SMC Stars help make ‘wishes’ come true

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

After being inspired by some family members involved with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Saint Mary’s College senior Stephanie Dolik decided to start the SMC Stars — a club designed to grant wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Joined by seniors Sara Casey and Lindsay Morrin as well as sophomore Anne Bolitho, Dolik, who serves as the club’s president, founded the SMC Stars in November 2009.

The club has two advisors — Professor Joyce Hicks of Saint Mary’s College and Bobbie O’Connor, a representative from the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Indiana.

The club’s first “Wish kid” visited campus in November. Jacob Kraus, dreamed of doing one thing in South Bend: playing with the Notre Dame Marching Band.

The SMC Stars planned an additional event to make Kraus’s weekend special.

“We got to meet [Kraus] and we kind of contributed to his weekend a little bit by throwing him a bowling event because he loves bowling,” Dolik said. “That was our first experience interacting with a Wish kid and we had a really good turn out and I think people are getting really excited about future events.”

According to Bolitho, another event the Stars worked on was selling ornaments for a Wish tree before Winter Break. The club appeared in the Noble Family Dining Hall to display their Wish tree and spread the word about the club.

Dolik said the club hopes to “grant as many wishes as possible” as their long term goal.

Though the Stars were created in November, their first meeting took place after Winter Break. The club has 20 members.

“It’s a little challenging because the other Make-A-Wish clubs at other schools we looked at are from much larger universities so we have to compare it to what we can do here,” Morrin said.

Currently, the group has not seen any students who create accounts with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, family members involved with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, or have announced the content of the Revue from year to year. The annual and controversial crowd favorite, the Keenan Revue, originally presented in Washington Hall and most recently in Saint Mary’s O’Laughlin Auditorium, will once again have to find a new venue.

Saint Mary’s administrators have announced the content of the variety show is not congruent with the College’s mission statement and therefore their annual contract will not be renewed.

“Host it is counterproductive for the College,” senior Tim Treat, director of this year’s Revue said. “They stressed that the decision was made before this year’s Revue and it’s a decision the cabinet talks about every year.”

Treat said in a meeting with Keenan representatives and hall director Fr Dan Nolan, College officials said the general content of the Revue from year to year shaped their decision to discontinue the contract.

“They stressed that it was not a particular year, skit or joke that was the straw that broke the camel’s back,” Treat said. “They mentioned the disparaging remarks about women and sexuality in the show.”

In a recently released statement, Shari Rodriguez, vice president of College relations, articulated the deviation from the Keenan Revue, known for its raunchy skits, like the one shown above from the 2010 show, will not return to Saint Mary’s next year after the College did not renew its contract.

By LIZ O’DONNELL
News Writer

Students looking to move off campus now have a University-sponsored Web site to utilize when conducting their search for housing.

With the launch of the new Web site, rent.nd.edu, Notre Dame students have access to listings of local houses and apartments for rent.

Jory Rich, one of the developers of the Web site, said the site aims to put different off-campus housing options online.

“The basic idea we’re trying to do is put all the different housing options into an easy to use Web interface,” he said. “That way students can use one Web site instead of using different housing providers.”

The effort was coordinated in part with student government. Student body president Grant Schmidt said the idea for the Web site came up over a year ago from two different sources.

“Northwestern University already had the concept,” he said. “It also came up in the campaign from one of the other tickets, [so student body vice president] Rich and I acknowledged it and decided to implement it.”

Rich said he spoke with Weber and Schmidt about the project last year and began work on the Web site. He said this year the project seemed even more important so he began to work on it as part of a class assignment.

“This year we decided it was valuable to students and I decided working on it as part of a database complexes class,” he said. “After the class was over, I continued working on it, adding new features and getting the domain name set up.”

One of the advantages of the new Web site is that it allows students to compare prices in one location.

“By putting prices and other features in one location it encourages competition among different housing complexes whereas previously students would have to call regular housing complexes to find out,” Rich said.

Another new feature allows students who create accounts... see WEB SITE/page 9
INSIDE COLUMN

Caring about real news

Forget Haiti, and forget healthcare. By the looks of my news feed, people have moved on to worrying about something they really care about: the new Facebook profile layout.

Apparently, it’s the most radical change in, well, anything since … the last time Facebook changed its layout. And before that, probably the American Revolution.

Come on people. This really isn’t that big of a deal. Let’s be honest. Within a couple weeks, we’ll all get used to the new, more prominent search bar, the fact that we can now see friends we often chat right on the home page, the new notification area and the extra click it takes to log out. Okay, that last one is actually really annoying, but other than that, the changes are pretty useful. We’ll all join a couple “GET YOUR OLD FACEBOOK LAY-OUT BACK” groups, invite all our friends in a futile attempt to get said layout back, and when it doesn’t come back, move on with our Facebook lives. We mean, it did it the first time. And however many other times it changed.

Remember when the Wall was first integrated with the (gasp!) News Feed? And (oh, no!) we first got a different tab for information and photos? We all made a huge deal about the “new” layout then, and now we want to go back to it. In fact, I’m sure Facebook will change something again before the football team’s 2011 bowl game (crossing my fingers it’s in 2011), and we’ll all complain about it again. A few weeks from now, we’ll become attached to new Facebook and become a fan of “SIGN THE PETITION TO STOP CHANGING FACE-BOOKKKK PLEEZE,” which will, unfortunately, have thousands of fans. It’s just the way things work.

And on the positive side of things, the new privacy settings, so now you and your friends can nurse your hangovers right on the home page, the new notification area and the extra click right on the home page, the new
test bar, the fact that we get used to the new, more prominent search bar, the fact that we can now see friends we often chat right on the home page, the new notification area and the extra click 

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Allan Joseph at ajoseph2@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

The Observer regrets including a non-standard punctuation and capitalization in the previous issue of the I-103 Hesburgh Center for International Studies today at 12:30 p.m.

The Second Annual Student Health Fair “How the Health are You?” will be held today at 3:30 p.m. in Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center.

The film “Sin Nombre” will be shown at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. today in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. To purchase tickets call 574-631-2800.

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A workshop titled “Writing Matters” will be held at 7 p.m. today in the Academic Resource Center Annex in Madeleva Hall at Saint Mary’s College.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer.questions@gmail.com

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

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What 80s trend do you wish would make a comeback?

Johanna Kirsch
senior
McGlinn

Jordan Matulis
sophomore
Howard

Ryan Lion
freshman
Sorin

Sarah Spieler
sophomore
P W.

Stephen Santay
junior
Alumni

“Power Ballads. I love a good power ballad…”

“Aerobics wear. Let’s get physical.”

“Mullets and rat tails.”

“Jellies. Whoever said that Crocs were the new Jellies was seriously disturbed.”

“I miss the party in the back…”

Sophomores Nick Burley, left, and Grayson Duren playfully hunt a possum on North Quad Wednesday night. Although they seem to be closing in, the possum escaped unharmed.

OFFBEAT

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Landlord Kramer sells portion of portfolio

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

Local landlord Mark Kramer, owner of Kramer Properties, LLC, has decided to sell a portion of his fixed asset portfolio including Notre Dame apartments and about 50 houses. Beginning on March 1, Campus Apartments, a national company, will manage the houses. “I actually sold a portion of my portfolio and the new owners have chosen Campus Apartments to manage them,” Kramer said.

Kramer Properties announced the transfer on Feb. 11 via e-mail to all affected tenants. In the e-mail, Kramer assured students the terms of the leases they signed with him would still be valid. “I am personally working directly with the company to ensure that your transition is seamless and that the same level of quality service continues during your tenancy,” Kramer said in the e-mail. “Please be assured, the terms of the lease you have signed with Kramer Properties, LLC will in no way be affected by this change.”

Kramer said tenants shouldn’t be concerned about rent hikes after the transfer. “The rents remain the same, the terms of the lease remain the same,” he said. “It’s just a matter of a different company that will be managing their particular property. It will not change anything for the students this year, next year, or any of the students that have signed up in advance for the 2011-12 school year.”

In addition, Kramer stressed he would still continue to own and manage approximately 75 homes and Lafayette Square Town Homes. “I have not transferred all of my properties,” he said. “In fact, not even the majority of my properties have been transferred or sold.”

Kramer said there was no hidden motivation behind his decision to sell, but rather, he decided to take advantage of an opportunity. “There was no underlying reason necessarily,” he said. “Things like this happen all the time, and you have an opportunity to sell something and the price is right and the time is right. You make the decision accordingly.”

Furthermore, Kramer said he does not have any plans to sell the remainder of his portfolio. “I have no intentions in the near future to sell any more of my assets, or even the distant future I might add,” he said. “I still remain in business. I still remain in the same location and I will continue to do so for a very, very long time to come.”

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StUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Group endorses classes reform

By MEGHAN PRICE
News Writer

Joseph Incandela, associate dean and professor of Religious Studies at Saint Mary’s, addressed the Student Government Association (SGA) Wednesday about future plans for reforming the College’s General Education requirements.

He requested the SGA board endorse the plan, which has already been supported by the Faculty Assembly, to raise student awareness about the reform. Incandela said the College wanted to change the requirement program for General Education classes that has been in place for over 40 years. Several previous attempts had been made to reform the program, but this proposal, which was developed over three and a half years, is the closest to being implemented.

“When you think about how much has changed over the last 40 years culturally, technologically and socially — it is about time this changes.”

Jenny Hoffman, student body president

Incandela said the new General Education curriculum changes will adjust the requirements to benefit students. The program will include 15 classes to enrich students’ all-around education at the College. Students will have more freedom to choose which classes suit their interests in the fields they would like pursue.

“I have felt that my General Education classes were random,” Megan Griffin, student body vice president said. “I was stuck in classes that I didn’t even want to take. I think this will provide a connection between the required classes and give them more meaning for the students. It can only make Saint Mary’s stronger.”

The program would require a critical thinking course for all first-year students. Incandela said. Each student’s seminar would be taught by their academic advisor in order to create a relationship for better counseling. The course would combine lecture with discussion with peer counselors and experiential participation, he said, providing a common experience for all incoming students.

This course and the rest of the courses in the program would connect students through common goals and values including the ideas of diversity and Women’s Voice, he said.

Incandela said if this idea kept moving forward the administration would be looking for help from students through venues like focus groups. Students may have the option to write brochures and Web site pages for the program, and can participate in peer counseling and other leadership opportunities.

The SGA board voted to endorse the reform. Incandela said he hopes to see the new General education program set into place by Fall 2011.

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Denim drive to benefit wounded U.S. soldiers

Operation: Quiet Comfort provides quilts to medically-evacuated military personnel

By MEGHAN MANNING
News Writer

Notre Dame’s Staff Advisory Council (SAC) Promotions Committee is introducing a new campaign to contribute to the fabric of charitable events going on around campus: a blue jeans drive.

The Promotions Committee sent out a statement that SAC is collecting denim on behalf of Operation: Quiet Comfort — an organization that “provides small quilts to comfort our Wounded Warriors who are medically evacuated to a higher level of care, as well as for those troops who are sick or injured and recovering,” according to their Web site.

Operation: Quiet Comfort’s Web site states the mission of the group is to “exist solely for the purpose of honoring and comforting America’s military men and women … You won’t find any political, ideological or religious views of the war or other conflicts that the United States may be involved in … just the love and comfort of a grateful nation.”

Marie Revak, a member of SAC, is helping to organize this event. “The truly unique part of this project is that it is two-fold,” Revak said. Efforts begin with a campus collection for 100 percent cotton blue jeans. These jeans are then cut into six-inch squares, on which individuals later have the opportunity to write personal messages to recipients.

Operation: Quiet Conflict’s mission is unique not only for its creative use of transforming items of clothing into practical resources for the troops, but also for how personal these items are when given to soldiers. Revak said “many of the quilts are given to injured soldiers traveling on long plane rides.”

SAC’s blue jeans drive will begin today and continue through Feb. 26. During this period, donations may be placed in drop-off boxes in various locations around campus, including the LaFortune Student Center, South Dining Hall, the Mendoza College of Business and the Hesburgh Library.

The dates and times for the later signing of the denim squares will be forthcoming.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Chad seeking to release U.N. troops
UNITED NATIONS — Chad pressed on Wednesday for the release of more than 2,700 U.N. peace-keeping troops to be withdrawn and replaced with the country’s own military along the border with Sudan — a position odds with senior U.N. officials and diplomats.

The aim of Chad’s U.N. mission is to help about a half-million refugees and to promote law and order efforts in Chad and the Central African Republic, two impoverished nations grappling with the spillover from violence in Sudan’s Darfur province.

“We are open to any credible proposal which will allow this withdrawal to take place at once,” said Amb. Jean-Baptiste Assimi, Chad’s top diplomat.

Israeli considered Moshad behind hit
JERUSALEM — An Israeli court on Wednesday said the Fatah movement, the militant wing of the Palestinian Authority, and its leader, Marwan Barghouti, were responsible for the 2002 bombing that killed a Jewish woman in Jerusalem.

The bomb killed Talia Levy, 54, who was piled with her two young children.

A spokesman for the Fatah movement said the group was ready to pay for the damage caused by the bomb.

New GI Bill helpline to open full time
CHICAGO — The government is opening a new call center for helping veterans and their families with their education benefits.

The GI Bill, which provides up to $50,000 a year in education benefits for veterans and their families, is the most comprehensive benefit for veterans through Friday.

The call center will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Haiti

Firesmen examine the scene after a plane crashed into a house in East Palo Alto Wednesday. The plane crashed killed all three aboard.

3 die in California plane crash

Twin engine carrying Tesla employees strikes powerless before hitting residential area

Associated Press

EAST PALO ALTO, Calif. — A twin-engine plane carrying three employees of electric car maker Tesla Motors crashed into a set of power lines after takeoff Wednesday, killing everyone aboard.

The crash happened at a residential neighborhood, killing everyone on board.

The crash happened near a house where a children’s day care was operating.

The eight — looking bedraggled and their passports as cover for a secret death squad.

The eighth was identified as a 25-year-old man named Taylor.

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College mission.
“The Cabinet finds the sexual nature of the skits as well as the inappropriate references to women to be incongruent with Saint Mary’s College mission and values,” she said. “Saint Mary’s College strives to treat all individuals with dignity and respect.”
Treat said, however, that Revue organizers were left in the dark as to why this change is occurring after so many years of similar content themes.
“Why now?” we were asking,” Treat said. “Why now after 34 years?”
The Keenan Revue started out in the late 1970s in Washington Hall but after two years moved to O’Laughlin Auditorium, which, with a seating capacity of 1,300, could accommodate a larger audience.
The larger seating capacity was not the only benefit of O’Laughlin, Treat said. The new venue allowed for the incorporation of audiences besides just Notre Dame students.
“The Keenan Revue was one dorm event that tied three campuses together,” Treat said. “It’s a shame we won’t be able to do that as easily anymore.”
Treat said he estimated around 1,000 Saint Mary’s students attended this year’s show, while around 50 Holy Cross students were in attendance.
Revue organizers are currently searching for other nearby venues at which to hold the 2011 Keenan Revue, including some on campus.
“We have the full support of Student Affairs,” Treat said.
One option is Washington Hall but its smaller size again would be a limiting factor. Also, he said, Washington Hall’s Main Stage is booked through the entire year and gives preference to groups who have already performed there.
Another on-campus venue, Treat said, is the Joyce Center, but it also comes with drawbacks.
“The downside is that it’s not a traditional theater setting; there’s no curtain,” Treat said. “But we would work with what we’ve got.”
Another option would be the Morris Performing Arts Center, a large theater off campus, but the problem with that would be transportation.
“But if people want to go they will get there,” Treat said.
Reception of news of the move has generally not been positive among students.
“I have not spoken to anyone who is not a little upset about it,” he said.
Nolan was also not pleased with the decision.
“I was very disappointed that they were not going to renew [the contract],” he said. “Saint Mary’s has a very wonderful facility. It’s going to be hard to find another place that accommodates us so well.”
Treat did say, however, that there is mutual understanding between Saint Mary’s and Keenan Revue organizers.
“We all understand that it is completely within the right of the administration to not renew the contract,” he said. “We are going to make the most of the transition and look at this purely as a change of venue.”
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**Business**

**Market Recap**

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**In Brief**

Ticketmaster settles Springsteen fiasco

**Los Angeles** — Live Nation Entertainment's Ticketmaster unit has agreed to refund money to some consumers who felt they were ripped off when they bought Bruce Springsteen concert tickets from brokers last year.

That's according to a person familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity because an announcement is due Thursday.

The deal with the Federal Trade Commission affects about 800 people who paid marked-up prices to ticket brokers. The payout could total a couple hundred thousand dollars.

Consumers complained that tickets appeared to sell out quickly and they were then redirected to higher-priced tickets on a site owned by Ticketmaster called TicketsNow.

Tomato pickers gain higher wage plan

**Miami** — Florida tomato growers have finally agreed to help pickers earn more by passing on extra wages offered by major food chains such as Burger King, Subway and Taco Bell.

For years the Florida Tomato Growers Exchange resisted calls by farmworker advocates to pass along an additional penny per pound for tomatoes picked. The Exchange even set up a site owned by Ticketmaster called TicketsNow.

**New York** — Interest rates rose in the bond market Wednesday after upbeat economic and earnings reports curbed traders’ appetite for safer investments.

Yields on Treasurys advanced as investors sold government securities and put more money into the stock market.

**Washington** — First it was gas pedals, then brakes. Now Toyota may be in trouble over steering.

The executive in charge of quality control said the company is reviewing fewer than 100 complaints about power steering in the Corolla sold worldwide last year, including nearly 800 complaints in the United States, where it trailed only Camry as Toyota’s most popular model.

In an attempt to reassure car owners, Toyota Motor Corp. said it would install a backup safety system in all future models worldwide that will override the accelerator if the gas and brake pedals are pressed at the same time.

The government investigation comes even though the automaker said it has received relatively few complaints about the Corolla's power steering.

**Wages and prices**

The preliminary investigation is expected to begin Thursday and involve an estimated 200,000 vehicles.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the department had not yet notified Toyota of the probe.

In response to media interest, Toyota said it has been working on improving quality controls. Toyota may be waiting for a more complete investigation.

**Consumer sentiment**

The executive, Shinichi Sasaki, said drivers might feel as though they are losing control over the steering, but it was unclear why. He mentioned problems with the braking system or tires as possible underlying causes.

**Economic data**

The Federal Reserve also reported that investors sold government securities last month. The gain of 0.9 percent marked the seventh straight month of growth.

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The upbeat news weighed on the Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 20 points Thursday to close at 10,309.24. The Nasdaq composite index added 11.8 points to close at 2,006.5.

**Earnings and forecasts**

Earnings and forecasts from Deere & Co. and Whole Foods Market Inc. topped analysts' predictions. And the Commerce Department said construction of homes and apartments rose to an annual rate of 591,000 last month. That was more than economists polled by Thomson Reuters had forecast.

**Interest rates**

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The upbeat news weighed on the Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 20 points Thursday to close at 10,309.24. The Nasdaq composite index added 11.8 points to close at 2,006.5.

**Treasury yields**

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note maturing in February 2020 rose to 3.74 percent in late trading from 3.66 percent Tuesday. Its price fell 20/32 to 99 1/32. The yield on the 10-year is the basis for rates on mortgage gages and other consumer loans.

**Business**

**Toyota investigates steering problems**

Company, government looking into driving difficulties of popular Corolla model

Associated Press
Rodolfo O. de la Garza, Eaton professor of Administrative Law and Political Science at Columbia University, offered a new approach to immigration reform Wednesday at a presentation titled “A Proposal for Immigration Reform.”

The lecture, held at McKenna Hall, was meant to “reflect the interconnection of [de la Garza’s] work as a comparativist ... as an American ... and on policy,” de la Garza said.

The lecture was presented in part as a response to The Comprehensive Immigration Reform for America’s Security and Prosperity Act of 2009, recent legislation introduced by Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-Ill.). De la Garza outlined various points that he believes Gutierrez’s bill did not adequately address.

The important areas to consider are “how [immigration] affects the U.S., how it affects immigrants and how it affects sending states,” de la Garza said.

The issues affecting Americans, de la Garza said, are national security, social services, infrastructure, economic, population growth and cultural changes.

“Politically, they are relevant to the American people,” he said.

Discrimination, social insecurity, income and familial hardships are issues relevant to the immigrants themselves, he said.

“They’re allowed to buy whatever they want,” de la Garza said of the hypocrisy of encouraging immigrants to spend in America, “but they’re fearful for their lives.”

The sending states, de la Garza said, are too often ignored when lawmakers consider the ramifications of immigration policy.

For sending states, immigration serves as a political and economic safety valve, when dissatisfied citizens leave in the face of political injustice or economic hardship. Remittances, de la Garza said, are especially controversial.

“Cuba got rid of the opposition — they’re in Miami,” de la Garza said. “Remittances are often characterized as if they develop a country. There’s no evidence that this is the case ... most of the money goes to poverty reduction at the familial level.”

De la Garza’s plan for dealing with these issues is based on three concepts: restricting access to workers over the age of 18, managing the cultural impact of immigration and documenting the undocumented by selling temporary legalization tickets.

“Currently to come illegally it costs $3,000 to $5,000,” de la Garza said.

These tickets, he said, would “undercut the illegal market” for immigration assistance, by costing between $1,000 and $5,000, and would reflect changes in the market demand and fluctuation in the illegal market’s pricing.

Once documented, de la Garza said the immigrants should have access to workers’ rights, the ability to visit their families — children are not allowed to accompany them to the United States — and would be eligible for social services available to resident aliens, precluding access to free education and non-emergency state-funded medical care.

“They can organize, they can strike, they can move anywhere, [like] legitimate American workers,” de la Garza said of his ideal immigration policy.

He said these policies would benefit the economy by saving money, border patrol, border wall construction, healthcare and education. They would also increase job competition and designate revenue from the ticket sales to the states with the highest immigrant population, rather than a single income for the federal government.

“The only group suffering marginally from undocumented labor are Puerto Rican males,” de la Garza said of the controversial belief that immigrants take jobs from Americans. “We would reduce health care costs by reducing the needy population.”

De la Garza said these reforms would reduce familial hardship by allowing free travel for temporary immigrants to visit home and return to the U.S. for a period of five years, after which time they can apply for legal-alien status or return to their countries of origin permanently.

De la Garza’s final point discussed the necessary changes within the regimes of the sender nations.

“(The regimes) must become more open and accountable to its citizens,” he said. “If they don’t the citizens will continue to leave.”

De la Garza proposed the U.S. use its political clout to influence these nations’ policies, thereby reducing the immigrants desire to leave.

“They really don’t want to be here unless things are really bad at home,” he said.

Ultimately, de la Garza said he believes the changes allowing for such policy reforms are not exclusively political, and the discussion needs to be expanded upon.

“The cultural opposition has to be diminished,” he said.

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finalized any activities as they are attempting to establish a solid foundation for the club. “We just want to grow a good solid base of members,” Dolik said. “My main goal is just to help the club survive in the next few years and get it up on its feet.”

The club plans to focus on one large fundraising event and then hold several smaller ones throughout the academic year, Morrin said. According to Dolik, each wish costs anywhere from $6,000 to $8,000 to fulfill. The group hopes to eventually earn enough money to be assigned a Wish kid of their own. “If we raise enough money we’ll get our own Wish kid,” Morrin said. “Make-A-Wish will find us one. But until we get closer to our goal we’re just trying to raise awareness.”

According to Bolitho, the club will be sending out e-mails to the Saint Mary’s community with the date of their next meeting. “We’d love to have more ideas,” Dolik said. “We’re really excited about this year and what it will bring.”

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with their nd.edu e-mail accounts to making listings and refer their friends to the site. Schmidt said the Web site is also equipped with different objective sections where apartments in the same complex can be listed under the same tab. “For example Irish Row can create a listing and after everyone can just leave feedback about the complex,” he said. “Ideally we want people to rate and create on the individual apartment and complex as a whole.”

Schmidt said two exceptions to this are Legacy Village and Irish Crossings, where there are different types of units available.

Unlike other Web sites students can use to view potential rental properties online, the new site is University sponsored. Rich said this helps because the whole student body views the same information.

“The interface is easy to use and not too hard for people to figure out,” he said. “You can upload images easily and direct your friends to the Web site too,” Rich said.

Schmidt said since the Web site doesn’t have all the comments features the way ndtoday.com has, it allows for students to give feedback about landlord quality and other tenant considerations.

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amnesty policy that allows students to report emergencies without incurring a disciplinary record.

Student body president Grant Schmidt said the resolution is an important step forward in ensuring the safety of all Notre Dame students. Currently, he said, students are at times afraid to seek help.

“They are deterred because they are worried what’s going to happen to them,” Schmidt said.

Several senators expressed their concerns about the possible ramifications of passing the resolution.

“The most important thing is to have people seek medical attention, but there should still be consequences,” Pasquerilla East senator Taylor Ruby Gagan said. In further debate, senators discussed whether the amnesty should extend to the individual who requires medical attention.

Pasquerilla East senator Megan Carey said, “At this stage it’s important to take smaller steps that are attainable,” Gagan said.

Breen Philips senator Maria Lynch agreed with Gagan, adding that possible amnesty could be seen as an incentive for rule breaking and send the wrong message to students.

With these issues taken into consideration, the Senate ultimately decided against the additional amendments.

In a final vote, Senate voted to pass the measure with 21 senators in favor, two against and two abstaining.

Schmidt briefly presented on the new rent.nd.edu Web site, which will provide student evaluations of off-campus housing, early in the meeting.

Students living off campus will be asked in an e-mail to log on to the site and evaluate their current housing. The site, which is similar in concept to ndtoday.com, is inspired by a similar service offered at Northwestern University. The site will allow current students to access an objective rating system of all off-campus housing opportunities.

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It is a bad idea to read philosophy for 12 hours straight.

Trust me. Even before the words begin to blur together on the page, the concepts do in one’s mind: phantom inferences flit back and forth across one’s vision, yielding syllogisms, baroque and fantastical where there were none. Before long, one is overwhelmed by strange hybrids—twisted things insisting that they cannot be and yet should have been.

I do not know whether steampunk originated in such a reverie—but I would not be surprised if it did, given that it came to obsess us on this dark of nights without warning or reason.

Steampunk is an obscure genre of science fiction birthed in the confrontations of information technology, punk rock and nostalgia that characterized the 1980s—a confrontation that yielded a postmodern dystopia in which cars and computers are made of brass and powered by steam, in which the struggle for empire shapes the great powers and entire fleets of armored zeppelins, in which the likes of Darwin,abbage and Maxwell sit in the House of Lords.

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It’s mid-morning on Ash Wednesday as I write this, and I’ll be honest, I’m getting a little hungry. Not seriously hungry — after all, it ordinarily wouldn’t even occur to me to eat at this time of the morning (but of course, because I can’t today, I’m thinking about it) — but that kind of niggling “sorta-hungry” feeling that reminds you to look forward to lunch.

Today’s lunch, however, isn’t much to look forward to, or is today’s dinner. And so we have begun the season of Lent. Now as far as fasting goes, our experience of Lent is a cakewalk (oh, sorry) compared to the way our Catholic ancestors celebrated it. For centuries and until as recently as 1966, just after the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council, Catholics fasted on all the days of Lent the way we do now on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one main meal, and two other smaller meals. And so we have begun the season of Lent, fasting remains the sacrifice of choice from our three traditional Lenten disciplines: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Most people who take the season of Lent seriously seem to give up something that they’d hunger for, whether a food, a habit or a luxurious indulgence. I’d like to propose that unless our fasting relies heavily on the other two disciplines of prayer and almsgiving, we may have simply given ourselves an extra New Year’s resolution or a reason to be overly proud of ourselves.

Prayer and almsgiving help us focus on keeping our motivations a bit cleaner during Lent. If we’re hungry, are we trying to allow all to come in and fill that empty spot, or are we just hoping that said “empty spot” will shrink, along with our stomachs? Can we take our hunger to the Lord and ask God to guide us to the clarity of vision we need to determine what our deepest priorities should be? Additionally, if we consciously give the money we don’t spend through fasting to others whose need is far greater than ours, then our hunger helps us stand in some small measure of solidarity with those for whom fasting is a never choice but simply a daily reality.

Otherwise, let’s be honest, we’re just trying to lose weight or quit smoking or watch less TV and we’ve disguised our self-improvement program as a Lenten sacrifice. “Mommies! I’m staaaaaahrrrrrving!” My kids have learned to be careful before uttering that common complaint of childhood — they will likely receive from me a lecture on what it really means to be starving, on how they don’t know starving, on how they’ve never even been truly hungry, on how they can talk to me about hungry when they haven’t eaten for days … and on and on until their eyes glaze over and I step off my soapbox. In my defense, however, it’s true, both for kids and adults. What we call a fast is, whether we like it or not, a feast for most of the planet. Even if we just ate bread and water and considered it an astonishing act of sacrifice on our part, you know what? At least the bread would be fresh. At least the water would be clean and free from waste and other disease-carrying organisms.

So beware the Pharisee at the front of the temple. Remember him? His “prayer” meant to ensure that God knew each one of his many virtues: “God, I thank you that I am not like other people … I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of all my income.” Whatever we choose to fast from this Lent, we might want to approach it with the attitude of the tax collector who prayed in the temple as well, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner” (Luke 18:1-3). And if you’re hungry, and if I’m hungry, good. We’re definitely not starving, and we’re probably not truly hungry. God eagerly awaits our invitation to come in to the newly empty spaces that we’ve at last opened up to his company. If we allow our desire for God to satisfy our hunger, and if we reach out to those who fast only because they have no other options, Lent offers us the chance to fill our hearts and our lives with the holy presence of our Savior, who will fulfill our deepest wishes and meet us where our true hunger lies.

This week’s FaithPoint column was written by Kate Barrett, director of the Emmaus Program in Campus Ministry. She can be reached at kbarrett@nd.edu. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
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Aspen Santa Fe Ballet @ DPAC, 7 p.m.
The Aspen Santa Fe Ballet is an acclaimed dance group with stud-

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Wiz Khalifa @ Legends, 10 p.m.

An American rapper based in

Pittsburgh, Penn., Wiz Khalifa

broke onto the music scene in

2006 when he was declared an

“artist to watch” by Rolling Stone.

In 2007 he signed with Warner

Brothers Records and released his

techno-influenced single “Say

Hey,” which topped out at 25 on

the Rhymtic Top 40. In 2009 he

split from Warner Brothers and

released his second album,Deal

or No Deal.” Working as an inde-

pendent artist, Khalifa has focused

his attention on Internet market-

ing. “Deal or No Deal” reached

No. 2 on iTunes’s hip-hop chart. As

of Frou Frou (with less electro-

pops and more harp). Plus, the

of Lily Allen. This not-breakup

draws Welch, with the fierceness

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because the choir is chanting

“Midas is king and he holds me so tight/And
turns me to gold in the sunlight,”

the fairy tale finished. “Midas is

able to get out of your head.

Florence + The Machine pro-

vides a wealth of samples for one

new to their indie Gospel anthem.

“Dreaming Song” is a heart-rac-

ing track that once again manages
to reconcile funk and edgy rock

that is “Louder than sirens/Louder

than bells/Sweeter than

heaven/And hotter than hell.” The

lyrical simplicity that Welch uses

provides enough punch to get

the point across but is so straightfor-

ward that one feels comfortable

beting them right along with her.

The album takes a breather for

the oddity “My Boy Builds Coffins.”

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Overall, “theatrical” is a very

good term for “Lungs.” Welch bar-

res through everything she takes

ages to end in a choir anthem.

“Hurricane Drunk” sounds the

most like what one would expect

to hear on the streets of London.

This post break up soul number

“Lungs” ends with a cover of

“You’ve Got the Love” that

Florence + The Machine takes to

appropriate heights. The track,

originally done by Gospel singer

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Wiz Khalifa, a 23-year-old from

London, has been blowing up U.K.

charts for the past year (flauded by

the BBC) and has finally crossed

the pond. Her band’s first release

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artist to be placed in a genre.

Instead, “Lungs” manages to bring

out the soul-power of fellow Brit

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Panthers sign former Colts lineman Johnson

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers signed Ed Johnson to a one-year deal on Wednesday, adding
a needed, run-stopping defensive tackle while taking a chance on a player with a checkered
past.

The 6-foot-2, 296-pound Johnson will be reunited with Carolina defensive coordinator Ben McKeels, who had the same job in
Indianapolis in 2007 when Johnson started all 16 games and recorded 62 tackles as an undrafted
rookie.

Johnson’s career has declined since. The Colts waived him early in the 2008 season following his
arrest on a marijuana possession charge. He was re-signed, then cut again early last season because coach Jim
CalDWELL said his play had slipped.

The 26-year-old Johnson also ran into trouble at Penn State, where he was temporarily
kicked out of school and later suspended from a bowl game.

The Panthers, who have been wary of signing and drafting players with off-field issues in the past
several years, decided to take a chance on
Johnson.

“We have done a lot of
research on Ed,” Panthers general manag-
er Marty Hurney said in a statement. “When we took into account what
people around him said and the impression we got when meeting with him in person, we felt
comfortable giving him this opportunity.”

Johnson will provide insurance for Maeke
KEMEOAUT, who is recov-
ering from a ruptured
achilles” tendon that
forced him to miss all of last season. Carolina had
trouble replacing him before 36-year-old HOLLIS
Thomas filled in capably to
close the season.

Thomas will be an unre-
stricted free agent
this offseason.

McGwire arrives at spring training
Montana’s new bat-
ing coach got time in the batting
cage with hitters on Wednesday, sali-
in on a lengthy staff meeting and
then spoke with reporters at the
team’s spring training complex in
Florida. He again said he was sorry,
echoing remarks he made a few
weeks ago when he admitted he used
performance-enhancing drugs dur-
ing his time as baseball’s home run
king in the 1990s.

He also said more than once that
he is hopeful the issue will subside
soon.

The 46-year-old McGwire said steroids
gave him the opportunity to
recover from injuries, resulting in
more at-bats but not necessarily
adding to his home run count.

Cowboys VP: Team not looking to spend wildly

ARLINGTON, Texas — Dallas Cowboys vice president Stephen
Jones says the team doesn’t plan to
spend wildly on free agents if
the NFL has no salary cap in 2010.

Jones said Wednesday that the
Cowboys agreed to expensive, long-
term deals with the likes of Tony
Romo and linebacker DeMarcus
Ware to keep them off the market in
a year when teams might have no
limit on spending.

Because of the money tied up in
those deals, Jones says the Cowboys
aren’t interested in a spending spree.
He also says they don’t see a need for
major changes after their first play-
off win in 17 years.

The NFL will play without a salary
cap next season unless a new labor
debate. The current collec-
tive bargaining agreement expires in
March 2011.
NFL

Browns release Jamal Lewis after injuries

BEREA, Ohio — Jamal Lewis was released by the Cleveland Browns on Wednesday, but hasn’t given up hope of playing again in the NFL.

Lewis was let go with one year remaining on his contract. His season ended on Dec. 2 when he was placed on injured reserve with post-concussion symptoms, but he doesn’t want his career to end with an injury.

First, he must be cleared to return.

“If Jamal wants to play and he’s cleared to play, I think he’s got a lot of football he can bring to the table to help an organization,” Lewis’ agent, Mitch Frankel said. “He can be a significant contributor to the right organization. Jerome Bettis and some other guys at the end of their careers took on a different role, and I think Jamal can do that.”

Lewis, 30, said after the Browns’ season finale that he was still suffering from headaches and blurred vision as a result of the concussion, which he sustained in the opener against Minnesota. Frankel said he wasn’t sure if Lewis was still having the problems and Lewis did not address them in a prepared statement, although he did thank Browns fans and owner Randy Lerner.

“I plan to evaluate my future and have not made a final determination on whether I will be playing football next season,” he said.

Lewis tried playing through the symptoms for three months before finally getting examined. He carried 143 times last year for 500 yards and has rushed for 10,067 yards in his career.

Lewis was one of the most outspoken veterans against first-year coach Eric Mangini. He was critical of Mangini’s practice habits and felt the coach was working the players too hard. Halfway through last season, Lewis said he would retire.

Now he wants to join a contender if his body will let him.

“Jamal went to the Browns with the hope he’d be successful and go to the playoffs and beyond,” Frankel said. “At this stage in his career, I think he would want to play for a team that has a chance to compete and get back to the Super Bowl like he did in 2000. That’s not to say Cleveland can’t do that, but it would appear there are other teams out there that, as of today, look a lot stronger.”

Lewis’ release leaves Jerome Harrison as Cleveland’s apparent starter. Harrison rushed for 862 yards last season, but ended with a flurry. He rushed for 561 yards and five touchdowns over the final three games—all wins—as Cleveland closed the season by winning its final four.

Associated Press
Bouchard deals with head injury

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Pierre-Marc Bouchard was supposed to be centering Minnesota’s second line this season.

Instead, he’s been watching helplessly and without expression from a perch in the press box while the Wild play without him.

His pads, jersey and helmet have been replaced by a black wool coat and a scarf.

This is what recovering from a concussion can look like. Bouchard must wait and watch helplessly and without expression from a perch in the press box while the Wild play without him.

“I took two months off and worked out all summer and felt good,” Bouchard said during a recent home game. “The thing is during the summer, you don’t have any contact. I came back here, and in that first exhibition game I got hit.”

The eighth overall pick in the 2002 draft, Bouchard had a career-high 20 goals in the 2006-07 season and a career-high 50 assists in the 2007-08 season.

He’s in the second year of a five-year contract worth $24.4 million.

“It’s just frustrating to not be able to play,” he said. “I can’t look back and say, ‘I should’ve done this.’”

The Wild aren’t counting on getting Bouchard back this season.

“The important thing for me is that he gets healthy and gets back to being the Pierre-Marc Bouchard of old,” general manager Chuck Fletcher said. “If we can get a happy, healthy Pierre-Marc Bouchard back for next season that’s great. To me it’s not a rush.”

That’s the view these days around the NHL, which like the NFL has become more concussion-conscious in recent years amid growing concerns about the long-term risk of the injuries in these hard-contact sports.

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NHL

Lidge feels ready to play in spring training

Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Philadelphia Phillies closer Brad Lidge says he is pain free.

A year after converting all 48 save chances, Lidge led the majors with 11 blown saves last season.

He had surgery to repair his right elbow in November and missed the first series of the regular season.

Now as spring training is about to start, the 33-year-old is confident he can regain the form that helped the Phillies win the 2008 World Series.

“I probably won’t look back and dwell,” Lidge said Wednesday. “Now it’s about being myself again, going to my bread and butter and getting things done.”

The loser in a pivotal Game 4 of the World Series against the New York Yankees, Lidge estimates he is two weeks behind his usual pre-season pace.

He expects to pitch during the spring and doesn’t rule out being available for the April 5 opener against Washington.

“The good thing is my arm and knee both feel good, and it’s my goal to catch up and try to be ready,” Lidge said. “I think that’s a possibility. It’s reasonable. But we also look at ‘08 as a model. We didn’t rush it, and I had the best season of my career.”

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“I think the biggest thing is I was trying to convince myself I could get it done the same way and I felt I could do it, but I wasn’t the same guy last year.”

Lidge’s fastball control became erratic.

He gave hitters a better and longer view of his delivery, and he couldn’t hold runners on base — Johnny Damon stole two bases on one play during that Game 4.

Spring training will allow Lidge to work on his mechanics, which could be key for the Phillies.
Indianapolis — The annual All-Star game between NBA rookies and sophomores last week was missing perhaps the best-known rookie of all — former North Carolina star Tyler Hansbrough.

After the Indiana Pacers took the former AP college player of the year with their first pick last year, critics questioned whether Hansbrough was big enough or athletic enough to succeed. No one questioned his durability, but that has been his biggest stumbling block as a pro. He missed training camp, the preseason and the first four regular-season games with a right shin injury. He returned and quickly became a fan favorite with his relentless play before his health became an issue again. He hasn't played since Jan. 16 because of an inner ear infection that causes dizziness and makes him sensitive to light. "It's just giving me headaches and things like that," he told The Associated Press. "Whenever I get healthy, I'll play. I've been unfortunate to have some injuries. I'm just trying to fight through this and get healthy and go from there."

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Hansbrough has played in 29 games and averaged 8.5 points and 4.8 rebounds. He scored a career-high 21 points on Dec. 11 against New Jersey, and got his first career start on Jan. 13 against Phoenix. "I was feeling like I was coming along as a player, fitting into my role on this team," he said. "This is something new to me. I've never been injured like this."

He has played just two games since that start against Phoenix. Pacers coach Jim O'Brien said last week that he's not sure when Hansbrough will return. "Right now, he's on the shelf," O'Brien said. "He's not working out at all. If he's able to come back and start working out, that's going to be important because of the fact that he's been told he's not allowed to really move around even one on one. That's a real setback from a conditioning standpoint."

Hansbrough is considered one of the core pieces of team president Larry Bird's rebuilding project. Troy Murphy, who occupies the power forward spot Hansbrough eventually is expected to fill, said the rookie has potential. "He plays hard," Murphy said. "He's a rugged-type guy, he's a good teammate. He knows he has things to learn, and he does a good job of seeing the coach and trying to pick those things up."

Hansbrough sometimes has difficulty getting his shot off, has gotten into foul trouble regularly and at times has struggled to fit into the team's flow. He said the physical ability of the competition is his biggest challenge.

Chicago outscored New York 62-45 in the second half to win a game that was much closer than its 118-85 rout at United Center on Tuesday night. The Knicks played without Nate Robinson, who they said was home with flu-like symptoms. However, various reports earlier Wednesday said the trade was nearing a deal to send the backup guard to Boston, and an official within the league said the trade would be completed Thursday. Starting forward Jared Jeffries also played only 6 minutes before he left with what the Knicks said was a sore right knee.

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Rose, Deng aid Bulls in win

NEW YORK — Derrick Rose scored 27 points, Luol Deng added 23, and the Chicago Bulls beat the New York Knicks 115-109 on Wednesday night to complete a sweep of a home-and-home series.

With trade rumors swirling around both teams, the Bulls rallied from a 15-point deficit to move above .500 at 27-26 and hand the Knicks their fifth straight loss. Brad Miller had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Taj Gibson finished with 14 points and a career-high 16 rebounds as Chicago outrebounded New York 52-40.

Al Harrington scored 27 points, and Wilson Chandler had 26 for the Knicks. David Lee had 23 points and 12 rebounds, while Danilo Gallinari scored 19 points but was just 2 of 10 from 3-point range, including a pair of costly misses with a chance to tie in the final minute.

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Zverev moves to next round of Open

Associated Press

MARSEILLE, France — Mischa Zverev of Germany beat Spain’s Tommy Robredo 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 Wednesday to reach the quarterfinals of the Open 13.

French players Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, Julien Benneteau and Michael Llodra joined Zverev in the next round. Llodra edged Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus 7-6 (6), 6-4, and in two all-French matchups, Tsonga topped Josselin Ouanna 7-6 (9), 6-4, and Benneteau beat Florent Serra 6-4, 6-4.

Zverev converted both break-point chances in the third set to build a commanding 5-1 lead, while the fourth-seeded Robredo wasted three opportuni-
ties.

The German left-hander believed in his chances despite the season with five straight losses.

“I felt like I had a chance, no matter what,” Zverev said. “I just tried to mix it up and not matter what,” Zverev said. “I felt like I had a chance, no matter what,” Zverev said. “I just tried to mix it up and not give him too many easy balls.”

Zverev had lost both of his previous matches with Robredo.

“I know his game,” Zverev said. “I can use my strokes against him and it worked out.”

Defending champion and second-seeded Tsonga did not give any break chances to Ouanna, firing 19 aces to win a tight tiebreaker and take a 3-1 lead in the second set.

“It wasn’t great tennis but I got the main thing (the victo-
ry),” Tsonga said. “Getting used to the lights and to the speed of the ball was a bit tough.”

Meanwhile, Llodra hit a serv-

ice winner to convert his third match point. The 2009 finalist broke Baghdatis in the previ-
sous game with a backhand return winner.

“No one, no one,” Llodra said. “I tried to be more aggressive and I seized my chances.”

The seventh-seeded Baghdatis had two set points in the tiebreaker but squandered them, allowing Llodra to take the opening set with a smash. In another second-round match, the eighth-seeded Benneteau broke Serra at 4-4 in the second set and saved two break points in the next game to hold serve and clinch victory. Benneteau relied on a strong first serve and slamming 11 aces.

Also Wednesday, Belgian qualifier Yannick Met欧式 beat Jan Hajek of the Czech Republic 7-6 (8), 6-1, to set up a second-round match with Guillaume Rufin, who outlasted fellow Frenchman Laurent Recouderc 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (2).

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Tiger Woods to speak out

Associated Press

MIRANIA, Ariz. — Tiger Woods will end nearly three months of silence Friday when he speaks publicly for the first time since his middle-of-the-night car accident sparked stunning revelations of infidelity.

However, his agent said Woods will not take any questions from the news media.

“This is not a press confer-
ence,” Mark Steinberg said Wednesday. “It’s his choice,” Scott said. “I’m just looking forward to when he’s getting back on the golf course.”

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“About the next step,” Steinberg said. “He’s look-
ing forward to it.”

Still, there was strict control over the appearance, typical of Woods’ career.

Steinberg described the gathering as a “small group of friends, colleagues and close associates, who will listen to Woods apolo-
gize as he talks about the past and what he plans to do next. He said three wire services have been invited — The Associated Press, Reuters and Bloomberg — and he asked the Golf Writers Association of America to recom-
dom pool reporters.

Only one camera will be in the room to provide live coverage via satellite. Steinberg said other writers with proper credentials could watch from a hotel ball-
room more than a mile away. “That’s the time, he’s better controlling it,” Padraig Harrington said. “Over time, there will be questions. At the moment, the best thing is a more controlled environment and gradually ease his way back into it.”

Steinberg said in an e-mail announcing the public appear-
ance, “While Tiger feels that what happened is fundamentally a matter between he and his wife, he also recognizes that he has hurt and let down a lot of other people who were close to him. He also let down his fans. He wants to begin the process of making amends and that’s what he’s going to discuss.”

The timing is peculiar. It will be held during the third round of the Accenture Match Play Championship in Arizona, sure to steal attention away from the first big event of the year. Accenture was the first sponsor to drop Woods when he became embroiled in the sex scandal.

“It’s got to come out at some point,” Rory McIlroy said. “I sup-
pose he might want to get some-
thing back against the sponsor that dropped him. No, I don’t know. I just went on for so long. I’m sick of hearing about it. And I’m just looking forward to when he’s getting back on the golf course.”

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“We’ve all better off when he’s playing,” Adam Scott said. “I’m curious as to when he’ll return to golf.”

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Woods made a spectacular fall from his perch atop golf. He was believed to have been the first athlete to gross $1 billion in earnings and endorsements and, at 14 majors, was closing in on golf’s record of 18 majors held by Jack Nicklaus.

It all collapsed in the early morning hours the day after Thanksgiving.

Over the last few months, Woods has been on the cover of gossip magazines and the butt of jokes on national talk shows.
Cavaliers make blockbuster trade for Jamison at deadline

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The Cleveland Cavaliers acquired Antawn Jamison on Wednesday night, the forward they hope will fit in between LeBron James and Shaquille O’Neal on a championship front line.

Jamison goes to Cleveland from the Washington Wizards in a three-team trade that sent Drew Gooden to the Los Angeles Clippers.

Washington received Cavaliers center Zydrunas Ilgauskas, who was selected in the second round of last year’s draft from Cleveland.

Emir Preldzic, who was selected in the first round of last year’s draft by the Wizards, was traded to Cleveland.

Ilgauskas, who is 34, has played on the perimeter shooting and open up opposing defenses with his ability to add a proven veteran like Jamison, who can stretch the floor with another legitimate scoring threat. He was chosen to speak to the crowd before the Jan. 8 game. He apologized for a skit that pantomimed shooting guns, calling it: “very embarrassing.”

Now Jamison is gone and Wizards coach Flip Saunders lauded him.

“He’s one of the most professional guys I’ve ever been around,” Saunders said.

The Wizards acquired Gooden on Saturday in a trade that sent Caron Butler, Brendan Haywood and DeShawn Stevenson to the Dallas Mavericks, to the Los Angeles Clippers.

Gooden was reportedly seeking a buyout. Unlike his three former Mavericks teammates, he did not practice with the Wizards on Tuesday, but was at shootaround Wednesday morning. He was listed as inactive.

“Basically we started looking at opportunities to clear cap space for this summer and in the meantime acquire assets for this summer,” Wizards president Ernie Grunfeld said. “Unfortunately, we felt it was necessary to make changes to improve our future and our financial flexibility.

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Reportedly we were looking at opportunities to clear cap space for this summer in the meantime acquire assets for this summer and at the same time acquire additional draft picks that we also liked,” Clippers general manager Mike Dunleavy said. “In the last two days, we were able to do that. And it gives us the flexibility to pretty much go in a lot of different directions.

Jamison was an All-Star in both 2005 and 2008, and averaged 20.5 points in 41 games. He missed the first nine games of this season with a sprained right shoulder.

The 33-year-old played his first five seasons with Golden State and after playing the 2003-04 season with Dallas, was traded to Washington. Jamison has a career average of 19.9 points.

Ilgauskas, who is 34, has played his entire 12-year NBA career with the Cavaliers. He was selected to speak at the center by O’Neal this season.

He’s averaging 7.5 points and 7.7 rebounds.

The 6-foot-7 Thornton has averaged 13.7 in his three-year career with the Mavericks.

Telfair, who’s 24, will be playing for his fourth team. The former first-round pick has averaged 7.9 points in his career.
Kammrath has big night in victory

By TIMOTHY SINGLER
Spurs Wire

Despite all of the outside distractions for the game Wednesday night, Saint Mary’s won handily against Olivet 79-59 after some record-setting rebounding.

Senior forward Anna Kammrath set the College record for the most rebounds in school history. Kammrath entered the game 11 rebounds short of the record and finished the game with 12 to break the record.

“This was big. This was Anna’s night,” Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. “It is nice to do it at home.”

Kammrath had a spectacular game on a very special night. Since this was senior night for Saint Mary’s, all the seniors on the team had an evening to celebrate their four-year careers. As Kammrath is the only senior on the Belles, Henley said, “It is nice to do it at home.”

Kammrath recorded her 15th 8-14 with 18 points and her “Anna’s Night.” The team, it essentially became Kammrath’s player to produce big numbers during the game. Sophomore Jessica Canta matched Kammrath in scoring as she also added 18 points for the Belles.

“This was all-around big win for Saint Mary’s against Olivet. The Belles need to continue to win as only three games separated five teams in the MIAA, if the team falls far enough in the standings, it could end up without a home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs,” Henley said.

The Belles look to end the regular season on a high note as they have one final game remaining before heading into the MIAA playoffs. “This [win] gives us a lot of momentum,” Henley said.

Saint Mary’s looks to provide the necessary spark for the Belles, Henley said. “We typically never relied on her scoring in her career,” Henley said.

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Parker’s return sparks victory

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A bit of rest and relaxation in Malibu was all a hobbled Tony Parker needed to start blowing by the competition again.

Parker returned after missing San Antonio’s final game before the All-Star break because of a strained left big toe. Fresh off a four-day vacation with wife Eva Longoria, he scored 28 points to help the Spurs beat the Indiana Pacers 90-87 on Wednesday night.

“He didn’t get to stay in shape, he hasn’t been able to do anything,” Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. “Considering that, my God. He scored, he moved the basketball, he was really important to us running the show.”

Parker said he struggled at shooting, I would think we had a chance,” Pacers coach Jim O’Brien said. “We typically never relied on her scoring in her career,” Henley said.

Danny Granger scored 23 points, Roy Hibbert had 14 points, seven rebounds and six blocks, and Troy Murphy added nine points and 16 rebounds for Indiana.

The Spurs won despite shooting just 35 percent from the field. “I got a jump on it because I was missing so many shots,” Duncan said. “I guess I knew where the ball was going.”

Parker said Duncan’s effort was key. “That is what’s great with T.D. — even if he has a bad shooting night he’s always going to do other stuff,” Parker said. “He was huge on the boards, he was huge on defense. Even if he was not blocking shots, he was deflecting shots. He’s just a presence.”

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The Spurs won despite shooting just 35 percent from the field. “If you would have told me we would hold them to 35 percent shooting, I would think we had a chance,” Pacers coach Jim O’Brien said.

Duncan’s 11 offensive rebounds helped the Spurs take 16 more shots than the Pacers.

“We played hard,” Granger said. “We got our hands on a lot of balls. We just got killed on the offensive boards. That’s kind of been the tale of our season.”

Popovich switched up his lineup, starting Keith Bogans and Matt Bonner instead of Jefferson and Antonio McDyess to counter Indiana’s small lineup.

San Antonio led 51-45 at half-time before getting hot in the third quarter. A free-throw line jumper by Duncan closed out a 7-0 run that gave the Spurs a 64-50 lead.

Indiana rallied at the end of the third quarter. Two free throws by Hibbert capped an 11-3 run at the end of the period that trimmed San Antonio’s lead to 69-67.

Indiana took its first lead of the second half early in the fourth quarter on Ford’s short jumper in the lane. The lead seesawed until the final minutes. Richard Jefferson hit a 3-pointer, then Gholibi converted a 3-point play to give San Antonio a 90-84 advantage.

Granger made a 3-pointer with 30 seconds left to make it 90-87.

The crowd stood, hoping the Pacers could get a stop. Gholibi drove, but Hibbert blocked his shot. Duncan rebounded and kicked the ball out to George Hill, who heaved a desperation 3-pointer as the shot clock expired.

The ball was tipped around until the Pacers gained control and ran out the clock.
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there for her just the same,” Christine said.

Just as she did in high school, Christine has made the adjustment and transition process much smoother for Kathryn. “Having her at the same school (now) is great,” Christine said. “I have an instant friend here, and it helps a lot for relief knowing that I have someone that will always be there for me, no matter what.”

Both sisters agree that college ball is far more demanding than high school basketball, but it that only allows them to grow closer and find the best in each other.

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Christine Lux
Irish first baseman

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making the highest wins by an first Irish freshman since Sheeva Parbhau went 20-3 in 2005.

Five of Walt’s victories gave Notre Dame match wins, four of them against ranked teams. Walt also had three wins coming from behind and posted an 8-2 overall record in three-set matches. He was able to defeat reputable players such as then senior Michael Breler of then-ranked No. 20 Texas Tech, then senior Mahmoud Hamed of then-No. 41 South Florida, and junior Simon Childs of then-No. 23 Louisville.

On the doubles side of his freshman year, Walt and No. 2 Irish singles junior Stephen Havens posted a 12-12 record in dual play at No. 2 doubles for Notre Dame.

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NBA

Mavs edge out Suns after trade

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 28 points, and Dallas newcomer Caron Butler started a key third-quarter run in the Mavericks’ 107-97 victory over the Phoenix Suns on Wednesday night.

Amare Stoudemire, who has been mentioned in trade rumors in recent days, had 30 points and 14 rebounds for the Suns, who had their five-game winning streak snapped.

Butler, acquired from Washington along with Brendan Haywood and DeShawn Stevenson in a seven-player deal Saturday, scored 15 points and hit a key three-pointer in the third. Jason Kidd had 18 points, 10 assists, seven rebounds and a career-high seven steals for Dallas.

In the fourth, Stoudemire rated his chances of being traded before Thursday’s deadline at 50-50.

Cleveland was considered the most likely destination if Stoudemire was dealt. But the Cavaliers moved on to their next choice, acquiring Antawn Jamison from Washington in a three-team trade Wednesday.

The Suns, who lead the NBA in scoring at more than 110 points per game, were held under 100 for only the seventh time this season. Phoenix missed 13 of its first 20 three-pointer attempts and finished 5 of 22 from beyond the arc.

Butler and Haywood were playing their first home game and second overall with the Mavs, who have their nine-game winning streak and nine rebounds and five blocks starting in place of the injured Erick Dampier, who did not play after undergoing surgery Wednesday to close an open dislocation of his right middle finger.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Late night in Louisville

Team fails to get off a shot as time expires in disappointing 2OT loss on the road

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Assistant Sports Editor

For 50 minutes, the Irish fought and left their hearts on the floor, but Notre Dame came up just short in double-overtime on the road to Louisville. Two free throws by Cardinals sophomore Samardo Samuels gave Louisville the win, and Samuels had a career-high 36 points in the game.

“I don’t know that I’ve ever been prouder of a group in a loss,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “We had a lot of opportunities tonight, but just couldn’t get it. But a lot of guys had to help us tonight.”

The Irish, already short on depth with an injured senior forward Luke Harangody on the bench, struggled to defend forward Luke Harangody on the season with a new national ranking of No. 18 from his overall record in singles. Watt’s powerful and strong at No. 1 singles. As a freshman, Watt was one of three named to the All-Big East team and earned Big East Academic All-Star honors. The 6-foot 18-5 in dual season singles, going 10-0 in open play and 18-5 in dual season singles.

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By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

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For Lux sisters, playing first base is a family affair

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

When it comes to sisters growing up together, competition is a constant feature, both spending most of their time vying to be the best. But for Christine and Kathryn Lux, being the typical younger sister, “I was never truly able to make my own name for myself. This bothered me, and I swore that I would do my own thing in college.”

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