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Experts offer insight into Haitian culture
Director of Notre Dame Haiti Program Fr. Tom Streit examines country’s history

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

In an effort to raise awareness about the situation in Haiti and what should be done next, the International Development Research Council (IDRC), along with Notre Dame Haiti Working Group and student government, hosted an informational session about the devastated island nation Monday night in the Geddes Hall Auditorium.

IDRC leaders said the event was meant to give students a deeper understanding of the country that has permeated the media since the Jan. 11 earthquake.

“When the earthquake hit, I began to notice that the media was doing a great job of keeping us all up to date on the situation in Haiti, but that I didn’t learn very much about Haiti itself — about its people and its culture, and about the political and economic challenges that the nation has faced before, during and now after the earthquake,” senior Paul Jindra, IDRC president, said. Jindra hoped the event would encourage students to ask “the tough questions” about Haiti and put what they learn to use towards relief efforts.

“Tonight we can only give

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University examines energy use
on campus

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

In an effort to encourage campus energy reduction, the Notre Dame Office of Sustainability recently released its first annual Sustainability Report highlighting the successes of University-wide green initiatives.

The report, which examines the 2008-09 academic year, focused on seven areas of campus energy expenditure: power generation, design and construction, waste reduction, transportation, procurement, food services and water.

“This is an opportunity to show people how we’re doing,” Rachel Novick, coordinator of Education and Outreach for the Office of Sustainability, said. “The report demonstrates the need for more participation from the community and from students.”

The University administration hopes the report will promote long-term campus sustainability efforts.

“This information helps us plan carefully and balance with other University needs to ensure a sustainable future for generations of students to come,” University President Fr.

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Students push for Dream Act bill

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

As illegal immigration is a prominent political issue today, some students are making efforts to support a bill that promises providing education for undocumented children.

A group of Notre Dame students involved in “La Colectiva,” a group made up of college and high school students in the area, are working to raise awareness for the Dream Act and push for its passage into law.

The Dream Act, or Development, Relief and Education of Alien Minors Act, is an attempt by lawmakers to secure education and future opportunities for children of undocumented workers living in the United States.

“The Dream Act opens up opportunities to students who, because of the way our current laws are set up, are not given the same opportunities of other students because of choices their parents made,” La Colectiva member senior Hector Avitia said.

La Colectiva was formed this year as a means to support the Dream Act while the bill is cur-

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NDSP releases sketch of suspect

Observer Staff Report
Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) released a sketch of a suspect reportedly involved in a Jan. 23 sexual assault.

The composite image has about a 75 percent likeness, according to NDSP. However it is likely he has tighter curls than are shown.

The assault, currently under investigation, occurred about 2 a.m. on the northwest side of campus. The victim was approached from behind and then assaulted.

The female victim told police the suspect engaged her in conversation before the assault occurred. Police ask anyone with information to call NDSP at 631-5555 or Crime Stoppers at (574) 288-STOP.

The suspect is a college-aged white male with dark curly hair and blue eyes. He has a muscular build and is about 6 feet tall. The man may have a scratch on his face or neck.

The victim could have also broken one of the suspect’s fingers in the struggle.

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Webber to move on from student gov’t

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

In leadership positions, it is important to have a turnover — a chance for someone to bring something new to the role, student body vice president Cynthia Weber said.

Despite a long tradition of junior student body vice presidents taking over the role of president their senior year, Weber opted not to run for student body president for the 2010-11 term.

Weber called this tradition a “legacy,” citing a long line of student body vice presidents who took over the job until 2008, when the Bob Reish-Grant Scholarship ticket beat then-student body vice president Maris Braun and her running mate.

“I think sometimes it’s good for an institution to have a change in leadership,” Weber said. “In student government, we have what are called legacies. And the legacy continues because the current body says, ‘we need something different.’”

Three tickets are running in this year’s student body general election: sophomores Catherine Soler and Andrew Bell, juniors Noel Eras and Julian Corona and freshmen Peter Ledet and Gabe Abare. The general election will be held throughout the day on Feb. 8.

“This will be an amazing opportunity for people to bring new ideas to the student body,” Weber said. “I think I

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Student body vice president Cynthia Weber talks at a Jan. 28 Student Senate meeting.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Just come home already

Junior year is dreadful. Not because of the workload, or because of the ever-approaching Future (save that one for senior year). Junior year gets the lonely prestige of being the Abroad Year. Most kids who study abroad do it in their third year, and that means you A. and I study abroad, and miss a semester of all of your friends on campus. B. don’t study abroad, and miss your friends who are away and sending you pictures of themselves snogging Santigaling. C. study abroad the opposite semester of your friends, and go over a year without physical contact.

I have been a victim of A. and C. I spend last semester in London, having a fabulous time of discing, losing, searching, finding and growing (checking all those Abroad Experience boxes along the way). I regret nothing, but yet back on campus the hardest part of the transition isn’t the cold (Great Scott, why do I live here?), the classes (I had three days a week last semester — this is cruel) or the food (SHI may not have proper fish and chips, but I can go for the not having to budget for every meal thing). It is living without my friends, who, some just last week, and bid farewell to go on their own trans-Atlantic journeys.

All I can think is, why? Why didn’t we plan this better? Why didn’t we agree to study abroad the same semester, instead of this painful ships passing in the night business? I’m all for starting out on your own, picking up and making your own way, but please, did you really have to go to Angers this semester? Or Santiago, London and Rome? Some of my best friends are just moving into their new homes, flats and dorms. And here I am, sitting on a heap of Experience and newly Gained Maturity, without the messy? I’m all for starting out on your own, picking up and making your own way, but please, did you really have to go to Angers this semester? Or Santiago, London and Rome? Some of my best friends are just moving into their new homes, flats and dorms. And here I am, sitting on a heap of Experience and newly Gained Maturity, without the

Simple Pleasures

“We’re all looking forward to spending some quality time with family or friends this Thanksgiving,” said DePrez.

For those who are in the city, DePrez suggests taking advantage of the many local restaurants.

“Most restaurants will be open on Thanksgiving Day, and there are plenty of steak houses or Italian restaurants that are open,” she said.

And for those who have plans to travel, DePrez encourages them to be safe.

“Make sure to get there early so you can have a meal, and don’t drive if you’ve been drinking,” she said.

Correction

The Observer regrets making a serious error in the Inside Column on page 1, failing to credit the author, Stephanie DePrez. We apologize for this oversight.

We have corrected the error and are grateful for the author’s patience.

The Observer regrets including this error in its publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.


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


IN BRIEF

An exhibit titled “The World of Piranesi” will open at 10 a.m. today in the Scholz Family Works on Paper Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art.

“Expanding the Boundaries: Selected Drawings from the Yvonne and Gabriel P. Weisberg Collection” will be held in the O’Shaughnessy Galleries West in the Snite Museum of Art today. The exhibit will open at 10 a.m.

Daily Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The Kellogg Institute will hold a lecture on “The Growth of Bilateralism” today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 1403 of the Hesburgh Center.

“Colloidal Interactions, Dynamics, and Assembly on Energy Landscapes” will be hosted by the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering today at 3:30 p.m. The seminar will be held in Room 131 of DeBartolo Hall.

A seminar on “Growth, Composition, and Electronic Properties of Nanoscale Materials: Self-assembled Alloy Quantum Systems and Graphene” will begin at 3:30 p.m. today in Room 138 of DeBartolo Hall.

A French Film Festival will be hosted in the Student Center at Saint Mary’s College at 7 p.m. tonight.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu
Opus Hall, the senior, apartment-style housing on Saint Mary’s campus, has been the topic of debate on campus as students voice concerns over the handling of eligibility requirements.

Due to the limited number of spaces in the building, Residence Life has established requirements for those who apply to live there. “It was always contingent upon the six-semester residency requirement — four semesters for transfers — being in good academic and social standing and graduating in May of the year which the student lives in Opus,” Slandah Dieujuste, director of Residence Life, said.

The issue arose this year because Residence Life wanted to clarify what good academic standing meant, and sent an e-mail to the junior class stating there would be a minimum GPA requirement of 3.0. However, at the beginning of the spring semester, students were e-mailed that the requirement would no longer be a factor in eligibility.

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Residence Life

“We try to make changes with students’ input,” Dieujuste said. “It is for this reason the room selection process is being revised. Students sit on the revision committee. We are trying to implement some of the suggestions that we have heard in the past two years since I have been here.”

Bennett said she is disappointed because of the extra effort she has put in to have the opportunity to live in Opus, and now that chance may be taken from her. “Since I began my time at Saint Mary’s, I always viewed Opus as privileged housing,” Bennett said. “I worked hard to maintain my GPA and have stayed out of trouble so I would be eligible to live in Opus. However, since the minimum GPA change, my chances of living in Opus have decreased greatly.”

Dieujuste said, however, that Opus is not the only place that holds privileges for seniors. “Those who do not get into Opus may find Annunciata Hall to be a wonderful option,” she said. “This is a senior-only floor with a newly built kitchen.”

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By ASHLEY CHARLLEY
Saint Mary’s Editor

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College health center offers tips
SMC subscribes to online health magazine to offer students advice

By MEGHAN PRICE
Nurse Writer

While College Health and Wellness is busy throughout the year, Cathy DeCleene, director of Women's Health at Saint Mary's, said there is an increase in certain kinds of health risks during this time of year — like the common cold and the flu.

In an effort to help students stay informed on health issues, Saint Mary’s has subscribed to Health 101, an online magazine that can be accessed through the school’s Web site. It gives students a place to ask questions and discover current and relevant medical issues.

DeCleene said there are basic health habits that help lower these risks which are often forgotten.

“Health risks that are common to this time of year are greatly increased on college campuses,” DeCleene said. “Students have to be even more careful because they live in such close proximity with a large amount of people and this makes sickness travel so much faster.”

To prevent the spread of illness, DeCleene recommends washing hands regularly, keeping a distance from people displaying symptoms and covering mouths and noses when sneezing or coughing.

Students should manage their stress levels, get adequate sleep, exercise regularly and eat a healthy diet to avoid getting sick, she said.

Asthma has been an issue with many students, DeCleene said. It can be more dangerous in the winter because the cold air triggers symptoms and attacks. She said it is important for these students to remember to take their medications. All students, especially those with asthma, should make sure to wear hats, scarves and coats during this time of year, DeCleene said.

Frostbite is a bigger issue than most students are aware of, she said — another reason why students should always wear appropriate clothing when going outside.

The likelihood of developing frostbite increases with a lack of moisture in the skin, so students should apply moisturizer to their hands and faces, she said.

There are other risk factors related to extremely cold temperatures, DeCleene said.

“Tobacco decreases circulation by constricting blood vessels, and alcohol interferes with the body’s ability to regulate temperature,” DeCleene said. “Avoid smoking or drinking before venturing out into extreme cold.”

According to DeCleene, “winter blues” or seasonal depression is one of the biggest health threats affecting students that can be fought by regular exercise and sunlight exposure.

“Don’t be afraid to talk about this condition with a professional, it’s nothing to be ashamed or afraid of. With a little effort, the ‘winter blues’ can be beaten,” DeCleene said.

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would do an okay job, but I don’t have anything up my sleeve. I don’t have any new ideas.”

Weber said she is excited for the opportunity to develop other interests and broaden her horizons.

“It’s hard for me to have the energy to do both this and my schoolwork,” she said. “Some people have that energy. But I get emotionally invested in what I’m doing in student government and then my mind isn’t on my studies.”

A political science and theology double major, Weber said she is interested in education policy. She will spend the summer working for a major company.

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Cynthia Weber student body president

“I want to use this time to my senior year. With more free time, Weber said she also wants to return to some old musical hobbies.

“I’ve thrown around the idea of starting a band or joining a band,” she said.

Many people don’t know that she enjoys singing, playing the guitar and writing music. Weber said, describing her voice as “kind of Regina Spektor, maybe mixed in with Alanis Morissette.”

In high school, she produced a CD that she distributed to local coffee shops and around her school.

As the campaign posters are starting to line the hallways in dorms and campus buildings, Weber said she will miss student government.

“If I could, I would of course still have my committee and I am definitely creeping on all the Facebook campaigns and Web sites,” she said. “I have found a community in the past three years. Self-sacrificing people are attracted to this job and I am grateful for that.”

But Weber said she and student body president Schmidt still have a lot to accomplish before turnover on April 1.

“Our year has changed in the last couple of months,” she said. “Our line is ending. We’re working hard on long term relationships for student government.”

Weber said she loves student government, but knows it is time to move on.

“This is such a successful university and students are often pressured to do what people expect of them,” she said.

"Sometimes it’s kind of deterrent.”

But Weber said serving the student body as vice president has been a “handy experience.”

“People here are so motivated and organized and capable,” she said. “I don’t care if you’re working for a major company. The people there may be as smart as党委 members at Notre Dame, but they won’t have the same infusion of spirit and service and genuine goodheartedness.”

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John Jenkins said in a letter included in the report.

Novick said the effort is a collaborative one that includes the Office of Sustainability and the student body as well as other University departments, such as Food and Transportation Services. She said successes of individual departments include Transportation Service’s launch of a pilot program to give preferred parking to low emissions vehicles. So far, 23 such parking spots exist on campus and Novick said the community has responded well to the program.

“The program was definitely substantial,” Novick said. “We definitely hope to expand it.”

According to Novick, “Sustainability is a key priority at Notre Dame, like most leading universities in the country.”

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Novick said the Office of Sustainability has taken steps to improve campus-wide recycling as well, and part of the initiative includes a comprehensive Garbage Day recycling project.

“Over the past two years we have tried to make recycling the norm,” Novick said. “We provide easy access to recycling … [and] teach people what can be recycled.”

The Energy Metrics section of the report indicates a decline in four key areas: total carbon emissions, energy intensity of campus buildings, total electricity usage and carbon intensity of the power plant’s fuel mix.

The report shows a decline in all four areas over the past three years, most notably a 4 percent decrease in energy consumption per square foot in 2008-09 and a 7.5 percent decrease in total carbon emitted from electricity.

Additionally, campus electricity demand decreased 2.5 percent, even though campus grew by 280,000 square feet with recent construction, according to the report. It was the first year that campus electricity demand has declined since the 1970s.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mexican shooting appears random
CIDUAD JUAREZ — The mayor of a violent Mexican city said Monday he fears a shooting that killed 16 people in a working class neighborhood may have been random because many of the victims were “good kids” with no apparent ties to drug gangs.

The dead included at least eight teenagers, the youngest a 13-year-old girl.

Mayor Jose Reyes Ferriz said police were pursuing at least six lines of investigation, but he said none of the victims of the attack Saturday night had criminal records, and the teenagers were “good kids, students, athletes.”

He said feared violence was reaching levels of brutality shocking even Juarez, which faces El Paso, Texas, and has become one of the world’s deadliest cities amid rampant battles between drug gangs fighting for turf and smuggling routes north.

Haiti allows Baptists trial in U.S.
PORT-AU-PRINE — Haiti’s prime minister said Monday it’s clear to him that the 10 U.S. Baptists who tried to take 13 children out of his quake-ravaged country without permission “know what they were doing was wrong.”

But Prime Minister Max Bellerive also told The Associated Press his country is open to having the Americans go before courts in the United States because his own nation’s judicial system was devastated by the Jan. 12 earthquake.

The aborted Baptist “rescue mission” has become a distraction for a crippled government struggling to provide basic life support to millions of earthquake survivors.

NATIONAL NEWS

Deadly Brooklyn fire ruled arson
NEW YORK — New York detectives investigating a fire that killed five Guatemalan immigrants over the weekend in a building without emergency exits ruled Monday an arson Monday and urged neighborhood witnesses to come forward, regardless of their legal status.

A man who escaped the Brooklyn building hesitated coming forward because he feared he would be deported, officials said. Police detective Louis Yeno said investigators were working with a pastor who is acting as a liaison between investigators and possible witnesses.

A man remains unarrested, but one theory is a personal vendetta, said Paul J. Browne, chief police spokesman. He would not elaborate.

The blaze hit the building’s basement, where an arson Monday and urged neighborhood witnesses to come forward, regardless of their legal status.

Sex offenders challenge state law
SAN FRANCISCO — The California Supreme Court on Monday allowed four registered sex offenders to challenge a state law that faces El Paso, Texas, and has become one of the world’s deadliest cities amid rampant battles between drug gangs fighting for turf and smuggling routes north.

The commitment letters, which ended up paying for a new nuclear power plant in Vermont, Vermont Yankee, owned by Entergy, reported low levels of tritium on the ground in 2007. The Vermont leak has prompted an Plymouth-area citizen group to demand more test wells at the Massachusetts plant.

Local News

Animal sanctuary faces hard times
ALBION, Ind. — A northern Indiana exotic animal sanctuary has been bailed up by lack of money. Less than half of its new 18-acre site near the Noble County town of Albion has been developed.

The nonprofit Black Pine Animal Park has about 80 animals, such as bears, tigers and leopards. The park hosts endangered species such as bears, tigers and leopards. The park hosts endangered species about 80 animals, such as bears, tigers and leopards. The park hosts endangered species about 80 animals, such as bears, tigers and leopards.

The discovery of radioactive tritium at the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant in Vernon, Vt., seen here, brings the number of tainted U.S. reactors to at least 28.

The “two degrees” refers to the increase in the Earth’s average temperature from rising 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) above today’s average temperatures. “That is the bottom line, but you can look at it negatively and positively,” Puozzo said. “The negative part is that it’s not good enough. The positive side is that for the first time, we have a clear goal that we’re all working toward. ... Before we would just talk.”

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February 2, 7:00 PM
Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library
Panelists include:

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There will be a showing of *The Price of Pleasure*, a Media Education Foundation Film, and a faculty panel discussion to address the film and the arguments for and against pornography.

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Sony Pictures set to repair recalled cars

Gas pedals to be fixed by a small piece of steel, company hopes to regain trust

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Toyota apologized to its customers Monday and said a piece of steel about the size of a postage stamp was the cause of the gas pedal problem that led to the recall of millions of cars. Repairs will take about a half-hour and will start in a matter of days, the company said.

Toyota insisted the solution, rolled out six days after it temporarily stopped selling some of its most popular models, had been through rigorous testing and would solve the problem for the life of the car.

After a week in which Toyota drivers said they were worried about the safety of their cars and dealers were frustrated by a lack of information, Toyota said it would work to regain the trust of its customers.

"I know that we have let you down," Jim Lentz, president of Toyota Motor Sales USA, said in a video address.

The repair involves installing a steel shim a couple of millimeters thick in the pedal assembly, behind the top of the gas pedal, to eliminate the extra friction between two pieces of the accelerator mechanism. In rare cases, Toyota says, that friction can cause the pedal to become stuck in the depressed position.

Toyota said car owners would be notified by mail and told to set up an appointment with their dealers. It said cars already on the road would get priority over those on the lot.

The recall covered 4.2 million cars worldwide and 2.3 million in the United States, including some of Toyota’s best-selling models, such as the Camry and Corolla. It has recalled millions more because of floor mats that can catch the gas pedal.

Jeffery Likier, a University of Michigan engineering professor who has studied Toyota for 25 years, said he believed the fix would work, citing the automaker’s reputation for careful testing and engineering.

"They are under the gun. They aren’t playing any games," he said.

Toyota would not give an estimated cost for the repair work. It estimated repairing all the recalled cars would take months. It said some dealers were planning to stay open around the clock to make the repairs once parts arrive. Parts were expected to begin arriving late Tuesday and Wednesday.

Earl Stewart, who owns a Toyota dealership in North Palm Beach, Fla., and had been critical of delays in getting repair parts to dealers, said he was happy with the fix. He said he was reassured that it had been tested by independent engineers, not just Toyota’s.

"You never say you’re absolutely sure about anything, but I feel that this is probably the answer," he said.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it had "no reason to challenge this remedy." Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said last week the government had urged Toyota to issue the recall and suspend production and told reporters Monday that Toyota had "done the right thing."

Etienne Plas, a spokesman for Toyota Motors Europe in Brussels, said the car maker would implement the same remedy for faulty gas pedals in Europe, but he did not know when.

Besides millions of dollars a day in lost sales, the recall posed a public-relations challenge to Toyota, which for decades has enjoyed a loyal customer base and a reputation for quality.

It took out full-page newspaper ads declaring the episode a "pauses" to put you first." and on Monday it sent Lentz to morning news shows to express confidence in the fix.

"This is embarrassing for us to have to do ... this kind of recall situation," Lentz told reporters. "But it doesn’t necessarily mean that we have lost our edge on quality. But we do have to be vigilant. We have to redouble our efforts to make sure this doesn’t happen again."
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Allan Grant Richman, director of Academic Affairs at the Institute for Latino Studies and the Center for Migration and Border Studies, addressed linking the earthquake to a long history of misery, including the years of a forced labor system. He pointed out that under the current law, the earthquake is seen as an event afflicting virtually every patient at a hospital, with ailments including filariasis, also known as elephantiasis, and dengue fever.

Leary pointed out that the earthquake struck, discussed the problems. Several speakers agreed that the priorities for the devastated country have changed since the earthquake, and aid will be directed towards the numerous affected areas.

Napoleon might have not have realized he really could not control people,” said, referring to the fact that Napoleon decided to carry with them the Louisiana Purchase. Stryi, who was in Haiti when the earthquake struck, discussed the stories and memories of the impoverished country.

One night after the earthquake, Stryi said, he heard people screaming between after-shocks, then praying and praising God indiscriminately. Stryi also examined the cycle of poverty that persists in the country.

“We need to go in and fight the root causes of poverty,” Streit said. “There is a preconception of poor people sharing everything they get. They are rich for 10 minutes then give it all away. They therefore never get out of the cycle of poverty.”

Streit also attributed Haiti’s persistent poverty to the presence of and oppression from the few elite citizens. They stand in the way, he said, of successful business growth in the country.

“Elites have never wanted things to change,” Streit said. “Elites keep the peasantry, [which is] about 97 percent, in economic slavery until now. Elites would prevent any kind of foreign investment.”

The enormous presence of poor people and accordingly small elite class leaves little room for anything else. “Haiti has no middle class. A small elite class leaves little room for anything else,” Streit said. “They have no real interest in development of the country.”

Richman said Haiti fell into an ever-decreasing economic slump as France demanded money for losses incurred by the slave rebellion.

“In 1791, however, slaves rebelled and in 1804 won their freedom from the French, becoming the first nation state to gain its independence through the slave rebellion,” Streit said. “The country have changed since the earthquake, and aid will be directed towards the numerous areas affected. The language of the people,” he said. “We’ve begun working with a Haitian culture. In all of these experiences, students will have the opportunity to donate to the Haiti Response fund that student organizations set up.”

If passed, the Dream Act will allow individuals who meet certain requirements to enlist in the armed forces or go to college, something they are not able to do under current law. It is “unfair that qualified students can’t attend college when they are capable of succeeding,” Canales said.

The Dream Act would also place a moratorium on deporting young adults on a path for potential United States legal citizenship with certain stages where they are granted conditional residency and then legal citizenship. There are strict guidelines about the qualifications for receiving the various stages of citizenship, Avitia said.

Individuals who would qualify for these provisions under the new legislation if the Dream Act passes would have to meet specific guidelines in order to receive the benefits of the law, such as being younger than 16 when they arrived in the United States.

Canales said the guidelines will mainly benefit the children who were brought to the United States as undocumented immigrants because of their parents’ decision to enter the country. “These kids can’t go to school under the current law,” she said. They’re being punished when they didn’t have control over the decision to come to the United States.”

The Dream Act has special significance for Avitia, who arrived in the United States from Mexico in 1999 and was undocumented until 1996 when his family qualified for residency under the Immigration Reform and Control Act.

“I’m one of the lucky few that got to receive permanent residency,” he said. “I can’t even imagine what my life would be like if I hadn’t received that status. I wouldn’t have been able to attend Notre Dame.”

Avitia and Canales both know young people who are undocumented but would qualify for the provisions of the Dream Act if it is made into law.

“The idea that people don’t know about the Dream Act,” Canales said. “It’s really important to raise awareness because a lot more Latinos are going to be in school and on the path to citizenship if this passes.”

Avitia said his own past experiences have a huge effect on the way he views the current situation of the undocumented immigrants in the United States. “I want these people to receive the same opportunity that I have,” he said.

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U.S. resumes airlifts to Haiti

Associated Press

MIAMI — The U.S. military has resumed the airlifts that brought hundreds of Haitian earthquake victims to hospitals in the United States, ending a four-day suspension, a military spokesman said Monday.

U.S. Army Col. Greg Kane in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince said that a medical evacuation flight left Haiti for the United States on Sunday night, though he gave no details.

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States push bans on mandated insurance

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Although President Barack Obama’s push for a health care overhaul stalled this year, defenders of state-level amendments that would pre- vent states from merging with constitutional amendments to ban government health insurance mandates.

The proposals would allow state-level referenda to put medical bills from their own pockets. Vermont and New Jersey have prohibited such penalties against those who refuse to carry health insurance.

In many states, the propos- als began as a backlash to Democratic health care plans pending in Congress. But instead of backing away after a Massachusetts election gave Senate Republicans the filibuster-busting super majority needed to pass the health care legislation, many state lawmakers are ramping up their efforts with new enthusiasm.

The most reflect the con- tinued political push of the industry’s, which has used an array of federal funds to raise awareness and attract new supporters. The legal impact of the amendments is murky. The wording could be interpreted in any number of ways, from ensuring that federal law trumps those in states.

Lawmakers in 34 states have filed or proposed amend- ments to state constitutions or statutes rejecting health insurance mandates, according to the American Legislative Exchange Council, a nonprofit group that pro- motes limited government that is helping coordinate the efforts. Most of the proposed amend- ments are targeted for the November ballot, assuring that health care remains a hot topic as hundreds of federal and state lawmakers face re-election.

Legislative committees in Idaho and Virginia, mounting the most measures this past week. Supporters held a rally at the Pennsylvania Capitol. And hearings on the proposed con- stitutional amendments are being held in Georgia and Missouri. The Missouri hearing drew overflowing crowds the day after the state’s measure cleared.

The Missouri measure has focused on the federal health care legislation to help revitalize their fortunes. A USA Today/Poll conducted the day after the Florida amendment passed found about 55 percent of respon- dents — including a majority of self-identified Republicans — favored putting the brakes on the current health care legislation. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

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They are merely symbolic gestures,” said Michael Dorf, a constitutional law professor at Cornell University. “If this movement has legs.”

Separate bills passed by the House and Senate would impose a penalty on people who don’t have health insur- ance “in an effort to increase compli- ance.”

Subsidies would be available for people who are forced into such plans and people who would lose them

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Letters to the Editor

Thank you for having Gary Caruso write a Letter expressing an alumna viewpoint. Many alumna read The Observer to learn about what is going on at our university.

Over the last few months, many of the Letters by students have been critical of alumna in general, disparaging terms. We are encouraged to run old girls who are out of touch and wear plaid pants, etc.

Just this week there was a Letter using such a description. The parents, however, can almost never afford a family of four.

We too are part of The Observer.

Charles Rice

Quote of the Day

"True friends are those who really know you but love you anyway."-
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Observer Poll

Signing day is Feb. 3. Which commit will have the best ND career?

Louis (DL) Andrew Hendrix (QB)
Taylour Jones (WR)
Cameron Robinson (RB)

Other

Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m.

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Thank you for your contributions to the Observer.
As one of the five organizers of last Wednesday's demonstration, I would like to first thank everyone who showed up and who made sure that neither hunger nor fear stopped us from speaking our truth. The turnout was beyond what we had expected and was encouraging for those who are working hard for equality.

The next item is to clear up a few things: the security officer who arrested me was not the letter carrier, but the carrier was doing his job. Students are not allowed to enter the building as demonstrators so his actions are in accordance with Notre Dame’s policy to not inform the Office of the President that we would be delivering a letter; or else they would have sent down a representative to ensure the proper delivery of the letter. Clearly, we were not ignored.

Within a few hours, the organizers of the demonstration received an e-mail that Jenkins wanted to sit down with us to discuss our concerns. Friday afternoon, the five of us had a meeting with Jenkins where he listened to us and we discussed some solutions. Jenkins expressed sincere desire to open up dialogue constructively to addressing this. To say that his response shows “unwillingness” is counter to the actions he has demonstrated thus far. Further, mud-smearing and accusatory language is the exact opposite of what is needed to engage in thoughtful conversations surrounding our differences.

This brings me to another point. Both sides of the response to current events on campus have been far from Christian or being in line with合影

Thumbs up to the Student Union Board to recognize groups of LGBTQ students, faculty, and alumni at the following March for Life.

In Washington, D.C.

Finally, we wish to express our humble thanks to the Fund to Protect Human Life, to Dr. Carolyn Wool and the Mendoza College of Business, to Dean Peter Kilpatrick and the College of Engineering, to the Institute for Church Life, to Professor William Evans of the Department of Economics and Econometrics, to Professor Daniel Costello of the Department of Electrical Engineering and to the University’s Office of the President for their very generous financial support. Given the University of Notre Dame's long tradition of championing the rights of the poor, vulnerable and voiceless, it is most fitting that our university community join together to witness on behalf of the unborn and pregnant women. Notre Dame Right to Life looks forward to working with all members of the University community to further the spirit of inclusion and participation in the culture of life not only within our own campus but in our nation and world.

Thanks from ND Right to Life

On behalf of Notre Dame Right to Life and all those who work for Church Life, we would like to express our warm and heartfelt gratitude to those who hear of this to stop dismissing the issue and step up to the plate. Take bold steps to live your "Spirit of Notre Dame, it is time to act. Alumni, students and faculty, staff and alumni at the inaugural "ND Family” dinner following the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

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“Assassin’s Creed II” is the second major installment of the successful and critically acclaimed series by Ubisoft. In this episode, the player takes the reins of Desmond, a descendent of the assassin Ezio Auditore da Firenze. Through some far-fetched futuristic technology, Desmond is placed in a “Matrix”-like virtual simulation of his ancestor’s memories, which are apparently decoded from his DNA.

Within this simulation, Desmond relives Ezio’s life story, including the assassin’s training, the cold-blooded murder of his family and his corpse-littered, blood-soaked path to revenge. You know, the normal stuff of a Renaissance Italian.

To those new to the franchise, you are initially introduced to Desmond and the plot of the series through a tedious sequence of escape scenes, where you have to follow a woman who won’t tell you where you’re going or why you’re getting into the trunk of her car.

After a successful getaway, you’re itching to get into the “Matrix,” if only to learn player controls other than walking, and the slightly faster but incredibly stupid-looking power-walk.

Once inside the simulation, the game opens up with a tutorial of the controls, which varied on the spectrum between “obvious and insistent” to “aggravatingly unhelpful.” What it explains thoroughly need not be said, and where the player is pitted against a non-player character (NPC) in an unavoidable building-scaling contest, the tutorial offers little more advice than “Beat your brother to the top of the church.” This, the hardest and most frustrating part of the game, comes within five minutes of putting the disc in.

Having conquered the tutorial, the player is introduced to Ezio’s world by completing a series of tasks for his father. It begins to seem like Ezio is just a trouble-making courier, until the delivery of a secret package results in Ezio’s entire family getting murdered for a conspiracy his father was fighting against. This event fuels Ezio’s thirst for revenge, tracking down and killing every member of the massive group of conspirators guilty of the murder of Ezio’s family.

Once into the flow of the game, the missions come very easily. Each assassination of one conspirator results in leads to three others, taking you to various Italian settings — Venice, Florence, a rural area, Ezio’s villa. All of these magnificent landscapes also come with different peacekeepers, different vehicles (horses, boats in Venice) and different malicious leaders to take down.

These different settings make the difference in what are basically variations on a theme — platforming and fighting. Not to say that these two components combined cannot make a great game — on the contrary, many great games are solely comprised of them. What makes this troublesome in “Assassin’s Creed II,” however, is that these platforming and combat tasks are unbelievably easy. Despite countless controls, by holding two buttons, Ezio enters Spider-man-mode, where he leaps and bounds in the direction indicated, through whatever means necessary.

The secondary plot, which is collecting relics of historical assassins, is the only time you’ll ever have to think about platforming, because these areas are designated platforming challenges, designed to test the mastery of the skill. In all common town areas, holding the two buttons renders Ezio uncatchable. The second element of the gameplay, combat, is also excessively easy. Unless you manage to aggravate a small horde of guards, Ezio’s combat skills, weaponry and speed will result in a large pile of guard corpses.

The plot is present, but not essential enough to really be a factor in the game. Once you turn into a revenge-seeking Renaissance ninja, with the puzzle-solving and invention-making sidekick Leonardo Da Vinci, it is easy to tune out the names in favor of the little red “kill this guy” indicator on the minimap. The result is a sandbox game that plays through well once, then leaves you as a heavily armed misanthrope with a weird compulsion for jumping off the top of church steeples into big piles of hay.

“Assassin’s Creed II”
Producer: Ubisoft
Gaming Systems: Playstation 3, XBox 360

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Two forces drive musicians to make movies: the monetary and the creative. As always, money is relatively simple. The movie sells, people make money, they pretend it makes them happier, life continues as before. This is a long and storied tradition, largely beginning with Colonel Parker’s death grip on Elvis’ career leading to “Girls! Girls! Girls!” and “Blue Hawaii.” Through the decades, it’s been carried by movies starring The Beatles (with the exception of “Yellow Submarine,” which wasn’t really made by The Beatles), KISS and the Spice Girls, all of whom have continued as before. This is a long and sto-

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Also in 2003, the Dresden Dolls released “A Is for Accident,” an EP of live performances. The album features both live versions of songs from “The Dresden Dolls,” like “Coin-Operated Boy” and “Missed Me,” along with new songs like “The Time Has Come” and “The Night Has Come.” The album features tracks left over from “Yes, Virginia …” as well as some b-sides. However, this album features some of their finest work, opening with the great “Dear Jenny.” What follows is a collection of excellent material that was thankfully released after being left behind on some recording studio shelf. “Night Reconnaissance” amply displays the vocal and instrumental virtuosity, while “Mouse and the Model” is one of their finest songs to date. Other notable songs include “The Kill” and “Ultima Thule.”

Unfortunately, the Dresden Dolls have been on hiatus since then, although both Palmer and Viglione deny any bad feelings between the two. Hopefully, this hiatus will come to an end in the near future so they can start wowing fans once again with their music. Until then, and for extra credit listening, check out some of their greatest songs that round out the Dresden Dolls’ excellent first release.

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Music Rewind: The Dresden Dolls

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Special to The Observer

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Squash

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 anchored at No. 11 in the national final results last year and were ranked No. 2 at season’s end, defeated the Thunderbirds 11-2.

Sophomore Maise O’Malle led the scoring with five goals, followed by junior Ali Durkin, who netted three goals. Sophomore Erin Noritz was strong defensively, blocking both Darien and Harvard's offensive scoring twice and once, respectively.

Standout senior goalie Betsy O’Neill registered 15 saves, helping the Irish shut out Wheaton during the first half and aiding in their dominant victory. The squad will look to continue their success the weekend after the tournament in Chicago.

NHL

Crosby scores three in Penguins comeback

Hiller earns second shutout with 33 saves as Ducks end Panthers’ five-game home winning streak, win 3-0

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**AFC tops NFC in Pro Bowl’s new format**

MIAMI — In its new role as a warmer to the Super Bowl, the Pro Bowl became a series of wind sprints.

Long gains were the rule and hard hitting was the exception as the AFC beat the NFC 41-34 on Sunday night.

Light showers fell for much of the game, stirring memories of a rainy Super Bowl in Miami three years ago. But uniforms remained mostly spotless, with more pushing and shoving than tackling.

“It’s different. It was like 7 on 7,” NFC linebacker Brian Orakpo said. “Everybody came out here trying not to get hurt and give the fans a good show.”

Matt Schaub of the Houston Texans threw for 189 yards and two AFC scores, and was chosen the most valuable player.

“It’s a game you watch growing up as a kid and wonder if you could ever be in,” Schaub said. “To actually be a part of it is incredible.”

Aaron Rodgers also threw two touchdowns passes, and NFC teammate DeSean Jackson had two scoring catches.

From the standpoint of ticket sales, this year’s new venue and slot on the league calendar was a success. The crowd of 76,697 was the largest for a Pro Bowl since 1959 in Los Angeles.

Spectators included Peyton Manning, Drew Brees and other Pro Bowl players from the Super Bowl teams. Manning and the Indianapolis Colts will face Brees and the New Orleans Saints on the same field next Sunday in the biggest game of the season.

The NFL sought to transform the Pro Bowl into a bigger game by playing it before the Super Bowl for the first time. In a one-year experiment, the league also moved the game from Honolulu, its home since 1980.

The stadium was half empty by the third quarter, perhaps partly because of the rain and temperatures in the 60s. It was sunny and 82 in Honolulu at game time.

Did the weather dampen the players’ enthusiasm for Miami?


Eager to host more big events, the Dolphins have proposed adding a roof that would cover fans as part of stadium improvements that could cost $250 million or more. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell says the upgrades are needed if South Florida is to remain competitive in bidding for future Super Bowls.

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**IN BRIEF**

**MLB accuses Upper Deck Co. of stealing trademarks**

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball’s licensing wing is calling out a baseball card maker for allegedly stealing trademarks.

Major League Baseball Properties Inc. filed a trademark lawsuit seeking unspecified damages against The Upper Deck Co. Inc. on Monday in federal court in Manhattan.

The lawsuit said Upper Deck is continuing to sell baseball cards featuring professional baseball players even though the company is no longer licensed to show MLB trademarks. Major League Baseball Properties began this year to license only The Topps Co. Inc. in a bid to increase its revenues from the cards.

**Hornets’ All Star Paul out with knee injury**

NEW ORLEANS — Hornets’ All-Star point guard Chris Paul is out indefinitely with a left knee injury that will likely require surgery.

The MRI revealed more damage to the knee than the initial diagnosis of a bruise, Hornets coach Jeff Bower said on Monday. The coach refused, however, to confirm reports that Paul had a meniscus tear and would miss at least a month.

“We’re in fact-finding stages right now, gathering as much information as possible for decisions to be made to take the next steps,” Bower said. “It is likely there will be a surgical solution for it. We don’t have a timetable (for Paul’s return) right now, nor do we know a surgical procedure right now.”

Paul watched the Hornets’ shootaround on Monday but was unavailable to reporters.

**NBA Basketball**

**Clippers at Bulls**

8 p.m., CSN

**Men’s NCAA Basketball**

Michigan State at Wisconsin

9 p.m., ESPN

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Arenas working to promote nonviolence

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas insists he now understands that "guns and violence are serious problems, not joking matters.

In an op-ed piece written for The Washington Post and put on the newspaper’s Web site Monday, the suspended Washington Wizards guard pledges to be a better role model and says a message of nonviolence will be front and center as I try to rebuild my relationship with young people in the D.C. area.

"I know that won’t happen overnight, and that it will happen only if I show through my actions that I am truly sorry and have learned from my mistakes. If I try to help stop young people bringing guns into the locker room — and he also brought a gun to the court — and to understand the influence we have on all those youngsters who look up to us. I have a duty to act responsibly and to somehow have a positive impact," Arenas pleaded guilty Jan. 15 to a felony charge of carrying a pistol without a license. He is scheduled to be sentenced March 26.

"I am trying hard to right my wrongs. The one that will be hardest to make right is the effect my actions have had on kids who see NBA players as role models," Arenas says in the op-ed piece. "Professional athletes have a duty to act responsibly and to be a good influence we have on all those kids who look up to us. I failed to live up to that responsibility when I broke the law and set such a bad example."

Last week, Arenas was suspended without pay for the rest of the season by NBA commissioner David Stern for bringing guns into the Wizards locker room as part of a dispute with teammate Javaris Crittenton stemming from a card game. Crittenton also brought a gun to the locker room — and he also was handed a season-ending suspension by Stern.

Arenas already had been suspended indefinitely by Stern earlier in January, his total ban amounts to 50 games.

A three-time All-Star, Arenas was leading the Wizards in scoring and assists averages when he was first forced to sit out after making light of things, including pretending to "shoot" teammates with his hands during an on-court huddle before a game at Philadelphia.

In Monday’s piece, Arenas says he gave Stern reason to suspend him and acknowledged "damaged the image of the NBA and its players." He also says he “let down our fans and Mrs. Irene Pollin, the widow of longtime Wizards owner Abe Pollin.”

Abe Pollin changed the team’s nickname from Bullets to Wizards because of the violent connotations of the old name. He died in November.

"Arenas’ op-ed ends by saying: "Some people may not forgive me for what I’ve done. But if I help steer even just one young person away from violence and trouble, then I’ll once again feel that I’m living up to Abe Pollin’s legacy and the violent connotations of the old name."

Mora signs one-year deal

Associated Press

DENVER— Spending the last 9½ seasons in Baltimore and watching the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox annually battle for playoff berths left Melvin Mora with one big wish in free agency.

"The most important thing for Melvin, being that he’s 38 years old and has been playing on a sub-.500 team for many, many years, was to get to the postseason," Mora’s agent, Eric Goldschmidt, said Monday.

Mora hasn’t been to the playoffs since he was a 27-year-old rookie with the New York Mets in 1999. A year later, he was shipped to Baltimore at the trade deadline.

"At Melvin’s age and where he’s at in his career, he really had me focus on the teams that we thought had the best chance of getting into the playoffs,” Goldschmidt said.

The Colorado Rockies, with two playoff berths in three seasons, a core of promising, young players and the NL Manager of the Year in Jim Tracy, certainly fit that requirement.

And when Orlando Cabrera accepted Cincinnati’s offer for a one-year contract to be the Reds’ starting shortstop, the Rockies turned their attention to signing Mora, who turns 38 on Tuesday.

Goldschmidt confirmed that Mora agreed to a $1.3 million, one-year contract with Colorado, an agreement first reported by foxsports.com.

Mora’s versatility was attractive to the Rockies, who signed Jason Giambi to back up first baseman Todd Helton last week. Mora is expected to serve primarily as a backup at third base for Ian Stewart, but he can also play left and center fields and back up all the infield positions.

He could push second baseman Clint Barmes for at-bats, and with the Rockies starting left-handed hitters at all three outfield spots and at third base, the right-handed-hitting Mora can expect plenty of trips to the plate as a pinch-hitter, too.

A career .278 hitter and a two-time All-Star, Mora slumped last year with a .260 batting average with eight homers and 48 RBIs after averaging 20 homers over his previous seven seasons. In 2008, he hit 23 home runs and drove in 104 while batting .285.

Much like Giambi, who’s 39, Mora brings a veteran presence to Colorado’s youth-filled clubhouse.

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NCAA Football

NCAA’s concussion standards questioned

Associated Press

H O U S T O N — A member of the House Judiciary Committee criticized the biggest conferences in college athletics Monday for failing to adopt policies on handling head injuries in college sports.

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Aspects of Sports, if any conferences had tougher rules. When he said that they did not, Cohen seemed incensed.

“You don’t think that’s an indictment of each of the conferences? That they accept the minimum that the NCAA mandates?” Cohen said. “Shouldn’t conferences and schools get together and have some stricter regulations?”

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Cabrera signs with Reds

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — A trade that saved some money made the Cincinnati Reds’ next shortstop affordable.

The Reds sent center fielder Willy Taveras to the Oakland Athletics on Monday as part of a four-player deal, then agreed to a $3.02 million, one-year deal with Orlando Cabrera to become their starting shortstop.

Both teams made a series of moves that changed the looks of their rosters.

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The 33-year-old Miles batted .175 in 84 games with the Cubs last season, when he had shoulder and elbow injuries. The Cubs traded him to the A’s in December along with Jake Fox as part of a five-player deal.

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Where do today’s top students turn into tomorrow’s business leaders? Right here
Bears hire new coordinator

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mike Martz, the headstrong coach who orchestrated "The Greatest Show on Turf," while molding Kurt Warner into an MVP quarterback, was hired Monday as the Chicago Bears' new offensive coordinator.

Martz's hiring ended a nearly monthlong search to replace the fired Ron Turner. His job is to turn around a struggling offense and get the most out of Jay Cutler after the quarterback and team failed to meet high expectations this season.

Cutler threw a league-leading 26 interceptions after a 9,000-yard season out of Jon Kitna, and held the same job with the San Francisco 49ers in 2006. He was sent packing for his pass-happy ways.

Now, after spending last season on the bench for the first eight games with a third-string quarterback, Martz has a third-string quarterback.

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energy defense to disrupt Notre Dame and was able to cut the lead down to two points several times. “They’re a great team,” McGraw said. “They are just so, so athletic. Their press, their defense. They’re an outstanding defensive team. Their backs were against the wall, they needed a win. However, Notre Dame’s leaders stepped up just as the younger Rutgers squad began to get tired. With a 57-53 lead and 3:10 left to go in the game, senior forward Khadijah Rushdan hit a 3-pointer to spark a 9-2 run by the Irish. Two minutes later Notre Dame was up 66-55 and simply needed to run out the clock.

“That was a huge shot,” McGraw said. “[Barlow is certainly somebody we’d like to have shoot the ball in that situation. It was really big.”

In a low-scoring first half, Rutgers was up 9-5 after five minutes of play. Notre Dame soon erased that lead with a 10-2 run punctuated by six Scarlet Knight turnovers. Rutgers turned the ball over 12 times in the first half and the Irish made the most of the opportunities to score 14 points. Notre Dame went into halftime leading 31-23.

“We were so focused in the beginning, they came out ready to go,” McGraw said. “We matched their intensity. I was really proud of the team.”

The Scarlet Knights cut the Irish lead quickly after halftime. Though they did not even attempt a free throw in the first half, they scored six in the first five minutes to cut the lead to 38-33. In the period, Rutgers shot 14-of-18 from the field.

Freshman guard Skylar Diggins led the Irish with 14 points. Junior guard Becca Bruszewski (13), senior guard Melissa Lechlitner (12), junior forward Devereaux Peters (11) and senior guard Lindsay Schrader (10) all scored in double figures as well. “Our strength is in our balance,” McGraw said. “We don’t rely on one person and that makes us hard to guard. We take the ball, we work for the good shot.”

Rutgers guard Khadijah Rushdan scored 16 points to lead her team, while forward Myia McCovery added 14, all in the second half. Center Chelsey Lee recorded a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds. The Scarlet Knights out-rebounded the Irish 46-38, though each team grabbed 20 boards in the second half. The Irish have struggled with rebounding all season. “We’ve got a lot of work to do there,” McGraw said.

“We’ve got to figure that out. It’s going to cost us a game. So we’ll be working on that in practice this week.”

Notre Dame will have a short break before returning home to face Pittsburgh on Saturday.

“We need it. We’re exhausted,” McGraw said. “Four games in eight days, that was a brutal stretch of the season.”

That game will begin at 2 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion.

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Irish guard Ashley Barlow shoots during Notre Dame’s 84-59 victory over Providence at the Purcell Pavilion on Jan. 27.

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NFL

Ochocinco to cover Super Bowl

Associated Press
CINCINNATI Chad Ochocinco and other prominent NFL players will be asking the questions and giving reports during Super Bowl XCVI week.

The media-savvy Bengals receiver plans to attend news conferences and parties leading up to the title game in Miami, gathering insights from coaches, players and celebrities for his array of social networks.

He'll have help in the unprecedented plan. Redskins tight end Chris Cooley, Ravens Pro Bowl running back Ray Rice and Cardinals Pro Bowl defensive lineman Darnell Dockett also will be toing microphones and posing questions at the Colts and the Saints — and maybe even commissioner Roger Goodell.

It’s the first such venture since the receiver formed his “Ochocinco News Network” with Motorola.

“It’ll be something new, something never done before,” Ochocinco told The Associated Press in a phone interview from Miami, where he played in the Pro Bowl on Sunday night.

Ochocinco and his three helpers plan to function as reporters, updating a Web site and a Twitter feed during the week. The players have hundreds of thousands of regular followers on their personal Twitter accounts and other social networks.

They expect to attend media sessions where players and coaches are available, conduct interviews with guests at the media headquarters, and provide behind-the-scenes glimpses at the nightly Super Bowl parties in Miami.

The goal is to provide players’ reactions to the whirlwind week.

“That’s what everybody wants to hear,” Ochocinco said. “They want to hear the players’ perspective. They don’t want to hear what the other (media) outlets say about what they feel is going on. People want to hear what the players feel about the events, the entire nine yards.”

The Pro Bowl receiver launched his “News Network” last October, planning to enlist other NFL players in breaking news. He didn’t do much with it during the season as the surprising Bengals won the AFC North title before losing to the Jets in the playoffs.

“At that time as the season neared the end, I had to slow down a little bit on most of the social media stuff,” he said. “Coach [Marvin] Lewis never said anything directly to me, but you understood that it wasn’t the right time to be doing as much as I used to. So this is the perfect time to do what I’m doing right now, and I’m the perfect fit for it.”

Motorola, which is promoting its MOTOBURBL technology, assembled the four-player crew that will cover the Super Bowl.

When OCNN first launched, the goal was to give fans unprecedented access into Chad’s life and the game he loves,” Motorola marketing officer Bill Ogle said. “Expanding OCNN with more correspondents for the Super Bowl just made sense.”

All four players are adept at social networking, but have never been involved in such a project.

“To be honest, I don’t really know Chad that well,” Cooley said in a phone interview. “He’s so outgoing, he’s such a prevalent figure in social networking. When Motorola asked me to do this, I was excited because I get to hang out with Chad for a week.”

Dockett got to experience the other side of the Super Bowl last year when the Cardinals lost the title game to the Steelers. The other three players will be experiencing it for the first time.

“I can’t wait,” Cooley said. “It should be a lot of fun. Just to be interviewing Peyton (Manning), to talk to Drew Brees — that will be great.

“They’re taking it seriously. The four players had a production meeting on Monday. They plan to attend media day with the Colts and Saints on Tuesday, arriving in their own OCNN van. When evening comes, they’ll split up to attend the parties and report on them. Ochocinco should have the inside scoop on one event. He’s hosting a party for 400 people at his beach house on Friday night that will raise money for Haiti.

The NFL commissioner traditionally holds a question-and-answer session with reporters during the week. Ochocinco plans to be in the media conference room on Friday night. What would he ask Goodell?

“I’m not sure right now,” he said. “When that time comes, I’ll be prepared for him.”

Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Chad Ochocinco is prepared to cover the NFL title game. His “Ochocinco News Network” will feature Cooley, Rice and Cardinals Pro Bowl defensive lineman Darnell Dockett. The four players will report on and interview NFL players and coaches during Super Bowl week.

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Oschocinco to cover Super Bowl
Cousins grows up at Kentucky

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — DeMarcus Cousins doesn’t answer questions after games so much as he holds court.

The precocious freshman center is as refreshingly unfettered as his coach John Calipari is polished and direct. And Cousins, is unapologetically honest whether the topic is his sometimes eccentric postgame attire or his ability to attract controversy wherever he goes.

Yes, Cousins thinks he may be the best center in the Southeastern Conference. Yes, he will be coming for revenge in Saturday and Sunday at the Midwest Championships approach. The Commodores are the Midwest Champions.

Cousins is averaging 16.2 points, 9.7 rebounds and 1.8 blocks a game, numbers that become staggering when Cousins’ limited court time is factored in. He plays barely half the game—21 minutes a night—because of his inability to stay out of foul trouble.

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"Joanna has a terrific work ethic and is very disciplined in her training." -- John Millar

"(Schultz) certainly has the potential to become an All-American in both the indoor and outdoor season." -- John Millar

The leader, as usual, was James. He made his first seven shots and finished with 12 points and 11 assists. His five 3-pointers in the first quarter and the streaking Cavaliers tied an NBA record with 11 3-pointers in the opening period of their season-best eighth straight victory.

The whole spectacle left Dunleavy stunned. “I’ve got my gameplan that I’ll put them in the gym nked, nobody else on them, and they probably can’t make 11 out of 13 again from the same spots,” Dunleavy said. “They hit some shots in that first quarter that I know in 30 years of being in the NBA that I’ve never seen a team make.”

The 46 points tied a franchise mark for most in a quarter, and Cleveland’s 16 3-pointers fell one shy of the team record for a game.
Nebraska-Omaha, while junior center Ben Ryan was listed as inactive for undisclosed reasons in Saturday night’s 3-2 victory over the Mavericks.

The Irish only dressed five defensemen in the series, with All-American junior Ian Cole, junior Teddy Ruth, freshman Sam Calabrese and sophomore Eric Ringel all listed as injured. “I want to get to the bye week and try to get people healthy and try to get as strong as we can,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “We need to start playing as a team again, getting ready to go into the playoffs. But all we’re worrying about right now is how we’re playing right now, because it matters the most.”

The Irish will get a chance to make up some ground in the CCHA with upcoming road series against conference bottom-feeders Western Michigan and Bowling Green, before taking on rival Michigan in a home-and-home matchup. Notre Dame will not return to the Joyce Center until Feb. 27, the final game of the season and the last chance for the Irish to stake out a spot near the top of the CCHA.

Notre Dame will need every point it can get, with only four points separating the fourth-place Irish and 10th-place Northern Michigan. The top four teams in the CCHA will earn a first-round bye in the conference tournament and host a second-round matchup.

“You look at the standings, there’s six teams in the mix, anywhere from third to 10th,” Jackson said. “So the teams we’re playing down the stretch we have to play well.”

Despite scrapping up 10 points in its last six games, Notre Dame has certainly left some points on the ice. Most recently, the Irish squandered a 2-1 lead Friday evening, allowing four straight Nebraska-Omaha goals en route to a 5-3 loss.

“We’ve had some games where the opponents made the games more challenging towards the end, and we didn’t respond the way we could,” Jackson said. “We want to start building some consistency.”

Despite their 4-3 loss to Tulsa this past weekend, the Irish are hoping to rebound from failing to clinch tight matches last season.

The Irish dropped seven matches by the score of 4-3 last year, and with more experience the team hopes to turn those close losses into wins.

Helgeson is the only starter who did not return from last season, leaving a strong core group of players that are helping the freshmen adjust and make an impact on the lineup.

Talmadge, Moros and Moore are contributing as they have combined for three singles wins already through the early portion of the spring schedule.

The Irish will next travel to Durham, N.C., to take on Duke Sunday with first serve set for noon.

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Team focused on finding right doubles combinations

By KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writer

With a wealth of experience and young talent, the problem for the Irish has been finding quality players, but how to pair them up.

The Irish have been focusing on doubles play and combinations in practice heading into the start of the season and will continue to try different teams together.

Junior David Anderson has played a key role already this spring, winning the clinching match against New Mexico Sunday.

Anderson has also been a force for the Irish at doubles, picking up a win with Talmadge against the Lobos.

Watt has established himself at the top of the singles lineup for the Irish taking over for graduated senior Brett Helgeson.

“[Casey] Watt and [Tyler] Davis played together last fall and had some good results, but they need to buy into a system that gives them a better chance to win, playing higher percentages and being more consistent, or perhaps find other partners,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.


The No. 30 Irish are coming off a 1-1 road trip that saw them lose a tight decision to Tulsa and then rebound for a 4-1 victory over New Mexico.

The Irish have been relying on a lot of their depth already this season to help fill in the gaps in certain positions.

Though the Irish were up as many as nine early in the second half, Rutgers (12-11-7, 8-8-6-2 CCHA) are clinging to a tenuous fourth-place tie in the conference and will have to hold their ground despite a depleted roster.

A half-dozen skaters were listed on the injury report for Notre Dame's weekend series against Northwestern.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Garden State escape

Notre Dame holds off tough Rutgers squad

By LAURA MYERS
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No. 1 Notre Dame held off a scrappy Rutgers team Monday to defeat the Scarlet Knights for the first time since 2005. Prior to their 75-63 win at the Louis Brown Athletic Center in Piscataway, N.J., the Irish had lost five straight to Rutgers.

Notre Dame (20-1, 7-1 Big East) took the lead with 12 minutes to go in the first half but had to work to keep it.

“It was a great win,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “I thought the seniors really came in focused, they hadn’t beaten them in their last three tries, and they were all instrumental in the win.

Though the Irish were up by as many as nine early in the second half, Rutgers (12-10, 4-1) employed a high-pressure defense that kept them in the game for 15 minutes to go in the first half.

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The men’s salver squad has shown improvement all year, and sophomore Anthony Schlehuber and junior Avery Zuck led the pack with undefeated performances Sunday including a collective 9-0 victory against Cleveland State.

The women’s foil has also showed their ability to shift their performance into the next gear over the last week with sophomore Christina LaBarge boasting a perfect 8-0 record in contributing to

ND TRACK & FIELD

Schultz leads ND sprinters

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