Students prepare for St. Patrick’s celebrations

By IRENA ZAJCKOVA
News Writer

Notre Dame students will celebrate their Irish heritage — real or invented — this St. Patrick’s Day.

Many students, like sophomore Ashley Amarosa, have been looking forward to this day for weeks.

“I’ve definitely planned my entire day around celebrating St. Patrick’s Day. I just hope my classes don’t interfere,” Amarosa said.

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By ALICIA SMITH
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New department proposed

By JOHN TIERNY
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The College of Science will propose the creation of a new Department of Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics (DACMS) at Thursday’s Academic Council meeting.

The proposed department was approved by the College of Science Council on Oct. 26 and would be formally established gradually over the course of the next three years, if approved by the Academic Council.

The department’s role, which is outlined in a proposal the College submitted to members of the Academic Council, would be focused on interdisciplinary research and methodological development, which is outlined in a proposal the College submitted to members of the Academic Council.

If approved, the department would begin recruiting students currently enrolled in the First Year of Studies to join the program.

The new department will also sponsor masters and doctoral degrees, according to the proposal. The College is currently working to design a “professional master’s degree” in applied and computational mathematics and statistics.

The department will initially consist of seven faculty members already at the University. Gregory Crawford, dean of the College of Science, said in the proposal that recruiting professors who “engage in both interdisciplinary research and methodological development, which pushes the frontier of knowledge in applied and computational mathematics or statistics,” the proposal said.

DACMS is envisioned as a resource for professors doing research in other disciplines. Statistics is used in research in all four colleges, and DACMS “will create a formal consulting service in both statistics and applied and computational mathematics,” the proposal said.

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Faculty members talk homosexuality

By KATIE PERALTA
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Four Notre Dame faculty members from different fields of study responded to the recent Mobile Party comic controversy and addressed campus attitudes toward homosexuality in a discussion titled “Gay Penguins and ‘No Homo’,” held Tuesday in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library.

“Many among the faculty were as upset as students and staff about the cartoon earlier this year,” professor of American Studies Heidi Ardizzone said. “We are not done talking about issues of humor, homophobia and gender identity. We are here to share our ideas and knowledge.”

Assistant professor of psychology Michelle Wirth opened the panel discussion with an overview of biopsychology and the natural causes of sexual orientation.

“Our sexual orientation is a feature of our brains,” Wirth said. “Our brain is changing all the time as we learn things.”

Wirth detailed the brain’s involvement in sexual orientation, citing the influence of certain hormones in a baby’s brain development.

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Senior Michelle Perone said she has thought about what her St. Patrick’s Day plans will be since Saturday.

“Right when Spring Break ended, my priorities turned to planning. There’s so much to do,” Perone said. “I’ll have to decorate my apartment for when I have people over, and I need to buy supplies and food and stuff like that. I’m pretty excited about it. It’s going to be a good day.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

Bring on the brackets

It’s illegal to gamble on sports. Such is fact.

That aside, allow me to encourage you to gamble on sports, with The Observer’s help. After all, it is March, the month when companies across the country lose millions of dollars and teachers lose patience, as people like me evacuate college basketball games between Temple and Cornell above their jobs, classes and even significant others.

This year The Observer is proud to hold a March Madness pool distinctively for you — our readers, specifically you Notre Dame students and alumni.

Just think, in a campus-wide pool, finishing in the top half will earn you bragging rights over 50 percent of the people you see on the quad. Suddenly 50 percent of those awkward encounters could be triumphant awkward encounters.

But why settle there? Win the whole thing! Finish first! I challenge you.

Yes, I hereby challenge ALL of you to do better than the member of The Observer Sports department. We walk around talking like we know sports better than the rest of you — I know I do — so how about you put us in our place? I’m looking at you Scholastic, and you soulless wanna be the lowest in your dorm.

And if you win, you’ll also receive a gimme. Or, simply prove to your boyfriend that you really are smartest at the college basketball games.

How do you get into the pool? It’s simple: sign up at ObserverSports.com and you’ll automatically receive all the updates and analysis on the pool and the tournament, starting last night, there will be updates by showing him you know college basketball better than he does. Or prove to your friends that you really are smartest at the things that count, even if your GPA might be the lowest in your dorm.

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IN BRIEF

An exhibit titled “All Art is Propaganda” will open at 8 a.m. today in the Special Collections Room 102 of Hesburgh Library.

“Microstructural Control to Achieve High Performance MPI Type Zeolite Inorganic Membranes” will be discussed today in Room 129 of DeBartolo Hall. The seminar will begin at 11 a.m.

Photographs from “Caroline Chiu: Polaroids as Chinese Ink Painting” will be displayed in the Milly and Fritz Kaeser Mestrovic Studio Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art. The exhibit will open at 10 a.m. today.

“Yin Yu Tang: A Chinese Home” will be on exhibit in the Schulz Family Works on Paper Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art today at 10 a.m.

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

The Department of Physics will host “Applying Nuclear Physics to Address Challenges in National Security” today in Room 118 of Nieuwland Science. The colloquium will begin at 4 p.m.

The Snite Museum of Art and Creative Writing Program will sponsor a reading and reception with Ricardo Pau-Llosa in the Hammers Bookstore at 5 p.m. tonight.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
MBA Marketing Club to host Symposium

By LIZ O’DONNELL
News Writer

The MBA Marketing Club will sponsor the 4th annual Marketing Symposium March 25-26 at the Mendoza College of Business. The Symposium will emphasize the growing importance and implications of the use of social media in the modern business environment.

Club president Jack Johnson said the event will be a bit different this year than it has been in the past always focused toward MBA students. “This year we were able to open it up to undergraduate students as well. We also used to charge admission and this year we actually have sponsorship from DIF Solutions, which partners with big consulting companies,” Johnson said.

Johnson said the sponsorship enables students to register online for free to attend lectures as well as enjoy free food throughout the Symposium.

Listed among events for the Symposium include an opening reception at Legends as well as a number of guest speakers and a Web Case 2.0 competition, which is open to both MBA candidates and undergraduates. The competition is an opportunity for students to propose solutions to real-world business applications.

Johnson said, “A couple of the programmers, designers and salesmen will come in and give registered teams a brief demo of what the application can do. Examples of how other companies have used it. Teams will have a week to come up with a way to take this application and bring it to market,” Johnson said.

The competition is open to students from any academic background, and students are encouraged to draw on their experience and use their skills to draft a short proposal solving a specific issue. Teams of three to five students are encouraged to register by today. A panel of judges will assess the submitted proposals, and the chosen top teams have a chance to win $6,000 in prizes.

Johnson said, “Students are competing for a $3,000 grand prize and there’s a special prize for $1,000 prize for the best undergraduate team,” he said.

The first round of competition will take place March 25, the first day of the Symposium, and the final round will occur the following day.

Aside from the competition, executives from several businesses will be on hand to discuss with students their use of the social media. “Brandon Solano of Domino’s will be on hand to participate in keynote lectures and panel discussions,” said Johnson.

Johnson said the Symposium usually has a turnout of 150 people, but he expects more this year because of the inclusion of undergraduate students.

“If you want to meet, network and get free food on Friday, then you should register for the Symposium,” he said. “It’s also a bonus that it’s free thanks to the sponsorship, so we don’t have to charge the students.”

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College hosts lecture on race in the media

By CAROLYNN SMITH
News Writer

Media expert Callie Crossley discussed the ways of color have been portrayed in the media during her lecture “Race and Media: Everything Old is New Again” at Saint Mary’s on Tuesday night.

“Media representations of people of color have not changed though out the years,” said Crossley, the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow. “This is how to create a single story about a group of people, to show these people as one thing and then show that one thing over and over again.”

Crossley hosts a daily talk show on WGBH-FM Radio, “The Callie Crosby Show.” The show covers topics such as current events, local happenings, arts and culture.

“I got into this business to make a difference. My whole career has been about telling the stories right and truthfully,” Crossley said.

Crossley shared experiences she has come across during her work. She spoke about racism toward her and her co-workers.

“Post-racial or not, the racial stereotypes have not gone away but have been revised for modern times. Everything old is new again,” Crossley said.

A current survey about the racial society in the media showed many people still believe there is not enough diversity in the newsroom, and there is still a lack of acceptable coverage of racial issues.

“Every time we see it, it feels like a slap in the face,” Crossley said. Crossley said she hopes more change will come in future generations, but she is aware action needs to be taken now. “We need to keep challenging and question what we see. That is why I’m doing what I’m doing,” Crossley said. “I want to make people speak up in the moment.”

Crossley is an award-winning broadcast journalist, documentary filmmaker and television and radio personality who offers regular commentary on a number of television programs, including the “Eyes on the Prize: America’s Civil Rights Years,” a sweepstakes series which earned her an Oscar nomination and major film journalism awards. For the last eight years, Crossley has served as program manager for the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard.

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researchers with expert design, data analysis and statistical modeling.

Statistics, applied mathematics and computation "play an increasingly important role in disciplines such as economics, sociology and biology," Crawford said. Statistics' "applications to social justice, connecting to diversity, common good and ethical decision-making already indicate the department's strong engagement in Notre Dame's Catholic mission," he said in the proposal.

Concerns about DACMS

The Faculty Senate asked Crawford in a statement released March 2 to delay presenting the DACMS proposal to Academic Council until he received more input from faculty members. The Senate did not question Crawford's assessment stating Notre Dame needs to heighten its focus on statistics. "The Faculty Senate agrees with the need to increase the footprint of applied mathematics, computational mathematics, and statistics at Notre Dame," the statement said.

"I think everyone agrees that increasing the statistical footprint on campus is a good idea," said Keith Rigby, chair of the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs committee. "The mechanics could’ve been better if we had more time.”

Rigby said he was specifically concerned with the relationship between DACMS and the existing Department of Mathematics.

"I could envision course conflicts, particularly if there were a relatively large number of courses that would serve both programs," he said. "I also wonder how easily a student could transfer between the two departments.

Despite the Faculty Senate's call to delay formally establishing DACMS, Rigby is not opposed to the new department in principle. "Increasing the statistics capability on campus is a good thing," he said. "We would hope that in the future, we would be partners rather than being asked to sanction a decision after the fact."

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"Because student government did not receive the formal proposal from Crawford until Monday evening, Brehlenthin said he doesn’t have enough information to make an educated decision for the student body about DACMS. Student government does not object in principle to the creation of the new department, he said.

Brehlenthin said he expects Crawford to welcome student involvement in implementing DACMS.

"He said he’d like to get general student feedback about what they’d like to see in the department,” Brehlenthin said.

Crawford said in an e-mail that he was not available for comment to The Observer this week.

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The newly renovated LaFortune Student Center computer cluster features open spaces, including study tables and group rooms.

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

After several months of planning, renovations and setbacks, the LaFortune Student Center computer cluster, a popular workspace for students, reopened this week.

Some of the most notable renovations to the space include new carpet and color scheme.

"The new wall colors are calming and less depressing," sophomore Carlos Zarazua said. "It should be better for stressful last minute studying and working on projects.

LaFortune's computer cluster had not been updated in 18 years, Brian Burchett, manager of Classroom and Cluster Services for the Office of Information and Technology, said in a Feb. 16 Observer article. In addition to a general remodeling of the outdated room, the layout was overhauled to reflect the transition from students using University-provided communal computers to personal laptops.

The change meant fewer actual computers, allowing for more open workspace, as well as two group study rooms, resulting in a layout more conducive to group work.

"I really like how it’s so open now. I liked when there were more computers but the open space more than makes up for it,” Zarazua said. “I guess it makes sense, as most people have laptops now anyway.”

The plans for the project began in spring 2008 but were not funded until recently. The first expected completion date was Feb. 1, and a more recent report indicated students could expect access to the cluster by the first week of March, in time for midterms.

Delays with some of the materials for the project postponed the finishing of trim work and furniture delivery, pushing back the completion of the cluster significantly.

"One of the things that delayed the project was getting the carpet from the manufacturer," Burchett said. "It wasn’t really the fault of anyone at Notre Dame... the carpet manufacturer just had a later delivery than we thought.”

Burchett said students were helpful in the renovation process, and he hopes to bring students in on future projects.

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Updated computer cluster reopens

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Pharmaceutical depot robbed

Thieves break in and steal $75 million worth of prescription medication from Eli Lilly & Co. in Connecticut

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — In a Hollywood-style heist, thieves cut a hole in the roof of a warehouse, rappelled inside and scored one of the biggest heists in its kind — not diamonds, gold bullion or Old World art, but almost an entire factory of prescription drugs.

The pill stove stolen from the pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly & Co. in quantities big enough to fill a tractor-trailer are believed to be destined for the black market, perhaps overseas.

"This is like the Brink's pill heist," said Erik Gordon, a University of Michigan business professor who studies the health care industry. "This one will enter the folklore.

The thieves apparently scalped the brick exterior of the warehouse in an industrial park in Enfield, a town about midway between Hartford and Springfield, Mass. in a blinding light and were able to make their escape before dawn.

"Just by the way it occurred, it is assume there were several individuals involved and that it was a very well-planned and orchestrated operation," Enfield Police Chief Carl Serrazza said. "It's not your run-of-the-mill home burglary, that's for sure."

Experts described it as one of the biggest pharmaceutical heists in history.

Edward Sagebiel, a spokesman for Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly, put the wholesale value of the drugs at $75 million and said they included the antidepressants Prozac and Cymbalta and the anti-psychotic Zyprexa. No narcotics or other painkillers were in the warehouse, he said.

Other pharmaceutical warehouses have been hit with similar burglaries in recent years, but experts said the value of the Eli Lilly heist far eclipses any other prescription drug thefts they have tracked.

The thieves could easily net $20 million to $25 million, Gordon said.

Enfield police would not say whether the building had surveillance video or whether employees were being investigated. The building is unmarked and unprotected by fences.

The FBI was called in.

Experts said the heist shared many traits with warehouse thefts of pharmaceuticals last year near Richmond, Va., Memphis, Tenn., and Olive Branch, Miss. Those thieves also cut through ceilings and sometimes used trapeze-style rigging to get inside and disable the main and backup alarms in some cases, they sprayed dark paint on the lenses of security cameras; in others, they stole disks in the security recording devices.

Enfield police and the FBI would not comment on whether some of those techniques were also used in the Eli Lilly theft.

"The level of sophistication in these thefts is very high," said Dan Burgess, director of intelligence at Freight Watch International, a Texas-based security company. "These thieves actively target certain products. They find out where they are, they go there, they come looking for it. They probably were conducting surveillance on that warehouse for days, if not weeks, before that theft occurred."

Burgess and Gordon said the thieves probably already had a buyer lined up, possibly an online pharmacy or someone in South America or Asia, where drug regulations are lax. Gordon said it is unlikely the drugs would end up at a local hospital or drugstore chain.

"The people with a reputation to protect, a CVS or a Target or a Kroger or most hospitals, they don't want to take any chances," he said. "It's too big a risk. You're talking about people's health."

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Junior Mary Kelly said she plans on wearing green to class, but she is disappointed about not being able to go to bars.

“I’m not 21 yet so I feel like I’ll be missing out on a lot of stuff going on that night,” Kelly said. “Corby’s is an Irish pub and it’d be cool to go there on St. Patrick’s Day, but I guess that’ll have to wait until next year.”

Senior Keith Ruehlmann said he enjoys St. Patrick’s Day because it gives students something to celebrate and provides a nice reprieve from their class work.

“I like it because it gives everyone an excuse to step back from their work and cele- brate,” Ruehlmann said.

Junior Claire Fisher said she will not be able to take a break because she has a physics midterm at 8 a.m. Thursday morning. She said she is unhappy about the timing of her exam.

“I feel like I’m missing out on a tradition that holds more meaning here at a school whose mascot is the Fighting Irish,” Fisher said.

Fisher said she will probably wear green to class, but it will be the extent of her celebration.

“I’m forced to hear about everyone’s plans for the festivities and I can’t participate,” Fisher said.

Junior Kate Mullaney said she also has obligations requiring her to cut her St. Patrick’s Day celebrations short.

“I have a mandatory choral rehearsal. I don’t know how much celebrating I’ll actually get to do,” Mullaney said. “I’ll still wear the acedreen to class and get Irish dinner at the dining hall.”

Some students, like senior Adam Woodruff, have midterms Thursday but plan on spending most of their time celebrating St. Patrick’s Day anyway.

“I have a midterm on Thursday, but I don’t think I’ll be studying much,” Woodruff said. “I’ll probably be spending the whole day celebrating St. Patrick’s Day anyway.

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South Dining Hall’s Grab and Go celebrates St. Patrick’s Day with festive decorations on Tuesday.

Restaurants make grades

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York City’s 24,000 restaurants — from its internationally known eateries on down to its most modest pizza counters — will have to display large letter grades near their entrances indicating how clean they are under a system approved Tuesday.

The best will get an A, according to the system approved by the city Board of Health.

Officials say the system is designed to give instant information to potential customers.

“The grade in the window will give you a sense of how clean the kitchen is, and it will give every restaurant an incentive to maintain safe, sanitary conditions,” Health Commissioner Thomas Farley said in a statement.

Some other cities use similar rating systems or are considering them. A bill was introduced last year in Washington D.C. to require restaurants there to rate their establishments.

Los Angeles has been posting public grades in eateries for years.

Los Angeles grades its restaurants with A for scores of 90 to 100 percent, B for 80 to 89 percent and C for 70 to 79 percent. A restaurant that scores under 70 percent twice in a year is subject to closure.

Some restaurant owners and industry officials have called the system gimmicky and unfair.

“They’re doing a disservice to the public,” said Marc Murphy, a vice president of the New York State Restaurant Association and the owner and chef at the Manhattan restaurants Landmarc and Ditch Plains.

He said the letter grading system will only serve to embarrass restaurateurs without giving the public a true picture of the establishment’s cleanliness.

Critics charge that grades could change from week to week, depending on a city inspector’s whims, and that even a grade of B could be fatal to some fine dining establishments.

“Two flies can get you a rodent violation,” Murphy said. He predicted that the new system “will hurt our reputation as the restaurant capital of the world.”

But celebrity chef Tom Colicchio, owner of Craft and other restaurants, said the system was a good idea.

“I think anything that is going to encourage people to clean up their act and protect the public is a good thing overall,” he said.

New York officials say that out of Los Angeles restaurants, the proportion of restaurants that met the highest standards rose from 40 percent before to 80 percent after Los Angeles began its letter grading system for restaurants, the proportion of restaurants of that met the highest standards rose from 40 percent before to 80 percent.

The details of New York’s system are still being finalized, but the proposal called for grades A through C, based on demerit points accumulated by violations.

“I think you’re going to find that most restaurants will get to the A status, which is the good idea,” Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

About a quarter of the city’s restaurants have “sig-

ificant lapses in food-safety practices, according to the health department. Officials say that about 30 percent would qualify for an A, 40 percent a B and 26 percent a C.

New York City’s restaurant inspection reports are already posted online, but officials said posting the information in restaurant doors and windows prevents diners from having to search for it.

The plan approved Tuesday gives restaurants that receive grades lower than an A time to improve their sanitary conditions before they have to post any- thing.

For those eateries, the health department will return within a month to conduct a second inspection, and the second grade will be posted unless the restaurant operator contests it. Restaurants appealing their grades will be allowed to post a “grade pending” sign.

The health board vote was 6-2. One of the two board members who voted against the plan was Bruce Viladeck, an expert on health care policy and financing.

He called the system “mis-guided” and “intellectually incoherent,” and said restaurants should be graded on a pass-fail basis. Viladeck said he couldn’t see the value of saddling a restaurant with a passing grade with the black mark of a “C” ranking, if a different inspection on a different day might have earned them an “A.”

The new regulations do not cover the city’s mobile food carts.

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actions of the students.

“Award like this are impor- tant because they are a public recognition of our students’ dedi- service to the common good,” Call said.

The level of student participa- tion at the College is higher than the national average. Call said

OCSE plans to offer several com- munity service opportunities within the next few weeks, including Walk for the Hungry on March 28 and Rebuilding Together on April 17.

Call said OCSE offers a variety of other opportunities through- out the academic year for stu- dent involvement in community service.

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InBrief

Construction rates fall in Feb.

WASHINGTON — Housing construction fell in February as winter blizzards held down activity in the Northeast and South. The decline highlighted the challenges facing builders as they struggle to emerge from the worst housing slump in decades.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that construction of new homes and apartments fell 5.9 percent in February to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 575,000 units, the lowest since December 2002. Economists were expecting a January activity was revised up to a pace of 562,000 units, the strongest showing in 14 months.

Economists characterized the February dip as a weather-related although they said any housing rebound this year is likely to be modest at best, given a variety of headwinds from record home foreclosures to high unemployment.

Oil prices reach $82 with low rates

NEW YORK — Oil prices climbed back near $82 a barrel Wednesday as the economy continues to recover.

The dollar continued its decline in afternoon trading, although it was not fully recovered.

Its view that the economy appeared to be stabilizing, although it was not fully recovered.

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The weak housing report “puts less pressure on the Fed to raise interest rates,” said PGIMBest Research Analyst Phil Flynn.

He said it’s recalling about 410,000 Odyssey minivans and Element small trucks because of problems with the brake pedals.

Honda said it is recalling 410,000 vehicles

Detroit automaker looking to work on problems in Element, Odyssey models

Honda Motor Co. will recall more than 410,000 Odyssey minivans and Element small trucks because of a braking system problem that could make it tougher to stop the vehicles.

The recall includes 344,000 Odysseys and 68,000 Elements from the 2007 and 2008 model years.

Honda said in a statement that over time, brake pedals can feel “soft” and must be pressed closer to the floor to stop the vehicles. Left un repaired, the problem could cause loss of braking power and possibly a crash, Honda spokesman Chris Martin said.

“It’s definitely not operating the way it should, and it’s safety systems, so it brings it to the recall status,” he said.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has reported three crashes due to the problem with minor injuries and no deaths, Martin said. Honda said it is recalling 410,000 of NHTSA of the recall on Monday, he said.

Honda has traced the problem to the device that prevents the electronic stability control system, which selectively brakes each of the wheels to keep the vehicle upright during an emergency situation.

When the device, called a “vehicle stability assist module,” tests itself when the vehicles are started, it always requires the pedal to be pushed further toward the floor than normal to stop the vehicles, Martin said.

“Although not all vehicles being recalled are affected by this issue, we are recalling all possible units to assure all customers that their vehicles will perform correctly,” Honda said in a statement.

Under the recall, which Honda said it volunteered to do, Honda said that owners who want to get a letter from the company before scheduling a repair because the parts are not yet available. Letters should go out toward the end of April.

Drivers who fear that they’ve lost braking power should have their dealer check the brakes sooner, Martin said. The dealer can “bleed” air bubbles out of the hydraulic lines, which should fix the problem until the parts arrive for the final repair, he said.

Honda technicians will put plastic caps and sealant over two small holes in the device to stop the air from getting in, Martin said.

The automaker is still preparing a list of affected vehicles. After April 19, owners can determine if their vehicles are being recalled by going to www.recall.honda.com or by calling (800) 999-1099, and selecting option number four.

The safety recall is Honda’s second in the past two months. In February it recalled 952,118 vehicles globally due to air bag problems.

It comes on the heels of Toyota Motor Corp.’s spate of safety recalls that include more than 8 million vehicles worldwide for braking and sudden acceleration problems.

One of the Toyota recalls is a braking software problem that causes the pedal of the Prius gas-electric hybrid to momentarily drop toward the floor.

Ford Motor Co. had a similar software problem with its Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan hybrids. The company told owners of 17,000 cars to bring them in for software update because a glitch can give drivers the impression that the brakes have failed when they haven’t.

The automaker called the repairs a “customer satisfaction program” and said it was not a full-fledged recall.

Simon weighs new General Growth bid

LOS ANGELES — Simon Property Group Inc. is considering raising its $10 billion buyout offer for rival shopping mall owner General Growth Properties Inc. as early as this week, two people familiar with the matter said Tuesday.

Simon sent a letter to General Growth this week saying it anticipates boosting its offer above the $17.60 a share of a proposal put forth by General Growth and three of its largest stakeholders. Simon is said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

That means a new Simon offer will have to value General Growth above $15 a share. Simon’s initial offer valued the Chicago-based company at about $9 a share.

General Growth, the nation’s second-largest shopping mall operator, sought shelter from creditors last April. It was the largest real estate bankruptcy in U.S. history.

Despite being in Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection for nearly a year, it finds itself in the unusual position of courting buyout offers that promise to pay off creditors in full and give shareholders a premium over the current stock price.

Indianapolis-based Simon went public last month with its bid for General Growth, but it was rebuffed.

General Growth is looking for a higher offer and has put forward a plan to exit bankruptcy with an investment from its largest unsecured creditors, and Pershing Square Capital Management, one of its largest stakeholders.

General Growth is expected to seek approval from the bankruptcy court in coming weeks to designate the Brookfield-Fairholme-Pershing proposal as a “stalking-horse” bidder as it solicits other buyout offers. A stalking-horse bid is an initial offer for a bankrupt company’s assets.

General Growth also plans to ask the court to approve so-called bid protections that would compensate the investor group should General Growth sell the company to another bidder. The company has previously outlined compensating the stalking-horse bidder with warrants to buy 60 million shares of General Growth at an exercise price of $15 a share.
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development in utero may influence sexual orientation and, therefore, gender identity,” Wirth said.

The hypothesis additionally plays a significant role in sex and reproduction.

Wirth said a part of the hypothalamic area affects homosexual men and heterosexual women similarly and also heterosexual men and homosexual women similarly. Wirth continued with a description of the sexual activity of bonobos, primates closely related to humans.

“They use sex to diffuse conflicts,” she said. “They have sex about once an hour with same-sex and opposite-sex partners.”

Dr. Agustín Fuentes, professor of anthropology and director of the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (ISLA), continued the discussion with an examination of the social nature of sex.

“Penguins will just pair up if there are not enough sexes,” he said. “Male with male, female with female, whatever — they just nest up. Are these penguins gay? No, they’re penguins!”

Many mammals, Fuentes said, engage in sex outside the reproductive context in a more social context.

“The more social an organism, the more sex it will engage in,” he said, citing male sperm whales having sex with other males.

“Humans are the only species that target homosexuality with aggressive acts,” he said.

Fuentes said sex is complex and varies between societies.

“Each society considers what it doesn’t want the other to have,” he said. “Some societies engage in homosexual behavior until marriage — every culture is different.”

Fuentes said our culture has different expectations of the representations of male and female bodies.

“A fully naked woman, he said, can be portrayed in an R-rated movie, while ‘a fully erect penis is an automatic NC-12.” Carlos Jerez-Farran, professor of Spanish and fellow of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, continued the discussion with a gender analytic examination of sexuality, especially in light of the January Mobile Party cartoon that appeared in The Observer and featured a reference to violence against homosexuals.

“A joke, Jerez-Farran said, is consisted of a teller, a listener and an object of the joke.

“Jokes like the ones made on the expense of a third party are made for the benefit of male bonding,” Jerez-Farran said. “The hypothetical reader bears witness by his laugh.”

Jerez-Farran explained how the heterosexual male feels the need to overcompensate for fear of being homosexual through acts of hypermasculinity and violence.

“The feared other is inexorably in and around him,” he said. “We all have homosexual tendencies, most of us repress these tendencies.”

Society tends to tip toe around masculinity, he said.

“When you defame masculinity, unfortunately it’s a lot worse [in our society] than when you defame femininity,” Jerez-Farran said.

Fuentes concluded the panel discussion with a family account of homosexuality.

“My first experience was in the 1980s with a family they were coming out to,” she said. “When they were Catholic, she said. "Each generation of the family responded differently. My grandparents were curious, while his parents and my parents were nervous and shocked but have pressed to find explanations."

As time has progressed, she said, society has become more receptive to open dialogue about homosexuality.

“In the 20th century, things got clearer because people like (psychologist Sigmund) Freud and (biologist Alfred) Kinsey started talking,” she said.

Still, homosexuality was something to be stigmatized and feared.

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The panel concluded with an examination of what the University is to do next about continuing dialogue about homosexuality.

Graduate student Jonathon Andrew, said he has been coming to the conferences of masters of fine arts photography work, but much of it has recently come under scrutiny.

“The more sex-sensitive a society is, the more homophobic it is,” he said.

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Runaway Toyota prompts inquiry

NEW YORK — Toyota’s investigation of sudden acceleration in some of its cars is shifting to suburban New York, where a driver said her Prius sped up on its own and slammed into a parked car.

Technicians from Toyota will join government investigators in Harrison, N.Y., on Wednesday to inspect the car. Toyota plans to examine an interrogated device on the car to documents the moments before and after a crash.

The company will use equipment to determine how many times the driver hit the brakes and gas. It used the same tools earlier this week to cast doubt on a California driver who claimed his Prius sped out of control on the freeway last week.

In the Harrison crash, authorities have said there is no indication of driver error. A housekeeper told police the car sped up on its own as she eased forward down her employer’s driveway on March 9 and hit a wall across the street. She was not hurt.

Toyota recalled more than 8 million cars because their gas pedals can become too loose and snagged by floor mats. In addition, the government is looking into complaints from at least 60 drivers who say they got their cars fixed and still had problems. Toyota is checking those complaint as well.

The investigations reflect challenges faced by the company and government. Dealers and experts have had trouble reviewing episodes of sudden acceleration, and Toyota says tests have failed to find other problems beyond the sticking gas pedals and floor mats. Some safety experts have said electronics, not simpler mechanisms, could be causing the problems.

Toyota has said it has found no evidence of problems with its electronics but is studying the issue.

“It’s not the old garden-variety defect investigation, where you have a broken part and a vehicle is disabled. It’s an intermittent problem,” said Allan Kam, a former senior enforcement attorney for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, who now directs a private consulting firm.

Toyota officials said they did not know how long the New York investigation would take.

The company plans to release the results to Harrison police but not to the media because the police are also investigating.

The Prius is not on Toyota’s recall list for sticky accelerators.

However, the 2005 hybrid Prius faced scrutiny over massive recalls of the floor mats and gas pedals.

On Monday, Toyota held a press conference in San Diego to challenge the story of James Sikes, who claimed his Prius sped up on its own and crashed into a parked car.

Jason Vines, who was Ford Motor Co.’s top public relations executive when the company faced scrutiny over massive recalls, said Sikes had not been forthcoming with the car, and said Sikes had apparently pressed the brakes and floor pedals on purpose.

“They’ve gotten themselves into another box because of doing it one time in San Diego and now not doing it (in Harrison),” Vines said. “It’s just going to create more confusion.”
Since we are in college, I think that it is pretty safe to say that St. Patrick’s Day is one of the best days, if not the best day, of the year. What if, however, I could tell you that it gets even better? God has granted us the perfect two-day follow up to the best day of the entire year, and it comes in the form of even more adrenaline and excitement than St. Patty’s Day. This event will cause people to skip class for the rest of the week, and for the dedicated students who will actually attend class, their attention will likely be consumed by it. (As a warning to any professors: if anyone has their laptops open in class on Thursday and Friday, they aren’t taking notes. They aren’t even paying attention to you at all.) Many, including myself, would say that these next two days are the best of the entire year. Yes, March Madness has finally arrived.

The NCAA Tournament has universal appeal. People of all ages and walks of life can’t get enough of the three-week basketball extravaganza. It is estimated that approximately $1.8 billion worth of productivity is lost in the American workforce due to workers constantly filling out and checking on their brackets. When I look back at the schedule of the March Madness tournament, I realize how ci

Students Against Sweatshops. With the help of nation-wide organizations and supporters, a company that has recently been issued charges by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) for allegedly unfair labor practices surrounding their employees’ attempts to unionize. The company is being held to defense itself in a trial on April 6. Students who have investigated the issue and spoken to HEI workers find Notre Dame’s continued support of and investment in this company alarming. They chose to fly over outside the event in order to alert students and parents, who are investors in this University, about where exactly their money is going.

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ANDY ZICARELLI
Moment of Inertia

On Feb. 20, a group of concerned Notre Dame students gathered outside the Joyce Center before a Junior Professorial Lecture. The students were supporting a letter to the editor that was written by a Notre Dame student that has recently been issued charges by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) for allegedly unfair labor practices surrounding their own attempts to unionize. The company is being held to defense itself in a trial on April 6. Students who have investigated the issue and spoken to HEI workers find Notre Dame’s continued support of and investment in this company alarming. They chose to fly over outside the event in order to alert students and parents, who are investors in this University, about where exactly their money is going.

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Most, if not all, of us make progress in the faith. We make our way toward God, not by leaps and bounds, but by stutter-steps: slowly and incremental-ly. The historical record — the lives of the saints — ver-ifies this. Even those saints who had a remark-able or extraor-dinary experi-ence of divine grace spent the vast majority of their life moving slow-ly toward God, with bumps, potholes and obstacles along the way, and many of these self-imposed. In the wake of what is perhaps the most famous “conversion story,” an experi-ence of grace in a Milanese garden, St. Augustine (430 A.D.) later tells us that the resolution achieved there was only partial, and that, even as a bishop, he had a kind of inner conflict that was a lingering presence of sin in his past. So we mustn’t imagine that this otherwise nameless Samaritan woman in John’s Gospel who was shaking up with her para-mous husband was thus transformed, tumbled on home and never sinned again. That encounter with the Living Water, that moment of grace, was not the end of the story; in many ways, it was just the beginning. People who have participated in the RCLA can tell you, baptism isn’t the end of the process; it’s just the beginning of one. As RCIA can tell you, baptism isn’t the end of the process; it’s just the beginning of one. 

So if you find yourself struggling — struggling to pray, struggling to keep focus, struggling to believe, struggling with the Church, struggling with the same old sins — don’t lose heart and don’t give up. Perhaps our biggest problem is that we live in the culture of the microwave and the internet, and so we like easy, quick and push-of-a-button solutions to our daily dilemmas. Nowhere in the Gospel does Jesus teach that perfection is achieved in a single, instantaneous, freeze-axed moment of grace. In fact, it is this impatience with our human incompleteness and creaturely status which, according to St Irenaeus (200 A.D.), prompted Adam and Eve to grasp the fruit in the garden. In the end, God indeed would have given them to eat it, but they were impa-tient with the divine pedagogy, with the way God was bringing them along — they wanted to be perfect — and they wanted it right now. Very many people who come to confession — and some avoid it for this very reason — say “I always seem to confess the same things.” Welcome to the fallen human race. Confessing the same sins does not necessarily mean you’re not con-trite. We repeatedly confess the same sins precisely because most of these sins are deeply embedded in our fallen nature and ever have become firmly entrenched in our per-sonality. Slow progress over time is what’s meant to be forgiveness. So there’s that. But there’s also, after all, why the Church allows us to celebrate the sacrament repeatedly in the course of our life.

The earliest Christians knew well that it is precisely the struggle which constitutes the life of the Christian; they used the graphic language of the agon,” the combat, the contest, and even employed images of wrestling in their language. Augustine tells us that Christ might even suggest to us that if ever we find ourselves strugg-ling, we should be very wary lest we’ve deceived ourselves about our-selves; far to struggle even as we do, for what it means to be a Christian in this world. And this struggle even has a cosmic dimension: each of us is engaged, as it were, in a struggle of allegiance, a contest of loyalty, between the Ruler of this Age and the Crucified One, and the daily decisions we make reflect precisely that larger, cosmic engagement, over whom we shall serve.

Yet what is needed in us is not mere-ly a change in behavior; conversion does not mean simply being “nice” to other people, as though the Church is a kind of reform school where, in Skinner-like fashion, we are condi-tioned by fear to avoid bad behavior and to choose the good simply for a reward. No, what needs healing in us isn’t simply our behavior, but our very nature. All of our sins, our external bad acts, are but symptoms of a more profound internal pathology, a psyche that is distorted by pride, by what St. Augustine calls superbia, the absence of self-perception induced by our self-absorption. We commonly think of pride as arrogance, as pride in what we do. But pride, as Augustine tells us, is pride with arrogance, but that’s just one of its more noticeable expres- sions. Pride is more deeply rooted in us than we might imagine. Most of us don’t roll out of bed looking into the bathroom mirror and say “I am the center of the universe.” No, it’s far more insidious than this. Pride isn’t one more icon on the screen of our life, it’s more like a virus which infects our whole operating system. This pride forms — is, it dis-tortsthe very way we perceive real-ity, including ourselves. Other people then become either a means we use to get what we want or of those to help us exercise the will of our will, an obstacle we must either overcome or surmount. Our very thought processes, all our calcu-lations and scheming, reflect the will-fulness and self-referentiality which is pride. “It’s all about me,” after all. And so the healing and elevation of our nature, which is what conversion means from God’s perspective, is the work not of one evening, one minute, one retreat or one confession; rather, it is the work of a lifetime. Far from being a reform school, the Church is more like a convalescent home, where the medicine and healing of grace — through the sacraments — are to be found and applied. And I might sug-gest that the one, constant antidote for all the deadly sins, whether pride, avarice, lust, anger, envy, gluttony or sloth, is charity, if every sin of one’s being is infused with God’s love, if we’re chock-full of charity, there’ll be no room for sin. So in your daily struggles to overcome sin — whether you’re greedy or lustful or lazy or con-sumed with jealousy or have a nasty temper — don’t begin by asking to have fewer impure thoughts, or for a weaker craving for material goods or for more control of your short fuse, always start by coming to be identi-fied with His divine love. And you’ll be amazed at how effective this is. And so if you’re struggling, don’t lose heart and don’t give up. It’s the struggle of faith, of this Age, who wants you to struggle and to succeed. Failure is also part of the strategy. We battle the familiar temptations and are amazed at how effective this is.

Andrew Lynch
Monsignor Michael Heintz

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

No moral ‘inconsistency’

In light of some flaws in Mr. Durkin’s article “Moral consistency on the issue of life,” I would like to state that I am both a mem-ber of Notre Dame Right to Life and per-sonally against the use of the death penal-ty in the United States.

The Church teaches that capital punish-ment can be exercised by society as a legiti-mate act of self-defense for the common good, not as an act of vengeance, but one of prevention and deterrence. As the Catechism states, “the traditional teaching of the Church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possi-ble way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor” (CC 2267). However, as Pope John Paul II makes clear in his encyclical, Evangelium Vitae, it is only to the extreme of executing the offender except in cases of absolute necessity — however, as a result of some impromptu implemen-tation of the penal system, such cases are very rare, if not practically non-existent. The death penalty, then, is nei-ther a morally unacceptable practice, nor a violation of the sanctity of human life.

Abortion, on the other hand, in and of itself, “is gravely contrary to the moral law” (2271). In a 2004 letter, then-Cardinal Ratzinger, made clear the difference “between capital punishment and abortion.” While the Church exhorts civil authorities to seek peace, not war, and to exercise dis-cretion and mercy in imposing punishment on criminals, it may still be permissible to take up arms to repel an aggressor or to have recourse to capital punishment. There may be a legitimate diversity of opinion even among Catholics about waging war and applying the death penalty, but not however with regard to abortion and infant sacrifices that mean, as one question of objective morality. Abortion is objectively a morally grave act, whereas capital punish-ment is not.

Andrew Lynch
Monsignor Halloran
March 16

Free Flame concert

Logan, Notre Dame, Baye, U93, Best Buddies and DTBS is spon-soring a free concert March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Century Center for Disability Awareness. Flame is a very unique rock band. All the musi-cians have either a physical or developmental disability. I saw them last year, and I can say they have many talented abilities. South Bend should lay out the red carpet for this rock band. Last year, they were much better than the year before. We need to come to celebrate these talented men and women! As a mother of a son with autism, I am thankful that you are bringing disability awareness to South Bend. So thank you to all the sponsors that are bringing wonderful free entertainment during these tough economic times. We need to come to celebrate these talented men and women.

I also want to thank the Notre Dame students who are volunteering with Best Buddies and Logan. Your friendship is the world to our children and young adults. My son is a happier young man because of your compassion.

Logan
Katherine Robinson Coleman
March 15

Submit a Letter to the Editor at
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By JORDAN GAMBLE
Scene Editor

South Bend’s Logan Center will host its second big event for Disability Awareness Month Thursday with a free concert by the band Flame at 7 p.m. in the Century Center downtown.

Flame, a cover band that has released three CDs and plays about 90 shows a year, is made up of 11 musicians with physical and developmental disabilities. The group originated in upstate New York in 2003 as a recreation program at a center for people with disabilities, and the band now tours internationally. It performs from a catalogue that includes over 100 classic rock, country and blues songs.

The concert follows “Spread the Word to End the Word” Day on March 3, a national campaign that asked people to pledge to stop using the R-word.

Nichole Maguire is the volunteer coordinator at the Logan Center, which this year celebrates 60 years of providing resources and recreation for people with disabilities.

“I think this is going to impact our community quite a bit especially following ‘Spread the Word’,” Maguire said. “I really like the aspect of bringing the community and Notre Dame into awareness about disabilities.”

Many students already work closely with the Logan Center. Senior Maeve Raphelson is president of Super Sibs, a mentor program that pairs up Notre Dame and South Bend-area youth who have siblings with disabilities. Raphelson herself has a sibling with autism, and she said she hopes the concert can show another side of disability awareness.

“I think it’s really great to see adults with disabilities doing something that they enjoy and that are successful at,” Raphelson said. “My little brother’s autistic, and he really wants to be an author ... It gives me hope for my little brother’s future.”

While many Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students participate in the Logan Center’s programs now, Raphelson and Maguire said they hope the concert will call more attention to the Center’s activities.

“This is really the main event for Disability Awareness Month. ‘Spread the Word’ was mainly an on-campus thing,” Raphelson said. “This is a way to bring the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s community and the South Bend community together. It’s a way for people to learn about disabilities and that they’re not as debilitating and life-ending as people think they are.

“If there’s a good showing from Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s to show the community that we really care, I hope everyone bring a friend and people that haven’t been involved before can start getting involved. You can learn so much from people with disabilities. It’s a really important part of human diversity.”

Doors at the Century Center open at 6:30 for the 7 p.m. show. Tickets are free, and the first 100 students in attendance will receive free t-shirts.

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This Week’s Mix – Luck of the Irish

by Jordan Gamble

1. “The Blood of Cu Cuchulainn” - Jeff & Mychael
2. “The Saints are Coming” - U2 & Green Day
3. “Rakes of Mallow” - Notre Dame Marching Band
4. “In the Kitchen” - Umphrey’s McGee
5. “Falling Slowly” - Glen Hansard & Marketa Irglova
6. “I’m Shipping Up to Boston” - Dropkick Murphys
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12. “Drunken Lullabies” - Flogging Molly

From the music from “The Boondock Saints” to girly pop band B*Witched, Irish artists, songs and influences are all over iTunes. It’s supposed to be a sunny St. Patrick’s Day, so open your windows, crank up your computer speakers and relish your (real or imagined) Irish heritage with this list of tunes.

You can find the whole playlist on the Observer website, www.ndsmcobserver.edu
If you’re reading this, you’re at least 10 hours into St. Patrick’s Day by now. The celebration is in full swing and you’re taking time from it to read the newspaper?!? Here at Scene, we’d never abandon you on Notre Dame’s second favorite holiday — the first being the football home opener. To help you through the rest of the day and deep into the night, here’s a handy little guide on what to expect from the Feast of St. Paddy’s here at Notre Dame.

The lovely green grass is complemented by a few extra green shirts around campus, and if you really have the luck of the Irish, maybe even a shamrock or two.

What’s the tune blaring from your neighbor’s room? The Dropkick Murphys’ traditional Irish hymn, “I’m Shipping Off to Boston.” On repeat. For hours. Beginning at 6 a.m.

Even Yankee fans pretend to like Boston. No one pretends to like Yankee fans.

St. Joe’s Lake and its year-round sickly green hue becomes not only tolerable, but festive. Still, don’t swim in it. Trust us.

Did you know there are no snakes in Ireland? St. Paddy drove them out. Did you know there are no snakes on this motherflippin’ plane? Samuel J. drove them out.

It doesn’t matter who you are or where you’re from, you’re 50 percent Irish, at a minimum.

Finny’s is packed on a weekday.

You begin the night by skipping the college-approved Keystone in favor of a Guinness. Twenty minutes later, you’re right back with your old friend Natty.

Your noon appetizer? Candy from a pot distributed by an overly excited stranger on the steps of the dining hall.

What’s that interrupting your afternoon nap? Bagpipers. It’s almost like football season.

Potatoes and cabbage boiled until they’re devoid of both color and flavor? It helped my ancestors get through the famine so sign me up.

Digger Phelps showcases a vibrant green tie and highlighter combo on Sportscenter.

Your one goal for the day is finding a pot of gold. And that’s before you start drinking.

“Kiss me, I’m Irish” is used by every guy on every girl with a surprising success rate.

Being Catholic is a reason to drink.

Protestants believe in Saints for one day.

So laddyes and lasses go out there into the wild green world and celebrate! This is our holiday. Be safe, be fun and remember. Today, everyone is Irish.

Here’s to the wine we love to drink, and the food we like to eat.

Here’s to our wives and sweethearts, let’s pray they never meet.

Here’s champagne for our real friends, and real pain for our sham friends.

And when this life is over, may all of us find peace.

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**NFL**

**Dungy toying with Carolina inmates**

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Tony Dungy stood before more than 1,700 prisoners Tuesday and looked for a smile and a message of hope that has become his life’s mission.

The former NFL championship coach said he recently visited an inmate in Florida who had ministered to nearly 10 years ago. The prison sentence was too long for changing his mental and spiritual outlook.

“That,” Dungy said, “was a bigger thrill for me than winning the Super Bowl.”

Dungy guided the Indianapolis Colts to the Super Bowl win in 2007 — the first black coach to do so — then left the league after one more season to focus on his family and mission. The football analyst spent the morning speaking to inmates at three facilities in the Broad River Correctional Complex of the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

The last gathering was for about 550 minimum-security prisoners who were not held in a worn-off softball field not far enough from the prison’s entrance.

A choir and band from the Central Church of God in Charlotte, N.C., played inspirational songs before Dungy’s group arrived.

Dungy told the crowd he’d offered to come to South Carolina’s capital city to search out prospects as a pro and college coach. This time, he said, he came to let those locked up know it’s not too late for positive, lasting change.

“It really doesn’t matter about your past,” Dungy said. “It’s about your future and what you’re going to do.”

Dungy got involved in prison ministries while head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1996, when he was nervous about meeting inmates, he says, with the same misgivings many have about those behind bars.

Dungy discovered many prisoners were filled with remorse eager to amend for mistakes.

“I’ve been actively involved ever since,” Tommy, a 39-year-old minimum security inmate serving 17 years for strongarm robbery, is football fan who enjoys the game.

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**BASEBALL**

Indians pitcher Jake Westbrook, left, allowed one run in four innings as Cleveland defeated the Giants 7-1 on Tuesday. Westbrook has not pitched since 2008 after elbow surgery.

Associated Press

GOODYEAR, Ariz.—As Jake Westbrook ran springs in the outfield grass, a Cleveland fan leaned over the railing in right field and offered his cri-te.

“Hey, Jake, the man believed ‘Great outsourcing’ Westbrook smiled.

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PGA Tour

In this 1997 photo, Masters champion Tiger Woods receives his green jacket from the previous year’s winner Nick Faldo.

In a statement Tuesday, Woods said he will play at Augusta National after a four-month hiatus because of a sex scandal.

Woods set to return for Masters on April 8

Associated Press

PALM HARBOR, Florida — For Tiger Woods, this figures to be a Masters like no other.

Woods said Tuesday he will end more than four months of seclusion and play at Augusta National in three weeks, shielded by the most secure environment in golf as he competes for the first time since a sex scandal shattered his image.

“The Masters is where I won my first major and I view this tournament with great respect,” Woods said in a statement. “After a long and necessary time away from the game, I feel like I’m ready to start my season at Augusta.”

The Masters begins April 8.

No other major championship attracts such a large television audience, and that’s under normal circumstances.

Already the most popular figure in golf with his 82 worldwide victories and 14 majors — four of them at the Masters — Woods returns as a disgraced star who will be under the greatest scrutiny of his career.

“We’re all looking forward to having him back. We want him playing,” Jim Furyk said. “I’m sure we’re also looking forward to everything being business as usual. And it’s going to take awhile. We know that.”

Woods last competed Nov. 15 when he won the Australian Masters in Melbourne. Twelve days later, he rammed his sport utility vehicle over a fire hydrant and into a tree outside his Florida home, an accident that set off sordid tales of extramarital affairs. Woods announced Dec. 11 that he would take an indefinite break to try to save his marriage.

“The major championships have always been a special focus in my career and, as a professional, I think Augusta is where I need to be, even though it’s been a while since I last played,” Woods said.

“I have undergone almost two months of inpatient therapy and I am continuing my treatment,” he said. “Although I’m returning to competition, I still have a lot of work to do in my personal life.”

Augusta National chairman Billy Payne said the club supported Woods’ decision to make his return at the Masters, adding that “we support and encourage his stated commitment to continue the significant work required to rebuild his personal and professional life.”

PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem also said he was pleased to learn of Woods’ return.

IN BRIEF

Hawks’ Campbell has broken collarbone rib miss 2010 season

CHICAGO — Chicago Blackhawks defenseman Brian Campbell will miss seven to eight weeks with a broken collar bone and a fractured rib, the result of a hit from Washington Capitals’ star Alex Ovechkin.

Blackhawks team doctor Michael Terrry said Tuesday that Campbell will likely avoid surgery and is expected to make a full recovery. The Blackhawks’ regular season ends April 11.

Ovechkin drove Campbell into the boards from behind in the first period of Sunday’s game. Campbell stayed on the ice for several minutes. Ovechkin, the NHL’s leading scorer, drew a game misconduct penalty for the hit and on Monday got a two-game suspension.

Ovechkin said he was “disappointed” by the NHL’s decision and was sorry for the injury that came on what he thought was “just a little push.” Ovechkin will miss games Tuesday at Florida and Thursday at Carolina.

White Sox’s Mitchell to take complete recovery

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Chicago White Sox outfielder Jared Mitchell will miss the 2010 season after surgery on his left ankle.

The team said Tuesday that the 21-year-old prospect is expected to make a complete recovery. Mitchell was injured Friday while making a spectacular, against-the-wall catch on a drive off the bat of Juan Rivera in a split-squad win over the Los Angeles Angels.

The 21-year-old Mitchell is among the club’s top prospects despite minimal experience in the minor leagues so far after being drafted out of Louisiana State. He batted .296 with 12 doubles, two triples and 10 RBIs in 34 games last year for Class A Kannapolis of the South Atlantic League.

Mitchell was taken by Chicago 23rd overall in last June’s amateur draft. The surgery was to repair a tear of the tendon on the inside of his ankle.

Arenas: I deserve to be punished for gun prank

WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas says he deserves to be punished for bringing guns to the locker room.

The suspended Washington Wizards guard told Esquire magazine that he wasn’t using “longevity thinking” when he took out four guns in what he says was an attempt to play a prank on teammate Javaris Crittenton in December.

Arenas pleaded guilty to a felony gun charge in January and will be sentenced next week. He has been suspended until the end of the season by the NBA.

In the Esquire interview, which hits newsstands next week and was obtained by The Associated Press in advance, Arenas says he has “messed up” the legacy of Wizards owner Abe Pollin, who died in November.

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Suspension for hit angers Ovechkin
Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — Washington Capitals star Alex Ovechkin on Tuesday said he was disappoint-
ed by a two-game suspension issued for a hit on Chicago’s Brian Campbell.

In a brief interview with reporters in South Florida, the two-time MVP first said he was sorry that the hit resulted in an injury for Campbell and added that he was “disappointed” it resulted in a two-game suspen-
sion. He answered just three questions before a Capitals team official ended the session.

“I think it was like the heat of the hit,” Ovechkin said when asked if he was surprised by the league’s decision. “I think it was just a hit.”

Campbell is done for the regu-
lar season. He is expected to miss up to two months with a broken collar bone and a fractured rib, but Capitals coach Bruce Boudreau said Tuesday that Campbell probably will avoid sur-
egery and is expected to make a full recovery.

In a statement posted on the team’s Web site, Ovechkin said he would continue to “play hard, play smart and respect for my teammates, oppo-

tents and fans” when he returns to the ice.

“Just didn’t mean to make some-
one injured,” Ovechkin told reporters. “I knew that you know, it’s a hockey game.”

Ovechkin drove Campbell into the boards from behind in the first period Sunday and received a major penalty and a game mis-
conduct. The Blackhawks’ defensemen stayed down for sev-
eral minutes before he was able to leave the ice with a trainer. He did not return to the game.

The injuries mean the 10-year-
old Campbell’s streak of consecu-
tive regular-season games, which reached 388 on Sunday, is over. Chicago’s regular season ends April 11, and Campbell could return to the lineup if the Blackhawks are still in the play-
offs.

Campbell is a three-time All-
Star who has seven goals and 31 assists this season.

“I just know there was no mal-

cious intent,” Capitals coach Mike Bellotti said. “He didn’t go to hurt him. He went to hit him, but the hit didn’t cause the damage. The boards caused the damage.”

Ovechkin said Tuesday’s contest against the Florida Panthers and Thursday’s game at Carolina is. It is the fourth time this season that Ovechkin will miss a game against the Panthers. An upper-body injury sidelined Ovechkin for a home-and-home series in November and he was suspended when the Capitals faced Florida Dec. 3. The Panthers still lost all three games.

“But we’re a very good team. He is the MVP and all of those things and we can’t replace him, but we’ve got three good offensive lines, because we’re an offensive team, and we’re playing well. I’m hoping the guys will pick it up for him again.”

NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL
Oregon fires Kent after
tourney-opening loss
Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — Ernie Kent, the winningest coach in Oregon history, was dismissed Tuesday after 13 seasons with his alma mater.

“You may find a better bas-
ketball coach, but I don’t think you’ll find anybody that has the passion and love that I have for this university,” said Kent, who had to pause for several moments to fight back his emotions.

Oregon went 16-16 overall and 7-11 in the Pac-10 this past season, finishing with a 90-74 quarterfinal loss to California in the conference tournament.

Kent, 55, leaves Oregon with a 235-173 overall record. But the Ducks have slipped in the past two seasons, going 24-39 the past two seasons, finishing 10th and ninth, respectively, in conference play.

Attendance has also dipped from an average of 7,922 in 2006-07 to 7,122 this past season.

Kent was the longest tenured Pac-10 coach. He took Oregon to the NCAA tourna-
ment five times, advancing twice to the round of eight.

He played at Oregon from 1973-77, part of the so-called Kamakazi Kids under coach Dick Harter.

Oregon athletic director Mike Bellotti said Oregon ter-
ninated Kent’s contract effec-
tive June 30. He cited his record and declining attend-
ance at MacArthur Court.

“I think the accomplish-
ments that Ernie has done speak for themselves,” said Bellotti, who admitted it was a difficult decision. “I’m going to feel his life to the university as a student, a teacher and a coach.”

The dismissal had been rumored for the past two weeks, after Eugene’s KVAL-
TV reported that Kent had been informed on Feb. 22 that he would not return as the Ducks’ coach.

Kent told his players shortly after the regular season finale.

Both Kent and Bellotti, who appeared separately at a news conference on Tuesday on the floor of Matthew Court, confirmed the details of the report. Kent said he was given the option of leaving the team at that time.

“I thought it would be very hypocritical of me to walk out on my guys,” Kent said.
Minutes later, reporters flocked to the practice range at Innisbrook to find anyone willing to share any perspective about his return to competition.

The most awkward moment came when a reporter asked Rod Pampling, who frequently practices play rounds with Woods at the majors, if he would seek him out at Augusta National.

“I’d love to,” Pampling said. “But I’m not in the tournament. Thanks for reminding me.”

It might seem that so much attention on one player would allow everyone else to be left alone to work on their games and get in the right frame of mind for a week that requires so much discipline.

One problem: “It will have an affect on everyone because we’re going to have to talk about it a lot,” Jim Furyk said while surrounded by TV cameras. “I’m doing it right now. He’s going to be difficult to interview, so that leaves the rest of us answering a lot of questions.”

This is not the first time the Masters has been taken hostage by a single story on the road to Augusta National. Seven years ago, rarely a week on the PGA Tour went by without someone asking about Martha Burk and her campaign against the club’s all-male membership. When the Masters rolled around, everyone was waiting to hear the press conference of club chairman Hootie Johnson, who started the whole thing with his “point of a bayonet” letter to Burk. He took nearly three dozen questions without saying much of anything.

The uproar even overshadowed Woods’ effort to become the first player to win three straight years. At one point, Woods said the best way to get into Augusta National was by parachute.

But this is different. Once the 2003 Masters began the focus returned to competition.

Woods figures to command attention as long as he’s on the golf course.

There was speculation that Augusta National did not want Woods to return at its highest tournament and create the biggest media spectacle in sports, although chairman Billy Payne appeared to welcome him in his statement.

“We support Tiger’s decision to return to competitive golf beginning at this year’s Masters Tournament,” he said. “The timing of Woods’ announcement could not have been better or worse. Whenever he announced his plans, it was sure to become the biggest story no matter what was going on (the Transitions Championship, by the way, starts Thursday).

This was the case at Innisbrook and Bay Hill, and the Hootie Open the week before the Masters. And don’t forget the Tavistock Cup, to be played this week at Isleworth, not far from where Woods ran over the fire hydrant and hit a tree in that middle-of-the-night accident that began this sordid tale.

At least in the Martha Burb year, players were talking Simon as a lobbyist they didn’t know, and a subject out of their control.

“Even everyone knows Woods. Most are careful what they say.”

Associated Press

PGA

Masters filled with storylines beyond Woods

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — The Masters is three weeks away, filled with story lines that now are going to be ignored.

Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer will be paired together, if only to hit a ceremonial tee shot to start the tournament.

Angel Cabrera is the defending champion. Europe, with five players among the top 10 in the world, has vastly improved its chances of having a Masters champion for the first time since 1999.

Brothers will be competing for the first time in 10 years — Francesco and Edoardo Molinari of Italy.

Oh, and Tiger Woods is playing.

That announcement Tuesday was all it took for the Masters to become about one player.

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The Observer ◆ SPORTS

Rodrick and Murray advance in California

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Andy Roddick defeated Thiemo de Bakker of the Netherlands 6-3, 6-4 on Tuesday to reach the fourth round of the BNP Paribas Open along with Andy Murray, while second-seeded Caroline Wozniacki advanced to the women’s quarterfinals.

Roddick, a semifinalist here last year, improved his record to 17-3 this season, all on hard courts. He had an easier time with de Bakker than their first meeting, a three-set win at the Australian Open in January.

Roddick served 10 aces and saved the only service break he faced in the first set of a match played in nearly 90-degree heat.

“The points he was winning he was capable of coming forward, really being the aggressor, which is always a little bit uncomfortable. It’s important to hang on to your service games,” Roddick said.

No. 4 Murray served seven aces and was broken just once in defeating American Michael Russell 6-3, 7-5. At 31, Russell was the oldest player remaining in the first round.

“I don’t think I lost my concentration, necessarily, the game when I got broken, but he had break point, he had a great backhand,” Murray said. “I would have liked to have closed it out there 3 and 3, but I did well to stay composed at the end.”

James Blake joined Russell as another sidelined American, losing 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 to Nicolas Almagro of Spain. Roddick and John Isner are the lone U.S. men left, with Isner facing a tough match against No. 3 Rafael Nadal on Wednesday.

In fourth-round women’s play, No. 10 Magdalena Rybarikova of Slovakia defeated No. 19 Aravane Rezai of France 6-3, 6-3, sixth-seeded Jelena Jankovic routened American Alona Bond and on the way to becoming only the second American woman to reach the last eight of the tournament.

Top-ranked Roger Federer was to play Marcos Baghdatis in a night match.

Wozniacki advanced to the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over 16th-seeded Nadia Petrova, whose career record against top-five players dropped to 11-42 with the loss.

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Mueller's two goals lead Avalanche over Blues

Kobasew extends Wild's streak over Edmonton; Predators edge Flyers as Erat scores only goal of shootout

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Peter Mueller scored twice on a three-point game that matched his career best and Paul Stastny ended his fifth goal in three games with two assists, helping the Colorado Avalanche to a 4-1 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Tuesday night.

The Blues had quick goals to start the first two periods, with Alex Steen matching the franchise record to start the game on goal. Steen's two goals in 8:30 was the fastest two-goal mark and Patrik Berglund scoring at 34 seconds of the second to tie it at 2-0. Otherwise, backup goalie Peter Budaj was effective sufficing for Ilya Bryzgalov, who got a break after making a franchise-record 32 consecutive starts.

St. Louis flipped in its first home game of an eight-game road trip, dropping to an NHL-worst 12-17-5 at the Scottrade Center. The Avalanche outscored them 23-10 over four games for their first season sweep since 2005-06.

Blues goalie Chris Mason gave up seven goals on 24 shots after coming in 0-3 with a 7.22 goals-against average against Colorado.

Budaj was especially strong in the second period, when the Blues had sustained pressure and outshot Colorado 14-6, but Chuck Steiger's late goal put it out of reach.

Time is running out on the Blues' season; they are 2-13-2 since being acquired from the Phoenix Coyotes, totaling four goals and seven assists after having 17 points in 54 games with Phoenix.

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LeBron's slow start does not slow down Cavs

Jason Richardson, high-scoring Suns torch Timberwolves for highest point total since last March in 38-point rout

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AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — LeBron James was shaky early and spectacular late.

James had 29 points, 12 rebounds and 12 assists for his fourth triple-double of the season, lifting the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 113-101 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Tuesday night.

"Every point, rebound and assist was needed," Cavs coach Mike Brown said.

The final score was relatively lopsided, but the game wasn't.

There were 10 lead changes and 21 ties, the last one with 4:44 left.

The Cavs closed the game by outscoring Detroit 19-7, thanks in large part to James.

He set up Mo Williams for a tiebreaking 3-pointer with a sharp pass from the top of the key to the right corner, then grabbed a rebound, charged up the court and made a drop pass to Anderson Varejao for a five-point jumper to seal the win.

"The guy's not human," said Detroit's Will Bynum, adding he thought James got away with goaltending on his layup with 1 1/2 minutes left. "When he gets rolling, you just want to try to stop his teammates and hope that's enough."

Those teammates led the way when the superstar had as many turnovers (three) as points late in the first quarter and just five points at halftime.

Williams finished with 20 points. Antawn Jamison had 15 points and 10 rebounds, and reserve Jawad Williams added 10 points.

James missed 10-of-15 shots over the first three quarters and was 5 for 7 in the final one as he added four assists and three rebounds to his total for his 28th career triple-double.

"In the fourth quarter, we made our mark," he said. "That's close-out time for me."

He said triple-doubles are "absolutely" his favorite accomplishment other than winning.

"That means you're doing everything your team needs to win basketball games," James said. "That is one of the best things you can have as an individual."

Adding to his highlight reel, James had a three-point play that ended with a layup after Tayshaun Prince's foul just inside the 3-point line.

"I'm not surprised by any call in the NBA any more, but you also have to give him some credit," Bynum said. "There's probably no one else on Earth who could have even gotten a shot off like that."

Cleveland has won four in a row and lost only one of its last 11 games, improving to an NBA-best 53-15.

Richard Hamilton had 24 points and was one of six Pistons who scored in double figures.

The Pistons, unlike recent games, were very competitive until James took over in the fourth quarter.

"We were trying to redeem ourselves, so this is very frustrating," Pistons forward Tayshaun Prince said.

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"Well, that's certainly what happened," Bynum said.

"It's not the first time this kind of thing happened to Minnesota. The Timberwolves had matched a franchise record by giving up 146 points in a 41-point loss to Golden State last Nov. 9. "We weren't making that effort. They were playing a lot harder than we were," Rambis said. "With a team that is in synch the way that they're in, they understand how to move the basketball, the know where their options and their outlet passes are. They're just too good."

It was not the first time this year the Suns overwhelmed the Timberwolves' ever-shaky defense to take a 79-61 halftime lead. It was the second-most points scored in a half in the NBA this season, eclipsed only by the 81-point second half for Milwaukee against Golden State on Nov. 14.

Phoenix hadn’t scored this many in a half since getting 80 in the second half in its 154-point game at Golden State almost exactly a year ago, on March 15, 2009.

The Suns shot 67 percent in the first half (13 of 19), led by Richardson’s 21 points, including 5 of 6 3-pointers. Nash had 11 points on 5-of-6 shooting and 11 assists in the first half.

Richardson scored 27 points and Amar’e Stoudemire 25, then sat with the rest of the Phoenix starters while the Suns’ reserves finished off a rout of Minnesota on Monday night in the highest-scoring game by an NBA team this season.

Lou Amundson matched his career high with 20 points as Phoenix sent the Timberwolves to their 10th straight loss and 16th in the last 17 games.

The Suns, with eight players in double figures, shot 56 percent from the field and 15 of 31 from 3-point range to win their ninth in 12 games.

"We’re just trying to gear up for the last 15 games," Phoenix coach Alvin Gentry said. "It’s a pace that we’re comfortable with."

Corey Brewer scored 21 for the Timberwolves, who set a franchise record for most points allowed in a game.

"Well, that’s certainly what happens when you don’t play any defense," Timberwolves coach Kurt Rambis said

Phoenix pulled alone into sixth place in the tight scramble for playoff positioning in the West. The Suns trail No. 5 Oklahoma City by a half-game and No. 4 Utah by 1 1/2 games. It was a perfect night to rest the starters in preparation for Friday night’s home game against the Jazz.

"And you give that a physical game," Gentry said. "This certainly wasn’t."

"It was a lot of fun," Stoudemire said. "It was so much fun when the starters were able to rest there in the fourth. We’ll take that."

Richardson, who scored 15 in the first quarter, matched his sea-
Saint Mary’s ties for second in N.C.

By TIM SINGLER  Spor Winer

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Saint Mary’s next competes in a week and half when it travels to Georgetown, Texas, to participate in the Southwestern Invitational, hosted by No. 12 Southwestern.

SMC TENNIS

Belles notch four wins in Orlando

By MATT ROBISON  Spor Winer

Over a long Spring Break trip to Orlando, Fla., the Belles claimed four victories, while only dropping one match. Saint Mary’s (6-2) out Ursinus, 9-0, and won a close one over Carthage. One more match was scheduled against Wheaton, but it was canceled due to rain. The loss came in a close match to Wesleyan, 5-4, and Carthage, giving the Belles win more out of themselves.

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“I believe that our players want another chance at them, which is the attitude we need to have,” Campbell said. “To say that we are satisfied would not be correct. The Belles had a solid tourney at a tournament all around as a team, but Junior Jillian Hurley stood out. Hurley went 10 matches without losing, winning all five of her individual matches at the No. 1 spot and all five of her doubles matches with partner Mary Therese Lee. Despite having only one senior on the squad, Campbell said the Belles showed a great deal of maturity in quickly picking themselves up after the loss to Wesleyan to beat Warburg.

“A veteran team seems to do a better job of taking each match individually and getting up for those matches,” Campbell said.

After the strong showing in Orlando, the Belles need to continue to improve heading into league play. “We still have to get much better and raise our expectations individually and as a team.”

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Fortner leads Irish to second title of season

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big first serve, penetrating groundstrokes and a strong forehand that never let his opponents off the hook; both better than he did even a year ago. More than anything he has a real presence on the court and great determination.”

The Irish fell behind early when USF (5-6) earned the doubles point to take an early 1-0 lead.

The Irish avoided the sweep with a win at No. 3 doubles as Anderson defeated Frank and Roman Deridder, 6-2.

The loss to South Florida was difficult,” Bayliss said. “Casey Watt was unable to play, as he woke up with a little food poisoning. We had to move everyone up a spot, but still were in a position to win. David Anderson led 4-3 in the third set and we had chances to win at both No. 1 and No. 2 doubles.”

With Watt out, Havens fell at No. 1 singles by a score of 6-2, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 as Boudinot won his singles. Junior captain Tyler Davis was able to pull the Irish within a point with a three-set win at No. 1 singles, and then sophomore Sam Keeton tied the score at three with a win at No. 5 singles.

In the second round of the season, the Irish were able to defeat No. 19 Florida State (8-3) by a score of 4-3 after rallying from another 3-0 deficit. The Irish again dropped the doubles point and the No. 1 and No. 2 singles matches before taking the match. “The doubles was exciting,” Bayliss said. “We came back from a break down at No. 1 to win 6-6. [Watt’s] presence made a huge difference.”

Havens and Watt were able to earn a win at No. 1 doubles but that was the only win the Irish would earn in doubles for the day. Stahl was able to defeat No. 55 Clint Bowles at No. 3 singles, 7-5, 6-4.

Anderson again played an important role in the match as he faced off against another top player and was able to win in straight sets. “David knocked the score at 3-3 by winning a difficult third set over Conner Smith, a great ball striker,” Bayliss said. “That’s where it all began. Sam Keton, who showed remarkable ability to play in his position. He handled the pressure very well, breaking serve three consecutive times to clinch. He played aggressively throughout the match and was able to finish the match at the net often.”

Keeton was able to clinch the victory for the Irish at No. 3 singles with another three-set victory. The Irish will now travel to Montgomery, Ala. for the Blue Gray National Classic, with their opening match Thursday.

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two per event. This will be the third consecutive season in which the Irish have qualified 12 fencers for the championship round. Other teams sending 12 fencers on to the next round include Penn State, Princeton, Harvard and St. John’s.

Ohio State, which defeated the Irish by a narrow margin at nationals in 2008, will also be strongly represented next weekend.

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ND WOMEN’S GOLF

By KEVIN BALDWIN

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Notre Dame continued to improve its game at the LSU Tiger-Wave Classic at English Turn Golf and Country Club in New Orleans over the weekend.

The Irish finished 13th in a field that included many of the country’s top teams in the NCAA’s National Championship.

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CUTIEPIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Julian Friedlander, 41; Lauren Ohlson, 41; Victor Garber, 62; Bernardo Bertolucci, 72.

Bobby Birthday: Learn to listen and enjoy what life has to offer. Your appointments will only get you into trouble this week, so check first in order to avoid costly personal and professional mistakes. Don’t let someone limit what you can do for others. Use your inner self in your work and your use of resources. Love is on the menu, but it’s not with someone whom infatuation is a bad idea. 

ABIES (March 20-April 19): Nothing will be too much trouble this week. Do not cross off the letters that are still on your name, for you are now over programming the subconscious mind that you can do it. Love is not on the menu, but it is with someone whom having in mind is a good idea. 

TARANTILLO (April 20-May 20): Keep your wits about you and avoid any unnecessary snags with официалные dignity, banks and organizations. Concentrate on what you can do for others. Your inner self will be very important if you want to succeed.

GESMO (May 21-June 20): It’s the presence you have when you are passionate about someone thing that will attract some interesting offers. You have the potential to make a difference that you cannot do alone. Call upon people who you are familiar. 

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don’t let anyone force you into a responsibility that already doesn’t belong to you. Avoid mingling with other people’s feelings or trying someone to entertain with your words. An idle solution may have you help. 

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You’re ready to make a commitment or to share someone you care close than you are serious. Plan your future vacation or get involved in another course. Activities that require physical endurance or competition will lift your spirits. 

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone looking for a handout may be taking advantage of you. Taking someone else’s chance will ruin the whole picture and will cause you problems. Listen and ask questions before you get involved with someone else’s business. 

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Partnership problems can be expected. Keep a close watch but don’t make a move just yet. You have to go all the ways and work out a game plan. You will find that you will not get your clients into something that will be to your benefit. 

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your ideas, coupled with the new connections you’ve made, will enable you to possess your time and a project that you have so much time off. Good fortune is heading in your direction. 

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Focus on home, family and being the best you can be. If you don’t want to be too critical of someone’s experience, direct point of view or your product. Remember, you understand the past will help to keep you on your course. 

CAPRICON (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): You can make some changes that will help you out from these experiences. Small, but emotional changes change your plans and your product. It is not in the theme of the question you are asking. 

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18): You will find a better and acceptable little. Finish a job you project that needs compiling. Rally on experience to modify what you create. Change is required now, and if you would like to use exactly what you are asked. 

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It’s time to make changes that will lead you to greater financial independence. Start saving and stop spending foolishly. If the price ticket of socializing is too high, maybe a good time for someone you care close. 

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**New home, more wins**

Notre Dame rebounds from loss with win over California

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

No. 3 Notre Dame christened Arlotta Stadium in style with a 14-7 win over Denver Tuesday, and in doing so, the Irish snapped their two-game skid. Seven different players scored for the Irish in a victory that was one of Notre Dame’s most comfortable of the season.

The Pioneers (3-4) opened the scoring with a goal just a few minutes after the opening faceoff, but the Irish (4-2) used goals by senior attack Neal Hicks and sophomore attack Sean Rogers to take a 2-1 lead just more than five minutes into the game. After Denver tied the game, Notre Dame senior attack Collin Igoe scored, and then senior midfielder Grant Krebs and junior midfielder David Earl each added a goal for the Irish in a victory over Wisconsin on Feb. 28.

The Irish called a timeout to reorganize. From there, the Irish managed to pull the game to a tie, then Notre Dame scored first in overtime and never looked back.

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**NEW HOME**

Arlotta Stadium opens with three hat tricks

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame dominated the Midwest Regional over the weekend to bring its record to 68-0, which is the most important thing is that we qualified 12 fencers,” Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. “It will be very interesting to see how an unusually hard field so we can expect a lot of excitement and drama.”

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**MIDWEST**

ND takes Midwest Regional

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**FOOTBALL**

Blue-Gold Game will cap spring practices

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Notre Dame announced the dates for Brian Kelly’s first spring football practices as Irish coach Tuesday. Notre Dame will practice 15 times over five weeks beginning March 26. Kelly and the Irish will practice every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday through the Blue-Gold Spring Football Game on April 24.

The team will have April 2-3 off due to Easter weekend. Weekly practices will be at 3:15 p.m., and Saturday practices will be at 9 a.m. The 81st annual Blue-Gold Game will kick off at 1:30 p.m.

Included in the 15 practices is the 2010 Notre Dame Football Coaches Clinic, which will be held April 16-17. Fans that arrive at the clinic will watch the Irish in two practices, and participate in activations with Kelly and the Irish coaching staff.

Along with Kelly’s first coaching on a Notre Dame field, of particular interest to Irish fans will be the status of sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist. Crist suffered a torn ACL during Notre Dame’s 40-14 victory over Washington State on Oct. 31.

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