sensible approach confirm how valuable and reliable you are. ★★★

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**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** A snap judgment will lead to emotional problems. Secrets must be kept for now and emphasis must be put on protecting your money, possessions and reputation. Avoid getting backed into a corner. Less said, less interference. ★★★

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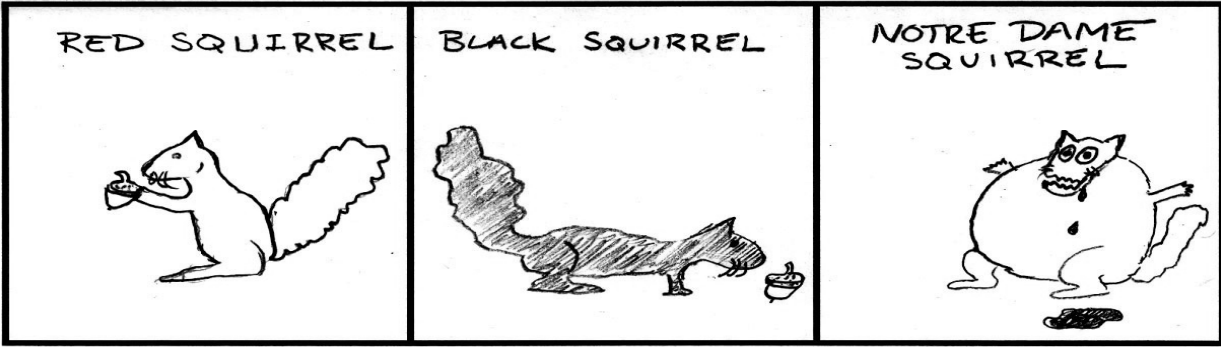
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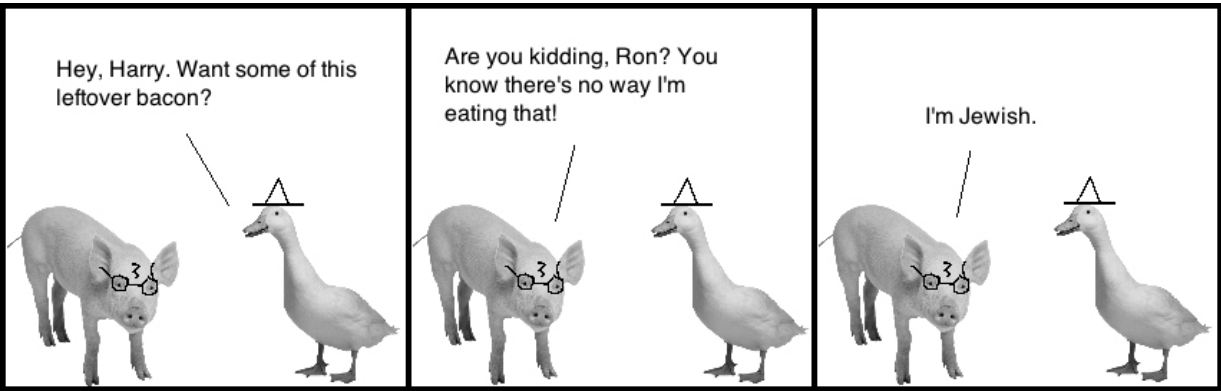
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## FOOTBALL

## Ready for battle

*Irish still seek first win, excited to face Spartans*

By ALLAN JOSEPH  
Sports Editor

After his team lost in heart-breaking fashion at Michigan last Saturday, Irish coach Brian Kelly knows Notre Dame will not benefit from any reprieve this week as it pursues the elusive first win of the season.

"After playing in front of 114,000 in a very difficult environment, our guys get another challenge which they're looking forward to, and that is playing Michigan State," Kelly said. "We're excited about the challenge against Michigan State. Everybody is looking forward to playing the Big Ten champs."

Mark Dantonio, Kelly's predecessor at Cincinnati, coaches the Spartans (2-0), and thus Kelly has some familiarity with the Spartans' style of play beyond the two games he has coached against them.

"I know how [Dantonio] coaches his football team. They're well coached," Kelly said. "They're a physical team on both sides of the

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Irish junior wide receiver Theo Riddick evades a tackler during Notre Dame's 35-31 loss to Michigan on Sept. 10. The Irish are preparing to face Michigan State on Saturday.

## ROWING

## Youthful Irish learn from small senior class

By CORY BERNARD  
Sports Writer

With a group of 45 athletes plus a five-person staff, women's rowing boasts one of the largest rosters in the Notre Dame athletic department. Of those 45, however, only five will graduate in the spring.

Though unusually small in number, the senior class makes up for its lack of size with talent and leadership. Irish coach Martin Stone said he expects

the seniors to make a major contribution to the squad this year.

"It's unusual to have such a small senior class," he said. "The last few years we've had big senior classes. When it's only one class you can get away with having fewer people. Plus, the seniors this year are really solid."

The seniors — Valeria Brencher, Ching-Ting Hwang, Morgan Kelley, Erin McConnell and Katie Suvo — have

all played major roles in Notre Dame's success the past few seasons. During their respective careers, all have won races as members of either the varsity eight or varsity four shells.

Stone said Hwang was one of the best varsity fours in the country last spring. He added the Irish will count on the seniors this season as well.

"All five of [the seniors] competed for us last year and I expect them to row well this

season," Stone said. "Morgan suffered an accident last fall that kept her from training for about two-and-a-half months, but since she's been back she has posted some pretty good numbers. [Ching-Ting] is super fit, and Valerie has put up some pretty good power numbers."

In addition to the experience the five seniors bring

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## SMC VOLLEYBALL

## Belles ready for MIAA rival Alma

By KATIE HEIT  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's is set for a tough match against conference rival Alma Wednesday.

The Belles (2-5, 1-2 MIAA) are looking to improve their MIAA record against Alma (5-2, 2-1). The Scots have traditionally proved to be tough conference competition, and this year is no different, Belles coach Toni Kuschel said.

"There's no easy win in our conference," Kuschel said. "Alma's typically in the top four teams. We're all just trying to get into the final tournament."

The Belles have gotten off to a slow start with a conference record of 1-2, but Kuschel said they have a chance every time they step onto the court.

"It's still early in the season," Kuschel said. "We still have a lot of room to improve."

Despite the tough losses, Kuschel said she is proud of the progress her young team has made thus far.

"We set well," Kuschel said. "Our serves have been great so far and we hit really well. One thing we need to improve on is having our setter really run our offense well."

Kuschel cited the leadership of the seniors as a key factor in the positive morale of her players. While she has no complaints about her team's spirit, Kuschel knows that her team has a few areas it needs to improve upon before its matchup against the Scots.

"Our middle has been consistent and we need to keep that up," Kuschel said, "but our outside hitters definitely need to score more. We definitely need to do a better job of capitalizing on our opportunities."

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## MEN'S GOLF

## Road to PGA Tour runs rigid

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The road to the PGA tour can be a drawn-out one. It's not as simple as going into a draft and definitely not as easy as Happy Gilmore made it look when he won one tournament before taking on Hollywood's equivalent of the Masters.

"If you win the right tournament, I guess it could work out that way, but it's almost always more advanced than that," senior Max Scodro said.

College golfers are considered to have amateur status, meaning that they cannot take prize money in tournaments since it would

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Irish senior Max Scodro takes a swing during the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic on Sept. 27, 2010.

## SMC SOCCER

## Saint Mary's hunts for conference win

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The Belles will be searching for their first win in a conference opener since 2007 as they kick off the MIAA season at home against Olivet on Wednesday.

Although the Belles (4-0) have struggled in conference play in recent years, including an eighth place finish last year with a 1-7 conference record, their explosive start has given the team confidence as it enters the most important part of the sched-

ule.

"We weren't happy with our conference finish last year," Belles coach Michael Joyce said. "We're excited to come out and continue our preseason success and start climbing our way up the conference standings."

The Belles still possess a perfect record after four matches and have outscored their opponents 13-1. They narrowly lost 2-1 to Olivet (0-4) late last season, but their competitiveness in that game

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