Pro-life task force presents proposals

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

A special task force initiated by University President Fr. John Jenkins last fall presented its preliminary recommendations last week on how best to “deepen the pro-life culture” and “strengthen the Notre Dame community’s witness to Catholic teaching on life.”

The initial recommendations given to Jenkins are described in a press release from last Thursday. Among them are calls for the University to adopt a policy statement and president’s participation in March for Life in Washington, D.C., for undergraduates indicating support for Notre Dame’s teaching on life issues, for the Notre Dame community’s witness to Catholic teaching on life, and for the Notre Dame community to celebrate “a culture of life,” working with administrators and one student, was charged with making recommendations on how the University could increase its commitment to “a culture of life,” working with both campus constituencies and research opportunities on life issues and for the administration to support existing and create new pro-life events and initiatives on campus for the purpose of education.

Jenkins convened the Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life last September, in part in response to the controversy over President Barack Obama’s 2009 Commencement visit.

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University to celebrate Moreau’s beatification

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

In honor of the third anniversary of the beatification of Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the University of Notre Dame will celebrate with a series of events titled “Holy Cross: Faith in our Future.”

The celebrations, which will take place this week, will include commemorative Masses, lectures and discussions on the Holy Cross religious order and the vital role Moreau’s mission continues to play today.

Fr. Moreau is important because he was instrumental in the direction of the Holy Cross order, the rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Fr. Peter Rocca said. “This University would never have been established without him.”

Moreau founded the Congregation of the Holy Cross in the 19th century in Le Mans, France. Shortly after the formation, Moreau sent Fr. Edward Sorin to Indiana to establish the University of Notre Dame.

Rocca said education was one of Moreau’s greatest passions and one of the purposes of celebrating his Feast Day on Jan. 20 is to make the Notre Dame community aware of how this mission is being accomplished.

Observer discontinues ‘Mobile Party’ comic

Observer Editorial Board

The Observer Editorial Board has discontinued the publication of the cartoon “The Mobile Party” following the submission and subsequent printing of the offensive Jan. 13 comic strip.

While accepting the apology of the primary authors, Notre Dame seniors Colin Hoffman, Jay Wade and Lauren Rosemeyer, The Observer Editorial Board does not feel the comic strip aligns with community standards in terms of content and taste.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The dorm bubble

As all Notre Dame students know, dorm life at the University is unique. At least, no college that I have ever visited has a housing setup like ours.

The single sex system of 16 men’s dorms and 14 women’s dorms is sometimes criticized for fostering what people like to call “strained gender relations,” but more often, it seems, Notre Dame’s housing system is praised for creating a close-knit community that keeps students on campus for three or four years.

For the past two and a half years, my dorm, Breen Phillips Hall, has been a nice little shell, and I never felt the need to expand far beyond my close Breen Phillips friends.

But then something happened that changed everything.

Upon returning from studying abroad during the fall semester, most of my friends could not get back into Breen Phillips because of space issues. Instead they are forced to live far away in Badin Hall for a semester before we all move off-campus next year.

While some people are lucky enough to have many friends all over campus, I have never had to walk even a flight of stairs to see my friends. The thought of having to trek across campus in the winter to see my friends was not pleasant at first. But shockingly, after a week of living in a different building than half of my friends, I found that it actually like the change.

This week, my friends and I did something we have never done before except in rare circumstances: spent time in another female dorm. Perhaps my friends and I won’t see each other on the days when the wind chill is below zero, but when we do see each other on the days when the wind chill is far.

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“J-E-T-S!”

Freshmen Quinn Killpatrick and Brad Kunisky cheer on their friend, freshman sprinter Brendan Dougherty, at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener track meet Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center.

IN BRIEF

Mass will be held for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti today at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

“How is Your Heart? Toward a Profound Education,” a Breen Fr. Basil Moreau lecture, will be held today at 7:30 p.m. in the Andrews Auditorium in Geddes Hall as part of Holy Cross Week.

The “Expanding the Boundaries: Selected Drawings from the Yonne and Gabriel P. Weisberg Collection” exhibit will be held at the Snite Museum of Art Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Notre Dame President Fr. John Jenkins and Dean of First Year Studies Rev. Hugh R. Page Jr. will offer prayers in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. today at 4 p.m. in the Rotunda of the Main Building. The Voices of Faith Gospel Choir will provide sacred music and a reception will follow the service.

Adam Atha, researcher in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Harvard University, will present a seminar on complex systems and emulsion microfluidics Tuesday in room 138 of DeBartolo Hall at 3:30 p.m.

The Creative Writing Department will sponsor a poetry reading by English professor Henry Weinfield Wednesday at the Hames Notre Dame Bookstore from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observers@nd.edu

IDEA COLUMN

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

QUESTION OF THE DAY: Who is going to win the Super Bowl?

Brian Wysokci
junior
Fisher

John Waschwotz
sophomore

Charles Kaiser
freshman
Keenan

Greg Morman
freshman
Keenan

Rachel Tran
sophomore
Parley

“J-E-T-S!”

The biggest winners will be the CBS execs.

“Da Saints.”

“Vikings. Maybe Brett Favre will finally retire if they win.”

“To be honest, I have no idea who’s in it. I stopped paying attention after the Packers lost.”

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Madeline Buckley at buckley@nd.edu

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Professor blogs advice for students

Kelly helps students improve their relationships with teachers

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

With graduate school looming on the horizon, many seniors face the task of finding the right professor to write their letters of recommendation.

To help students struggling with this process, psychology professor Dr. Anita Kelly has been authoring an online blog entitled "The Clever Student," which gives Notre Dame undergraduates advice on how to interact with their professors.

Kelly, who has been at Notre Dame since 1994 and writing the blog since Nov. 19, said she has always been passionate about giving advice to students about their relationships with their professors.

"I've always been interested in students and them getting really well-written letters to grad schools," she said. "I've always been doing this but the media is there now.

Kelly said the format of the blog is especially effective in reaching out to students in order to give them some views into the world of the professor's mind.

"It's occurred to me that I could communicate more efficiently and reach more students on the blog," Kelly said.

She said her blog draws on her experiences both as a professor and a psychotherapist.

Kelly said it is increasingly important that students understand how professors perceive them because of what she observes as a changing classroom experience.

"I perceive a gap is widening between students and professors. Students see themselves as consumers of the classroom experience," she said. "I care that students get socialized about interactions with professors."

The blog highlights the importance of everyday class participation and behavior to a professor's perception of students, and how that will impact future student-professor relations, such as with the request of a graduate school recommendation.

Kelly said she is not afraid to be frank with readers about these issues, as she believes this will ultimately help students.

"My goal is not saying you have to agree with me. My goal is simply to inform students on how professors are thinking," she said.

Kelly said certain student behaviors such as leaving to go to the bathroom during class and sitting in the back row are negatives in the eyes of professors, which can eventually impact the quality of the student-professor relationship.

"Professors don't think you're cool for sitting in the back. They think you're a slacker," Kelly said. "People will peg you as having a certain personality based on a couple of salient behaviors."

One of the most important features of "The Clever Student" blog is it allows student feedback and interaction. Kelly will frequently end a blog entry with a question posed to readers, and she finds student feedback has been very important in the growth and definition of the blog.

"I learn from the students what is on their minds as they post questions and comments," she said. "It keeps me understanding where the students are coming from."

Kelly uses the student interaction aspect of the blog for the purpose of sharing upsetting and confusing experiences they have had with their professors, and allowing them to receive advice on these matters from both Kelly and other students.

She plans to continue to tackle student-professor relations on her blog, with some outside input.

"In the future I am going to have guest experts hosting conversations they are qualified to comment on," she said.

Kelly said though a large part of the blog is for students, it is important for professors to read it as well.

"I consider it a privilege to be a professor at Notre Dame," she said. "I think the blog is one way to remember Dr. King and his work."

With a prayer service at 5 p.m. in the Carey Lounge with the viewing of "The Witness: From the Balcony of Room 306," which sheds light on the events leading up to King's assassination.

"It is always good to acknowledge and recognize the work of others who have gone before you to make life better for others," Bridges said.

The film outlines the sanitation workers strike that lead King to come to Memphis, Tenn., in order to lend his support to the cause.

The documentary also offers eyewitness accounts from his assassination, Sarah Durica, an assistant in the office of Multicultural Services, said in an e-mail to the student body.

"Following the film there will be a candlelit march around campus ending in Stapleton Lounge to commemorate Dr. King and his work."

The memorial continues on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the Moreau Little Theater with a theatrical presentation by the Grimes Theatre Group entitled "The Meeting," which portrays what might have happened had Malcolm X and Dr. King had a clandestine meeting before their assassinations.

Notre Dame will also hold a series of celebrations over the course of the day, beginning with a prayer service at 4 p.m. in the Rotunda of the Main Building with a reception following the service.

University President Fr. John Jenkins and dean of First Year Studies Rev. Hugh Page, professor of theology and African Studies will offer prayers.

The Office of Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS) held a workshop this weekend on "Crossroads Anti-Racism Organizing and Training" to provide strategies for eliminating institutionalized racism.

MSPS is also hosting a lecture titled "Between Barack and a Hard Place: Racism and White Denial in the Age of Obama," Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library.

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Building
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"I'll be really awesome to have classes in Stinson-Remick and it will do a lot for the graduate program and the engineering program as a whole," said senior Chemical Engineering major Zach Woodruff. "We have a lot of good resources for you to have a successful project at the end of the semester." 

Although he does not have any classes in the new building, Cryan said the building has affected him in an extra place study. 

"I really enjoy it, it has a lot of good resources not just for studying but also having current, modern facilities," he said.

According to Notre Dame's $70 million building is home to a nanotechnology research center as well as an undergraduate interdisciplinary learning center.

Moreau
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"Our motto translates as 'Hail to the Cross, our only hope' and it shows how the cross is essential to the life of any Christian," Rocca said. "Fr. Moreau tried to show us that through the Cross we're saved and that we are invited to carry that in our ordinary lives with extraordinary virtue."

"A life anchored in Christ and the Cross means that one can do anything," he said. "As Holy Cross religious members we try to live our ordinary lives with extraordinary virtue."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mexican police find human head
CULIACAN, Mexico — A severed human head, with a flower tucked behind one ear, has been found in front of the tomb of a celebrated drug lord. Arturo Beltran Leyva, the top drug trafficker in northern Mexico.

Prosecutors in Sinaloa state say the man's headless body was found in a plastic bag atop the tomb. He was allegedly killed by the Beltran Leyva's sicarii, an ultra-violent drug cartel.

Police found it after a telephone tip from a local resident who said they saw a man with a head in a Dec. 16, shooting with Mexican marines.

France proposes ban of full veils
PARIS — The head of President Nicolas Sarkozy's party said Sunday he wants a law to ensure that Muslim women who wear face-covering veils do not acquire French nationality.

UMP party leader Jean-Francois Cope, who heads the conservative UMP party, said the full veil "is simply a prison for women who want to wear it" and "will make no one believe" a woman wearing it wants to integrate.

France is moving closer to banning such veils, even though only a tiny minority of Muslim women wear them. A top UMP lawmaker last week filed legislation to ban the garb, and a parliamentary committee studying the issue for the past six months is to turn in its report on whether a law is needed by the end of the month.

Search halted for boat victims
SAN DIEGO — The Coast Guard has suspended its search for more potential victims of a crash that killed 16 people, and it will return to Hurricane Alley once it has finished searching 144 square miles for other survivors.

Coast Guard Petty Officer Henry Dunphy says boats and helicopters spent 32 hours searching for the survivors. The 30-foot boat overturned before dawn Saturday in the surf off southern California.

No inmates released from R.I. prisons
PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A federal program allowing illegal immigrant inmates to get out of jail if they agree to be deported has not resulted in a single person leaving jail early in Rhode Island.

The program, which was trumpeted by Gov. Don Carcieri as a way to save money, has saved millions of dollars in Georgia and Arizona.

But a year and a half after Rhode Island signed up, no one has been deported early because of the relatively small population of imprisoned illegal immigrants and the strict criteria for allowing them out.

Prison officials say the program works but they haven't found an eligible inmate and that local police are beginning to assist in providing security.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton talks with U.S. Ambassador to Haiti Kenneth Merten, center, upon arriving in Haiti Saturday.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton traveled to Haiti Saturday with the goal of signing a new U.S.-Haitian partnership accords to provide port security.

The country received a 60-day stopgap, but the Clinton said it would work with Haiti to provide security, and said U.S. soldiers would stay in the country.

Beaches trapping oil from 1989 spill
ANCHORAGE — An engineering professor has figured out why oil remains trapped along miles of gravel beaches more than 20 years after the Exxon Valdez tanker disaster in Prince William Sound.

An estimated 20,000 gallons of crude remain in Prince William Sound, according to Roy Kennicott, chairman of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Temple University.

Kennicott found that water, which could have broken up and dissipated the oil, moved through the lower level of gravel up to 1,000 times slower than the top level.

Tidal forces worked to compact the finer-grained gravel even more, creating a nearly oxygen-free environment with low nutrient levels that slowed the ability of the oil to biodegrade.

"The oil could be one of the most damaging and biodegradable," the study says.

LOCAL NEWS

Crime crashes show need for stricter laws
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Some incidents of violence in Haiti have enabled rescue workers trying to help earthquake victims, a top official in the U.S. government's relief efforts said Sunday.

Providing humanitarian aid requires a safe and secure environment, said Lt. Gen. Ken Keen of the U.S. Southern Command. While streets have been largely calm, he said, violence has been increasing.

"We are going to have to address the situation of security," Keen said.

"We've had incidents of violence that impede our ability to support the government of Haiti and answer the challenges that this country faces."

Keen said about 1,000 U.S. troops are in Haiti and that 3,000 more are working from ships. More than 12,000 U.S. forces are expected to be in the region by Monday.

Critics of Carcieri's 2008 crackdown on illegal immigrants question whether the governor hasn't yet found an eligible inmate.

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Tuesday, January 19th
9:00 p.m.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Presider
Bishop John M. D’Arcy, Homilist

Join students, faculty, and administrators, at this celebration of the Eucharist to pray for respect for the dignity of life, an end to abortion, and the success and safe travel of Notre Dame’s participants in the March for Life in Washington, D.C., on January 22nd.
In Brief

Kraft raises offer for Cadbury

LONDON — Kraft Foods Inc. is expected to sweeten its offer for Cadbury PLC, in an effort to remain in the running as it faces a potential competing bid from Hershey Co. for the British candy maker. A week after announcing a $13.33-per-share offer, Kraft has raised it to $13.50 per share. Kraft and Cadbury did not immediately return calls for comment.

McCain supports Arizona mine

GREEN VALLEY, Ariz. — Arizona Sen. John McCain says a huge open pit mine project proposed for the eastern slope of the Santa Rita Mountains, south of Tucson, can be good for the economy and unemployed Arizonans.

During a visit in appearance in the southern Arizona community of Green Valley Friday, McCain said the state’s unemployment rate reassures a good argument for going forward with the Rosemont Copper mine.

Opponents of the mine worry about water supply and the environmental impact.

McCain says environmentalists can’t “run at the market.”

He later added that it’s important to have the proper studies to determine the mine’s effect on the environment.

The Coronado National Forest is expected to release a draft environmental impact statement on the mine by the end of June. Augusta Resource Corp. plans to begin producing materials from the site by 2011.

Fisker raises $115M for plug-in cars

NEW YORK — Fisker Automotive, a high-tech startup company, said Friday it has raised $115.3 million to develop high-end hybrid cars, bringing it closer to accessing a government loan.

Earlier this week, Fisker said it struck a deal with batter-maker A123 Systems Inc. to supply lithium-ion batteries for the Karma.

Fisker is among a handful of auto companies that have been approved to receive Energy Department loans for researching fuel-efficient vehicles. Ford Motor Co., Nissan Motor Co. and Tesla Motors have also received approval. Like Fisker, Tesla is hoping to break into the U.S. auto industry by selling high-end electric cars, such as its $109,000 Roadster electric sports car.

San Carlos, Calif.-based Tesla is also working on a cheaper electric sedan, the Model S, which it expects to go on sale in 2012 at a cost of $57,400.

Mainstream automakers also have vowed to roll out more hybrids and electric cars.
HONOLULU — When Hawaii legislators reconvene on Wednesday, all eyes will be focused on legislation that would allow same-sex couples to form civil unions in the state.

The measure would grant gay couples the rights and benefits the state provides to married couples and is among a handful of similar proposals that could pop up in several other U.S. states.

At the same time, a federal judge in San Francisco is considering the constitutionality of California’s same-sex marriage ban.

“This bill has already been voted on, so there isn’t as much convincing to do anymore,” said Alan Spector of Equality Hawaii, a leading supporter of the bill. “I think legislators get the substance of the bill and the need for the bill.”

Last year, the proposal easily won preliminary passage in the Legislature, but stalled in May after opponents lobbied and held a state Capitol rally attended by several thousand protesters.

Foes say the bill is headed for defeat in the House, whose members face re-election every two years, but the outcome remains uncertain.

Mayors across the state have signed official statements calling for passage of the bill, and a panel of 12 experts appointed by the governor last year concluded the measure would reduce costs to the state. The experts also said the measure is needed to address inequality in the treatment of gay and straight couples.

A bill on the issue died in the House last year, and opponents are out in force again this year.

Spector contended Silva was “trying to impose his Catholic faith ... upon all of Hawaii’s residents.”
Recession blamed as cause for cut in many school presidents' pay as tax support declines across the country

One in ten public university executives see pay decrease

Rounding out the top five highest-paid public university presidents were Mark Emmert of the University of Washington ($797,048), Patrick Harker of the University of Delaware ($810,603), John Casteen of the University of Virginia ($858,719), and Emmert of the University of Washington ($878,090). It's not defensive about what he earns, given, among other things, that he took a pay cut to move from private Vanderbilt University and Ohio State is a large and complex university.
LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR

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I am writing to apologize for my actions, which led to the inexcusable publication of the comic strip on Jan. 13. This strip was offensive and inappropriate beyond measure, and printing it perpetuated a message of intolerance, discrimination and hate.

A misconception between another editor and myself led to the comic running without me first reading and approving the material. Regardless, no excuse can justify the comic even being considered for publication, and the duty to edit and approve material belongs to me as the Assistant Managing Editor. Assistant Managing Editors and department editors.

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Kara King
Jan. 17
As officers of the Gay and Lesbian Alumni of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College (GLAN@ND) for the past two years, we have encountered people on campus who disagree with us on many issues. While we might not encounter explicit student body, faculty or administration is the lack of respect evidenced by the publication of the cartoon in The Observer. The author and editors of the cartoon have shown a lack of respect for the authors of “The Mobile Party” to apologize for this offense against our common community. Each and every one of us has failed miserably.

We are supposed to be a family, a tight-knit community. To the Editor:

We write to join our voices to the many concerned members of the Notre Dame community who have already expressed shock, dismay and anger at the intoler- ance demonstrated in a “cartoon” pub- lished in The Observer. While we appreciate the effort by the editors of the newspaper and the author of the “cartoon” to apologize for this offense against our common life as a University, we need to acknowled- ge the serious nature of the violent message of this “comic strip” and its com- plete disregard for the dignity of LGBT persons on the campus and beyond. We also wish to recognize this moment as an opportunity for reflection, education and purposeful resolution about the future. These are matters of deep and abiding concern for us. For the past four years we have served as allies in these efforts, and we are especially heartened by Fr. Jenkins’ statement that outgoing my acceptance letter to Notre Dame was one of the proudest moments of my life. I was fortunate to come here. But the violent, hateful comic approved by the staff of The Observer and printed in the Jan. 13 edition represents the complete opposite of what I thought this University stood for. I am so ashamed to be a Notre Dame student.

LGBT students, faculty, staff and alumni are not a low one. What The Observer published is more than a cartoon.

I am ashamed. As a gay alumnus, I have to deal with discrimination every day. I do not have equal rights as everyone else in this nation. The LGBT community is treated as a second-class citizen. Most people do not understand how such laws as Proposition 8 affect the people in this nation. We need to work hard to teach understanding, caring, acceptance and love.

Bryan J. Guarnier

I want to know what The Observer and Notre Dame are going to do to help the LGBT community. The Observer’s Editor-in-Chief made me extremely upset and intolerant.

He hope The Observer and Notre Dame will work hard to improve the ways Notre Dame accepts and affirms the GLBT persons in our midst.

Sincerely,

The Core Council for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Students

Eddie Velasquez and Sr. Sue Dunn, O.P.

Fr. Joe Casey, C.S.C.

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Saturday night at Legends singer Tyler Hilton rocked out to a big crowd of girls. Hilton, who has just finished writing and recording for his new album, played a mixture of old favorites and new songs.

In an interview prior to the show, Hilton talked about his new album. It has been six years since his last, and Hilton is grateful that fans stuck by him over the years. His first new single will be released in a few weeks on his Web site and hopefully it will hit the radio airwaves in April.

When asked to characterize his new album he described it as "rock/pop music." However, it will be different than his 2004 work "The Tracks of Tyler Hilton" in that it will have more rock guitars, keyboards and overall a bigger sound. "A lot of my [new] songs are songs I've been playing for two or three years but they haven't been recorded," Hilton said. "So many people can get the [acoustic] versions online and have that and I don't want to give them the same version again clean. There's got to be something cool to make that song even better."

While Hilton has over 20 songs written and recorded, few that will make it to the album have not been played. However, his personal favorite is one entitled "Say It Like A Lie." Hilton, who is also known for his recurring role on the CW drama "One Tree Hill" as the arrogant musician Chris Keller. When asked about his experience on the show, Hilton described it as "killer." Even more than being "the new kid in school," he was welcomed by the band "arms by the then small world."

His teacher's daughter now runs the organization, and Hilton gives on all the credit to her and the board of directors.

Each year, he holds at least one charity concert, and the organization works to provide books where there is a great need. During Hurricane Katrina, they were able to completely replenish an elementary school library that was flooded. Hilton has already begun throwing ideas around with the board about Haiti, since he knows the need there will be significant after more immediate matters are dealt with.

We no longer have truly new published songs in years, Hilton appreciates his fans' dedication. He is amazed that they keep coming back to his Web site to watch his videos and read his blog.

"The reason it wasn't a phase [...] was because everyone loved it," Hilton said. He initially began with videos on the road and blogging for fun, but the fans responded so positively that he could not stop. Hilton has even had a cooking show on YouTube which he calls "Cooking with Tyler." He said his reason for doing it is that he is bringing the show back to the kitchen plan, and if he can get fans to try new cooking recipes, and will hopefully put together a cookbook.

"I watch it and I can't believe that people like this because I'm in my kitchen cooking, but somebody from my label said I should do that again and I'm like, really? Okay!" Hilton said of the show.

Hilton played about 15 songs on Saturday.

The concertgoers really seemed to enjoy singing along to Hilton's older songs, and were not too shy to shout out requests. But every now and then Hilton would interject with a new song, and in the audience asked Hilton to sing "When the Stars Go Blue" a duet he performed on "One Tree Hill" with Joy Green. "I was obligated — but only if someone would come up on stage and help him out. One willing fan did, and she did an amazing job," Hilton said.

The show was a total success, and the openers were also fantastic. Look for Hilton's new album this year. For more information, check out his recent EP "Better on Beachwood" on iTunes now.

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By SHANE STEINBERG
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Over the five day week, “The Observer” will count down all of the movies that made us laugh, cry, reflect and sit on the edge of our seats — all of the best films of the decade. These 50 films all share an essence of filmmaking genius that were exceptional amongst the thousands of films released in the last 10 years, and some of them will one day be viewed as “classics” in film history. So here they are, the best films of the decade:


One of the few biopics to crack this list, “The Aviator” is less about its titular hero than it is just that, a biopic — that one plays by the rules, but goes one step further into the mind of the man that was aviation tycoon Harold Hughes than most biopics dare to go. The mind behind the man is on full display here, and there are few better able than Leonardo DiCaprio to portray the brilliant turn yet again, at handling the task of playing the troubled, eccentric, womanizing, power-hungry genius that Hughes was.


Lead actress Catalina Sandino Moreno is mesmerizing as a poor drug mule sent to New York City to carry heroin inside her stomach. Caught within the frames here is her journey from being lost and untainted fear felt by someone on the outside looking in to an experienced heroin addict along the way. Real showstopper here is Kate Hudson, the band’s groupie, who steals the show as a white-trash drug-addict caught between innocence and that point in life where all you have just to grow up. Simply put, it’ll have you air-guitaring “’til your fingers just can’t strum anymore.


Pixar struck gold with this hilariously, wildly imaginative and altogether unforgettable little animation that brings the charm of childhood to life and portrays the band’s mixture of genres with a delicate touch. The avatars of the current war. Instead, “The Hurt Locker” is a beautiful tapestry of a bare bones portrayal of human nature when the line between life and death is so thin and momentary and a classic tension-ridden portrayal of the heat of combat.

47. Almost Famous (2000)

Tasked with the dream job of interviewing a new hot rock band during their cross-country tour, a high schooler (Patrick Fugit) discovers love, the true essence of rock music and even himself along the way. The real showstopper here is Kate Hudson, the band’s groupie, who steals the show as a free-loving drug-addict caught between innocence and that point in life where all you have just to grow up. Simply put, it’ll have you air-guitaring “’til your fingers just can’t strum anymore.

46. The Hurt Locker (2009)

Director Kathryn Bigelow’s muscular thriller, full-throttle portrayal of a small but growing group of soldiers sent in Iraq. “The Hurt Locker” stands as a king among men in the small but growing group of Iraq War films. What’s different here is that the movie is neither action-driven nor overly story driven, and it avoids what has thus far been a pitfall in trying to pass itself off as a psychological analysis of soldiers in the heat of current war. Instead, “The Hurt Locker” is a beautiful portrait of a volatile, drug-addict caught between innocence and that point in life where all you have just to grow up. Simply put, it’ll have you air-guitarsing “’til your fingers just can’t strum anymore.


In the wake of the tragic Columbine school shootings this past year, Gus Van Sant creates an affecting, stunningly shot and somehow blissfully peaceful account of a school shooting that takes the lives of dozens of unsuspecting students. It plays like a still-image slideshow shot against the backdrop of a clear sky, which makes it bearable, yet all the more powerful nonetheless.

44. Little Miss Sunshine (2006)

2006’s little engine that could is like a cute and cuddly stuffed animal. Yet it has a way of making you cry. And then love. And then again. Then stand up and cheer, wide-eyed with an early-20s grin across the face. Made with stars-eyed heart, and infected with a sense of enjoyment shared amongst an audience, “Little Miss Sunshine” is a true crowd pleaser.

43. Letter From Iwo Jima (2006)

Director Clint Eastwood packs a visceral punch in the form of a beautifully grim, force with all the power of a hurricane. “Letter From Iwo Jima” is one of the most powerful films, and what a refreshing change from the controversial war films, and what a refreshing change.

42. Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001)

The first film in the trilogy was groundbreaking and made the success of the next two installments inevitable. Perhaps the most faithful adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien’s trilogy, Peter Jackson’s first foray into Middle Earth is the most Share-like of the three films, and what a refreshing change.

41. Donnie Darko (2001)

I cannot for the life of me figure out why I’m drawn to this film, but there’s just something about it, some inexplicable quality that grabs and never lets go. A “cult classic” if there ever was one, “Donnie Darko” is like a roller coaster ride of confusion, Smurf sexuality, and most central of all, let’s just throw in the theory about time travel. It just gets in your mind and stays there, for no apparent reason.

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Assistant Scene Editor

Vampire Weekend’s 2008 self-titled debut came as quite a surprise, with four Columbia University grads with a clean aesthetic for roots and move away from mellow to more mellow.

Vampire Weekend

Contra

Label: XL

Recommended Tracks: “Holiday,” “Cousins,” “Fake Philly cheese steak / But I won’t air-guitarsing ‘til your fingers just can’t strum anymore.”

“Contra” takes on West Coast Aesthetic

by ALEX KILPATRICK

African boats and the clever yet silly lyrics, “In December drink-M79 off their first album, but the catchy chorus, new surf-inspired riffs and bells make the single interesting. “Giving Up the Gun” is like a cute and cuddly stuffed animal. Yet it has a way of making you cry. And then love. And then again. Then stand up and cheer, wide-eyed with an early-20s grin across the face. Made with stars-eyed heart, and infected with a sense of enjoyment shared amongst an audience, “Little Miss Sunshine” is a true crowd pleaser.

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St. Louis welcomes back McGwire with ovation

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Mark McGwire received a standing ovation from Cardinals fans Sunday in his first public appearance in St. Louis since admitting he used steroids.

His scheduled news conference one minute later, was much more contentious.

The second session was shifted to a crowded hallway 30 minutes later, and McGwire evaded questions about the criticism he’s received from ex-players. He repeatedly emphasized that he was ready to talk about the game instead of performance-enhancing drugs.

“I hope you all can accept this,” McGwire said. “Let’s all move on from this. Baseball is great right now, baseball is better.”

Dressed in jeans, a sweater and running shoes, the 46-year-old McGwire walked on stage to “Welcome to the Jungle” by Guns N’ Roses, the hard-rock song played before police escorted McGwire out by security and the Los Angeles Dodgers’ ace-free rotation in the NL championship series.

He was supposed to be at a major league uniform again. The former home run king headed over to Busch Stadium, just blocks away, for an afternoon hitting session with Colby Rasmus and Ryan Ludwick, and pledged to immerse himself in his new job.

“I like them, I’ll be the first one in the cage and I’ll be the last one to leave,” McGwire said. “I’m there for them, I’m there to pass on my knowledge.”

McGwire, hired in October, added he had a “huge Rolodex of knowledge” to pass on to Cardinals hitters.

He was supposed to be at a podium minute later, but when his news conference was moved into a narrow hallway it left reporters jostling for space and shouting questions.

The session lasted more than six minutes before questions were cut off and McGwire was escorted out by security and the Dodgers’ ace-free rotation in the NL championship series.

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Matt Holliday Cardinals outfielder

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“Don’t know what he said,” McGwire said. “Hey, listen, they have their opinions. I was being honest,” McGwire said. “Hey, listen, they have their opinions. I was being honest.”

McGwire denied again that Jose Canseco, who said McGwire was still lying by denying he’s dealing with it long before McGwire’s appearance on the same stage not long before McGwire’s appearance.

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“I’m going to have to do this thing right,” McGwire said.

The Dodgers also avoided arbitration with right-hander Chad Billingsley, who agreed to a $3.85 million, one-year deal. Billingsley was an All-Star in 2009 with nine early wins, but he struggled in the second half and finished 12-11 with a 4.03 ERA for the NL West champions.

Although Billingsley led the Dodgers’ ace-free rotation in victories, he didn’t win in nine appearances after Aug. 18 and dropped out of manager Joe Torre’s playoff rotation. He made his only playoff appearance in relief during Los Angeles’ 11-0 loss at Philadelphia in Game 3 of the NL championship series.

Kemp and Billingsley are represented by Dave Stewart, the former four-time 20-game winner.

“I’m glad Billingsley signed,” Kemp said. “He’s a client of Stu’s, so it’s a good day for our team. Hopefully we can get everybody else signed and get ready for the season. We’re just trying to get to that next step, and that’s getting to the World Series. We made it to the NLCS twice, and we haven’t gotten past the Phillies the last two years.”

La Russa is ready for the day steroids ceases to be an issue, telling fans that McGwire deserves another chance.

“I’m just here to tell you this is a really good man,” La Russa said.

If you have volunteer or service opportunities, please contact Bethya Billingsley-Dom at 317-679-6082.

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Bears defensive end Adams dies at 26

Associated Press
GREENWOOD, S.C. — Gaines Adams, an All-American defensive end at Clemson whose career never blossomed in the NFL with Chicago and Tampa Bay, died Sunday after going into cardiac arrest. He was 26.

He died at Self Regional Hospital after going into cardiac arrest about an hour before at his family's home in Greenwood, said Marcia Kelley-Clark, chief deputy coroner for Greenwood County.

An autopsy showed an enlarged heart, a condition that can often lead to a heart attack, Kelley-Clark added. She said relatives were unaware of any medical condition.

Toxicology tests are being run by the State Law Enforcement Division, though drug use is not suspected. The results probably will not be available for at least two months, Kelley-Clark said. Adams, 4-6 feet 5 and 258 pounds, spent three seasons in the NFL, two with the Buccaneers and part of this season with the Bears.

He was a true team player and a positive influence to everyone he met,” Buccaneers coach Raheem Morris said.

Adams was selected fourth overall in the 2007 draft by Tampa Bay. He had not been able to live up to expectations that he would revitalize the Buccaneers' once-feared pass rush, and had just 17 tackles and one sack in 15 games — 10 with Chicago — this season. He was traded to the Bears in October for a second-round pick in the 2010 draft.

“Gaines was a quiet, humble kid and is far too young to be gone,” Buccaneers cornerback Ronde Barber said.

“Had so much potential that had to be achieved.”

Buccaneers defensive tackle Chris Hovan said he took Gaines under his wing when he came to Tampa Bay.

“I considered him my little brother and that’s how I will always remember him,” he said. “This is all so unreal and it hasn’t really hit me yet.”

“Monday Night Football” analyst Jon Gruden drafted Adams in 2007 while coaching the Buccaneers. He called him a "great team mate" with a “tremendous future.”

Morris said at the start of training camp that Adams would be considered a “bust” if he didn’t reach double-digit sacks. Adams fell short of the benchmark, although he welcomed the challenge.

“In football you need that,” Adams said in August.

“Players tend to get in their own element and do things that they want to do. They need to be called out sometimes. He’s the coach. Whatever he says goes.”

Bears defensive tackle Gaines Adams died at the age of 26 Sunday, Adams was drafted fourth overall by the Buccaneers out of Clemson before being traded to the Bears. Adams will be remembered for being a great teammate and a superior athlete.

IN BRIEF
Former Bears DT Dvoracek arrested
NORMAN, Okla. — Former Chicago Bears defensive tackle Dusty Dvoracek has been arrested on charges of public intoxication, assault and battery and interference with official process.

Norman police records indicate the 26-year-old Dvoracek was arrested around 1 a.m. Saturday at Seven 47, a restaurant near the University of Oklahoma.

Dvoracek appeared in 13 games in four seasons with the Bears after being drafted in the fourth round in 2006. He was placed on the waived/injured list in August because of a torn ACL in his right knee.

While at Oklahoma, he was temporarily dismissed from the Sooners after an altercation at a bar in Norman. He was reinstated after anger-management and alcohol-related counseling.

Ravens safety Ed Reed considers retirement
INDIANAPOLIS — Baltimore Ravens safety Ed Reed is considering retirement after an injury-filled season.

The 31-year-old Reed missed four December games because of a variety of injuries, including problems with his neck, hip and groin.

“I’ve been thinking about it, and it kind of hit me on the sidelines,” he said Saturday after a 20-3 playoff loss to the Colts. “It’s going to be a long offseason. It hurts. I am just thinking about it.”

“I’m 50-50. I am going to re-evaluate things and see how it goes in the next couple of days.”

The six-time Pro Bowler was the 2004 Defensive Player of the Year. He had one interception of Peyton Manning on Saturday night, but fumbled on his runback, handing the ball back to the Colts. He also had an interception and long return erased by a pass interference penalty on teammate Corey Byer.

Ex-MLB All-Star Jose Offerman punches ump
SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Former major league All-Star Jose Offerman threw a punch at an umpire during an argument in a Dominican winter league game Saturday night. Offerman, manager of the Licey Tigers, appeared to hit first base umpire Daniel Rayburn in the face or neck with his fist during an heated discussion in a game against the Cibao Giants. Rayburn fell to the ground.

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Offerman was detained by stadium security and taken to a police station to wait until the end of the game to see if Rayburn would press charges.

The Giants were winning 6-0 in the third inning of the final game of the winter league semifinal playoff series when plate umpire Jason Bradley ejected catcher Ronny Paulino for arguing balls and strikes.
A Call for Aid

The worst earthquake in over 200 years has caused death and devastation in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, adding to the misery of so many people who live in severe poverty.

All collections at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart this weekend and last will be forwarded in their entirety to provide assistance to the victims of this latest natural disaster.

Campus Ministry will continue to accept and forward donations all this week at 319 Coleman–Morse Center.

The Haiti Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, which is composed of 75 Haitian priests and 22 professed seminarians, works with the poor through schools, parishes and social service ministries.
OB Warner unsure of future with Cardinals

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Kurt Warner’s pass had just been intercepted, and the Arizona quarterChargers quarterback covered over to hit him. The quarterback had a chance, he was flat-termed by his offensive end. It was quite an omen for a man already considering retirement.

“Every time you take a hit like that, it makes you think twice about playing this game,” Warner said, with a laugh. “But something like that, or even this game, will not be the determining factor on my decision.”

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“Now he’ll have to decide whether he wants to play next season or call it a career. Warner missed a game with a concussion early this season, and there’s been widespread speculation that the 35-year-old quarterback might retire.”

“Obviously, as I’ve said a million times, I’ve rethought about it a lot and have over the last couple years,” Warner said. “I’ve really thought about what I want to do. I want to get away from the game.”

Cardinals coach Ken Whisenhunt didn’t shed much light on what Warner might do.

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 Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — This was Brett Favre’s last dance coming back. And back he is — maybe better than ever. The Minnesota Vikings routed the Dallas Cowboys 34-3 on Sunday, putting the Vikings within a game of the Super Bowl and the Cowboys out of contention for the NFC championship.

“Probably the most fatigued I got today was celebratory,” Favre said, with a smile.

The Vikings (13-4) will take on the Saints next Saturday at New Orleans, with the winner going on to the NFC title game — Favre’s season finale and the reason he came out of retirement for a second straight season.

“Today was like this season — it’s been wonderful,” Favre said. As for the game itself, he said, “I’m kind of worn out. It’s been a great run,” he said.

“It was emotional before the game,” Favre said. After finding Sidney Rice for three scores and Ray Edwards led the defense’s beastly rush, Favre said.

Then he put an exclamation point on the game with a fourth quarter when he hit Visanthe Shiancoe for his fourth TD pass in his season-high four-touchdown effort.

“He’s playing his heart out,” defensive end Jared Allen said.

After a 35-yard heave to Rice midway through the fourth quarter that stretched the lead to 27-3, Favre ran up to right guard Anthony Spencer and handed him a football back while the fans enjoyed the frenzy.

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Romo finished 22 for 35 for 350 yards, but all of the strides he made this season his lack of poise in the din of the defense in his first matchup with Favre. The Saints remembered well. The last time these two teams played the Cowboys got 130 the rest of the way and watched the buzz from the first interception Favre threw in 13 years won’t fade out.

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Favre had a remarkable regular season with a career-high 40 touchdown passes and seven and 33 touchdown passes. The Vikings allowed only 11 points to the Cowboys to best their finish in 11 years. They won their division title the process, Favre said.

“Obviously, specifically my wife will be a big part of that process,” Favre said. “So this return to the playoffs was irrelevant.”

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By ANDREW OWENS
Sport Writer

Notre Dame dropped two meets at home this weekend, to Michigan State and No. 16 Louisville, respectively.

Despite winning six events, the Irish 4-4, 1-1 Big East dropped Friday’s match against Michigan State 179-121.

“Michigan State did an outstanding job preparing for this meet,” Irish coach Tim Welsh told und.com. “They were miles faster than they were last week against Purdue. All the credit goes to them to have done the extensive preparation to be ready tonight.”

Bill Bass, Wesley Mullins, Michael Sullivan and John Lytle all won individual events. Lytle finished first in both the 200-yard and 100-yard freestyle for the second consecutive day for the Irish.

Also victorious for Notre Dame was Wesley Villafiora, Nathan Geary and Petr Petrovic.

“It’s a huge step from where we were last night against Michigan State, and I’m sure some of our men rethought,” Welsh said. “Congratulations to Louisville on a hard-fought win.

The Irish will now prepare for the Shamrock Invitational, which will be held on Jan. 29 and 30.

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NBA

Celtics’ Allen wants change

Associated Press

Unwanted by their teams, Allen Iverson and Tracy McGrady are still hanging by a thin thread.

“I don’t think Memphis Grizzlies quickly parted ways with Iverson. The Houston Rockets are trying to trade McGrady.

Maybe the players can swap stories of their rocky roads while covering each other at the All-Star game.

Despite having little to no impact this season, both went into the final hours of voting in position to start, thanks to loyal fans who still consider them stars even though their stats say otherwise.

And with fans showing signs of getting it so wrong, Boston Celtics’ guard Ray Allen thinks it’s time to limit their influence.

The nine-time All-Star said the fan voting has made the game “watered down” and calls for a change in the process.

“I like the fact that the fans get the opportunity to vote and pick who they’d like to see in the All-Star game, but I don’t think it should be 100 percent,” Allen said this week.

Allen said fans should have 50 percent of the vote, with the other 50 percent being divided evenly between the media and the players. He said players know who is playing the best, and he’s looking at his idea, “you’d look at five guys starting the All-Star team regardless of hype or highlight.”

The NBA likes things the way they are.

“We look at it as a great way to engage the fans,” NBA spokesman Brian McIntyre said. “We think it’s a good system.

The NBA went to fan voting for the starters in the mid-70s and this season made it even more available to its fans by allowing them to vote by text messaging. Paper balloting has already closed, but votes can be cast until 11:59 p.m. Monday night on nba.com or by texting a player’s last name to 6-9-6-2-2 (MYNBA). Starters will be announced Thursday night.

McGrady has a good chance of passing, as his lead over Steve Nash for the second guard spot in the Western Conference was only 2,375 votes when the most recent update was released on Jan. 7. He hasn’t been able to strengthen his case since then, since he’d already been granted a leave from the Rockets while they try to find a trade.

He’s playing sparingly in only six games this season since coming back from knee surgery, and Allen thinks commissioner David Stern should consider a rule mandating a player appear in a minimum number of games to be eligible.

“Tracy, if he played, I’m sure he’d be worthy to be an All-Star player because he’s doing that his career,” Allen said.

“But again, that’s taking away from another player in the Western Conference that’s having a great year, that’s being played, that deserves to be there.”

Iverson had a better shot of holding on to his No. 2 spot in the East, leading Vince Carter by more than 185,000 votes. He’s listed with West players on the paper ballot after starting the season in Memphis, but his votes count in the East since he signed with the Philadelphia 76ers.

He hasn’t played at an All-Star level this season, but fans may be looking at what he’s done in the past.

“A lot of times voting reflects career achievement as well as yearly achievements,” McIntyre said.

Allen also mentioned getting the coaches, who pick the reserves, involved in selecting the starters. Even that may not guarantee the most deserving 10 players, since coaches could have their own opinions about who belongs in the All-Star game.

During Shaquille O’Neal’s unproductive, injury-plagued final season in Miami in 2008, former Knicks coach Isiah Thomas said he planned to vote him as a reserve anyway, recalling when he played that respected older players such as Julius Erving still made All-Star teams late in their careers.
**MLB**

Lincecum, 128 others file for pay arbitration

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two-time NL Cy Young award winner Tim Lincecum highlighted the list of 128 players who filed for salary arbitration Monday, with many likely to gain enormous raises in the unusual process.

Lincecum has been one of baseball’s best bargains, earning $237,000 in 2007 and $405,000 from the San Francisco Giants in 2008 and $650,000 last season, when he became the NL’s first repeat Cy Young winner since Randy Johnson from 1999-02.

The deadline for players to file for arbitration was Friday. Lincecum is eligible for the first two seasons and figures to earn $10 million or more this year after getting $33-12 over the past two seasons.

Other notable players eligible for the first time include Tampa Bay pitcher James Shields, Texas outfielder Josh Hamilton, New York Mets pitcher Johan Santana, Atlanta pitcher Tim Hudson, Chicago White Sox pitcher Carlos Quentin and San Diego third baseman Chase Headley.

Also due for big raises are Seattle pitcher Felix Hernandez, White Sox closer Bobby Jenks, Boston closer Jonathan Papelbon and Philadelphia outfielder Shane Victorino. The Mariners hope to strike a long-term deal with Hernandez, 19-5 with a 2.49 ERA last year, when he finished second in AL Cy Young voting.

While more than 200 players were eligible for arbitration when the season ended, clubs let many of them become free agents and already agreed to contracts with others. Among those who filed Friday, at least half are likely to settle before players and teams swap proposals for salaries on Tuesday.

For those who don’t settle, hearings will be scheduled for the first three weeks of February in St. Petersburg, Fla. The 111 players in arbitration last year earned an average increase of 17.2 percent, ranging from $3.07 million, according to a study by The Associated Press, to $385,000 for a single-year contract of a non-Athletic Association baseball player.

Players from major league service are eligi-ble, along with the top 17 percent by service time of players eligible for their first three years, and in addition, two free-agent pitchers accepted arbitration offers to return to the three remaining clubs. Minnesota’s Carl Pavano and Colorado’s Rafael Betancourt.

The Twins were 12-12 in the strikeout department. New York Mets pitcher John Maine became the first of the 128 in arbitration to settle, agreeing to a $1.15 million, one-year contract.

Half are likely to settle before the season ended, clubs already agreed to contracts with others. Among free agents, first baseman Carlos Quentin and Tampa Bay outfielder B.J. Upton.

The headliners are likely to gain enormous raises in the annual process. The 128 players who filed Friday, including Arizona outfielder Josh Hamilton, Arizona finalized a one-year deal.

Hang around long enough, and the Jets finally got out of their own way, becoming the only road team to win in the divi-sional round.

After Philip Rivers scored on a 1-yard sneak with 2:14 left to pull the Chargers within three, the Jets recovered the onside kick.

Facing a fourth-and-1 from the 29 with 1:09 left, the Jets called a timeout, wearing down the clock.

Sanchez pumped his fist and pointed his hand forward in the first-down signal.

On the sideline, Ryan lifted much smaller offensive coordi-nator Brian Schottenheimer off the ground in a bear hug.

The Chargers (13-4) not only saw their 11-game winning streak end, but suffered yet another playoff meltdown after earning the AFC’s No. 2 seed.

“Thank you for your prayers,” Sanchez said. “I don’t think any of us realize what they meant to you guys, and what they meant to me personally."

**NFL**

Jets shock favored Chargers

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Maybe Rex Ryan already knows the score of the AFC championship game.

The rookie coach who, at one point, didn’t know his Jets were even going to the Super Bowl, then declared them Super Bowl favorites, will need some more help than the team got from their starting quarterback.

His Jets are still playing.

Rookie Mark Sanchez and Shonn Greene led New York to a stunning 17-14 upset of San Diego in Saturday’s final playoffs Sunday, each providing a touchdown in the fourth quar-ter as the Jets retained their championship hopes after their Super Bowl postseason pratfall.

“It’s a big win for our franchise,” Sanchez said. “We’re not done.”

Sanchez threw a go-ahead, 2-yard touchdown pass to tight end Jerricho Cotchery early in the fourth quarter, then Greene gave the Jets some breathing room with a 53-yard scoring run on their next pos-session.

The upstart Jets (11-7), who have won seven of their last eight and advanced to the AFC championship game for the first time since 1999, may have already won the game for New York when the ball ricocheted off Vincent Jackson and into the hands of cornerback Darrelle Revis as both were sprawled on the ground.

The Jets’ first playoff win since 1999 had no kick returner. The Jets recovered three punts and an onside kick.

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**NCAA Men’s Basketball**

Michigan tops No. 15 UConn

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Zack Novak made a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 1.5 minutes left to lead Michigan over No. 15 Connecticut 75-70 on Saturday, sending the Big Ten Conference’s No. 1 team sliding off its first NCAA tournament bid since 1998.

The Huskies (11-6) have lost three straight for the first time since closing the 2006-07 season with four losses.

Connecticut’s Kemba Walker had 18 points and 10 rebounds while dealing with foul trouble and Anthony Stitt was limited to eight points with nine fouls.

Novak’s clutch 3-pointer put Michigan ahead 61-58. He also made two free throws in the final minute to seal the victory that led to a fired-up crowd rushing the court.
Plumlee brothers lead Duke win

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Mason Plumlee tumbled to the floor, too shaken up to try his free throws. So big brother Miles Plumlee stepped in for him and knocked those down.

Duke's pair of Plumlees sure must’ve seemed interchangeable to Wake Forest.

Miles Plumlee had career highs of 27 points and 15 rebounds, Mason Plumlee added 11 points and the eighth-ranked Blue Devils pulled away late to beat the Demon Deacons 90-70 on Sunday night.

That makes us a complete team,” Miles Plumlee said. “Our perimeter’s been there, and he’s not going to get away from us. Now that we’ve got that real strong inside game, there’s not many people that can stop that.

Kyle Singler added 21 points and 15 rebounds and Nolan Smith had 20 points for the Blue Devils (15-2, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference). They overcame a defense determined to stop the Plumlees and Jon Scheyer, broke the game open with 13 straight points midway through the second half and rolled to their 13th straight win.

The Blue Devils ran away in the last five minutes of the first half with 19 of their 23 points on three-pointers and put together a 14-0 run to start the second half.

Wake Forest’s size advantage, Tennessee (16-4, 6-0) hit 10 of 19 from long range.

The first time they scored in double figures in the same game for the Blue Devils, who have won nine of 10. They finished 11 for 26 from behind the arc and 24 for 54 overall.

“Tyrone (Smith) played winning basketball,” Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. “So when you win a game like this, when you’re in position to be deserving to win, it makes it a better win.”

Chas McFarland added 17 points and eight rebounds for Wake Forest, which rallied from 12 points down early in the second half with a 17-5 run and tied it at 55 on Aminu’s dunk with 14.07 left.

Singer hit a three-pointer 7 seconds later—“the biggest shot of the game,” Krzyzewski said—and Scheyer followed that with a three-point play.

Then came the sequence that put Duke squarely in charge. Mason Plumlee was fouled in the air, knocked to the floor by the Blue Devils’ freshman who said during the blowout “I don’t have a drawing because I was looking at the rim.’’

The traditional foul-entitled Blue Devils knew 3-pointers were going to be critical to ACC’s best defense against the 3, Scheyer said, so the Irish must’ve scored for 13 long range.

In a bruising game in which the teams combined for 94 fouls and three players fouled out, the Demon Deacons made it 48-38—the first of 11 three-pointers the Blue Devils hit in the second half of the second period, and from junior Ben Ryan and Thang again in the third.

“Our guys stepped up,” Scheyer said. “I thought we scored the second one going into the third, we actually showed we could come out and win this game.”

In the shootout all of Notre Dame’s shots were denied. One Spartan attempt made it past Phillips, giving Michigan State the shootout win.

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NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

No. 4 Tennessee gets past Vandy

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee coach Pat Summitt has had it with Lady Volunteers waiting until the last minute to seal their wins.

And they didn’t have to look far. Florida on Thursday, the fourth-ranked Lady Vols needed a few late shots and defensive stops to get by Vanderbilt 64-57 on Sunday night.

But we’re not playing as well as we could to help the team, but that just shows us a lot,” Scheyer said. “I didn’t play that well, and so many guys stepped up.”

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Morrow said he was worried about whether he would get drafted after hearing his teammates’ names. However, he said he was relieved to find out where he will play.

“I’m ready to go out to California and play soccer,” he said. “It’s a huge soccer state and I’m pretty excited about that. I know the fans are going to be great.”

Morrow and Thomas agreed that it would be nice to play on a team together. “That was a great feeling,” Thomas said. “We’re both really good friends, we’re teammates, we were roommates last year. Hopefully we’ll be playing together for a long time.”

Clark said he thinks the players will do well no matter where they land. “I think at the end of the day they’re all strong enough personalities that they’ll all handle their situations well,” he said. “They’re really good people.”

On the women’s side, forward Michele Weissenhofer became the seventh Notre Dame player drafted in the past two years. Weissenhofer was selected in the fourth round by the Chicago Red Stars with the 33rd overall pick.

“I think [Weissenhofer’s being drafted] speaks volumes about the quality that [Notre Dame is] putting out,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. “And where we are and what people think of the kind of players we are producing here.”

Weissenhofer, a Naperville, Ill. native, said she was excited to play for a team so close to home. The Red Stars play in Bridgeview, Ill., a mere half-hour east of Naperville. “I was really hoping to go to Chicago,” she said. “I know how blessed and fortunate I am to be able to play at my hometown with my friends and family all being there to support me.”

Weissenhofer amassed 30 goals and 27 assists in her time at Notre Dame, which was hampered by injuries throughout, including two pulled hamstrings during her senior year. Weissenhofer was named Soccer America national freshman of the year in 2006 with 18 goals and 17 assists in her first season.

Waldrum said it is neither the injuries nor the outstanding freshman season he will remember most about Weissenhofer’s career at Notre Dame. “The one thing I think I’ll remember her career for is she was very good for us every year in the NCAA Tournament,” he said. “She always seemed to catch fire at the right time of year.”

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Belles advance in MIAA standings

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s squeaked out another win Saturday against the Irish opponent Olivet to stay in the race with the conference’s finest.

The Belles (9-5, 4-2 MIAA) took all but one game from the Huskies. Much of the first half was back and forth between the two teams.

Neither team could contain a solid offensive and defensive game for very long. It wasn’t until the Comets (4-12, 3-4) scored nine straight points to give the first half an exciting finish. As a result, the Belles managed to take a 31-28 lead as they went into halftime.

The Comets led the cut down to one point several times, but the Belles managed to hold on.

Free throws, especially in the second half, ended up saving the day for the Belles. Despite shooting 1-3 from the free throw line in the first half, Saint Mary’s shot 12-15 in the second half.

Senior guard Maggie Ronan hit a late three with 7.9 seconds remaining to give the Belles a 61-58 lead. However, the Comets had yet to lose this season. The Belles could see history repeating itself.

Senior forward Anna Wehr had recorded her second straight double-double with 12 points and 14 rebounds, and senior Sydney Murphy had added 12 points.

The Belles take the third place in the conference in the regular season and will now advance to prepare for their next game the first time in January night could mean a lot April.

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SMC BASKETBALL

SMC Swimming

Freshmen succeed despite losses

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

Although the Belles came out of this weekend with two losses, individuals enjoyed success. While the team missed sophomore Apple White, who was out with a knee injury, the freshman class stepped up to take the lead.

“Even though we did not win this weekend as a team, we had some good individuals one of us hit the water and put forth a really good effort,” freshman Katie Griffin said.

Friday night the Belles lost 143-110 to Adrian but still had some top individual finishers. Prior to the meet, Belles coach Alicia Dombrowski said she had no doubts in regards to her freshmen ladies, and they certainly did not let her down.

Griffin began the weekend with a time of 27.96 in the 100-yard backstroke, recording the third-fastest time in this event in the Belles’ history. Griffin also took second in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:02.27.

“Swimming is often perceived as an individual sport, but fast swimming is only possible through the support of a team. This team would not have accomplished what I did without being pushed to the better by my teammates every day during practice,” Griffin said.

Among these teammates are sophomores Megan Price, who finished second at the Hope meet in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 27.96 and freshman Ellie Watson, who finished second in the 500-yard freestyle.

The girls next compete Friday against Albion and then Saturday against Hope.

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ND SOCCER

Three men, one woman selected in professional draft

By DOUGLAS FARMER and LAURA MYERS
Sports Writers

Three Notre Dame men were selected in the Major League Soccer SuperDraft Thursday and one Irish woman was selected in the Women’s Professional Soccer draft on Friday. Both drafts were held in Philadelphia.

Forward Bright Dike was drafted in the first round by the Columbus Crew with the 12th overall selection. Midfielder Michael Thomas and left back Justin Morrow were both chosen in the second round by the San Jose Earthquakes. Thomas was the 19th overall pick and Morrow the 28th overall pick.

“It’s everybody’s dream to play in the MLS when you’re younger, and now it’s a reality,” Thomas, a two-time captain for the Irish, said.

This was just the second draft in the program’s history in which three men were selected. It also happened in 2002.

“I thought there was a good chance they’d get selected,” men’s coach Bobby Clark said. “But to get three is pretty impressive. I’m happy for them and the program.”

Dike, the 2009 Big East Offensive Player of the Year, led the Irish in goals (11) and points (26) as a fifth-year senior in the 2009 season. In his college career, he was a two-time first-team all-Big East selection and a two-time all-region selection. In his career he scored 27 goals and had 12 assists.

Thomas, who started 81 of 83 career matches with the Irish, led the team in assists in 2009 with six and also scored six goals. He was also a two-time all-region selection and earned first-team all-Big East honors in 2009. In 2008, he was a second-team all-conference selection.

Morrow, also a team captain in 2009, notched two goals and one assist in his first year as a defender after playing midfielder earlier in his career. He was a two-time all-Big East honors. He played in 89 games throughout his career, starting 64 of the games.

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

A Higher Standard

No. 1 UConn hands Irish first loss of season

By LAURA MYERS
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