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Senior fund honors former classmate

Class of 2012 chooses to dedicate money to Declan Drumm Sullivan Memorial Fund

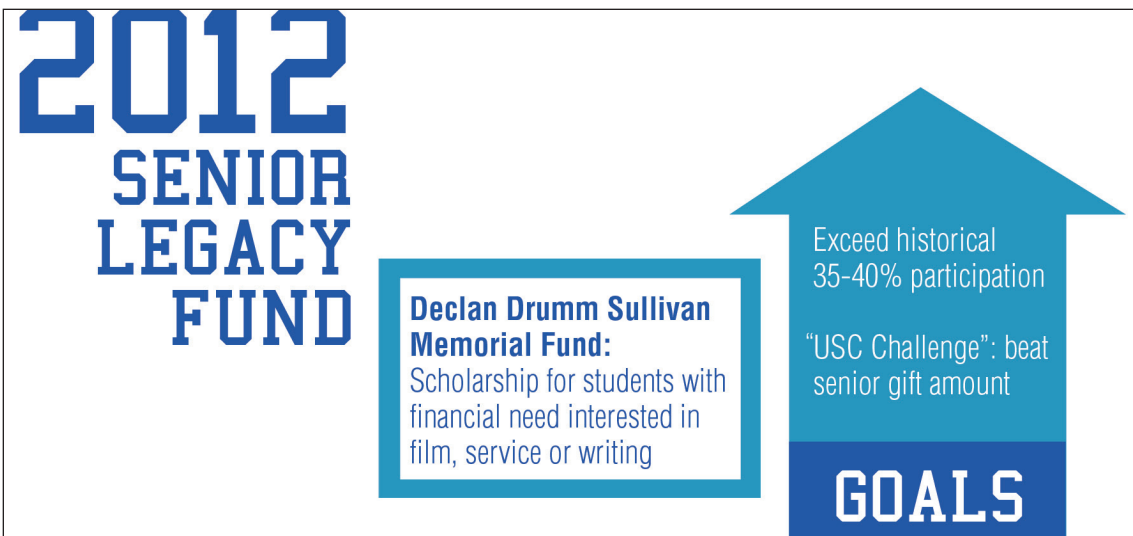
By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Based on overwhelming support from the senior class, the Class of 2012 Legacy Fund decided to dedicate the money it raises to the Declan Drumm Sullivan Memorial Fund, co-chairs of the Senior Legacy Fund Sylvia Banda and Tommy Montalbano said.

Declan Sullivan, a member of the Class of 2012, died last October after a video tower from which he was filming football practice fell. He was double-majoring in marketing and Film, Television and Theatre, and was a videographer for the football team.

The Memorial Fund will sponsor a scholarship for a student with demonstrated financial need whose interests align with Sullivan's, Montalbano said.

"It is designed for students who are not only in financial need, but who have demonstrated the traits that made



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Declan original, whether [it be] an interest in filmmaking, service to underprivileged youth, creative writing or other passions," he said.

Traditionally, the Legacy Fund committee has solicited suggestions for what to do with the fund from students,

resulting in a narrowed-down list for students to vote on.

This year, however, the high volume of initial responses suggesting the Memorial Fund negated the need for a follow-up survey, Banda said. "That was the runaway

winner, so as a committee we decided that this was going to be the [Memorial] Fund," she said. "We thought this was a unique year so we decided to just announce it."

The Legacy fund will begin

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Professor named as consultant

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Law professor Richard Garnett, recently named a consultant to the United States Council of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, said the appointment is an opportunity to help protect religious freedom in America.

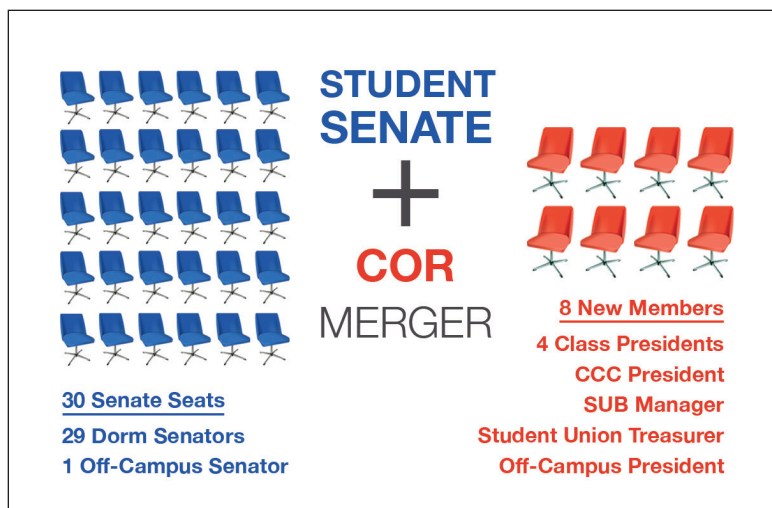
"I am deeply committed, as a citizen and as a scholar, to the importance — indeed, the centrality — of religious freedom," he said. "The opportunity to assist the Catholic bishops of the Unit-



Richard Garnett

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Student government to hold trial merger



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By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

The proposed merger between the Council of Representatives (COR) and Student Senate will be put to the test today when members of COR will sit in on Senate's meeting, where senators will debate the reform.

The measure is intended to make the Student Union more efficient and representative of the entire student body, student body president Pat McCormick said.

"This year our emphasis is

to put the Student Union under construction to make it more effective in its advocacy of the student body," McCormick said. "It's really the first pillar of this administration, which is to unite the Student Union and to expand inclusion in the advocacy of student government."

Oversight chair Ben Noe said the new structure of the group will be more in line with student government's intended purpose as written in its constitution.

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Students find companions in pets

By EMMA RUSS
News Writer

When alumni laud the friendships forged at Notre Dame, they usually are referring to their classmates. Some students, however, find extra companionship in dorm or house pets.

Senior Matt Jensen said his Betta Fish, Goldie, has been not only a companion since freshman year, but an ongoing lesson in responsibility.

"Having a pet during my time at Notre Dame has been a fantastic and memorable experience," he said. "Not only is she more loyal than my roommates, but her daily care stimulates my skills of discipline and careful responsibility during these formative years of my life."

While du Lac restricts students to "non-carnivorous fish in an aquarium less than 30 gallons," some off-campus students use their newfound freedom to house a four-legged pet.

Senior Mike Rose said the demands of his dog, Sammy, have forced him to establish a caretaking routine with his housemates.

"I live at a house with my friends on the soccer team and a black lab named Sammy," Rose said. "He has a pretty set

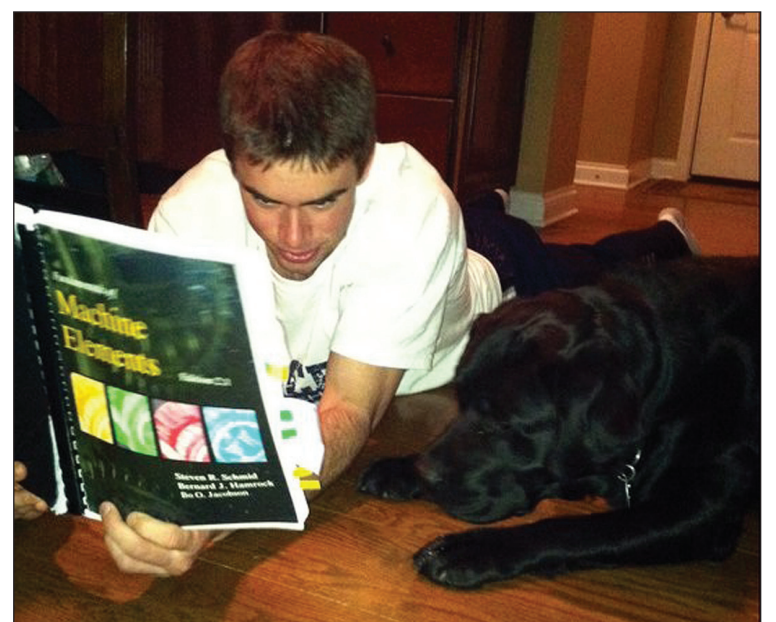


Photo courtesy of Mike Rose

Senior Mike Rose relaxes with his dog Sammy, who lives with Rose and his housemates off campus.

schedule, which he reminds us of constantly, but between housemates, we are all able to split most of the duties."

While busy students' schedules may not cater to dog ownership, Rose said friends and family have been willing to share the responsibilities when necessary.

"We are able to have people take care of Sammy if we are out of town for a team trip or

for any other reason, because pretty much anyone that meets him loves him," he said.

Senior Alyssa Sappenfield said the companionship of her cat Mango outweighs the added responsibility and expense.

"During breaks, I always have to think about who can look after her," she said. "I take care of everything concerning

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Group considers restructuring to improve transparency

By KRISTEN RICE

News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Government Association discussed the possibility of restructuring at its Tuesday meeting.

Student body president Nicole Gans said she was looking to other school's student governments for reform options.

"We have been doing a lot of research on how other schools student governments function,"

she said.

Student body vice president Jacquelyn Zupancic said fluctuations in the organizations structure in recent years have been problematic. A more deliberate structure could help reduce confusion and more effectively engage the student body.

"There has been so much change over the last couple of years. We need to have something stable, a structure that

just flows," she said. "[We need] something that, going forward, makes sense. We can get so many more people involved."

Gans solicited ideas on how the organization can be made more effective and efficient with more clearly articulated roles.

"This is a drawing board so changes can be made along the way," she said.

Chief of staff Emily Skirtich said the efforts required of the current administration will pay

off for future Saint Mary's student leaders.

"This is a stepping stone," she said. "Making this restructuring is difficult in our positions now, but it's really getting a new generation of Saint Mary's students involved."

College Vice President of Student Affairs Karen Johnson praised the group's effort at approving accessibility and transparency within student government.

"This opens up transparency and gets more people the opportunity to be involved," she said. "You have really thought outside the box. It's not just about you, but also student government going forward."

Zupancic said the group would begin detailing the changes and drafting a revised constitution in January.

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College celebrates season with Madrigal dinner

By ANNA BOARINI

News Writer

Saint Mary's Music Department will usher in the Christmas season this weekend with its 39th annual Madrigal dinner, a medieval-themed feast and musical performance.

Junior Toni Marsteller, who scripted and directed the performance and is cast as the Wench, said the theatrics and music are interwoven in the meal rather than preceding or following it.

"[The dinner features] Renaissance and medieval-style music, and there are actors who provide a little comedy throughout the dinner," she said.

Music professor Nancy Menk, who will direct the Madrigal for the 28th time, said the choir performances will include a combination of traditional songs with a few fresh selections.

"Some songs are standards," Menk said. "We always sing

the Wassail Song when we bring out the Wassail bowl, we always sing 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas,' and each year I try to add one or two new songs."

First year Katie Corbett plays the role of the Jester, who taunts the other characters throughout the performance.

"I'm an acting major, so I read for the Jester role, and it sounded really funny," she said. "I'm really excited, but I'm also a little nervous. I hope everyone enjoys the show."

Corbett's Jester conspires with junior Sophie Korson's character, the Cook, to play tricks on the Wench.

Korson, who has never participated in the Madrigal dinner before, said she decided to take part simply for the fun of it.

"It sounded like fun, and I was open to trying it out," she said.

Sophomore Lauren Murphy, a member of the Women's Choir performing at the dinner, said the performance helps spread the Christmas cheer around campus.

"I like dressing up and getting into character," she said. "The show really helps set the tone for the Christmas season."

Over her nearly three decades at the helm of the Madrigal, Menk said the tradition has evolved significantly.

"Before my time, they actually stopped the show and did an opera right in the middle of the show," she said. "One of the major changes was to change from a co-ed to an all-women's choir, about seven or eight years ago, to better represent Saint Mary's College."

Menk said she is amazed by the transformative effect the show has on Regina Hall, where it is presented.

"The girls look so beautiful in their dresses and the room looks amazing," she said. "By the time we're done with it, it's amazing to think it's just a dorm lounge."

The Madrigal dinner will be celebrated Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

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-ed States, and the Church more generally, in understanding, protecting and teaching about this freedom, is an honor.”

The committee aims to “address the increasing threats to religious liberty in our society so that the Church’s mission may advance unimpeded and the right of believers of any religious persuasion or none be respected,” Bishop William Lori, chair of the committee, said in a press release.

While he is uncertain what his specific responsibilities will be, Garnett said he believes it will have to do with religion and the law.

“I teach and write about church-state relations, religious freedom and constitutional law, so the work of the ad hoc committee is very closely connected to my own scholarly work, and ... to the distinctive Catholic character and mission of the University,” he said.

Garnett said the subcommittee will approach the issue of religious freedom from an interfaith and international perspective.

“I sense that [the committee members] are sensitive to the

importance of educating Catholics about the centrality of religious freedom: religious freedom for all, not just Catholics, and not just for Americans,” he said.

Garnett said some people underestimate the level of religious persecution in the modern world.

“In many places, Christians suffer outright persecution, and I think the bishops want to remind Catholics of the need to pray for and support these victims of persecution,” Garnett said.

It is crucial citizens understand that religious freedom is a basic right, he said.

“There is also the important need to help not only Catholics,

but all Americans, understand that religious freedom is not just a matter of ‘special pleading,’” he said. “It is not a ‘liberal’ or ‘conservative’ concern, but a human rights concern.”

The way governments approach the issue of religious freedom has ramifications for its overall human rights policies, he said.

“Other freedoms are not secure in a political community that does not protect religious freedom because, at the end of the day, a government that respects religious liberty is one that acknowledges limits on its power and reach,” he said.

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taking donations from seniors in January. While graduating seniors are automatically entered into the 2012 football season ticket lottery, they must make a donation to the fund during the 2012 calendar year to be entered into the 2013 season lottery, Montalbano said.

Banda said the rate of seniors who donate to the Senior Legacy Fund before graduation typically hovers between 35 and 40 percent. This year’s committee hopes initiatives such as the “USC Challenge” will increase participation.

“We partnered with the USC senior class gift group and whoever has better participation rates for their class gift at the end of their school year wins this competition,” Banda said. “Whoever wins will get a trophy we’re having made that will travel from school to school.”

The committee also created Facebook and Twitter pages for the 2012 Legacy Fund. On Facebook, Montalbano said the group holds weekly drawings where students who “like” the page can win gift cards to local businesses.

“We’re trying to raise attention about the senior gift, encourage students to donate

and recruit volunteers,” he said.

The page also posts videos, photos and a “bucket list” of activities every senior should do before they graduate.

In addition, Montalbano said donors who give over \$20 will receive a pint glass featuring the Notre Dame monogram as a reward.

Although the Legacy fund is directed at the senior class, assistant director of the Notre Dame Annual Giving Program Tim Ponisciak said anyone is welcome to donate. Seniors are also free to donate to another fund at the University of their choosing.

“The number we’ll look at for participation will be any donation that seniors make to Notre Dame,” Ponisciak said. “We really encourage seniors to make donations to the sponsored fund, but if a senior wants to give to their dorm or major that still gets counted as participation for the senior legacy gift.”

Banda expects a great deal of enthusiasm from the senior class in response to the fund’s dedication.

“We’ve already seen such a great response from seniors,” she said. “This is something we can all rally behind and something that is very unique to the class of 2012.”

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Professor discusses PPACA ethics

By JESSICA STOLLER-CONRAD
News Writer

The federal mandate requiring group health plans cover preventative healthcare — including contraceptives — has ethical implications for religiously affiliated employers such as Notre Dame, law professor O. Carter Snead said at his Tuesday lecture, “Understanding the PPACA ‘Contraceptive’ Mandate.”

“As a matter of moral teaching, the Church opposes the use of artificial contraception,” Snead said. “A religious concern that has been raised ... is Catholic institutions objecting to the mandatory without cost-sharing of contraception and sterilization.”

While the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) is vague when describing which procedures require employer coverage, the Health Resources and Services Administration later specified that all FDA-approved contraceptives and sterilization procedures were included, Snead said.

Snead said additional ethical challenges apply to the coverage of contraceptive drugs with “abortifacient properties,” acting as contraceptives with the potential of terminating pregnancy in the embryonic stage.

While certain exemptions exist, they are too narrow to apply to many institutions, including Notre Dame, Snead said.

“There is an exemption for certain kinds of entities [such as religious organizations] that would not be subject to this mandate,” he said. “[Narrow restrictions] eliminate virtually every Catholic institution in America from this exemption,



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Law professor O. Carter Snead discussed the effects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act during a lecture Tuesday.

except for Churches proper and religious orders.”

Snead said some influential progressive Catholics supported the PPACA but were predominantly opposed to the narrowness of the exemptions.

“[Catholic progressive leaders] showed near-unanimous opposition to the narrowness of the mandate exemption,” he said.

The mandate drew attention on campus in September when University President Rev. John Jenkins publicly requested Notre Dame be exempted from the contraception measure, Snead said.

Snead read an excerpt from Jenkins’ request letter highlighting the University’s dilemma.

“The regulation would compel Notre Dame to pay for contraception and sterilization in violation of the Church’s social

teaching, or to discontinue employee and student health-care plans, in violation of the Church’s social teaching, thus putting us in an impossible position,” the letter stated.

Because this mandate is already law, it would have to be overturned or changed in order to loosen the exemption regulations. Snead said,

“The positive sign ... is that there is bipartisan opposition to the regulations,” he said.

Snead said the complexity of the issue lies in the disparity between how the two sides approach the nature of contraception.

“Supporters believe that contraception is a matter of public health, but religious conscientious objections are a private matter,” Snead said.

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Senate

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“Student government is not technically student government in the constitution, it is a Student Union,” he said. “Hopefully when we make Senate a body that is really representative of the Student Union, we can create a model of what this more productive discussion can be.”

The reformed Senate will create a number of new chairs for existing COR members in an effort to capture the opinions of students unrepresented by hall senators, Noe said.

“The four class presidents, the off-campus president, the [Club Coordination Council] president, and, for now, the Student Union Board manager and the Student Union treasurer [will have votes], although there’s some talk about changing that within Senate,” he said.

Parliamentarian Michael Mesi said the new format of Senate meetings will no longer include committee updates, which can be time consuming.

“The chairmen of the Senate committees will no longer be in Senate meetings so there will

no longer be updates from each committee, leaving more time for discussion between senators on current issues,” Mesi said.

Committee chairs without voting rights, as well as members of COR not receiving a seat in the new Senate, will be able to speak at Senate meetings on relevant topics, Mesi said.

“For example, when the topic being discussed in Senate is related to social concerns, the Social Concerns committee chair can come and present and have speaking rights,” he said.

While the measure still requires Senate approval, Noe said it has been reviewed and modified by a number of student government groups already.

“I wrote up a rough draft resolution that I took to the subcommittee for constitution reform. We discussed it there, made recommendations and changes, checking with [the student body president, vice president and chief of staff] throughout,” he said. “Then the oversight committee approved it and policy board voted to put it on the Senate agenda.”

Noe said the feedback thus far has been encouraging.

“The feedback’s been positive ... People are in the mindset that

this will create a more cohesive Student Union,” he said. “The fact that Student Senate will be representative of every organization and be the highest group within student government, I think is a good thing, and I know COR members are excited to be engaged in policy issues.”

While he was confident Senate will approve the measure, Mesi said the reform can be modified within Senate if necessary.

“[If there are objections], senators can make the changes to this resolution itself and they can still pass it themselves Wednesday night,” Mesi said.

McCormick said he hopes the resolution will improve efficiency while adhering to student government’s intended purpose.

“At the end of the day, we’re trying to cut through red tape that has been strung together over the course of years and years while retaining the original mission,” he said. “[That mission is for] the Student Union to advance the highest hopes of what Notre Dame students have for what this University can become.”

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Photo courtesy of Alyssa Sappenfield

Senior Alyssa Sappenfield said while she enjoys having her cat Mango at Notre Dame, the animal increases her responsibilities.

Pets

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her, so it is a good practice in responsibility. This means food, litter, toys and vet bills, which can be pricey. Overall though, you get a little pal that loves you, which is really great.”

Rose said he also enjoys the sense of companionship he gets

from having a pet in the house.

“One of the benefits of having the dog around is that there’s always someone at the house to entertain you or play with you even if all of the housemates are gone,” he said.

Junior Shannon Hughes said she wishes on-campus students had more freedom with regard to housing pets.

“Having pets around just makes everyone feel happier,” Hughes said. “I wish the rules were more lenient regarding pets in the dorms, but I understand how difficulties might arise with pets larger than fish.”

Rose suggested that small, caged animals might be a reasonable option for students if dorms were modified.

“ND should open their policy up for animals, even though it would be tough to monitor,” he said. “I don’t think anyone is ready for dogs or cats in the dorms yet, but even smaller, less care-intensive animals would be good for students because it teaches them a lot of responsibility, and they are fun to play with. Could you imagine gerbil balls running through the dorms? It could be hilarious.”

While some residence halls have adopted dogs, Hughes, a Walsh Hall resident, said campus could do with a few more.

“We don’t have a dog in Walsh, but if we do ever get one, I think it will get more than enough love,” she said. “There are so many people in the dorm, and I think there would be more than enough people willing and happy to care for a dog.”

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FREEDOM from RELIGION

A lecture by
JOSEPH WEILER

JOSEPH H.H. WEILER
University Professor, NYU School of Law

Professor Weiler’s lecture that afternoon will focus on the March 2011 decision of the European Court of Human Rights in *Lautsi v. Italy*, which held that the Italian law providing for the display of the crucifix in public schools does not violate the European Convention on Human Rights. That ruling overturned a previous, unanimous decision by a smaller group of judges of the same court, that had found that crucifixes could not be displayed in Italian schools. The Grand Chamber decision represents a major victory for religious rights and religious pluralism in Europe.

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Waffle home

The yellow squares and black block letters clearly mark each restaurant and now appear vividly in my mind as I crave the All-Star Breakfast. For me, Waffle House has recently become

Joseph Monardo

Sports Writer

When I tire of dining hall food, I turn to Culver's or Penn Station, but nothing can serve as a worthy substitute for Waffle House. I am an Atlanta native, and proud of it. I am proud of Coca-Cola, Chick-fil-a, Outkast, T.I. and countless other great things to come out of my home state. I wouldn't necessarily include Waffle House as a source of Georgia pride, though. One of my roommates, a Philadelphia native, told me that he ate at a Waffle House once, and that it was "disgusting."

"No it's not!" was my immediate reaction. Well, maybe it is, but we love it anyway. This is why I wouldn't hold Wa-Ho up as a prime example of Georgia's greatness, because it is what it is, and what it is isn't very impressive on the surface.

But behind underwhelming furnishings and sometimes questionable cleanliness of each restaurant in the now semi-national chain lie a veritable southern experience and some delicious food. The centerpiece of the Waffle House experience is undoubtedly the All Star, a breakfast platter that never fails to disappoint. For under \$7 you can walk into any Waffle House in the country and get a waffle (a pecan waffle please), two eggs (scrambled), grits or hash browns (hash browns covered and diced), bacon, sausage or ham (sausage) and your choice of toast (raisin toast).

The hash browns merit a language of their own, as "covered" correlates to melted cheese, "smothered" to onions, "capped" to mushrooms, "country" to sausage gravy, etc. This structure speaks to the nature of the restaurant as a kind of insider's club. That is certainly not to say that outsiders are unwelcome (don't worry, the menu will guide you through the hash brown possibilities), and in fact quite the contrary is true.

In high school, the co-founder of Waffle House came to speak to a Leadership in Society class that I was in. He said many things, obviously, but I remember one thing very clearly: "We can take someone who is happy," he said, "and teach them how to cook a lot easier than we can take someone who can cook and teach them to be happy." Accordingly, the company's employees at every location I have ever been to have been kind, warm and engaging.

But still, even while I would encourage anyone to go to Waffle House, I'm not sure that anyone not from the Peach State would be able to experience it as I do. In this sense, the restaurant is an insider's club, as the things that make it so special are individual associations that I, and so many other Georgians, have made between Waffle House and something else. Because I link in my mind the black and yellow signs, the delicious waffles and the signature atmosphere of the restaurant with home, I embrace Waffle House in full, even the aspects that might not seem to be especially appealing.

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Memory

crossroads.

One wonders what will be remembered in 1,000 years. Men will doubtless have forgotten who Mao Tse-Tung and Chou En-lai were, who Richard Milhous Nixon was, even what the People's Republic of China and the United States of America were. But perhaps they will still stage Nixon in China and teach their sons and daughters its long dead language, English, just so they can understand what it tries to convey. We watch Oedipus the King to understand not ancient Greek epidemiology but rather the interplay of freedom and fate — just as we watch Nixon in China to understand not the geopolitics of the Cold War but rather what it means to be a man so deeply flawed that he cannot recognize his own heroism.

In art, as in all things, we seek the universal: We are driven to challenge everything — every impression and proverb, every instinct and custom — in seeking what is true and good not just here and now but everywhere and forever. We are, in this, both blessed and cursed: We can transcend any limitation — only to find that there are always more limitations to transcend. For we can be satisfied with no finite thing.

Oedipus the King and Nixon in China captivate us because they offer knowledge beyond that of Athens in 429 B.C. and America in A.D. 1987: They offer to us knowledge of who we really are — who we have always been and who, despite everything, we will always be. The special brilliance of Oedipus the King and Nixon in China is that each reveals to us the limitations upon such knowledge of ourselves — reveals to us, that is, the tragedy of our condition.

Of course, comparing the two dra-

mas may well be nonsense: Among the limitations against which we will forever struggle is a partiality for the things of our own time and place. It may well be that men will forget Nixon in China within my lifetime — that my affection for it has everything to do with my fascination with the Cold War and minimal music and almost nothing to do with what it can or cannot teach us about the human condition. Perhaps it is rather Kirk and Spock who will become the mythic archetypes of future civilizations.

Or perhaps all that we have done, all that we hold aloft in triumph, will be utterly forgotten. If one is honest with oneself — never an easy task — one finds it difficult to avoid this conclusion: Would Wagner have loved "Stairway to Heaven" as we do? Would Michelangelo have loved Campbell's Soup Cans? Would Shakespeare have seen in Kirk and Spock an echo of Hamlet and Horatio? Would he at least have understood our need for them?

Nixon in China ends, as I do, in uncertainty. As he stares alone into the night as though into the dark forever of his own death, Chou asks himself just one question: "How much of what we did was good?" Each of us, in the end, should remember to ask himself the same question. Nixon, it seems, could not bring himself to do so until it was too late. If he is to find his way even into our memory, let us at least learn from his failure. Let that be his legacy.

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Dan Sportiello

Bound Variables

In death — as in life — Nixon finds his way into everything.

When I was a boy, my father showed me Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country — a film in which Kirk and Spock see the Klingon Empire, their historical enemy, collapse under the weight of its economic ineptitude. Fighting hardliners on both sides, our heroes negotiate an end to galactic cold war and bring two very different cultures to understand one another for the first time.

The 1991 release of this film was not an accident: By the end of the year, the Soviet Union would have collapsed under the weight of its economic ineptitude. At the time, of course, I did not know this: I knew only that Kirk, whose son David had been murdered by Klingons, should have been the last person to extend to them the hand of friendship. When Kirk himself noted as much, Spock quipped that "there is an old Vulcan proverb: only Nixon could go to China."

At the time, of course, I had no idea who Nixon was, much less what it meant for him to go to China. I learned the latter only decades later when, during one of my accidental midnight sojourns into the depths of Wikipedia, I stumbled across Nixon in China, the 1987 opera by John Adams that recounts the 1972 visit by Nixon as though the latter were not a president at diplomacy but rather Oedipus at the

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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"The National Rifle Association says, 'Guns don't kill people. People do.' But I think the gun helps."

Eddie Izzard
British comedian

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Occupy all streets

At this point, everyone has presumably heard of the “Occupy” movement. You may have even seen the photos online of starving African children juxtaposed with hipster-looking American 20-somethings holding up Occupy signs; the former, they claim, are the real 99 percent, while the latter are actually the one percent in disguise. A friend of mine posted this with the caption, “Perspective is good.” As a Peace Corps applicant and someone who believes strongly in the need to fight the war on global poverty and hunger, I couldn’t agree more that it is important to remember how lucky we are in this country to have what we have, especially those of us at an institution of higher learning like Notre Dame.

It is even more important that we remember the duty we all have as human beings to help put an end to unnecessary suffering in the world. However, I don’t think the point of these photos was to encourage people to get out there and fight poverty. I think the point was to encourage the Occupiers to sit down and shut up, to stop whining about what they don’t have because they could have it so much worse. This disturbs me quite a bit, because as Americans, we should have every right to speak out about our problems. There is almost always someone who has it worse than you, but that does not mean that your problems are irrelevant or insignificant.

Personally, I am happy to see our nation, and especially our generation, speaking out about anything at all. I had grown tired of the apathy I perceived in many of those around me, so this is a refreshing change of pace for me. I agree with the cause of the Occupy movement, since I see it as a problem that our country is controlled more by corporations than by human beings. I don’t even know if these protests will bear any real fruit, and you don’t have to agree with the cause, but I think you should be happy that Americans can and do still speak out about important issues.

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Wrong message

Members of the Occupy Student Debt Campaign unveiled their plan for easing student debt woes this Monday in Zuccotti Park. Their plan calls for students to sign a debtors pledge in which they promise to stop making payments on their student loans after one million people have signed the pledge.

“There is no justice in a system that openly invites profiteering on the part of lenders. Education is a right and a public good, and it should be properly funded as such,” wrote the Occupy Student Debt Campaign on their website, occupystudentdebtcampaign.com.

While the group has some noble ideas, their members voluntarily took on their loans, there was no one forcing them to do so. Instead of taking on substantial student loans, these students could have attended cheaper universities or funded their studies themselves. There are many students who decide to work in college instead of taking on student loans. These students often spend longer in college, but when they graduate they are not in debt. It would be unfair to these students if the debts of other students were forgiven.

“There’s this very strong moral and ethical belief that people don’t walk away from loans they voluntarily assumed,” said Anya Kamenetz, the author of “Generation Debt,” in an article on The Huffington Post.

Although the system is obviously broken, these students need to claim responsibility for their situation and pay off their debt. Their situation should serve as a warning to future students that they shouldn’t take on more debt than they can manage.

Deciding to stop making payments on their student loans will only make the situation of these students more dire. The last thing a loan-laden college student needs in today’s job market is a black mark on their credit score.

As of Monday night, only 253 individuals have signed the pledge — an indication that Occupy Student Debt has a lot of work to do before they reach their goal of one million signers.

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Editorial Board

The Daily Cougar

Why I went to occupy

Before coming back to Notre Dame to work as a rector, I was as an Overseas Lay Mission volunteer in Uganda with the Congregation of Holy Cross for 16 months. If I had to sum up that experience with one line, it would be, “I learned what and who global poverty looks like: my students, my neighbors and friends.”

Since my return to the U.S., I have wondered how I can stay connected to the poor in Uganda while being so far away, and I have reflected on how the poor here are related to the poor over there.

Several weeks ago, Dr. Paul Farmer and Father Gustavo Gutierrez gave a joint talk to a packed 101 Debartolo that re-injected me, and others I’m sure, with some new vigor regarding these questions. The themes I heard that night were not new but were highlighted by their personal experiences with the poor in the Americas: Poverty is not a naturally occurring phenomenon; poverty is created — sometimes consciously, sometimes unconsciously; our gospel is necessarily a gospel of the poor; and we must be contemplatives in action on behalf of the poor.

It might not have been everyone’s natural response to that talk, but I decided to visit Occupy South Bend, the local group inspired by the original Occupy Wall Street protest. It is headquartered at Jon Hunt Memorial Park, in front of the Morris Performing Arts Center. I have visited several times since. The Occupy movement is mostly about inequality in our nation and, by natural extension, inequality in our world.

In wealth inequality, the U.S. actually ranks very close to Uganda, for example, according to several reliable indexes. And related, research shows that while the perception of upward social mobility is high in the U.S., actual social mobility is well lower than many other countries. In short, the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer, and it is becoming less possible for hard-working people to climb the ladder.

This massive wealth disparity is not natural. It is not healthy, and it is not morally acceptable. It mostly affects the poor, but it also affects us who are more privileged and everyone in between. For these reasons, we see the churches starting to join the Occupy movement, not because it is the answer but to join the conversation.

No, Occupy is not the answer. But, it is an answer.

It is the gospel that tells us to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Notre Dame does plenty of that with its countless volunteer clubs, domestic and international service projects, mission collections and donation campaigns. Yes, “Service is the rent

we pay for living” (Marian Wright Edelman), and we pay that rent well. But also, “Justice is what love looks like in public” (Cornel West). Service is a good start, but justice is the next step, requiring questions that might, scarily, implicate us and call us to conversion. What causes the hunger and the nakedness, for example?

Those types of questions led me to Occupy where I met all types of people. I met a family whose home was being foreclosed. I met unemployed auto workers who would love to follow the pundits’ advice to just “get a job,” if it was that simple. I met working poor people who came after work or in between their multiple jobs — hardly the lazy types I read about. I also met some folks from Indiana University-South Bend who, upon learning where I worked, wanted to know where all the Notre Dame people were.

The occupiers I met do not wholly demonize the financiers on Wall Street. They believe the banks have an important job to do but that simply they have not done their job. That they have been rewarded in their grandiose failures. That they are well overpaid relative to the social value they provide. And, that they hold unaccountable sway over our political system.

The occupiers I met do not want to replace capitalism simply with another “-ism.” They do not hate business. In fact, they support local South Bend businesses. Nor do they hate America — the group includes veterans, some of them homeless. They do not want handouts and free rides. They want fairness and decent wages. They recognize that democracy is not limited to election days, especially as elections are ever more compromised by obscene campaign finance schemes, orchestrated by both parties. Occupy, imperfect as it definitely is, offers an alternative conversation where wealth is not a prerequisite. Occupy is not a Christian movement, but there are gospel elements in it.

The poor in South Bend are connected to the poor in Uganda and everywhere else. We must first go to meet them. Once we are with them, we will necessarily be for them.

Unfiltered investigation and honest reflection into these economic issues may not necessarily lead each of us to Zuccotti Park (NY) or Jon Hunt Memorial Plaza (South Bend) with such direct, political aims. But, the gospel will spur us to become contemplatives in some type of action: to meet the poor, to understand what structures keep them poor and to work on their behalf.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



WHAT HISTORY BOOKS DON'T TELL US



MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL

Scene Writer

We trusted them. We listened to them for years. We put our education in their hands. And they lied to us. That's right, I'm talking about our history teachers.

That's what James Loewen believes, and what he will talk about today. Loewen, a sociologist, is the author of a number of books on the subject, best known for his book "Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong."

As this year is the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, Loewen will center his talk around this era in American history and the issues that have been overlooked in typical textbooks.

Loewen said he will draw from research he did for his latest book, "The Confederate and Neo-Confederate Reader," a look at the reasons behind the secession of the southern states in the early 1860s.

"Last December was the sesquicentennial of when the first state, South Carolina, quit the Union," Loewen told The Observer. "In [my book] is why, why South Carolina, why each of the 11 states left the Union. This is information that even though it's totally clear in 1860, it's totally murky today."

In his talk, Loewen will clear the muddy waters and bring to light some truths about the Civil War that are important and relevant today. In his studies and experiences, he found that an overreliance on textbooks has hurt history students of all ages.

"In this day, when we have the web, there's no ex-

cuse, either in high school or college, for just relying on the textbooks," he said. "Now, back in 1970, when you're thinking about a small town in Indiana that hardly has a library, then maybe there's an excuse to have a 900 or 1,000 page history textbook."

Times have changed though, according to Loewen, and now those small towns have access to the Internet and all sorts of primary historical documents. These primary documents are hugely important to really learning history and unlocking the secrets that aren't revealed in our textbooks, he said.

Loewen hit upon this problem at Tougaloo College, a historically black college in Mississippi, where he taught for eight years.

"I had an experience, which I will talk about at my talk, an interesting experience my first year teaching, that blew my mind," he said. "It convinced me that my students had been lied to, and in fact they had ... the fact that history can be a weapon, that history can be used against you, that was taught to me in Mississippi."

But it wasn't just Mississippi that had been lying to its students. Loewen encountered the same problem when he moved to Vermont and began teaching at the University of Vermont there. And so he spent two years at the Smithsonian Institute surveying leading American history textbooks, discovering more lies and misinformation. With his books, he calls on students to challenge, not blindly follow, textbooks and seek the real historical truth.

And for his talk today, Loewen wants to try and

test his ideas.

"I think I am going to be able to demonstrate in the room that most Notre Dame students have been lied to," Loewen stated. "We'll see if I can."

Have you been lied to? Come find out.

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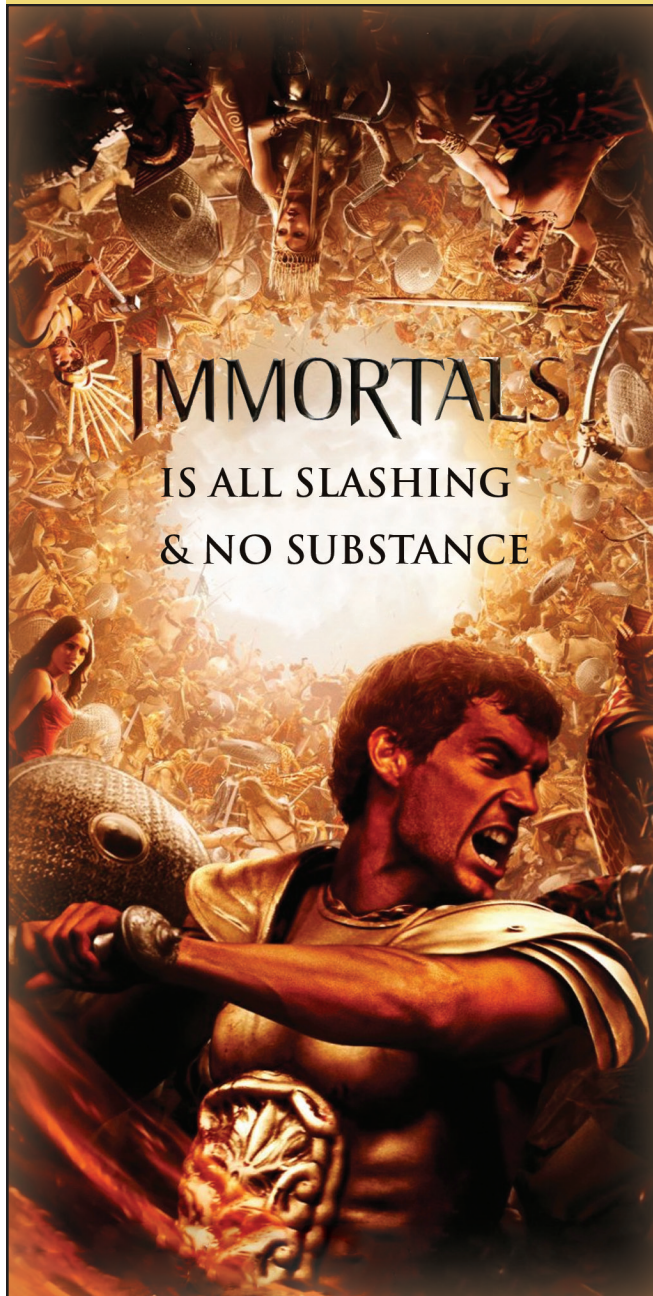
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TROY MATHEW

Scene Writer

In "Immortals," director Tarsem Singh uses a mixture of real set and CG work to create a visually stunning film. Oh, and apparently there's a plot too.

"Immortals" tells the story of Theseus, a mortal man chosen by Zeus to lead the fight against the ruthless King Hyperion. Hyperion (Mickey Rourke) scour the Greek countryside in order to find the Epirus Bow, a legendary and all-powerful weapon. Once Hyperion has the bow, he can unleash the Titans and wreak worldwide havoc. Theseus (Henry Cavill) uses the help of a gifted Virgin Oracle (Freida Pinto) to thwart Hyperion's plan.

If the plot sounds convoluted, it's because it is.

The producers of "Immortals" were the same behind "300," and the films have drawn comparisons due to their undeniable similarities. "300," however, is ultimately more successful because of its streamlined plot. In "Immortals," Hyperion searches for the Virgin Oracle in order to get the Epirus Bow, in order to release the Titans and achieve worldwide domination. The plot loses focus in parts, and isn't as captivating as the climactic final battle in "300." The plot of "Immortals" drags, and could definitely benefit from paring down its 110 minutes.

Despite his character's narrative shortcomings, Rourke is fantastic in "Immortals." His gruff demeanor and hulking figure are perfect for the maniacal Hyperion. Hyperion is power-hungry and not afraid to castrate or behead a few hundred people to get to the top. Rourke commands nearly every scene he appears in, mostly because the audience is dreading seeing another one of the disgustingly violent punishments he inflicts on those who displease him.

Speaking of violence, "Immortals" has plenty. Several scenes in the movie are nauseating, even for the most desensitized audience members. The battle scenes feature a lot of stylized violence, similar to "300," which means blood spatters in spectacular slow motion and every bone-crunch is audible.

The special effects in "Immortals" are what audi-

ences came to see. The landscape and battle scenes are visually stunning, and do their best to distract audiences from the sub-par plot. Nevertheless, the plot keeps getting in the way.

The film takes too long to get to the climactic final battle because the characters spend a frustrating amount of time discussing fate, mortality and the burden of seeing the future. This discussion would be fine if it was well-written and significant, but it's not. Instead, this dialogue detracts from what everyone wants — special effects and people getting their skulls crushed.

"Immortals" is not bad because it's a campy, special-effect-laden gore-fest. It's bad because it pretends that it's not. Despite big names like Freida Pinto of "Slumdog Millionaire" fame, the characters just don't resonate and don't hold interest when there's no bloody action.

Despite its pretense and weak plot, "Immortals" is a solid addition to the Greek-mythology film canon, due entirely to its special effects. "300" fanatics will love "Immortals," but anyone else who thinks they can stomach the violence should save their money and watch it when it's out on DVD. Don't go into it expecting profound dialogue, but do go into it anticipating some Mickey Rourke-induced nausea.

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"Immortals"

Starring: Mickey Rourke, Henry Cavill, Freida Pinto





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Scene Writer

If you want good advice, go to the experts.

For the latest installment in the Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) department's Talks Lecture Series, television producers Antonia Ellis and Kevin Fortson will be at Notre Dame today to present their lecture, "Producing Successful Television Shows — Studio and Producer Perspectives."

Both Ellis and Fortson have plenty of experience to share with successful television shows, with experience from "Sex and the City," "Royal Pains," "America's Best Dance Crew," "Pretty Little Liars" and "The Bachelor."

Ellis has been the producer of "Sex & the City," "Royal Pains" and "Men in Trees." She was also co-producer of "The Corner," which won an Emmy for Best Mini-Series. She was a production executive and head of post-production at DreamWorks SKG Television, and before that was associate producer on "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman."

Prior to relocating to New York City from Los Angeles, Ellis was a producer on a television sitcom pilot for DreamWorks/ABC called "Immediate Family" while working at DreamWorks SKG Television as a Production Executive and as the Head of Post Production.

Ellis has also produced feature films and is developing a web series. She co-created, wrote and produced an independent children's film, "The Adventures of Cinderella's Daughter." She has also written an historical feature film, "My Clara," about the true story of Clara Wieck and Robert Schumann. She is developing the feature-length romantic comedy, "Tender," a single-camera comedy TV-series, "My Secret Ingredient," and a Web Series, "The Dinner Party."

She got her start in feature films, both domestic and international, working with such companies as the BBC (London), Columbia Pictures, Castle Rock Entertainment, Morgan Creek Productions and Universal Studios.

In 1989, she moved to Los Angeles to work as an assistant to Joe Roth, then chairman of 20th Century Fox Film Corp. Afterwards, she worked as Billy Crystal's assistant on "City Slickers." Her other feature credits include "Parenthood," "Young Guns II," "Coupe de Ville," "Red Shoe Diaries," "Ford Fairlane" and "Married to the Mob."

Ellis not only has worked in movies and television, but music as well. She began her early career in music vid-

eos, stadium rock concert promotion and production and the record industry. Her passion in music led to radio, where she worked as a disc jockey and producer and hosted her own morning show.

Meanwhile, Fortson is senior vice president of production for Warner Horizon, the Warner Bros. division for lower-budget scripted and reality series for cable and broadcast TV.

Currently, he produces scripted and reality series. He oversees the hit reality franchise "The Bachelor" — which includes "The Bachelorette" and "Bachelor Pad" — "The Voice," "Rizzoli & Isles," "Pretty Little Liars," "The Lying Game" and "Randy Jackson Presents America's Best Dance Crew."

Fortson was previously senior vice president of operations and studio facilities for Warner Bros. Before that he worked on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," "Extra," "Geraldo" and "Now It Can Be Told."

Prior to his current position, Fortson was senior vice president of operations and studio facilities for Warner Bros. Before that, he spent 11 years at Telepictures Productions, most recently as senior vice president of production and also was vice president, chief operating office and executive in charge of production at Investigative News Group, in New York.

The two producers have years of experience and want to share their knowledge with budding film and television producers, so don't miss out if you are interested.

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KEVIN NOONAN

Scene Writer

"Low Town," the debut novel by author Daniel Polansky, brings a fast-paced blend of crime noir and fantasy genres that result in a thrilling and mesmerizing read.

The novel is always on the edge of one cliché or another. It's set in a grimy, crime-infested town controlled by a corrupt government and sets a bitter, hard-edged former-cop-turned-criminal as its antihero protagonist.

A morally horrific crime, the murder of a child, draws him out of his routine and forces out his heroic and noble side, which he tries so hard to keep hidden.

On the surface, that sounds like a pretty stereotypical crime noir novel. I'm pretty sure I could churn something out with that formula at my fingertips.

But just when it seems that the novel is going to settle into a mire of predictability and unoriginality, Polansky throws in a huge curveball.

This is no ordinary crime novel. First, the story is set in an alternate universe in which the civilization apparently never progressed beyond the technologies of the 17th century.

The people are still dealing with the aftereffects of a great war, as well as a devastating plague that ravaged the population.

And on top of all of that, there's magic.

Polansky does not spend his time explaining all of these developments. Though slightly frustrating at first — frankly it was hard to understand what the narrator was talking about some of the time — it eventually accomplishes two very important goals.

First, by not belaboring the point and going over the top explaining every detail of this new world to readers, he avoids a trap that many fantasy novels fall into: wasting half the novel on boring background explanations that don't mean anything to the story.

Second, by illustrating the world of the novel through the narrator's eyes and telling the story as he would've seen it, Polansky makes the whole thing feel much more real and accessible.

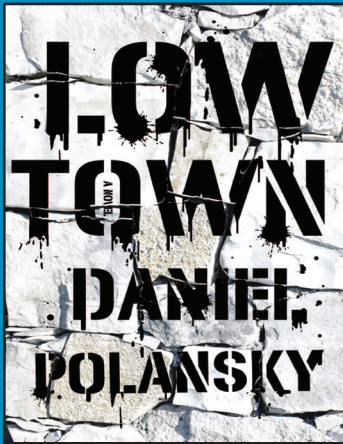


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As a whole, this magical new world, which is alluded to more than explained, keeps the novel from becoming a stale repeat of every fantasy or crime novel ever written. The blend of styles, along with the fast pace of the story telling, keeps readers from focusing on any one single cliché in the book long enough for it to become an issue.

And as far as stories go, this is a good one. It is filled with action and mystery, with enough twists, turns and unique characters to keep readers fascinated on every page. There is real emotional development with the characters, a point lost in many fantasy and crime novels.

The book is not perfect, though. There is a certain level of weird that one must get over to get lost in this novel. All the magic, terminology, names and little details are just a bit weird — that's the only word for it.

Polansky's writing style, while well developed and appropriately paced for this novel, rubbed me the wrong way at times. Maybe it's my delicate sensibilities, but every time I read the "f"

word in a book, it comes off wrong in my head, and I lose the pace of the story for a little bit.

If you're not into wizards and magic, this isn't for you. If you're not into gratuitous violence, this isn't for you. If you're not into books, I can't help you. Wait for the movie.

But if you're looking for an engaging read, and mystery and fantasy are your slices of pie, this novel is right up your alley.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Meyer to face challenges in new job at Ohio State

You know the old girlfriend who broke up with you and said she was not ready for a long-term commitment, but two weeks later you signed on Facebook and saw she was in a relationship?

Yeah, that's Urban Meyer right now.

The 47-year-old head coach who took a leave of absence, then retracted it, then coached another year before retiring for health and personal reasons, before becoming a commentator has now seen his Brett Favre-esque soap opera come full circle as he is now running the show at Ohio State (rumor has it University president Gordon Gee has his fingers crossed Meyer won't fire him).

So how legitimate is it for Florida fans to be enraged by the change in Meyer's tune?

Very legitimate.

After all, this was the first big-time coaching opportunity that opened up since Meyer's departure from Florida, and he could not resist the opportunity.

It's amazing Meyer was able to wipe away the drool he's had for that job since Jim Tressel was let go in May and articulate as well as he did during ESPN broadcasts this year.

So what kind of results should we expect from Meyer in the change of scenery?

It will be difficult for him to be more successful than he was in Gainesville, when he won two national championships in six seasons in the nation's toughest conference.

Ohio State's pending sanctions with the NCAA won't do him any favors, but he is a good enough coach and program-builder to overcome whatever obstacles are thrown his way — if he really wants to take on that challenge.

What if the NCAA decides the missteps made by the Buckeyes

were egregious enough to warrant a punishment similar to that of USC? If Meyer faces scholarship reductions and a bowl ban for a couple years, even the mega-recruiter himself won't find it easy to lure the nation's top talent to Columbus.

On top of that, Meyer has a more difficult location to sell to recruits now that he is in gloomy Ohio compared to sunny Florida. He will keep his footprint in the south and still pull in elite blue-chippers, but not to the extent he was able to in the SEC.

Meyer needs to adapt to a different style of football in the Big 10, one that is much less speed-and skill-oriented. Judging from Meyer's track record, adapting should not be a problem if he can find the passion.

He already has a dual-threat quarterback that should thrive in his system in freshman Braxton Miller, and that's a key start for Meyer.

But what if he decides a year or two from now the

stress is too much, he hasn't found the "balance" he took a year off to find, the sanctions are too much, the fans are too impatient, the wife is unhappy with the weather in the Midwest and the talent is not what he came to expect in the SEC? Would he dare step

away from a \$40-million contract the tradition-rich school at which he has dreamed of coaching — one that has already proven its willingness to cede unlimited power to a football coach?

With Meyer, you simply never know what move he will make next. His commitment is always strong — sometimes it lies with football and sometimes with family. This week, he made his latest decision. When will he make the next?

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Associate Sports Editor

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NFL

Winless Colts make changes

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Curtis Painter and Larry Coyer are out in Indianapolis, and it could be just the start of the changes for the winless Colts.

Coach Jim Caldwell broke up a normally quiet Tuesday by announcing that Coyer had been fired as defensive coordinator and that Dan Orlovsky would replace Painter at quarterback when the Colts play at New England on Sunday. Longtime linebackers coach Mike Murphy will replace Coyer.

The moves come in the midst of a shocking 0-11 season, Indianapolis' worst start since 1986, and two days after Indy may have lost its last chance at a victory.

"It's not an easy day," Caldwell said. "Anybody that would tell you any differently is cold-hearted and callous, and that's not me."

The relationship between the two coaches dates to the 1970s when Coyer was an assistant coach at Iowa and Caldwell was a player there. And over the past three seasons, Caldwell has gone out of his way to back Painter even after Painter was serenaded by boos when he failed to save Indy's perfect season in his NFL debut two years ago. Caldwell yanked Peyton Manning in the third quarter against the New York Jets in 2009, and Indy lost 29-15, dropping its record to 14-1.

As recently as Monday, Caldwell still seemed to back Painter, saying the Indiana native and Purdue alumni had improved in Sunday's 27-19 loss to Carolina. Painter rallied the Colts after another slow start and got them in position, twice, to force overtime late. Both times Painter threw interceptions in the end zone.

Some thought these changes were overdue and could have been made during the Colts' recent bye week.

But this could be just the start for Indianapolis.

All this losing has prompted fans to call for the firing of Caldwell, vice chairman Bill Polian and general manager Chris Polian, both of whom stood behind Caldwell during Tuesday's news conference. The decision to fire Coyer, Caldwell's first hire and close friend, will undoubtedly create more speculation about the fate of Indy's head coach.

In an interview earlier this month, team owner Jim Irsay said he strongly backed the Polians. He showed more tepid support for keeping Caldwell.



AP

Colts quarterback Curtis Painter gets tackled in Sunday's loss to Carolina. Painter will not start Sunday against New England.

On Monday night, Bill Polian told listeners on his weekly radio show that changes were coming.

"The message isn't getting across as clearly as it should be," Polian said as he talked about the defense. "We probably have to make some changes there and when you're in the position we are, you should probably be making changes."

Caldwell acknowledged there was a communication gap between the pipe-smoking, 68-year-old Coyer and his players. The defense is ranked 29th overall and 31st against the pass.

But it's not just the defense struggling.

Painter's quarterback rating of 66.6 is the second-lowest among all qualified NFL starters. Only Jacksonville rookie Blaine Gabbert (62.2) has a lower mark.

Still, it's unclear if Painter anticipated that a change was coming after throwing eight interceptions and one TD in his last five games.

"I think coming out of this past game we were able to move the ball and score some points, so I think we have a little bit of confidence," he said Monday. "We just have to trust that we'll get it done on all sides of the ball, and it won't be a big scoring shootout."

Now, it's Orlovsky's job.

The seven-year NFL veteran has appeared in three games this season. He's started seven career games, all with the 0-16 Detroit Lions in 2008. Orlovsky is 14 of 21 for 122 yards with no touchdowns or interceptions this season.

What can be accomplished by making these moves so late in the season?

"Obviously, it's going to be very, very difficult to say you're going to see a wholesale change (on defense) in three days," Caldwell said. "But I do think

that you're going to see effort, hustle and good, sound principles and practices, and football in the way in which we know how to play. We just expect to be better in all areas. Now that's going to take, like I said, it's going to take us a little time."

The season has been full of twists and turns for Indy, most involving Manning's absence.

The four-time league MVP had surgery in May to repair a damaged nerve that was causing weakness in his throwing shoulder, then signed a new 5-year, \$90 million contract just before the start of training camp. When his recovery went slower than expected, the Colts signed 17-year NFL veteran Kerry Collins to a \$4 million deal as Manning's top backup.

Then on Sept. 8, Manning underwent a spinal fusion and has not been able to practice since. If he has a good checkup Wednesday, he could start throwing at practice in December.

Collins started the first three games before sustaining a season-ending concussion late in Week 3. Painter replaced Collins in that loss, then played well in his first three starts before posting four straight quarterback ratings below 51.0.

Coyer was a defensive assistant for two years in Tampa Bay and in Denver from 2000-06 before joining the Colts in 2009. In his first season with Indy, the Colts ranked eighth in the NFL in scoring defense (19.2 points per game). But the defense has gotten progressively worse each of the last two seasons.

"I've known him a longtime, he coached me in college," Caldwell said. "(He is) a good man, (a) hard-worker and I certainly appreciate everything he's done for us. I think we can make a change, and you're going to see some results."

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1950 - Paul Westphal, NBA guard (Boston Celtics, Phoenix Suns)

1955 - Andy Gray, English soccer player

1960 - Bob Tewksbury, Concord NH, pitcher (San Diego Padres)

1962 - Bo Jackson, baseball/football player (KC Royals, LA Raiders)

1964 - David Wood, NBA forward (Dallas Mavericks)

1965 - Mike Zandofsky, NFL guard (Atlanta Falcons, Philadelphia Eagles)

1965 - Aldair, Brazilian footballer

1967 - Gary Jones, NFL safety

1969 - Larry Brown, NFL cornerback (Dallas Cowboys, Oakland Raiders)

1969 - Mark Lewis, Hamilton OH, infielder (Detroit Tigers)

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NFL

Lions’ Suh suspended two games for stomping incident

Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Ndamukong Suh is going back to the NFL, this time hoping for some leniency.

The league suspended Detroit’s All-Pro defensive tackle without pay for two games on Tuesday, punishing the second-year player for roughing up a Green Bay Packers offensive lineman after the whistle last week.

Suh promptly appealed his suspension, hoping his stomp doesn’t keep him away from his playoff-hopeful teammates when they need him most.

Ndamukong Suh will miss a road game at the Saints and a home matchup vs. the Vikings for stomping on a Packers player’s arm on Thanksgiving.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Suh’s hearing will be with Art Shell, an appointed appeal officer who is paid by the league and NFLPA.

As of late Tuesday afternoon, the hearing hadn’t been scheduled, but the league has said it will expedite the procedure to give Suh and Lions an answer before Sunday’s game at New Orleans.

If Suh doesn’t win the appeal, he won’t play against the Saints or in the Dec. 11 home game against Minnesota. He would return Dec. 12 ahead of a road game against Oakland.

Suh is barred from practice and the team’s facility while suspended. He did not return messages left with his agent.

“As a player, you have to appeal it,” said Detroit defensive end Kyle Vanden Bosch, the team’s union rep. “I’m sure the

NFLPA will be on his side to make sure that he gets a fair hearing.”

If the NFL turns rejects the appeal, Suh will be watching the Lions (7-4) scramble to keep up in the NFC wild-card race after what the league said was his fifth violation of on-field rules in his first two years in the NFL. And everyone saw the latest one.

Suh lifted up his right knee and forcibly stepped on Evan Dietrich-Smith’s right arm during the third quarter of the Lions’ 27-15 loss last Thursday in a nationally televised Thanksgiving Day game. Before the stomp seen from coast to coast, Suh shoved Dietrich-Smith’s helmet toward the turf while separating himself from the Packers player on the ground.

It might have hurt Suh’s case when he sounded defiant during his postgame news conference, insisting he didn’t intentionally step on his opponent.

After the Lions criticized his conduct Friday, Suh issued an apology to his teammates, organization and fans — not to Dietrich-Smith — as some around the league said his latest outburst proved he was the NFL’s dirtiest player.

“I’ll let him speak for himself when he gets that opportunity, but I’ve had a lot of conversations with him the last two days and I think he is in a different spot,” Lions coach Jim Schwartz said Tuesday. “I think his No. 1 thing is, he didn’t want to be a distraction for the team. He wanted the team to be able to focus on the Saints and he wants to be accountable for his actions.”

Earlier this season, the reign-

ing NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year requested a meeting with Commissioner Roger Goodell to discuss his play after he drew several penalties and another fine. Suh said he had a better understanding of the rules after that meeting four weeks ago. On Sunday, he called Goodell to apologize but that didn’t appear to help.

Lions offensive linemen Dominic Raiola and Rob Sims refused to answer questions about Suh after Tuesday’s practice. Vanden Bosch, though, believes everyone in the locker room supports Suh, who he spoke with on Tuesday.

“His biggest regret is the affect it had on the team,” Vanden Bosch said. “It was an unfortunate situation. When you’re on the field, a lot of things happen when you’re playing with so much emotion in such a physical game. It’s difficult to look at the grand scheme of things when you’re in the heat of the moment.”

“There’s no question he’d like to have the moment back, but he’s dealing with the repercussions of it and we are as well.”

The Lions will have a roster exception during Suh’s suspension, meaning they can sign someone to replace him or bolster some other spot on the team.

Dietrich-Smith wasn’t available to reporters in Green Bay on Tuesday, but other Packers players heard of the suspension. Linebacker Desmond Bishop said Suh “probably deserved it.”

“He did something wrong, suspended, he’ll pay the fine or whatever and hopefully (he’ll be) back and it’ll change him a



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Detroit defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh, right, steps on a Packers lineman in the Lions’ 27-15 loss Thursday at Ford Field.

little bit from doing something like that,” Bishop said.

Guard T.J. Lang said the team was moving forward and wasn’t worried about Suh.

“Fortunately, we’ve never been in a situation like that,” he said. “We just worry about ourselves and what we do as a group, and I think we have enough intelligence, definitely, as a team, and enough character, guys not doing any dumb things to put the team in jeopardy. That’s for other teams to worry about.”

Suh has already been fined three times for roughing up quarterbacks and another time for unsportsmanlike conduct. He leads the league with nine personal fouls since 2010, according to STATS LLC — two more times than teammate Cliff Avril and three more than Philadelphia’s Jason Babin, San Francisco’s Dashon Goldson and Denver’s D.J. Williams.

Suh grabbed Cincinnati quarterback Andy Dalton and threw him to the turf after he had gotten rid of the ball in a pre-season game this year. He was docked twice last year for shoving Chicago’s Jay Cutler high in the back and for twisting Cleveland’s Jake Delhomme’s face mask and slamming him to the ground. He also was fined \$5,000 during Week 9 in the 2010 season for unsportsmanlike conduct.

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NFL

Jaguars fire Del Rio, owner sells team

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars are headed in a completely new direction. And Los Angeles doesn't appear to be the destination. Team owner Wayne Weaver fired longtime coach Jack Del Rio on Tuesday after a 3-8 start and agreed to sell the Jaguars to Illinois businessman Shahid Khan. Weaver named defensive coordinator Mel Tucker the interim coach and gave general manager Gene Smith a three-year contract extension, putting him in charge of the coaching search. The moves marked the most significant changes for the small-market franchise since its inception in 1993. "It's the right thing at the right time and for the right reasons," Weaver said. "We deserve better; the community deserves better. We've been very average over the last few years. I take responsibility for a lot of that, making mistakes in some personnel things, but look positive ahead that this team is not far away from being a very competitive football team." Forbes reported the sale to be worth \$760 million. Weaver, who will turn 77 in January, had been looking for an "exit strategy" for years, wanting to find someone to buy the team and keep it in Jacksonville. He had tears in his eyes several times as he announced his impending departure. "It's a little bittersweet, honestly, that it came as soon as it did," Weaver said. "But the main motivation for the exit strategy was to find someone that has the same passion about the NFL, had the same passion about football in Jacksonville as we do, and I found that person." Khan, 61, believes he is the right choice, too. "Wayne's legacy will be lasting, and I will always be grateful for Wayne's trust and confidence in my commitment to the Jaguars, the NFL and the people of the Jacksonville commu-

nity," Khan said in a statement. Born in Pakistan, Khan left home at age 16 to attend the University of Illinois. He graduated in 1971, a year after he started working for Flex-N-Gate Corp. in Urbana, Ill. He purchased the company in 1980. Today, Flex-N-Gate is a major manufacturer of bumper systems for pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles built in North America. Khan tried to buy controlling interest in the St. Louis Rams last year. His purchase of the Jaguars is subject to NFL approval. League owners will vote to ratify the deal Dec. 14, and if it passes, would become official Jan. 4. The Jaguars could have a new coach in place before then. "There's a lot of good things that will happen in the future," Smith said. Del Rio's job security had been tenuous since Weaver said the coach needed to make the playoffs to secure a 10th season in Jacksonville. The Jaguars were essentially eliminated with Sunday's 20-13 loss to AFC South-leading Houston. "It's the nature of the beast," tight end Marcedes Lewis said. "Change is good sometimes. Obviously, it's an unfortunate situation. ... This is the NFL and unfortunate things happen sometimes." The timing of the move made sense since the Jaguars are struggling to sell tickets and host a Monday night game against San Diego. The team needs to sell about 9,000 tickets to avoid a local television blackout for a prime-time game. Making a coaching change could boost sales. Del Rio leaves with a 69-73 record, including 1-2 in two playoffs appearances. The Jaguars didn't win the AFC South in any of his nine seasons. Weaver gave Del Rio a four-year extension worth \$21 million after Jacksonville won a playoff game following the 2007 season. The team stumbled to a 5-11 finish the following season, and Weaver overhauled the roster but decided to keep Del Rio.

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LONDON — Liverpool raided Chelsea for the second time in 10 days to reach the semifinals of the League Cup on Tuesday, while Manchester City also grabbed a victory against a Premier League title rival in London to qualify for the last four. Craig Bellamy set up goals for Maxi Rodriguez in the 58th minute and Martin Kelly in the 63rd as seven-time competition winner Liverpool won 2-0 at Stamford Bridge to pile the pressure on Chelsea manager Andre Villas-Boas, whose team has now lost five of its last nine matches in all competitions. It was an emotional night for Bellamy, who returned to the Liverpool team two days after missing its 1-1 draw with Manchester City in the Premier League because he was too upset to play following the death of former Wales teammate Gary Speed on Sunday. The striker held back the tears prior to kickoff on Tuesday as fans and players from both sides conducted a moving one minute's applause at Stamford Bridge in honor of Wales' national team manager, before going on to play a key part in Liverpool's dismantling of the home side. "Speedo was regarded as his mentor," Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish said of Bellamy. "To come back and play like that speaks volumes." City, which is five points clear at the top of the Premier League, transferred its form to England's second-ranked club competition, beating Arsenal 1-0 thanks to an 83rd-minute goal by Sergio Agueiro. The Argentina striker, who




Liverpool celebrates a goal in its 2-0 victory over Chelsea in the Carling Cup quarterfinals at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday.

came off the bench midway through the first half, met a pass from Adam Johnson with a thumping shot past Arsenal goalkeeper Lukasz Fabianski as City eliminated Arsene Wenger's side in the quarterfinals for the second time in three seasons. Second-tier Cardiff reached the last four for the first time since 1966 by beating Premier League struggler Blackburn 2-0. Manchester United looks to become the third northwest power to make the semifinals when it hosts Crystal Palace in Wednesday's only match. Chelsea was unfortunate to lose 2-1 to Liverpool in the league on Nov. 20 but was outclassed 10 days later, even though Liverpool was playing just 48 hours after a gruelling match against City. "It's a pity for us," Villas-Boas said. "We had a good chance to progress at home but Liverpool were far superior." Andy Carroll wasted a glorious chance to put Liverpool ahead, blasting a 22nd-minute penalty straight at Chelsea goalkeeper Ross Turnbull after Alex was penalized for handling the ball in his own box. Rodriguez made no mistake from close range just before the hour, though, tapping home at the far post after running onto a inch-perfect cross by Bellamy, who had broken the offside trap on the right wing. Bellamy was again the provider five minutes later when he swung in a great free kick from the left that was glanced in by England under-21 defender Kelly. Chelsea's defeat — its third in a 10-day span in three different competitions — will be another tough pill to swallow for Villas-Boas, who had to deal with chants from Liverpool's vocal fans of "You're getting sacked in the morning" in the second half. With the Blues 10 points off the lead in the Premier League and facing possible elimination from the Champions League, their best chance of silverware may have been the League Cup.

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SAN FRANCISCO — Brian Sabean's office is connected to the San Francisco Giants' clubhouse, only a matter of feet from where manager Bruce Bochy prepares for games. The close proximity makes for regular planning meetings, before first pitch and often well into the night after the final out.

CEO Larry Baer is committed to maintaining that continuity with his club, and took a step Tuesday by giving both the general manager and manager contract extensions taking them through the 2013 season with club options for 2014.

"They work exceptionally well together. That's a key relationship," Baer said. "I strongly believe Brian and Bruce are the best at their craft in the game, and their track record shows that."

The 55-year-old Sabean is the longest-tenured GM in baseball and has said he would like to stay put in San Francisco for the rest of his career. He became the Giants' GM in 1996 after three years in player personnel. He was in the Yankees organization from 1985-92 as a scout, scouting director and player development director.

Sabean has a busy stretch ahead before spring training begins in February. On Wednesday, his wife, Amanda, is scheduled to give birth to the couple's second son — the sixth son for Sabean. Then, baseball's winter meetings begin next week in Dallas.

The top priority is upgrading the offense while leaving enough payroll flexibility to lock up star pitchers Tim Lincecum and Matt

Cain for what Sabean hopes is the long haul.

"Anything we're going to do has to fit into a certain price point and give us enough flexibility to do other things," Sabean said. "Pitching is our gold standard and we'll do all that we can to take care of that commodity first."

Bobby Evans, the team's vice president of baseball operations and Sabean's right-hand man, said there have been preliminary conversations with the pitchers' representatives that he categorized as "an exchange of ideas and numbers." Evans said he expects Lincecum, the two-time NL Cy Young Award winner, to be open to a long-term deal beyond two years.

"I don't know how productive it is to get into specifics," Evans said. "I don't think he's closed off to anything short or long, per se. I think he's very comfortable with short, but don't think he's closed off to anything long. I think he's still open to that."

Sabean hired the 56-year-old Bochy away from the rival San Diego Padres in 2007 to replace Felipe Alou.

"I think we have a mutual respect. We listen to each other, Brian for me is always available," Bochy said. "We communicate so much during the course of the season. We stay in the same building. There's never any kind of distance or separation."

Yet there wasn't immediate success when Bochy arrived, and both men received harsh criticism along the way for moves they made and those they didn't.

That all changed when they led the club to an improbable World Series championship in 2010 with

a band of "castoffs and misfits" as Bochy called them.

Baer had expected to get deals done during the offseason to keep both men around for the near future. Sabean and Bochy were instrumental in the team's World Series title, the first for the franchise since moving West in 1958.

"I don't take anything for granted. I'm thankful for their renewed commitment," Bochy said.

The Giants went 86-76 for second place in the NL West and missed the playoffs this year, when they dealt with devastating season-ending injuries to 2010 NL Rookie of the Year catcher Buster Posey and second baseman Freddy Sanchez.

Baer recently assumed top decision-making duties from outgoing managing partner Bill Neukom, saying, "Brian has seen the operation through all sorts of environments."

That included the challenging days with home run king Barry Bonds and the move from Candlestick Park to the waterfront spot at 12-year-old AT&T Park.

"I don't take the extension lightly," Sabean said. "Baseball's a tough game to succeed in. I'm really thankful that I'm one of the original employees of the ownership group and as the ownership group changed or morphed, they recognized our commitment and hard work."

All-Star slugger Pablo Sandoval is still deciding whether to spend a short stint in his native Venezuela, where Nationals catcher Wilson Ramos was abducted earlier this month and then rescued. Sandoval is training for a second straight offseason in Arizona after losing close to 40 pounds last winter.



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Senior epee Courtney Hurley duals with her opponent at the ND Duals on Jan. 29 at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

Olympics

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thereby improve their chances of qualifying for the Olympics.

The series of World Cup competitions are merely the latest stop on the long road to Olympic qualification.

Top fencers began the process of qualifying at the 2010 World Championships and will follow a regimented schedule of competition until point standings close and zone-qualifying events begin in April.

"The rules for qualifying are complicated, but one can be sure that, in order to get enough points to be a qualifier, they need to compete in as many competitions as possible," Bednarski said. "The fencers will be competing the whole year, basically up to the Olympic Games."

Even with their individual accolades, Notre Dame fencers will face long odds to qualify for an Olympic berth. National teams that qualify for the Olympics are only able to bring three fencers for each team event and individual events likewise only permit a maximum of three fencers from a given country. With such limitations in place, the possibility of foilists Meinhardt, DeSmet, and Imboden battling for a spot on the American national team in the Olympics remains wide open.

Although several important competitions remain, the five Irish fencers striving for the Olympics have found success in national competitions throughout the fall. Imboden and Meinhardt had the top two finishes among American entrants in the foil competition at the Se-

nior World Championships in October, with Imboden finishing eighth in the 64-competitor draw and Meinhardt racking up a 13th place finish. Hurley and Meinhardt also made strong showings in the Pan American Games, with Hurley winning the silver medal in the epee and Meinhardt helping the American team to the gold medal in the team foil event.

The five current Irish fencers do not represent the entirety of Notre Dame's Olympic fencing connections, however. Mariel Zagunis, 2010 alumna, will look to expand her legacy as a great American fencer and win her third Olympic gold medal. Fellow 2010 graduate Kelley Hurley will try for a sport on the roster as well, along with high school senior Lee Kiefer, who has signed a letter of intent with Notre Dame.

Bednarski said successful international showings by Notre Dame fencers simply validate the strength of the team.

"Every year, we have fencers who are in the position to fight for the national team," Bednarski said.

While the loss of several top fencers will hamper this year's Irish team, Bednarski said he feels it will also provide many opportunities for younger fencers to grow and develop.

"This season is a chance for the younger fencers to show their skills, ambition, and devotion and get more starts," Bednarski said. "Over the long-term, it will benefit them because they will get to speed up their progress this year. We may now be the underdog team, but we are still an underdog who can bite."

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Reaney

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chored the 400m freestyle relay team. Entering the pool with the Irish behind by .10 seconds, Reaney managed to close the gap with a 50.60 second run, the fastest of the race, which was enough to earn the victory for the Irish.

"I just buried my head and dug down and started to pull as much water as I could and I ended up catching her," Reaney said. "It was awesome."

Reaney said her focus now

is on finishing the season as strongly as she started it and hopefully making the NCAA tournament. Looking even further ahead, Reaney has made the time cut for the Olympic trial in the 100m breaststroke, and said she hopes to qualify for trials in more events.

"Right now I'm just focusing on this summer and obviously making NCAAs and swimming there," Reaney said. "That would be really awesome, to represent Notre Dame at the national level."

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Junior forward Jack Cooley shoots over a defender in Notre Dame's 74-41 win over Sam Houston State on Nov. 16 at the Purcell Pavilion.

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year, that was a great game. [It was] two offensive teams that are really good with the ball. It all starts with [red-shirt senior center Robert] Sacre, and he really bothered us posting up in the middle of the lane and defending him down low."

Brey said he is concerned with the way his inexperienced frontcourt will hold up against the seven-foot center.

"[It's a] huge challenge for [the frontcourt]," he said. "It goes to the Sacre thing and post position and driving you deep, balls screaming and rolling down your lane. It's a great challenge for all three of them, [junior forwards Mike Broghammer, Jack Cooley and Tom Knight] to be ready. It's the first big challenge for them."

Outside of Sacre, the Bulldogs have several offensive weapons that can pace Gonzaga, Brey said.

"[Junior forward Elias] Harris does it from all over the place," he said. "[We will try] to slow them down, because they're good with the ball, they can pass it, they know who should shoot it, and they can score it. [Freshman guard Kevin Pangos] obviously has gotten on runs

in their building and it's a tough atmosphere for us."

Brey said the environment at McCarthy Athletic Center will be among the toughest the Irish play in this season.

"I told our guys, 'There won't be any tougher Big East atmosphere than this place on Wednesday,'" he said. "Again, I've never been in it, but I've seen it on TV and people have told me."

"Trying to slow them down offensively and with us being younger, being poised in that atmosphere and poised when Gonzaga makes a run ... answering when Gonzaga makes a run and can we hang in there and not get frazzled [will be important]."

While Wednesday's contest marks the end of the series between the two schools, Brey said he has discussed future matchups with Bulldogs coach Mark Few.

"It does end after this year but [Few] and I have talked about down the road starting that thing back up in the future," he said. "It won't be in the immediate future of the next year or two I don't believe, but that's something we could revisit down the road."

The Bulldogs and Irish will tip-off at 11:15 p.m. at the McCarthy Athletic Center in Spokane, Wash.

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Belles

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prove on the defensive side of the ball, the Belles' offense has been solid this year, averaging just under 73 points per game.

"I'm real happy where our offense is at," Henley said. "I think we can score at any given time, based on the personnel we have on the floor, but at the end of the day we have to play defense and that's where we have been struggling lately for the whole entire game."

The matchup with Trine is

just the beginning of the Belles' conference season, but Henley said the Belles know their road to success needs to start immediately.

"We need to build upon where we were at last year in the conference," Henley said. "We were picked third and that's nice, but were not interested in third. We obviously want to win it and that's going to get started [tonight]."

The Belles will travel to Angola, Ind. to square off with Trine tonight at 7:30 p.m.

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Rust

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Rust started the season with an assist in Notre Dame's 4-3 season-opening loss to Minnesota-Duluth and chipped in his first goal in a tie against Northern Michigan.

He now has five goals and two assists on the year. His goal streak is the longest active streak on the team.

"The first few weeks of the season, I wasn't as aggressive as I wanted to be," Rust said. "I wasn't battling as hard as I knew I should have."

A year ago, Rust tallied six goals and 13 assists while playing in 40 of Notre Dame's 44 games. Now, Jackson sees Rust as a possible secondary scorer for the No. 2 Irish, who possess talented sophomore forwards T.J. Tynan and Anders Lee.

"He's one of them [that can be a secondary scorer]," Jackson said. "These are all guys that are working hard, they just need to be in those situations where they can score a goal and take advantage of it. There's a number of guys that I feel can contribute offensively."

Jackson also said Rust's production was something he expected at the beginning of the year.

"He works as hard as anyone," Jackson said. "He's prepared to practice every day. I'm glad to see him start to have a little success because that's really what we expected at the start of the season."

Rust, a third-round selection of the Pittsburgh Penguins in the 2010 NHL Draft, is placed on the same line as Tynan and Lee, forming a potent trio for Notre Dame (10-3-3, 7-2-3-0 CCHA).

"T.J. and Anders both have great vision and playmaking ability," Jackson said. "[Rust] just has to be at the right place at the right time. He shouldn't feel like he needs to pass it all the time, especially if he's in good scoring areas."

While some may think playing with talents such as Tynan and Lee detracts from Rust's opportunities, he said it helps him out.

"It's actually surprisingly not as tough as you think," Rust said. "It actually gives me more confidence because they're always going to be there making plays. I'll be able to take my chances."

Rust's four-game streak came during one of the most daunting stretches of Notre Dame's schedule, a gauntlet that featured four top-15 opponents in eight days — with three of them on the road. Rust said the success against the tough competition was due to his ability to make the small

plays.

"It's all about working hard, making the little plays, getting pucks out of the [defensive] zone, getting pucks into the offensive zone, making hits," Rust said.

Rust, whose brother attended and played hockey at Michigan, decided to come to Notre Dame in part to escape his brother's shadow.

"I had to make my own path," Rust said. "I've been in his shadow in my life. Throughout my life, I've been compared to him."

With his recent streak, Rust has begun to make a name of his own.

"If he gets to the net and starts getting some confidence, [he can be effective]," Jackson said. "He has the ability. It's just a matter of him taking shots and getting into those dirty zones for rebounds and deflections."

Rust will try to extend his goal streak this weekend when the Irish welcome Northeastern (4-7-2, 3-7-2 Hockey East) to the Compton Family Ice Arena, Kane, Wash.

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- 38 Cashier's error, as suggested by 17-, 22-, 47- and 58-Across?

41 Henry who made a Fortune?

42 Baby taking a bow?

43 Befuddled

44 Baton Rouge sch.

45 Peace grp. since 1948

46 "___ loves me ..."

47 Certain loaf

54 Frigidaire competitor

56 Bumbler

57 Réunion, e.g.

58 Being frugal

63 Strongly praised

64 Goose bumps-producing, maybe

65 Funnywoman Martha
- Down**

1 N.A.A.C.P. part: Abbr.

2 Must, slangily

3 Something to be thrown for

4 Top 40 fare

5 Medium capacity?

6 Contribute to the mix

7 Impurity

8 Eastern state?

9 That, in Tijuana

10 "___ there yet?"

11 Handy IDs in the hood?

12 Unwanted spots

13 Kind of terrier

16 Slows down traffic, say?

18 Sign by stairs, often

23 1,000-foot-deep lake that straddles a state line

24 Many miles away

25 Game with a maximum score of 180

26 Apple offering

30 Zoo keeper?

31 Noodle product?

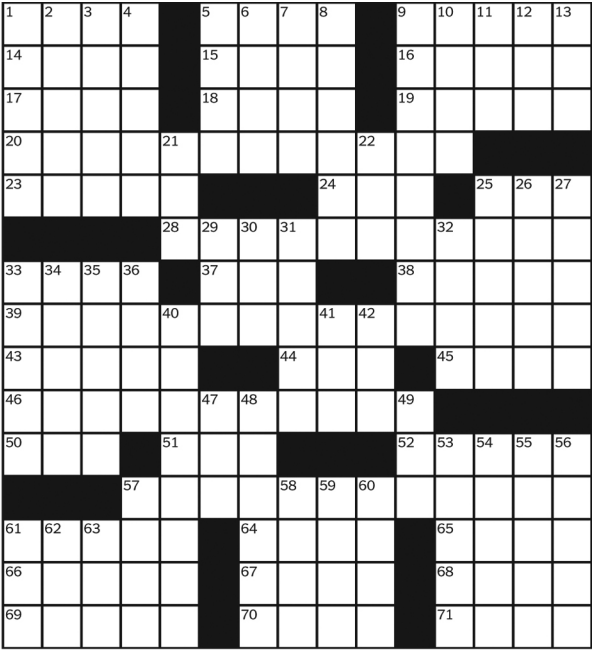
32 Over the ___

33 Burden

34 Number of people in a room

35 Numbered thing in the Bible

36 Friendly introduction?



Puzzle by Milo Beckman

- 37 Faster's opposite

39 Bring in

40 "Yeah, right"

45 Gerald Ford's birthplace

46 Muslim mystic

48 Theodore Roosevelt, to Eleanor

49 Man of many words?
- 50 Press conference component, briefly

51 Arena sections

52 Carl's wife in "Up"

53 Bowling alley button

54 On ___ with (equal to)
- 55 Sheet mineral

59 "There is no ___ team"

60 Name placeholder in govt. records

61 Many a Fortune profilee, for short

62 "Jeopardy!" whiz Jennings

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Anna Faris, 35; Don Cheadle, 47; Andrew McCarthy, 49; Howie Mandel, 56.

Happy Birthday: Don't overstep your boundaries. You have to keep things in perspective and do only what's required. Going over budget or taking on too much will leave you in a poor position as the year progresses. Change may be necessary, but do so simply and with moderation. You want to end up with more, not less. Focus, be responsible and do what's right. Your numbers are 3, 12, 17, 25, 33, 43, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Look past the obvious. Don't let the little things bother you. It's how you perform and what you do to make things better that will count in the end. Use your head, think matters through and avoid arguing with anyone you work alongside. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your receptiveness to information offered will make a difference. Networking functions will pay off. A contract or settlement will change the way you do things. Don't overreact. Consider what's being offered, cut your losses and move forward. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look for a partnership that will enhance what you have to offer. An opportunity to promote something you have done in the past will pay off now. Make a commitment that will stabilize your future. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't make changes that are premature. Look for opportunities, but don't jeopardize what you already have. Take particularly good care of a partnership that means a lot to you. Offer your services if it will seal a deal. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Do whatever it takes to get things going. Staying in control will allow you to cap the amount spent as well as how much time you put in. Uncertainty regarding an emotional responsibility will require your undivided attention. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Work on self-improvement, not trying to change others. A chance to get together with someone special will open a window of opportunity. Don't let good fortune slip away because you want everything done your way. Win with compromise. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Problems at home will leave you up in the air and uncertain. Make plans to fix anything that isn't working. Take the initiative, do your share and make a difference to the outcome. If you don't pitch in, you won't have a say. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can argue, or you can get things done. Expect a friend or relative to make your life difficult if you try to avoid responsibilities. Romance is highlighted, and doing something nice for someone special will have its benefits. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Rely on knowledge and experience to avoid making the same mistake again. Getting together with people from your past will stir up emotions and make you reconsider where you want to live. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Secure your assets and reduce your liabilities. Making changes to your home, investments or contracts will pay off. Love is in the stars, and taking time to nurture a relationship will ensure greater personal stability. ★★

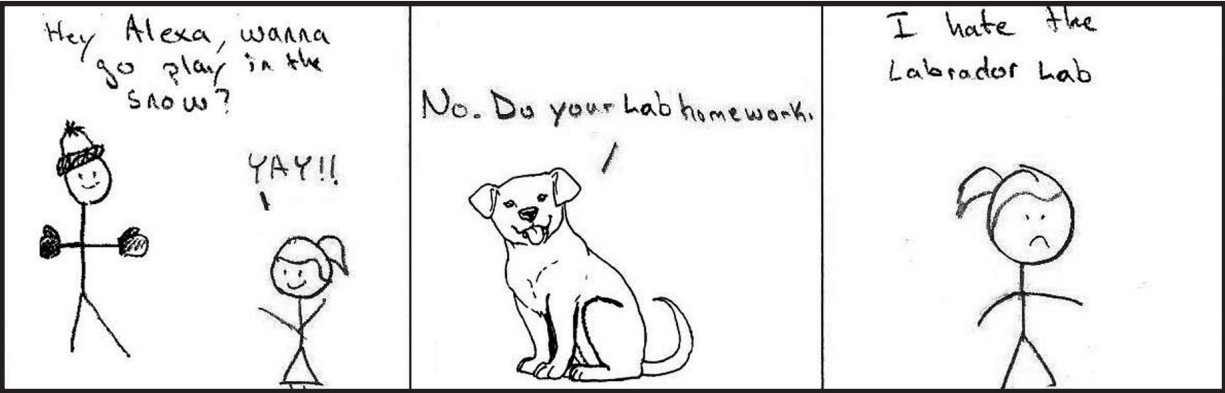
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Say what's on your mind. Someone may try to take advantage of you, but your counteroffer will make it clear that you are only willing to do so much. Set your standard and stick to it. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can be practical and still offer something unique. Choose your path and stick to it until you reach the finish line. Inconsistency will make others lose faith in what you do. Demonstrate, rather than talk about your plans. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are outgoing, inventive and resilient. You see, you accomplish.

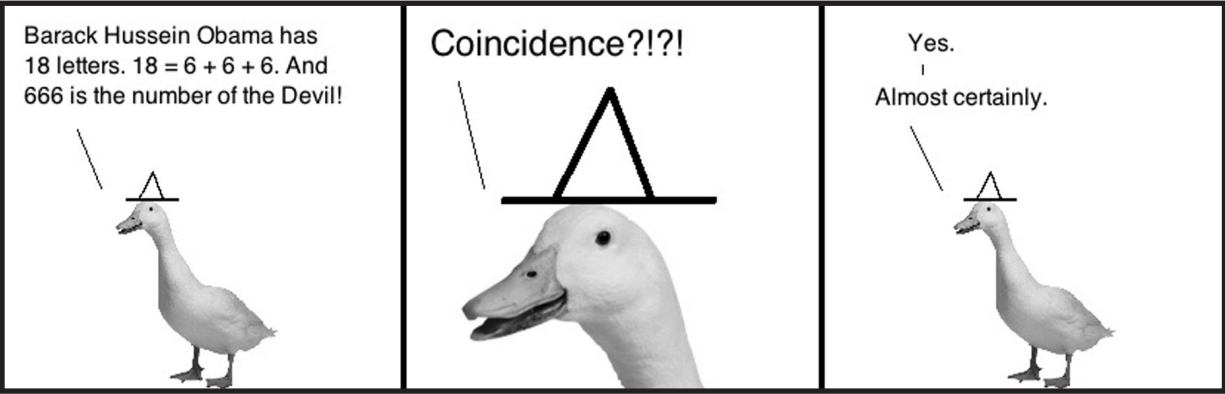
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JUMBLE

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



(Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's Jumbles: NOTCH KAYAK LOTION CONVEX
Answer: Chevy Chase worked hard on his movie career, even during his 1983 — "VACATION"



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HOCKEY

Sure signs of 'Rust'

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

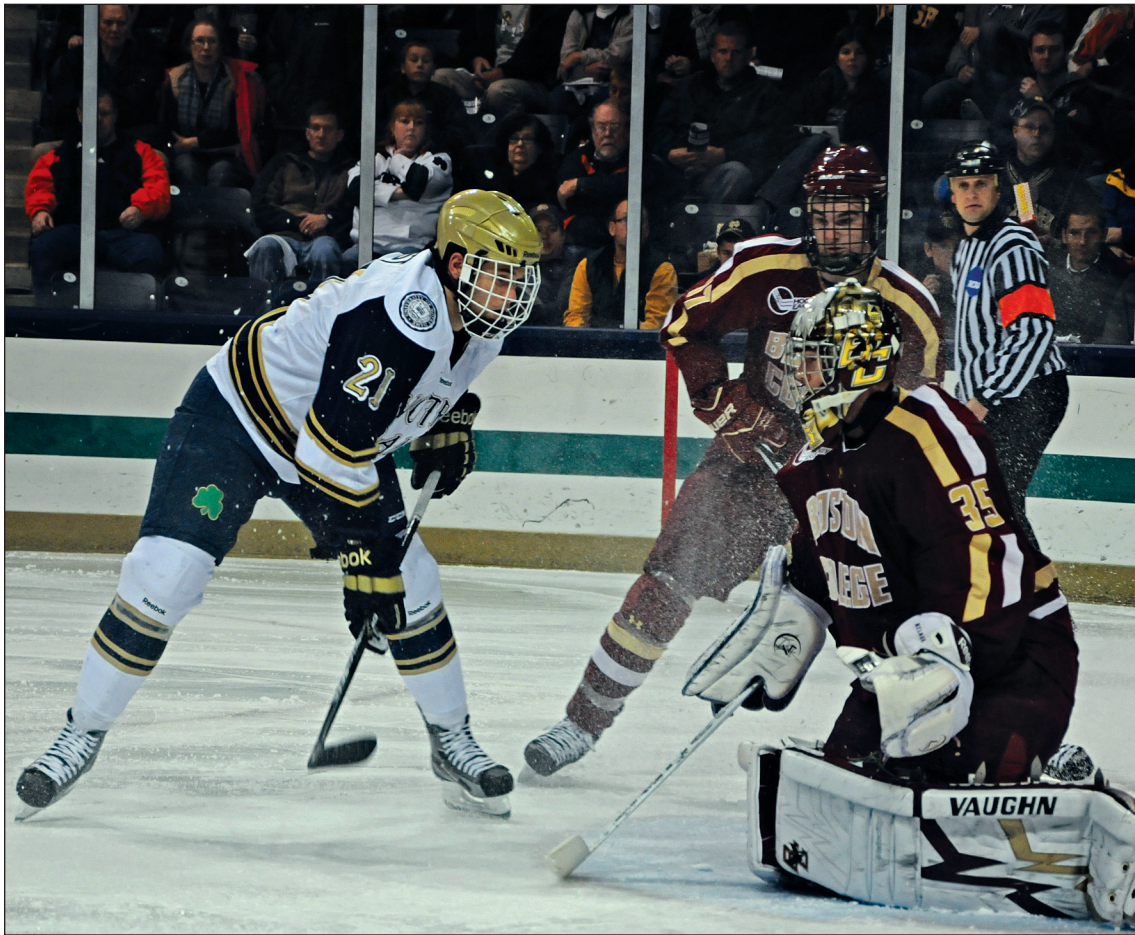
It wasn't the prettiest goal in the world. But it counted. Sophomore right wing Bryan Rust's overtime winner with 1.1 seconds remaining against Boston College on Nov. 18 trickled into the net after sneaking past Eagles junior goaltender Parker Milner. Since then, Rust has been riding a four-game goal streak.

"That was the spark," Rust said. "I had to get one lucky one in order to start the streak. Hopefully, I can keep it going into Christmas break and hopefully, afterwards too."

Both Rust and Irish coach Jeff Jackson attribute the streak to an uptick in confidence from the Novi, Mich. native.

"Confidence is everything," Jackson said. "Once he got that softy against Boston College at a key point in the game, he got a little confidence. He's starting to play the way I expected him to play at the start of the season."

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Sophomore right wing Bryan Rust waits for a rebound in Notre Dame's 3-2 overtime win over then-No. 3 Boston College on Nov. 18 at the Compton Family Ice Arena.

SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's set to face Thunder

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

After finishing the first part of a tough nonconference schedule, Saint Mary's will begin conference play tonight against Trine.

Belles coach Jenn Henley said her squad (2-4) is excited for the conference season to get underway because it represents a fresh start.

"When you start conference play, it's a brand new season," Henley said. "The nonconference you play up to this point is to prepare you for the start of your conference season. I think that we have definitely had some great opportunities to learn what our weaknesses are and get them fixed very quickly."

Facing unbeaten Trine (4-0), the Belles will need a quick turnaround after a pair of losses in this past weekend's Ohio Northern Thanksgiving Classic.

"Trine is undefeated right now so they are playing with a lot of confidence," Henley said. "They have four kids averaging double figures in terms of points and I think they are going to look to beat us from the outside with their guard play."

The Thunder are led by senior guard Danielle Senf, a second team All-MIAA selection last year. Henley said the Belles know they will have to step up on defense against a talented group of Thunder guards.

"We've got to play defense for 40 minutes," she said. "That's been our focus for a while now. We are getting better, but we need to sustain it for an entire game, not just a half."

While the Belles hope to im

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Reaney makes waves in freshman season

By SCOTT FRANO
Sports Writer

Mere months into her Notre Dame swimming career, freshman Emma Reaney is garnering national attention.

Reaney was named the Big East Women's Swimming and Diving Athlete of the Week for the week of Nov. 8 after a terrific performance in a 188-112 loss at Louisville. She won three individual events and anchored the

400m freestyle relay team to victory. The Lawrence, Kan., native said she was overjoyed and surprised by the honor.

"The whole thing was surprising in itself, getting a best time so early in the season," Reaney said. "Obviously it feels really great and it's such an honor. It was kind of surprising actually, so early in the season. It was great."

The Walsh Hall resident was the only freshman in the field for her wins in

the 100m breaststroke and 200m breaststroke. Reaney credited her teammates and coaches for her seamless transition into the collegiate swimming world, saying they have made the adjustment to college much easier for her.

"They're my 20 best friends here," Reaney said. "They have been there through all the transition stages and everything. Swimming is stressful and going to practice you know you're go-

ing to be in pain for the whole time, but you know you're there with all your best friends. We get along weirdly well for how many girls there are. The coaches will beg you to help you. They'll do anything they can to help you improve and make sure you're doing well in college."

In the Louisville meet on Nov. 12, Reaney an

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FENCING

Roster takes hit due to Olympics schedule

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

For Notre Dame, competing on a national stage is nothing new, as the Irish claimed the NCAA Championship last spring. This year, however, five members of the team will seek to showcase their talents in a different way as they pursue a spot in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

"All of our fencers who have a chance to qualify for the Olympics from their national and international point standings are taking the year off because

of conflicts between the NCAA and Olympic schedules," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said.

For the Irish, this means the loss of several top fencers, including senior foilist Gerrek Meinhardt, senior epeeist Courtney Hurley, senior epeeist Ewa Nelip, sophomore foilist Ariel DeSmet and freshman foilist Race Imboden. These fencers are currently forgoing a year fencing at Notre Dame to compete in a series of World Cup competitions as they seek to boost their rankings and

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish hit the road to face Gonzaga

By ANDREW OWENS
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish face Gonzaga in their first true road game of the season today after snapping their two-game losing streak Sunday against Bryant.

Notre Dame (5-2) and No. 18 Gonzaga (4-0) will compete in the second half of a home-and-home series, the first of which the Irish claimed at Purcell Pavilion, 83-79, in 2010.

"[Gonzaga is] such a talented offensive team," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "You think about our game last



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Sophomore guard Jerian Grant dribbles the ball in Notre Dame's 93-69 win over Delaware State on Nov. 18 at the Purcell Pavilion.

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