Students, staff react to passing of health care bill

By AARON STEINER and SARAH MERVOSH
News Writers

Notre Dame College Democrats celebrated a long-awaited victory Sunday after spending months making more than 6,000 phone calls to area residents, asking them to express their support to health care reform to Rep. Joe Donnelly, a Democrat.

Donnelly voted “yes” on the health care reform legislation, which passed in the House of Representatives Sunday by a 219-212 vote. President Barack Obama is scheduled to sign the bill today.

William Evans, an economics professor at Notre Dame with an expertise in health economics, said the legislation marks “extensive change” on a number of fronts.

“Any way you slice it, a trillion dollars over 10 years is a chunk of change,” Evans said, referring to the estimated increase in government expenditures.

Evans said the bill will result in a “fairly substantial increase in government provision of medical care.”

While it won’t provide universal coverage, as some have suggested, Evans said more Americans will have health insurance.

“It’s clear that insurance enrollment is going to go up as a result of this, and the number of uninsured is going to go down,” he said.

The positives and negatives of reform have been fiercely debated, mostly along partisan lines, but Evans said he sees both good and bad in the legislation.

He pointed to aggressive moves to control Medicare costs as a positive change but said those who are concerned about the high cost are “right-

Third annual festival recognizes, celebrates female authors

By KATLYN SMITH
News Writer

The third annual Women Writers Festival will help counter the trend of celebrating male authors and give recognition to their female counterparts. Valerie Sayers, a professor of English, said, “Even anthologies up until just a few years ago and still, anthologies of contemporary writers, will focus on male writers to the expense of female writers,” she said. “We really want to say that women writers are around and that they have something to say to all readers.”

The Festival will feature three prize-winning female authors on Tuesday and Wednesday in McKenna Hall. It will include readings and a panel discussion by writers Lorrie Moore, Lolita Hernandez and Frances Hwang, a creative writing professor at Saint Mary’s.

Sayers said this year’s theme resonates with students.

“This year we focused on writers who do short stories because that’s where so many undergraduate writers start,” Sayers said.

Sayers also said she hopes the festival will be a “visual presence” on campus and raise awareness among the student body.

“The more undergraduates that know about us, the better, and that means males and females,” she said.

Sayers said female writers of literary fiction often struggle to gain attention.

“Women who write genre fiction, dating novels or any of the chick literature genres really have no problem getting published or getting recognition,” Sayers said. “For women who write literary fiction, I think the challenge is still finding a publisher who will take a woman writer as seriously as a man and finding an audience because it’s still kind of the common wisdom in New York publishing houses that if a women writes about a women’s life, only women are going to read about it.”

Sayers said the online environment is one way to counter this challenge.

“The publishing scene is changing so rapidly with everything that’s going on that knowledge of a publishing house becomes a thing of the past,” Sayers said.

Members recommend medical amnesty policy

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Campus Life Council (CLC) passed a recommendation to include a medical amnesty policy in the Student Body Constitution. The recommendation was the result of student complaints regarding disciplinary action.

Controversy over the policy in past meetings caused the recommendation to be revised and represented to CLC at Monday’s meeting.

“Students would at least know that this would be kept in consideration,” student body president Grant Schmidt said. “I feel that seeing the disciplinary action would not be the same.

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Healthy vending available

By CAITLYN KALSCHEUR
News Writer

Notre Dame students and staff looking for healthier on-the-go snack options now have to look no further than the nearest vending machines.

Notre Dame Vending has partnered with Del Monte Fresh Produce Company to provide fresh-cut produce options in the sandwich machines around campus.

The products are new this semester, but the project to bring healthier snack options

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Inside Today’s Paper
Dear Food Network,

Thank you for existing. Your television programming is a pleasure to watch in and out day. It is bad enough that Notre Dame cable does not offer the Bravo channel. But luck see Donner's have you. Even in the midst of circumstances, when not even a "Law & Order" repeat is on, I can count on Channel 64 to provide enjoyable programming.

Bobby Flay, you are awesome. You dominate as a host on so many shows including my favorite episode, "Throwdown! with Bobby Flay." This is an absolute work of genius as you travel all over the country challenging chefs to a cook-off of their renown dishes. You are graceful in your wins and losses and always put an interesting twist on each dish.

If I'm in the mood for dessert and design I watch "Food Network Challenge," a competition that features professional chefs in cake making. But these are not your average cakes. These are incredible pieces of art that are truly invested in the contestants. If my favorite cake does not win, I get upset. When the judges' are jocks I get upset. And as they move their cakes from the kitchen to the judging table, my heart stops. Thank you Food Network for conjuring this show, especially the Disney Villain themed episode.

Duff Goldman and all of Charm City Cakes, I wish I were as creative as you guys. "Ace of Cakes" is a fantastic show full of people who genuinely seem to be having fun. Geof, the cake genius and resident fix it guy, is my personal fave. And there is no doubt about it, TLC's "Cake Boss" is absolutely a step down. Sorry Buddy, you are not my favorite.

It's true Rachael Ray, you annoy me a lot with your raipy voice and the way you have tried to take over the world like you were the second coming of Martha Stewart. But I still watch your show because let's be honest, it is pretty impressive to make a full meal (that usually looks delicious) in 30 minutes. But please save my grandma from having a heart attack and wash your chicken and let's not forget to put a hat on before cooking. It just is not sanitary.

And then there's "The Next Food Network Star." What a brilliant reality show competition. The contestants get a real prize slot on the show and truly last in their current, their own series on the Food Network. My favorite success story is Gay Flirt. His infatuation with nursing/ward stuff and his personal chemistry makes him so entertaining to watch and he adds something different to the sometimes cookie cutter bunch at the Food Network. Guy, you rock.

Whether you're a woman doing laundry (they may!) or a college student avoiding homework, the Food Network is the place to go. So thank you Food Network for everything. My only beef with you is that I cannot count on Channel 64 to provide enjoyable programming.

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ISSA hosts Int’l Festival Week

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

The Office of International Student Services and Activities (ISSA) will host International Festival Week, a celebration of the various cultures of international students in the Notre Dame community, on campus this week. A part of the University’s Division of Student Affairs, ISSA “is responsible for providing services and programs to international students and their families that include cultural education and community outreach,” according to its Web site.

Sophomore Anne Huntington, an ISSA International Ambassador, said she hopes the week will be an especially visible example of cultural education.

“I hope students will see there’s a lot more international students and international flavor than we see on a daily basis,” Huntington said. “It will show students that there’s more out there, that there are really interesting international people right here on campus.

The Festival Week began Sunday with a Studio Tour of the Fischer-O’Hara Grace Community Center and a Spanish Mass in the St. Edward’s Hall Chapel.

On Monday, ISSA hosted a “Multicultural Extravaganza” in the DuSable Room in LaFortune and a Bahá’í Devotional Gathering in Coleman-Morse.

Additional events will take place throughout the week, Huntington said.

“We’re going to have two cooking classes for international students, a red hot chili eating contest and an international sports event,” she said.

Tonight’s “Speed Language” event will offer students a crash course in foreign languages at 7 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

International students can also form connections with potential employers like IBM, Motorola and Whirlpool at 7 p.m. in Planner Hall.

Thursday’s “Food from Around the World: an International Potluck Dinner at the Wilson Commons will be followed by an International Sports Event at the Reifs Sports Recreation Center on Friday night. Sports will include badminton, cricket, rugby, soccer and table tennis, the ISSA Web site said.

The Festival Week will conclude Saturday with a “Holi Festival,” or Festival of Lights, traditionally celebrated in India and Nepal, and an International Children’s Festival with Cultural Displays at University Village.

JAMES DOAN/The Observer

Senior Jerry Shields stands in front of a presentation from the Chinese Cultural Society.

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary’s Editor

Alumna advises career flexibility

The ability to adjust to a variety of opportunities is important when searching for a job, a Saint Mary’s alumna and human resources executive said Monday.

Margaret Taylor, a 1978 graduate, spoke with students in the Student Center Lounge about the steps involved with finding a career, from choosing a major to job hunting.

“Majors change, that’s OK,” Taylor said. “If you’re in a major you’re not so comfortable with, don’t he afraid to say, ‘hey, this isn’t the right one.’

“You have to do something that you have in passion,” Taylor said. She originally intended on becoming an education major at Saint Mary’s. She has since worked for 20 years as a human resources representative and currently serves as the Senior Vice President of Human Resources at Biomet Inc. in Warsaw, Ind.

After changing her major to Communication Studies, she soon discovered a love for Humanistic Studies as well and decided she wanted to work in the broadcasting industry.

“I really spent most of my time interning over at WNDU, which was a great experience,” Taylor said. “I had a great audition tape by the time I was done with my internship, but I knew by the end of my internship that I knew that I wasn’t sure that was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life.

After an internship with a local broadcasting company, Taylor had reservations about a career in broadcast journalism and began searching for a new career path.

Taylor stressed the importance of internships and recommended all students pursue them.

“Get your internships and get them early,” she said. “In some way, it makes your resume look better if you intern in, especially at this stage, or where, but then you get the experience and it will tell you as much about what you don’t want to do as what you want to do.”

Taylor said students must remember to be flexible when searching for a post-graduation profession, and she used a personal anecdote to illustrate her point.

While working at a drugstore, Taylor said her boss submitted her name for a human resources position within the organization — and that’s how she got her start in the area she has now worked in for two decades, she said.

“While she was working as a human resources representative for the first time, Taylor said she realized that she knew more than she thought she did.

Taylor said students have to have confidence in their capabilities, as well as to be willing to learn new careers.

“There are so many things you are learning here today that you don’t realize,” she said.

Taylor said she credits much of her success in her undergraduate studies at an all-female institution.

She said gender has the potential to limit one’s success within the workforce but said women do have a place in corporate America.

“It’s not about sex, it’s about talent,” Taylor reminded students to forget about gender and instead think of themselves on their own capabilities.

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Panels to discuss Michael Jackson’s image

The sixth annual Erskine A. Peters Fellowship Symposium, titled “Reconstructing Michael Jackson’s Image: Explorations of Body, Spirit and Society,” will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Eck Visitors Center auditorium at the University of Notre Dame. The symposium will be preceded by a reception at 6 p.m. in the Eck Center. Both events are free and open to the public.

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The symposium will be moderated by Shana Redmond, assistant professor of American studies and ethnicity at the University of Southern California.

The five 2009-10 Erskine Peters Fellows will serve as panelists. They are: Jean Beaman, Department of Sociology, 11 years at the University of Chicago; Jessica Graham, Department of History, University of Chicago; Nicole Ivy, Department of African and American Studies, Yale University; Laurence Ralph, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago; and Marques Redd, Department of English, University of California at Berkeley.

The Erskine A. Peters Dissertation Year Fellowship at Notre Dame was established in 1999 to enable outstanding African-American doctoral candidates in the arts, humanities, social sciences and theological disciplines to experience life at Notre Dame while devoting their full energies to the completion of their dissertations.

The Peters Fellowship honors the life and academic achievements of one of the University’s most distinguished and beloved professors, Erskine A. Peters. Peters taught English at the University and became legendary for his commitment to scholarship, community service and graduate education in the College of Arts and Letters.

Peters, who was 49 years old when he died in 1997, served on the Notre Dame faculty in 1987, having previously taught at Northwestern University. He received his PhD in 1987 at the University of California at Berkeley, where he had served multiple terms as chairperson of Afro-American studies and dean of the College of Letters and Science.

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SMC elects class officers

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary’s Editor

Results are in, and the new leadership for the 2010-11 class boards at Saint Mary’s has been chosen.

For the Class of 2011, junior Kelly Lyons and Megan Flynn will be the president and vice president, respectively. Sophomores Nicole Gans and Maggie DePaola will take over for the Class of 2012, and the Class of 2013 will be led by first-years Katie Gutrich and Torrie Thompson.

Each of the new presidents and vice presidents will select the remainder of their boards and take office April 1, when the new Student Government Association (SGA) board takes over.

Class of 2011: Lyons and Flynn

Lyons said she wants to help make this a “memorable year” for the seniors. Lyons said the major events of the year will be Senior Dad’s Weekend and Senior Formal. In addition, she said there will be service projects and more senior-specific events on campus.

Lyons and Flynn hope to continue previous traditions while still working to make improvements.

Lyons also said she will be receptive to the opinions of her fellow classmates. “We want to make sure every senior feels like they have had an input into each of our class events,” Lyons said. “We hope that both our ideas and the ideas of our classmates for other senior class events will add to the memories of our final year.”

Class of 2012: Gans and DePaola

DePaola said being involved on campus is “very important” to her. Gans and DePaola want to work toward bringing the junior class together next year. “One of my main goals is to achieve a higher rate of class involvement,” DePaola said. “Nicole and I are really trying to listen to ideas from our class.”

In order to help smooth the transition, DePaola said they hope to keep members from last year’s board to help keep them “knowledgeable and experienced” as a board.

They said they hope to continue with class events while increasing volunteerism on campus. DePaola said they will continue the Light the Night Walk, Junior Formal and Junior Mom’s Weekend from last year’s board.

Class of 2013: Gutchik and Thompson

Gutchik said she wanted the position of class president so she would have the opportunity to play a larger role in the events on campus.

“Being an active member on campus is an important aspect of college life and I hope to encourage more of my classmates to get involved,” Gutchik said.

Both Gutchik and Thompson have already started brainstorming new events for next year’s board to plan, including a Welcome Back to SMC Bonfire and a Thanksgiving Food Drive.

“Next year, I would really like to see the Class of 2013 become more united,” Thompson said.

Thompson said it is important to look toward the future since the Class of 2013 still has plenty of time together on campus.

“I want to unite the class,” Thompson said. “I think that’s extremely important being that we have three more years together.”

Gutchik also said they hope to have more volunteer activities available for the sophomore class to help bring them together.

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Saint Mary’s promotes immigration awareness

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s La Fuerza, a club representing Latina culture on campus, is holding Action Week in order “to create awareness about the realities of immigration in the U.S.,” said club vice president Brianda Salas, a sophomore.

The first event held Monday was a viewing of the film “Papers,” which is “a documentary about undocumented youth and the challenges they face as they turn 18 and graduate high school without legal status,” Salas said.

The week will continue with a bilingual mass in Le Mans Hall’s Holy Spirit Chapel at 9 p.m. Wednesday.

On Thursday, La Fuerza will host Immigration Monologues, which will be “a short presentation about the myths and facts about immigration, followed by the real-life stories of individuals who have gone through the struggles of life as an immigrant and other similar stories,” Salas said.

Salas said La Fuerza will also host guest speaker Enrique Morones, the founder of Border Angels.

Salas said Border Angels is a nonprofit organization made of volunteers who work to stop unnecessary deaths of individuals who travel through the Imperial Valley desert areas and the mountain areas surrounding San Diego County.

Morones will deliver a lecture on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Vander Vennet Theater. Though the lecture will not be part of Action Week, it is related to its message, she said.

“We believe that by bringing Enrique Morones, it will enhance the Saint Mary’s College mission of commitment to social justice as well as promote student activism,” Salas said. “We not only wish to raise awareness, we want to promote action.”

Salas said she hopes these events will help break down existing stereotypes and misconceptions about immigration.

“La Fuerza wants to dispel those myths by presenting facts and real-life stories that will draw our audience closer to the realities of immigration and how it affects everyone and anyone regardless of migratory status,” Salas said.

The week as a whole is only part of the group’s mission to bring knowledge to campus about Latina Culture.

“As a group, we want to promote diversity and cultural education on our campus and the community,” Salas said. “With this event, we believe we are one step closer, educating the campus on immigration not just through opinions but facts.”

Salas said the club does not discriminate and embraces all cultures and backgrounds.

“We welcome anybody, not just Latinas,” Salas said. “Everyone is welcomed to become a member of La Fuerza and share their uniqueness through La Fuerza.”

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Health bill to effect slow reform
Obama plans to main legislation today after a year-long fight for reform

WASHINGTON — The first changes under the new health care law will be to see and not long in coming. There'll be $250 rebate checks for seniors in Medicare drug coverage gap, and young adults moving from college to work will be able to stay on their parents' plans until they turn 26.

But the peace of mind the president promised — the antidote for health care insecurity, whether you favored or opposed his overhaul — is still a ways beyond the horizon, starting only in 2014. Insurers then will be harried from turning down people with medical problems, and the government will provide tax credits to help millions of adult families buy coverage they can't afford now.

Health care overhaul will bring real change, but it's going to happen slowly.

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Still, if Obama wants to actually preside over the expansion of coverage to more than 30 million people, he'll have to persuade a majority of Americans to re-elect him in 2012.

“For people who have the greatest need, and other things will start quickly and make a difference,” said Dr. Ann Frierdholm of Consumers Union. For others, 2014 may seem like a long way away. “Some people may be frustrated that it's going to be several years, but that is the reality of what it takes to make these significant changes,” she added.

The main reason that Obama's plan phases in slowly boils down to cost. The Medicare cuts and tax increases to finance the bill start early, the subsidies to help people purchase coverage come later. That combination keeps the cost of the overhaul under $1 trillion in its first decade, as Obama promised. Republicans call it an accounting gimmick — but in past years they also resorted to it.

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Obama's plan also includes an important new program for the most vulnerable: uninsured people who can't get coverage because of major medical problems. It's intended to provide an umbrella of protection until the broad expansion of coverage takes effect in 2014.

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“In September, we saw the fresh cut fruits and vegetables,” VanTubbergen said. “They are really cutting-edge, so it is something that we are excited to have available to our students and employees.”

The fruit and vegetable options are packaged to stay fresh and cost $1.50 each, the Notre Dame Food Services Web site said.

Though other companies like the University of Miami and Indiana University are also bringing healthier vending to their campuses, Notre Dame is the first university in the Midwest to do so, VanTubbergen said.

“We were so excited to be able to bring the fresh cut option to Notre Dame,” VanTubbergen said.

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discipline) will always get kicked back to the reactor. The recommendation would free the hands of ORLH by giving more discretion to treat disciplinary cases, according to Assistant Judicial Council President Ian Secviar said. It would also be in keeping with the goal of pastoral care that is central to the philosophy behind residence life at Notre Dame, he said.

Zahn House rector Corry Colonna said CLC should not assume that sending a student to ORLH for discipline negates the educational role of the rector.

CLC members will review the recommendation and represent it to the council next week. Council members also agreed to recommend that the new issue of du Lac should clarify the undergraduate tailgating policy.

The suggested change asks that individual students who wish to host a tailgate may do so without consulting the Student Activities Office. CLC will invite Bill Kirk, associate vice president of Residence Life, to its meeting in order to hear its recommendations and continue its discussion on du Lac revisions.

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Bill

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fully worried.”

But for the College Democrats, the bill’s passage was seen as completely positive.

“The College Democrats are celebrating a victory for justice,” said junior Chris Rhodenbaugh, co-president of the College Democrats. “We are proud that the Congress, in particular Joe Donnelly, listened to the voices of the people, and policy is what is right for the future of our country.”

Meanwhile, Notre Dame College Republicans are lamenting the passing of the bill — one that did not garner a single Republican vote in the House.

“The economic and medical future of our country has been compromised,” said senior Erika Hagstrom, president of the College Republicans. “We will not be able to go back, and college students like those of us at Notre Dame will be paying for it for the rest of our lives.”

Especially physically. Rhodenbaugh said the bill’s main strengths are that it will not discriminate based on pre-existing conditions while getting more healthy people into the health care system and focusing more on preventing illness, rather than just treating the uninsured once they get sick.

“That’s where huge cost savings come in,” he said.

Rhodenbaugh also said the bill will benefit college students by allowing young people to stay on their parents’ insurance until they are 26 years old.

Roughly 28 percent of Americans between the ages of 18 and 24 are currently uninsured, Evans said.

Hagstrom said a primary concern is that the bill will be a detriment to the country’s already weak economy.

“The bill will increase costs which is the last thing we should be doing in this econom- ny,” she said.

Hagstrom also said she is against the bill’s language regarding abortion, which has been heavily debated as lawmakers, Catholic organizations and pro-life groups disagree about whether the new federal funding for abortion.

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Rhodenbaugh believes the bill as it was passed will not fund abortions. For Senate bill would find abortion and the House bill won’t fund abortion,” he said “Abortion will not be paid for in this bill. Rhodenbaugh said the bill is actually quite pro-life and Catholic.

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Writers

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Moore will open the festival today with a reading after a Pulitzer Prize. Moore’s honors for the short story include the 0. Henry Award and the Blass Award for the Short Story. Along with Moore and Hwang, Hernandez, another PhD beyond Margins with a co-recipient, will discuss the work in a panel tomorrow followed by a reading by the author.

Hwang will read a story tomorrow from a second collection of stories she is developing. The book, entitled “Children of Spleen,” will focus on conflict between parents and children.

These first collection of stories, “Transparency,” won the O. Henry Award and the John Pollack Prize for First Fiction from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

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in their busy lives to write, and men should regard that time as sacred and meaningful so they don’t feel like they are losing their identity as writ- ers,” she said.

Hwang encouraged women writers to pursue topics in a new way, even when writing about domestic issues, an area where frequently leag from their peers. “[Women] can be really against the bill’s language regarding abortion, which has been heavily debated as lawmakers, Catholic organizations and pro-life groups disagree about whether the new federal funding for abortion.

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In Brief

Health stocks give market a boost

NEW YORK — Drug and hospital companies led stocks higher Monday after House lawmakers ended months of uncertainty and approved the health care overhaul bill.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose about 44 points. Broader indexes also climbed. Investors had expected the health care bill would pass the House, but the approval late Sunday removed some of the anxiety that has dogged stocks of hospitals and drug makers. A bill with changes made by the House now goes back to the Senate for approval. Debate could begin Tuesday.

The 10-year, $938 billion bill will extend benef-
ts to millions of uninsured Americans. That will have far-reaching effects on health companies. With the bill in hand, insurers could place bets on winners and losers. Hospital stocks rose on expectations they would see more business and increased revenue. Some insurers fell because of far-reaching effects on health companies.

Many key points of the bill will not take effect inside China, because government filters restrict the links that can be clicked by mainland audiences.

Google plans to retain its engineering and sales offices in China so it can keep a technological foothold in the country and continue to sell ads for the Chinese-language version of its search engine in the U.S. The company, based in Mountain View, also intends to keep its mapping and music services on Google.cn.

But the revolt against censorship threatens to crimp Google’s growth, particularly if China retaliates by making it more difficult for the company to do business in the country. The Chinese government could react by blocking access to Google’s services, much as it has completely shut off Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, which is owned by Google.

In remarks carried by China state media, an unnamed official with the government’s State Council Information Office said Beijing is “uncompromisingly opposed” to Google’s move.

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Company shifts operation off mainland in protest of government’s Internet rules

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc. stopped censoring the Internet for China by shifting its search engine off the mainland Monday. The American company still hopes to profit from an explosively growing market.

Google’s decision comes after an impasse pitting the world’s most powerful Internet company against the government of the world’s most populous country. It’s still not clear if Google’s solution will resolve a standoff that began Jan. 12. That’s when Google said it would no longer adhere to China’s requirement that it omit some Internet results.

Visitors to Google’s paid service for China, Google.cn, are now being redirected to the Chinese-language service based in Hong Kong, where Google does not censor the search results. The Hong Kong version heralded the shift Monday with this announcement: “Welcome to Google Search in China’s new home.” The site also began displaying search results in the simplified Chinese characters that are used in mainland China.

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Is online privacy an oxymoron?

We’ve all seen the scandalous celebrity pictures that put so-and-so in a compromising position — Michael Phelps and his lump, Vanessa Hudgens and her … nakedness, and, of course, most recently Snooki’s nude photos as well. They get upset that their personal life has been invaded, shake their fist at the paparazzi and move on with life. What would happen if these photos got around, after they’d been posted on someone’s Twitter or Facebook? We’d call them an idiot and tell them to get over it.

In case in point: John McCain’s daughter, Meghan McCain and her revealing photo she posted on Twitter. She uploaded it, so she can’t get mad when people gripe about it. So, why then, are so many people outraged when their current, or hopeful employers use Facebook, Twitter or Myspace to look a little?

According to Career Builder’s recent survey, 45 percent of employers admit to checking Facebook before hiring someone. Since Facebook and similar sites are commonly referred to as social-networking Web sites, while intended for public use, why do so many job searchers get their panties in a twist at the thought of being turned down because of a photo they posted on their page? For many students, the common answer is “because it’s my personal, private profile.” As sophomores and international relations major Erin Lionberger explained, “I think it’s kind of an invasion of privacy. The things I do and the way I act in my active and social life doesn’t necessarily reflect how I would be in the work life. I think it can cause unfair judgement.”

Well, not really. When uploading photos on Facebook, users are required to check a statement saying I certify that I have the right to distribute these photos and that they do not violate the Terms of Use.” The Terms of Use basically state that Facebook cannot guarantee the safety of your images, and if you’re concerned about that, you should make your profile private.

BYU senior and communication disorder major Alyssa Monther said, “Nothing is private on the Internet. If it’s online, someone, somehow will see it. I know people who’ve lost their job because they complained about their boss on their blog and then their boss found out.”

Facebook, Twitter, Myspace, LinkedIn and all other social networking sites provide employers with a crucial tool for hiring workers. Twenty years ago, employers had to hire workers based solely on resumes and interviews — both things that everyone “stretches the truth” on. Of course you want to look your best. Now employers get a vital look into what kind of person you really are, and what you do on your downtime.

The bottom line is simple: while some people may feel that their privacy is being invaded by a possible employer using Facebook to “check up” on them, it’s a valuable tool. If you don’t want your pictures to be seen, make your profile private, or don’t post anything that could be taken out of context, seen as compromising, or even illegal. (Are you listening, Jo Parker?)

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A few nights a week I hear them below my balcony in the streets; bangings and chanting. I look down and see the red flags hoisted, the white crescent and star of the Turkish Republic flapping, the men bundled in trench coats and muddy boots, their hot breath visible in the air; the women wrapped in bright hijabs, and occasionally the only color in a month of overcast sky was the red of an endless rain.

Their shouts and protest banners change but the anger and the desperation does not. Last week the focus was the ruling party’s arrest of high-ranking military officials accused of plotting a coup. This week, however, they’ve assumed a more anti-American flavor, protesting the U.S. congressional panel’s resolution to brand the mass killings of Armenians by the Ottoman Empire as “genocide.”

Regardless of what they protest I always feel an urge to join them, to be swept along into some sort of effective, extraneous and transforming. But the seldom agreeable motive of the march, and the tendency for these gatherings to burst into violence, often keep me away.

That’s what studying abroad, and travel generally, is about: allowing yourself to be transformed, allowing all of the layers of your ignorance to peel away after being burned by the experience of larger things.

Days ago on the other side of Turkey a 6.8 magnitude earthquake swallowed a number of rural villages. A few thousand mud-brick homes crumbled into rubble and the tall, beautiful minarets of the mosques toppled to the ground like pencils.

The dead were almost immediately forgotten, as such horror often unearths greater worry, such as: what if, by chance, this kind of thing happens where someone significantly more people live, such as Istanbul?

The event is commoditized, stripped of any blood and emotion, becomes a brick on the pile of the day, warning them that unexcused tardiness that end now.

Your friends are. 

You form an impenetrable wall, first Roman and then Arab, whose armies rode back and forth across the plains above it. We have a history on which my country would be a hill, a freckle on the thigh. It has seen empires come and go, revolutions and counterrevolutions.

The shepherds I see strolling along the hillsides, like the hills of yellow, swaying freeways, traveling through which seem like being spun around in a barber’s chair, seeing the same vision over and over again. When people talk about our culture they refer to things that are no longer present in our reality: cowboys, buffalo, the wild west. But whenever I take free view from my camera and my lens really looks like it are -Wal-Mart and Best Buy and fast food chains. What does that mean?

When I talk about Oklahoma I talk about how the strong wind is, the flat horizon, the ice storms and how students at universities such as OU have to come work to college basketball players, and therefore future car salesmen and Burger joint proprietors. Stories about tornadoes impress people the most, or perhaps descriptions of the religious landscape, where every white person is assumed to be some manner of Christian and the student newspaper opinion column at the leading university constantly publishes articles by students shaming arguments that God does not exist simply to make themselves feel they’ve transgressed. I talk about church camps, the Oklahoma Medical and Biblical example of the demented people to whom parents entrust their children simply because they claim to love Jesus, whom they know nothing about.

Such stories send forth a thrill of exotic strangeness, about a land others do not understand, a war-loving society, a land where people vanish in their sleep and their relatives and stare at them for days before lowering them into the ground. I’ve lived in Oklahoma most of my life, I tell them. I’m not lying. I’ve seen it. I know. I talk about these things as a means of discovery. I reach inside myself for things that have been inside me for so long that they have become invisible. I hold them out in front of me for others to pick apart. I become alienated from them again. I find they no longer fit inside me.

This is the great wealth of traveling, and I encourage all students at OU to consider seriously the option to study abroad. Allow the pre-conceived strangeness of foreignness, constructed by your culture, to dissipate in its simplicity. Allow light to be thrown into the corners of yourself that you have to discover, must explore, must learn to fully understand and love the place you are from. Take a trip, study else-where (the more exotic the better) and begin to perceive not so much the over-whelming strangeness of others, but of yourself.

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stop at the fro-yo machine and add a little creamy applesauce ratio, but feel free to make it your own. I’m a personal fan of a 2:1 granola-to-chunky applesauce.

The best part is it’s guilt-free and just as tasty as the original version of one of America’s favorite desserts — apple crisp. Last year went on. This year, however, the delicious, carb-loaded food has yet to grace the dining halls with its presence.

Why is this happening? Pesto pasta is one of my favorite foods, and last year I eagerly anticipated the day there was winter pesto at the pasta station. In fact, the pasta station at South Dining Hall is the first place I check when I am picking out what I want for dinner. Many people I have talked to — complained to, really — also lament the loss of this favorite foods, and last year I eagerly anticipated the day there was winter pesto at the pasta station. In fact, the pasta station at South Dining Hall is the first place I check when I am picking out what I want for dinner. Many people I have talked to — complained to, really — also lament the loss of this food. However, another time I looked at the menu online and read that pesto was a sauce choice at the pasta station so I arrived at the dining hall later that night. I eagerly anticipated my long-awaited pesto pasta. My hopes were crushed, however, when I reached the pasta station and there was no mouthwatering green sauce staring back up at me from between the spaghetti and meat sauces. I ended up making a mediocre wrap, and my night was ruined.

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Citizen Cope, also known as Clarence Greenwood, has returned from his four-year absence with new melodies, raspy lyrics and soulful passion. His newest album, "The Rainwater LP," is Greenwood's first under his own label, Rainwater Recordings. In his first four albums he jumped from indie pop to reggae to R&B, and he now tries out a new soft and folk-like style.

After songs like "Let the Drummer Kick," "Son's Gonna Rise" and "Bullet and a Target," it is refreshing to see Greenwood take on a fresh new start. Songs on "The Rainwater LP" have less to do with love's hardships and more to do with personal struggles and political issues we are facing as a nation today. Many of his new songs tackle bigger social problems. In "Lifeline," for example, Greenwood sings, "Well the children still dying in the streets / The babies still living with disease / The cops got guns, the poor folks got sons." His lyrics leave listeners with a sense of truth and a door to reality through which many try to escape by listening to music. His voice lingers over every lyric, which makes listening to his music both easy and relaxing.

There is an eerie undertone to the song, but toward the end the song lyrics like, "Cause the violence of a few / Have put a world in harm's way / And history has proven that they / Killed our leaders dead," leave fans with a lasting impression on how reality's issues can fuse together for a brilliant and cutting-edge song. Garage drums, trumpets and Greenwood's own work on the guitar makes "Healing Hands" one of the CD's best tracks.

When Greenwood was asked why he released the album on his own label, he responded, "I don't want to be led into those confines anymore. I want to be able to do it my own way." His goal is to share his music with everyone whether they like it or not. His whiny but rhythmic voice hypnotizes audiences. Greenwood worked with many musicians on this album, including drummer Paul Edwards, keyboardist James Poyser, percussionist Bashiri Johnson and guitarists Michael Neal and Preston Crump. All the songs are available on iTunes.

Overall, "Rainwater" is an enjoyable album that offers new originality and an easy listen. Casual listeners might want to skip over the serious meaning of the words, but overall, the album was amazingly thought-out and beautifully executed.

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Top-seeded Volunteers advance to Sweet 16

Monroe’s 16 points lead Seminoles past St. John’s in overtime; Thomas scores 15 as Blue Devils roll past LSU

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — After an unprecedented early loss in the NCAA last year, it’s back but both for Tennessee and Texas.

Tennessee (13-2) will make its 28th appearance in the regional semifinals Saturday, this time playing 50 miles from home in Memphis. The Lady Vols’ lone absence from the round of 16 in the tournament’s 29-year history came after last season’s loss to 71-55 to B ate State in the opening round.

And the Lady Vols are ready to prove that loss was an anomaly.

“I thought I could feel the energy in the locker room, and I mean we were wanting to get out on the court ASAP. With all that energy, I thought they’re ready to play,” coach Pat Summit said.

Alicia Manning scored a career-high 17 points and had 10 rebounds as Tennessee took seven rebounds to lead Tennessee after fouling out in the opening-round game with two points. Manning was among five Lady Vols who had a double-digit scoring against Dayton.

I felt like last game I kind of let the team down getting in foul trouble, so I just felt like I needed to pick it up and make up for what I didn’t do in that first half. Tennessee will face either No. 4 Dayton or No. 3 Georgetown in the second round.

Dayton (25-8), which managed a 16-point deficit in its 67-66 win over SU in the first round, was tasked with playing only its second NCAA tournament game in franchise history. The Flyers fouled out five Lady Vols in the first half, and Tennessee blocked 10 shots — six by Kelley Cain.

And with 10 minutes to go, both Olivia Applewhite and Casey Nashville State was 17 points.

“Defensively I thought we just looked nervous,” Jabir said. “Justine didn’t shoot a lot of airballs and neither does Kendel (Ross). I think both of those guys rim had bypass a couple of times.”

Florida State 66, St. John’s 65

Jarinta Monroe wasn’t ready for her Florida State career to end.

And the Seminoles never needed her more, either.

Monroe scored Florida State’s final four points of regulation to spark a last-ditch rally, then scored the gamewinner with 28.9 seconds left as the Seminoles beat St. John’s in the second round of the NCAA women’s tournament on Monday night.

Monroe scored a game-high 16 points for Florida State (28-5), which got 15 from Alysha Harvin and 10 each from Chasity Clayton and Alexa Deluzio.

Nadirah McKenith scored 15 for St. John’s (25-7), which was trying to reach the NCAA round of 16 for the first time. Stevens had 14 points and 10 rebounds despite spending much of the second half and overtime bat- tling leg cramps, and Jov McCorvey added 13 for the Red Storm.

St. John’s had a chance at the buzzer to win it. Stevens had a good look from the right wing, but her shot bounced off the rim as the horn sounded, and the Seminoles stormed their home floor in celebration.

Florida State coach Sue Semrau grabbed the house microphone moments later, telling the home crowd that “they couldn’t have gotten those” without them.

“There for Florida State is defined as Dayton: The Seminoles next play in Sunday’s Dayton Regional semifinals, where they’ll meet the winner of Tuesday’s game in Pittsburgh between Ohio State (31-4) and Mississippi State (20-12).”

To say it was close throughout would be a bit of an understatement.

Neither team ever went on a big run, nor was there ever a moment where it seemed like one team was on the cusp of taking control.

And that won’t make losing any easier to accept for St. John’s either.

There were 10 ties and 12 lead changes in the first half.

St. John’s never leading by more than three, Florida State never by more than four.

Harvin scored 13 of her points before the break for the Seminoles, taking charge after Monroe drove her second foul with 5:45 left until halftime.

Harvin scored eight of Florida State’s final 10 points of the half, including a baseline jumper that rattled in with no time remaining.

It was tied five more times in a three-minute stretch early in the second half, after the Red Storm seemed to survive a scare.

Just after Shenneika Smith made a jumper with 17:19 left to get St. John’s within 37-36, she tried to make a steal on the other end, slipping awkwardly and falling to the court clutching her left knee.

Smith was carried off and tended to by a trainer, then returned about 2 minutes later and quickly got back into the scoring column, rebounding her own missed 3-pointer with 14:38 left to knot the game at 43.

Florida State scored six straight points over a 3½-minute stretch, the last four of those points coming from Ciera Bravard, to take a 55-53 lead with 6:18 remaining.

Then it was the Seminoles’ turn to go scoreless, at the absolute wrong time.

Florida State didn’t score for the next 4:39, falling behind 60- 55 before Deluzio’s 3-pointer from the right corner cut the margin to two with 1:39 to play.

Monroe did the rest, tying the game at 60 at a half-minute later, and after St. John’s hit two free throws. Monroe delivered again with 16.7 seconds left in regulation, extending the teams to OT at tied 62.

Duke 60, LSU 52

Duke spent the night taking shots at LSU — first the ball, then the game.

Jasmine Thomas scored 15 points and LaShonda Barrett added 12 for LSU (21-10). Kentucky native Deluzio led the Blue Devils on her way to the Sweet 16.

Bridgeitt Mitchell scored 12 points for the Blue Devils (29-5), who went ahead to stay on Thomas’ layup with 3½ minutes left. The top-seeded Blue Devils (21-10) matched a sea- son high with 22 turnovers and had one field goal in the final 4 minutes.

Allison Hightower had 19 points and LaSandra Barrett added 12 for LSU (21-10). Kateshia Johnson added a stickback to start the 10-2 run that put the Blue Devils on their way to their 12th regional semifinal berth in 13 years. They’re headed to Memphis next week- end, when they will face the winner of Tuesday night’s San Diego State-West Virginia game.

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I have no idea to this day what those two Italian ladies were singing about. Truth is, I don’t want to know. Some things are best left unknown. I’d like to think they were singing about some- thing so beautiful, it can’t be expressed in words, and makes your heart ache because of it. I tell you, those voices soared higher and farther than anybody could have ever thought.
Tiger Woods discussed his sex scandal with two media outlets over the weekend. The golf icon will return next month at the Masters after four months away from the game. Woods announced his indefinite leave on Dec. 11.

Woods: ‘I’ve done some pretty bad things’

Associated Press

“Tiger Woods acknowledged “living a lie,” saying he alone was responsible for the sex scandal that caused his shocking downfall from global sporting icon to late-night TV punchline.

“It was all me. I’m the one who did it. I’m the one who acted the way I acted. No one knew what was going on when it was going on,” Woods told the Golf Channel in one of two interviews Sunday night.

A second one was aired on ESPN, which will also telecast four months of seclusion and return to golf at the tournament next month. Talking about those plans marked the only time he smiled during either interview.

“I’m sure if more people would have known in my inner circle, they would have stopped it or tried to put a stop to it,” he told the Golf Channel. “But I kept it all to myself.”

Later in the same interview with reporter Kelly Tilghman, Woods refers to his serial adultery by saying, “I tried to stop and I couldn’t stop. And it was just, it was horrible.”

Woods answered questions on camera for the first time since his early morning car crash last November, yet again divulged few details about the crash, his marriage, his stint in a rehabilitation clinic or his personal life. Woods insisted those matters would remain private, just as he had in a statement on his Web site right after his crash and again Feb. 19 when he apologized on camera in front of a handpicked audience and took no questions.

“A lot of ugly things have happened... I’ve done some pretty bad things in my life,” he told ESPN’s Tom Rinaldi.

Last week, a woman who claims to be one of Woods’ mistresses released an embarrassing transcript of text messages she said he sent her.

Woods admitted that four months of nearly nonstop public ridicule had caused him shame.

“It was hurtful, but then again, you know what? I did it,” he told the Golf Channel. “And I’m the one who did those things. And looking back on it now, with more clear head, I get it. I can understand why people would look at those things. Because you know what? It was disgusting behavior. It’s hard to believe that was me, looking back on it now.”

Woods announced Dec. 11 that he would take an “indefinite break” from golf and was in a Mississippi clinic from the end of that month until early February. Asked by ESPN to describe the lowest point, he replied, “I’ve had a lot of low points. Just when I didn’t think it could get any lower, it got lower.”

IN BRIEF

Dolphins’ Brown arrested for DUI in Atlanta area

ATLANTA — Miami Dolphins running back Ronnie Brown, who had been in the suburban Atlanta area to help celebrate his parents’ anniversary, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol and released from jail a few hours later, officials said Monday.

The 28-year-old fifth-year pro was arrested at 4:29 a.m. Saturday, Marietta Police Officer Jennifer Murphy said. Marietta is about 15 miles northwest of Atlanta.

Brown’s mother, Joyce Brown, told the Associated Press in a phone interview on Monday that Brown was visiting his hometown of Cartersville for her and her husband’s 32nd anniversary. She said he had eaten dinner with relatives and then went to a club. She didn’t know the name of the club, but the night was not part of the anniversary celebration.

NHL commish Goodell plans to meet with Roethlisberger

OBLANDO, Fla. — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell plans to meet with Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger about the star’s off-field problems.

Goodell already has spoken with team owners about Roethlisberger, who is accused of assaulting a 20-year-old college student in a Georgia nightclub on March 5.

Roethlisberger’s attorney says the quarterback committed no crime. Roethlisberger has yet to be interrogated by police in Milledgeville, Ga., and charges have not been filed.

“We take this issue very seriously,” Goodell said Monday at the NFL meetings. “I am concerned that Ben continues to put himself in this position. I spoke with the Steelers and (team president) Art Rooney about it, and at some point, I will be meeting with Ben at the appropriate time.”

Pujols receives MRI; anti-inflammatory shot for back

JUPITER, Fla. — St. Louis Cardinals slugger Albert Pujols got an anti-inflammatory shot Monday for tightness in his back and is expected to be out of action for the next couple of days. The three-time NL MVP missed a week this spring because of lower back pain he described as feeling like spasms. Pujols returned to play in five exhibition games before being pulled from the lineup against Boston.

“He received an MRI today and then an injection to put him over the hump, make him feel better,” Cardinals general manager John Mozeliak said. “He’s day to day. We’ll see how he feels on Wednesday.”

The Cardinals are off Tuesday. Mozeliak said Pujols has felt some discomfort in recent days. Asked whether he thought the star first baseman’s back could be a chronic concern throughout the season, Mozeliak said “I don’t get that sense.”
Charlotte, N.C. — Picking up the freewheeling pace of the NBA playoff period beginning and Michael Jordan is on the phone mak- ing a bold recruiting pitch to Lebron James.

It’s one the perks for the Charlotte Bobcats now that the Hall of Famer owns the team. He says he’s in free agency isn’t on Jordan’s agenda — or even possible.

Unlike the New York Knicks, New Jersey Nets and Chicago Bulls, the Bobcats have no salary-cap space to participate in the summer free agency bonanza that could include James, Dwyane Wade, Amar'e Stoudemire.

And Jordan doesn’t mind. In fact, he’s trying to invest his free agency dollars in the future, not the present. The six-time NBA champion, Jordan is preaching patience with the franchise.

He is vowing not to get into luxury tax territory with his payroll and salary cap this season, a cap that taste for what he calls overblown hype for free agency this summer.

That does not guarantee that New York is going to be in the mix of a追求 big names to the future, Jackson thinks Jordan

"Everybody is second-guessing ourselves. I like where we are. If we were to unload everyone on our team just so we can get into luxury space, does that mean they're going to come to Charlotte? It's not going to happen."

The six-time NBA champion faces a number of issues as he takes over a club that’s expected to lose more than $40 million this season. Besides trying to boost ticket sales and strike sponsorship deals, he will continue to have the final say on basketball decisions.

Jordan acknowledged he has “little wiggle room right now.” He indicated they have committed between $57 million in payroll and $65 million that doesn’t include impending free agents Raymond Felton and Tyrus Thomas.

Jordan said the league and now the teams the luxury tax threshold — where teams will have to pay a dol- lar for every $5 million over — could be as low as $61 million next season.

"That's going to be $65 million," Jordan said. "We have roughly $8 million to pay under the luxury tax," Jordan said. "We don’t see a need to pay the luxury tax unless we go deep in the playoffs and we’re a player away from coming closer. We could (then) entertain that idea."

The Bobcats have gotten into playoff position this sea- son after a flurry of deals. At the direction of coach Larry Brown, the Bobcats made trades involving 21 players since the start of last season. It’s been a player’s program in order to improve the roster instead of through free agency and the draft, with the team owing future first-round picks to Minnesota and Chicago because of past deals.

Those trades, including Stoudemire’s acquisition in November, have put the team over the luxury tax unless we go deep (in the playoffs)," Jordan said Monday. "The thing about this year, I feel like we haven’t been together a year yet.

Jordan said he’s not going to “box myself in” saying if he felt the current core of players that ‘sold out’ Jackson, All-Star Gerald Wallace, Felton, Thomas and Tyson Chandler could develop into a contending team.

Actually, Jordan isn’t sure of the best way to construct a championship roster.

"There are very few Kobe Bryants out there," Lebron hasn’t won yet. Dwyane Wade had Shaq (O’Neal) sitting next to him and he had Pat Riley coaching him. So there are a lot of things,” Smith said after a second-round win over the Warriors.

"Both teams were playing hard, and we play defense and play hard, and any game, somebody is going to surprise you. Learn is a good kid — well, at least to outsiders, anyway.

"That’s the way the world is going to surprise you."

The 7-foot-1 senior had 14 points and 13 rebounds in the win against Cal, and he’s reached double figures in rebounds in six of the last 12 games of his late-season surge.

But his value to the No. 1 seeded Blue Devils (31-5) can’t be measured solely by his stat line. His presence in the paint and his knack for cleaning up misses from the perimeter and in the paint, with coach Mike Krzyzewski calling him one of the team’s unsung heroes.

"The Hall of Fame coach said in the preseason that this was his biggest team in three decades at Duke, and Zoubek is making that claim mean something," Scheyer was 1-for-11 against Cal, but Zoubek helped make up for that cold spell with his rebounding and his 6-10, 12 rebounds performing a really tough game inside, a lot of elbows thrown, a lot of contact," Zoubek said. "Both teams were playing hard, and we know that the rebounding is going to be an essential part of the game, so both teams were fighting for it."

"They are so physical. They are so physical, under Krzyzewski, and the Blue Devils are immune from the upsets and close calls that have plagued so many high seeds in this year’s tournament."

"If it’s around $65 (million)," Jordan said Monday. "If Michael calls you, that’s a call you’re going to pick up."

"My dream is to make it with the local kids. I know that (Cal’s) Scalabrine, Jamal) Boykin and (Markhuri Sanders-Frison) were really good. I know that (Cal’s) Scalabrine, Jamal) Boykin and (Markhuri Sanders-Frison) were really good. But if we do it here, it’s going to be a big deal.

"Just because then you lose, doesn’t mean those kids underachieved. They maxed. This team is better. It’s not a bad team. We have a really talented defensive team that hopefully can be a little bit better offensively as we go forward."

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Veteran Furyk wins first event in 32 months

Associated Press

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — A PGA Tour winner again after 32 long months, Jim Furyk walked into an interview room at Innisbrook with a three-page transcript that had been folded in half. It wasn’t a statement or a speech. They weren’t even his words.

As Furyk was finishing off a woeful 16th hole that wrapped up a most beautiful victory at the Transitions Championship, ESPN and the Golf Channel broadcast the first interviews of Tiger Woods since his Nov. 27 accident, which set off a shocking sex scandal that has dominated sports news the last four months.

Furyk, one of the closest players to Woods on tour, leaped disappoinsted and joked, “No one was watching me, then.”

Considering how long it had been since his last tour victory — 58 tournaments over 32 months dating to the 2007 Canadian Open — he didn’t seem terribly bothered.

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Reds' Chapman leaves win with back injury

Phillies' Valdes hits walk-off homer to beat Yankees; Duchscherer debuts with four scoreless innings for Athletics

Associated Press

GOODYEAR, Ariz. - Cincinnati Reds left-hander Arroyo pitched seven innings, allowing his first setback of spring training, and it has nothing to do with his back.

The Cuban defector left the game early Monday because of a stiff lower back, which has been bothering him for several days. The lefty was among the Rockies scored four times in his final inning and pulled away for the win.

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The 22-year-old Chapman has been the talk of the Reds’ camp with a fastball that has been clocked at 100 mph. He displayed the weapon in his previous outing last Wednesday, striking out five in four innings for the Phillies.

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The left-hander pitched a five-inning gem, allowing only one hit. His strong showings made him a candidate for the fifth starter’s spot.

But the back problems could change that equation.

“I’m not hurt,” Chapman said. “I can still get loose in the second inning, but my breaking ball was OK. Last on my changeup, but my breaking ball, it’s one of the few healthy, experienced starters remaining behind ace Felix Hernandez to begin the Mariners’ season.

Angels 4, Dodgers 2

Hideki Matsui was in left field for the first time this spring as the Los Angeles Angels beat a Los Angeles Dodgers split-squad on Monday.

Matsui, who signed a free-agent deal with the Angels over the winter, hasn’t played defense in a regular-season game since June 15, 2008, for the New York Yankees against the Houston Astros.

Matsui said he did not have any balls hit his way and was ready to give a pinch runner in the fifth inning after going 1-0.

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Indianapolis (AAA)

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OKLAHOMA CITY — George Hill scored a career-high 27 points, and the San Antonio Spurs overcame Kevin Durant’s 45 to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 99-96 on Monday night and forge a tie between the teams for sixth place in the Western Conference standings.

Serge Ibaka swatted away Tim Duncan’s layup try to give the Thunder a chance with 8.8 seconds left, but Thabo Sefolosha missed a 3-pointer from the left wing with 5.8 seconds left, and Thabo Sefolosha’s missed a 3-pointer 8.8 seconds later, giving New Orleans a 52-45 lead. Duncan had 25 points and 10 assists, Morris Peterson had 13 points from late in the second quarter until early in the third to take a lead they would not relinquish.

David West had 25 points and 10 assists, Morris Peterson had a season-high 20 points and Collison scored 16 for the Hornets.

Jason Terry scored 24 for Dallas, which squandered a 16-point first-quarter lead. After shooting only 32 percent in the first quarter (7 of 22), the Hornets responded with a 12-0 run to close the period, giving New Orleans a 52-45 lead. Dallas still finished shooting 46 percent from the field during the game but praised her team’s defense and getting out there.

Jeff Green had 16 points, Westbrook 12 and Ibaka 10 for Oklahoma City.

NBA

Paul’s return energized the crowd during pregame introductions, but the Hornets struggled out of the gate.

Marion’s steal and fast-break dunk capped an early 1-2 run that staked Dallas to a 19-5 lead. Dallas shot 67 percent (14 of 21) in the first quarter, including 4 of 5 from 3-point range, and the first of Terry’s two 3s in the quarter stretched the Mavericks’ lead 27-11. His second 3 made it 32-16. The Hornets responded with a stunning second quarter, with Collison, who had eight assists, the most by a Hornets reserve this season.

An 11-2 run early in the second quarter, capped by West’s jump hook over Nowitzki, got the Hornets back in it at 36-30. Dallas built its lead back to 11 on Butler’s jumper, which made it 50-39 with 7:36 to go in the third period. The Hornets led 60-45 after the first 38.5 run. The closest Dallas got after that was when Jason Terry hit a 3 to make it 73-62 with 3.06 to go in the third period. Peterson responded with a 3, scoring eight points in a row and a couple of jumpers and had a steal to set up Collison’s fast-break dunk to put the Hornets up 82-70 heading into the fourth quarter. The Hornets outscored the Heat 22-22 during the rest of the period to vault into the lead. Peterson, who had 14 points in the first half, started the run with a layup and a 3 from the corner. After Rodrigue Beaubois had a 3 for Dallas, West came back with six straight points on a reverse layup and two jumpers. Collison followed with a jumper and a 3 and pulled the Mavericks’ lead back to 32. That’s when New Orleans took over, outscoring the Heat 32-22 during the rest of the period to vault into the lead.

Peterson followed with a jumper and a 3. Amar’e Stoudemire scored 18 points in the first half, but the Hornets cooled out of the gate. Stoudemire scored 18 points on 4 of 10 from the field, including 1 of 5 from 3-point range. He finished with 20 points and 11 rebounds, including 4 of 5 from 3-point range. He finished with 20 points and 11 rebounds, including 4 of 5 from 3-point range.

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Peterson followed with a jumper and a 3. Amar’e Stoudemire scored 18 points in the first half, but the Hornets cooled out of the gate. Stoudemire scored 18 points on 4 of 10 from the field, including 1 of 5 from 3-point range. He finished with 20 points and 11 rebounds, including 4 of 5 from 3-point range. He finished with 20 points and 11 rebounds, including 4 of 5 from 3-point range.

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are amazing,” Hilling said. “Just the fact that the first season for this stadium is so cool, and it’s a huge reason I’m here.” Hilling and the Irish will return to Airlotta Stadium Wednesday for a 2:30 p.m. game against Vanderbilt.

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The games as all teams struggled against an A team. It was cold along with their first victory multi-win day at a tournament tough game to Wheaton 6-3. Michigan, although they lost a with a forfeit from Western Buffalo and Michigan B, along posted victories over SUNY-Invite, where they earned a 3-1 this weekend for the Chicago Team traveled to Plainfield, Ill.

Equestrians qualify eight for Regionals

Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s is coming off a weekend ranked opponents. Ball State continued from page 20 upset over then-No. 14 Ohio State.

Eastern Michigan (6-1) has- n’t started as well as Notre Dame, but Gumpf said the Irish won’t overlook their opponent. “I expect Eastern Michigan to be a scrappy team who will give us our very best game,” Gumpf said.

Gumpf said the focus of recent Irish practices have been to improve the team’s defense to continue to force opponents to earn the runs they score. “At this point in the season, we are focusing on defensive situations, really trying to keep the situations fresh, and also keeping the team in pressure situations as much as possible,” Gumpf said.

In the offensive portion of the game, the Irish are coming off a 12-5 victory in their last contest against Western Michigan Thursday, and Notre Dame feels confident in its ability to perform at the plate. “Each practice the team is getting their reps, but we also try incorporate situational hit- ting in every practice,” Gumpf said.

Tuesday’s games will begin at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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CARDINALS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE

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makes his first start since April 2008 for the Irish after missing the entire 2009 sea- son after undergoing shoul- der surgery. Sharp’s career record as a starter is 4-1 with a 2.62 ERA.

“Baseball is a game of a lot of ups and downs,” senior pitcher Eric Maust said. “Our focus for each day this upcoming week is to key in on the things that we can control.” The Cardinals have a 6-13 record in a row here at Notre Dame on March 27-28.

The men’s B squad also made the trip to Plainfield, sweeping the field for four wins. The first game was against Michigan State B in terrible weather at 36 degrees with heavy winds. Half an inch of snow accumulated during the morn- ing. The Irish scored an unearned point early in the game and traded points for the rest of the contest resulting in a final win 8-5. The following exhibi- tion game against SLUH High School ended in a final score of 12-2. The last game of pool play was against Illinois - Chicago. The Irish traded points for the entire game even- tually winning a squeaker 6- 5. After a bye round the team took first place in the pool to earn a crossover match with Western Illinois. Notre Dame trailed early in the game and lost the first half. The Irish scored three in a row after half, including two upwind scores for a 8-7 win. Ending the day 4-0 put the Irish above their origi- nal seedling and in the 33rd place bracket. The second day of the tournament was can- celled on Sunday due to muddy conditions.

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**ND Women’s Basketball**

**Something Sweet?**

McGraw has team on brink of Sweet 16 berth

By LAURA MYERS

The Irish got their postseason jitters out of the way Sunday with an easy win over Cleveland State in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. Now they will look to earn a ticket to the Sweet 16 in the team’s last home game.

The 2-seed Irish face No. 10-seed Vermont tonight at the Purcell Pavilion. The Catamounts pulled off the first upset of the 2010 women’s tournament when they defeated No. 7-seed Wisconsin, 64-55, Sunday.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said the America East champions have the tools to grab a much bigger upset if Notre Dame is not careful.

“I have a lot of respect for them and their conference,” McGraw said.

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“Although the No. 15 Irish are off to a 4-1 start, Hilling said the Irish need to improve significantly to reach their goals this season. And even though she’s only a freshman, Hilling said that includes her own individual play as well.

“We can do a lot better, and I can do a lot better than I’ve been doing,” Hilling said. “I’ve been really inconsistent early on, so I’m hoping that I can get back into things and start being consistent. I definitely think I haven’t played the best that I can. I’m hoping that as the season goes along I can really keep improving.”

Hilling’s development will continue in Arlotta Stadium, Notre Dame’s brand new home. Hilling said the facilities were the main draw in getting her to play at Notre Dame.

“The athletic facilities here are faster. It’s like an entirely different sport.”

**Women’s Lacrosse**

Hilling performing nicely after being thrust into starting role

By CHRIS ALLEN

When freshman goalkeeper Ellie Hilling committed to play for the Irish, she expected she’d have to fight for playing time. But Hilling was thrust into the spotlight early playing time.

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**Baseball**

Squad looks to bounce back

By MICHAEL BRYAN

The struggling Irish will look for their first home win of the season and prepare for conference play today, hosting Ball State and Illinois-Chicago this week before traveling to South Florida for a Big East series this weekend.

Notre Dame will host the Cardinals with first pitch at 5:05 p.m. Tuesday after being swept by Michigan State in its home-opening series last weekend.

The Irish have dropped nine of their last 12 games, including four straight.

Junior Ryan Sharpley will

**Football**

14 former players to participate in Pro Day

**Observer Staff Report**

Wide receiver Golden Tate will highlight the roster of 14 former Irish football players who will participate at Notre Dame’s Pro Day Tuesday, a Friday press release said.

Eleven other members of the 2009 Irish team — running back James Aldridge, wide receiver Robby Parris, offensive linemen Paul Duncan, Eric Olsen and Sam Young, defensive linemen Morrice Richardson, linebackers Scott Smith and Toryan Smith, and defensive backs Kyle McCarthy, Sergio Brown and Raeshon McNeil — will also participate in drills at the Guglielmino Athletics Complex and the Loftus Sports Center in preparation for the NFL Draft on April 22.

The players will begin the Pro Day at noon with a 40-yard dash, 60-yard shuttle, three-cone drill and agility drills before participating in position-specific drills. Position drills should begin in the late afternoon and should end at 2:30 p.m.