Students return from abroad

Over 350 Domers adjust to life back under the Golden Dome

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Students returning to South Bend after studying abroad last semester grapple with more than new classes as they readjust to living on the Notre Dame campus.

Over 350 students traveled abroad during the fall semester, Kathleen Opel, director of the Office of International Studies, said. The largest programs include those in London, Dublin, Ireland; Fremanville, Australia; Rome, Santiago, Chile; and Toledo, Spain; she said.

“Each situation has different adjustment issues, but most students are prepared to readjust when they come back,” Opel said. “Students are familiar with Notre Dame, and they find that they have changed more than we have when they return.”

Junior Lauren Guzman spent her fall semester in Toledo. For Guzman, the pace of daily life was the most striking difference between life in the United States and in Europe.

“In Spain, everyone takes siestas, so everything in the city would be closed from two to five in the afternoon,” she said. “Everything runs a little bit slower there.”

Guzman said that she was ready to return home after her months in Europe, but her semester was a source of lasting friendships and “an overall phenomenal experience.”

While most students felt that the semester program was perfect for their needs, Catherine Scallen wished she had remained for another semester in Toledo.

“Since I traveled so much on the weekends last semester, I did not get to do a lot of things I wanted to with my host family, like visiting their parents in the outskirts, they grew up in and exploring more of Toledo,” she said. “I’ll miss my host family a lot, along with café con leche, café con helado and churros.”

Notre Dame students cram into a phone booth in front of University President Fr. John Jenkins, first as brethren priests, then as local bishop with a university president. Rhoades said in an email to The Observer, “I am grateful already for the warm welcome and offers of hospitality that I have already received from Fr. Jenkins.”

Rhoades, who previously served as bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., said the five Catholic colleges and universities that reside in the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese make it unique, which he said is an “extraordinary” occurrence for a diocese of this size.

“I believe that Notre Dame and the larger programs of Notre Dame family are safe,” said.

DormBooks sees increase in business

More and more students fed up with high textbook prices at the bookstore took their business elsewhere last semester.

DormBooks, the student-run company that sells and buys textbooks, had three times more business in fall 2009 than in the past, sophomore Kelsey Falter, who works as manager of operations, said.

Falter said DormBooks’ message to students is “plain and simple. We offer better prices for used textbooks and lower prices to buy textbooks.”

Students seemed to hear that message last semester more than ever.

“The bookstore is a rip-off,” sophomore Frankie Gari, who sold his books to DormBooks for the first time last semester, said. “All the prices I got back (at DormBooks) I was happy with. It was cash in my pocket.”

Gari said he decided to use DormBooks because he learned more about it and because it was the easiest option.

“The awareness of it is being promoted a lot more [and] the guy was a floor above me so I was just like hey, can I sell you these books?” Gari said. “It was really easy.”

Sophomore Mia Stenger also said DormBooks seemed to grow in popularity last semester.

Faculty, staff safe after Haiti quake

Four faculty and staff members working for the Notre Dame Haiti Program were accounted for and safe after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit Haiti Tuesday.

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University president Fr. John Jenkins. “Our prayers are with them and with all of those in Haiti in the wake of this disaster.”

Notre Dame’s Haiti Program is based in Leogâne, about 30 kilometers west of Port-au-Prince. The four faculty and staff members were in Port-au-Prince at the time of the quake, the press release said.

There is no information about damage to Notre Dame facilities.
Rested up, ready to go

Since I live close to Notre Dame, my house often becomes a refugee camp for displaced Notre Dame students whose flight arrangements do not yield them permission to immediately return to campus before the dorms open on Sunday morning.

The pre-spring semester gathering of students at my house brought me to the rude awakening that I accomplished next to nothing over break, which I am entirely fine with.

One friend that came to stay at the Sammon hotel for the night before break had spent the time off school in El Paso, Texas, working with immigrants and analyzing the social strains on their lives as migrant workers through the Center for Social Concerns. She earned class credit and lived to tell the tale of being completely immersed in a life totally different from her life at home in rural New Hampshire.

As we talked and shared stories from break while packing all our belongings back up again, she told me all about the interesting people she befriended and the perspective she’d be taking in her paper. I had no response. The most rewarding thing I did over break was watch Gossip Girl seasons one and two and all the extra special features that the DVD set Santa brought me had to offer.

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Ultimately, though someone else in my shoes might feel otherwise, I’m not embarrassed. It took me a really long time to watch those episodes. But more importantly, I needed the rest to gear up for this semester. I needed the ultimate relaxation that the forty episodes detailing the lives of the far too wealthy and far too fashionable upper-east side could offer. It was the perfect break.

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College’s students fundraise for Africa

By SARAH GUNN
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Kyaruszi. It’s hard topronounce, and hard to forget. Six Saint Mary’s students spent their summer in this Ugandan village and the time they spent there inspired them to raise over $5,000 for the village upon returning to the school.

The organization, Belles for Africa, raised money by selling T-shirts, hosting a benefit 5K run and running a shoe drive. The group also raised money by orchestrating the “miss a meal” program, in which students redirect the cost of one meal in the dining hall toward food for those that struggle to get regular meals.

As a result of these fundraisers, the group presented a check for $5,431 to the Sisters of the Holy Cross Dec. 11. The money will be allocated to the school and clinic in Kyaruszi for necessary supplies.

The clinic hopes to obtain the pure love and happiness in the Angela Athletic dance for the check presentation, McClowry said.

In addition to learning about the lives of the Ugandans and performing medical work, McClowry said she realized how far the Sisters of the Holy Cross reached.

“I never realized the connection the sisters had around the world. It made me see how rich the Saint Mary’s heritage is,” McClowry said.

McClowry said she hopes that the Uganda program continues to grow at Saint Mary’s and said she uses fundraising events to raise awareness about the program.

Belles for Africa will host fundraising events throughout the year, including a concert by The Undertones, Harmonia and Bellacapella on Feb. 3.

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SMC pupil learns about peace

Indianapolis Peace Institute offers options for breaks, summers

By ALICIA SMITH
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Peace does not just encompass nonviolence, according to a Saint Mary’s student who’s worked with the Indianapolis Peace Institute (IPI). College sophomore Cat Cleary said that through her work she discovered what a peaceful world entails.

“I think that a big part of their (IPI’s) thing is sharing with students and helping them experience different opportunities of peacemaking,” Cleary said.

“One of their missions is to tell people that peace is more than just the absence of war and conflict. It’s about building healthy communities, it’s about promoting nonviolence, but it’s about much more than that,” Cleary said.

The IPI Web site said the institute offers a variety of opportunities for college students to learn about the real-life application of peace in an undergraduate semester program, a summer urban experience, alternative fall and spring breaks and weekend workshops.

Students participated in an alternative spring break program offered as an alternative Thanksgiving break program. She also returned to the Indianapolis Institute in early January to assist with another trip.

“This past week, I was asked to come back to the Institute and co-facilitate another Women’s Issues and Urban Environments trip. So there were groups from other colleges that I was able to assist and help because I had already taken the trip,” she said.

Each trip focuses on a different topic. During her spring break trip, Cleary learned about women’s issues. For Thanksgiving, she helped package and serve meals to 41,000 people who were hungry on Thanksgiving.

“It’s a service learning experience. There’s a mix of speakers and direct service work and visiting of different sites such as a domestic violence center, a daycare for low-income families and other things like that. It’s a combined experience with seeing and doing some sort of hearing,” Cleary said.

Another spring break trip will be offered to students this academic year similar to the one the Cleary participated in during spring 2009.

“This spring they’re going to offer another alternative spring break trip on Women’s Issues and Urban Environments, another trip with similar sites and projects. I believe students will be receiving e-mails, but the information from the Institute is coming to share more about it to get people interested,” she said.

Cleary said she hopes to participate in an internship program in the coming summer.

“They set you up with a couple options for an internship and their whole thing is that they don’t just want you just getting coffee, that’s not thekick-off. Their internship they’re just setting up,” Cleary said.

“You develop a project with them, a mentor at whatever organization or site you are at and then you work towards that for the whole summer. It’s a pretty innovative experience,” she said.

Cleary became involved with IPI when she decided to take the alternative spring break trip in 2009. Cleary said the trip was so meaningful that she changed her major.

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Cat Cleary
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OTT adds new security layer for spring semester

By MEGAN HEMLER
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Students returning to campus for the spring semester must login for the second time this year to use the Notre Dame network, said Lenette Votava, organization communication analyst with OIT.

“Even legitimate Web sites can be at risk of being spoofed,” said Votava. “One of the most important things for all Notre Dame users to remember is to be sensible and watch what you post online.”

Lenette Votava
Organization Communication Analyst
Office of Information Technologies

“I’m the IT security pro- fessional at the Office of Information Technologies (OIT). If you’re used to coming to campus in August, the Nomad network is different this year. It’s happening more than once a year,” Seidl said.

This change applies only to the wireless network. The three other wireless networks will not see any additional changes.

The added security helps OIT know who the person on the other end of the computer is. Using that knowledge, OIT will be able to place students in the network appropriately and give them the correct amount of access, Seidl said.

“When OIT knows more information about who is using Notre Dame’s network, they can better identify and resolve any kind of threat,” said Votava. “Each of the newer devices like BlackBerrys, iPhones and other mobile devices will not be able to use the old Nomad network — to keep personal information safe.”

As more of the Notre Dame community goes wireless, Seidl said that Notre Dame is using the new security step. “This is because I had already taken the class and a few other colleges that I was able to assist and help because I had already taken the trip.”

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"I definitely feel like more of my friends are using it," she said. "The first place I tried was DormBooks." Stenger said also she had a positive experience selling her books back to DormBooks. "It was smooth. My roommate was friends with one of their representatives and he came to our room. We didn't have to do anything," she said. "It's really nice." Stenger said she wasn't able to find the books she needed for the spring semester from DormBooks because she looked too late.

"Be smart and look up what books you need before you get here," she said. "Last semester, I got lower prices on all of them, but I did it a couple of days before I got here so I got all my books." Falter attributed DormBooks' growth and success to its dedication to continue improving since it began at Notre Dame in 2006.

"DormBooks tries to listen to student suggestions and grow. It's an entrepreneurial student suggestions and operations and has improved," she said. Falter said it also helps that the company is student run.

"There are literally no 'grown ups' or business people who run DormBooks," she said. "It's the people in your classes who work at DormBooks, pack book orders and deliver books. We care because we're all students too."

The company has also expanded in terms of employees. DormBooks began with two employees in 2006 and grew to over 50 employees in fall 2009.

"We've really stepped up and hope that this spring Notre Dame students notice that DormBooks was created for the purpose of helping the student," Falter said.

"We really notice that DormBooks was created for the purpose of helping the student," Falter said. Students looking to save money can also find their books online.

Student body vice president Cynthia Weber said student government put ISBN numbers on its Web site in snazzy price comparison easier.

"The availability of ISBN numbers is important to making the price comparison easy," Weber said. "By copying and pasting the number into Google, you are basically heading in the right direction."

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and the other Catholic uni-
versities can do much to help us in our mission of evangelization, in spreading the Gospel of Christ. The University's research and teaching is at the service of truth and can assist the Church in her mission of witnessing to the truth in our increasingly relativistic culture," he said.

"I believe that the Catholic university has a great responsibility today in an age of much moral confusion, especially in highlighting the ethical and religious dimensions of contemporary problems and challenges," he said.

"We cannot take the Catholic identity and mission of our universities for granted," he said. "Efforts need to be made constantly to promote and to strengthen Catholic identity. Otherwise, a university can lose its bearings, as it has happened with many formerly religiously founded universities in the United States.

"The University clashes with D'Arcy on several issues during its tenure, most prominently, Jenkins' invitation to President Barack Obama to deliver the 2009 Commencement address and receive an honorary degree. D'Arcy also condemned Jenkins' decision to allow the performance of 'The Vagina Monologues' on campus.

Rhoades said the issue of academic freedom at a Catholic university has the potential to create tension with the university's Catholic identity.

"There is also the challenge of academic freedom and those who exalt academic freedom in a way that is not consonant with the university's Catholic mission," he said. "The Catholic university's mission in service of the truth should not be minimized or sacrificed."

"The Catholic university's identity and mission can be obstructed when one appeals to academic freedom in an attempt to justify positions or activities that are opposed to Catholic faith and teaching."

However, in a November press conference Rhoades said the conflicts between D'Arcy and Jenkins regarding the invitation to Obama are "in the past."

"The University of Notre Dame plays an important role in the diocese," he said. "I think there have been many areas of collaboration between the University and the diocese, particularly in regard to our Catholic schools and also our continuing education programs."

In a November press release, Jenkins said he is confident Rhoades' appointment is a "blessing" for the diocese.

"We look forward both to his apostolate and to our friendship for many years to come," Jenkins said.

Rhoades said it is too early to assess the challenges of the job and set priorities for his work in the diocese.

"In my first months here, I intend to visit many parishes and communities and to get to know the priests and people," he said. "I am looking forward to visiting all the parishes, schools and communities of my new diocese and getting to know the priests and people."

"It is exciting to come to a new diocese and to embrace new challenges," Rhoades said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. refuses N. Korea peace talks

The U.S. has rejected North Korea's proposal to start peace talks to formally end the Korean War, with Seoul saying Tuesday that it would happen only after the North renounces disarmament talks and reports progress in demilitarizing the area.

The North, however, said Monday that its return to those negotiations is depending on the lifting of international sanctions against it.

UK appeals European court ruling

LONDON — The British government said Tuesday it would appeal a European court ruling that a Human Rights ruling that prevents police from using anti-terrorism laws to stop and search members of the public.

The Strasbourg-based court ruled that a British law allowing police to stop and search people without giving them first a chance to say they were acting suspiciously violates individual freedoms.

The ruling came in a case brought by two Britons — Kevin Gillan and Pennie Quinton — who were stopped and questioned by police near an arms fair held in London in 2003.

British courts ruled that police acted legally because they were dealing with a general threat of terrorism. But the European Court of Human Rights ruled that the pair's rights were violated and awarded them 30,000 pounds ($48,000) to cover legal costs.

NATIONAL NEWS

Unions respond to tax proposal

WASHINGTON — Health care negotiators are looking at options for a proposed health insurance tax that has angered organized labor, including the possibility of a new levy on the investment earnings of upper-income people.

The Democratic effort to extend Medicare pay- roll tax — which now applies only to income from wages — would cover some of the investment earnings of couples making more than $250,000 a year, and individuals earning $125,000. The White House official said Tuesday that would make up lost revenue from scaling back the insurance tax.

Many ideas are being discussed, and no final decisions have been made, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the negotiations between the White House and Congress.

Gay couples testify in California

SAN FRANCISCO — Testimony in a groundbreaking legal challenge to California's same-sex marriage ban resumes Tuesday with testimony from two Ivy League historians who will discuss national experience with matrimony and anti-gay discrimination.

The trial, which began Monday, is the first in a federal court to decide the constitutionality of state bans on gay marriage. Regardless of the outcome, the case is likely to be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, where it could lead to laws that restrict marriage to a man and a woman being upheld or abolished nationwide.

LOCAL NEWS

Bill lessens punishment for minors

INDIANAPOLIS — Arresting students for taking food from their schools' cafeterias is a thing of the past at one Indiana school district, a federal judge ruled Monday.

When you slap the handcuffs on a kid, you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, along with the odds you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate.

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Record earthquake hits Port-au-Prince

PORT-AU-PRINCE — The largest earthquake ever recorded in the area rocked Haiti on Tuesday, collapsing a hospital where people went for help and damaging other buildings. An aid official described it as a "total disaster and chaos.

Communications were widely disrupted, making it impossible to get a clear picture of damage as powerful aftershocks shook a desperately poor country where many buildings are flimsy. Electricity was out in some places.

Karel Zelenka, a Catholic Relief Services representative in the capital of Port-au-Prince, told U.S. colleagues before phone service failed that "there must be thousands of people dead," according to a spokeswoman for the aid group, Sara Fajardo.

"He reported that it was just total disaster and chaos, that there were clouds of dust surrounding Port-au-Prince," Fajardo said from the group's offices in Maryland.

The earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 7.0 and was centered about 10 miles (15 kilometers) west of Port-au-Prince, the U.S. Geological Survey said. It had a depth of 5 miles (8 kilometers). It was the largest quake recorded in the area and the first major one since a magnitude-6.7 temblor in 1984, USGS analyst Dale Grant said.

An Associated Press videographer saw the wrecked hospital in Petionville, a hillside Port-au-Prince district that is home to many diplomats and wealthy Haitians, as well as many poor people. Elsewhere in the capital, a U.S. government official reported seeing houses that had tumbled into a ravine.

Haiti's ambassador to the U.S., Raymond Joseph, said from his Washington office that he spoke to President Rene Preval's chief of staff, Fritz Longchamp, just after the quake hit. He said Longchamp told him that "buildings were crumbling right and left" near the national palace. He said he had not been able to get through by phone to Haiti since.
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**European shopping.**

Nicole Ashley, another junior from Toledo, said that her time abroad was her best semester so far at Notre Dame. She lived in a historic part of the city with her roommates and their seven children.

"It was definitely miss being able to speak Spanish on a daily basis the most," she said. "When I got back, I had to go through therapy to speak the language all the time again."  

Juniors Mikey Maurer and Sam Russ were two of 18 students studying in Pueblo, Mexico, during the fall semester.

"I realized a lot about the difficulty of adjusting to Mexico," said Maurer, who had experience studying in Spanish in a more interna-tional setting. "I learned a lot about adaptability and flexibility," said Maurer. "To really become culturally immersed, I had to be willing to step into a conversation with a stranger, ask ques-tions, and take advantage of opportuni-ties and be innovative when everything was not as I planned."  

"I really hope that I never forget what I learned through this experience," he said.

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**Chicago police reopen 70-year-old murder case**

Associated Press

CHICAGO — He's the father of a war hero whose name is familiar to all Americans who has flown in and out of Chicago, and his death has been linked to one of the city's most famous residents ever: Al Capone.  

Now the police department's cold case unit has agreed, at the request of an alderman, to take another look at the unsolved gangland-style 1939 slaying of a prominent busi-nessman Edward J. O'Hare, a case the deputy chief who oversees the unit acknowl-edged Tuesday is far colder than any other under investiga-tion.

"How much time or how many detectives will actually be assigned to the investigation is unclear, Deputy Chief Al Wysinger said. But while he recognizes the difficulties that come with a case dating back seven decades, he sounded like he's taking the task seriously.

"The Chicago Police Department doesn't close homicides," he said. "We will try to come to a resolution."

Still, Alderman Edward Burke isn't expecting much from detectives than dusting off the file and looking into whether there is anything left to do with the case.

Capone, after all, has been dead for decades. And even on the rare occasions he's connect-ed to the case is alive — a remote possibility given the life-expectancy for mobsters of the 1920s and 1930s — they'd be in their 90s.

"They're not going to waste a lot of time on something that happened in 1939," Burke said of police.

Instead, Burke sees the exer-cise as a chance to shine light on one of the darkest chapters in the city's history, give some-one who helped bring down Capone the credit he deserves and tell a story of a father's love for a son whose herculea few years later in World War II prompted the city to name its busiest airport after him.

"We have the responsibility to set the record straight," said Burke before the hearing, com-paring this effort to how the council in the 1990s absolved Mrs. O'Leary's cow of blame for the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. "Millions fly into O'Hare (International Airport) every day and they don't know the story behind the story."  

Edward J. O'Hare, who owned race tracks and had a stake in the old Chicago Cardinals football team, became an informer against his business partner Capone, Burke said. The information O'Hare gave prosecutors was instrumental in Capone's con-viction on income tax evasion.

And, he said, one possible reason is that he wanted to help his son, Edward "Butch" O'Hare, gain admittance to the U.S. Naval Academy and was afraid that his reputation as someone who did business with Capone might hurt his chances.

"It's an intriguing Chicago legend," Burke said before the meeting.

Edward "Butch" O'Hare went on to become a Navy pilot and was awarded the Medal of Honor after shooting down five Japanese bombers and damag-ing a sixth, preventing them from attacking an air craft car-rier. He was later killed in action.

Jonathan Eig, a best-selling author who addressed O'Hare's slaying in his book "Get Capone," which is due out in April, said that while Edward J. O'Hare did provide informa-tion about Capone, there is no evidence he was doing so to help his son.

"There's a chance he had his own tax problems and he was involved in a booklegging case (in which) he got off when everybody else was convicted," he said after the hearing. "He may have made a deal.

Nor does he believe, as Burke suggested, that Capone, from his prison cell in Alcatraz, ordered a hit on O'Hare, who was killed about a week before Capone was released from prison.

Capone's brain was ravaged by syphilis at the time and while he was heard railing about his enemies, Eig said there is no record of him talk-ing about O'Hare.

But, Eig said, there is a pos-sibility that Capone's family members, who had their own money problems at the time, asked O'Hare for money. Or maybe Capone's henchman, Frank Nitti, demanded money from the very successful O'Hare, he said.

Whatever the reason, on Nov. 8, 1939, O'Hare was in his car on the city's southwest side when somebody armed with a shotgun killed him. Nobody was ever arrested for the slay-ing.
B U S I N E S S

IN BRIEF

Airlines raise fuel surcharges

DALLAS — Major airlines have raised fuel surcharges on travel to Europe by $20 per roundtrip, and some have added conditions that could cause travelers to pay higher fares.

Surcharges to Paris, Frankfurt and most cities on British Airways were raised to $280 per roundtrip and to $242 for London, airline representatives said Tuesday.

Tim Smith, a spokesman for American Airlines, said his company matched increases by Continental and United. "That's purely a competitive factor," he said.

Delta, Continental and United confirmed that they had raised surcharges to Europe by $20 a roundtrip and to $242 for London, airline representatives said Tuesday.

Some airlines that previously required only a seven-day advance purchase for the lowest coach fares are now requiring a 14-day advance purchase for an extra charge, Parsons added.

Airlines, which have been hit hard by the recession-caused downturn in travel, have imposed surcharges for fuel and for passengers who travel on peak days around holidays such as Easter and spring break.

Fuel prices hit records in July 2008, then fell the rest of that year and into early 2009 but have risen sharply again. Tom Parsons, CEO of Web site Bestfares.com, said airlines had raised surcharges to Europe by $20 a roundtrip and to $242 for London, airline representatives said Tuesday.

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The Irish Nation — which enuffis the entire Doler Nation of which the Fightin’ Irish are a small subset — is certainly proud of your move to Notre Dame. For them, a Kelly at the Notre Dame football helm is as good as stealing a leprechaun’s pot of gold. Yet, despite next season’s preposterous power-ranked schedule, many of my fellow classmates (both Irish and other) merely express “cautious optimism” regarding your tenure.

Having been burned so often in the past, they “sort of” hold an optimistic view of the state of football at the du Lac. However, this Fightin’ Irish is prepared to shout Dick Vitale style, “At least 9- and 3- next year, baby!”

With that said, let me offer a few words of advice, especially after reading every word of the December press conference that introduced you as the 29th Notre Dame head football coach. First, please pressure the defense and provide the dedication to detail is magnificant. Please drive your players crazy learning the rules. In 1989 Lou Holtz lost a national championship on one play when a defensive player who should have known the rules of his time, namely that he could not advance a Miami fumble in the Hurricane red zone, tired to scoop it up and run. Consequently, he never recovered the fumble for Notre Dame, leaving by with third and twenty-eight or something nearly impossible to convert ... until on the next play the Hurricanes converted a first down and drove down the field to beat the Irish and burn most of the game clock. At season’s end, both teams had one loss but the polisters passed over Notre Dame to award Miami the national championship using our head-to-head loss as the rationale.

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An experience of a lifetime

Thank you

DormBooks strikes again

As a first-generation African-American college graduate from a low-income community in Alabama, my life is a true testament to hope, determination, and the impact of meaningful relationships with effective teachers. When I think back to one of my proudest moments, May 20, 2007 parades itself across my mind. That day marked the culmination of an incredible journey I began in the fall of 2003 as a freshman at the University of Notre Dame. For four years, I had learned to examine constructs critically, intertwine my faith and passion for social justice, and make a valuable contribution to our local, national, and global landscape. I remember how my heart raced that day, remembering about my four years at Notre Dame and contemplating the days and weeks to come. Shortly after graduation, I was to begin a new journey as a Teach For America corps member in South Louisiana... an experience that would truly change the course of my life.

For these past two years, I have been a fourth grade teacher in a rural, low-income community on the outskirts of Baton Rouge, La. Through the pre-service training and professional development Teach For America provided, I learned the pillars of effective instruction, was consistently supported by instructional coaches, and was prepared to transform an environment of academic challenges into a vibrant setting of excellence. The training I received contributed to my success in the classroom and as a leader in various other settings and while I certainly encountered obstacles, I was able to overcome them by working with students, parents, and administrators to ensure that all my students achieved significant academic gains.

When I reflect upon the challenges and progress of my students, I think of K’Wien, whom I met during my second year in the classroom. The first moment I laid eyes upon him, I knew he was a force to be reckoned with. I quickly came to realize though that K’Wien was a really good kid who was afraid to let his guard down. After diagnosing his math and reading skills, I found that he was on grade level in math, but his reading skills were far behind. His fluency was on a second-grade reading level of only 62 words per minute, the second lowest diagnostic score in my class. K’Wien exerted very little effort in class or on any of his homework, so I began to call his mom to explain his progress. Although, I began to see him try a little harder it simply wasn’t enough. I decided to speak with his pee- wee football coach who promised that if K’Wien didn’t put forth effort in class, he’d be benched from all subsequent games. By connecting with his influencers and through a lot of intensive one-on-one reading sessions, K’Wien’s grades began to increase dramatically. By November, he had reached reading 94 words per minute and before Christmas break, his fluency was at a record high of 114 words per minute, well beyond the expectations set nationally for fourth grade. Most rewardingly, when K’Wien would enter my classroom he would hug me and say, “Good morning, Ms. Hardy!” as I greeted him with “Good morning, rockstar!”

I felt that as a young woman of color I was able to have an additional impact on K’Wien and my other students. My school was predominantly made up of African-American and hispanic students. There is power in being able to see and visualize yourself fulfilling your dreams. Not only did they hear me speak passionately about the fact that they could achieve anything but they were seeing a living example of someone from their same ethnic background and socioeconomic status telling them they were capable of whatever they set their minds to. In addition to the core curriculum, I taught my students that their zip code didn’t have to determine their destiny. As a person of color, I feel a personal call to ensure that I contribute to closing the achievement gap that affects millions of children across our nation. If you too identify as a talented minority student leader, consider the impact you can have in the lives of disadvantaged youth. Your voice and presence are necessary. And even if you do not self-identify as a minority, consider the incredible impact you can have by becoming a Teach For America corps member and joining the movement to eliminate educational inequity. In the famous words of Mahatma Gandhi, “be the change you want to see in the world.” Go Irish!

Krystal Hardy aufemus class of 2007 Nov. 6

The following viewpoint discusses an e-mail sent out to the student body on Sunday night by Jeff Tarullo regarding DormBooks.com.

First of all, someone definitely screwed up in allowing an e-mail to get through to the entire student body and it caused some laughter to emanate throughout my quad.

However, more importantly, it’s good that DormBooks is yet again finding some way to promote themselves even as Notre Dame has failed to facilitate such a smart and scalable business plan. Notre Dame holds business plan competitions and is constantly encouraging entrepreneurial efforts with a top ranked business program in the field, but the school fails to see the benefits of a business like DormBooks.

Immediately, it provides cheaper books to a student body that struggles to meet tuition needs, and the ancillary benefits are also numerous. If the creator of DormBooks could scale this business to campuses across the United States with the help of Notre Dame, I have no doubt that some of the money from this business will come back to Notre Dame in the form of ROI (return on investment) and/or donations back to the school from a grateful student and entrepreneur. Instead, this business has been met on campus with adversity.

If I were Notre Dame, I’d change my mentality quick because in the long run, DormBooks is going to end up taking all the textbook business from the bookstore any way.

Mike Matheson junior Alumni Hall Dec. 14

Thank you

I wanted to write to share the warmth I felt Wednesday before break, during the near-blizzard watching a student go out of her way to help a student in need.

I was leaving LaFortune just after 5 p.m., when the storm was going strong and all anyone wanted to do was get inside. I noticed a blind student struggling to make it through the snow and the cold. I followed him to see if he had problems finding his way. Clearly, the young woman a few steps ahead of me noticed at the same time, as I watched a young woman approach the student and offer her assistance. She, too, was headed away from LaFortune, but took the time to take the student’s arm and lead him back the way she’d come.

I am sure that the blind student thanked the woman for her kindness, but I wanted to as well. The other day my 10-year-old son and I made a pact to never step in and help people when it seems they need it, even when we might feel inclined to mind our own business. This moment was a perfect example of what such an act might mean not only for those involved, but for everyone who might feel inclined to mind our own business. This moment was a perfect example of what such an act might mean not only for those involved, but for anyone who might feel inclined to mind our own business. This moment was a perfect example of what such an act might mean not only for those involved, but for anyone who might feel inclined to mind our own business.

Jessica Collett professor Department of Sociology Dec. 10

Mike Matheson junior Alumni Hall Dec. 14
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“Twilight”
Harry Potter
Vampires, werewolves and humans
“Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel”
Brangelina
Embellished hats
Black nail polish
Kanye West
“The Hills”
“High School Musical”
“Gossip Girl”
“The Office”
Fame-whore reality TV couples
“ Arrested Development” reruns on Hulu
State of the Union address
Senators’ scandals
Michael Phelps
Pete Carroll
Charlie Weis
Golden Tate and Jimmy Clausen
“Avatar”
“Beastly”
Percy Jackson
Aliens and humans
“Toy Story 3”
Russell Brand and Katy Perry
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Metallic nail polish
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“Glee”
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Associated Press

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NEW YORK — In his own view, Charles Woodson put together his best pro season in 2009. How appropriate, then, that he is The Associated Press 2009 NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

The versatile Woodson tied for the league lead with nine interceptions, returning three for touchdowns, and was a key to the Packers’ turnaround on defense. First in interceptions (30), takeaways (40) and turnover margin (plus-24) earned Woodson 28 votes Tuesday from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL.

“It’s a great honor,” Woodson said in a telephone interview Tuesday. “I felt like I put a lot into the game, mentally and physically — your body’s always beat up — and it’s great to be recognized.”

He doubled the number of votes for New York Jets cornerback Darrelle Revis in becoming the first Green Bay winner since Reggie White in 1998 and just the second Packer in the 36-year history of the award.

Woodson, the 1997 Heisman Trophy recipient, is the first cornerback chosen top defensive player since Deion Sanders in 1994.

After a disappointing performance by the Packers defense in Sunday’s 51-45 overtime playoff loss at Arizona, Woodson is more motivated than ever to pursue the one honor that has eluded him in his career: a Super Bowl victory.

“That’s it,” Woodson said. “Especially now, to get this award, I’ve done everything an individual can do.”

How much longer will he play?

“I’m just going to keep taking shots until I get back to the Super Bowl — and win it.”

Charles Woodson Packers cornerback

Woodson had 63 unassisted tackles and 18 assists, according to the Packers, plus 21 passes defensed, four forced fumbles and one recovery, two sacks for 18 yards and three quarterback hits.

“I’ve said it before, he’s had two or three games that I can’t imagine any defensive player in the league having better games,” said Capers, who also coached Rod Woodson (1993) and Jason Taylor (2006) when they won the award. “I think it speaks volumes when he was player of the month in September and came back and got player of the month again (in November).

In his third season, Revis established himself as the league’s premier cornerbacks, taking away such prime threats as Steve Smith, Randy Moss, Andre Johnson, Terrell Owens, Chad Ochocinco and Marques Colston. He had six picks, returning one for a TD.

Jets coach Rex Ryan was upset Revis didn’t win.

“It’s unfortunate in that you can’t get a higher individual award than that award,” Ryan said. “Hopefully, he’s a young, talented player, but you can’t take anything for granted.

“His, in my opinion, was the best year a corner has ever had, the most impact a corner has ever had in the National Football League. That’s my opinion. Apparently, that wasn’t how everybody felt.”

Denver linebacker Elvis Dumervil, who led the league in sacks, and New Orleans safety Darren Sharper, who tied with Woodson for the interceptions lead and also ran back three for scores, each got three votes. Minnesota end Jared Allen received the other two votes.

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Burrows’ accusations to be reviewed by NHL

Associated Press

TORONTO — The NHL is looking into a claim by Vancouver Canucks center Alexandre Burrows that a referee made a bad call against him, and that he was in a state of furor at part of their feisty forward.

The league is also investigating a claim that Campbell, the NHL’s top disciplinarian, was related to the matter.

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Kiffen, 34, will bring his father, longtime NFL defensive coordinator Monte Kiffen with him to USC. Former Mississippi head coach Ed Orgeron, a former Trojans assistant, is also headed back to USC as part of Kiffen’s staff.

“Ed did a marvelous job in his previous time at USC, and we all know that Monte is a defensive guru,” Garrett told AP. “I know Lane will fill out his staff with other outstanding assistants that like them, ones who Trojan players and fans will really like.”

Burrows, 58, left USC for the Seahawks on Monday, signing a five-year, $33 million deal. He went 9-7-19 over nine seasons at USC with two national championships and seven Pac-10 titles.

Burrows is awaiting a hearing with the league on Infringations in February, regarding allegations of improprieties in both his football and men’s basketball programs. Kiffen made headlines at Tennessee for committing several minor NCAA violations.

Two more Wizards speak out

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With various players missing for various reasons, including some who had to talk to authorities about the Gilbert Arenas gun investigation, only eight members of the Wizards were warming up on court Tuesday as coach Flip Saunders spoke nearby.

“Right now, there is definitely going to be discipline,” Saunders intensified, “whether they like it or not. Saunders has his hands full at the moment. He is in his first year with a team dominated with far more serious matters than its 12-24 record after Tuesday night’s 59-90 loss to the visiting Pacers, which left the Wizards with their second-lowest 12-game mark ever.

“We just weren’t mentally ready,” Saunders acknowledged after the game.

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Two more Wizards speak out

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With various players missing for various reasons, including some who had to talk to authorities about the Gilbert Arenas gun investigation, only eight members of the Wizards were warming up on court Tuesday as coach Flip Saunders spoke nearby.

“Right now, there is definitely going to be discipline,” Saunders intensified, “whether they like it or not. Saunders has his hands full at the moment. He is in his first year with a team dominated with far more serious matters than its 12-24 record after Tuesday night’s 59-90 loss to the visiting Pacers, which left the Wizards with their second-lowest 12-game mark ever.

“We just weren’t mentally ready,” Saunders acknowledged after the game.

Burrows accused referee Steve Rogers of targeting him in an Canucks-Predators 3-2 loss on Wednesday night.

“Hamburgers,” and a penalty on Henrik on the power play after just 4 seconds, ending a Vancouver penalty ended a Vancouver game, but the call was later overturned by the league.

Burrows also added that, especially when we were down, and I saw what I was a bright, creative young coach who I thought might make an excellent head coach here if the opportunity ever arose. I’m confident that this staff will keep NHL football performing at the high level that we expect.

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Heralded prospect Chapman to Reds

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Aroldis Chapman knew so little about baseball in the United States that there were times when he could pick a team to beat it on a map.

The left-hander from Cuba had no friends with whom he could watch games on television and couldn’t find a hook-and-eye ball to use in practice. Chapman spent most of his time in front of a television in his room, watching the Cincinnati Reds.

He finally settled on one that wears a distinctive “C” on its red cap like the one he left.

Chapman agreed Monday to a $30.25 million, six-year contract with the Cincinnati Reds, who view him as an important addition to their rotation down the road. The small-market club with limited payroll envy big-market teams, like the Yankees, where he took a physical, signed a deal and saw snow for the first time.

“When you look at the size of the market where we are here in Cincinnati, we have to take some bold moves from time to time to try to improve this franchise,” general manager Walt Jocketty said. “We felt this way with Chapman.”

Very surprising, too. During Chapman’s six seasons in Cuba, he became eligible for salary arbitration, Chapman could earn millions of dollars more.

Agent Randy Hendricks said eight teams were in the running and “he was unfamiliar with teams and team as a free agent and not being from the United States. I know all the teams.”

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Chapman, who also continued working on his delivery. He’ll need time in the minors to tell whether he will be a candidate for salary arbitration after the 2013 season, he would get $3 million converted to a bonus and then be eligible for arbitration.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles prepare for six-ranked Hope

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Spots Writer

Saint Mary’s (8-3, 3-1 MIAA) looks to continue its momentum from a strong semester break with a home game tonight against conference-rival and sixth-ranked Hope College (12-1, 4-0).

“Hope is going to be our toughest game to date,” said Bellies coach Jennifer Henley.

“Hopefully,” added assistant coach, Haylee Cooper, “it will be a Knute Rockne type of game where we can play defense and have other people step up and make plays.”

Near the whole team has contributed offensively for the Flying Dutch, and the leading average 18.2 points per game, indicating that any of the players on the floor can score at any time. Hope also averages seven three-point balls per game, so Saint Mary’s will look to protect the outside shot.

To stop the Hope attack, the Bellies will look to Kammrath to contribute on both ends of the floor, as well as junior Liz Wade, sophomore Paty Mahoney, and junior Taylor Hensley, who recently surpassed 700 career rebounds, will especially be needed to limit Hope’s second chances.

Saint Mary’s has had a week since its last game, as without classes, has had ample time to prepare for the biggest home game of the season against a perennial Division III power.

“Hope is going to be our toughest game to date,” Henley said. The two teams meet in the fight for Mid-Continent supremacy at 7:30 p.m. at Angela Athletic Facility.

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yards per carry last season. Isaiah Pead and Jacob Ramsey combined to rush for 1,245 yards and 13 touchdowns.

“Isaiah Pead and Jacob Ramsey were the two biggest home games of the season — an offensive coordinator.

“They have a lot of offensive weapons,” Henley said. “They have a very deep backfield with a lot of experience.”

NBA

Duncan leads Spurs past Lakers

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan had 25 points and 13 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs showed they can still hang with their Western Conference rivals in a hard-fought win over the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night.

By Frank Deford as the Spurs got their biggest victory this season. The Lakers are just the fourth winning team San Antonio has faced since the calendar began in the middle of the defending NBA champions.

The Lakers had another off game, scoring 16 points. He again wore a thick splint over his broken right index finger.

The Spurs and Lakers dominated the last decade, winning seven titles between them. The Lakers whittled a 22-point deficit to six late in the first meeting of this decade, but it was a rout by the end.

The Lakers who scored just 12 points 4-0-1 shooting in a win over Milwaukee on Sunday, had 23 points scored by the field, hitting seven of their first 15.

Bryant has said that keeping his finger covered gives it more protection and strength, but he admits it affects his touch.

Andrew Bynum scored 23 points and Ron Artest had 13 for Milwaukee. The Lakers, who have lost three of four — its worst slump since the standards of the NBA’s best team.

Few teams, however, have fared better in the last month than San Antonio. The Spurs are 14-4 since Dec. 9, trailing only Cleveland (15-4) for the best record over that stretch. None of those wins were as satisfying — or as much of a relief — as this one.

The Spurs (23-13) have built their winning record on the back of a Balanced Offense, going 19-2 against teams with .500 records. But they’ve wilted consistently against winning teams, including a 90-89 loss Friday against Dallas.

But the Spurs had been looking forward to this test. They spent lavishly last summer for the unsaid purpose of keeping up with the Lakers, and here was a chance to show if they got their money’s worth.

Generally older investments led this win.

Duncan was 12 of 19 from the field and scored 10 of 18. Parker scored nine points in the fourth quarter.

But the Spurs has been low on answers in past five games:

“They didn’t want to be the team they did,” said Richard Jefferson, added of his former team.

Eddy Curry was complaining about his finger, but it was to be us,” said Richard Jefferson.

And a club whose coach, Flip Saunders, and several players have had to speak to authorities in recent years about that issue — mincing forward Andray Blatche, suspected for Tuesday’s game for what Saunders indicated was complaining about getting enough plays drawn up for him.

But the Wizards Tuesday night. "Somebody had to win tonight — and we just wanted it to be us," said Richard Hamilton, who scored 19 points for Detroit. "We knew when we came in tonight, we could do that thing."

Rodney Stuckey also scored 19 and added a career-high 11 assists for Detroit, which lost by 33 points at Chicago on Monday night. A defeat against Washington would have tied the longest single-season losing streak in franchise history.

Antawn Jamison led the Wizards with 31 points and 10 rebounds, while Randy Foye — who took over at point guard for Arenas — had 20 points and 10 assists. But Washington shot only 4 for 21 and scored a season-worst 11 points in the second quarter.

“Me and my teammates don’t want it to be the team that beat," said Washington’s Nick Young, 2 for 9 from the game with eight points, starting at shooting guard for the injured Mike Miller. “But both teams were short-handed, and both teams had something to prove tonight."

An announced crowd of only 14,244 showed up to watch these struggling teams. The Pistons are now 12-25, and the Lakers are 12-24. In the Eastern Conference, only the NBA-worst New Jersey Nets have fewer victories.

Detroit can chalk up its difficulties to injuries. Key players Hamilton, Tayshaun Prince and Gordon have missed time.

While Hamilton is back in the lineup, Prince and Gordon were out Tuesday. "I’m not going to lie. Well, yes, they were without Miller because his bother right calf flared up again, but injuries are the least of their worries, what with everything else going on.

Nearly all traces of Arenas have been purged from Washington’s arena, including a banner that used to hang outside. Three players missed Monday’s morning shootaround because they were being questioned in the Arenas gun investigation.

Having a team affiliated with a gun-toting teammate involved in the spat that led to Arenas’ taking his guns to games, that was a team excuse from attending practices or games until there is a resolution to the legal issues.

“lt’s been a little chaotic around here for the most part the last couple days,” said Caron Butler, who had only 10 points and two rebounds against Detroit. “That’s some- thing that you don’t want to have to keep revisiting. As a player, you want to focus on basketball — and basketball only."

Notes:


Dunking on disciplining Blatche: “You hope that they understand why. It’s not dealing with your kids. You have to do things. As I tried to explain when I talked to Andray. It’s not against you. It’s against Andray. It’s Andray.”

So it’s nothing against you.”

I don’t hold grudges on those types of things. … Miller was out for about six weeks before returning to action Friday, then playing again Sunday, when he aggravated his calf.
**Upset**

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“We knew that coming in tonight, we knew that we needed to play better defensively in the Big East with a week off before Cincinnati is not a bad place to be right now,” head coach Ben Ryan said. “We knew that coming in tonight, we knew that we needed to play better defensively in the Big East with a week off before Cincinnati is not a bad place to be right now.”

**Maday**

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the back of the net again as Notre Dame battled No. 6 North Dakota to a 3-3 tie in overtime. Notre Dame won the shootout, 5-4, and won the Tournament, on goals from senior Dan Kissel and junior Ben Ryan.

“...I thought they played very well and showed we can compete with anybody.”

Notre Dame fought back from a 3-1 second-period deficit behind goals from senior Kevin Deoth late in the second period and Maday early in the third. Ryan scored the first goal of the game less than four minutes after the puck dropped in the first period.

“(Coming back) showed character,” Maday said. “As a team, over the course of a long season you are going to have ups and downs and when you have your downs you need to see how your team responds. It was a real positive the way we hung in there and played against a top team in the country.”

All the confidence Notre Dame gained by beating a top 10 team at a neutral site went out the window after losing those two games by a combined score of 9-4 against No. 11/12 Ferris State. The Bulldogs scored more goals than any team has against Notre Dame this season in a 5-2 rout Saturday. Freshman goalie Mike Johnson made 26 saves, and the Irish offense only managed three goals in the third period.

“We need to focus on academics...”

Frank Agostino scored the winning goal of the game less than four minutes into the third period and Maday early in the second.

Notre Dame will try to get back into the CCHA race Friday night against Michigan State.

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**Schrader**

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4-2 left in the game. However, the Irish outscored the Bulls 15-15 in the last eight minutes to widen the margin.

“...We have each other’s backs,” Oullette said. “We have each other’s backs.”

O’Brien started in goal for Notre Dame on Monday.

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Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Andy Lorenzo, 22; Melissa Cindrich, 34; Rob Zombie, 47; Rob Lintuang, 59

Happy Birthday: Change is upon you but only if you incorporate things you need to do with change. Learn to do it in your own time. You cannot be forced into it. This is an essential time for your confidence. A change of strategy may be necessary. Keep your eyes on the ball. You should not let your own intentions for change get away from you. If you are patient, the results will be immediate. 

Aries (March 21-April 19): You may have to put off more and a little more until you know what you want to do next. Your talent and your connections can pull you off to a different task.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You may think you have a perfect plot but something is likely to happen that makes you look at it from a new perspective. An important move will last you for a while. Don’t waste time for all that work.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Someone will be quite willing to partner with you in order to reach a common goal. Navigate your positions and you will easily see everyone involved. An emotional,midterm will be Avoided.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Make the plans you'll need to keep open doors leading to a better position or new skills. You can develop a good personal or professional relationship with someone by being polite and because something you've experienced. 

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): As an investment you have to pay off, giving you greater responsibility and an opportunity to give to a new beginning. Someone you feel will bring up someone that you should look out for. With all the facts, you can make your voice heard.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make your work fun and you will not only enjoy what you do but you will stand a much greater chance of success. Do what you do successfully. Don't let a personal problem stand in your way.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll find other people's ideas interesting but don't be too quick to believe what they're offering. This will be an easy year for you personally and financially. Don't let your confidence cause you to make a poor decision.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A change of location can enable you to create mobility for your travel, learning and getting what you have to this can be quite frustrating. A likely change will bring you more than just after your direction—it will bring you a clarity and peace of mind. 

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put a little crush behind your idea, plans or projects. Wrap yourself around someone else to light up the dark and find a new context. Either you make a personal move or someone will force you to make one. 

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get back to the people, places and activities that you truly enjoy. Remember you can't conquer anything that you can't stand up for your rights and follow your heart.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A bit of a sudden change will have you wonder if you started your plan from your own past work you will cause to plan for a longer future. A prosperous approach is a good outcome you believe in you will help you conquer other people to pick up and you once

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Move forward with any project you’ve started, regardless of the obstacles someone studies. Stick to your own plan and prepare to overcome the plan of one day only.

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19. Do-it-yourselfer’s
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24. Unwritten rules
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The Mobile Party

What’s the easiest way to turn a fruit into a vegetable?

No idea.

A baseball bat.

Jumble

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Kureen

Unscramble these four Jumbles, then form four ordinary words.

GORAC

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NIOROS

SHOIBY

YODEL

ASAAL

PSYCHE

How the Rock Star Run for Office

Yesterdays Jumble: GUMBO YODEL ASAAL PSYCHE

Answer: The garage detail described the mess half pickup as a MESS HAUL.

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### ND Women’s Basketball

**Simply business**

**ND gets past USF before major road test**

By LAURA MYERS  
Sports Writer

The Irish weren’t about to get caught looking ahead. Lindsay Schrader made sure of it.

The senior captain scored 18 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for her third double-double of the season and led No. 3 Notre Dame (15-0, 2-0 Big East) to an 81-64 win over South Florida (9-7, 0-3) Tuesday night.

“I thought overall our veteran team at the end of the game found a way to win,” Irish coach Muffett McGraw said. “I thought we kept our poise down the stretch and did some great things.

The game was much closer than the final score would indicate. The teams swapped leads five times throughout the contest, and Notre Dame was ahead by just three points with

### Football

**Kelly fills out coaching staff with Cincinnati transplants**

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Writer

Brian Kelly began to fill out the Notre Dame assistant coaching staff over the winter break, hiring five coaches and retaining one from the previous administration.

Kelly, whom Notre Dame named its new head coach in December, hired three coaches away from Cincinnati, where he previously coached. Kelly hired Bob Diaco as the new defensive coordinator, Charley Molnar as the offensive coordinator and Tim Hinton as the running backs coach.

Diaco had to replace 10 starters on Cincinnati’s defense in 2009 but brought the unit into the nation’s top 10 in sacks and tackles for loss.

“Rob implemented an entirely new defense and was a major factor in us winning every game during the regular season,” Kelly said in a statement. “He has played for and learned under some fine defensive coaches and will be a great teacher for our guys.”

Diaco played linebacker at Iowa and was a two-time all-conference selection. He was a finalist for the Butkus Award in 1995. He will be responsible for revamping a defense that struggled to slow opposing offenses.

Molnar worked with Kelly at Cincinnati and Central Michigan and created powerful offenses in both places. Bearcats receiver Mardy Gilyard caught 87 balls for 1,191 yards and 11 touchdowns with Molnar as his receivers coach in 2009.

“Charley and I have coached together the last four years and I have complete confidence in him to lead the offensive staff and players,” Kelly said. “I have seen how he has developed both quarterbacks and wide receivers and tailored a passing attack around the strengths of an offense.”

Molnar must develop quarterback Dayne Crist, who saw some playing time behind an injured Jimmy Clausen but will miss spring practice because he tore his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) against Washington State. He won’t have the services of Golden Tate, who left for the NFL Draft, but Michael Floyd will be at his disposal.

### Hockey

**Irish up and down over break**

By DOUGLAS FARMER  
Sports Writer

Semester break brought Notre Dame both a Shillelagh Tournament title as well as a fall to seventh-place in conference standings.

The Irish (9-10-5, 5-7-4-2 CCHA) beat Colgate 2-0 on Jan. 2 to reach the title game of the Tournament at Joe Louis Arena in Hoffman Estates, Ill. The five goals set a new high for Notre Dame this season. Sophomore Billy Maday led the Irish with two goals.

“Five goals on the scoreboard was a product of the team’s enthusiasm to be back playing some high-caliber hockey,” Maday said. “It started our drive for the push we want to make for the second half of the season.”

The next night Maday found

### Men’s Basketball

**Upset highlights five wins**

By MICHAEL BRYAN  
Associated Sports Writer

With a few weeks to focus solely on basketball, the Irish are heating up at the right time. Notre Dame went 2-1 over the semester break, including a 3-1 start to the Big East season, and capped off the stretch with a 70-68 upset of then-No. 8 West Virginia.

To no one’s surprise, the Irish were anchored by senior forward Luke Harangody, who scored 24 points at home in the win over the Mountaineers on Jan. 9.

“It’s a huge win for us. In conference play you need to protect your home floor,” Harangody said after the win.

### Football

**Floyd receives citation for underage drinking**

By DOUGLAS FARMER  
Sports Writer

Irish sophomore receiver Michael Floyd received a citation for underage drinking after his involvement in a fight in Minneapolis on Jan. 8, according to police reports and the Chicago Tribune.

The Tribune reported that Floyd was involved in a “physical altercation” outside of a party. University of Minnesota police said Floyd admitted to doing “a couple of shots” earlier in the night and had blood on his hands, feet and shirt.

The police were responding to a report of about 10 people involved in a “physical dispute in the street.”

Floyd was cited for underage consumption of liquor, a misdemeanor, the Tribune reported, and could face a fine, court appearance or a diversion program.

Floyd missed five complete games last season after suffering a broken collarbone against Michigan State, but he still recorded 44 receptions for 795 yards and nine touchdowns in seven games last season.

Notre Dame officials, including newly-hired Irish coach Brian Kelly, have yet to comment on the situation.