CIO leaves, interim director installed

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Gordon Wishon has vacated his post as Chief Information Officer (CIO) at the University, and an interim CIO has taken his place in leading the Office of Information Technology (OIT).

Wishon’s last official day was Jan. 31, however, multiple sources told The Observer that Wishon left the University several weeks ago, and an interim CIO was installed prior to Wishon’s last official day at Notre Dame.

University Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said last week that Wishon

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Film screening encourages dialogue

‘The Price of Pleasure’ explores pornography; students and faculty discuss implications

By NORAKENNEY
News Writer

Students and faculty shared their reactions to “The Price of Pleasure,” a film that negatively portrays pornography by emphasizing how it affects those involved, following its screening Tuesday evening.

The showing was part of a presentation called “The Price of Pleasure: Dissecting the Pornography Debate,” which was co-sponsored by the Gender Relations Center (GRC), Gender Studies Program, Feminist Voice, Identity Project of Notre Dame, Men Against Violence and Theology Department.

Patrick Vight, a senior who works in the GRC, told the large crowd that filled most of the Carev Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library that the GRC intended to use the film “as a launching pad for dialogue.” He acknowledged the explicit material in the film, and said staff would be available following the presentation to offer counseling for those disturbed by the film and its images.

Heather Bakcocy Russell, director of the GRC, said the goal of the presentation was to encourage a thoughtful dialogue about what is pornography, how it affects us in mainstream culture, and how it affects our values coming from our Catholic identity.

To foster this dialogue, the showing of the film was followed by discussions led by John Cavadini, chair of the Theology department, and Pamela Wojcik, director of the Gender Studies Program.

Both Wojcik and Cavadini said they were displeased with the film, “The Price of Pleasure.” Cavadini said the film showed images of pornography that served to “fuel the film” rather than provide a comprehensive examination of the issue of pornography, and Wojcik nodded in agreement.

Wojcik talked about examining the values depicted throughout current films of all genres, which she said the film failed to do, rather than simply looking at pornography as an isolated genre.

“I’m not saying I’m not concerned about pornograpy. I’m just saying that I’m equally concerned about the average ‘bromance’ movie,” Wojcik said. “I’m not saying that I would censor a ‘bromance’ movie, but with those movies, we just laugh it off.”

Cavadini specifically addressed the men in the audience.

“Your soul becomes as

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University creates new int’l development minor

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

In response to students’ increasing interest and involvement in issues surrounding international development, the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity announced the introduction of a minor in International Development Studies (IDS).

“We need to look at more than just the technology solutions to development, but also the way in which we have to change some of the structures that prevent development from happening,” Tony Puhlen, assistant director for the Ford Program, said. “Notre Dame has a unique opportunity being a religious institution about creating a whole new procedure for dealing with victims and people guilty of committing sexual assault,” she said. “It is also going to be made clear what resources are available for victims.”

COR also discussed the issues that arise when a

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members discuss du Lac

COR considers revisions about sexual assault, off-campus citations

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) continued discussing the upcoming revisions of du Lac as well as issues student government wants to bring to the attention of the University’s Board of Trustees.

Tuesday’s meeting opened with student body president Grant Schmidt discussing questions that members of COR had brought forward after meeting and speaking with their individual councils last week. Questions were brought forth relating to the handling of sexual assault, off-campus violations, disciplinary actions and the actual formatting of du Lac.

“Sexual assault will be the most important issue to be revised in du Lac,” Schmidt said. “The terminology will be a huge part of the revisions especially when dealing with who is a ‘witness’ and who is a ‘victim.’”

Student body vice president Cynthia Weber said the process surrounding the determination of sexual assault would also be raised as a concern when student government submits its questions to the committee that is revising du Lac.

“Right now there’s discus-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Look at the small things

As an aspiring journalist, I am slowly coming to terms with the reality that I will never “make it big.” Unlike the 2 percent of business majors and 1 percent of engineers, I will not end up making a ton of money. I’ll be lucky if I make any money at all.

But the process of accepting this has been slow, and at times I still find myself planning for that day when I have it all. After watching the Dave Matthews Band perform at Grammys with essentially a full orchestra supporting them, I caught myself thinking about having the money to stand front-row for such a performance. I then pondered, what other dreams of mine will I eventually give up on in order to pursue this journalistic thing?

I don’t see me ever owning an Aston Martin. Ever since I beat the video game Need for Speed driving an Aston Martin (As-tone Mar-teen is my preferred pronunciation), I’ve dreamt of owning one. Oh well, I guess my 1971 VW Beetle will have to do.

Nor should I really expect to visit Africa for two full weeks again. I managed to slip into a trip to Senegal and South Africa the day after my high school graduation, and can only imagine how enjoyable a return would be. I probably shouldn’t complain having been once though.

Is there any chance I can still get Snoop Dogg to MC a party I throw? No, I’m not important enough for him. Well, if I have to settle for Cordozar Calvin Broadus, I think I’ll survive, somehow.

I don’t see how I’ll own a sports franchise either, what without having half a billion dollars to spare or anything useful there, instead of just ruining my thought my card counting could be the next big thing. I’m sure any money I make at all.

Accepting this has essentially a full performance and I will never be front-row for such a performance. I have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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IN BRIEF

The Richard Alston Dance Company will be at the DeBartolo Mainstage Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tomorrow at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at performingarts.nd.edu or at the box office.

AcousticCafe will be held in the LaFortune Student Center basement tomorrow from 10 p.m. to midnight. The event is free.

“Documenting Trauma” with filmmaker Danielle Beverly, a part of the FTT Talks lecture series, will take place Friday in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The lecture is free but ticketed.

Welsh Family Hall’s “DanceFest 2010” will take place Friday and Saturday at Washington Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are $5 and available at the LaFortune Student Center box office. All proceeds go to the Robinson Community Learning Center’s Shakespeare Company.

Combined auditions for The Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival will be held Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Philbin Stage Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Auditions are for the spring production of “As You Like It” and its 2010 Young Company professional summer residency program. Auditions are open for Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, and Holy Cross students.

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

By SAM STRYKER

Though the University’s Writing Center has had its doors open to students for the last 10 years, this semester it welcomes Matthew Capdevielle as its new director, who replaces Chris Mannelly, the acting associate director last semester. Capdevielle recently completed graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he received a Ph.D. in English.

In addition to currently teaching a writing program for the University, Capdevielle is helping oversee the Writing Center as an academic tool for all students.

“My job is to handle day to day stuff here and to work on programming,” he said.

Capdevielle said the most important function of the Writing Center is the face-to-face help it provides for students.

Apointments at the Writing Center can be made in 45-minute increments. Any kind of writing project at any level is welcome.

Capdevielle said he hopes students understand that the true purpose of the Writing Center is not to help students with grammar and proofreading, but rather to help with fleshing out ideas and constructing strong arguments.

“Our main focus is having people develop their focus and ideas in their writing,” he said.

While the central focus of the Writing Center lies in these face-to-face appointments, Capdevielle said the Center’s programming is also beneficial to students’ academic careers.

“Our main purpose is the one-on-one stuff,” he said.

“However, we do do programs here and there,” he added.

Capdevielle said the Writing Center is currently hosting a workshop on grant application writing with CUSE, and there is upcoming programming for graduate students.

“In a couple of weeks we’re doing a graduate student workshop on turning in coursework to publications,” he said.

While students may be the main patrons of the Writing Center, they also are an integral part of its day-to-day operations.

“We have 30 undergraduate and four graduate tutors,” Capdevielle said.

“Tutors are nominated by professors to apply.”

Capdevielle said the application process occurs in the spring, and the following fall those students that are hired engage in a tutor-training course titled ‘Writing Center Theory and Practice.’

These tutors helped 1,500 students with their papers last semester, and while there were some slow weeks, other times the Writing Center was swamped, Capdevielle said.

“The assignment cycle means that some weeks we have 20 students come in and other weeks we’re at 200 to 300,” he said.

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Travel agency serves students

Anthony Travel assists with bus to Chicago, helps plan spring break

By ALISON MEAGHER
News Writer

Each day, thousands of students on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses visit their respective student centers. However, few students venture into Anthony Travel, a travel agency located on both campuses.

“We are the official travel partner of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s college,” Mary Kowalski, Vice President of Travel Services, said. “Students are definitely an important part of our business. Anthony Travel caters to student needs and also aids in staff and faculty travel, athletic team travel, club travel and study abroad programs.

Kowalski said Anthony Travel’s most popular service is assisting students with getting tickets for the Coach USA bus, which runs between Notre Dame’s campus and Chicago. Anthony Travel offers tickets for a lower price than if bought directly through the company, she said.

Lauren Berry, a Saint Mary’s freshman, said the bus helps her get home to Dallas, Texas on breaks because most flights going to Dallas leave from one of the Chicago airports.

“It’s really convenient that there is a bus to get to Chicago. If not, it would be really difficult for me to get home during breaks.”

Lauren Berry freshman

The agency also arranges flights and hotels for students. They can also help students’ parents get to campus for events such as orientation, home football games, graduation and junior or senior parent weekends.

Service charges are usually around $30 but can differ depending on request. No appointments are needed to talk to an agent, Kowalski said.

Kowalski said one service that many students do not know about is the Student Travel Club. For one flat rate, students will receive a passport picture, bag tags, waived service fees, a frequent flyer account and hotel booking for friends or family traveling to Notre Dame for home football games.

The agency also organizes group travel for spring break, Kalleen Carr, Leisure Manager, said.

“We have a lot of people traveling to Mexico this year. Specifically Puerto Vallarta and Rivera Maya,” Carr said.

The agency will arrange group flights, hotels, transfers, all-inclusive resorts or cruises for spring break trips. If students use one of Anthony Travel’s packages, their trip will be arranged free of any service charges.

The Agency is located in the LaFortune Student Center on Notre Dame’s campus and in the Student Center on Saint Mary’s campus. Both offices are opened by anytime during regular business hours.

Students can visit http://www.anthonytravel.com/university notreDame, call 574-631-7080 or stop by anytime during regular business hours.

“If students want help with any of their travel plans, we’re here to help,” Kowalski said.

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Saint Mary’s lecture discusses sustainability

By ALICIA SMITH
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Sustainability involves bringing into harmony the environment, economy and society, Mike Keen, director of the Center for a Sustainable Future at Indiana University-South Bend, said.

Keen, along with Colleen Kelley, president of Green NO at Notre Dame and Sister Mary Turgi, chair of the Congregation Justice Committee, discussed the importance of living sustainably Tuesday.

Keen compared life on earth to that of life in a terrarium. In a terrarium, plants are able to grow and sustain life for themselves by simply in taking sunlight. However, Keen said, if one would put a candle inside of the terrarium, the entire equilibrium would be thrown off and the plants would no longer survive.

Keen said the candle, which ruined the environment in the terrarium, is the equivalence of carbon emissions on earth.

“Basically, what it really gets down to is we’re living on a terrarium; we’ve got this wonderful balance and if things get out of balance, we’re going to be in trouble,” Keen said.

Keen explained some basic ways to work towards a sustainable society, such as reducing dependence on fossil fuels, reducing dependence on man-made compounds and reducing contributions to the depletion and destruction of nature. He urged students to take steps to improve their own sustainability.

“I’m really pretty optimistic. I think that what you’ve got to do is take that first step no matter how small it is,” he said.

Like Keen, Kelley also asked students to become active in the sustainable movement and discussed ways in which the University can go green.

Kelley said the University made changes toward sustainability by creating the recycling program on football weekends. In 2008, about 81 tons of recyclables were collected during football weekends, she said.

Kelley also said the University made progress by hosting educational events to bring about awareness about sustainability.

“Sustainability excites me in a way that other issues don’t. It’s integration of things that interest me and that I care about but more importantly I feel its something where we can all find our niche,” she said.

Turgi said the Sisters of the Holy Cross also made progress in sustainable movement.

“This has been a very important issue for us for a long time both here and around the world,” Turgi said.

The congregation has recently increased efforts to go green, she said. By converting the power plant from coal to natural gas, the Sisters have been able to decrease emissions.

Other efforts include composting, moving away from the use of disposable plastic ware and creating a natural prairie, which allows wildlife to live with limited human involvement.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israeli Minister calls for peace
JERUSALEM — Israel's defense minister warned Tuesday that if Israel does not achieve a peace deal with the Palestinians, it will be either a bimetallic state or an undemocratic apartheid state.

Defense Minister Ehud Barak's comments came in an address to a security conference near Tel Aviv.

Israeli leaders rarely use the term “apartheid” in reference to the Palestinians. This time, Barak, a former prime minister, referred to the harshest critics to accuse it of using apartheid tactics against the Palestinians.

“The simple truth is, if there is one state...” including Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, “it will... will... be called apartheid... if this bloc of millions of Palestinians cannot vote, that will be an apartheid state.”

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Many in Congress argued that doing so would dangerously disrupt order.

Repealing the ban would take an act of Congress, something that does not appear close to happening.

Since “don’t ask, don’t tell” was established, much has changed.

Five states and the District of Columbia have adopted laws permitting marriage of gay couples, while nine other states have granted similar rights to gay domestic partners.

The public’s attitude toward gays and lesbians also has undergone a significant shift.

A Pew poll last year indicated that 59 percent of Americans favor allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military, up from 52 percent in 1994.

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LOCAL NEWS

Ind. ban texting while driving
INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana House has voted to ban sending text messages or e-mails while driving. The measure, House Bill 1396-3 for the bill Tuesday and sent it to the Senate for consideration.

Supporters say it would save lives.

It would only transmitting text messages or e-mails while driving a Class C infraction with a possible fine of $500.

The bill enacts a law a year last that prohibits drivers younger than 18 from using cell phones or other telecommunication devices while driving. This year's House bill does not cover drivers 18 or over talking on cell phones.

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Haitian judge questions held Americans
The Americans apparently enlisted a derogman who went knocking on doors asking people if they wanted to give away their children, the director of Haiti’s social welfare agency, Jeanne Bernard Pierre, told The Associated Press.

“One child said to me, ‘When we came knocking on our door asking for children, my mom decided to give me away because we are six children and by giving me away she would have only five kids to care for,’ Bernard Pierre said.

About 10 parents have come forward saying their children were taken, but it wasn’t clear if any are related the case involving the Americas, Bernard Pierre said.
approached administrators at the end of 2009 to discuss his intention to leave Notre Dame. He felt he had left eight and a half years [at Notre Dame] but just wanted to do something different," Affleck-Graves said. "I think he’s moving more into a consulting position. I think he just made a decision at that stage that it was time for him to move on.

Affleck-Graves confirmed he reached out to Seidjajin, University vice president for Finance, as the interim provost.

It was unclear what Wision’s initial plans were after leaving his previous role. Calls to Wision’s South Bend residence were not returned, and Wision declined to comment when reached through former colleagues at OIT. Sources told The Observer Wision has moved from the area.

Wision joined the University in 2003, was associate provost and associate vice president. Affleck-Graves said Wision “made a large number of contributions to technology program leadership, in particular including overseeing the relocation of the ITC building to the University’s enterprise systems.”

Affleck-Graves said Wision was a “search for the next CIO is already underway,” which is a position that is described as a deputy chief of staff when a new officer might be selected.

He said the priority was to find “someone who has the visibility to be able to lead such an important department on campus.”

The University of Notre Dame will provide leadership for OIT, Affleck-Graves said. He called Seidjajin “a very experienced administrator” who has “worked with all of our major stakeholders and systems,” making him the best choice for the interim CIO.

Affleck-Graves said the University would announce the new CIO as soon as one is hired.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Wision was the Georgia Institute of Technology from 1994 to 2001. He had previously served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, including his service as CIO at the Air Force Institute of Technology.

During his nine-year tenure at Notre Dame, Wision led numerous CAPE and changes at OIT, including the installation of the University’s enterprise systems; the creation of Renovare, and the conversion of most of the University’s business operations systems to Banner. During his tenure, OIT experienced physical relocations in the ITC building. OIT also implemented an online course management system, Concourse, and installed legacy Webskill e-mail systems to enterprise systems, including Microsoft Exchange, and led the implementation of the University’s emergency operations system.

In 2004 Wision was selected editor for Computerworld Magazine’s Premier 100 IT Leaders. During his tenure, OIT received a Computer Magazine’s CIO100 award for innovation in information technology in 2005 and again in 2008.

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Housed in the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Ford Program will utilize an interdisciplinary approach, incorporating elec- tives from a variety of disciplines to offer a variety of courses to broaden students’ developing courses across electives has not been final- ized. A gateway course for Anthropology Rahul Oka will chair the task force for IES in the fall of 2010 and will lead further development of the minor. In addition, the Ford Program is looking to hire new professors with expertise in international development. An informational session on the minor will be held on Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Hesburgh Center C-103.

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The regulation would not mandate specific alternative fuels. Rather, it would assign a so-called carbon-intensity score to each fuel. All gasoline and diesel fuel sold in California must be 10 percent less carbon-intensive by 2012. The Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, the California Dairy Federation and the Renewable Fuels Associations and other groups in December filed a similar lawsuit in the same court. Their complaint said the fuel mandate interferes with conflicts the federal Renewable Fuel Standard and the state laws on how California is allowed to use renewable fuels.

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Auto sales rise, Toyota struggles

GMC, Hyundai and Ford increase sales while the Japanese automaker's drops

Associated Press

DETOUR — The U.S. auto industry rebounded from last January's sales collapse with one big exception: Toyota, which lost an estimated 20,000 sales after it stopped selling eight models because of defective gas pedals.

Last month, U.S. sales of cars and light trucks to consumers rose 6 percent from a year earlier, thanks to increases in fleet sales and strong demand for newly redesigned vehicles such as the Hyundai Tucson SUV and Buick LaCrosse sedan. Big winners in the General Motors Co., Ford Motor Co., Nissan Motor Co. and Hyundai Motor Co., which all posted double-digit sales increases.

But Toyota's sales slipped 16 percent, and they could fall further as its sales page drags into February. It was the first time since February 1998 that Toyota's monthly U.S. sales fell below 100,000 vehicles, according to Ward's Automotive Reports.

Toyota's troubles helped to knock the Camry off its traditional perch as the top-selling car in the U.S. Last month the Camry ranked fifth in car sales, paid by Accord, Nissan's Altima, Toyota's Corolla and the Chevrolet Malibu. The Camry had been the top-selling car in the U.S. for the last eight years.

Toyota announced a recall of eight models, including the Camry, on Jan. 21 and halted sales of the vehicles five days later because the accelerator pedals could stick and cause a crash. The recall has affected a total of 2.3 million vehicles in the U.S. Besides the Camry, the other models in the recall include Corolla and Avalon sedans, the Matrix hatchback, the Tundra pickup, the Sequoia SUV and the RAV4 and Highlander.

Ken Czubay, Ford Motor Co's vice president of sales, said Toyota's actions may have hurt overall sales because consumers and dealers were unsure of the value of Toyota trade-ins.

"There was a tremendous amount of uncertainty," he said. "I don't think the month played out in normal pickup on the last weekend," Czubay said.

John McElaney, who operates a Toyota dealership in Clinton, Iowa, expected January sales to be up 40 percent over last year until the automaker halted them. Now, January sales will be up 10 percent at the most, McElaney said, who is also president of the National Automobile Dealers Association.

"It died off last week because of the stop sale," he said. "It comes at a tough time for dealers coming out of the recession." Carter said Tuesday that parts to fix the recalled vehicles are on their way to Toyota dealers.

Customers will also start receiving notices this week, staggered over time, about where and when they can have their vehicles repaired.

Carter emphasized that dealers would repair customer vehicles first and only then repair new vehicles on their lots. Dealers can resume selling vehicles affected by the recall, but he had no estimate for when that would be.

January is typically a weak month for U.S. auto sales, but automakers expected sales to improve over last January, when they dipped to a 26-year low because of the tough economy.

Sales to fleet rentals — corporate and government sales — boosted numbers last month. GM's fleet sales surged 225 percent, while Ford's jumped 154 percent. Other automakers didn't release percentages of fleet sales.

Unemployment rises in metro areas

WASHINGTON — Unemployment rose in most states and counties in December, signaling that companies remain reluctant to hire even as the economy recovers.

The unemployment rate rose in 396 of 372 metropolitan areas, the Labor Department said Tuesday. The rate fell in 132 and was unchanged in 25. That's worse than November, when the rate fell in 170 areas, rose in only 154 and was unchanged in 48.

The metro employment numbers aren't seasonally adjusted and can be volatile. Many of the increases were due to seasonal factors.

For example, Ocean City, N.J., which bills itself as "America's Greatest Family Resort," saw its unemployment rate jump to 16.4 percent in December from 14.8 percent the previous month.

That's double the 8 percent it reported in July, even though the nation's economy was in worse shape then.

Ocean City is one of the 19 metro areas that reported unemployment rates of at least 15 percent. Twelve of those are in California and three are in Michigan, the department said.

Joblessness topped 10 percent in 138 metro areas, up from 125 in November but below last year's peak of 144 areas in June.

Improvement in the auto industry, which accounts for about 15 percent of the nation's work force, contributed to the decline in some areas, but an increase in the District of Columbia reflected the hiring of government workers at the new Home Depot headquarters.

Steve Cuozzone, a regional economist at Moody's Economy.com, said it isn't clear if the gains are sustainable once the auto companies have rebuilt their inventories.

"There are no guarantees the unemployment rates won't go up again," he said.

Cohmad Securities charges dismissed

NEW YORK — Finding accusations "speculative and flimsy," a judge has dismissed civil securities fraud charges against a New York brokerage firm and its executives that resulted from a probe into Bernard Madoff's epic fraud.

The charges brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission were dismissed Monday against Cohmad Securities Corp., its president, Lucius Maurice Cohen, his daughter, Chief Operating Officer Marcia Cohen, and vice president and broker Robert J. Cohen.

U.S. District Judge Louis L. Stanton gave the plaintiffs 30 days to file appeals but only if it can provide facts to back them up.

"Nowhere does the complaint allege any fact that would have put defendants on notice of Madoff's fraud," Stanton wrote. "Rather, the complaint supports the reason-
WASHINGTON — Al-Qaida can be expected to attempt an attack on the United States in the next three to six months, senior U.S. intelligence officials told Congress Tuesday.

The terrorist organization is deploying operatives to the United States to carry out new attacks from inside the country, including “clandestine” operations within a negligible trail of terrorist contacts, CIA Director Leon Panetta said. The warnings coming as Christmas Day airline attack suspect Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab is cooperating with federal investigators, a federal law enforcement official said Tuesday.

Al-Qaida is also inspiring homegrown extremists to trigger violence on their own, Panetta said.

The annual assessment of the nation’s threat provides no startling new terror trends, but amplified growing concerns since the Christmas Day airline attack in Detroit that militants are growing harder to detect and moving more quickly in their plots.

“The biggest threat is not so much that we face an attack like 9/11. It is that oftentimes make it difficult like the Detroit bomber before he got on the plane. But we warned a more careful and skilled terrorist might not be detected,” Panetta told the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Several senators tangled over a bill to prosecute suspects by a military court. At the same time, a group of bipartisan lawmakers introduced legislation that would force the Obama administration to backtrack on its plan to try Sept. 11 defendants in federal court in New York and use military tribunals instead.

As al-Qaida presses new terror plots, it is increasingly relying on new recruits with minimal training and simple devices to carry out attacks, Panetta said as part of the terror assessment to Congress.

Panetta also warned of the danger of extremists acting alone: “It’s the lone-wolf strategy that I think we have to pay attention to as the main threat to this country,” he said.

The hearing comes just over a month since a failed attempt to bring down an airliner in Detroit, allegedly by a Nigerian suspect. And the assessment comes only a few months after U.S. Army Maj. Nidal Hasan is accused of single-handedly attacking his fellow soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, killing 13.

National Intelligence Director Dennis Blair said with changes made since the Dec. 25 attack, U.S. intelligence would be able to identify and stop someone like the Detroit bomber before he got on the plane. But he warned a more careful and skilled terrorist might not be detected.

FBI Director Robert Mueller defended the FBI’s handling of the Detroit attempted bombing attack, disputing assertions that agents short-circuited more intelligence insights from the Nigerian suspect by quickly providing him with his Miranda rights to remain silent.

Mueller was asked by Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., whether the interrogation of Abdulmutallab was done despite the fact that the suspect had already been read his legal right to remain silent. Mueller replied: “Yes.”

Mueller said that in “case specific” instances, terrorists have provided actionable intelligence even after they were given their rights and charged with crimes. Mueller said they know such cooperation can result in shorter sentences or other consideration from the government.

Hundreds of terror suspects already have been convicted in civilian federal courts, including convicted shoe bomber Richard Reid. But Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., offered a bill Tuesday that would prohibit the government from using Justice Department funds to prosecute suspects charged in the Sept. 11 attack in civil courts.

The move comes on the heels of the Obama administration’s decision to rethink whether it would try Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed in a New York City courtroom.

The proposed law would cover people who legally could be prosecuted by a military commission, applying to terror suspects who are not U.S. citizens. By Tuesday evening, the bill had support from 18 senators, mostly Republicans.

Associated Press

Ahmadinejad proposes U.S. prisoner exchange

IRAN

TEHRAN — Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Tuesday proposed a swap of Iranians in U.S. prisons for three American hikers being held in Tehran.

Ahmadinejad said in interview with state TV that there were ongoing negotiations about exchanging the hikers for several Iranians jailed for years in the United States.

“There are some talks under way to have an exchange, if it is possible,” he said. “Recently they (the U.S.) have sent messages, we answered to bring them (the Iranians) to bring these people (the hikers). We are hopeful that all prisoners will be released.”

Ahmadinejad did not mention any specifics but in December Iran released a list of 11 Iranians it says are being held in the U.S. — including a nuclear scientist who disappeared in Saudi Arabia and a former Defense Ministry official who vanished in Turkey. The list also includes an Iranian arrested in Canada on charges of trying to obtain nuclear technology.

“I had said I would help in releasing them, but the attitude of some of U.S. officials damages the job,” said Ahmadinejad. “There are a large number of Iranians in prison in the U.S. They have abducted some of our citizens in other countries.”

Iran’s foreign minister said in late December that the three would be tried in court, but he did not say when a trial would begin or what the three would be charged with other than to say they had “suspicious aims.” Earlier, the country’s chief prosecutor said they were accused of spying.

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Tehran, Iran — Sarah Shourd and Josh Fattall were hiking in Iraq’s northern Kurdistan region in July when they accidentally crossed the border into Iran, their families have said.

Samantha Topping, a New York City-based spokeswoman for the three families, said they had no comment on Ahmadinejad’s remarks.

The White House, through a spokesman, called the reports “fragmentary.”

“If President Ahmadinejad’s comments suggest that they are prepared to resolve these cases, we would welcome that step,” National Security Council spokesman Mike Hammer said.

“But we have not entered into any discussion with Iran about an exchange. As we have indicated publicly, if Iran has questions about its citizens in U.S. custody, we are prepared to answer them.”

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The new study is based on national estimates. The number of sexually abused children decreased in 2005-2006 — a 38 percent drop, the study shows. The number of children who experienced physical abuse fell by 15 percent and the number of emotionally abused children dropped by 27 percent.

The 455-page study shied away from explaining the trends, but other experts offered their theories. There’s much more public awareness and public intolerance around child abuse now,” said Linda Speary, the Child Welfare League of America’s vice president for public policy.

“It was a hidden concern before — people were afraid to talk about it if it was in their family.” She also noted the proliferation of programs designed to help abusers and potential abusers overcome their problems.

Finkelhor, whose own previous research detected a drop in abuse rates, said the study reveals “real, substantial decreases” that cannot be dismissed on any technical grounds, such as changing definitions of abuse.

He suggested that the decline was a product of several coinciding trends, including a “troop surge” in the 1990s when more people were deployed in child protection services and the criminal justice system intensified its anti-abuse efforts with more arrests and prison sentences.

Finkelhor also suggested that the greatly expanded use of medications may have enabled the greatly expanded use of anti-abuse campaigns had made headway.

The goals of the previous version was congressionally mandated by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Child Abuse and Neglect, a National Incidence Study of child abuse, was first released in 1996, based on 1993 data. The previous version was issued in 1996, based on 1993 data.

The new study is based on information from more than 10,700 “sentinels” — such as child welfare workers, police officers, teachers, health care professionals and day care workers — in 122 counties across the country. The detailed data collected from them was then used to make...
A reckless train of thought

I was standing in the line at the Café Commons (the café in the business school) the other afternoon, jockeying for position at the checkout line, the coffee line and the sandwich line. After giving up on finding the right line, and embarrassedly bumping into a bunch of kids with my backpack, I surrendered and ran away. I could only think of one thing: how can a top business school run such a hectic, poorly designed coffee and sandwich joint? Waddick’s, that bastion of liberal art impracticality, runs relatively more efficiently and still offers delicious breakfast sandwiches.

This led me to consider what I had learned in Mendoza in all of my required classes from business ethics to strategic management and corporate finance. As an accounting major, much to my professors’ delight, I could definitely set up a decent little cost accounting system to ensure that overheads were properly considered. I could handle the bookkeeping and run a decent little cost accounting system to consider managing actual management of a business, from the floor, not from behind a computer. Could I even run the café/commons?

I started to think about how many of my fellow students I knew that were looking to graduate on to become corporate managers in manufacturing companies (such as Coca-Cola), and came up with less than one off the top of my head. I’m talking about the people that get on the floor and help build products that people want. Most everybody I know is going into some sort of America problem. That is, all of the students that go to school to learn business skills don’t actually want to sell anything to anybody, beyond their own knowledge as a consultant or banker. This could be an issue, as these knowledge sellers must have a customer who sells something real to consult, finance, etc. Private equity couldn’t oust CEOs and managers if there are no CEOs left.

What then is America’s manufacturing advantage? Where would aspiring industrial giants go? We fell behind the Japanese in automobiles years ago. The Chinese are ripping us up in selling clean energy technology. With Index’s purchases of Anheuser-Busch, the Biels’ are killing us. We lost beer! What if there is some sort of business person equilibrium? There should be some point where there are enough consultants to handle other industries’ consulting needs, and there are enough banks to finance all of the IPO’s necessary. Are we close? What happens if we can only continue to churn out mutual fund managers and hedge fund operators? Do we become the financial service providers to the world?

It seems this stark imbalance of graduates selling services over those selling products can only continue as long as we have some knowledge advantage over other countries. That is to say, we have some business knowledge edge that keeps us in demand above other countries’ graduates. We have a gem of an education system, and one that does in fact give us that edge. But other countries’ are on the rise! Global competition is getting stiffer and stiffer for financier positions, are we continuing to become sharper and more astute?

Oh man, I thought, this looks bad. I couldn’t really handle any more. My logic started twisting onto itself, and my knees went slightly wobbly. Maybe I extrapolated a little too much from this sandwich shop incident. But I still can’t help but feel unnerved when I see the Café Commons swamped with students standing en masse trying to get a bite to eat. I only wish I had been required to take future issues, the new course that allegedly would give me a special sight into the future. Perhaps, then, my mind could be put to ease.

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writers, explained

In response to Dave Schmidt's letter ("Still overpriced," Jan. 20) concerning high Huddle prices, explained...
"It's time to nut up or shut up."

That about sums up the movie "Zombieland," a bizarre mix of laugh-out-loud comedy, sound zombie advice and life lessons that somehow blend together and make one of the most entertaining movies I have seen in the past year. I cannot say enough about this movie; I came out of the theatre and had to massage my mouth because it was sore from laughing so much. Plus, as I mentioned briefly above, it has 100 percent legitimate guidelines for surviving the next zombie apocalypse that you find yourself in. Here are several rules to keep in mind as you sit down to watch this movie, released on DVD on Feb. 2.

Rule No. 1: Watch it with other people. You are going to want to have people you can talk to about it and quote it with afterwards. For days you will find yourself walking down the quad, remembering a joke you need to share. Make sure you allow yourself a safe number of people you can contact.

Rule No. 2: Watch this with someone who has given thought to the eventual zombie apocalypse (it's coming folks). Seeing their thoughtful nods as the protagonist Columbus (Jesse Eisenberg) outlines his rules for survival may be as entertaining as the shockingly simple, yet beautiful in their simplicity, rules.

Rule No. 3: Enjoy Woody Harrelson in his best role since "White Men Can't Jump." Tallahassee (Harrelson) is endearingly insane with a childlike dedication to his search for a Twinkie and plain badass in his zombie destruction.


Rule No. 5: Get ready to laugh. The hits just keep on coming as the movie rolls on; one-liners, running jokes and situational comedy, this bad boy has them all.

The basic plotline is this: zombies have taken over the United States of America. There are very few survivors traveling the roads, all trying to get some place, to find relatives, to escape, or just to find a piece of past happiness. Our main protagonist, Columbus, is trying to get to... Columbus, and is traveling the highway when he meets Tallahassee, who is trying to get to... you guessed it, Tallahassee. The entire movie, we do not find out their real names, every person only being referred to by what city they are trying to reach. They continue down the road and eventually meet up with Wichita and her younger sister Little Rock headed to... you get it. Anyway they continue down the road together and make their way to the west coast with several small hiccups on the way. As they go, we get treated to the zombie kill of the week, some of Tallahassee's favorite memories and how Columbus was first exposed to this terrible zombie plague, all of which are, at the very least, smile-inducing.

Without giving much away, the girls make it to the park and manage to get into a bit of a pickle, leaving our intrepid hero torn between continuing his journey or riding to the rescue. Bottom line: Enjoy this movie, that is what it was made to do and that is what it does to the highest degree.

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"When in Rome" Disappoints

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"When in Rome" falls in so many ways, especially in that the film barely takes place in the magical city. The viewer thinks that they get to experience an hour and a half of beautiful Rome, but instead are left with a proper picture of Manhattan. Director Mark Steven Johnson's romantic comedy falls short in achieving the sentiments of romance or humor. Instead, it leaves the viewer wondering why they spent their money and time on such a disaster.

"When in Rome" stars the usually charming Kristen Bell as Beth, a hardworking art curator who cares about her job more than finding love. She is a total cliché, and it seems nobody in her life, including her parents, thinks she can be happy without finding that special guy. The viewers ought to cringe at the caricature of a woman presented and her need to be found love. Beth all over New York City trying to find a guy who can make her happy without thinking about her fiancé for two weeks.

If only Beth could jump into love like her baby sister! Thus, Beth heads to Rome, the arguably most romantic city in the world.

Unfortunately, except for one beautiful montage of scenes while Beth is in a taxi on her way to the wedding, Johnson fails to capture the magnificence, antiquity and romance of Rome. At the wedding, Beth meets the hopelessly clumsy best man Nick (Josh Duhamel) who just might be the guy she is looking for to uproot her from her wayward ways of working too much. These first 20 minutes are the most enjoyable ones of the film, as Bell and Duhamel have their only few cute moments together and the physical comedy is funny. But then tragedy strikes — the gimmick of the plot gets in the way. After a misunderstanding with Nick, Beth, feeling alone and lovelorn, takes five coins from the Trevi Fountain and the owners of those coins magically fall in love with her. This is where the film takes a terrible turn for the worse. Suddenly five reasonably good actors turn into idiots. Dax Shepard is annoying as a self-indulgent model. Jon Heder is pathetic as a goofy street magician. Comedy genius Will Arnett is reduced to a goofy painter with a ridiculous fit of aimlessness. And Danny DeVito, in an uncredited role, is a persistent sausage king. The four men chase Beth all over New York City trying to prove their love. The comedy of the film is that uncomfortable kind that makes the viewer want to shield their eyes to avoid witnessing the embarrassing stunts the characters continually pull. Whether it is the actors or the filmmaker's fault, there is a lack of comic timing.

But this prison is not just any prison. It is more of an internment camp than a prison, where internes live military-structured lives and study guerrilla warfare. However, convicted prisoners are denied the same rights that these internes get. They are treated as sub-human and have almost no autonomy over their own rights. Enter Bobby Sands, a volunteer for the Provisional Irish Republican Army. While hunger strikes had been used both in and out of the prison system prior to this 1981 strike, Sands' proved most effective. Prisoners joined one at a time at spread out intervals, hoping to garner more public support and put heavy pressure on Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. This proved to be more effective than past tactics. But to know the results of Sands' hunger strike, check out "Hunger" this weekend.

However, "Hunger" is more than a simple black and white retelling of this famous Irish historical event. It explores the lives and relationships of the men involved and it questions the ethics and morality of hunger strikes. "Hunger" has received numerous awards and nominations since its release in 2008, including the Caméra d'Or prize for new filmmakers at the Cannes Film Festival. The film has gone on to become one of the most successful Irish movies ever made. Director McQueen and star Fassbender have also garnered massive praise from around the world. "Hunger" is sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. It begins at 6:30 Saturday and runs for 90 minutes. It is a free but ticketed event. For tickets or more information, call or visit the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Ticket Office.

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Cousins scores 18 in Wildcats’ win over Ole Miss

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — John Wall shook off a recent slump to score 17 points to go with seven assists while leading No. 4 Kentucky to an 85-75 victory Tuesday night.

The Wildcats outscored the Rebels 44-30 in the first half of No. 3 Syracuse’s 85-68 victory Tuesday night.

Onuaku scores season high in Syracuse’s victory over Providence; Nova continues streak after defeating Seton Hall 81-71

Villanova’s Maalik Wayns swerves past Seton Hall’s Ferron Hall during the Wildcats’ 81-71 win over the Pirates Tuesday night.

No. 2 Villanova 81, Seton Hall 71

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Corey Stokes hit two 3-pointers during the decisive run and scored all 11 of his points in the second half, helping No. 2 Villanova hold off a serious scare from Seton Hall in an 81-71 victory Tuesday night.

Stokes was a non-factor for the Wildcats (20-4, 9-0 Big East) until he broke a tie with 3. He quickly followed with another 3-pointer for a long-range start to an 11-0 run that helped put the game away and extended Villanova’s winning streak to 11 straight games.

Playing with their highest ranking since they were No. 2 for two weeks in February 2006, the Wildcats could not make a serious run against Seton Hall until late.

Jeremy Hazell kept thoughts of a second Top-10 Big East upset alive, scoring 32 points on 12 of 23 shooting for the Pirates (12-8, 3-6), who were outrebounded 50-31.

Seton Hall beat then-No. 9 Pittsburgh 64-61 on Jan. 24, but the Pirates failed to build on that momentum, scoring just 22 points in two overtime periods in South Florida.

Hazell made the idea of another stunner seem realistic with the way he was shooting the 3. He made six of them, but it was his layup that helped the Pirates erase a halftime deficit and grab a 58-56 lead.

At that point, the Pirates had missed 23 of 46 shots from the field. They made 6 of 21 the rest of the way, costing them what would have been a monumental win for the program.

Seton Hall is 0-8 against teams ranked Nos. 1-3. The Associated Press poll.

Hazell, the only Pirate to finish in double figures, did not play the final 4 minutes of the game.

Not Villanova. The 10-deep Wildcats got some kind of production out of every player. Antonio Pena scored 16 points, Scottie Reynolds had 15 and Corey Fisher 12. Six players had at least five rebounds and 10 scored. Those are the kind of numbers usually seen in blowouts, not a 10-point win that was tight for all but the final few minutes.

Reynolds became the eighth Villanova player to score 2,000 points. He scored a beautiful floater for a 60-57 lead, then dished a sweet cross-lane pass to Fisher on the break for a 62-58 lead.

The Wildcats are the only Big East team unbeaten in conference play. That mark is in serious jeopardy over the next week. The Big East favorites play at No. 7 Georgetown on Saturday and at No. 12 Pittsburgh on Feb. 8.

Villanova is so deep that it led by seven at halftime even with Scottie Reynolds sitting out after fouling out. He hit three 3s in the second half and suddenly that first half whitewash meant nothing. Not when so many different players are scoring.

Haller of Famer and former Orioles stoppage Cal Ripken Jr. had a 70-year streak for Villanova’s 36th straight win at its on-campus home, the Pavilion.

Providence’s Ray Hall guards Syracuse’s Arinze Onuaku during the first half of No. 3 Syracuse’s 85-68 victory Tuesday night.

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**In Brief**

Crittenden will not challenge suspension

NEW YORK — The NBA players' association says it will not appeal Jarvis Crittenton's suspension for having a gun in the Washington Wizards' locker room.

Crittenton and teammate Gilbert Arenas were suspended for the season without pay last Wednesday by NBA commissioner David Stern. Though Arenas said immediately he would not contest the penalty, Crittenton wanted to weigh his options.

Executive director Billy Hunter said in a statement Tuesday that Crittenton has informed the NBA that he won't challenge the suspension.

"Jarvis has said that he believes far more good will be done by moving forward and focusing on the future," Hunter said. "We respect his decision and accordingly no grievance will be filed on his behalf."

Williams, Clijsters to square off in exhibition

NEW YORK — Get ready for the rematch. Serena Williams and Kim Clijsters will play each other in an exhibition at Madison Square Garden on March 1.

The semifinal at the BNP Paribas Showdown for the Billie Jean King Cup will come less than six months after — and about a 10-mile drive from — their U.S. Open semifinal, which ended abruptly with Williams' outburst at a line judge.

Clijsters went on to win the tournament. Williams later was fined a record $82,500 and placed on two years of probation at Grand Slam events.

The other semifinal March 1 pits Williams' sister Venus against reigning French Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova. The one-day event will feature one-set semifinals and a three-set final and has $1.2 million in prize money.

**NFL**

**Peyton Manning shines on media day**

MIAMI — Peyton Manning worked the room masterfully. He took questions from all angles, throwing in plenty of eye contact. He spoke glowingly when necessary, took a few stabs at humor and steered away from anything that might come across as controversial.

Yes, the Indianapolis Colts quarterback handled Super Bowl Media Day with the same aplomb he shows at the podium, he read the game

MIAMI — Peyton Manning was by far the biggest star at Media Day in Miami Tuesday. Media Day has become one of the most highly anticipated events during the week leading up to the Super Bowl. Manning spilled the day up with his sense of humor.

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**IN BRIEF**

Lawson signs with Connecticut

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Former University of Tennessee star Kara Lawson has signed a three-year contract with the WNBA's Connecticut Sun.

Lawson, a gold medalist with the 2008 U.S. Olympic team, spent seven seasons with the now-defunct Sacramento Monarchs, where she averaged 9.3 points in 217 games.

Connecticut coach Mike Thibault says he expects Lawson to help the Sun at both guard positions.

The move was the latest in a busy offseason for Connecticut. The Sun acquired forward DeMya Walker in the dispersal draft for Sacramento in December. The team traded guard Lindsay Whalen and the second overall pick in the 2010 WNBA draft to Minnesota for former University of Connecticut star Renee Montgomery and the draft's top pick.
Capitals defeat Bruins for 11th straight victory

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Washington Capitals set a franchise record with their 11th straight win and sent the Boston Bruins to their eighth consecutive loss as Brooks Laich broke a tie early in the third period of a 4-1 win Tuesday night.

The NHL's highest-scoring team trailed the league's lowest-scoring team after one period, but didn't trail for much longer. The Capitals, who lead the Eastern Conference, have outscored opponents 51-22.

The Bruins finished first in the East last season and have fallen out of the top eight in the conference that virtually every Big East game is played in. They are 0-6-2 in their past eight games.

The Capitals broke the club record set from Jan. 27-Feb. 18, 1984 and have the NHL's longest winning streak since the San Jose Sharks also won 11 in a row from Feb. 21-March 14, 2008. During their 11 wins, the Capitals have outscored opponents for the first time that it didn't have a double-digit lead by the half.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Greene scores 18 for Huskies

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Kalana Greene scored 18 points to help top-ranked Connecticut overcome a sluggish first half and beat No. 11 West Virginia 80-47 on Tuesday night for its 61st straight victory.

Maya Moore added 15 points and a season-high 14 rebounds for UConn (22-0, 9-0 Big East), which is in first place in the conference that it has won eight in the conference that it has won eight of its past nine.

It was UConn's lowest-scoring first half of the season and just the third time this season it didn't have a double-digit lead by the half.

The Huskies seemed out of sorts on offense. They made terrible backdoor cuts for wide open layups, but missed them. They also turned the ball over an uncharacteristic 10 times.

Even when UConn built a 28-15 lead midway through the period, West Virginia didn't get rattled, scoring the next seven points to stay in the game.

That gave Boston its first lead after one period since Jan. 5 when it won 4-1 at Ottawa. The Bruins were 1-8-2 in their next 11 before Tuesday.

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Capitals center Tomas Fleischmann and Bruins defenseman Dennis Wideman compete for the puck during the Capitals' win Tuesday.

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MINNEAPOLIS — As Brett Favre mulls over whether he has another season left in him, a lot more hinges on the decision than just wins and losses for the Minnesota Vikings.

Favre not only led the Vikings to their most successful season on the field in more than a decade, his presence was a boost to everything from the team’s box office and merchandise sales to sponsorship deals and its pursuit of a new stadium.

“It has a lot of far-reaching implications,” said Matt Deziel, a director for Los Angeles-based Davie Brown Talent, one of the largest talent coordinators in the United States. “Not just on the field, but financially it’s a huge hit to the Vikings if he decides to retire.”

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“In the middle of a horrible period of time since their inception in 1967. We try not to get a lot of separation with a guy like him in the open field, so we’ve probably play- ing him a little tighter than nor- mal.”

Saints will depend on Bush

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Rangers sign new forwards

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CALGARY, Alberta — The New York Rangers acquired forwards Olli Jokinen and Brandon Prust from the Calgary Flames for forwards Christopher Higgins and Ales Kotalik late Monday night. The trade was announced by both teams shortly after the Flames were beaten 3-0 by the visiting Philadelphia Flyers.

"You've got to play hard every time you go on the ice, no matter what kind of distractions you have going on," Jokinen said. "You play for that sweater — the logo on the front of you — so long as they haven't told you you're not part of the team."

Jokinen, who along with Prust was in the Calgary lineup against Philadelphia, has 11 goals and 24 assists in 56 games this season. "Definitely, it's a slap in the face to get traded," Jokinen said as he left Pengrowth Saddledome. "It was a long day. We heard everything (Sunday) night, I was kind of surprised. I wasn't expecting to get moved, but it's part of the business and I've got to move on."

Prust posted one goal and four assists in 43 games with the Flames. He is second in the NHL with 18 fighting majors. The move helps the Rangers unload two players who failed to live up to expectations in their first season with New York.

It was the second big trade completed by the Flames in two days. Calgary sent star defenseman Dion Phaneuf, forward Fredrik Sjostrom and minor league defenseman Keith Aulie to the Toronto Maple Leafs for defenseman Ian White and forwards Matt Stajan, Niklas Hagman and Jamal Mayers on Sunday.

The 31-year-old Jokinen, a Finnish Olympian, was acquired by Calgary from the Phoenix Coyotes at last year's trade deadline. He is now a likely candidate to center New York's top line that features leading scorer Marian Gaborik.

"Eleven months ago, when I got traded here I was pretty excited," said Jokinen, who has 248 goals and 305 assists in 854 NHL games with Los Angeles, Florida, Phoenix, Calgary and the New York Islanders. "I enjoyed my time here, and I was hoping I could stay here for the rest of my career. Like I say, it's a cruel business, but that's the way it goes. It comes with the salary. You make five million dollars, 11 goals is not going to cut it."

Hingis considers return to WTT

Associated Press

Martina Hingis can't help but contemplate yet another comeback when she sees the success Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin are having after being away from tennis. "There's a spark," Hingis said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. But she also said she would rule out the possibility of a return to the tour "at this point," primarily because of all the travel. "If it was played in the backyard," Hingis said from her home in Switzerland, "then I'd probably think about it twice." The five-time Grand Slam singles champion and youngest woman to be ranked No. 1 retired for the second time in 2007, when she was given a two-year suspension for testing positive for cocaine. Hingis denied taking the drug but did not appeal the ruling. That ban ended Sept. 30, and the 29-year-old Hingis is eager to get the chance to play more tennis this year. She has committed to a full season of World TeamTennis, the coed league founded by Billie Jean King and heading into its 35th season.

Hingis will be picked by a team in the marquee player draft Feb. 11. Other top names in the draft include the Williams sisters, John McEnroe and Maria Sharapova, although they're going to be playing only one to five matches, while Hingis is slated for all 14 in the regular season.

In 2005, Hingis used World TeamTennis to help prepare for her first comeback. Clijsters also played in the WTT last year as a way to warm up before getting back on tour after more than two years away while getting married and having a baby.

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INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers were on their best behavior while their teacher was away. Lester Conner coached in place of Jim O’Brien, who attended a family funeral, and Indiana responded with an impressive 130-115 victory over the surging Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night.

Danny Granger scored 23 points to help the Pacers snap Toronto’s five-game winning streak. Indiana also ended a three-game skid. Conner deflected credit.

“The guys gave me all they wanted, and I said, ‘Hey, you guys are telling me congratulations, it’s congratulations to you because you guys needed this more than I did.’” Conner said. “When the substitute teacher is around, you want to try to do good or try to test him to see what he has. Those guys went out and played their hearts out.”

The players said they wanted to win for Conner.

“Les is a lot of fun, he’s a great assistant coach,” forward Troy Murphy said. “He’s a guy you can always talk to and he’s a good dude. We’re happy he got the win.”

Murphy had 20 points and 14 rebounds. Roy Hibbert added 18 points and nine boards for Indiana, and Earl Watson finished with 15 points and a season-high 11 assists.

It was a season scoring high for the Pacers, who had scored fewer than 100 points in six of their previous nine games. Seven Pacers scored in double figures.

“A lot of guys played some minutes and we just moved the ball well,” Granger said. “I don’t know why it was so balanced, but that’s the type of games we need.”

It was a much different game than Indiana’s 117-102 loss in Toronto on Sunday. This time, the Pacers made 33 of 35 free throws and shot 52 percent from the field. It was just the fifth time the Pacers shot better than 50 percent this season.

“A little different play calling, a little different freedom,” Murphy said. “He has his own style apart from coach O’Brien, but the message is the same. He did a great job tonight and really filled in well for coach.”

Chris Bosh had 35 points and 15 rebounds, and Andrea Bargnani scored a career-high 34 points for the Raptors.

Bargnani said the defensive meltdown rendered his personal accomplishment meaningless.

“When you lose like that, it doesn’t really matter,” he said. The Raptors couldn’t explain their lack of defensive intensity.

“It was the highest point total they’ve allowed this season.”

Brandon Rush’s 3 extended Indiana’s lead to 20 points just over 5 minutes into the third quarter.

The Pacers shot 76 percent and scored 42 points in the third, one point short of its season high for a single period. Eight different players scored for the Pacers in the quarter.

Bargnani helped keep the Raptors in the game with 19 points in the third. Dahntay Jones made two free throws with 1 second left in the period to put the Pacers up 100-86.

The Raptors’ defense didn’t improve much in the fourth quarter.

“I think we played terrible defense,” Bargnani said. “We gave up 30 points. We wasted a good opportunity, but we’ve got to give them credit. They played really good.”

The Pacers looked like a different team, but Conner said he stuck to O’Brien’s philosophy for the most part. The biggest change was starting Hibbert instead of Mike Dunleavy.

“We really try not to change anything because it would catch the guys off guard,” Conner said. “I’ve been around coach O’Brien for a long time, so I know exactly what he wants and how he wants it. What he did say to me on the plane, he told me to do whatever I need to do to get a win.”
SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to snap streak

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will look to break out of a four-game losing streak and regain third place in the MIAA when it hosts Adrian tonight in a crucial conference clash. The Belles (10-9, 5-6) sit a half-game behind the Bulldogs, a team Saint Mary’s has already defeated by 10 points. In fact, that game was the Belles’ last victory, as they opened the second leg of conference play by dropping four straight games, including three by five points or less. Four teams — Adrian, Saint Mary’s, Olivet and Trine — have five conference victories just under nine points on average.

The Bulldogs are led by guards Jennifer Perrin and Anita Stamps, who each average 12 points per game. “[They are] two very good guards,” Saint Mary’s coach Jennifer Henley said. “They have the ability to score anywhere on the floor.”

The Belles must guard forward Ashley McClare as well, who averages just under nine points per game and “is physical and gets after the boards,” Henley said.

Sophomore guard Patsy Mahoney will assist junior guard Liz Wade — who has the third-most steals in Belles history — in guarding the Bulldog backcourt of Perrin and Stamps. Sophomore guard Maggie Ronan will also have to contribute on both ends of the floor to counter Adrian’s perimeter-based attack.

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Saint Mary’s hosts Adrian at 7:30 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility. Contact Allan Joseph at ajoseph2@nd.edu

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NCAA Men’s Basketball

Host Wisconsin blows past No. 5 Michigan St.

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Jason Bohannon scored 19 points to lead No. 16 Wisconsin to a 67-49 victory over No. 5 Michigan State on Tuesday night, snapping the Spartans perfect Big Ten start and leaving them without leading scorer Kalin Lucas.

Jordan Taylor added 17 points as Wisconsin (17-5, 7-3) won its third game over a team ranked sixth or better this season and its 18th straight at the Kohl Center despite senior guard Trevor Hughes’ early foul trouble.

Michigan State (19-4, 9-1) may have lost a lot more after Lucas, last season’s Big Ten player of the year, left with just under 11 minutes to play when he came down awkwardly on the foot of Wisconsin’s Keaton Nankivil and injured his ankle.

Lucas, averaging 16 points per game, did not return, finishing with seven points to snap a string of 33 consecutive games in double figures.

Wisconsin clicked from the beginning, getting big contributions from Nankivil and Rob Wilson. Taylor started by scoring 10 of Wisconsin’s first 13 points and later helped seal it with a 3-pointer to push the lead to 58-42 with 6 minutes to play.

The Spartans, who haven’t won in Madison since 2001, started flat before losing their floor leader. After Lucas left, Wisconsin went on a 10-2 run. Michigan State, which got 11 points from Durrell Summers, missed seven straight shots down the stretch, going more than 6½ minutes without a basket.

The Spartans had been off to their best conference start in history and seemed poised to run away with another regular-season conference title with four weeks of league play left. But Wisconsin dominated from the start, trailing only 1-0 before scoring nine straight points.

The Spartans never got closer than eight points in the second half, using an early 9-2 run before Lucas went out. Michigan State tried to push the tempo early despite winning the first meeting 54-47 on Jan. 6.

Wisconsin, which came in averaging 9.4 turnovers a game, the fewest in the nation, committed five because the Badgers stuck to their defensive pressure and methodical pace on offense even after Hughes picked up two early fouls.

With Hughes off the court and second-leading scorer Jon Leuer still out indefinitely after breaking his wrist, the Badgers didn’t miss a step.
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two numbers that may go up in the championship season in the coming months. In addition to individual success, Welch notes Lytle's developed ability to lead his teammates.

"He's certainly evolved as a competitive leader," Welch said. "Away from the race, he leads by example. He's acquired more of a voice as he's gotten older. When a guy achieves such success he has a lot of credibility."

Despite all his past success, Lytle is still looking to accomplish more this season. Lytle and his teammates remain focused on the Big East and NCAA Championships, where Welch said he expects great things from his star senior.

"We want him to go faster," Welch said. "We'd love for him to represent us at the NCAAs and we know that's in his mind as well."

Regardless of how he performs in the NCAA Championships, Lytle will have a lot to look forward to after the season due to his hard work in the classroom, as he will begin a job at KPMG in Chicago, Swimming, however, will always be a part of his life.

"There's no NFL for swimming," Welch said. "But John's the kind of guy who will always stay in shape, that's for sure."

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was so last minute, but to hear the crowd cheer my name, it was surreal," Christiansen said. "I was super nervous. I didn’t know any of the plays, but just to know that the crowd is behind you and everyone wanted you to do the best. That was awesome."

Earning all-state honors in the state of Florida, Christiansen was recruited to play basketball for several colleges along the east coast, but was never given an offer to suit up for the Irish. Although her dream of coming to Notre Dame seemed to put basketball out of the question, she says she never lost her passion to play.

"It sounds a little corny, but this is a lifelong dream of mine," Christiansen said. "I wanted to go to Notre Dame ever since I was really little, and I wanted to play basketball, and I wasn’t going to give up one of those. I wasn’t going to go to another school and play basketball because I didn’t want to. I wanted to come here and do that."

Chris’s transition from Bookstore Basketball to the Big East began in a cubicle, working as an assistant to Stephanie Menio, director of women’s basketball operations, as a freshman. Within her first few weeks she received and accepted an invitation to join the “Sixth Man Team,” the women’s practice squad, as the only female member.

“My first day of practice I was so nervous, I didn’t know what to say. But I felt comfortable being with everyone and I knew that they would have my back. I was so nervous, I didn’t know what to say. But I felt comfortable being with everyone and I knew that they would have my back."

"Every minute that she’s at practice, she just wants to be a part of the team and help in any way that she can," McGraw said. "She’s found a great role for herself. She’s the first one off the court cheering, giving everyone a pat on the back and encouragement if they’re not playing well. They love her as a teammate."

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The Irish home crowd, seen here at Notre Dame’s Nov. 3 victory over Indianapolis, has adopted walk-on senior forward Alena Christiansen a fan favorite, cheering loudly when she enters a game.

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NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

No. 12 BYU takes care of TCU

Associated Press

Jimmer Fredette scored 26 points and Jackson Emery had 12 points and six assists as No. 12 BYU beat TCU 76-56 on Tuesday night.

BYU (22-2, 7-1 Mountain West) scored the game’s first 10 points and held a double-digit lead for most of the game while remaining unbeaten against TCU since the Horned Frogs joined the conference.

Nosh Hartsock added 14 points and Chris Miles pulled down 11 rebounds for the Cougars, who have won 17 of 18.

Greg Hill and Garlon Green led TCU (10-13, 2-6) with 11 points apiece.

TCU is 0-10 against BYU in Mountain West regular season and tournament games.

The Frogs finished 21 of 60 from the field and made just 3 of 16 3-pointers. They also hurt themselves with several layups that bounced off the rim and into the hands of the Cougars, who outrebounded TCU 45-28.

After Saturday’s frenzied win over in-state rival Utah, there was little drama in the Marriott Center on Tuesday. The arena was barely half-full and noticeably more quiet, but the smaller crowd didn’t seem to discourage the Cougars as they closed the game on a 17-6 run.

BYU held TCU scoreless for the first 4:21 and opened the game with a 15-4 run, including three 3-pointers by Emery.

The Horned Frogs scored five straight points to open the second half and get within 35-26, but the Cougars answered with a 10-2 run. Fredette’s 3-pointer with about 13:30 left gave BYU a 45-28 lead and the Frogs didn’t help themselves by continuing to have layups bounce off the rim.
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all indications are affirmative so far.

to a point in crises in recruiting, and this one was no different for Notre Dame. One

very talented players they could badly use, for the most part, had commitments in large part due to relationships built with former coaches. The effort and success

and his new staff have shown in such a short time frame have been incredibly encouraging signs, and despite everything — particularly a regime change and 16-21 record the past three seasons — Notre Dame will again have a top-20 class. No different. The Irish lost

career. The effort and success and lord knows we've seen it in recent years in a row. It didn't make sense. But I don't anticipate anybody wavering I have a fairly
good feeling for it.

I don't anticipate anybody not signing. Usually if I think somebody's wavering I have a fairly good feeling for it.

Mike Frank

Irish recruiting analyst

Preview

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Three-star athlete Danny Spond, 6-2, 221 (Littleton, Colo./Columbine)

Three-star defensive tackle Justin Utulei, 6-2, 245 (Lakewood, Calif./Lakewood)

Three-star right end Alex Welch, 6-5, 225 (Cincinnati, Ohio/Oldtid)

Two-star wide receiver/safety Austin Collinsworth, 6-2, 184 (Cleburne, Texas, Ky./Highlands)

Two-star quarterback Luke Massa, 6-4, 245 (Cincinnati, Ohio/St. Xavier)

Two-star athlete/defensive back Derek Rosark, 6-3, 221 (Waverly, Ohio/Waverly)

Defensive end Bruce Heggie, 6-6, 240 (Mount Dora, Fla./Mount Dora)

Note: Spond, Collinsworth, Massa, Rosark and Heggie all accepted offers from Kelly at Notre Dame and were not heavily recruited by the previous staff. Nix was recruited by Weis and verbally committed back to Notre Dame before Kelly's hiring.

Early enrollees

Though the following five players have been on campus since the start of the spring semester, they will be the first day Kelly will have the opportunity to speak about them with the media, alongside their fellow 2010 class-

enrollees.

“They're signed, they're in camp, they'll talk about them because it'll be the first time he has a chance to talk to them. I'm sure there will be a lot of questions about how they're doing.”

Four-star wide receiver Taylor Jones, 6-0, 175 (Gainesville, Ga./Gainesville)

Three-star safety Chris Barringer, 6-1, 184 (Provo, Utah/Timpanpvi)

Three-star cornerback Shane Smolen, 5-11, 175 (Cape Coral, Fla./Cape Coral)

Four-star quarterback Justin Moore, 6-1, 195 (La Habra, Calif./Newbury Park)

Three-star cornerback Prince Shembo, 6-2, 236 (Charlotte, N.C./Andrell Kelly)

Three-star wide receiver Daniel Smith, 6-4, 205 (South Bend, Ind./Glenbrook)

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Relax

to come, but in all reality, no expert or analyst or college columnist has any idea if they will make or break or have no effect whatsoever.

In all reality, the biggest thing we will learn for certain from today's results is how well Brian Kelly and his assistant coaches are able to impress high schoolers and their parents on short notice. Will they need to impress on short notice again while at Notre Dame? I don't see why. That'd be possi-

ble, so even that little piece of knowledge we'll gain today will only add to our understanding.

A year from now, Kelly will pull in a recruiting class that should be good, and a good one, and that class will show we can do throughout an entire recruiting cycle. That will be of impor-

tance.

As will Kelly's success with the players on a day-to-day basis. It will be then that a National Championship-contending team

with either he made, or broken. In the meantime, we dissect each recruit, his short list of schools and the weather on his most recent recruiting visits.

Personally, my favorite part of today will be the Shenanigans. In front of national television audiences, recruits will sit down at a table with two or three hats in front of them. Take Oregon for example. It is widely believed his top two schools are Notre Dame and Ohio State. On signing day, each school will be on the table, and James will reach for the one bearing a red O ' only to pull back at the last second and grab the hat bearing a pugilist leprechaun. At least I hope the hat he dons for is the blue-and-
gold. His well-executed fake-out will momentarily break the hearts of Irish fans, and then punch Buckeyes fans in the stomach.

Not that such a little dupe is how ridiculous this day can get.

Two years ago Kevin Hart, a Nevada high schooler, chose to accept a scholarship offer from Cal rather than Notre Dame in front of his entire high school and local television coverage.

Unfortunately for Hart, neither coach nor recruiting was able to get him, let alone offered him a scholarship.

Hart was only able to con-

vince his entire hometown of such because of the poorly executed media event that National Signing Day has become.

So fans, please, realize that today is not a big enough deal to watch live. Realize that
today is not actually going to determine how many titles your school wins in the next four years. And realize the stars of the day are only 18 years old. Each and every one of them will change physically and emotion-

ally before stepping onto a college football game.

Don't get me wrong, I'll get online tomorrow evening and check the final listing of Notre Dame signings, and either get excited or nervous for the future. I'm probably looking at the one for Notre Dame and James.

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Crossword

Across
1 1stdart vehicle
5 Tay and Lonnie
10 Film format sometimes in 3-D
14 Internet cafe offering
15 With 68-Across, "Carmy on"
16 -Coburg and British royal title
17 Letter preceding brash
18 Wallace of "Manhattan"
19 September 1 title
20 Company with the stock ticker symbol BKS
23 Strawberry
24 Page, for example
25 Company with the stock ticker symbol DNA
30 Tea sacred to the Druids
34 Panama, for one
35 Dream of "Radio Days"
36 1975 Paul McCartney & Wings hit
37 Russian city on the Oka
38 Often-bawdy
40 Michael Phelps
41 Feudin' with
42 Unyielding
43 Word on a workout unit
45 Ventura
47 Rough up
48 Freudian topic
49 "He who hesitates is lost," e.g.
50 Order whose members have five percent of the market
51 Colleague of Kedrova
52 Tuscaloosa, of "Slumberland, Millionaire"

Down
1 DNA collector, e.g.
2 Oscar winner
3 Chutzpah
4 Wiest of "Radio Days"
5 Bonny gal
6 Dept. of Labor division
7 Printer's color
8 Elephant rider's back
9 Many a Muslim
10 Queen in events of 1492
11 Rough up
12 Highway toll unit
13 Struck (out)
14 Internet cafe
15 With 68-Across, "Carmy on"
16 ___-Coburg-
17 ___ Khan
18 Jazz singer who took her surname from pig Latin
19 Parisian emcee
20 Image on eco-friendly products
21 Seemingly forever
22 ___ Khan
23 Pizza to pieces
24 Violinist
25 ___-SSaud, Vice President
26 Image on eco-friendly products
27 Try to prove
28 Time off from school
29 Grammy winner
30 Tim used with "high frequency"
31 Item used with "high frequency"
32 Competitor of ___ Khan
33 Rips to pieces
34 Panama, for one
35 Green of "Radio Days"
36 Vidal's "Blackbird"
37 Russian city on the Oka
38 Often-bawdy
39 Russian city on the Oka
40 Michael Phelps
41 Feudin' with
42 Unyielding
43 Word on a workout unit
44 Vidal's "Blackbird"
45 Ventura
46 Stash of cash
47 Herb with ___ Khan
48 Freudian topic
49 "He who hesitates is lost," e.g.
50 Order whose members have five percent of the market
51 Colleague of Kedrova
52 Tuscaloosa, of "Slumberland, Millionaire"

Jumble

Across
131 Try to prove
26 Image on eco-friendly products
35 Green of "Radio Days"
44 Vidal's "Blackbird"
53 Pueblo language
54 Actor Guinness
55 Hinds, e.g.
56 Zillions
57 Explorer Cabeza de
58 ___ Khan
59 Endangered state bird
60 Barnyard mother

Down
27 Food with high frequency?
47 48 49
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34 35 36
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WILL SHORTZ

TODAY

CROSSWORD

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

Crossword Answer
11 Miles Davis
22 Queenie
32 -Coburg-
43 Delphine
57 Pronounce
68 Game piece
80 Case
91 -Coburg-
102 -Coburg-
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Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

Celebrated born on this day:
Siskel, 23; Christie Brinkley, 55; Doone Sweep, 62; German Nick, 16.

Happy Birthday: Don’t tell someone things to do on a date because you know what’s best for you this year. Find out first what the other wants in order to make your date special. Offer up ideas, do your homework and make sound decisions. Your numbers are 3, 17, 26, 27, 33, 44.

Aries (March 21-April 19): It won’t be worth putting much effort into small things if you approach readily. You will consider for a position that can bring you greater recognition. Any endeavor to do so will bring you positive influences.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): It is time to make this count. Let everyone know what you want and what you need to get yourdestination. You will get the necessary help when you ask.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You will be especially keen when you know what you are capable of and you will know exactly what you want. You will be able to make a take or a step in a new direction. Love is in the stars and a commitment can be made.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Don’t get down, get moving. You have plenty to perform and need food when you worked. Stand up and move! Your ability to be true to your beliefs will result and help to remove stress.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You can do it. You are up to the task. You can make it work. You have the power. Let yourself go. You can do it. You can do it. You can do it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are standing in your own shadow, knowing that you can do it. Pick a path and follow it diligently until you reach your goal. Now is the time to back down or let someone else be your leader. Make an impression by taking charge.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Explore new avenues instead of following past paths. You have overcome the fear that you want to make a difference. Love is in a high cycle.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can now profile your own aspirations by offering whatever you want to those who need you. Your honesty and knowledge become worthwhile for more than what you imagine. Step up and talk to people who can change your life.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): November is a month when you must take a positive, useful, active and positive attitude. You must overcome fear and sets you in a place to start a new beginning. Don’t let your emotions get the best of you. Do what you want to make an impression, and you will do it successfully. You have a good attitude with people who love you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Encourage each other to invest in yourself and others. It will bring you a new lease on life and help you secure your financial future. The less you know about yourself, the better you will fare, and the more you will become valuable.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do your work, do your work and do your work. This will bring you success. It is about doing things right the first time around, and if you are diligent about taking the right steps, you will find that your work is good. You will be in a position to make money and start your new business.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Letting someone else handle your own business has a feeling that you feel a real sense of responsibility. Keep your strength and believe in yourself as you take the situation in your stride. Emotions are high and will be difficult to control.

Birthdays Today: You are adaptable and sensitive, discriminating and diplomatic. You take on the role of leadership. You light up for others.

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Here’s a classic question. Would you rather date a Saint Mary’s girl with a 4.0 or a Notre Dame girl with a 2.0?

WILL SHORTZ

Jumble

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Securing the future

Early returns point to future recruiting wins

It was one of the few reasonable questions surrounding Brian Kelly when he arrived in South Bend.

There was no arguing his wiseguy record and championship history, and no doubting his ability to develop and motivate players. One of the only questions marks was this: What kind of recruiting can he do here?

While the final verdict shouldn’t be known until at least a year from today, when Kelly signs his first full class, UND.com.

Headlining Wednesday, the Irish class stood at 21: five early enrollees, who are currently on campus and working out with the team, and 16 verbal commitments set to officially sign National Letters of Intent today. Those 16 verbal commitments will not officially become committed to Notre Dame until those letters are signed, but all 16 are expected to do.

Additionally, Irish fans are hoping Kelly’s staff can secure commitments from a few of the top prospects still considering the Irish among their finalists. Seantrel Henderson and Matt Ferguson, offensive tackles when Weis was still at Notre Dame, remain in contention. Additionally, Irish fans are hopeful that landing recruits like top-rated offensive linemen Christian Jones all included the Irish among their finalists.

Two other prospects — safety Jeremy Ioane and defensive end Kona Schwenke — only recently picked up Irish offers from Kelly, and after visiting campus this past weekend, could commit to Notre Dame.

“I think getting three would be a victory,” Frank said. “If you’ve got four, you really feel you can compete with one of James or Henderson. James is the most likely. He’s a very strong guy, it’ll be close, real close. I could see it going other way. “What hurts us is he’s met [offensive line coach Ed] Warinner and knows him, but when you have a whole year or longer with Ohio State to get to know some people, that makes it hard [for Notre Dame] to overcome. “You’ve got a four-star defensive end J.R. Ferguson, 6-foot-4, 255 pounds, he’s a monster.”

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Christiansen earns expanded role

By CHRIS MASOUD

The familiar cheer erupting from the stands of Purcell Pavilion during the fourth quarter of an Irish victory usually means one of two things — either freshman guard Skylar Diggins just hit another jumper from behind the arc, or senior guard Alena Christiansen is walking to the scorer’s table.

The roar of the crowd has become the calling card for Christiansen, the team’s only walk-on. A fan favorite, Christiansen’s impromptu promotion from the practice squad to varsity last season was not lost upon the Irish spectators.

I didn’t think anybody knew my name because it was written on the back of my uniform. If I go in, the crowd goes nuts,” Christiansen said. “I’m not going to do anything to disappoint them.

Alena has become the scorer’s table. Diggins just hit another three, and in a fourth quarter at Pittsburgh, one of the few times she didn’t make a basket, she converted two free throws and worked the scorer’s table. It was one of the few questions regarding Alena’s role on the team.

As a walk-on, she’s been conscientious, thorough and reliable. He always tries to do the right thing.”

It was one of the few questions regarding Alena’s role on the team.

Not only does he have an ounce of modesty, he’s a four-year starter at a program in the years of the Irish "elite that Notre Dame has ever had."