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Students march for life in D.C.

Notre Dame's Right to Life club participates in annual anti-abortion protest

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

More than 300 Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students braved a 15-hour journey to Washington, D.C. this weekend to support a cause they believe in.

These students participated in the annual anti-abortion March for Life rally on Monday, marking the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court ruling on Roe v. Wade.

Junior Chris Damian participated in the March for Life through Notre Dame's Right to Life Club. He said it is important to show solidarity with the pro-life movement.

"For me, being pro-life means recognizing the inherent dignity of all human beings," Damian said. "It means protecting the lives of the unborn, helping women in crisis pregnancies, showing women that abortion is not their only choice and respecting men

and women in my daily life ... I want to show men and women that they are loved and supported and to help other pro-lifers to be able to provide that love and support."

Five buses of students left for Washington, D.C. on Friday evening, and another three buses left Sunday evening, Damian said. The students stayed at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington, Va.

Sophomore Chelsea Merriman said Bishop Kevin Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend celebrated Mass with the students Sunday. The Notre Dame community celebrated another Mass with University President Fr. John Jenkins on Monday.

Merriman said that later on Monday, students participated in a demonstrated march from the National Mall to the Supreme Court. She said the

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Photo courtesy of Caitlyn Koscielski

Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students participated in the March for Life rally on Monday in Washington, D.C.

ND honors 20th anniv. of accident

Observer Staff Report

A Mass of Remembrance for the two Notre Dame students who died in a swimming team bus accident 20 years ago will take place today at 8 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

University President Fr. John Jenkins will preside over the Mass and University President Emeritus Fr. Edward "Monk" Malloy will deliver the homily.

Twenty years ago today, a bus was bringing the Irish women's swimming team back to campus from a meet at Northwestern University in the middle of a heavy snowstorm when it slid off the Indiana Toll

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Student government hosts annual Majors Night

By Christian Myers
News Writer

The East Wing of South Dining Hall was loud, busy and full of students Monday night, but not because of the dinnertime rush.

Approximately 600 students attended the seventh annual Majors Night, organized by student government's academic affairs department and held from 6 to 8 p.m.

Neal Ravindra, chair of the academic affairs committee, said information was pro-

vided about the many majors available on campus, but also about minors, research opportunities, opportunities to volunteer, internships and scholarships.

"The primary purpose was to answer any questions students may have about their course of study at Notre Dame and to allow students to learn about opportunities outside the classroom — to both lessen confusion and to inform," Ravindra said.

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KEVIN SONG/The Observer

Freshman Ning Zhou explores major options at the annual majors night in South Dining Hall on Monday. Majors night allows students to speak with representatives from various departments.

Professor discusses Chinese economy, relationship to U.S.

By Caitlin Housley
Saint Mary's Editor

Though the Chinese economy has grown in recent years, causing some fear that China will threaten America's economy, a Saint Mary's professor said China's growth should be viewed in a more positive light.

Richard Measell, professor of Business and Economics, said China has recently surpassed both Japan and Germany to become the second largest economy in the world, increasing growth around 10 percent annually.

"China, before the 1980s, was a really poor country," he said. "[About that same time,] they put in more of a free market economy with less government control, and they let free enterprise flourish in some areas. From that, they have really grown. They've really had three



Richard Measell
Economics Professor

decades of very strong economic growth."

Measell called the feat "remarkable."

"It's not unusual that underdeveloped countries would have pretty good growth patterns," he said. "But for China to do it for so long, and for the growth to be so strong each time, it's quite remarkable."

But Measell said some critics, especially in the United States, find China's growth threatening.

"China gets picked on a lot by politicians," he said. "Campaigning, they say, 'Our jobs are

going to China and our younger generation is going to owe all this money to them.' So, [China is cast] in a villain-type way."

Skeptics worry that as the economy in China increases and the United States economy struggles, more jobs will be outsourced overseas, but Measell said there are benefits to China's economic increase.

"[Americans] benefit a lot [from the growth] because we get relatively lower-cost items," he said. "It's sort of a win-lose thing. Consumers win because they get lower-cost items made in China, but then the work-

ers in the United States who could be making those items, or who might have in the past, well, those jobs aren't here and those goods are made in China instead."

Measell said Americans must come to terms with this reality and view the situation in a positive light. While some jobs are being lost, others are being created.

"On the one side, the production for American companies is overseas, and that helps China,

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: DESCRIBE YOUR LOVE LIFE BY OPENING A BOOK TO PAGE 47 AND READING THE FIRST LINE.



Yitong Zheng

senior
off-campus

"Jack and Maggie Turton bought a house in Jefferson County, Idaho, located directly across the street from a gravel pit."



Katie Riojas

senior
Breen-Phillips

"Umm... I don't... I'm not supposed to talk to strangers."



Mary McKenna

senior
off-campus

"OEDIPUS THE KING."



Mariko Seilie

senior
Breen-Phillips

"Haymitch can well be the difference between your life and death!"



Matt Ong

senior
off-campus

"Still, she rolls, only to have them fall back down; they drag like the ankle cuffs of a chain gang."



Chase Riddle

senior
Keenan

"Buried how long? And the answer was almost always, '18 years.'"

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



TOM LA/The Observer

Junior Michael Rice throws a punch at senior Mike Magill during a Bengal Bouts sparring match Monday afternoon. The Bengal Bouts tournament preliminary round will be held Feb. 12.

OFFBEAT

Policeman fired for smoking

NEWBERN, Tenn. — A Tennessee police department says it has fired an officer after 17 years on the force because he repeatedly smoked cigarettes inside the precinct in violation of the city's no smoking policy. Newbern police Sgt. James Bishop was terminated last week. A 2007 city policy prohibits smoking inside all municipal offices and buildings.

According to the termination letter obtained by the State Gazette, Police Chief Harold Dunivant said he had complaints that his employees were smoking inside their offices and issued a warning that disciplinary

action could be taken.

Dunivant said he continued to get complaints about Bishop smoking indoors and was forced to fire him.

A phone number that the city of Newbern had on record Bishop him was disconnected, and messages left by The Associated Press at other listings for James Bishop weren't immediately returned.

Alaska woman uses shovel to fend off moose

ANCHORAGE, Ala. — An 85-year-old Alaska woman used a grain shovel to fend off an agitated moose that was stomping her husband.

George Murphy says his wife saved his life.

The Anchorage Daily

News says the 82-year-old pilot, who flew for three decades for the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, was hiking with his golden retrievers near the Willow airport Friday. He saw the moose and dove in the snow, but the moose started stomping him.

His wife, Dorothea, who is 5 feet tall and weighs 97 pounds, grabbed a big shovel and hit the moose in the body and head.

She ran for help, and Murphy was rushed by medical helicopter to an Anchorage hospital. He was in good condition Monday with a gash to his head.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Today is the final day to change classes.

The Departmenr of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering will host a seminar titled "Cellular Blood Flow in Small Vessels" today from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall. Professor Jonathon B. Freund of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign will deliver the seminar.

Auditions to read for Junior Parents Weekend will be held today in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 4 p.m.

The Notre Dame Management Club is offering Winter Career Fair prep today at 7 p.m. in 116 DeBartolo Hall. There will be peer-to-peer advice for freshmen and sophomores on the Career Fair, resume writing and networking.

A workshop titled "using Mendeley" will be held at 4 p.m. today in Room 247 of the Hesburgh Library. The workshop will teach how to use Mendeley to organize and generate bibliographies. Refreshments will be provided.

There will be a Memorial Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart today at 8 p.m. in remembrance of Meghan Beeler and Colleen Hipp, student-athletes on the Notre Dame women's swimming team who lost their lives in a bus accident on Jan. 24, 1992.

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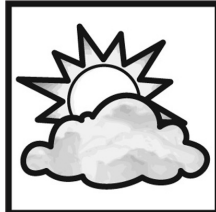
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Saint Mary’s to provide exclusive on-campus housing for seniors

By Tabitha Ricketts
News Writer

New living accommodations for Saint Mary’s seniors will be available next year, as Regina South will be opened exclusively as on-campus housing for seniors.

Janielle Tchakerian, director of Residence Life and Community Standards at Saint Mary’s, said the College is “very excited” to offer this opportunity to the students.

“It’s a privilege for their senior year,” she said.

The updates to the residence hall include 36 available single rooms, a visitation policy to match that of Opus Hall, the only other senior-exclusive residence on campus, a reduced meal plan requirement and the acceptance of pets weighing under 30 pounds.

“For some students it’s a great comfort,” Tchakerian said. “It allows them to bring a family pet from home to live with them in their last year.”

Tchakerian said to accommodate students’ pets, the South courtyard will become a “pet friendly” yard.

“We know that they can’t just be cooped up inside their rooms,” she said.

She said she has already seen a positive response from rising seniors during two information sessions, some of which have expressed interest in rooming with pets such as cats, dogs, rabbits and hedgehogs.

In addition to allowing pets, the new Regina South will also offer seniors more space.

Each of the 36 rooms will be

New SMC Senior Accommodations Fall 2012 Regina South

- Senior-exclusive on-campus housing
- 36 available single rooms
- Pet- friendly

offered as a single, including rooms that were previously offered as quads or doubles. Regular-sized singles will be parceled together as a two-room suite, Tchakerian said.

The building that used to house the smallest singles on campus will now house the largest, she said.

Each floor will have a microwave and refrigerator available, as well as a shared single-room for storage.

“For a lot of our students, moving off-campus loses financial aid,” Tchakerian said. “We wanted to make an affordable option on campus. Because Regina South is [currently] not occupied, we decided to look at it and see if we could make it more attractive for our rising seniors.”

There will be a special room selection for seniors on Feb. 1,

LAUREN KALINOSKI | Observer Graphic

during which names will be drawn in a lottery first for Opus housing, then for Regina South, following the same process.

“So they don’t have to wait until April to find out where they are going to live,” Tchakerian said. “Those students who might be on the fence about living off-campus will know.”

The class of 2013 will be the first to try out the new arrangement and policies regarding pets.

“The most attractive part of Regina South is the new rooming and meal plan,” Tchakerian said. “This is a great compromise in meeting [students’] needs.”

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group addresses GLBTQ inclusion

By Nicole Toczaue
News Writer

In its first meeting of the spring semester, Campus Life Council (CLC) discussed the continuation of last semester’s efforts to expand inclusion, improve school spirit and create a safer campus.

Student body president Pat McCormick first invited members to voice their opinions on the possibility of a peer support group for a gay-straight alliance on Notre Dame’s campus.

“Is there a foreseeable future for a gay-straight group if it took place within the bounds of Catholic moral teaching?” he asked. “The work of Campus Life Council has focused on expanding inclusion, and this is one set of recommendations that has evolved, notably with the 4-5 Movement.”

Sr. Sue Dunn, assistant vice president of Student Affairs, said the Core Council for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Students is currently the main venue through which the University’s Spirit of Inclusion is upheld.

“It is a blend of students and administrative types. We have someone representing Student Affairs, the Gender Relations Center, the Counseling Center and Campus Ministry,” she said. “We also have eight students, most of whom identify as GLBT and some heterosexual allies, who build a network and programs.”

She said the issue is that many students perceive the Core Council to be directly aligned with Notre Dame’s administration.

“Certainly, there has been at times a tension, but more and more student-run activities happen, especially now that we have a space,” Dunn said. “We feel that certainly there is a greater growth in understanding on campus.”

Dunn said if a gay-straight alliance were recognized and kept with the mission of the University, it could join the coalition created by the Core Council.

“The coalition consists of like-minded groups we can work with, so people can be more involved,” she said. “I certainly think there is the opportunity for a formal group, but were it not there, it would still exist informally through reaching out.”

Fr. Tom Gaughan, rector of Stanford Hall, said if a group were approved, it should work within the existing structure the University has created to meet the needs of the LGBTQ community.

“There’s always been the logical code of sexual conduct guided by natural law, but the Church has always lived with the pastoral response,” he said. “Coming from the standpoint of pastorally, what are the needs? If what exists now

doesn’t meet the needs, we should work within the system to make what we do meet the needs.”

Diversity Council representative Alexa Arastoo said she would not want to see a gay-straight alliance become a part of Core Council. She said a completely student-run organization would allow more opportunities for leadership, and would allow the group to branch out more.

“Having a club on the student level changes the culture. It’s where we get involved and know what’s going on,” Arastoo said. “This isn’t just a tutoring or interest club, it’s part of their person.”

McCormick said the Faculty Senate expressed strong support for the proposed group and that CLC would request a meeting with representatives from the 4-5 Movement to discuss the possibilities further.

“We need to work out how we could contribute constructively to inclusion and recognize the sensitivities on all sides of this,” he said.

CLC also discussed the incorporation of a student advisory council into the Athletic Department.

Jay Mathes, co-chair of Hall Presidents’ Council, said the council would offer opportunities to students who might be interested in pursuing a career in sports. The council would also work as a sounding board, he said.

“We could see how people on campus feel about things like playing music in the stadium turf fields and a megatron,” he said.

McCormick said the group would incorporate residential life through work with Hall Presidents’ Council and other groups such as the Leprechaun Legion.

“It’s an exciting opportunity for students interested in athletics,” he said. “It would be an ideal venue to relay our concerns and work on pep rallies and school spirit.”

CLC wrapped up its meeting with a quick discussion on safety.

Chief of staff Claire Sokas said Notre Dame Security Police is working on providing a mobile app that would be available to students.

McCormick said working with local law enforcement on projects such as this one helped build relationships and create a sense of accountability on all sides.


“We all have an interest in keeping the community safe and take pride living in it,” he said. “We’ve been in conversation to mitigate anything getting out of hand.”

“We need to work out how we could contribute constructively to inclusion and recognize the sensitivities on all sides of this.”

Pat McCormick
student body president


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Majors

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“[I went] to check out all of the majors and minors that interest me,” he said. “I think they did a great job of displaying information and having people talk about the experience of the students in each program.”

Freshman Ashley Armstrong said she knows she wants to study engineering, but she is not sure what kind.

“I enjoyed the time I spent here and talked to a lot of people about engineering,” she said. “I also talked to someone from CUSE; it was very informative and I now plan to apply for funding so I can do research in London over the summer. I didn’t know Notre Dame would pay for something like that.”

Ravindra said the majority of the students in attendance were freshmen.

He said traditionally, not many sophomores, juniors or seniors attend the event, even though many groups were represented at the event, all of which offer valuable opportunities to upperclassmen.

He also said students who already have a major can still come to learn about other academic opportunities.

“It is the best and quickest way for upperclassmen to learn about adding minors or concentrations,” Ravindra said.

Sophomore Michael Neuber-

ger said he is not sure what course of study he wants to follow, and went to Majors Night to learn more about the different opportunities.

“I’m unsure about what major I want. I just switched from the business school to political science, but I’m also looking at other possible Arts and Letters majors,” Neuberger said. “I officially declared as a political science major today, so I came here to grab some of the information sheets they are handing out.”

Ravindra said the event is also important for various members of the Notre Dame faculty.

“It allows faculty to disseminate information about their departments, meet new students and recruit students,” he said.

Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) professor Tom Stapleford said Majors Night is a great way for the department to reach out to students.

“Not many students know about the Program of Liberal Studies. It is a great way for us to get the word out to students and a great opportunity for them to ask questions of us,” Stapleford said.

Students were asked to complete and submit a survey about their experience at the event and Ravindra said the results will be used to maintain and improve the event in the future.

“The survey allows us to see what’s working and what’s not working,” Ravindra said.

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China

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but those companies need other people to be [in America] to sell the items, and run the company,” he said. “So that creates jobs here.”

Additionally, Measell said when China’s economy is strong, it encourages consumers to buy more American luxury goods or goods from Europe, helping to aid both struggling economies.

Measell said critics also worry that this strong economy will encourage China to reconsider helping America with its national debt.

“China has about 8 percent of our national debt, and [critics are] always concerned about whether China will keep on lending us money because we

have a big budget deficit problem ... and it seems like China has been a little bit more cautious about that,” Measell said. “But we’ll have to see how that goes.”

With such success for so long, others worry China will see an economic crisis similar to Japan’s in the 1990s. Measell said he hopes this will not be the case, not just for America’s benefit, but also for the world’s.

“I’m hoping this will be another good year for China, and for people to realize that that’s a good thing for Americans,” he said. “Even though China’s economy is the second largest in the world, compared to the whole world, it’s still relatively small. If China does well, they’ll help out the rest of the world. They’ve been a positive force that way.”

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Memorial

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it slid off the Indiana Tol-Road and rolled over.

Freshmen Meghan Beeler of Granger, Ind., and Colleen Hipp from St. Louis, died in the accident. Many of the

other swimmers, coaches and staff were injured, according to a University press release.

The press release stated that today’s Mass will be held in memory of Beeler and Hipp, in thanksgiving for healing and in appreciation to members of the University and local communities who responded to the accident.



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March

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pated in a demonstrated march from the National Mall to the Supreme Court. She said the purpose of the march was to say, “We are here, we aren’t going away and this is a cause that’s very important to a lot of us.”

Junior Ellen Carroll said Notre Dame was a strong presence at this year’s March for Life.

“We had people coming up to us really excited that we were there from Notre Dame, and I liked being able to go with the University,” she said.

The issue of abortion is very relevant to the South Bend community, Damian said.

“On the bus ride down here, we each received a card with the name of a child aborted in South Bend last year and the date of that abortion,” he said. “I think that card really solidified the issue for a lot of us ... This isn’t just an abstract issue or one in a country across the globe. This is a real issue happening down the street from our campus.”

Damian said the closeness of the issue was another reason he participated in the March for Life.

“I want to march for the child on my card and for his family,” he said.

Carroll said she enjoyed meeting people from across the country with a range of opinions about abortion.

“It was just a very cool



Photo courtesy of Caitlyn Koscielski

Pro-life advocates gather in front of the Capitol for the March for Life rally in Washington, D.C.

thing to see how many people could come together to support their beliefs on an issue,” Carroll said.

Merriman said sometimes it is disheartening to see participants in the March for Life leave their posters and trash on the ground after the event.

“I support the pro-life mission [and] I like the solidarity in the march, but I sometimes feel really hesi-

tant about the lack of respect [for the area],” she said.

The March for Life was still a very positive experience, Merriman said.

“It’s a very high-energy event,” she said. “There’s a lot of solidarity ... If we keep doing this, we will make a change.”

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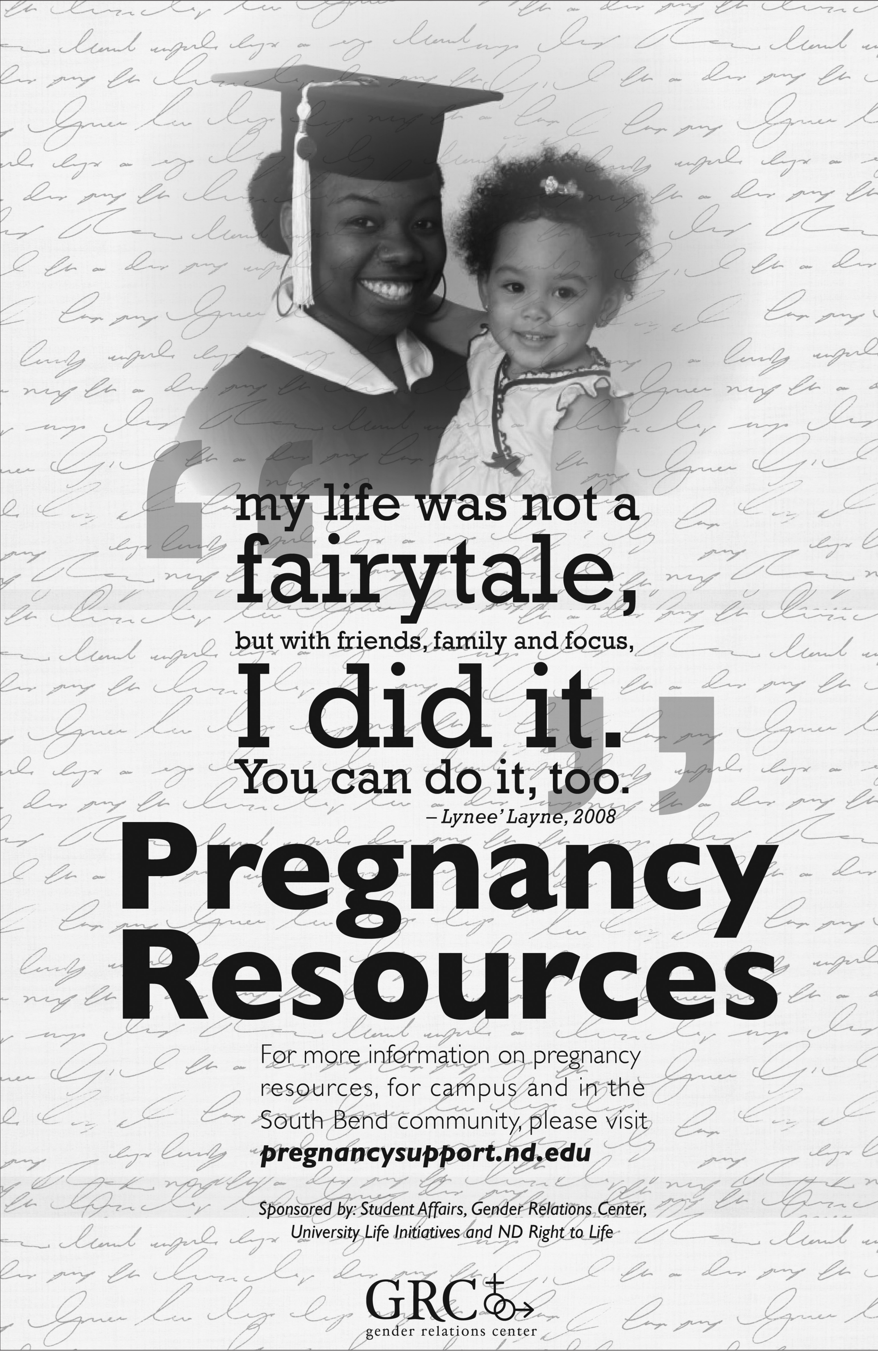


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NDFCU to offer paid internship in fall

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

Beginning next semester, the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union (NDFCU) will offer an internship program designed to give students real world experience in the banking industry.

Jon Crawford, a 2010 Notre Dame graduate and Alumni Relations Officer for NDFCU, said the internship would be a chance for students interested in banking to gain a variety of different skills.

"The internship is tri-fold where students are learning about finance, building a body of work within finance and assisting with Notre Dame philanthropy," Crawford said.

The new internship will begin in the Fall 2012 semester. Crawford said NDFCU is conducting piloting work this semester with the hope of discovering a strong team and "[making] sure they get the best possible experience going forward."

The internship will be completely independent of the University, Crawford said.

"However, our hope is to intertwine it with class initiatives within the business school or possibly within the College of Arts & Letters," he said.

Since the internship is independent and wouldn't be offered for academic credit, Crawford said students would be paid.

"Interns will be working independently and there will be no set schedule," Crawford said. "We will meet in general areas on campus or at the credit union and [the interns] will be able to do work right from their own desk."

Crawford said students should

expect to work four to seven hours per week.

"If a student has a good experience in the fall and wants to return in the spring, they would be able to come back as we bring in a set of new students," he said.

"There is no set number of students we are taking, as we want to penetrate the campus to get the awareness out across the student body."

NDFCU is looking for motivated, driven students to join their team and would be flexible for students with already busy schedules, Crawford said.

"This internship is also good for students who are in the work-study program or are athletes, as the work would not interfere with academic or athletic commitments," he said. "[The internship] will give a student something business-related on their resumé and something tangible to talk about in an interview."

Crawford said his personal goal for this new internship is to assist students interested in the financial industry to reach their full potential.

"I graduated only two years ago and really care about helping students and young alumni get to their next step, be that anywhere in the country," he said.

Interested students can apply for an internship with NDFCU at the Winter Career Fair on Feb. 1 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Students will then have access to the application on GO IRISH.

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Senior designs major to fit interests

By ANNE MARIE
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News Writer

Despite Notre Dame's wide array of majors, some students struggle to find a course of study that perfectly matches their interests.

For these students, the College of Arts and Letters offers the option of a self-designed major.

Senior Anne Whitty is one student who took advantage of this option and designed her own program, called "Sustainable Policy and Development," to complement her second major in Environmental Science.

"When I came to Notre Dame, I was already really interested in environmental issues and from freshman year, I got involved with environmental science," Whitty said. "I knew I wanted to work in environmental policy or law, and ND has very strong environmental and political science programs, but there's no hybrid program that allows you to combine both."

During her sophomore year, Whitty spoke to Stuart Greene, associate professor of English and director of the Education, Schooling and Society minor, and began the process of designing her own major. Her desire to apply environmental science to the larger world — involving political science, economics and business in her studies — led her to unite the

typically isolated disciplines into a unique course of study.

"I had to look at similar programs at other schools and pull together a list of any classes that sounded both interesting and relevant to environmental policy and development," Whitty said. "I met with professors and advisors to get their input and approval throughout the process."

According to The College of Arts and Letters' webpage, students interested in designing

Whitty said the process has been stressful, but rewarding.

"It took so much time, especially working on the proposal during the beginning of my sophomore year — I spent as much time working on it as I would put in for an entire course," Whitty said. "But I think the biggest challenge was the self-discovery process — designing a curriculum really requires that you know what you want out of your education and take every possible opportunity to meet your academic goals."

Whitty was able to fit a study abroad experience in India into her plan, which she said played a major role in developing her long-term goals. She said

her senior thesis focuses on sustainable urban planning, and she intends to pursue a career in that field after graduation.

"Notre Dame wants its students to graduate with a degree that will help them succeed in their chosen area," Whitty said. "The faculty were so supportive in helping me to figure out the goals of my education and how to accomplish them ... I've definitely come to really appreciate my education, and I don't take it for granted."

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| 1)
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their own majors must write a proposal for their projected course of study and have it signed by three faculty sponsors from at least two separate departments. The Undergraduate Studies Advisory Committee reviews the proposal, which then needs to be approved by the dean.

A capstone essay of between 30 and 50 pages in length must be completed during the student's senior year.

Students interested in designing their own major must comb through the course catalog to find relevant courses with a common theme, Whitty said.

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Archivist documents life of St. Mary's alum

Abigail Forney
News Writer

Saint Mary's students had a unique chance to learn about their school's history from College archivist John Kovach on Monday.

Students gathered in the Student Center Lounge to hear Kovach speak while viewing images of past life at Saint Mary's College. Photos of old uniforms and boating events on Lake Marian populated the collection.

The panels of pictures, stories and poems in the exhibit centered on the life of a 1916 alumna, Dympna Balbach. During his lecture, Kovach described the life of Balbach through the photographs.

"These photos tell a very interesting story about a woman that was always very close to Saint Mary's," Kovach said.

Balbach attended Saint Mary's to receive both her high school and college education, majoring in music. She had neither a career nor a husband after graduation.

For a consecutive 55 years after her graduation, Balbach attended every year's class reunion, meeting with up old friends and visiting the campus. Because she came to campus so often, the archives had

several photos of Balbach and her friends throughout the years.

Three days after the 1972 reunion, Balbach died at Saint Joseph Hospital in South Bend. Her will was discovered and she had left her entire estate, valued at more than \$1 million, to Saint Mary's.

Balbach's contribution was the College's first donation over \$1 million.

The stories of other alumnae can also be found in Saint Mary's archives. One 1877 graduate went on to not only perform in Le Opera, but to also become a very influential opera columnist in a Chicago paper.

Another graduate became an independent nurse during World War I, and afterward traveled to Algeria, Kovach said.

"I'm continually finding new and interesting things," Kovach said.

This exploration of Saint Mary's history was made possible by the Student Government Association as part of Heritage Week. Other Heritage Week events include the Riedinger Tea, the Heritage Dinner, a scavenger hunt and S'mores with Sisters.

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Ex-CIA man accused of leaking info

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — An ex-CIA officer who helped track down and capture a top al-Qaida figure was charged Monday with disclosing classified secrets, including the role of one of his associates on that covert mission, in the latest of a series of prosecutions by the Obama administration against suspected leakers.

John Kiriakou, 47, of Arlington, is charged with violating the Intelligence Identities Protection Act and the Espionage Act. A federal judge ordered Kiriakou to be released on a \$250,000 unsecured bond. Kiriakou declined to comment as he left the courthouse Monday.

According to authorities, Kiriakou divulged to three journalists, including a New York Times reporter, the role of "Officer B," who worked with Kiriakou on the capture of suspected al-Qaida financier Abu Zubaydah in the months after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Zubaydah was waterboarded 83 times, and his case has been made an example by those who believe the interrogation technique should be outlawed. And Kiriakou's public discussions of Zubaydah's waterboarding were a key part of the debate.

In a separate accusation, Kiriakou is alleged to have

disclosed the identity of a covert operator to an unidentified journalist. Authorities say that journalist then gave the officer's name to a team of defense lawyers representing a suspect the U.S. held at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. When the lawyers included information about the officer in a sealed legal brief in 2009, the CIA became suspicious and the government began to investigate.

The affidavit states that the defense lawyers were found to have done nothing wrong.

According to the affidavit, FBI agents interviewed Kiriakou last week, and he denied leaking the information. When specifically asked whether he had provided the Zubaydah interrogator's name to the Times for a 2008 article, he replied "Heavens, no." A New York Times spokeswoman declined to comment.

Kiriakou's attorney, Plato Cacheris, told reporters after the hearing that his client will plead not guilty. He also said a potential defense argument could be that the charges criminalize conduct that has been common between reporters and government sources for decades.

If convicted, Kiriakou could face up to 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

The case was secretly investigated by a top federal prosecutor, U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald of the Northern

District of Illinois. Fitzgerald is best known for his successful prosecutions of Scooter Libby, former Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, for perjury and of Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich for corruption.

Kiriakou has worked as a consultant to ABC News, although he hasn't appeared on the network since early 2009. ABC declined to comment on his arrest. In a 2007 interview with the network, Kiriakou said that waterboarding was used — effectively — to break down Zubaydah. But he expressed ambivalence about pouring water into a suspect's breathing passages to simulate drowning to try to get them to talk.

"(W)e were really trying to do anything that we could to stop another major attack from happening," Kiriakou said, describing the months after the Sept. 11 attacks. "I don't think we're in that mindset right now. ... And, as a result, waterboarding, at least right now, is unnecessary."

The attorney who represents Zubaydah in the prisoner's civil petition for release said he is not involved in the Kiriakou prosecution and has never met him. However, Brent Mickum said he had wanted to interview Kiriakou for information that might help the case, but the ex-CIA man refused, by email, to speak with him.

Republican frontrunners clash in Monday's Florida debate

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Republican presidential contenders Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich clashed repeatedly in heated, personal terms Monday night in a crackling campaign debate, the former Massachusetts governor tagging his rival as a Washington "influence peddler," only to be accused in turn of spreading falsehoods over many years in politics.

"You've been walking around the state saying things that are untrue," Gingrich told his rival in a two-hour debate marked by occasional interruptions and finger-pointing.

The event marked the first



Republican presidential nominees Mitt Romney, left, and Newt Gingrich debate Monday in Tampa, Fla.

encounter among the four remaining GOP contenders — former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum and Texas Rep. Ron Paul shared the

stage — since Gingrich won the South Carolina primary in an upset last weekend. His double-digit victory reset the race to pick a rival to

challenge Democratic President Barack Obama this fall, and the next contest is the Jan. 31 Florida primary.

With a week of campaigning ahead, Romney is expected to release his income tax return for 2010 as well as an estimate for 2011 on Tuesday. He said it will show he paid all the taxes he was obligated to pay, adding, "I don't think the voters want a president who pays more than he owes."

Following his defeat in South Carolina, Romney can ill afford to lose in Florida, and he was the aggressor from the opening moments Monday night. He said Gingrich had "resigned in disgrace" from Congress after four years as speaker and

then had spent the next 15 years "working as an influence peddler."

In particular, he referred to the contract Gingrich's consulting firm had with Freddie Mac, a government-backed mortgage giant that he said "did a lot of bad for a lot of people and you were working there."

Romney also said Gingrich had lobbied lawmakers to approve legislation creating a new prescription drug benefit under Medicare.

"I have never, ever gone and done any lobbying," Gingrich retorted emphatically, adding that his firm had hired an expert to explain to employees "the bright line between what you can do as a citizen and what you do as a lobbyist."

Romney counterpunched, referring to the \$300,000 that Gingrich's consulting firm received in 2006 from Freddie Mac, the government-backed mortgage giant.

And when Gingrich sought to turn the tables by inquiring about the private equity firm that Romney founded, the former Massachusetts governor replied: "We didn't do any work with the government. ...I wasn't a lobbyist."

As for the Medicare prescription drug benefit, Gingrich expressed pride in having supported it. "It has saved lives. It's run on a free enterprise model," he said in a state that is home to millions of seniors.

Whatever the stated subject, the debate's subtext was character — and electability, the quality that Republican voters say consistently matters most to them in the race.

ACTORS FROM THE LONDON STAGE SPRING TOUR 2012

A black and white photograph of five actors from the Twelfth Night production. From left to right: a man with short dark hair, a woman with long blonde hair, a man with short dark hair, a woman with long dark hair, and a man with short dark hair. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Au revoir,
France —
hello, ND!

“Merci,” I said to my Political Science professor as he handed me the course syllabus last week during our first class meeting. He gave me an odd look and continued handing out papers to the rest of the class.

Ten seconds later, I realized I had just spoken French to my American professor. I could not stop laughing as I thought to myself, “Maria, what are you doing? You are back at Notre Dame!”

Last fall semester, I had the opportunity to study abroad in Angers, France. I did not know much about the program beforehand and was scared to live with a host family. I truly did not know what to expect. However, I wanted to leave my comfort zone and explore a country I had never been to and, being a French major, France seemed like the ideal destination.

To my surprise, all of my fears and worries about France, my living situation and overall study abroad experience disappeared as I got out of the TGV at the Angers St. Laud train station, quickly looked around and met my host mother.

Those three and a half months in Angers were characterized by complete cultural and language immersion. My host family and I clicked immediately. Coming from two different worlds, we discovered we were very much alike. From family parties to delicious traditional French meals or just a simple conversation, I felt I was part of their family; I felt French.

Our courses in Angers were also all taught in French. In the beginning, I have to admit I struggled a little finding the correct words to express myself in class and in conversations with friends and family. My French accent would quickly turn into a rough Spanish one as I got excited and interested in what we were talking about.

However, in the end, I thought in French, I spoke French and even dreamt in French and I did not have to make an effort to do so. It came naturally!

Now back at Notre Dame, instead of hearing and speaking French while walking down Rue Bressigny, I hear and speak English as I order a sandwich at Subway in LaFun.

I am slowly but surely getting used to being back, but the new mix of English, Spanish and now French in my head is definitely not helping.

So, “pardon,” professor and thank you for the syllabus. It’s good to be back!

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Maria Fernandez

Scene Writer

This week, Gov. Jan Brewer of Arizona will announce one of the most unfortunate special elections in the history of American politics. The winner will fill the soon-to-be-vacant seat that currently belongs to Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-Ariz.), who announced her imminent resignation on Sunday.

Arnav Dutt

Guest
Columnist

I say unfortunate because we can only dream of a better way of filling the shoes such an icon of bipartisan cooperation, civic duty and centrism than what could wind up being a hotly-contested battle for a swing district.

In the eulogy he delivered in Tucson four days after the Jan. 8 shooting, President Obama urged the nation to move past bitter partisanship. “If this tragedy prompts reflection and debate, as it should, let’s make sure it’s worthy of those we have lost,” he said of the six people that were killed in the shooting, and of the 13 (including Giffords) who were injured. “Let’s make sure it’s not on the usual plane of politics and point scoring and pettiness that drifts away with the next news cycle.”

For a short while, 2011 looked to be a year of détente in Washington, best exemplified by the new seating arrangement in the House chamber during Obama’s Jan. 25 State of the Union address. At the behest of Colorado Senator Mark Udall, Democrats and Republicans broke with tradition and sat interspersed with one another.

But it should go without saying that that sentiment hardly captured the spirit of the year that followed. There

was the embarrassing budget crisis on the Hill, during which the only thing that was ever guaranteed to pass was time. The furiously-partisan Tea Party and Occupy movements captured the nation’s attention, arguably serving to exacerbate the situation. And the stresses of divided government and the beginning of an election year have been apparent not only in the rhetoric of politicians, but increasingly in our day-to-day conversations. 2011 was, more than most, a year of “politics and point scoring and pettiness.”

(Since this is meant to be a column in honor of Giffords, I feel I ought to remind readers of her role in the debt crisis. On Aug. 1, Giffords returned to the House for the first time since the assassination attempt to cast her vote in favor of extending the deadline. “I had to be here for this vote,” she explained. “I could not take the chance that my absence could crash our economy.”)

Our Congress is almost too badly split apart along party lines to perform its basic functions. I am afraid that Giffords’ resignation will not cause Congress to stop and examine itself the way it did after the Tucson tragedy. On the contrary, I suspect her resignation will provide yet another occasion for a highly-publicized clash between the two parties.

Isn’t there a better way to fill a congresswoman’s seat after an attempt is made on her life? A two-term incumbent, Giffords was elected to her office by a majority (albeit a small majority), most likely because of her ideology and platforms. Presumably, her office could have nominated a substitute who could have filled in for Giffords until November. A crazed assassin’s bullet shouldn’t

have the power to prompt an election, or to invalidate the votes that put Giffords in office in the first place.

It isn’t as if Giffords’s supporters knew she was going to fall victim to a senseless, brutal assassination attempt when they elected her. There was no reason to doubt the 41-year-old Gifford’s health would be compromised in this way. The voters that put her in office expected their congresswoman to keep doing her job as well as she had been doing it. But a deranged man with a gun had other plans.

When you consider how far to the right Jesse Kelly (the Tea Party Republican candidate who narrowly lost to her in 2010) falls on the political spectrum, you will get an idea of how bad future elections for her seat could look.

And so, I would like to end this column on a hopeful note. To begin with, I hope that whoever is elected to fill Gabrielle Giffords’ seat in the House does as admirable a job as she has done during her tenure. I hope that person is elected in a clean, respectful campaign. I hope Giffords will continue to recover from her injuries. I hope she will someday return to politics, as she promised in her video announcement on Sunday. I hope that, as a country, we take this year as a second chance — as another opportunity to make the changes that President Obama called for in the wake of last January’s tragedy. And finally, I hope I am not hoping for too much.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A man thinks that by mouthing hard words he understands hard things.”

Herman Melville
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Holy Half Marathon particulars

March 24, 2012 marks the eighth annual running of the Holy Half Marathon, an experience that has become one of the greatest traditions at the University of Notre Dame. One of the largest student-organized events on campus, the Holy Half Marathon

Carolyn Green
Guest Columnist

is completely unique in its ability to unite students, faculty, alumni, members of the South Bend community, and people from across the country in an atmosphere of fun, athleticism and short-shorts. The Holy Half Marathon began in 2005, when a group of students decided to band together as a “fitness experiment,” essentially just to see if they could run 13.1 miles in an organized fashion. That year, about 80 runners participated, and they raised \$1,000 for the Louis J. Acompora Foundation, a foundation for the awareness of the importance of automatic external defibrillators in schools. As the race gathered followers and attention, the number of participants and amount of money raised for charity continued to grow. In 2011, 1,340 runners raised over \$40,000 for local South Bend charities Michiana Down Syndrome, the Center for the Homeless and St. Adalbert’s School. In 2012, the Holy Half remains a completely non-profit organization and will donate all of its proceeds to Hope Ministries and the St. Joseph County Public Library. When it comes to the Holy Half, whether you think you can or whether you think you can’t, you’re right. As a USA Track and Field certified course, the Holy Half creates an opportunity for more intense runners to qualify for larger races and test their skills against the competition. On the other hand, the Holy Half is equally suited for runners who may not necessarily want to lead the pack, but still want the challenge of training for and completing a half marathon. For those who have never run a half marathon before, what better place to run your first race than at our beautiful University of Notre Dame, with its shining Golden Dome, sparkling lakes and lack of any significant changes in elevation? As always, the Holy Half Marathon will feature a 10K option, which offers all the same benefits given to marathon finishers, but requires half the distance in return. Sponsored by the Class of 2014, the 2012 Holy Half Marathon will be better than ever. Expect to see a new course (a hockey arena now stands in the middle of the old one), an entirely new marketing campaign, new T-shirts and Holy Half merchandise, and more pre- and post-race food and entertainment than ever before. Jimmy John’s, alone, has already pledged 5,000 sandwiches. Oh, baby. Without spoiling all the surprises, runners will receive a special blessing by University President Fr. John Jenkins, entertainment both on and off the course from dorms, DJs and campus musical groups and opportunities to win amazing raffle prizes such as Xbox Kinects, tablet computers and gear and autographs from Notre Dame coaches and famous athletes. To ensure the high quality of the Holy Half, the number of participants will initially be capped at 1,000 runners, so hurry to register before all the spots are taken. Registration is available online through Student Shop ND, and will also take place in the dining halls and LaFortune Student Center on Feb. 29-31. The Holy Half website (www.nd.edu/~holyhalf) provides information about the running, sponsoring and volunteering for the Holy Half. Follow the Holy Half on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/pages/Holy-Half-Marathon/188421987851816) and Twitter (https://twitter.com/#!/HolyHalf) for exclusive updates, training tips and motivation. Finally, read the bi-weekly Holy Half Marathon column in The Observer for even more inspiration and news about the race. The Holy Half is more than just another run. It is a source of pride for the campus and the community, and a must-have experience for Notre Dame students, alumni and anyone else who loves running, Notre Dame or sub sandwiches. Do something good for yourself and others — run the Holy Half.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Belles of integrity

Throughout history, the bell has been a significant symbol of liberty and unity. Its chime is a beautiful sound that marks the end of suffrage and the beginning of new promise. I now have a new understanding of the Saint Mary’s mascot. As a Belle of Saint Mary’s, I have had the privilege of attending a school where the women who surround me support one another, exhibit integrity and honesty and unite with one another in various, essential ways. Last week I found myself in a situation where I left a very valuable item in the beloved, busy Saint Mary’s gym. My 21st birthday gift was missing and I was devastated! Now as most people know, January work out sessions are one of the most important activities for college girls. The post-Holiday and Spring Break bikini seasons are on the brain and the gym is packed with students. After stressing out about my missing item (and searching every inch of the gym) I put a little faith in my fellow Smick Chicks as I hoped my item would be returned rather than stolen. As a senior, I have taken delight in returning everything I find on campus to the Security Hut so girls receive their lost items. I guess it was finally my turn to experience honesty from other Saint Mary’s girls ... and that is exactly the character I witnessed! Within 12 hours of my item going missing I was called and notified that my item had been found and turned in. Not only was I ecstatic to have gotten my possession back, but I was truly grateful for the Saint Mary’s girls with whom I have shared my college experience. Generally speaking, the integrity and honesty of Saint Mary’s women is one of the most wholesome and sound that I have ever seen. From misplaced IDs and keys to North Faces and designer handbags, Saint Mary’s women return the items they find scattered across campus ... regardless of how valuable they are. Furthermore, the Saint Mary’s Security staff is extremely proactive in helping students search for their missing items. This dual relationship creates a safe, close-knit community that makes sure students get their lost items back. As J.C. Watts said, “Character is doing the right thing when nobody’s looking. There are too many people who think that the only thing that’s right is to get by, and the only thing that’s wrong is to get caught.” I feel confident in saying that Saint Mary’s women have strong character, solid integrity and immense honesty. There is no other campus I would rather be on than Saint Mary’s. Thank you to the girl who returned my expensive, sentimental item and thank you to every student and faculty member who has acted honestly when they could have gotten away with not doing so. The Belles of Saint Mary’s truly chime in harmony with one another and for one another.

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Marines who defile corpses deserve prosecution

A video of four American Marines who urinated on the corpses of Taliban soldiers was posted on YouTube, sending a wave of disgust all over the world. Defense secretary Leon Panetta called the video “utterly despicable” and promised a full investigation of the case. While the majority of the world condemns the disturbing act of these soldiers, some Americans see the issue differently. They see it as a perfectly justifiable revenge against the killers of Americans. The ex-presidential candidate Rick Perry is among these patriots: “What was really disturbing to me is ... the over-the-top rhetoric from this [Obama] administration and their disdain for the military,” Perry said. “I mean, these [soldiers] made a mistake. There’s not any doubt about it. They shouldn’t have done it. It’s bad. But to call it a criminal act, I think, is over the top.” He showed more passion in defense of these troops in a recent debate than in the one on Jan. 8. The position taken by these so-called patriots can be appealing at first glance. After all, many people have a deep hatred for radical Muslims who have committed outrageous crimes against the U.S. Nevertheless, the American government must investigate this case thoroughly as a criminal act in order to abide by the existing laws, to build up a peaceful relation with the Middle East and to preserve the good values upheld by Americans. The Geneva Convention, an international agreement on the rules of wars, clearly states that “[t]he remains of persons who have died for reasons ... resulting from ... hostilities ... shall be respected.” In response to the Geneva Convention, the U.S. Naval Handbook adds that the “mutilation and other mistreatment of the dead” is a war crime. The act of these Marines can be categorized as disrespect and mistreatment of the dead bodies, and therefore it is definitely not “over the top” to call the act a crime. Rather, if the government does not prosecute these soldiers, America would break the existing laws, putting our own administration in disrepute for not abiding by the laws that we ourselves have ratified. Even if no specific protocol outlaws the mistreatment of dead bodies during wars, the American government would still need to prosecute these American soldiers in order to preserve the already fragile relationship with the Middle East. It has taken much effort to get the Afghan government on our side. If our government does not prosecute the four American soldiers, it would just add more volatility to the existing tensions between the U.S. and the Middle East. The Karzai government of Afghanistan would see it as offensive and disdainful toward its people. Other Muslim countries would also take this matter offensively, thus becoming even more hostile toward America. In addition, certain terrorist groups such as Al-Qaeda can use it as a perfect justification for their bloody wars against the United States. Furthermore, the American society is built upon certain morals and values, including mercy, respect and humanitarianism. The reason we sent troops to the Middle Eastern countries is to spread these good values to the rest of the world that was once dominated by barbarity, cruelty and inhumanity. We do not fight against these countries so that we can humiliate them. The barbaric and inhumane act of the urinating soldiers is antithetical to the intention of our war, as well as to the values that we want to promote. To once again restore the cause of the war and promote the good American values, the government must condemn these soldiers by regarding the issue as a serious war crime.

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ADRIANA PRATT
Assistant Managing Editor

As the world, also known as the Notre Dame bubble, becomes evermore technologically integrated, Scene thought it was time to publish an article on the trendiest apps. Download these free applications to your smart phones and watch the world around you become a little more accessible.

Pinterest

Are you tired of paying attention to another snooze-worthy lecture? Are your classmates having the same conversation you've heard a thousand times? Is someone drowning your ears in a terribly boring story? Don't get impatient, get on Pinterest.

In the span of 15 minutes, I figured out the approximate size, style and interior of my future home, where I will travel on my next adventure and what decadent entrée I'd put on the dinner table that evening ... if I actually cooked.

Next book to read? Found it. Next style to try? Stop, this is too easy. Pinterest gives users the ability to find their favorite trends, destinations and desserts all in one place at the click of a button.

When friends warned me to avoid using this app until after finals, I scoffed. Self control issues? Please, I had already narrowed my Facebook usage time from an hour a day to ... well, I'm still working on that. Regardless, I underestimated the pull and power of Pinterest.

Pinterest's mission statement says the site's goal is to connect people around the world through the "things" they find interesting. To discover them for yourself, head to pinterest.com and request an account invitation. Log in with Facebook or Twitter and watch others' favorite recipes and outfits fill your page. "Repin" the ones you love and Pinterest will save them on your own personal pin board.

Think this app is just for sorority sisters? With categories like "Cars & Motorcycles," "Fitness," "Technology" and "Sports," the Pinterest brand covers all its bases and draws in a variety of users.

While the rest of your life may be chaotic and in shambles, you can at least keep the future organized with an account on Pinterest.

Trover

Walking down New York City's West 66th Street with my mom in tow, I impulsively pointed out my favorite cupcake shop, Mediterranean food cart and indie bookstore from the summer before. Though her looks (and mouth) screamed, "Nobody cares, A," I knew in her heart of hearts she loved every moment of it.

Her level of appreciation may have been debatable, but thankfully, there now exists an app that will give instant and unambiguous gratification for

your discoveries: Trover.

Download this free device and watch as photos of other travelers' treasures found near your current location unfold. Plug in South Bend and images of Notre Dame's library, Notre Dame Stadium and an exceptionally delicious looking breakfast skillet fill your screen. A description accompanies each photo, along with a map detailing how to get there.

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Pose

We all do it. Pose, pose, pose, whether it's in a photo, at a party or in class trying to catch the eye of that really good-looking upperclassman. Posing has infiltrated most aspects of our lives, and now it's got its very own social media application.

Pose invites users to snap photos of the items they're interested in, then post them on the application's page for feedback. Friends and followers can comment on and browse through the uploads, staying up to date on the latest trends and keeping their friends from making serious fashion faux pas.

When it comes down to it, you might wonder why users can't just send a photo of that fabulous new handbag to their besties for an opinion. However, Pose offers more than an opportunity to ask for others' advice. Users can browse the styles of YouTube fashion gurus Blair and Elle Fowler and also follow the purchases of trendsetters around the world.

Use Pose to stay a step ahead of the fashionista curve.

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NEW TO Your Queue

The Best of Watch Instantly

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

1. "Doctor Horrible's Sing-Along Blog"

Neil Patrick Harris showcases his humor and singing talent in this miniseries that he made during the Writer's Strike in 2008. He plays a supervillain wannabe, trying to prove his capability for evil deeds to the Evil League of Evil. He tries to take down his nemesis, Captain Hammer (Nathan Fillion), and impress his secret crush Penny (Felicia Day), during their meetings in a Laundromat. With singing, dancing and human drama, this miniseries is not to be missed.

2. "The Guild"

That other series of famous web videos starring Felicia Day. Day, the charming love interest in "Dr. Horrible" tackles the internet again in her very own series, "The Guild." The web series follows a group of gamers as they struggle to balance the real world with their online gaming lives. More than just for nerds, check out four "seasons" of the show on Netflix.

3. "Young Frankenstein"

For a laugh out loud comedy, check out Young Frankenstein on Netflix Instant. From writer/director Mel Brooks, the film is a comedic classic that spoofs the monster movie genre. Young Frankenstein is one of those great comedies with infinite re-watchability and instantly quotable lines as well as fantastic performances from Gene Wilder, Madeline Kahn and Marty Feldman.

4. "Downton Abbey"

With a second season only three episodes in on PBS right now, there has never been a better time to catch up on series one of "Downton Abbey." Head over to Netflix to watch the British hit a big English countryside estate and its many inhabitants – both upstairs and downstairs. Consisting of only seven episodes, each as engrossing as the one before it, you'll be caught up with the "Downton" gang before you know it.

5. "The Increasingly Poor Decisions of Todd Margaret"

David Cross and Will Arnett star in this comedy series about a hapless American businessman, Todd Margaret (Cross), sent to London to sell the energy drink Thunder Muscle. Each episode begins with a scene from Margaret's trial for a host of offenses and then backtracks to chronicle the titular poor decisions that got him there. The show has a unique trans-Atlantic comedy vibe, with Cross exuding an air that is often hilarious, but always uncomfortable. This is just the show for people who like "Arrested Development" and "Downton Abbey."

Boy meets horse, and the rest is history...



MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL
Scene Writer

Yes, it's about a horse. But it's so much more than that. It's about the death of the cavalry; the bonds of friendship between humans and animals; the ties that bind all of humanity together; perseverance; love. So yeah, it's a tearjerker.

The film opens on the birth of the horse, Joey, in rural England. A young boy, later introduced as Albert Narracott (Jeremy Irvine), watches fondly from a distance. He watches the horse grow up, trying to befriend it, but the horse belongs to someone else. Unknowingly, his father (Peter Mullan) buys Joey in an auction, inciting the anger of his landlord (David Thewlis). The Narracotts are poor farmers, leasing their land, and so Albert must train Joey to pull a plow, even though he not bred for the job. Albert and Joey succeed, though, and are fully devoted to one another.

But after the Narracott's crop is destroyed and World War I comes England, Albert's father sells Joey to Captain Nicholls

(Tom Hiddleston), a cavalry officer without a horse. Albert wants to follow Joey to war, but he is too young to enlist.

Tragedy seems to follow Joey through his life, but he also inspires the affection of all who come across him. He falls into

work him to death.

At this point in the film, the focus returns to Albert, who has enlisted in the army with a childhood friend, despite his age. He is somewhere in France, engaged in the horrific trench warfare that characterized



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the hands of the Germans, who use him to pull an ambulance, before two young brothers deserting the army use him to run away. He then falls into the hands of an elderly French jam-maker and his ill granddaughter. The Germans take Joey back from them and almost

World War I. And Joey is across No Man's Land on the German side, each searching for the other. I won't say anything more about the end of the movie, except that you might want to bring tissues with you to the theater.

The film is another fantastic

Steven Spielberg war movie. It will never compare to "Saving Private Ryan," but it looks at another side of war in a similarly compelling and moving way. "War Horse" focuses on the bonds that are forged and broken during the war, and not only among the soldiers. The scenes of appalling cruelty give way to powerful scenes of strength and kindness.

Spielberg does focus most of the movie on Joey, possibly too much. Irvine's debut performance as Albert is excellent, beautifully capturing the right emotion for a teenager struggling to find his place at home and in the world. But he disappears for a large chunk of the movie unfortunately.

It is also often hard to tell which side of the war,

German, French or English, the action is focused on because they all speak English with a British accent. Unless you have an in depth knowledge of World War I uniforms, it takes too long to figure out into whose hands Joey has fallen.

But these are minor complaints. "War Horse" is a beautifully done war film, evoking all the right emotions, even for its non-human star.

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"War Horse"

Directed by: Steven Spielberg

Starring: Jeremy Irvine, Peter Mullan, Emily Watson, David Thewlis, Tom Hiddleston



ROSS FINNEY

Scene Writer

Snoop Dogg is coming back to South Bend. That's right — the Doggfather himself will appear Feb. 1 at Club Fever. Tickets go on sale this Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased at Club Fever/Backstage Grill without any service fees for just \$45. Tickets the day of the show, assuming there are any left, will be sold for \$50.

Fans may remember Snoop Dogg's sold out appearance at Club Fever last year, in which he put on an excellent show. Performing his biggest hits from across his career, Snoop kept fans of both his classic and contemporary work pleased. This year's show will no doubt be just as great.

For those who are not familiar with the D-O-Double G, Snoop Dogg was born Calvin Broadus Jr. in Long Beach, Calif., and is a rapper, singer, record producer, entertainer and actor. He rose to fame with his multi-platinum album "Doggystyle," which spawned the hit singles "Who Am I (What's My Name)?" and "Gin and Juice."

Snoop has collaborated with multiple rap acts as well as artists like Katy Perry, the Gorillaz, and most recently, The Lonely Island. His most recent album "Doggumentary," his

11th, came out in 2011 and featured the singles "Wet" and "Boom."

Be sure to come out and see a rap legend put on a great show, but remember Club Fever is a 21 and over venue, so the Gin and Juice isn't for everyone.

With service fees, tickets can also be purchased at Audio Specialists, Orbit Music, Morris Performing Arts Center box office, by phone at 574-235-9190 or online at www.morriscenter.org and www.ticketmaster.com.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Patriots-Giants rematch will be another classic

Thanks to a Sunday afternoon full of sloppy play and shoddy special teams, the New York Giants and New England Patriots are headed to Super Bowl XLVI. The game will be a rematch of the epic Super Bowl XLII, when Eli Manning led a late touchdown drive to secure the Giants' 17-14 victory.

For the Patriots, the opponent may be the only similarity between this year's Super Bowl team and the squad that dominated the NFL in 2007. Whereas the 2007 team bulldozed through a perfect 16-0 regular season and set league records for points scored and point differential, this year's team was able to sneak into the AFC Championship game without beating a single team with a winning record. Vince Wilfork is the only remaining



Jack Hefferon
Sports Writer

standout from the staunch defense of four years ago, and the speedy Randy Moss has been replaced by the gargantuan Rob Gronkowski as Tom Brady's primary target. Even the notoriously grim Bill Belichick was downright giddy after besting the Ravens on Sunday, cracking his best attempt at a smile and laughing it up on camera.

For the Giants though, this season looks eerily similar to that magical run to Super Bowl XLII.

Much like in 2007, the Giants were not expected to make the playoffs this season. The lingering stench of DeSean Jackson's punt return to end last year's campaign was compounded early in this year's preseason by the loss of six defensive players to season ending injuries. Coupled with the hype surrounding the "Dream Team" Philadelphia Eagles, New York was expected widely to be an also-ran in the NFC East.

In both 2007 and 2011, the Giants got off to hot starts be-

fore slowing down in the second half of the season. The relentless New York media blamed Tom Coughlin, ever the angry grandfather, for losing the team's support and causing the collapse. Both seasons were turned around, though, when the Giants ran into the league's undefeated powerhouse. They stuck around to the end of shoot-outs with the 15-0 Patriots in 2007 and the 12-0 Packers in December, losing both games by the same encouraging score: 38-35.

Those losses gave New York a boost in morale, and the team used that momentum to carry them through tough road playoff games to the NFC Championship. There, the Giants survived weather-beaten, fumble-filled games. Coughlin's face was stop sign red in Green Bay snow in January 2008, and was soaked in a driving San Francisco rain Sunday, but both games ended in overtime, with Lawrence Tynes' right foot sending the Giants to the Super Bowl.

One week from Sunday, this year's Giants and Patriots will square off in Indianapolis, with fame, fortune and football immortality on the line. Much like the matchup four years ago, the Patriots will try to overwhelm the Gi-

ants with Brady's passing and Belichick's genius. The Giants will try to hit Brady early and often, and hope that Manning can once again win the game in the fourth quarter. The Patriots will be looking for revenge, and the Giants will try to make history repeat itself and party like it's 2008.

As fans, we can only hope that we are treated to a game as unforgettable as their first Super Bowl meeting. A game decided by clutch plays, two-minute drills and miracle catches over the middle. A game that comes down to the wire and pushes us to the edge of our seats.

A game that we'll still be talking about, four years from now.

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NBA

76ers handle Wizards at home



Philadelphia 76ers' Jodie Meeks, left, celebrates with Andre Iguodala, right, after scoring a basket in the second half of Philadelphia's 120-89 victory on Jan. 13 in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Elton Brand had 17 points and nine rebounds, and Jrue Holiday also scored 17 to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to 103-83 win over the Washington Wizards on Monday night.

Jodie Meeks added 15 points and Andre Iguodala had 11 assists. The Sixers led by 30 in the first half and easily cruised to their third win of the season against the hapless Wizards.

Jordan Crawford led the Wizards with 17 points. They lost their third straight game and remained the NBA's only winless road team at 0-7.

The Sixers are one of the league's early-season surprises and are counting on this week's slate of home games to fatten their record. After the Wizards, they play New Jersey, Charlotte and Detroit, four of the five worst teams in the Eastern Conference.

Playing without starting center Spencer Hawes (left Achilles strain) and forward Nik Vucevic (quadriceps strain), the Sixers improved to 8-1 at home.

The Sixers must wish they could play the Wizards (2-15) every night. They beat them by 31 points and 13 points on consecutive nights earlier this month, and this game was never competitive.

Brand was sent home from the morning shootaround with a stomach ailment. He dunked

for Philadelphia's first basket off Iguodala's steal. It was the start of big first quarters for each of them. Iguodala had seven assists and Brand 11 points — both numbers above their season averages.

Meeks hit consecutive 3s for a 17-10 lead, and the rout was on. The Sixers made nine of their first 14 shots, setting the pace for a torrid first half.

The Wizards, who lost Sunday at Boston, played with little passion in the first half. They walked down the court for offensive possessions, never hustled after loose balls and couldn't convert the easiest of buckets, missing eight of nine shots in the paint in the first quarter. Washington coach Flip Saunders took a knee in front of the scorer's table, bowed his head and rubbed his temples after a string of sloppy plays.

About 45 minutes before the opening tip, Sixers coach Doug Collins said he wanted to see if his team had "mental toughness" heading into a game without two of its best big men. Hawes averages 10.4 points and 8.8 rebounds, and Vucevic has had a promising rookie season off the bench.

"My feeling is, when everything is good and things are going well, that's one thing," Collins said. "But when you start facing adversity, are we all going to pull together? I know one thing, there won't be any excuses from my standpoint.

I think our players know that. We're not going to go out with the idea that because we're hurt, it gives us an excuse to lose games."

No excuses needed. Pick any stat and the Sixers dominated. They went 4 of 9 on 3s in the first half; the Wizards were 0 for 5. At one point in the first half, the entire Wizards team had only outscored the Sixers' bench 30-27.

With Hawes out, Collins turned to 13-year veteran Tony Battie to guard JaVale McGee. McGee, averaging 11.8 points, took only two shots in the first half. McGee finished with two points.

Sixers rookie Lavoy Allen, who starred at nearby Temple, made all five shots from the floor and scored 10 points. Lou Williams and Thaddeus Young each scored 14.

The Sixers had 62 points in the first half, topping their previous season high for a half (54) set against, yup, Washington on Jan. 13.

Led by Brand and Holiday, the Sixers shot 65 percent in the half (26 of 40) and the Wizards never threatened to rally.

A year ago, the Sixers were a slumping team trying to find their way. In Collins' first season, they started 4-13 before a strong finish put them at 41-41 and in the playoffs.

After this blowout, the Sixers are 12-5 and rolling toward their first winning season since 2004-05.

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Just yesterday morning they let me know you were gone

Susanne the plans they made put an end to you

I walked out this morning and I wrote down this song

I just can't remember who to send it to I've seen fire and I've seen rain

I've seen sunny days that I thought would never end

I've seen lonely times when I could not find a friend

But I always thought that I'd see you again

Won't you look down upon me, Jesus

You've got to help me make a stand

You've just got to see me through another day

My body's aching and my time is at hand

And I won't make it any other way

Oh, I've seen fire and I've seen rain

I've seen sunny days that I thought would never end

I've seen lonely times when I could not find a friend

Been walking my mind to an easy time my back turned towards the sun

Lord knows when the cold wind blows it'll turn your head around

Well, there's hours of time on the telephone line to talk about things to come

Sweet dreams and flying machines in pieces on the ground

Oh, I've seen fire and I've seen rain

I've seen sunny days that I thought would never end

I've seen lonely times when I could not find a friend

But I always thought that I'd see you, baby, one more time again.

-- "Fire and Rain" by James Taylor

NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Kentucky headlines new AP poll

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky is back on top of The Associated Press’ college basketball poll. Freshman Michael Kidd-Gilchrist has a simple plan on how to stay there.

“All we’ve got to do is win games and we’ll be No. 1 forever,” said Kidd-Gilchrist, one of three freshman starters for the Wildcats. “To be this young as a team and to be No. 1, that’s a blessing.”

Kentucky is the only team in last week’s top four not to lose over the weekend.

The Wildcats, who were ranked No. 1 for two weeks earlier this season, moved up one place Monday after receiving 61 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel.

“We’ll address it for a second or two, but we’ve just got to play,” Kentucky coach John Calipari said.

Missouri, which got two No. 1 votes, jumped from fifth to second, while Syracuse, which was in first place for the past six weeks, dropped to third after losing at Notre Dame, its first loss this season. The Orange were No. 1 on two ballots.

“Wow. Who would’ve think it? It’s a tremendous honor,” Tigers coach Frank Haith said. “These guys are to be commended for their hard work, how they’ve played. I’m really proud of them. But we also know that rankings; it’s nice, but at the end of the day, we want to be playing in March.”

Kentucky lost the No. 1 ranking when it fell Dec. 10 at Indiana on Christian Watford’s 3-pointer at the buzzer. Since then, the Wildcats have won 11 straight by an average of 17.6 points with



Kentucky freshmen Anthony Davis and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist celebrate during a 69-62 home victory over Louisville on Dec. 31.

road games this week at Georgia on Tuesday night and LSU on Saturday.

Even during the winning streak, Calipari said he hasn’t liked how his team has responded to physical play and that the Wildcats might be due for an upset again soon after watching film as a team on Sunday night.

“I like my team. We’re going on a tough road trip, but I did tell them the way this is going we probably need a loss so that we’ll come together and say, ‘We’re not losing like this.’ In other words, getting man-handled,” Calipari said. “We’re getting manhandled and winning close games so they think it’s OK.”


Ohio State and Kansas moved up two places to fourth and fifth and were followed by Baylor, which fell three places after losing two games last week, North Carolina, Duke, Georgetown and Michigan State. Duke dropped

four places after losing to Florida State at home.

Murray State, the lone remaining unbeaten team in Division I at 20-0, is 11th and doesn’t play again until Saturday against Eastern Illinois.

“Today, I happened to drive by the arena and I just saw a line of people and students out there trying to get tickets right now, a whole week before our game,” Racers guard Donte Poole said. “It just motivates you. It makes you keep that enthusiasm up, keep on doing the things that have gotten us here.”

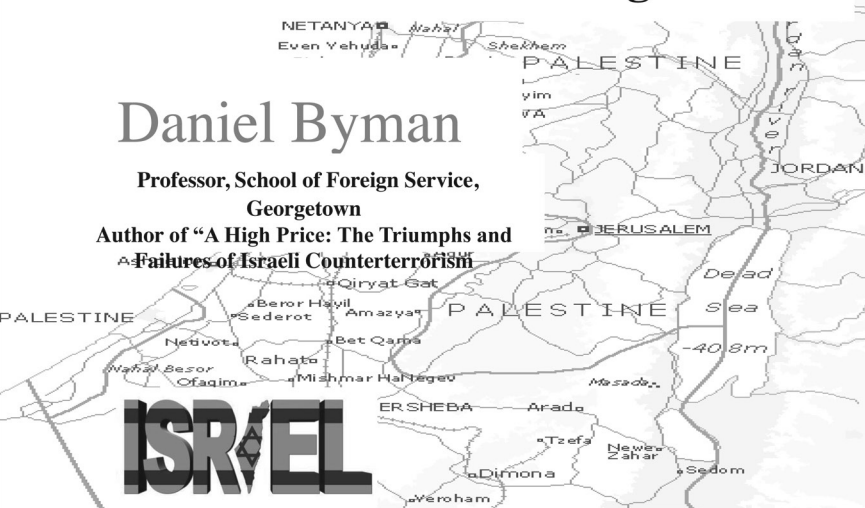
UNLV is 12th followed by San Diego State, Florida, Creighton, Indiana, Marquette, Mississippi State, Virginia, Michigan, St. Mary’s and Kansas State.



Mediterranean Sea

Israeli Counterterrorism: Triumphs, Failures, and Future Challenges

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Serena loses in straight sets, Djokovic moves on

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — It wasn’t just Serena Williams’ serve that was missing Monday at the Australian Open. It was her aura, too.

Ekaterina Makarova, the lowest-ranked player left in the draw at No. 56, didn’t seem the least bit frightened of the error-ridden opponent across the net.

The Russian won 6-2, 6-3 — equaling the biggest Grand Slam defeat of Williams’ 17-year career — and will face Maria Sharapova in her first Grand Slam quarterfinal.

Sharapova rallied past Sabine Lisicki 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 before men’s defending champion Novak Djokovic fended off a resurgent Lleyton Hewitt in a dramatic last match of the day, winning 6-1, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

With Hewitt’s loss, Australia’s chances of celebrating a home singles winner were over. American hopes had already evaporated with the defeat of five-time champion Williams — her first in Melbourne since 2008 and earliest since 2006.

“I can’t even describe how I served, to be honest,” said Williams, who finished with seven double-faults and a first-serve percentage of just over 50. “My lefty serve is actually better than that. Maybe I should have started serving lefty.”

Williams also threw in 37 unforced errors, but Makarova played her part, boldly going for the lines and holding steady in a tight service game while leading 4-3 in the second set. Playing Williams in Beijing in 2009, Makarova said she had been “afraid” of the American in a 6-3, 6-2 loss.

Not this time.

“I really thought that I could beat her,” Makarova said. “Maybe in my head that helped me.”

Williams tried not to blame her left ankle injury from a tuneup tournament in Brisbane two weeks ago. But she didn’t move well and seemed to have particular difficulty running to her left. She said if it hadn’t been a Grand Slam, she wouldn’t have played at all.

“Usually I play myself into the tournament,” Williams said. “But I don’t have a huge problem with an injury. So this is a completely different situation. Usually it’s easier for me to play myself in because I’m usually physically OK.”

At 30, Williams’ body is breaking down more often and, unlike earlier in her career, a lack of matches leaves her susceptible to upsets.

After squandering the fifth game of the second set with four double-faults, Williams threw up her arms in disbelief and yelled, “Oh, my God.” Her mother, Oracene Price, who doesn’t usually betray any emotion, shook her head in the stands.

Williams got away with a shanked smash in her third-round win. On Monday, she sent an overhead way beyond the baseline when a winner would have given her two break-back points in the second set.

“Every ball that came, I just hit it as far out as I could,” Williams said.

Before the match, 18-time

Grand Slam champion Martina Navratilova said Williams was the best player in the world — “just a matter of whether she can bring it.”

Williams couldn’t bring it against Makarova, nor against Sam Stosur in the U.S. Open final in September, when she also only won five games. The only other time she has lost by so much in a Grand Slam match was against Sharapova in the 2004 Wimbledon final.

Williams will now return to the practice court in preparation for the United States’ Fed Cup match against Belarus on Feb. 4-5.

Sharapova can look forward to a quarterfinal against Makarova after overcoming her own problems in her fourth-round match. Sharapova hit eight double-faults and made 47 unforced errors but, unlike Williams, found a way to win against the 14th-seeded Lisicki.

“I fought to the end and sometimes that’s what gets you through,” said the Russian, who lost six games in a row after taking a 3-0 lead in the first set.

Djokovic had won 23 straight sets at Melbourne Park before he suddenly wobbled against Hewitt, a two-time Grand Slam champion who has slipped to No. 181 in the rankings after a series of injuries.

Hewitt, a wild-card entry in his 16th straight Australian Open, rallied from 3-0 down in the third set in front of a raucous home crowd to force a fourth set, but Djokovic gathered his composure.

“I think for two sets and 3-0 I was playing really well and suddenly I stopped moving,” Djokovic said. “He was not making a lot of unforced errors. I made a lot of unforced errors in the third set.”

Next up for Djokovic is fifth-seeded David Ferrer of Spain, who had a surprisingly easy 6-4, 6-4, 6-1 win over Richard Gasquet.

No. 2 Rafael Nadal and No. 3 Roger Federer are back in action Tuesday, hoping to set up a semifinal. Federer plays former U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro while Nadal faces Tomas Berdych.

On the women’s side, defending champion Kim Clijsters will test her injured ankle against top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki, and third-seeded Victoria Azarenka plays eighth-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska.

Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova opened Monday’s play with a 6-2, 7-6 (2) win over former top-ranked Ana Ivanovic. She’ll next play Sara Errani of Italy, who beat 2010 semifinalist Zheng Jie 6-2, 6-1.

Two-time finalist Andy Murray advanced when Mikhail Kukushkin of Kazakhstan retired after 49 minutes with a left hip injury while trailing 6-1, 6-1, 1-0. After knocking out the first player from Kazakhstan to reach the fourth round of a Grand Slam, Murray’s next opponent will be another history-maker.

Kei Nishikori beat sixth-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 2-6, 6-2, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 to become the first Japanese man to reach the quarterfinals of the Australian Open since the Open era began in 1968.

NASCAR

Patrick opts out of Indianapolis 500 in favor of NASCAR

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Danica Patrick became a worldwide sensation as a rookie at the Indianapolis 500, challenging for victory and becoming the first woman to lead laps in the showcase race.

Those Indy days are fading fast.

Patrick's shift to stock cars is long under way and her ties to IndyCar were cut even further Monday — she said she won't run in this year's Indy 500.

Her focus is entirely on NASCAR, and on May 27 she'll race in the Coca-Cola 600. She said skipping the Indy 500 was a "business decision."

"I hope to do it in the future, the Indy 500 that is, and maybe it will be a double," she said. "But at this point in time, after a lot of conversations, it's just going to be the Coke 600 and I think it's going to be a big challenge. It's just something that didn't work out, as far as the business side of things. ... For this year, it just didn't happen."

Patrick led 19 laps late and finished fourth in 2005. She was a career-best third in 2009.

When she jumped full time to NASCAR she said the Indy 500 was still under consideration. Her NASCAR season includes the full second-tier Nationwide Series schedule for JR Motorsports and 10 races in the elite Sprint Cup Series for Stewart-Haas Racing.

Patrick had previously announced eight of her races. The Coca-Cola 600 — Patrick jokingly called NASCAR's longest event of the season "The Coke 6,000," — is the ninth announced race. The Indy 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 are both May 27.

"We didn't tell her she couldn't run the 500. It was left up to her," team co-owner Tony Stewart said. "It shows how dedicated she is to making this transition."

Stewart, Robby Gordon and John Andretti have all tried to run both events on the same day. Stewart, NASCAR's three-time champion, completed the double twice: In 1999, he was ninth at Indy and fourth at Charlotte, and in 2001, he was sixth at Indy and third at Charlotte.

He's not tried Indianapolis since, and has let go of his childhood dream of winning the 500. He has twice won the Brickyard 400, NASCAR's race at the storied Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"The hard part for me was you make that decision when you sign up to do (NASCAR)," Stewart said. "The decision you make, you have to come to peace with yourself with saying 'I'm not going to do this.' That was my childhood dream anyway. It may be a different scenario and feeling for her. But it was hard knowing when I signed that (NASCAR) contract that I was writing off the opportunity to go race at Indy."

"It's figuring out at the end of the day what do you really want to do. I guess that's the part that even though it was hard to watch opening day of practice at Indianapolis, I'm enjoying what I'm doing, too, and this is what I want to do at the end of the day," he continued. "It makes you want 30-hour days and 400-day years and we always want to do more than what we're capable of doing, but the reality is you have to pick at some point and choose your career path. This is what I've done and what she's doing now."

But Stewart said so long as Indianapolis Motor Speedway

makes it logistically possible for Patrick to attempt both races, she may eventually run the race again. He said he has no interest in fielding a car for her, citing how much he's already doing with all his other teams.

The IndyCar Series would also welcome back its most recognizable driver to its biggest event of the season.

"We continue to wish Danica the very best on this new phase in her career. The door is always open should she wish to run the Indianapolis 500 in the future," IndyCar CEO Randy Bernard said in a statement.

Patrick has already set some of her expectations for NASCAR, and sounded Monday as if she expects her debut in the Daytona 500 next month to go as well as her debut in the Indianapolis 500. She tested there two weeks ago with new crew chief Greg Zpadelli, and after leading 13 laps at Daytona in last July's Nationwide race, likes her chances in the Feb. 26 season opener.

"At Daytona, the cars are very fast, so I feel good about that race," she said. "I was lucky enough to get to run with Tony in the Nationwide race last summer and that went pretty good, so I feel good about Daytona and I think there's a real chance, if luck falls our way, to perhaps win."

"I think it's a real chance. I mean a guy like Trevor Bayne last year showed that. Those are the expectations for the first race."

Bayne, a rookie last season, was the upset winner of the Daytona 500, which Stewart said was proof that Patrick is a viable contender.

"A rookie won it last year, why would you ever count yourself out?" he asked. "She's a talented driver. Our cars were really fast at Daytona. At that point, I'd have that confidence."

But Stewart is cautious regarding his expectations for Patrick. Although she said she'd like to knock down top-20 finishes in the Cup Series, the car owner was more concerned with Patrick simply turning laps and learning as much as she can before her scheduled full-time move to the Cup in 2013.

"I crashed everything that I

drove when I drove the Nationwide cars. We got to the Cup side and it got better, obviously," Stewart said. "But I think looking at it, these 10 races for her this year, for me, it's just finishing the races and just getting the track time. I'm not worried about what her finish is at the end of the day."

"I think the success at the end of the year won't be judged by where the finishing positions are at the end of the day, as much as

what she takes away from each race weekend. That's what my goal is for her."

Patrick has higher goals for the Nationwide Series, where she's run 25 races over the last two series. She has three top-10 finishes and one top five, all last season with JRM. The Daytona 500 will be her Cup Series debut.

"With the Nationwide stuff, it very much depends on the individual weekend itself. There are

still some tracks that I haven't raced before, so probably a little bit different expectations for those," she said. "But, for the most part, solid top 10s and getting into the top five consistently through the year would be a goal. And I'd like to get to Victory Lane."

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CLUB SPORTS

Irish host event at Chippewa Bowl

Figure skating finishes third; Ski and Snowboarding opens season

Bowling

The Chippewa Bowl was host to this year's Blue and Gold Classic this weekend. Despite 19 cancellations due to weather and road conditions, 109 teams from schools such as Kansas, North Dakota, Texas, Texas A&M, Florida State and all of the Big 10 participated in the event.

Among tough competition, including one 300 game, the Irish finished 57th, in the field of 66 men's teams.

The Irish team served double duty as competitors and Univer-

sity ambassador hosts. Game six proved to be the squad's highlight as club posted a 1,010 score. Senior Brian Frisch and sophomore Michael Murray led the way with scores of 224, and MBA student Robbie Espiritu added a 205 in that round.

Murray and freshman Kevin Schneider both elevated their games, averaging close to 180 for the tournament. Senior Richard Skelton did very well as he battled a painful injury to roll some games. Had it not been for an opening 119 while testing his knees, he would have averaged in the high 180's.

Overall in men's action, Lindenwood University defeated perennial powerhouse Saginaw Valley State in a close finish, 10,005 to 10,001. Not to be outdone, the women's championship was decided by one pin. Wichita State defeated Robert Morris Illinois, 9,098 to 9,097.

Figure Skating

The Notre Dame Figure Skating club opened competition at the Mid American Synchronized Skating Championships with a third place finish. The Irish program featured music from Billy Joel.

Miami (Ohio) and Lindenwood took the top two places. Finishing in order behind the Irish were Delaware, Ohio, Michigan State, Grand Valley, Ohio State and Northwestern.

The club performed at intermission of the varsity hockey game.

Ski and Snowboarding

A season opening venture to Crystal Mountain, Mich. kicked off the season for the Ski and Snowboarding Club this weekend. Although the club performed well, results have not yet been posted by the MCCA.

Field Hockey

The club's trip to Ohio State was cancelled due to weather and road conditions.



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Sophomore guard Kayla McBride lays the ball up for the Irish in Monday's 72-44 defeat of No. 9 Tennessee in the Purcell Pavillion.

Diggins

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huge shots."

The trio of McBride, Diggins and Peters scored all but one of Notre Dame's 28 first-half points. The half was low-scoring for both teams, as the Irish held the Lady Vols to 18 points on seven for 35 shooting, 19 points below their season average for first-half scoring.

"In the second half, we were in attack mode," Diggins said. "We got some inside post touches. We just kept on attacking."

Peters sparked the Irish in the second half as she scored six straight points and drew a charge on the other end. Peters finished with 16 points against Tennessee.

At the 17:00 mark, Notre

Dame opened up a 39-21 lead and never looked back. The Irish quickened the tempo in the second half, sprinting out in transition after made field goals by Tennessee.

With 5:01 left, a quick eight-point run by the Irish all but sealed it for Notre Dame, who went up 64-40 at that point.

For Notre Dame, a decisive victory over a team as talented as Tennessee shows that the Irish are ready to compete on even bigger stages.

"We're definitely on a good trajectory right now," McGraw said. "I don't think we've painted our masterpiece yet. I think we are going to peak at exactly the right time."

The Irish will return to action against St. John's on Saturday in Jamaica, N.Y. Tip-off against the Red Storm is scheduled for 12 p.m.

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Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

"We're definitely on a good trajectory right now ... I don't think we've painted our masterpiece yet. I think we are going to peak at exactly the right time."

LaBarge

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playing in college. Already a junior in high school and a relatively inexperienced fencer, however, LaBarge knew she would face an uphill battle.

"I basically relearned the entire craft during my junior year," LaBarge said. "I knew that I wanted to fence in college, but I also knew I wasn't in a position to earn a scholarship or be recruited."

LaBarge's former coach had a former pupil fencing at Notre Dame, a stroke of good fortune that helped strike a connection between LaBarge and Irish coach Janusz Bednarski.

After meeting with Bednarski during a visit to campus, the coach invited LaBarge to try out for the team provided she get into the school on her own. Like many fencers in a scholarship-poor sport, LaBarge had no help getting through admissions.

"There is a large number of us on the team who are walk-ons," LaBarge said. "Many of us are alternates at meets. There's quite a range of abilities, and sometimes I feel out of my league, but overall it's been a really good experience."

Despite her relative inexperience and lack of fencing

pedigree, LaBarge contributed greatly to the Irish as a freshman and sophomore, compiling a 44-18 record over that span.

LaBarge's junior year was a wash, as she opted for a semester of studying abroad in London instead of participating in the fencing season. LaBarge said it was one of the most difficult decisions she ever had to make.

"I talked to my coach about it, and he gave me permission to go during the season," LaBarge said. "It was something that I've always wanted to do, but it was really strange being gone. I really missed the team a lot, and it was agonizing to see them going to the national championship. You just had the sense the whole year that we were going to do it, but I couldn't be a part of it."

Luckily for LaBarge, a Monogram club member, she still has one year left to pursue that goal. Even with a number of top athletes lost to graduation or training for international competition, the Irish are still among the top teams in the nation.

"This is a good opportunity to show that we have a deep team," LaBarge said. "I think we could definitely do it. It will take a lot of determination and persistence, but I think it's possible."

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Kreft

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and just kind of be done with it.” A former baseball and soccer player, Kreft did not make the typical transition from gymnastics to diving. He began diving around the age of 10 and has since become the model of a mentally-tough athlete. The pressure involved in leading a collegiate diving team may get to the average athlete’s head, but Kreft has consciously chosen to eliminate negative thoughts and remain confident.

“I used to be the most insecure competitor that you could find. [As a kid], I dreaded competition-based [diving], and now I look forward to it,” Kreft said. “I’ve learned to love the feeling I get. You can’t get that feeling in practice, the butterfly feeling. You can also do things when you feel that way that you could never do anywhere else. The adrenaline can make you perform in a way that you couldn’t get yourself to do those things in practice.”

Kreft said it was simply a matter of time before he gained confidence, which ultimately plays a huge role in the sport of diving. “I’ve kind of learned to love [the adrenaline], and it’s kind of given me confidence,” he said. “I like [competing]. Some people are born with confidence, and other people it takes a long time, and I was one of those people.”

Immediately shying away from praise and rejecting any mention of being the top diver on the squad, Kreft said his fellow teammates deserve equally as much credit for the team’s success this season.

“It’s not like I’m winning every time. It’s not always like that,” he said. “My teammate [freshman

Nick Nemetz] won both of them [Saturday]. In diving, it really just depends on the day. On those days [that I won], I was focused enough where I could assess the situation and know exactly what I needed to do.”

Kreft arrived at Notre Dame with the goal of qualifying for the NCAA Zone Diving Championships. Surprising nobody affiliated with the Notre Dame diving program, those qualifying scores came on Jan. 14, against Northwestern.

Qualifying for the Zone meet is the only way an Irish diver can advance to the NCAA Championship. Kreft will join Nemetz in the Big 10 Zone on March 9.

“The zone meet is the toughest NCAA competition of the year prior to the national championship,” Irish coach Tim Welsh said. “For [Michael] to qualify is special. It’s a really, really good sign of their development as collegiate divers. Whether [he advances] out of the zone and competes in NCAAs, [competing] at that level is an accomplishment.”

Kreft said his approach never changes, and he is thankful for the chance to compete among the most elite divers in the country.

“I just always try to remember the reason why I do the sport that I do, and that’s because I enjoy the actual activity of the flipping and the adrenaline rush that I get,” Kreft said. “When I get caught up in the results, the anxiety, the competition and things like that, I try to throw myself back to why I’m here in the first place.”

The Irish will host the Shamrock Invitational on Friday at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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Giesting

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school records of his own. Giesting’s older brother, Tyler, also ran collegiately at DePauw.

Giesting said he immediately turns to Tyler as a role model in the sport.

“He is always the one who comes up to me and tells me to relax and what I need to do,” Giesting said. “He is a pretty big part of my running and how I’ve gone about it so far.”

When choosing a college, Giesting said he looked for two qualities — good academics and a nationally competitive track team.

“First off, I wanted to come here because of the academics. They are hard to beat,” Giesting said. “But, also, [we’ve] got the largest indoor track in the nation and we are usually

competing to win the Big East every year.”

Now that he is a freshman at Notre Dame, Giesting is going through some of the usual growing pains of being new to the college life.

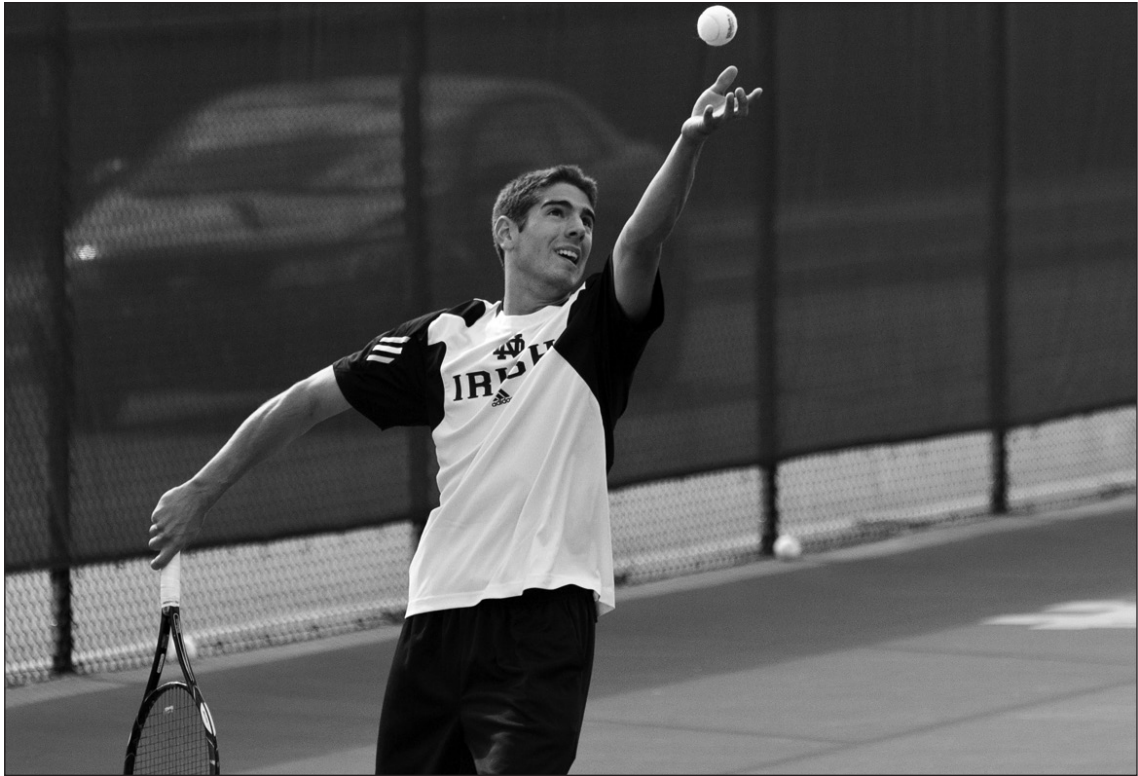
“That first week I was here I had more work than I have ever had in my life,” he said. “It kind of made me realize how much different college is.”

But on the team, Giesting already feels a strong bond with his teammates, especially his fellow sprinters.

“Each week we get to know each other better,” Giesting said. “We have a great relationship; we hang out together all the time.”

Giesting and the rest of the Irish Track and Field team will compete next in the Indiana Relays on Jan. 17-18 in Bloomington, Ind.

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Freshman Michael Fredericka serves during the Tom Fallon Invite, held outdoors, at Notre Dame on Sept. 23. The Irish will head indoors for the winter events on their schedule.

Strategy

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both strategy and outcome.

“The difference between playing indoors and playing outdoors is quite significant,”

Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “Adjustments need to be made for both. When we play indoors and the conditions are a l w a y s p r e t t y much the same, we play faster and more aggressively. When we are outdoors and have to deal with a variety of conditions, we need to

slow down our play and play more cautiously.”

Irish senior Casey Watt echoed his coach’s sentiments.

“[Playing indoors] is a lot cleaner game. It’s a lot faster. Points are usually shorter. There’s no elements or anything,” Watt said. “Once you go outdoors, you’ve got the wind,

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Casey Watt
Irish senior

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The faster style of indoor play better suits Watt, he said, but he expects himself and his teammates to be able to transition effectively when

the time comes to make the switch.

“I usually prefer the indoor tennis – the faster points and

so on,” Watt said. “But I think I’m getting better at adjusting. As a team, we’re usually pretty good adjusting to the outdoor climate.”

Though there are noted differences between the indoor and outdoor game, a large reason for being able to adjust smoothly is similar game preparation, whether indoors at the Eck Tennis Pavilion or outdoors at the Courtney Tennis Center.

“The preparation for playing indoors is not too much different from the preparation for playing outdoors,” Bayliss said. “It’s still the same game and our guys are used to playing both indoors and outdoors, so the adjustments come quite naturally.”

The Irish will continue the indoor portion of their season when they travel to Columbus, Ohio this weekend to face Indiana on Saturday and either Ohio State or Cornell on Sunday.

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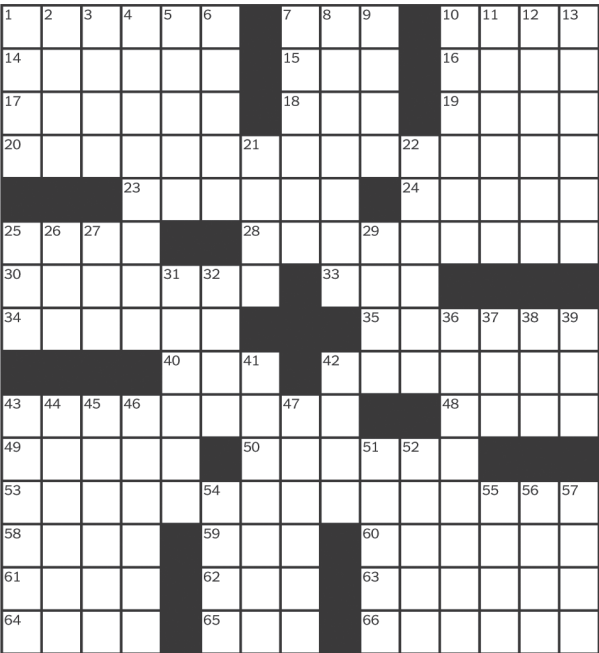
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't stop until you are completely satisfied with the information you've received. Do your due diligence and dig deep to find out more. A short trip or emailing someone with answers you require will pay off. Don't trust everyone. ★★★★★

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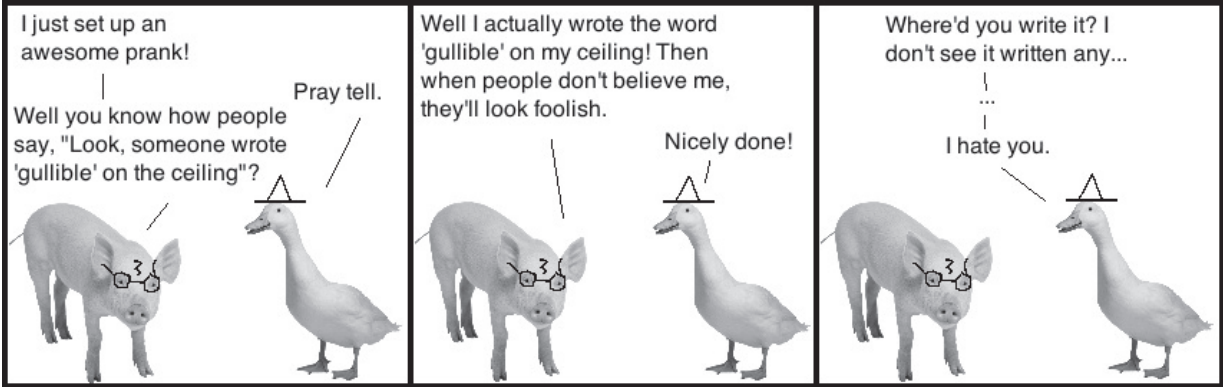
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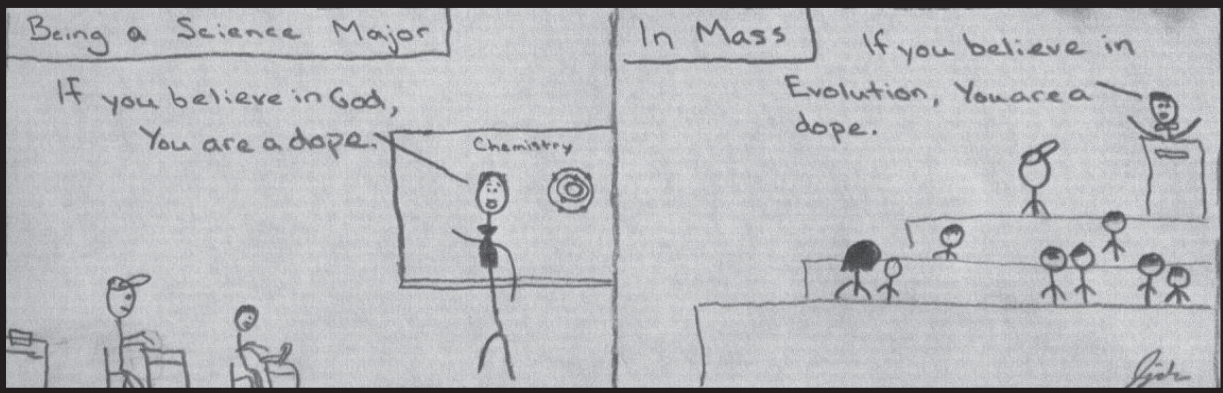
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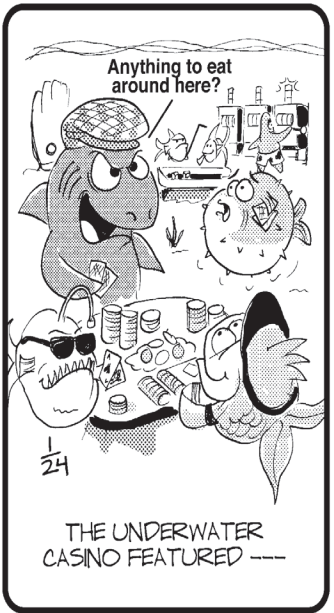
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Volunteers worked

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

In front of a sellout crowd at the Purcell Pavilion, the No. 2 Irish captured a 72-44 win over No. 9 Tennessee on Monday. A season-high 27 points from junior guard Skylar Diggins and a season-high 16 rebounds from graduate student forward Devereaux Peters led the Irish to victory. The Irish rest on a 17-game win streak.

"[Peters] had just an amazing game," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "[Diggins] was unbelievable. We got it going in transition and did a great job defensively."

The Irish (20-1) are only the second team to beat both historical powerhouses Tennessee (14-5) and No. 3 Connecticut in consecutive years since North Carolina did it in 2005-06 and 2006-07.

Notre Dame's stifling defense limited Tennessee to a 27.9 shooting percentage for the night and forced 19 turnovers. Tennessee's previous low scoring mark this season was 60 points in a Jan. 12 loss to No. 6 Kentucky.

"That's a pretty amazing accomplishment against a team of that caliber," McGraw said. "We really dug in defensively and helped each other. That just says a lot about the pride we take in our defense."

The Irish started cold from the field, but sophomore guard Kayla McBride sank three straight layups to put Notre Dame up 8-4 early in the game. McBride scored 11 first-half points on five for nine from the field. She played all 20 min-



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Junior guard Skylar Diggins celebrates Notre Dame's 72-44 home victory over No. 9 Tennessee on Monday. Diggins scored 27 points in the game.

utes and also recorded four rebounds in the half. McBride finished the game with 17 points.

"It's just a learning experience for me, playing with these veterans," McBride said. "It just gave me so much confidence."

Senior guard Natalie Novosel, the second leading scorer for the Irish, picked up two quick fouls and had to sit most of the first half. She played only seven minutes in the period. Novosel's seven points were a season low for the standout

guard.

The Irish were sluggish out of the gates, but Diggins was able to get the Irish offense started.

"I trust her," McGraw said. "I know she's going to get going. I have total confidence in her ability. She can turn it around instantly. She did a really good job managing her own frustration. She hit some huge shots."

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FENCING

Senior walk-on reflects on her unlikely path

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

When senior fencer Christina LaBarge took a beginners fencing class at 13 years old, it would have been difficult to predict that eight years later she would be a student at Notre Dame, a college athlete and a member of a national championship team.

Many fencers start young, but the California native took a non-traditional road to a spot on the Irish fencing

squad with hopes of defending its 2011 national championship.

"I started fencing at 13, and it was just for fun," LaBarge said. "Then when I was 15, I tore my ACL. It was a freak accident that doesn't happen too often in fencing, but the year I had to take off for rehab really made me want to get serious when I returned."

LaBarge's rededication to the sport prompted her to look forward to the possibility of

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MEN'S TENNIS

Season's venue split presents challenge

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

Usually, sports are either competed solely indoors or solely outdoors. A few games or matches throughout the year may differ in a sport like football, but it's atypical for teams to divide their season in half between the two.

One of the few exceptions is tennis.

With a schedule that begins in January and runs through the NCAA tournament in May,

the Irish and other NCAA opponents start their season under a roof and heating before heading outside when better weather arrives.

Though no rules change once the Irish move outdoors in the spring, there are differences in the way the game is played, which can severely alter both strategy and outcome.

"The difference between playing indoors and playing outdoors is quite significant,"

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TRACK AND FIELD

Freshman Giesting sets record in first attempt

By AARON SANT-MILLER
Sports Writer

As of Saturday morning, freshman sprinter Chris Giesting had never competed in the 500-meter race. By Saturday afternoon, he rewrote the 29-year-old school record in the event with a 1:01.89 at the Notre Dame Invitational.

"My coach came up to me a few days before the race and told me I was running the 500," Giesting said. "Then he told me, 'This is the record and I think you can be right there at it.'"

Irish sprinting coach Alan Turner's confidence in his runner made a difference for Giesting.

"He just got it in my mind that, 'Hey, maybe I could really run this well,'" Giesting said.

As a runner, Giesting has more experience with the 400-meter dash. He won that race in IHSAA state meet in 2011 as a senior in high school and holds the Indiana record with a 46.89 in that event.

"I kind of approached it just like I run the 400 [meter dash] and then just did my best to hang on for the last 100 meters," Giesting said.

Giesting outraced competition by two seconds, leaving his mark in the Notre Dame record books.

"At first, I didn't think much of it; I had just accomplished what I set out to do," Giesting said. "But, after talking to friends and family, it kind of hit me how special it really is, to have your name as a record holder for the University of Notre Dame."

The 2012 season is only Giesting's fourth year as a track and field runner.

"Believe it or not, my freshman year of high school, I wasn't even on the track team," Giesting said. "I played golf."

But running flows in the Giesting family blood. His father, Terry, was a runner in high school, setting a few high

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MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Kreft silently leads the way

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Just two months after attending his first college class, freshman diver Michael Kreft began turning heads with his standout performances. One of 16 freshmen on the team, it took little time for Kreft's teammates to learn his name.

Kreft showed up for his first few practices and was nearly silent. His ability to focus on the task at hand, his teammates say, separated him from other elite divers.

"In the beginning of the year, I would come to practice and I wouldn't notice that I was [so quiet]. I wouldn't talk to anybody, and they took it as [me] being rude," Kreft said. "It became my common practice to just get inside myself while I was training. My teammates thought that I was ignoring them, but it really isn't like that at all. When I go, I have a job to do, and I just like to focus on it."

The diver's teammates did not have a problem with Kreft's silence after they saw the result of such intense in-



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Freshman diver Michael Kreft performs a dive against Michigan State on Saturday at the Rolf's Aquatic Center. The Irish won the dual meet 174-121.

ternal reflection during training.

Kreft won gold medals on both the one-meter and three-meter boards against Pittsburgh, the first road meet of the 19-year-old's career. Nearly two weeks later, Kreft finished in first on the one-meter and three-meter boards for the second time at Louisville.

"I've always been uncomfortable kind of talking about

achievements and things like that. I naturally want to let my performance speak for me," Kreft said.

"I can't say that I go into every meet thinking that I'm going to come out on top. I just go in, and I want to do good dives that I feel good about. If I do that, a lot of times I will come out on top."

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