Soler, Bell to lead student body for 2010-11

By MEGAN HEMLER

In an effort to encourage discussion of ethical matters among students and faculty, the Mendoza College of Business launched its 13th annual Ethics Week Monday, focusing this year on the issue of abortion. This year marks the first time that the week’s events are related to a single theme — an idea that was born out of the controversy surrounding the idea that was born out of the Commencement address. John Houck, a strong advocate for business ethics education. Houck died in 1996.

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The series takes place in February each year, a conscious decision by the organizers. "What happened in May was confrontation," Milani said. "Then eventually reasonable voices started talking and agreed to disagree respectfully. We wanted to keep the conversation going."

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The series takes place in February each year, a conscious decision by the organizers. "We do ethics here 24/7, but we specifically schedule around panelists discuss identity issues at the 2009 Edith Stein Conference. This year’s conference takes place this weekend.

Retired Notre Dame American Studies professor Elizabeth Christian died Thursday. She was 96.

Christian served as an editorial research officer for the U.S. Navy during World War II and worked for a New York literary agency before joining the Notre Dame faculty in 1976. When working for the agency Harold Ober Associates, Christian associated with well-known writers such as William Faulkner, Pearl Buck and J.D. Salinger.

Christian read the Salinger’s novel “Catcher in the Rye” when it was still a manuscript. But her vocation was teaching, so she obtained masters and doctoral degrees from New York University in order to teach at DePaul University and then at Notre Dame. At the University, she designed and taught a publishing course in which students would seek out manuscripts, sign a contract with the author and go through the steps of editing, producing and selling the books.

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The University is in the process of planning a memorial Mass on campus in honor of Christian. Contributions in Christian’s honor may be made to Friends of Kids with Cancer at 530 Maryville Centre Drive, Ste. LL5, St. Louis Mo.
Dear Ladyfriend,

This is probably going to be dripping with sap, so if you don’t want to read, I’ll understand. Also, I just remembered there’s a whole Facebook page dedicated to this, but whatever, The Observer needs some love. OK, here we go.

There is something I have observed during my wisdom-bringing 19 (almost 20!) years of life and it is this: Girls do not value themselves enough. I’m sure guys don’t either, but I’m sorry boys, this one’s for the ladies.

Females don’t take enough time to sit down and evaluate where they are in life (at Notre Dame, learning and having fun), how they got there (through hard work and dedication), the gifts they have (an overabundance of them) and the respect they deserve (a LOT). This lack of self-evaluation can often lead to distractions that hurt rather than help. Valentine’s Day is right around the corner and the flood of red roses, candy hearts and delicious chocolate is sure to remind you that you’re single and might make you feel just a little unloved. Let’s face it; we all want a little something special from someone special on V-Day. But don’t let the thought that you haven’t found “the one” get you down. There’s no reason to feel bad. Because guess what: you’re beautiful. And — double bonus — guess what, again! This compliment comes for free. No favors are expected in return and none should be for a statement so obvious. At the risk of sounding Taylor Swiftian, stay beautiful.

Too often for girls, the college mentality becomes “find a man, impress him, hold his attention, then lasso him in.” To do this, we ladies tend to lose sight of our own value and compromise things we wouldn’t normally be so loose about. That’s not what college is for. It’s a time of discovering who you are, where you want to go in life and how you’re going to get there. And of course making sure you have fun along the way.

Boys will come and boys will go but you will always be a constant in your life, so make yourself proud. Eat, drink, be merry ... but remember that your life has value and compromise things we wouldn’t normally be so loose about. That’s not what college is for. It’s a time of discovering who you are, where you want to go in life and how you’re going to get there. And of course making sure you have fun along the way.

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CORRECTIONS

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The Campus Life Council met with Bill Kirk, associate vice president for Residence Life, Monday to comment on possible revisions of the du Lac student handbook, emphasizing in particular the progression of disciplinary sanctions and the University's policies for alcohol consumption on campus.

CLC members cited concern for the outline of disciplinary action set forth by the Office of Residence Life after Kirk presented potential reviews of du Lac during last week's meeting.

“One of our general perceptions about the way that du Lac is currently structured is that there ought to be some type of procedural provision for cases that may not need for a disciplinary record to be opened,” student body vice president Cynthia Weber said. “Can the Office of Residence Life enact educational action without disciplinary action?”

Student body president Grant Schmidt said misunderstandings about the rules in du Lac could deter students from properly reporting an unsafe situation. Cases of medical amnesty and leniency for first-time offenses were brought forward as examples of policies that may need clarification.

“Our whole reason for maintaining disciplinary records is to document a student’s history in case of further offense and to create records if we should have to deal with inquiries from other institutions,” Kirk said.

Kirk said the University has “a whole series of levels of sanctions” in place to regulate the disciplinary process and said that his office could benefit to learn from any research on these issues.

Community service as a sanction for certain behaviors was analyzed during the last meeting, and members of the Council agreed this volunteer time was an appropriate disciplinary response.

“Community service is a way for students who have taken something away from community to give something back,” Zahm Hall rector Corry Colonna said.

Another disciplinary issue on the table was the University’s handling of drinking games. The current policy in du Lac cites participation in drinking games as abusive drinking, a statement that the members of du Lac advised relaxing.

“We have heard the desire on several occasions to see more flexibility in the drinking game policy,” Weber said. “While I am not advocating drinking games, most advocate more social drinking than excess.” Schmidt questioned whether students are drawn off campus during the weekends because of the stringent policy on drinking games in dorm rooms. He pointed out that students of legal drinking age are not allowed to partake in drinking games on campus.

“I think that the vast majority of the drinking that goes on campus is illegal,” Kirk said. “And frankly, it can be considered sinful to deliberately give up your ability to make good and rational decisions that way.”

Other suggestions for the Office of Residence Life included methods to make students more aware of the policies in the student handbook.

Council member Bridget Bredemann posed the idea of a video for freshman orientation in order to make du Lac regulations more approachable, and she suggested using the off-campus Web site as a “resource to clarify what is relevant for students living off campus.”

The Council will continue discussions of the du Lac revisions with Kirk as the review process continues.
SMC switches to Active Directory

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

As a way to make the technology network more efficient, the Information Technology department at Saint Mary’s College has adopted a new program.

Active Directory will improve the current networking services that are offered on campus, Janice Thomasson, chief information officer said.

In order to make the switch, students were asked to follow a link provided by the Information Technology department. After typing in their usernames and passwords, students had made the switch. If students did not make the change by Feb. 1, they would be unable to access Bellaire, the wireless network on campus, as though they were Blackboard or Zimbra accounts.

Students were asked several times in the past few weeks via e-mail to migrate to Active Directory. Students warned they would have to use another e-mail service if they did not do so, Thomasson said. “Despite the fact that some students still did not do so,” Thomasson said.”

Active Directory will allow the Information Technology department the ability to manage the network on their own, Thomasson said.

With it now in place, we can do things in a more organized way of organizing our network and its resources so users can communicate more efficiently,” said Thomasson. “Most of the Information Technology staff are pretty excited about the new change and how end user information is managed on the network.”

Thomasson said the network will change because of the switch creating a more effective communication atmosphere.

“The way in which [the Saint Mary’s College] network is organized is changing since we migrated to Active Directory,” said Thomasson. “Those who are likely to often communicate or share files with each other will be configured so they can do this more efficiently.”

Saint Mary’s supports South Bend food bank

By BRITTANY VANSNEPSON
News Writer

In a campus-wide effort to provide food options for the less fortunate, the College’s Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) will be collecting canned food for a local project, called Neighbors in Need this month.

Saint Mary’s was invited to participate in the food drive by local news station WSBT. Saint Mary’s reached out to side agencies that play a help with the food drive. The project runs throughout the month until Feb. 12. The food will then be collected by WSBT-TV studio on Feb. 13.

“The food being collected is for the Northern Indiana Food Bank,” Carrie Call, director of the College’s OCSE, said. “The Food Bank, located in South Bend, helps to provide for those in need throughout the county’s limits.”

Students are encouraged to get involved, and large boxes are placed in the residence halls for their canned or boxed donations.

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For more information, visit smc.edu/neighborsinnedd/or contact Brittany VanSnepson at bvansn01@saintmarys.edu.
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Venezuela declares energy emergency**
CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez has declared a decree declaring an energy emergency in Venezuela to facilitate his government’s efforts to ease severe energy shortages. Venezuela imposed electricity and water rationing in December to prevent a collapse of the power grid as severe drought drops water levels behind the Guri Dam to critical lows. The dam supplies most of Venezuela’s electricity.

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**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Abortion activists monitored**
MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — Authorities looked into concerns 500 people were trying to close a main road while it was being cleaned up.

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**Investigation follows fatal explosion**
MANILA, Wis. — The U.S. Department of Homeland Security conducted a threat assessment of local pro- and anti-abortion rights activists near an expected rally last year, even though they did not pose a threat to national security.

The DHS destroyed or deleted its copies of the assessment after an internal review found it violated intelligence-gathering guidelines by collecting and sharing information about “protest groups which posed no threat to homeland security,” according to a department memo written last year.

The department was only shared with police in Middleton and with the director of the Wisconsin Statewide Information Center, an intelligence-gathering operation.

Middleton Mayor Sebastian Guiliano said, “There’s a point where negligence poses to the level of criminal conduct, and that’s what we’re investigating.”

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**Local News**

**Spill shuts down major road**
ELKHART, Ind. — A fuel spill in a northern Indiana town sent authorities to close a major road while it was cleaned up.

Elkhart police say it took firefighters and hazardous materials crews about two hours to clean up the 35-gallon spill of fuel at the Norfolk Southern rail yard on the city’s west side.

Authorities closed Old U.S. 33 until early Monday while the work was being done.

No injuries were reported. Details of what caused the spill weren’t immediately released.

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**Austria**

**Iran plans to enrich more uranium**

World leaders alarmed and call for restrictions; Iran asserts peaceful intentions

Associated Press

VIENNA — Iran pressed ahead Monday with plans that will increase its ability to make nuclear weapons as it formally informed the U.N. nuclear agency of its intention to enrich uranium to higher levels.

Alarmed world powers questioned the rationale behind the move and warned the country could face more U.N. sanctions if it made good on its intentions.

Iran maintains its nuclear activities are peaceful, and an envoy insisted the move was meant only to provide fuel for Tehran’s research reactor. But world powers fears that Iran’s enrichment program might be a cover for a weapons program were critical.

Britain said the Islamic Republic’s reason for further enrichment made no sense because it is not technically advanced enough to turn the resulting material into the fuel rods needed for the reactor.

France and the U.S. said the latest Iranian move left no choice but to push hard for a fourth set of U.N. Security Council sanctions to punish Iran’s nuclear defiance.

Even a senior parliamentarian from Russia, which traditionally opposes Western ambitions for new U.N. sanctions, suggested the time had now come for such action.

Konstantin Kosachev, head of the international affairs committee of the State Duma — the lower house of parliament — told the Interfax news agency that the international community should respond to the step with serious measures, including making the regime of economic sanctions more severe.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, uses a device as he visits an exhibition of Iran’s laser science, in Tehran, Sunday.

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Western powers blame Iran for rejecting an internationally endorsed plan to take Iranian low enriched uranium, further enriching it and return it in the form of fuel rods for the reactor — and in broader terms for turning down other offers meant to diminish concerns about its nuclear agenda.

Telling The Associated Press that his country now had formally told the International Atomic Energy Agency of its intentions, Iranian envoy Ali Asghar Soltanieh said that IAEA inspectors now over- seeing enrichment to levels would be able to stay on site to monitor the process.

He suggested world powers pushed Iran into the decision, asserting that it was their fault that the plan that foresaw Russian and French involvement in supplying fuel from enriched uranium for the Tehran research reactor had failed.

“Until now, we have not received any response to our positive logical and technical proposal,” he said.

“We cannot let hospitals and patients desperately waiting for radio isotopes being produced at the Tehran reactor and used in cancer treatment, he added.”

The IAEA confirmed receiving formal notification in a restricted note to the agency’s 35-nation board made available to The Associated Press.

Iran’s atomic energy organization informed the agency that “production of less than 20 percent enriched uranium is being foreseen,” said the note.

“Less than 20 percent” means enrichment to a tiny fraction below that level — in effect 20 percent but formally just below threshold for high enriched uranium.

At the same time, the note indicated that Iran was keeping the agency in the dark about specifics, saying the IAEA “is in the process of seeking clarifications from Iran regarding the starting date of the process for the production of such material and other technical details.”

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Kristof examines gender

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary’s Editor

“When aren’t the problem, they are the solution.” Nicholas Kristof, author and New York Times op-ed columnist, said during a lecture Monday, discussing the importance of women in developing countries. He said women are the greatest and most under-used natural resource.

The lecture — held in Saint Mary’s O’Laughlin Auditorium — focused on themes from the book he co-authored with his wife, Sheryl WuDunn, titled “Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide.”

The book tells stories of the women he and his wife have met during their travels and even some women who lives Kristof directly affected. Kristof said he believed the largest problem facing the 21st century is gender inequality.

“When you put together this kind of lethal discrimination on top of sex-selective abortion, then you have somewhere between 60 and 100 million females who have been discriminated against to death in the world,” Kristof said.

He used several stories from his own experiences throughout the lecture, including an anecdote from when he was covering a story on human trafficking in Cambodia. He said he went to a brothel to talk to the women, and found one young girl whose mother didn’t have the money to buy her daughter back. Kristof bought two of the girls to free them from the brothel. He said he received receipts for both of them.

“When you get a written receipt for another human being, that’s just a disgrace to all of mankind,” Kristof said.

Kristof offered ideas to help improve conditions for women in these countries, highlighting education as one of the more important steps to the problem.

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op-ed columnist
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The 2010 Edith Stein Project, said the conference will examine the relational nature of human beings in terms of a lot of separate issues, such as marriage, the importance of homosexuality, sexual violence and eating disorders.

“While the conference has focused on women and women’s issues in the past, we decided on a theme that would bring out the human person and human relationships,” Roman said.

This year, over 30 people will present at the conference, she said.

Notable speakers include Mother Dolores Hart, a Benedictine nun from Connecticut and a former Hollywood actress, once starring in a film alongside Elvis. Hart will share thoughts on how relationships played a role in finding her vocation, Roman said.

Sarah Johnson also a co-chair of the conference, said the Edith Stein Project is especially important in a culture where many problems, like sexual assault and eating disorders, are all associated with identity.

“Some issues or problems have deeper theological and philosophical dimensions, which go into the very root of being,” she said. “That is really what the conference is all about.

“People need to be interested in this issue, and they need to be looking at it, because it's not a passing thing. It's an issue that goes on forever.”

Those interested in attending theEdith Stein Project can sign up at the student services desk.

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Valentine’s Day because it’s a time when you’re expressing your love very explicitly,” Milani said. “It’s a time of sincerity, of meaning.”

The speakers for this year’s events include University President Fr. John Jenkins, local Bishop Kevin Rhoades and director of the Women’s Care Center in Mishawaka Bobby Williams. Past speakers have included Digger Phelps, Chris Zorcich and former President Emeritus Fr. Edward “Monk” Malloy.

Notre Dame is often listed as the top of the world’s universities in the area of business ethics, a tradition that Malani said stems from the very beginning of the University’s history.

“Our first dean was Cardinal O’Hara,” he said. “Ethics is in our DNA.”

For students and faculty who may not have had exposure to ethics in their education, Ethics Week serves as a way to facilitate discussion for both the present and future, as well as inside and outside the classroom, he said.

“It’s a chance to hear a dialogue on a very controversial topic,” Malani said. “University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh has said that Notre Dame is where the Church does it’s thinking. I agree with that.”

Rhoades, bishop of the diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, was the first speaker in the series. His lecture titled “Ethics, Morality and the Church’s Impact on the Abortion Issue,” took place Monday in the Giovanni Commons of the Mendoza building. Jenkins will speak today at 12:30 p.m. in the Giovannini Commons.

“The Ethics of Leadership,” and Williams will speak on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Commons.

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Pandora and Yahoo Music already run similar websites. Other online music sites such as major recording companies and News Corp., MySpace, and others can choose which songs they hear. The ads are impossible to avoid, unlike the visual, banner ads that can be put out of sight or to a full album with just a single interruption after the first song.

The 30-second ads began appearing last week, and users can choose which songs they hear. They expand on a trial that began in December.

Fiat 500 to be built in Mexico

MEXICO CITY — Chrysler Group LLC says it will invest $550 million to build the Fiat 500 minicar at its assembly plant near Mexico City.

Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne says the new work at its Toluca plant will create 400 jobs. He said Monday the company will begin making the model in December for U.S. and Mexican parks. President Barack Obama indicated he might propose using royalties from oil leases in federal waters as a way to bolster other energy projects.

Chrysler's current assembly plant in the northern Mexico city of Saltillo makes the PT Cruiser sedan and the Dodge Journey at the factory.

Environmental groups rethink agreement regarding California offshore drilling

LOS ANGELES — Nearly two years ago, a broad coalition of environmental groups celebrated a deal with a Texas oil company that promised to eventually end its drilling operations off California's southern coast near Santa Barbara County.

Now, a growing number of those former allies are lining up against the plan, in part because no one outside a small circle of supporters was allowed to read the final agreement.

Many also wonder if the 2022 end date for drilling is enforceable and worry the deal with Plains Exploration & Production, known as PXP, could inadvertently end a 40-year moratorium on new offshore drilling in the entire California coast.

About 110 groups have joined the "Oppose PXP Coalition." Among its members is the Sierra Club, which initially endorsed the deal and was still listed as a supporter on the PXP Web site long after the group changed its position.

The company has used the roster of environmental backers to win public support for the proposal.

"It's very frustrating," said Michael Endicott of the Sierra Club. "I asked them to do it last year. Stop saying Sierra Club is in support of the project — we're not.

The growing opposition comes at a critical time, with politicians eyeing the coast for more drilling as a way to bolster state budgets.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently proposed using royalties generated by leasing state land to PXP to fund state parks. President Barack Obama has indicated he might support more offshore drilling as a way to bolster domestic oil production.

"Approval of PXP will be interpreted nationally as embracing offshore drilling in federal waters," said Assemblyman Pedro Nava, a critic of the deal who is running for state attorney general.

The 27 oil platforms now operating off the Central and Southern California coasts produced 13.3 million barrels of oil in 2009, a small fraction of the amount used in the U.S.

PXP spokesman Scott Winters did not respond to e-mailed questions and calls for comment. The company also has operations in Texas, Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico.

Linda Krop of the Environmental Defense Center, the lead attorney for the three respected environmental groups that signed the agreement, would not say how many supporters were still on board. She believes those who joined the opposition only object to parts of the governor's proposal, not the deal with PXP.

"Every local group we had is still on board," she said.

Many critics outside Santa Barbara have taken aim on the Environmental Defense Center and Get Oil Out! which formed after a 1969 oil spill from an offshore platform off Santa Barbara County fouled miles of ocean and shoreline in wildlife-killing goo. The other group to sign the deal was the Citizens Planning Association.

PXP wants to slant drill about 30 new shafts from Platform Irene in federal waters to Tranquillon Ridge, a formation in state waters.

Its pact with the three groups also calls for the company to donate 3,900 acres (1,560 hectares) to The Trust for Public Land and make a contribution of $1.5 million to a fund that could be used to purchase hybrid buses.

Such terms initially drew support from environmental groups beyond the three that signed the deal. Others, such as Coastwalk California, took no position.

Criticism hit a new high last month, when the agreement was leaked to the media. Its confidentiality was a major concern for environmentalists and regulators.

Oil drilling debate continues

Boeing’s biggest plane completes flight

Boeing launched the freighter program in 2005 with 120 orders. The first delivery was in 2007 after FedEx Corp. put on hold in 2007 after FedEx Corp. and UPS Inc. canceled their orders, leaving Airbus with an empty order book for the cargo plane. The A300 air- liner made its first flight in April 2005 and went into service in October 2007.
Mass of Thanksgiving

To honor the arrival of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to the Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend

Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 5:15 p.m. • Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Music to be provided by the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir

All are invited to a reception following the Mass in the Rotunda of the Main Building.
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run-off election. In order to win without a run-off election, the ticket must win by more than 50 percent of the vote.

This is the first time in at least four years that we haven’t had a runoff,” he said.

In total, 4,177 students voted in the election, making this year’s turnout the second highest voter turn out on record, vice president for elections of the Judicial Council Marcelo Perez said.

Last year holds the record for highest voted turnout with 4,509 votes, he said.

Soler, who will become Notre Dame’s fifth female student body president, said she is grateful to everyone who voted and supported her ticket.

“We’re grateful for the faith that people had in us, [that] they could see our experience, and our passion and commitment, and not use our age as something that would deter them,” she said. “We’re very excited and a little humbled by how much people really cared about the elections here.”

Bell said they plan to begin working on their initiatives prior to their official installation April 1.

“We’re going to be getting started right away to meet with more administrators and establish more contacts to help us move forward,” Bell said.

Once they officially begin leading the student body, Soler said they will put their plans into action.

“We could start on our textbook rental program, begin doing things for The Wall,” she said. “We can try to get new hummus in the dining hall.

The Wall will be a place in LaFortune where students can go to see all of the events happening each week,” Soler said.

Bell added they will also work with outgoing student body president Grant Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber to learn what worked for them and continue the successes of their administration.

Soler said she would like to continue Schmidt and Weber’s presence as student leaders in the community.

“I think Grant and Cynthia have been tremendous leaders in the community and that’s something we definitely want to follow in their footsteps and be the face of the University in terms of community relations,” she said.

The ticket also said they would like to increase student government’s visibility and emphasized their approachability.

“I think people forget that we’re regular students. After this we’re going to study for accounting,” Bell said. “We have homework. We have the same stresses. We get excited about the weekend.

“When you have thoughts just come share them with us,” Soler said.

“We are very respectful of our competitors,” she said. “It was a fun election.”

Erasa and Corona, who received 25.1 percent of the vote, accepted their defeat with a smile.

“I mean it’s good. It’s a relief. It’s closure,” Noel said. “Thank you Notre Dame students, it was a great experience.”

Noel said he plans to continue his ideas for “Perspectives,” a series of interactive lectures where students and professors would discuss intellectual issues.

“Professors are really interested in that,” he said. “I think our venue now to be able to get this done is through a student club.”

Ledet and Alvare, the Zahm ticket, said they were pleased they received more votes than the option to abstain and plan to celebrate.

“I think we’re just going to party,” Ledet said.

Soler and Bell said they were excited to officially become president and vice president and get moving on their platforms.

“We’re really excited to be in [the student body’s] leaders,” Soler said.

Bell added, “And not only to be their leaders, but to work with them.”

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Notre Dame to host Brazilian Carnival

Vibrant Brazilian dance rhythms will transport revelers from South Bend to the streets of Rio de Janeiro during Notre Dame’s 12th annual celebration of Brazilian Carnaval, to be held Friday from 8 p.m. to midnight in South Dining Hall.

The family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

The Brazilian celebration of Mardi Gras Carnaval will feature professional Brazilian dancers performing and teaching dance steps to the authentic axé and samba music of Chicago Samba. Directed by Macary Marchini, Chicago Samba features Brazilian musicians who have performed together for almost 20 years.

Carnaval participants include students, area residents, members of the local Brazilian community, and lots of kids. All don their Carnaval beads and dance the night away.

“Carnaval brings everyone together. There is an event that is different from anything else in South Bend,” said Tatiana Spragins, a Brazilian who is president of the Portuguese Language Club. “It gives the vibe of Brazilian culture and the fun is contagious.”

Brazil Club president Valerie Kornfield, who grew up in Brazil, agreed.

“Carnaval shows Brazil’s love of music and dancing and the joy that characterizes Brazilians,” she said. “It is a great party, my favorite event of the year.”

Carnaval is sponsored by Notre Dame’s Kellogg Institute for International Studies, which brings together scholars, students and policymakers to study important international problems facing humanity.

Co-sponsors of the event include the Latin American Studies Program, the Institute for Latino Studies, Catering by Design, the Brazil Club, the Portuguese Language Club, the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, and the Department of Transportation Services at Notre Dame, WVPE Radio, Mirabel Inn and Suites, and AudioBahn Productions, LLC.

Please recycle The Observer.
First Amendment vindicated

What the President's critics have labeled ‘shocking brazenness of decision’ during his State of the Union Address, combined with Justice Samuel Alito's mouthed disapproval while his colleagues sat stony-faced amid lavish applause from congressional Democrats, set off a flurry of controversy that has drawn even more attention to the Supreme Court's recent ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission.

Why did this case create such a stir? Let's begin with the background. In 2008, a nonprofit conservative group known as Citizens United produced a documentary criticizing then-presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and sought to run commercials for the film. Unfortunately, a little something called the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 (also known as McCain-Feingold) stood in its way. The Act makes it illegal for corporations and unions to fund political advertisements. In fact, the decision in Citizens United specifically criticizes this law.

The decision sent cheers through the House, and jeers in the Senate. Speaking of which, the claim that corporations have bankrolled this election, according to former Federal Election Commissioner Hans Spakovsky: "Corporations, after all, are not citizens. The bottom line is that freedom of speech, especially the political kind, lies at the core of American democracy. Its denial bars one from participating fully in self-government, and its protection has remained a central component of Supreme Court doctrine for centuries. Furthermore, by striking down the restrictions on corporate contributions imposed on corporations by McCain-Feingold, the Court has vindicated the civil liberties of all Americans, including those associated through corporations, to full participation in our democratic system.

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Have a heart, save a heart

Everybody knows that Feb. 14 is Valentine’s Day, a time to shower your loved ones with flowers and candy in order to show that your heart is in the right place. (Boys with girlfriends — don’t forget!) But what a lot of people don’t know is that the month of February also raises awareness about another type of heart — your actual heart. February is officially American Heart Month. It’s the month where the American Heart Association raises awareness about heart disease and tries to share tips on how to stay heart healthy because, unfortunately, Coronary Heart Disease is the No. 1 killer in America. Think about that.

The sad thing is that a lot of heart disease is preventable. People who know me might not know this but I am a survivor of heart disease. When I was 11 years-old, I was diagnosed with sick sinus syndrome, a congenital heart defect that requires implants today to keep heart disease away!

Melissa Vondriska
junior
Lewis Hall
Feb. 7

Say cheese

I would like to express my genuine anticipation for my favorite dining hall dish: Lenten Fridays! I am so sick of the same steady food week-in and week-out. I am ready for the meatless classics like grilled pizza and cheese quesadillas to make their glorious return! Even better is the knowledge that while I continue to enjoy these creative concoctions, I will get to entertain myself with the inevitable Observer Viewpoint front page that will ensue.

A freshman from Dillon will complain that he is Wiccian and should be able to eat meat whenever he wants. A senior from off-campus who probably doesn’t even eat the dining hall anymore will counter that Jesus didn’t eat meat on Fridays. This simple exchange will explode until it takes up the whole day sometimes. I love the mythology that there is absolutely nothing more important to discuss than this intriguing issue. Thank you, Observer!

Matt Mooney
Alumni Hall
Feb. 5

LGBTQ support from MEChA

In light of the recent discussion relating to the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender and questioning population on our campus, it has come to the attention of our club, MEChA, (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán) that the struggle these friends are facing is not unlike the struggle many of us have faced in the past. We also have been mocked, told to change, been refused justice, even physically hurt. We know what it is to feel self conscious about our words, our actions and the way we look. To be afraid of perception because of a characteristic we cannot change, a characteristic we are born with, leads us to not only doubt ourselves, but also the people we are surrounded by. Committing any of these actions, or ones like them, is against everything our faith-based University tell us that these individuals as human beings with a particular difference that should not be targeted by any person, group or entity.

That being said, the members of MEChA proudly declare their support of all the LGBTQ community. We also support the inclusion of sexual orientation under the non-discrimination clause, and the observance of the Gay/ Straight Alliance as an official university organization. It is well known that students walking around with bright orange shirts saying “Gay? Fine by Me” are allies of this cause. Now, we want it to be known that students wearing black and red MEChA shirts are, also. In Solidarity. MEChA

Nicole Medina
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Walsh Hall
Feb. 7

Music companies need to back off

Federal Judge Michael Davis presided over a case earlier this year where peer-to-peer pioneer Kim Thoma Rasset was ordered to pay $1.92 million in damages for sharing 24 songs on the Internet. Davis made no comment on the amount of the award and showed no discernable emotion as the judgment was read out. The Rasset case was the first to reach judgment and Davis made no indication that the initial number must have been pulled out of thin air. In his decision to reduce the award, Davis did not oppose the guilty verdict or fail to point out the inconsistencies Thomas-Rasset had shown during the trials. ‘Despite never implicating others during her depositions or testimony in the previous trial, in this second trial, she suddenly leveled new accusations against her children and ex-boyfriend, asserting that they might have committed the infringement,” Davis wrote in the decision. “Thomas-Rasset’s refusal to accept responsibility for her actions and her decision to concoct a new theory of the infringement, casting possible blame on her children and ex-boyfriend for her actions, demonstrate a refusal to accept responsibility and raise the need for strong deterrence.”

Statutory damage laws were originally written with the intent of stopping commercial infringement. ‘In the case of individuals who infringe by using peer-to-peer networks, the potential gain from infringement is access to free music, not the possibility of hundreds of thousands — or even millions — of dollars in profits,” Davis wrote. “The need for deterrence cannot justify a $2 million verdict for stealing and illegally distributing 24 songs for the sole purpose of obtaining free music.” The Recording Industry Association of America was determined to make an example of Thomas-Rasset because it is fighting a losing battle when it comes to prosecuting every individual who illegally downloads music. Now, when record labels find someone stealing music they try to take them for everything they are worth based on action and not intent. In this case, there was no malicious intent or any way Thomas-Rasset was reaping any kind of monetary reward other than not having to pay for the songs.

Record labels need to stop prosecuting peer-to-peer users and punishing people for the industry’s faulty business model, and work out a way to succeed in the digital age.

This column first ran in the Feb. 8 edition of The Daily Cougar, the daily newspaper serving The University of Houston.

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Like all great epics, the third Los Campesinos! album, "Romance is Boring," begins with "In Medias Res." The choice of title accurately reflects the turn that the band has taken in its follow up to 2008’s "We Are Beautiful, We Are Doomed." The quintessentially British band is well-known for their upbeat refrains and cheery melodies, yet the sound of this new album is much more mature than anything Los Campesinos! has done before, yet it retains that unwavering enthusiasm that made the group popular in the first place.

The opening track asks the question, "If you were given the option of dying painlessly in peace at 45 but with a lover at your side after a full and happy life, is this something that would interest you?" While this may not in fact interest you, the rest of the album is sure to hold the attention of listeners, both devoted fans as well as new recruits to the Los Campesinos! camp.

The title track, "Romance is Boring," fits well considering the rapidly approaching day dedicated to romance alone. It may serve as a much-needed wake up call for the couples who have been disgusting the rest of the campus by publicly displaying their affection in front of the fro-yo machine. "Romance is Boring" is a song that can easily be sung by even the worst of tune carriers which is a perfect example of the group's mission.

Some of the songs seem to have a completely different feel from the Los Campesinos! that came roaring out of the gate two years ago. "200-102" and "Heart Swells/100-1" are the most notable. They clearly do not fit into the mold that Los Campesinos! created for themselves. They appeared to be so full of energy that they needed to add an "!" at the end of their name because otherwise the idea simply didn’t translate. On those two tracks, however, there is folky guitar and eerie whispering than a Los Campesinos! fan may be able to handle.

"The Sea is A Good Place to Think of the Future" comes near the end of the album and is yet another sign of the band's maturation. The lyrics seem so honest and deep, it even seems as though they were ripped straight from someone's diary. The song itself is great, but the music video is even better. The simplicity of a group of cool people just sitting on the beach is perfect. It would make anyone want to run off to the nearest beach and just sit around for a while.

"Romance is Boring" marks a shift in gears for Los Campesinos! There is almost a tug of war going on between staying young and growing up. This album shows both sides extremely well. It gives fans more of what they loved from previous albums while giving them a taste of what the future may be like for the group.

It also happens to be the perfect album for anyone who recently discovered that they would be spending quite some time in Britain. Word of advice: save the hours you would have spent rereading Harry Potter and just listen to Los Campesinos! instead.

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Scene Writer

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"Romance is Boring"
Los Campesinos!

Label: Wichita
Recommended Tracks: "We've Got Your Back," "In Medias Res"
Hunt's chill, acoustic style evokes memories of warmth, relaxation and a summer by the sea. Daniel Tostado's "Have a Pet Oyster and His Name is the World" is a seemingly upbeat song that also has a deeper message. Tostado brings a light tone to the music and the listener can hear that he has fun recording the track. Lines such as "now he likes sports and beer, and I like sports, but I don't like beer," are defined by their silliness. But these silly lines are balanced by more metaphysical concerns that "things are not good with me and my oyster." Tostado sings the song in an upbeat and lighthearted way that emphasizes its silliness, but he changes his style often enough for the listener to notice the song's metaphors.

Followers of student government might be eager to listen to "take me down" by vice president Cynthia Weber's "If You Go." Weber, a junior, told The Observer that she decided not to run for student body president this year in part to devote more time to music. Posner's music reflects his experiences as a college student and is easy to listen to whether you are with your buddies or your girlfriend. Two songs that have been leaked onto the Internet and iTunes are "Drug Dealer Girl" and "Smoke N' Drive."

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His name is Mike Posner, currently do not have access to potable water. Posner has taken Posner under its wing and now his songs are showing up all over the radio waves and at college parties around the country. Posner's music reflects his experiences as a college student and is easy to listen to whether you are with your buddies or your girlfriend. Two songs that have been leaked onto the Internet and iTunes are "Drug Dealer Girl" and "Smoke N' Drive."

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He has collaborated with artists like Mike Posner Big Sean, and 50 Cent. He continues to work on his debut album which is said to be 50 percent done. Posner's first mix tape titled "A Matter of Time," was released in early 2009. Posner's "Drug Dealer Girl" music video is entertaining as he travels around his Duke University campus looking for his "drug dealer girl." His music is unusual, and with a style and personality to match he is bound to stay in the musical game. He's attracted crowds in the thousands whether it's Governor's Island in New York or just traveling from campus to campus. He is making his first appearance in this year's Warped Tour where he will be performing in amphitheaters across the country.

College parties have adopted many of his mix tapes and as people walk party to party the echoing lyrics of an auto-tune-like voice makes people anxious for his upcoming debut album. Posner has made all of his songs that are not showing up on his debut album available for free on his website. Posner rocks a hipster image with confidence and has given the young music industry what it has been looking for.

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Gainey hands over Canadiens GM position to Gauthier

Montreal — From his time as a player with his native Canadian team to his tenure as general manager, Bob Gainey has spent a lifetime providing leadership to the Montreal Canadiens.

Now, he’s handing the reins to a trusted colleague.

Gainey stepped aside Monday as Montreal’s general manager and was replaced by assistant Pierre Gauthier in a surprising front-office shake-up for hockey’s most storied franchise.

Team president Pierre Boivin — with Gainey and Gauthier on either side of him — made the announcement at a Bell Centre news conference.

Gainey will remain with the club as a special adviser to Gauthier, an assistant to the general manager under Gainey.

I look forward to assisting Pierre and the team in our pursuit of our 25th Stanley Cup,” Gainey said.

“I’m leaving the team I love most in the hands of the man I trust most.”

Gainey starred for the Canadiens from 1973-89 and the Hall of Fame rejoined the team as GM after the 2002-2003 season. Montreal made the playoffs four of the five seasons under Gainey’s tenure.

“I think that is an accomplishment in today’s NHL, where 45 percent of the teams miss the playoffs every year,” said Gainey, who won five Stanley Cups as a forward with the Canadiens.

Boivin said Gainey informed him during the Christmas holidays that he would not seek to extend his contract after it expired in June.

“I believe that the GM position requires a long-term vision and a long-term commitment,” Gainey said.

At this point I’m not prepared to make a commitment of four, or five, or six more years in this position. The decision between leaving a little too early or staying a little too long — between those two choices I prefer to leave a little bit too early. I’ve done my best. Now it’s time for me to pass the torch,” said Gainey, who celebrated his 60th birthday Dec. 30.

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Gainey, who signed with the Canadiens in 1963 and played for the Hall of Famer rejoined the team as general manager’s duties following the 2002-03 season. Montreal made the playoffs four of the five seasons under Gainey’s tenure.

“I’m ready to roll up my sleeves and get the job done.”

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Associated Press

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NASCAR

Danica Patrick announced that she will make her much-anticipated NASCAR debut this weekend at Daytona International Speedway. Patrick had been on the IndyCar circuit for several years prior to stock car racing.

Patrick to make debut in Daytona

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Danica Patrick will make her NASCAR debut this weekend at Daytona International Speedway.

The IndyCar star will drive the No. 7 Chevrolet for JR Motorsports in Saturday’s second-tier Nationwide Series race.

The decision announced Monday to race at Daytona was made after team officials dissected her stock-car racing debut in the ARCA race at Daytona on Saturday. The team had left the option to race up to ARCA race at Daytona on Monday to race at Daytona later this month.

Patrick overcame a Nationwide Series race at the end of last year. "Racing in the Nationwide Series race was the right thing to do," Patrick said in a statement.

Patrick was hesitant to make her debut at Daytona because of the top talent that race attracts. Sprint Cup drivers have raced in the Nationwide races here, and the one exception was Martin Truex Jr., who won in 2005.

Patrick will be in the field by Dale Earnhardt Jr., her car owner. He has five wins and 10 top-10 finishes in 17 Nationwide races at Daytona.

Earnhardt will be driving JRM’s flagship No. 88, while Patrick will be in the car she will drive in 13 previously announced races. Her schedule after Daytona includes the Feb. 20 race at California and the Feb. 27 race at Las Vegas.

“I think Danica proved to everyone that she can compete in stock cars at a high level, and right now seat time is extremely important,” said Kelley Earnhardt, Earnhardt’s sister and the general manager and a part owner of JRM.

“She has worked extremely hard during the past two months for this opportunity. Her dedication and work ethic is infectious.”

JR Motorsports acquired the points from CJM Racing to ensure Patrick a spot in the field. CJM Racing finished 15th in the owner standings last season, but has suspended operations.

There’s been slight backlash against Patrick for taking the Daytona ride because many believed her decision to race cost Kelly Bires a seat.

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9 p.m., ESPN

around the dial
MIAMI — Reggie Wayne started through all those reporters. He wasn’t bothered by the questions. It was 7:30 a.m. the next morning. He just couldn’t believe he and the Colts lost to his hometown New Orleans Saints in the Super Bowl.

Moments after Indianapolis came up one win short of a championship, the Pro Bowl receiver downplayed the disappointment by focusing on next season.

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NEW YORK — The New Orleans Saints' victory over Indianapolis in the Super Bowl was watched by more than 106 million people, surpassing the 1983 finale of "M-A-S-H" to become the most-watched program in U.S. television history, the Nielsen Co. said Monday.

Compelling story lines involving the city of New Orleans and its ongoing recovery from Hurricane Katrina and the attempt at a second Super Bowl ring for Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning propelled the viewership. Football ratings have been strong all season.

"It was one of those magi- cal moments that you don't often see in sports," said Sean McManus, president of CBS News and Sports. Nielsen estimated Monday that 106.5 million people watched Sunday's Super Bowl. The "M-A-S-H" record was 105.97 million.

The viewership estimate obliterated the previous record viewership for a Super Bowl — last year's game between Arizona and Pittsburgh. That game was seen by 98.7 million people, Nielsen said.

The "M-A-S-H" record has proven as durable and meaningful in television as Babe Ruth's record of 714 home runs was in baseball until topped by Hank Aaron. Ultimately, it can't find that anywhere else." said Leslie Moonves, CBS Corp. CEO. "For anyone who wants to write that broadcasting is dead, 106.5 million people watched this program. You can't find that anywhere else."

Moonves predicted CBS will continue to be a strong launching pad for the members of the broadcast- cast in the years to come because CBS News and Sports is "the broadcast- eral also set CBS and other football broadcasters up well when selling advertising for next season," he said.

The Nielsen estimate also drew some congratulations from Alan Alda, the star of "M-A-S-H," and the slugger whose record was beaten. "If the "M-A-S-H" audience was eclipsed, it was probably due in large part to the fact that the whole country is rooting for New Orleans to triumph in every way possi- ble," Alda said. "I am, too, and I couldn't be happier for them. I love that city.

There are more American homes with television sets now (114.9 million) than there were in 1983 (83.3 million). An estimated 77 per- cent of homes with TVs on were watching "M-A-S-H" in 1983, compared with the audience share of 68 for the Super Bowl. The good ratings for the game and football in gen- eral also set CBS and other football broadcasters up well when selling advertising for next season, he said.

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"M-A-S-H" also measures only the United States, and it's possible some World Cup soc- cer fans in Europe or other parts of the world watched it, too. Nielsen's figures measure television viewership only, which is often the case for football games.

"Not to say I'm competitive, but in part we are talking about sports," he said. "I actually AM competitive."

McManus didn't want to jinx it, but the abnormally strong viewership for football in New Orleans left him hoping for a record. The NFC and AFC championship games both had record-setting viewership since the 1980s. The growth of high-definition television and its appeal to sports fans has also helped.

A competitive game until the final minutes sealed it, McManus acknowledged some nervousness when Indianapolis jumped out to a 10-0 lead — a Super Bowl rout often makes people turn away from the game — but New Orleans roared back.

The Mid-Atlantic blizzard also helped CBS. After New Orleans, the highest-rated market was snowbound Washington, Nielsen said. More people watched the game from their homes in that area instead of going to parties or bars, and Nielsen does a much better job counting viewers in homes than outside of them.

"Bad weather in the Northeast and good weather in Florida was a good combi- nation for us," McManus said.

The Super Bowl also proved a strong launching pad for the new CBS series "Undercover Boss" that premiered after the game. An estimated 38.6 million people watched the first edition of a series about corporate hon- chos working secretly as low- level employees in their own companies, Nielsen said.

That's third only to a 1996 "Friends" and 2001 "Survivor" as the most-watched program after the Super Bowl.

Meanwhile, Dorito's was a big winner in a measurement of interest in the commercials played during the Super Bowl. TiVo Inc. said the snack company's ad featuring Betty White and Abe Vigoda flat- tened in a football game.

The secretly filmed CBS promo with David Letterman, Jay Leno and Oprah Winfrey came in second, followed by the Snickers' ad with Betty White and Abe Vigoda flat- tened in a football game.

In general, however, TiVo found less interest in the commercials than it has in previous years, judged by how many people paused live action to see them, said Todd Juenger, general manager of TiVo's research department.
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Clearly exhausted from a late night of post-Super Bowl celebrations, Sean Payton leaned on a podium Monday morning, clutching the Vince Lombardi trophy in his right hand.

"You can’t get enough of this," the Saints’ head coach said at a news conference at the Fort Lauderdale convention center. "This thing lay in my bed next to me last night, rolled over it a couple times. I probably drooled on it. But man, there’s nothing like it."

Certainly, the New Orleans Saints never experienced anything like it.

Before this one, the Saints had only right winning seasons — and two playoff victories — in their previous 42 years combined. New Orleans had to win three postseason games over three great quarterbacks — and two playoff victories — had only eight winning seasons total.

That was easier said than done, but in their fourth season together, they did it. Brees was chosen the Super Bowl MVP after Sunday night’s 31-17 victory over the Indianapolis Colts. After that, his only remaining challenge was believing he’d actually pulled it off.

"I had to wake up this morning and turn to my wife and say, ‘Did yesterday really happen?’" Brees said.

"Our victory last night was the culmination of four years of hard work, fighting through a lot of adversity, ups and downs and more importantly than that, representing a city that has been through so much," Brees said.

"Along the way, people have asked me so many times, ‘Do you look at it as a burden or extra pressure? Do you feel like you’re carrying the weight of the city on your teams’ shoulders.’ I said, ‘No, not at all. We look at it as a responsibility.’ Our city, our fans, gave us strength and we owe this to them. ... There’s no people that you would want to win for more than the city of New Orleans.”

As Brees spoke, Payton sat off to the side, elbows on knees, face buried in his hands. When it was his turn to speak, he recounted Vince Lombardi’s story over the Indianapolis Colts.

"Joe Lombardi, his father, Vince Jr., and his two brothers sat and posed with this trophy, for the four of them, while pictures were taken. And I just thought to myself, ‘You’ve got to be kid-ding me.’ Payton said. “If you believe in heaven, and you believe Vince Lombardi is there looking down on his grandson, it doesn’t get any better.”

Payton said when all was quiet in the team hotel around 3 a.m., he offered a prayer of thanks for his team and his experience in New Orleans, where he became a head coach for the first time in 2006. The city was still largely in ruin then.

“When we got into coaching or playing, we got into it for certain reasons and yet the reasons in New Orleans far exceeded what we ever expected,” Payton said.

The theme for the Saints in 2009 became: A season of firsts. They opened with their first 13-game winning streak, which earned them a first No.1 seeding in the NFC playoffs. That led to a first home NFC title game, then a first Super Bowl.

Their run to the Super Bowl captured the attention of football fans everywhere. The game was watched by more than 106 million people, surpassing the 1983 finale of “M*A*S*H” to become the most-watched program in U.S. television history, the Nielsen Co. said Monday.

Commissioner Roger Goodell called this Super Bowl “clearly more than a game. “I keep thinking of the word ‘magical,’ “he said. “When you think about the relationship between the Saints and the Gulf Coast and the city of New Orleans, it was more than just a football game and more than just a football team. The hopes, the dreams and the struggles of that community were all reflected in that football team. It was a great night for the people in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast region.”

Throughout the past week, Brees used the Super Bowl as a platform to promote New Orleans’ recovery and express his adoration for the distinctive and historic city. After the Saints’ Super Bowl triumph, Brees agreed to appear on the Late Show with David Letterman on Monday night.

“We’re going to enjoy this for a while. I think New Orleans is enjoying it right this second, still,” Brees said. “We don’t expect anybody to go to work today in New Orleans, or maybe for the next two weeks considering Mardi Gras is next week.

“We know what it’s like to build something from the ground up and just to feel like this is our time. ... I think what’s going to be fun is using the term ‘repeat’ all next year.”
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Who happy with show

Associated Press

MIA MURGENDIS, Fla. — Pete Townshend is used to playing in front of stadiums filled with rabid fans who know every note of The Who's songs. He didn't get that at the band's Super Bowl halftime performance, but he's OK with that.

Townshend and handmate Roger Daltrey performed a medley of some of their most famous songs on entertainments biggest stage Sunday, including "Won't Get Fooled Again" during a 12-minute set that included a laser-light stage and plenty of fireworks.

While the crowd was involved, and some held up their cell phones to illuminate the night as instructed by the stadium announcers, they were somewhat subdued, and was clear it was not a Who event.

Backstage after their show, Townshend laughed and said: "You know, you could kind of tell from the stage the crowd is really not a Who event."

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MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Scottie Reynolds didn't have any memorable games against West Virginia — until he got hot against the Mountaineers in the second half Monday night.

The junior guard scored 19 of his 21 points in the final 13 minutes and No. 4 Villanova held off No. 3 West Virginia 92-75.

In the season's first matchup of teams ranked in the top five, the Wildcats (21-2, 10-1) rebounded from a blowout loss at No. 7 Georgetown on Saturday to pull into a first-place tie with No. 2 Pittsburgh in the Big East.

"You have guys asking where the toughest place to play is, and hands down for me, it's West Virginia," said Reynolds, who had averaged nine points in three previous games against the Mountaineers, including two losses in Morgantown.

"I remember a lot of years here," he said. "It feels good to get one under our belt. It feels good and to do it the way we did it, it feels even better.

"Villanova shot 57 percent (29 of 51) from the field and its guard-oriented lineup outrebounded the Mountaineers 38-30.

Leading scorer Da'Sean Butler had his worst performance in three weeks and that haunted West Virginia (19-4, 8-3), which couldn't overcome an 11-point halftime deficit and saw its six-game winning streak snapped.

The Mountaineers will have to wait until Friday night at No. 25 Pittsburgh to try to extend a streak that has ended the last two games with West Virginia.

"I don't expect Da' to get 30 points every game and carry us," West Virginia coach Bob Huggins said. "Our other guys are going to have to do things."

Butler didn't get his first points until a 3-pointer with 8:40 left in the first half and was held without a field goal in the second half.

"We didn't really compete as well as we should've, especially considering the situation and how much the game meant for us," Butler said. "Overall we weren't focused as far as taking advantage of easy shots. It would've been a different situation if we played unselfishly. When we had the ball, we wasted a lot of timeouts and fans were asked to report boorish and unruly behavior by our fans will not be tolerated."

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Coyne, entering her 14th season as head coach, has been with the team since they entered Division I in 1997 and has raised the program from the club level to one of the most feared in the country.

With nine juniors and seniors in the starting lineup, experience at the collegiate level is in no shortage on the veteran squad. There is confidence that the senior leadership will help develop the younger players into stronger athletes and more adept “laxers.”

“I think we have some younger players that blend in really nicely so we’ve got good balance,” Coyne said. “I think with each individual game we’ll have a chance to adapt and rise to the occasion.”

Three seniors lead the No. 8 Irish, and they have relied on these seniors to show the underclassmen the ropes.

“The underclassmen have been working really hard, bringing a fresh style of play so the chemistry is there,” senior captain Rachel Guerrera said. “They’ve adapted to the game so far.”

The Irish will travel to Long Island to take on Hofstra in their season opener on Feb. 23. The last two meetings between the teams have been decided by a one goal margin, but this year there is hope that the tournament in January has given Notre Dame the edge they need for a decisive win.

“It’s always been a close game with them, coming off this weekend I think we can bring a better game than we have in the past,” senior captain Maggie Zeitzgal said.

In any case, it is shaping up to be an interesting year for the Irish, and for the returning players another opportunity to make a run for the National Championship.

“We’re not satisfied with last season and you’re always inspired by the other teams here to do your best,” Zeitzgal said.

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Roudrueh was one rebound of a triple-double and finished with a line of 19 points, nine rebounds and 10 assists. Senior guard Shauna Shores tallied 23 points.

Cincinnati has four of the top five average double figures. They could put pressure on a Notre Dame defense that gave up 76 points Saturday.

McGraw said the Irish could be able to fix the problem.

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second in the 3-meter diving event with a score of 367.15 points. Geary finished fifth with 320.90 and Koter eighth with 271.30.

“They dive as a team and that is something we have been able to do for years,” Welsh said. “They are a unified group and they all had some great performances.”

In last year’s NCAA Zone Meet, Geary posted a combined score of 564.20, and Villalor ended with a score of 239.50.

Villalor closed out last sea-son with posted scores of 324.00 and 323.75 against Northwestern and at the Big East Championships, respec-tively. His career best for the 3-meter is 326.70 at the 2007 Shamrock Invitational.

Geary also came up big at this time of the year last season. He scored a 313.65 at Northwestern in what was his career best for the 1-meter. This will be the first Big East Championships Koter has participated in, but the rigorous schedule the Irish have had should be enough to prepare for this weekend.

Welsh credited coach Caiming Xie with the success of the diving program.

“We depend on Caiming a lot,” Welsh said. “When he says you have to go, to go, then they are ready to go. He really is a superb coach.”

This is Xie’s 15th season as the Notre Dame diving coach. He coached 2008 All-American Michael Biffin and was named the National Women’s Diving Coach of the Year each year from 2005-2007. Xie, Notre Dame’s male divers have posted the top seven scores in 1-meter diving, and eight of the top ten scores in 3-meter diving.

“I don’t believe in bringing in anyone who cannot eventually play in our lineup and each of these guys have shown that potential.”

Bobby Bayliss

*Irish coach*

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Each player signed National Letters of Intent in November to continue their careers under Bayliss and Sachire. Among the other top five recruiting leaders are Duke, Notre Dame and Georgia. UCLA, Michigan, the Irish’s next opponent, and Georgia. UCLA currently stands at No. 4 while Duke is at No. 21. Notre Dame stands at No. 6.

National tournament directors for the women’s basketball and various junior tennis experts vote in the recruiting rankings on tennisrecruiting.net

Each voter ranked the top-25 recruits and gave schools 25 points for each first-place vote, 20 for each second-place vote and down to one point for each of the 25 place votes. The I r i s h received a total of 379 points, compared to 404 for Georgia in fourth place and 445 for Duke in first.

Bayliss said he values certain characteristics in recruits that may not show up in recruiting rankings.

“Seeing them play as often as possible is important because you want to know how they will handle stress and adversity as much as how they handle success,” Bayliss said.

“I like to see how they interact with their peers and their parents. If they have a strong rapport with the parents they will likely be the same with us, going to spend four years of my life with someone it is important that we get along.”

In order to land these players, Notre Dame needed to conduct a full competition. Andrews, No. 11 on the top recruiting list, was also highly interested in Michigan and Florida before signing with the Irish.

Pecor, No. 22 for recruiting, had a bit of an easier situation, which was signed early in September to play for the Irish.

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ACROSS
1 Pooh-pooh, with "at"
6 Way up a ski slope
10 School zone warning
14 TV signal component
15 Beatles meter maid
16 Topper for Charles de Gaulle
17 Autoshiping force
20 Roll-call call
21 D.C.'s Pennsylvania, e.g.
22 Antiapptic element
23 Early James Bond foe
25 With 46-Across, be angry … or what you can do inside the answers to the six starred clues
30 Lower chamber of Russia's parliament
34 In a cautious way
35 Excuse maker's word
36 X ___ xylophone
37 Satan's doings
38 State of confusion
39 Wege
40 Word with a handshake
41 Shell game sphere
42 Hold tight
43 Some annexes
44 "Rims"
45 Said "bos'n" for "boatswain," e.g.
46 When repeated, gung-ho
48 Financially solvent
49 Big bash
50 Add a kick to
51 Phil who sang "Draft Dodger Rag"
52 Chile's northern neighbor
54 Seat of Allen County, Kan.
55 Hang-up
56 1975 Wimbledon winner
57 *Textbooks for instructors
58 Pure baloney
59 "___ Te Ching"
60 Nagging desire
61 In a suit
62 Subject of much Midknight praise
63 Pigskin supports
64 Manly man
65 Missouri Indian
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1 Window part
2 Just adorable
3 ___-Eaters (shoe inserts)
4 *School evacuation exercises
5 A McCoy, to a Hatfield
6 "Key Large" Oscar winner
7 Orthodoxist's concern
8 Wolfed down
9 Most risk
10 Losing streak
11 Jeans maker Straus
12 Ready for business
13 Like an oracle
14 Foppish dresser
15 Tip of a wingtip
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27 Purple feature
28 Popular typeface
29 W.W. II sea menace
30 Lower chamber of Russia's parliament
31 Taking habitually
32 Cut into tiny bits
33 Hippies' crosses
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Happy Birthday: The more you do, the easier it is to achieve your goals. The greater your ability to manage yourself is a better one for you. The more you do, the more you can do.

March 23 - April 21: A more youthful look will help you feel energetic and able to work on new projects. You can talk out of your personal issues and see the situations more clearly.

Saturday's: Try to keep to your routines and to relax in the evening. Consider what you wish for, before you gain.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22): Do not start new plans when you should be taking action and making it real. Your heart will tell you and your eyes will tell you which fonts let you go. Opposites are expected to be needed or loved.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22): Good things are happening in your world. An offer or someone else is giving you a new opportunity to heal your wounds or make a new decision. There is a potential you will be able to do the right thing and any emotional and financial concerns are near your own needs and likes.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Focus on creative endeavors and withdrawing with people whom you have similar interests. Love and meanings are in the air and they should be your main concern though the evening hours change. If you are single or want to change the face you know, you are not an unknown.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Check out your personal situation carefully and you will find ways to make improvements. Discouragement is apparent and can lead to emotional reactions that will disrupt your home and family.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Your emotions will get better. Coming, usually successful actions. Do others misunderstand you can lead to messages that help to act on your worst instincts.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Changes will occur, creating problems with someone you have known for a long time. The more you develop, the more you respond and help will be offered. An interesting situation will lead to a couple of unexpected but beneficial changes.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): By putting forth your best effort you will inspire those who don't know you well and please the ones who do. An interesting proposition is heal- ing your way and the best to make a move.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20): Stand by your guard. There is no reason why you should lead to what someone else wants if you act against everything you have worked so hard to achieve. Control the situation until it is the most momentous one.

Birthday Baby: You are independent and a neat person, intent on winning. You have innovative ideas and the courage to follow your own path. You are not bound by tradition.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Rested Cinci awaits rolling Notre Dame

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hasn’t had a lot of time to rest since a physical victory over Pittsburgh Saturday, but when the No. 4/3 Irish step onto the court against Cincinnati tonight at Fifth Third Arena, they will face a Bearcats team that has not played in a week.

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The Irish (21-1, 8-1 Big East) are 6-0 since losing to No. 1 Connecticut on Jan. 16. The Bearcats (10-11, 3-6) last played in a Feb. 2 overtime victory over Louisville.

In that game, guard Kahla McGahee scored 27 points.

Freshman guard Skylar Diggins slips between two Pittsburgh defenders for a basket during Notre Dame’s 86-76 victory on Feb. 6. Diggins and the Irish take on Cincinnati tonight.

MEN’S TRACK & FIELD

Senior jumper Quick continues to lead Irish for fourth year

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

Three Big East Indoor Championship appearances, three Big East Outdoor appearances, two-time all-Big East selection, one NCAA appearance.

That’s the outstanding resume for senior jumper Eric Quick. As the leading competitor for the Irish in the long jump and the triple jump for the last several years, Quick has made quite a name for himself on the conference level.

Already this season, Quick has claimed a first place finish in the long jump at the Indiana Invitational. The California native qualified for the Big East Championships with his second place finish in the triple jump and fourth place finish in the long jump at the Notre Dame Invitational, and he took second in the 60-meter dash at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener.

Quick’s career got off to a fast start, as he earned all-Big East honors in his first season, finishing second in the triple jump at the Big East Indoor Championships, helping the Irish claim the title that year. Quick also earned a spot in the Big East Outdoor Championships, finishing 13th in the long jump.

As a sophomore, Quick’s success in the jumps continued with third-place finishes in both the triple jump and long jump at the Big East Indoor Championships. At the outdoor conference meet, Quick finished fourth and sixth in the triple jump and long jump, respectively.

For the second time in as many seasons, Quick was an all-conference selection.

In his third season on campus, Quick’s performances catapulted him to an NCAA MidEast Regional appearance. While just missing out on gaining conference honors for the third straight season, Quick still made impressive performances in both events at the Big East Indoor and Outdoor Championships.

Quick has not slowed down this year, and is on pace to earn another all-conference selection, depending on his performance in the Big East.

MEN’S DIVING

Three divers lead squad toward title

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame heads to the Big East Championships in Pittsburgh this weekend, three divers, led by one coach, will set the tone for the Irish. Juniors Wesley Villaflor and Nathan Geary and freshman Ryan Koter are a part of the “Big Three” for the Irish diving squad. Irish coach Tim Welsh is optimistic that the nine will continue to perform at a high level.

“What we have seen this year is three guys who have all improved,” Welsh said. “This was a team that was the Shamrock Invitational last weekend.”

In the Shamrock Invitational, Notre Dame (5-6) beat Denver, but lost to Iowa and Missouri. Villaflor placed second in the 3 meter, Geary finished second in the 1 meter and Koter set the Irish record for the 3 meter.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Class of 2014 shows promise

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

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