Sophomore directed FFA

Moya returns to ND after leading Future Farmers of America

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Sophomore Paul Moya spent a year as the national president of the National FFA, formerly the Future Farmers of America, traveling through the country to speak at student conventions. Moya, 22, took a leave of absence from the University to serve as the national president of the National FFA, the national organization formerly known as the Future Farmers of America. The National FFA is the largest student youth organization with 507,000 members across the country. As national president, Moya directly represented over 500,000 individuals.

“The FFA is a phenomenal youth leadership organization that does a great job at providing skills for students,” Moya said. “As president, I was happy to have the opportunity to give back to the organization.”

Moya said he first got involved with the FFA through the chapter at his high school in New Mexico. He became a dedicated member of the organization and deferred enrolling at Notre Dame for his freshman year in 2006 in order to serve as the president of the New Mexico FFA chapter.

I spent over 320 days traveling this past year,” he said. “The FFA has over 1,500 corporate sponsors and it's the national officers' job to go to the sponsors and show them how their contributions to the organization are changing students' lives.”

NDSP reports pair of sexual assaults

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is investigating an assault reported early Sunday morning, according to an e-mail sent to the student body Tuesday. The e-mail said a student was walking near the area of Pasquerilla West, Pasquerilla East, Knott and Siegfried Halls when the suspect approached her from behind and pushed her against the tree. The victim said the suspect attempted to kiss her, but she broke free and returned to her dorm.

The suspect was described as a male wearing a gray sweatshirt with the hood pulled over his head and face and blue jeans. He was estimated to be about 6-foot-4 and 6-foot-5, the e-mail said.

NDSP is also looking into a sexual assault that occurred in December, when a student reported being forcibly fondled during a sexual assault that occurred in December, when a student reported being forcibly fondled by a student at the University. The victim said the suspect attempted to kiss her, but she broke free and returned to her dorm.

The suspect was described as a male wearing a gray sweatshirt with the hood pulled over his head and face and blue jeans. He was estimated to be about 6-foot-4 and 6-foot-5, the e-mail said.

NDSP is also looking into a sexual assault that occurred in December, when a student reported being forcibly fondled by a student at the University. The victim said the suspect attempted to kiss her, but she broke free and returned to her dorm.

The suspect was described as a male wearing a gray sweatshirt with the hood pulled over his head and face and blue jeans. He was estimated to be about 6-foot-4 and 6-foot-5, the e-mail said.

NDSP is also looking into a sexual assault that occurred in December, when a student reported being forcibly fondled by a student at the University. The victim said the suspect attempted to kiss her, but she broke free and returned to her dorm.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Bracket business**

More than 4.7 million brackets were submitted on ESPN's online tournament Madness Bracket Challenge, none of which are still perfect as the Sweet 16 field rounded out on Sunday night. At the top of the leader board, a man who I am quite convinced, more than likely, did not sit down and watch a single game of college basketball this entire season, is J. Lorenz, or Jlrnz5. His ESPN profile was full of congratulatory comments from people he has never met, offering plenty of praise, plenty of jealous remarks and a handful of comments that referred to him as God. Congratulations, J. Lorenz. Congratulations at being one of the following: really good at coin flip- ping, or really uninformed about men’s college basketball.

I knew, and I assume many Notre Dame students knew as well, that it was possible to be a long shot to March as soon as Carleton Scott’s 3- point attempt at the buzzer was unsuccessful in the loss to Old Dominion.

There is one person on record who has a perfect bracket so far: 17-year-old Alex Hermann, a high school senior from south Chicago who has been studying all season long and memorizing plenty of sta- tistics so he could correctly predict the first two rounds. Hermann is autistc with high performance lev- els in mathematics and memory. At the halfway point in the tourna- ment, he has done well in his way to the one in one trillion chance that he successfully formed a perfect bracket.

He was not fooled by the Kansas Jayhawks confidence. He did not listen to all of the reporters who claimed the Big East would be tak- ing over the tournament, and he saw talent in Cornell, even though everyone knows not to count on the Ivy League in college basketball.

Who did he award the coveted championship to? The Purdue Boilermakers, of course. A few weeks ago, I would have thought he could not have been more off, but after judging how the last two rounds would play out, he has a solid claim. If art imitates life, we’re in deep trouble.

**Correction**

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Molly Sammon at msammon@nd.edu

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What is the weirdest injury you’ve ever had?

Pritillia Nyankson:

"I dislocated my shoulder while arm wrestling."

Bobby Reichle:

"I cut my knee open and didn’t realize it until I went to the hospital after Devil’s Tower."

Nick Genty:

"I dislocated and broke my shoulder at the same time."

Chris Samuelson:

"I fractured my left hand by getting into a car accident by running over a refrigerator."

Katie Ritter:

"Osteitis Pubis. You don’t even want to know what that is."

Junior forward Devereaux Peters, front left, and senior center Erica Williamson, front right, lead Notre Dame’s celebration after the Irish beat Vermont in the second round of the NCAA Tournament Tuesday night at the Purcell Pavilion. The team will next head to Kansas City and the Women’s NCAA Sweet 16.

**OFFBEAT**

**Study shows food in the Last Supper grew over time**

Has even the Last Supper been supersized? The food in famous paint- ings of the meal has grown by biblical proportions over the last millennium, researchers report in a medical journal Tuesday. Using a computer, they compared the size of the food to the size of the hands in 52 paintings of Jesus Christ and his disciples at their final meal before his death.

If art imitates life, we’re in trouble, the researchers con- clude. The size of the main dish grew 69 percent, the size of the plate, 66 percent, and the bread, 23 percent, between the years 1000 and 2000.

Supertizing is considered a modern phenomenon, but “what we see recently may be just a more noticeable part of a very long trend,” said Brian Wansink, a food behavior scientist at Cornell University.

**Hawaiian Luau**

The Hawai’i Club will host a Hawaiian Luau on Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Stepan Center. The event is open to the public, and tickets are on sale at the LaFortune Student Center Box Office.

A lecture, “Ancient Slavery and 19th-Century Abolition,” will be Thursday, 5 p.m., location to be deter- mined. The event is free and sponsored by the Ph.D. in Literature Program.

John Mackey, the Chairman and CEO of Whole Foods Market, will speak as a part of the “Ten Years Hence Speaker Series,” on Friday from 10:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium in Mendoza College of Business. The event is free and open to the public.

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

**LOCAL WEATHER**

**INSIDE COLUMN**

For the first time in my entire life, I’m pulling for the Boilermakers.

the Boilers.

territory, fiercely cheering against

been a Notre Dame fan in Purdue

also accomplished something I

each winner thus far, Hermann has

they wish to still be playing in April.

have a tough road ahead of them if

and an overtime nail-biter to get

part. With Robbie Hummel injured

that was a bad call on Hermann’s

after judging how the last two

and statistics so he could correctly predict

who has been studying all season

school senior from south Chicago

who has a perfect bracket so far:

March as soon as Carleton Scott’s 3- point attempt at the buzzer was

Dame students knew as well, that it

men’s college basketball.

 mist
Physics professor participates in Hubble Telescope project

By JILL STINCHCOMB
News Writer

Physics Professor Peter Garnavich is part of the largest Hubble Telescope project undertaken to date, allowing him to examine distant galaxies and far-away supernovae.

The telescope allows astronomers to gather data about galaxy evolution and cosmology as it can discern light that has traveled for billions of years across the universe.

“This is a huge project by NASA to get the maximum information possible since the Hubble was repaired last May,” Garnavich said. He said the telescope repairs improved the infrared camera on the Hubble telescope, giving it a larger viewing field as well as better camera quality. This allows the camera to see much further than it previously could.

The project will look at more than 250,000 distant galaxies. Garnavich said the project will maximize time on the telescope by looking at the sky above the ecliptic poles, ensuring neither the sun nor the earth interferes or blocks the sky during the allotted time.

The application for time on the Hubble telescope is very competitive. Garnavich said, “Only one in every 10 proposals are accepted,” he said. The more orbits a proposal requires, the less likely it is to be accepted, he said. Any project requiring more than 100 orbits is much less likely to be accepted.

Even though the group requested 902 orbits, its proposal was approved because the project is a part of the Multi Cycle Treasury program, spreading the project over multiple years.

The length of the project is also significant because it will look at pictures from the same spot in the earth’s orbit from year to year and compare differences.

The team will look for several key events, including supernovae and the accretion of mass into the black holes at the center of galaxies.

With this project, we will be looking at the most distant supernovae and galaxies ever,” Garnavich said.

Contact Jill Stinchcomb at jstinchc@nd.edu

Lecture discusses ‘occasions of grace’

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary’s Editor

With some Catholics in a state of “disenchantment and disillusionment,” scholar Colleen Mary Mallon said Catholicism is currently at a crossroads. Mallon spoke to members of the Saint Mary’s College community Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Stapleton Lounge in LeMans Hall. Mallon is assistant professor of Theology at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis.

Her lecture, “Near Occasions of Grace: The Gift and Task of Thinking Catholic,” discussed several components of Catholicism including Catholic theological tradition as well as intellectual distinction.

In order to remain faithful in this time of uncertainty, Mallon said Catholics must live responsibly and creatively.

“The life of the mind is a place where grace happens and that the wholeness of grace, the gift of God’s own life for nothing but love comes to us as an integral, embodied and critical intelligence,” she said. “That is, the livingness of divine love is a gift that animates our choices even as these choices are fully our own, our path.”

According to Mallon, beliefs can be seen through actions.

Actions, she said, allow one to understand more deeply what it is he or she believes. If you want to know what I really think and believe, watch what I do,” Mallon said.

Mallon relayed an account she once had with a student who had recently lost some friends in a terrorist attack in her homeland of Iraq. Mallon said although this student was struggling, she was able to come to and understand the situation because of grace.

“I watched how the act of struggling to make meaning is a holy practice, where grace meets us and helps us to stretch to limits we cannot obtain without the accompaniment of the sacred spirit of God,” Mallon said.

Mallon also discussed globalization and its effect on the Catholic faith. She spoke about four theological global flows attached to globalization. These flows are the theology of liberation, feminism, ecology and human rights.

“The sinking of these global theological flows through the local water table into the roots of our social lives has met with both reception and resistance,” she said. “While some have experienced these as rivers in dry land, others have experienced these as contaminated waters.”

During her lecture, Mallon asked the audience to participate in a discussion. She told the audience to consider two groups of scientists. The first group gathers around a telescope and is scanning the night sky, searching for something. The second group is gathered around a crater. She asked the audience to discuss which of the groups of scientists were more like Christians.

After a short discussion, she explained that the group of scientists that best approaches the Christian search for God was the group who was studying the crater.

“Christian faith does not primarily concern the human search for God but is ultimately a human answer to God in search of human beings,” she said.

Mallon said Catholics have an important task that must be faced.

“This is our task: The work of bringing what we say and believe as Roman Catholics into congruency and alignment with how we actually behave,” Mallon said.

Contact Alicia Smith at asmith01@Saintmarys.edu

BCAC Presents: 2010 BCAC Fashion Show

TIME WARP

3.27.2010 @ 7 pm | Washington Hall | The Wait is Over

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, 3.17
$11 ND/SMC/HCC | $13 Non-Students | $20 Combo Ticket
* featuring music from Madonna and Rihanna, live musicians, poetry, and more.*

Contact Alicia Smith at asmith01@Saintmarys.edu
Border Angels founder draws large audience

By CAROLYNN SMITH
News Writer

A large crowd gathered to hear Enrique Morones, activist and founder of the non-profit organization Border Angels, on Monday night as he highlighted the organization’s mission and gave a partial examination of resources given to students and provided a shuttle bus to the stadium. The tickets will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. For students who do not receive a ticket from student government, tickets can be purchased at the stadium for $4.

Schmidt then discussed the potential student government involvement in a baseball game between the South Bend Silver Hawks and the Notre Dame baseball team, which will take place at the INDIANA MEMORIAL STADIUM on April 5.

“For the last three years, our Student Senate has played the South Bend minor league team and I want to know how COR thinks we can support this.” Schmidt said.

In response, members decided student government will purchase about 200 tickets to give away to students and provide a shuttle bus to the stadium. The tickets will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. For students who do not receive a ticket from student government, tickets can be purchased at the stadium for $4.

Contact Carolyn Smith at cmadders@nd.edu

Council approves new Student Union Board

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the four resolutions passed in the March 18 Student Senate meeting and approved new Student Union Board (SUB) leaders at its meeting Tuesday night.

The resolutions passed by Senate include a nomination of two student representatives to the Rector Approval Committee for Residence Halls and resolutions regarding diversity on campus, non-monetary aid to Haiti and Operation Gate Keeper, a border security operation established in 1994.

Student body president Grant Schmidt highlighted the resolution involving diversity on campus. The resolution called for an examination of programs and services given to Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS). Schmidt said the issue is important because many individuals often find the support given to minority students on campus frustrating.

Schmidt said Senate had another “very important request” for the University that involved the ongoing crisis in Haiti. Students approved the addition of five new leaders to the Student Union Board (SUB). Sophomore Norbert Hootsmans and junior Marie Wicht were both unanimously approved by COR for finance and director of operations for SUB, respectively.

In response, members decided student government will purchase about 200 tickets to give away to students and provide a shuttle bus to the stadium. The tickets will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. For students who do not receive a ticket from student government, tickets can be purchased at the stadium for $4.

Contact Molly Madden at mmadden3@nd.edu
Police sent to control drug traffickers

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — Jet planes loaded with 450 federal police officers arrived in this city, known as Mexico's murder capital, on Tuesday to bolster a federal force struggling to control violent drug traffickers.

The law enforcement operation, which consists of the number of federal agents in Ciudad Juarez to 3,500, is one of Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and top-level security officials met with Mexico's leaders and pledged to help tackle the problem.

More than 2,600 people were killed last year in Ciudad Juarez, a city of 1.3 million across the border from El Paso, Texas. At least 500 people have died this year.

Britain to launch space agency

LONDON — Britain's first space agency will begin operating next month in an effort to coordinate U.K. space activities while raising the country's profile in the global space economy, officials said Tuesday.

With an initial operating budget of £230 million pounds ($346 million) — modest compared with NASA's yearly $19 billion — the government said the new UK Space Agency would nevertheless create a team of thousands of jobs while developing a recession-defying industry that up to now has received little attention.

The country's 6 billion pound ($9 billion) space industry "is one of Britain's real success stories," Business Secretary Peter Mandelson said. "Year-on-year it provides more jobs both directly and indirectly to the U.K. work force."

Miss. judge won't force school prom

JACKSON — A Mississippi school district violated a lesbian student's rights by banning her from bringing her girlfriend to the prom, a federal judge ruled Tuesday, but he stopped short of forcing the district to hold the event.

U.S. District Judge Glen H. Davidson denied an American Civil Liberties Union request for a preliminary injunction that would have forced the district to hold the event.

Davidson's order says the district violated McKellen's constitutional rights by denying her request to bring her girlfriend and wear a tuxedo.

The defense attorney told the judge he was concerned about the issue later, but he did not set a date and any ruling would likely come too late to force the district to hold the prom when it was originally scheduled.

Davidson's order says the district violated McKellen's, but he denied her request to bring her girlfriend to the prom and wear a tuxedo, and about McKellen's constitutional rights if the school district does not allow her to bring her girlfriend and wear a tuxedo.

Tattoo indicates possible hate crime

BREWER, N.Y. — A teenager accused of murder in the hate crime stabbing of an Ecuadoran immigrant had tattooed on his body a symbol associated with white power, witnesses testified Tuesday.

The defendant, Jeffrey Conroy, was watching the HBO prison drama "Oz" in April 2008 when he decided he would be cool to get the tattoos, said Keith Brunjes, who described himself as Conroy's best friend. Over the course of several weeks, Brunjes applied a star tattoo to one of Conroy's arms, a lightning bolt to the other and the swastika on the outside of his upper right thigh.

Search continues for Purdue student

Fishers police say the last cell phone ping on the other arm and the swastika appeared on the other arm and the swastika was never seen again by any witnesses to the crime.

The defendant, Jeffrey Conroy, was watching the HBO prison drama "Oz" in April 2008 when he decided he would be cool to get the tattoos, said Keith Brunjes, who described himself as Conroy's best friend. Over the course of several weeks, Brunjes applied a star tattoo to one of Conroy's arms, a lightning bolt to the other and the swastika on the outside of his upper right thigh.

Search continues for Purdue student

Fishers police say the last cell phone ping on the other arm and the swastika appeared on the other arm and the swastika was never seen again by any witnesses to the crime.

The defendant, Jeffrey Conroy, was watching the HBO prison drama "Oz" in April 2008 when he decided he would be cool to get the tattoos, said Keith Brunjes, who described himself as Conroy's best friend. Over the course of several weeks, Brunjes applied a star tattoo to one of Conroy's arms, a lightning bolt to the other and the swastika on the outside of his upper right thigh.

Government thwarts censorship detour

SAN FRANCISCO — Google's attempt to detour around China's Internet censorship rules was met with a legal victory Tuesday by the communist government, which blocked the site Thursday.

Fishers police say the last cell phone ping on the other arm and the swastika appeared on the other arm and the swastika was never seen again by any witnesses to the crime.

The defendant, Jeffrey Conroy, was watching the HBO prison drama "Oz" in April 2008 when he decided he would be cool to get the tattoos, said Keith Brunjes, who described himself as Conroy's best friend. Over the course of several weeks, Brunjes applied a star tattoo to one of Conroy's arms, a lightning bolt to the other and the swastika on the outside of his upper right thigh.

Government thwarts censorship detour

SAN FRANCISCO — Google's attempt to detour around China's Internet censorship rules was met with a legal victory Tuesday by the communist government, which blocked the site Thursday.

Fishers police say the last cell phone ping on the other arm and the swastika appeared on the other arm and the swastika was never seen again by any witnesses to the crime.

The defendant, Jeffrey Conroy, was watching the HBO prison drama "Oz" in April 2008 when he decided he would be cool to get the tattoos, said Keith Brunjes, who described himself as Conroy's best friend. Over the course of several weeks, Brunjes applied a star tattoo to one of Conroy's arms, a lightning bolt to the other and the swastika on the outside of his upper right thigh.
Club
continued from page 1

one-hour practices a week, with each practice focusing on a different triathlon event. Each club officer also unofficially leads a different aspect of practice based on their athletic specialties.

I lead the swim practices because I swim here freshman Tyler Saucedo, said. “Brian and Kyle are big runners, and I’m interested in triathlons to find out more about the club. “If people are trying to get in shape for summer triathlons, join the club,” Saucedo said. “If you haven’t done one or are just interested, come to practices too.”

In addition to functioning as a triathlon-training group, the club members participate in the biathlon held each fall on campus and hope to host a biathlon on campus next spring, providing SAO approves the club’s budget, said Kingery. The club is currently selling shirts for $15 as a fundraiser for the group.

Kingery said he hopes to find a triathlon for students to compete in individually sometime in April.

“Our main goal is competing, even if it is hard to find triathlons happening right now.”

Karl Kingery
Triathlon Club president

Moya
continued from page 1

lives.”

Moya was in Washington for President Barack Obama’s inauguration last January and even spoke at a ball the night before. He and his fellow officers spent their days in the nation’s capital in meetings with officials including the secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and the secretary of the United States Department of Education.

“It wasn’t just a handshake and go,” Moya said. “How would 191-year-old walk in to the U.S. Department of Education and carry on an hour-long meeting?”

The mission of the National FFA is to provide leadership opportunities to students, Moya frequently delivered motivational speeches at student conferences across the nation.

“Throughout the year, we had to go through a huge amount of training to deliver those speeches,” he said. “We had motivational speakers and business leaders teach us how to deliver an effective speech.”

Moya said there were times when he would realize the pressures of his position.

“There were times when I was about to give a 25 minute address to 20,000 students that I would need to be pinch-hit,” he said. “There was an incredible amount of pressure but there was also incredible opportunity to inspire the next generation of leaders.”

Moya said the responsibility he felt to these students is what motivated him on a daily basis.

“I kept going knowing that everyday was an opportunity to impact the world a little bit,” he said.

All of Moya’s training paid off. In addition to continuing his speaking endeavors, he was invited to and spoke at leadership conference for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation last year.

After retiring from his position as national president in October, Moya said returning to student life at Notre Dame in January was slightly surreal.

“It’s definitely interesting to be in one place for more than three days at a time,” Moya said. “I’m in a business major and doing all these things in the business world this past year has added more relevance to the classroom.”

Moya is pursuing a degree in finance from the Mendoza College of Business and plans to graduate in 2012. Until then, he said he has no plans to leave Notre Dame for extended periods of time, except when he has motivational speaking engagements.

“I’m taking a step back from the corporate side and am going to do more service oriented projects,” he said. “I feel blessed. I want to go serve in communities that really need it.”

Overall, Moya said his year as national president was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, which changed the way he views the world.

“This past year has been a whirlwind in so many ways and I transformed so much,” Moya said. “I grew more in one year than I have grown in the last five.”

Contact Molly Madden at mmadden3@nd.edu

Director
continued from page 1

b e r of the CRRA, Notre Dame has played a key role in creating global access to the vast array of materials held by Catholic institutions in North America.”

CRRA board member Artemis Kirk, who is the university librarian at Georgetown, said the CRRA was fortunate. Younger would be able to devote more of her time to the organization.

“Jennifer has been the driving force behind the creation of the Catholic Research Resources Alliance, and all of its members are indebted to her for her leadership,” Kirk said. “We’re delighted that she can devote even more of her energy and expertise to strengthening the alliance and we appreciate Notre Dame’s commitment in understanding the importance of the CRRA.”

Contact Joseph McMahon at jmcmah06@nd.edu

Follow The Observer on Twitter @ndsmcnews

March 24 & 25, 2010 | 8:00 p.m.
Philbin Studio Theatre | DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
Tickets $10, $8 faculty/staff/senior, $5 student | Visit performingarts.nd.edu or call 574.631.2800

A Shakespeare at Notre Dame production
Presented through the generous support of the Deborah J. Loughey Endowment for Excellence in Shakespeare Studies

GALILEO
Back by popular demand! Witness Galileo Galilei’s pursuit of intellectual integrity and spiritual salvation in this fascinating, one-man, drama adaptation of the BBC documentary “Days That Shocked the World.”

GALILEO is an electrifying look into the controversial heresy trial that changed the heavens and Earth forever.

Starring internationally renowned British actor and visiting artist Tim Hardy | Written and directed by Nic Young

Pacific Coast Concerts presents
Concerts from Nashville, Tennessee to the United States and Internationally
Thursday April 15, 2010 | 7:00 pm
Chapel of the Resurrection, St. Mary’s College
Tickets $25 (no fees) or $20 (up to 4 people) to enjoy this one-of-a-kind evening in the Ukrop Family Concert Hall at the McIntyre O’Toole Auditorium. Donation tickets are available with a donation of $65. Call 574.631.2800 or visit performingarts.nd.edu for more information.

This event is part of the University of St. Mary’s College Performing Arts Series and hosted by the Performing Arts Department.

Follow The Observer on Twitter @ndsmcnews

CAMPUS NEWS
Wednesday, March 24, 2010

The Observer ♦
**IN BRIEF**

WASHINGTON — The top earners at five big companies still living on federal bailout money will take a 15 percent pay cut this year, the Obama administration’s pay czar says — yet many will still make millions.

Kathleen Feinberg also said cash salaries would be capped at $500,000 this year for the vast majority of the top executives at the five companies. Any further compensation has to be in stock.

Still, he said, 69 of the 119 executives covered by the restrictions will take home pay packages worth more than $1 million.

The announcements Tuesday were the administration’s latest effort to deal with outrage over the lucrative pay provided to executives of bailed-out companies. The announcements Tuesday were the administration’s latest effort to deal with outrage over the lucrative pay provided to executives of bailed-out companies. The administration’s latest effort to deal with outrage over the lucrative pay provided to executives of bailed-out companies.

Even after lackluster reports on housing market, stocks continue to rise

NEW YORK — Investors are starting to believe that the stock market is on the verge of another big rally. The Dow Jones industrials rose almost 103 points Tuesday, their biggest gain in more than two weeks. The day’s economic news was tepid as the National Association of Realtors reported a drop in homes sales last month that was n’t as steep as forecast. But analysts said many investors, after seeing the Dow at new highs for 2010, were afraid of missing out on further gains.

The report on housing was typical of recent economic numbers that have been somewhat better than expected but that still point to a weak economy. Sales of previously owned homes fell 6.6 percent last month to an annual rate of 4.8 million. The drop was less than expected. For now, the sales numbers aren’t hurting hopes that the economy can recover even if the housing market is still sluggish. The Commerce Department is expected to report new home sales for February on Wednesday.

The yield on the two-year note that matures at a government auction of two-year notes.

The day’s economic news was tepid as the National Association of Realtors reported a drop in homes sales last month that was n’t as steep as forecast. But analysts said many investors, after seeing the Dow at new highs for 2010, were afraid of missing out on further gains.

The report on housing was typical of recent economic numbers that have been somewhat better than expected but that still point to a weak economy. Sales of previously owned homes fell 6.6 percent last month to an annual rate of 4.8 million. The drop was less than expected. For now, the sales numbers aren’t hurting hopes that the economy can recover even if the housing market is still sluggish. The Commerce Department is expected to report new home sales for February on Wednesday. A month ago, homebuilders shrugged off an 11.2 percent decline in these sales.

The market’s continuing advance has been welcome but analysts are divided over whether stocks have run too far or if they have more to gain based on improvements in the economy. The recent gains have been mild in contrast to those of 2010 when triple-digit gains in the S&P 500 were more frequent as the index soared higher from a 12-year low.

Even many traders who have doubts about whether stocks can sustain the advance is expect it to continue until something pops the optimistic mood.

“You can’t deny the trend. Definitely the trend is higher,” said Doreen Mogavero, president of brokerage Mogavero, Lee & Co. in New York. She said investors are optimistic about the health of corporate earnings for the January-March quarter.

“They seem to be moving along in the right direction. So to that end I think people are feeling better.”

But Mogavero is cautious because the advance has come on light trading volume, which signals that not many investors are willing to put money into the market.

The Dow rose 102.94, or 1 percent, to 10,888.83, its biggest point and percentage gain since March 5.

The Dow has risen 10 of the past 11 days and is at its highest level since Sept. 26, 2008. It has risen 147 points, or 1.4 percent, in two days.

The Standard & Poor’s 500 index rose 3.86, or 0.7 percent, to 1,174.17. It also stands at an 18-month high.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 19.84, or 0.8 percent, to 2,415.24, a 19-month high.

The rise in stocks sent bond prices lower and yields higher. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.69 percent from 3.66 percent late Monday.

The dollar rose against the European Currency Unit. The dollar has continued higher because traders believe stock prices are too low. That means the advance has come on light trading volume.

Trading LLC, said the market“I can’t just blame the cross-ownership ban. There have been other factors,” Powell said. “We have a strong economy.”

But Mogavero is cautious because the advance has come on light trading volume, which signals that not many investors are willing to put money into the market. “Things seem to be moving along in the right direction. So to that end I think people are feeling better.”

But Mogavero is cautious because the advance has come on light trading volume, which signals that not many investors are willing to put money into the market.

The Dow rose 102.94, or 1 percent, to 10,888.83, its biggest point and percentage gain since March 5.

The Dow has risen 10 of the past 11 days and is at its highest level since Sept. 26, 2008. It has risen 147 points, or 1.4 percent, in two days.

The Standard & Poor’s 500 index rose 3.86, or 0.7 percent, to 1,174.17. It also stands at an 18-month high.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 19.84, or 0.8 percent, to 2,415.24, a 19-month high.

The rise in stocks sent bond prices lower and yields higher. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.69 percent from 3.66 percent late Monday.

The dollar rose against the European Currency Unit. The dollar has continued higher because traders believe stock prices are too low. That means the advance has come on light trading volume.

Trading LLC, said the market“I can’t just blame the cross-ownership ban. There have been other factors,” Powell said. “We have a strong economy.”

But Mogavero is cautious because the advance has come on light trading volume, which signals that not many investors are willing to put money into the market. “Things seem to be moving along in the right direction. So to that end I think people are feeling better.”

But Mogavero is cautious because the advance has come on light trading volume, which signals that not many investors are willing to put money into the market.

The Dow rose 102.94, or 1 percent, to 10,888.83, its biggest point and percentage gain since March 5.

The Dow has risen 10 of the past 11 days and is at its highest level since Sept. 26, 2008. It has risen 147 points, or 1.4 percent, in two days.

The Standard & Poor’s 500 index rose 3.86, or 0.7 percent, to 1,174.17. It also stands at an 18-month high.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 19.84, or 0.8 percent, to 2,415.24, a 19-month high.

The rise in stocks sent bond prices lower and yields higher. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.69 percent from 3.66 percent late Monday.

The dollar rose against the European Currency Unit. The dollar has continued higher because traders believe stock prices are too low. That means the advance has come on light trading volume.

Trading LLC, said the market“I can’t just blame the cross-ownership ban. There have been other factors,” Powell said. “We have a strong economy.”

But Mogavero is cautious because the advance has come on light trading volume, which signals that not many investors are willing to put money into the market. “Things seem to be moving along in the right direction. So to that end I think people are feeling better.”

But Mogavero is cautious because the advance has come on light trading volume, which signals that not many investors are willing to put money into the market.

The Dow rose 102.94, or 1 percent, to 10,888.83, its biggest point and percentage gain since March 5.

The Dow has risen 10 of the past 11 days and is at its highest level since Sept. 26, 2008. It has risen 147 points, or 1.4 percent, in two days.

The Standard & Poor’s 500 index rose 3.86, or 0.7 percent, to 1,174.17. It also stands at an 18-month high.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 19.84, or 0.8 percent, to 2,415.24, a 19-month high.

The rise in stocks sent bond prices lower and yields higher. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.69 percent from 3.66 percent late Monday.

The dollar rose against the European Currency Unit. The dollar has continued higher because traders believe stock prices are too low. That means the advance has come on light trading volume.
Scholarship on sexual orientation

At the recent “Beyond Fruits and Vegetables” forum, students complained that Notre Dame’s professors teach almost nothing about sexual orientation. We agree. We think it’s time for the faculty — in their capacity as experts and educators — to join Notre Dame in a serious conversation about LGBTQ issues. Student government and the Office of Student Affairs — especially Core Council and the Gender Relations Center — are already doing great things in these areas. Why should Notre Dame’s professors lag behind?

Informed political and ethical judgments require solid and up-to-date knowledge. Professors are the best possible sources about cutting edge academic research — in this, as in other areas. In fact, isn’t that why universities employ professors in the first place?

That’s where this column comes in. For the rest of this semester, a different Notre Dame professor each week will write a column about sexual orientation using the most up-to-date research in her or his discipline. Each column will provide an entertaining but up-to-date introduction to one important area of scholarship.

These columns will not be venues for professors to air their personal opinions about politics, ethics or anything else! Rather, columnists will write as professional experts about the scholarship on sexual identity and sexual identity in their own disciplines.

As a taste of what’s to come, here are some topics currently being researched in the humanities and social sciences:

Anthropology: Anthropologists are working on ethnographies of gender identity and development across cultures, the role and status of homosexuality in modern times, the historical and the archaeological records and a broader understanding of the ways in which humans express their sexuality.

Social Psychology: How is your NCAA Tournament bracket doing?

Northern Iowa killed it. I’m hanging in there. Very well — I know how to pick ‘em. I didn’t fill out a bracket.

Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m. at www.ndsmcobserver.com

Submit a Letter to the Editor at
www.ndsmcobserver.com

“a college degree is not a sign that one is a finished product but an indication a goal is prepared for life.”

Fr. Edward A. “Monk” Malloy
President Emeritus of Notre Dame
As a survivor of testicular cancer I feel that I have a unique perspective on the issue of health care reform. I was lucky enough to survive three rounds of surgery and chemo therapy to receive my penile prosthesis as well as a testicular prosthesis. The first title, “the uni-baller” is a fun little ditty my friends like to pull out at parties. Obviously a winner and an overall crowd pleaser. (If you don’t laugh at my self-deprecation you either have no soul and/or are probably a goner) The second title, however, is much more serious. Seeing as I’ve survived this tango with testicular cancer, I inherited the stigma of being a “testicular cancer survivor.” Ironically, I think this title means that the same private insurance which helped save my life will help to make health care more affordable. This is a top notch unless I receive it as compensation from an employer. As you can imagine this is a sobering reality which helps me to recognize the need for a reformed health care and health insurance system. Before we write one off as a communist, I must admit that I am a staunch advocate of the private market. However, I do believe that the current health care system is broken. If I was forced to choose between a public and private health care system, I would choose the private. I believe that the private market is the best way to go and has a real, and lasting effect on people with illness and/or are probably a goner The second title, however, is much more serious. Seeing as I’ve survived this tango with testicular cancer, I inherited the stigma of being a “testicular cancer survivor.” Obviously a winner and an overall crowd pleaser. (If you don’t laugh at my self-deprecation you either have no soul and/or are probably a goner) The second title, however, is much more serious. Seeing as I’ve survived this tango with testicular cancer, I inherited the stigma of being a “testicular cancer survivor.” Ironical...
One of the most interesting aspects of the album is the way the cover songs seem to fit so seamlessly into the rest of Deschanel's original lyrics. One of the most enjoyable covers is "Rhidin’ in My Car." It’s so fantastic because it adds vocals from Mutt into the mix. The two join together for an extremely pleasant duet. The best part of it is that they’re not singing together or as a duet, but rather it should be imagined as the two of them driving in separate cars just singing to themselves. It provokes inspiration as far as imagery is concerned and blends in very well with the rest of the album.

The other cover, "Gonna Get Along Without You Now," is a great addition to the album. The word choice fits Deschanel so perfectly and yet it wasn’t even written with her in mind. The 1950’s feel suits her voice as well. She really delivers on a song driven mostly by vocal melodies.

While cover songs have always been a signature of She & Him — including their Smiths cover in “500 Days of Summer”) — the songs really showcase the talent that both musicians have.

"Home" is one of the most straightforward and direct songs on the album. There are many songs about the concept of home, but this one truly captures what home is. The lyrics don’t waste any time; California is the very first word and it’s clearly what Deschanel views as home. Despite the link to her own home, she still manages to make the song universal. The best line in the song is: “It doesn’t get better than home now does it.” She says it in a manner that is so simple and relaxed that it truly does feel like home. Home is often also equated with love and Deschanel doesn’t neglect that at all. She says, “I want to be where your heart is home.” The music is just as good as the lyrics in its simple message and simple choice of melody. Without a doubt the best song on the album is "In the Sun." It has the same advice that a mother would give, but it sounds so much more appealing in Deschanel’s voice. She sings, “we all get the slip sometimes every day” and reassures the listener that everything’s going to be okay. The resounding chorus of “It’s alright! It’s okay!” is undeniably happy. It is also accompanied by one of the most pleasant music videos in the history of music videos. If you had any reason to wonder, now why would I ever be a fan of Zooey Deschanel, then you simply must watch this video. She sings and dances and just about charms the pants off anyone who watches.

"Volume Two" exceeds the expectations of those who enjoyed "Volume One" and if we’re lucky Volume Three will be soon to come.

Contact Courtney Cox at cccox3@nd.edu

**“Volume Two”**

**She & Him**

Record Label: Merge Records
Noteworthy Tracks: "Thieves," "In the Sun," and "Home"

---

**“Dancing With The Stars” (Mondays, 8 p.m., ABC)**

"Dancing With The Stars" premiered Monday with a new season and an all-star lineup. Controversy already surrounds the season as Kate Gosselin, infamous mother of “Jon and Kate Plus Eight,” is a contestant. Football player Chad Ochocino also promises to be an exciting contestant to watch, dancing for the first time outside the end zone.

**“Gossip Girl” (Mondays, 9 p.m., The CW)**

It was hard to feel the xoxo when Gossip Girl made a half return on March 9, but fortunately the drama and fashion picked up the pace in the last two episodes. You have to wonder how many times can Rufus realistically denounce his daughter? Obviously she’s a screw-up, but can we just move on already? Also, Chuck’s mama-drama is not all that interesting and the coupledom of the series is getting a little too predictable. Something major is needed to revive this weakening power-hour of teen television. An unexpected pregnancy might be the only thing left that can bring a little life to the Upper East Side.

**“The Office” (Thursdays, 8 p.m., NBC)**

Everyone’s favorite mockumentary television show returned on March 4 with "The Delivery," an hour-long episode devoted to the birth of Jim and Pam’s baby. Now more than halfway through its sixth season, “The Office” has struggled to find its way this year. Between the sale of Dunder Mifflin’s Scranton branch to the Sabre and the hurried relationship between Jim and Pam, "The Office" has lacked a little bit of its original off-beat and hilarious humor. A welcome storyline is the awkward but sweet romance of Erin and Andy. Here’s hoping that this once great show soon finds it’s footing again.

**“10 Things I Hate About You” returns March 24 (Thursdays, 8 p.m., ABC Family)**

The second season of the series, inspired on the film of the same name, picks up right where it left off last season after snarky Kat ditched school with bad boy Patrick to stand up in protest of the school’s new policies that encroached upon student privacy. But, uh-oh, now she is upset and she might affect her chances of getting into her dream college. Meanwhile, Bianca has her own problem when she discovers her kiss with stupid but cute Joey was caught on video tape potentially endangering her social standing and position on the cheerleading squad with queen bee Chastity. Will nerdy but redeeming Cameron eventually win Bianca over? And will Kat and Patrick ever become a real couple?

**“Vampire Diaries” returns March 25 (Thursdays, 8 p.m., The CW)**

The last time we saw the gang of Mystic Falls, Va., there was a lot of death, a lot of fire and a lot of The CW-worthy angst. Heroine Elena and the vampire brothers Damon and Stefan Salvatore teamed up with Bonnie and her Grams, both witches, to open the tomb that had imprisoned vampires since the Civil War. Damon found out that his beloved Katherine was not among the withered vampires in the tomb. He was not a happy camper — so the series returns to find him looking up more than a freshman at DormerFest. Look for a guest stint by Melinda Clarke (Marissa’s mom on “The O.C.”) as Damon’s latest conquest.
Oh how you disappoint me!
No, I'm not another Avatar-obessed junkie feeling jilted by the fact that you didn't give this year's grand prize to the "Pocahontas" rip-off of "Million Dollar Baby". Hollywood and proclaiming Sunday as my life-blood. I understand that this is a business. I don't need reminding that money and not integrity drive your decisions, or that your voting system is inherently flawed, or that politics — no, I'm not Mousique writing the music! I'm just a lover of a film that you've overlooked. I'm sure you meant all the best, but was it Tom Hanks or Tom Selleck you're referring to? Perhaps we can set aside our differences and find an ideal balance between the two.

So on March 7 you put on the Oscars. Dear Academy (for the record, I am not saying this out of spite as many of your esteemed members cast votes in various other awards shows/film critics circie de festivals, your results are often far different than those of the same awards shows/film critics circie de festivals), that your members vote for? Perhaps they all have a change of heart some time later... or maybe, this is just a myth. Perhaps we can set aside our differences and find an ideal balance between the two.

Dear Academy, your system is broken, so fix it. Surely you must realize that when you arrogantly determine who and what is "Best," that many of us have been disappointed. You've broken the promise of an award show which is meant to be about more than just the movies. It's about the filmmakers, the actors, the directors, the writers, the crew... It's about more than just the movies. It's about the business as well.

And why is it that so much money, lobbying and politics go on to determine who is the best actor/actress or what film is the best? This is not Hollywood, it's not even the Oscars. You say you want to generate more exposure for films that otherwise wouldn't get nominated for the top prize and might just get overlooked. It's not that simple. It's not about money or politics. It's about integrity.

Dear Academy, your way of joining the fight against obesity doesn't work. You're not bigger, you're obese. Perhaps the move was a socially conscious one. Perhaps you thought making people think of that four-hour blip of "The White Ribbon" would end already was the Oscars fall into limbo, for which as I'm sure you meant all the best, but was it Tom Hanks or Tom Selleck you're referring to? Perhaps we can set aside our differences and find an ideal balance between the two.

Dear Academy, I'm sure you meant all the best, and I'm sure someone pitched the move to 10 films by having "bigger but better," but based on this year's show, I have a slight revision to that statement: really you don't have bigger, you just don't. Perhaps the move was a socially conscious one. Perhaps you thought making people wish your Fat Albert version of an awards show would end already was your way of joining the fight against obesity. Well, how about instead of doing that, you trim the fat, cut the films that don't deserve to be nominated (they get attention anyway based on other nominations) and make the whole experience less bloated, confusing and make us use a word commonly dreaded in critical reviews, overlong. If you're really concerned with exposure for smaller films how about you nominate the ones that deserve to be nominated (at least find a better balance of films), and establish a couple of categories that successfully achieve that noble goal and are in fact awards season staples: best newcomer (actor/actress), best debut feature, and maybe even a best festival circuit film. Dear Academy, do you think you're running a political campaign? Why is it that so many ads have be put in the trades, or that lobbying goes ever so well in Hollywood, or that some studios spend as much money promoting their films come awards season as they do actually making their films? Don't feel like you need to answer that question, because I realize it's not entirely your fault nor can you really do anything about it. But I ask this, in the film itself, did they cast their previous votes, or maybe they're competing (against what?)... or maybe it's your system... just maybe. Maybe it's that up until this year's Oscars you've gone with an instant run-off system that more often than not awards films that, let's face it, even without the statistical data to back it up (because you refuse to release that data), don't receive the most favorable votes. In your system (the same system that's probably older than Larry King), a film with 20 first place votes cast by Brutus and the crew but with 80 last place votes heats out a film with 19 first place votes and 81 second place votes. Dear Academy, I ask you: Is that really the best picture? Or to be more precise, let me ask this with a more direct example: Was "Crash" really better than "Capote" or "Broken Mountain"?

But wait! Also, you've fixed your system right? You've... we've added five more films to the best picture category? Bigger is better (haractrize) in the movies these days? Just like how a huge tub of pop-corn is always better or how you now need 3-D glasses to feel like you're really in the movie as opposed to at the movies? Let's take a closer look at this though. You say you want to generate more exposure for films that otherwise wouldn't been nominated for the top prize and might just get overlooked. It's not that simple. It's not about money or politics. It's about integrity.

Dear Academy, I'm sure you meant all the best, and I'm sure someone pitched the move to 10 films by having "bigger but better," but based on this year's show, I have a slight revision to that statement: really you don't have bigger, you just don't. Perhaps the move was a socially conscious one. Perhaps you thought making people wish your Fat Albert version of an awards show would end already was your way of joining the fight against obesity. Well, how about instead of doing that, you trim the fat, cut the films that don't deserve to be nominated (they get attention anyway based on other nominations) and make the whole experience less bloated, confusing and make use a word commonly dreaded in critical reviews, overlong. If you're really concerned with exposure for smaller films how about you nominate the ones that deserve to be nominated (at least find a better balance of films), and establish a couple of categories that successfully achieve that noble goal and are in fact awards season staples: best newcomer (actor/actress), best debut feature, and maybe even a best festival circuit film. Dear Academy, do you think you're running a political campaign? Why is it that so many ads have be put in the trades, or that lobbying goes ever so well in Hollywood, or that some studios spend as much money promoting their films come awards season as they do actually making their films? Don't feel like you need to answer that question, because I realize it's not entirely your fault nor can you really do anything about it. But I ask this, in the film itself, did they cast their previous votes, or maybe they're competing (against what?)... or maybe it's your system... just maybe. Maybe it's that up until this year's Oscars you've gone with an instant run-off system that more often than not awards films that, let's face it, even without the statistical data to back it up (because you refuse to release that data), don't receive the most favorable votes. In your system (the same system that's probably older than Larry King), a film with 20 first place votes cast by Brutus and the crew but with 80 last place votes heats out a film with 19 first place votes and 81 second place votes. Dear Academy, I ask you: Is that really the best picture? Or to be more precise, let me ask this with a more direct example: Was "Crash" really better than "Capote" or "Broken Mountain"?

But wait! Also, you've fixed your system right? You've... we've added five more films to the best picture category? Bigger is better (haractrize) in the movies these days? Just like how a huge tub of pop-corn is always better or how you now need 3-D glasses to feel like you're really in the movie as opposed to at the movies? Let's take a closer look at this though. You say you want to generate more exposure for films that otherwise wouldn't been nominated for the top prize and might just get overlooked. It's not that simple. It's not about money or politics. It's about integrity.
NBA

Arenas may get three months

WASHINGTON — Prosecutors are portraying Gilbert Arenas as a thuggish intimidator who tried to pressure his teammate into a cover-up, as they argue for a three-month jail sentence for the NBA star on a weapons charge.

Arenas’ lawyer says his client is “a peaceful man” who played a misguided prank and has already been severely punished for bringing guns into the Washington Wizards locker room. He says the more fitting punishment is probation and community service.

Both sides stood out their positions Tuesday in court filings, ahead of Friday’s sentencing in D.C. Superior Court.

Arenas pleaded guilty Jan. 15 to 15 to felony count of violating the District of Columbia’s strict gun laws, a charge stemming from a locker-room confrontation that followed a card-game dispute between Arenas and teammate Javaris Crittenton during a Dec. 19 flight to Washington.

Authorities say Arenas threatened to shoot Crittenton in the face and blow up his car. Two days later, Arenas brought four guns to the locker room and put them in a chair by Crittenton’s locker with a sign saying, “Pick 1.” Crittenton then retrieved his own gun and showed it to Arenas.

Prosecutors wrote that the locker-room incident “was not a spur-of-the-moment jumoke,” but rather a calculated attempt by Arenas to defend his supremacy among his peers.

“In the confined quarters of an airplane, a younger, junior player disrespected the defendant in front of the entire team,” Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Kavanaugh wrote. “On a team where the defendant is the highest-paid player, was the face of the franchise, and is known for particularly outrageous conduct, the defendant believed he had no choice but to respond.”

“In arguing for jail time,” Kavanaugh noted that Arenas lied repeatedly about why the guns were in the locker room. Arenas first claimed he brought them to work because he wanted to get them out of the house and away from his three young children.

Also, on the day after the confrontation, Arenas told a member of the Wizards management that Crittenton wasn’t even in the locker room when the guns were displayed, according to prosecutors. Minutes later, Arenas asked an unnamed teammate to forward a text message to Crittenton, Kavanaugh wrote. The message instructed Crittenton about what he should tell NBA officials.

“Un our story, U were n the training rm when u got out there were 3 guns or ur chair w a note. That said pick one. Send that to javaris ill take all the Blame,” Arenas wrote, according to prosecutors. “Ill come up w the story. But that all he needs to say. If we hav to talk to the nba office.”

A spokesperson for Arenas’ lawyers declined to comment on the allegation. She said the defense would respond to the government’s sentencing memorandum at Friday’s hearing.

Prosecutors also cited Arenas’ prior conviction for carrying a concealed weapon in California in 2003 and his joking antics in the wake of the incident. They said any claim by Arenas that he was ignorant of D.C. gun laws is false, citing a November 2009 team meeting on the subject.

As part of the plea deal with Arenas, the government said in January it would not seek more than six months in jail, although the judge can give Arenas anywhere from probation to the charge’s maximum term of five years. The sentencing guidelines for someone with Arenas’ record call for a sentence of six to 24 months, although the guidelines also allow for probation.

In Tuesday’s filing, prosecutors also proposed that Arenas serve three years probation and perform 300 hours of community service in addition to the three-month jail term.

A survey of similar cases over the last two years in the district indicate that about half of the defendants convicted of Arenas’ crime receive some amount of jail time. Crittenton received a year of unsupervised probation after pleading guilty in January to a misdemeanor gun charge. He did not have a prior guns-related conviction.

Arenas’ lawyers held nothing back in making the case for their client, filing a memorandum that runs 122 pages and includes numerous character-reference letters, with Arenas’ father, Alana Beard of the WNBA’s Washington Mystics and ESPN’s Dave McMenamin among those offering their support. There are no letters from Arenas’ current or former Wizards teammates, coaches or management.

Butler Bulldogs rely on team continuity

INDIANAPOLIS — When Matt Howard and Ronald Nored played on the Butler Bulldogs, they were more than six months in jail, after losing to LSU in the first round of the NCAA tournament. In November, when Nored was trying to play his way back from a broken foot, three young children.

He certainly knows what to expect from his teammates now.

What Butler has done over the past two seasons defies the conventional wisdom of today’s game. At a time when one-and-done recruits dominate the national stage and major programs rely heavily on seniors, Butler has gone down a different road.

Homes, Apartments, Offices

For rent: Furnished 4 bedroom house 9 blocks from campus.

Off street parking, security system, central air.

Nice. Only $550.00 a month each.

Call 574-280-4071.

gradrentals.viewwork.com

Cleaning By Maria 954-657-1898

Affordable and Reliable

For more information, visit ND’s web site:

file.net.

UNPLANNED PREGNANCY? Do not go it alone. Notre Dame has many resources in place to assist you. If you or someone you love needs confidential support or assistance, please call Dr. Sue Dunn at 1-317-284-9343 or email her at sue@nd.edu. For more information, visit ND's web site: http://pregnancy.support.nd.edu

Associated Press

Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas arrives in court in Washington to answer to a felony gun charge Jan. 15. Prosecutors recommended a three-month sentence for Arenas Tuesday.

Associated Press

Butler’s Matt Howard, right, shoots over a Wright State defender during the Horizon League Championship in Indianapolis.

Design experience is not necessary but a plus. Send resume to

remtnutch@indiana.edu.

Dame’s website: http://cosn.rio.edu

CONSIDERING ADOPTING OR FOSTERING A ND ALUMUS? http://cosn.rio.edu

www.adoptnd.cosn.rio.edu

Coverage By NBS 304-671-1899

Homes, Apartments, Offices

Affordable and Reliable

For Rent

the Final Four.
USA Today/DiE Women's Basketball

Mississippi State's Alexis Rack, right, answers questions alongside teammate Mary Kathryn Govero during a news conference about Tuesday's NCAA second round college basketball game against Ohio State in Pittsburgh.

USA Today/NFCA Women's Softball Poll

AVCA Division I-II Men's Volleyball Top 10

NBA

- Nuggets at Celtics: 9 p.m., ESPN
- Lakers at Spurs: 9:30 p.m., ESPN
Edmonds drives in five runs in Brewers win

Ichiro’s catch saves Mariners; Cain pitches Giants to victory over White Sox; Royals, Cubs tie; Padres top Rockies

Associated Press

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Jim Edmonds drove in five runs and Dave Bush pitched six innings to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 10-2 win over the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday.

Edmonds hit a three-run homer off Jeremy Sowers in a four-run first inning and a two-run single off Jensen Lewis in a five-run second. The 39-year-old Edmonds, a 16-year veteran with 382 career homers and eight Gold Gloves in the outfield, is on a minor league contract after sitting out last season.

Bush allowed one run and five hits, becoming the first Brewers pitcher to work six innings this spring.

Sowers gave up six earned runs, five hits and two walks in one-plus inning. The left-hander has been hit hard in two outings after being sidelined early in camp with a strained shoulder.

Mariners 6, Angels 4

Ichiro Suzuki is getting a head start on another Gold Glove.

The right fielder made an outstanding catch during the second inning of the Seattle Mariners’ victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday.

With his back to the plate, the Japanese star robbed Jeff Mathis of extra bases with a tumbling grab on the warning track. The crowd gasped, then cheered.

The remarkable play spared struggling starter Ryan Rowland-Smith from further damage beyond the eight hits and four runs he allowed in five innings.

Giants 6, White Sox 1

Matt Cain pitched into the seventh inning in an impressive start, leading the San Francisco Giants to a victory over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday.

Cain yielded three hits and an unearned run in 6 2-3 innings, helping San Francisco improve to a majors-best 16-6 this spring.

Pablo Sandoval and Bengie Molina each had two doubles and drove in a run for the Giants, who finished with seven doubles.

Cubs 5, Royals 5

Kansas City starter Luke Hochevar gave up one run in five innings Tuesday as the Royals and Chicago Cubs played to a tie.

The game was called after five innings. It was the Royals third tie this spring.

Hochevar gave up five hits, walked none and struck out three. Ryan Dempster allowed two runs and four hits while striking out six in 5 1-3 innings, the longest outing by a Cubs starter.

Brayan Pena hit a tying, two-run homer for the Royals in the sixth off Carlos Marmol.

Derrek Lee had a two-run double for the Cubs. Aramis Ramirez, who had not played since March 13 because of a right triceps injury, had an RBI single.

Padres 9, Rockies 6

Nick Hundley hit a two-run homer in San Diego’s five-run sixth inning, helping the Padres to a win over the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday.

Tony Gwynn had three hits and scored three runs for the Padres, who finished with 14 hits. Chase Headley had two RBIs.

Troy Tulowitzki, Carlos Gonzalez and Chris Iannetta homered for the Rockies. Jason Hammel pitched five-plus innings, yielding five runs and seven hits.
Xavier rallies to notch upset over Vanderbilt

Undefeated Connecticut beats Temple by 54 points to advance to Sweet 16, extend winning streak to 74

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — No watching and waiting this year. Amber Harris is taking Xavier places in the NCAA tournament where it hasn’t gone before.

With each clutch basket, she reminded them of what they missed in last year’s madness. The 6-foot-5 forward with power moves and a soft touch extended the Musketeers’ season Tuesday night with two minutes of the brilliance. Harris made the go-ahead layup with 12.3 seconds left, and third-seeded Xavier held on for a 63-62 win over Vanderbilt in the second round of the NCAA tournament. Down by 10 midway through the second half, the Musketeers (29-3) let the Atlantic 10’s player of the year have it and helping them take over.

“Amber does have a knack for making a shot when we’ve got to have it and helping us down the stretch to get a win,” coach Kevin McGuff said. “She got to have it and helping us take over.

Atlantic 10’s player of the year Musketeers (29-3) let the second half, the Musketeers a two-dimensional offensive team with Harris and Phillips. Xavier missed 17 of its first 18 shots from behind the arc, with Katie Rutan — who set the school’s freshman record for 3s this season — missing on her first seven tries. McGuff left Xavier’s six points in the final 1:22, all on point-blank shots off moves to the basket. After her layup put the Musketeers ahead, Harris had two chances to win.

Harris scored Xavier’s six points in the final 1:22, all on point-blank shots off moves to the basket. After her layup put the Musketeers ahead, Harris had two chances to win.

Lauren Lueders missed from the top of the key, and the long rebound went to Rhoads at the left of the basket. She put up a soft shot that hit both sides of the rim before slipping off as the buzzer sounded, sending Xavier players into a tearful huddle at mid-court.

“I knew I had to get it up quick because I only had few seconds left, if that,” said Rhoads, who was 8 of 18 from the field. “I felt good when I released it, but I guess I just shot it too quick.”

Even the Musketeers seemed stunned that they’d pulled it off.

“There was a sigh of relief,” center Ta’Shia Phillips said. “It didn’t even sink in until I heard the final whistle.

Harris made the go-ahead layup with 12.3 seconds left, and third-seeded Xavier held on for a 63-62 win over Vanderbilt in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

‘It’s hard,’ McGuff said. ‘You’re talking about a freshman with a chance to help her team make the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament. But she’s a unique player with a unique mindset. That’s why I left her in there.’

Harris took it from there.

Connecticut 90, Temple 36

Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma hugged his former assistant before their teams met in the second round of the NCAA women’s tournament.

Once the game started, affection gave way to near perfection by the Huskies.

UConn was flawless at both ends of the floor, soaking in how the best of the scrums ting the best of the scrums tonight.

Connecticut’s Tiffany Hayes shoots over Temple’s Natasha Thames in the Huskies’ 90-56 rout over the Owls Tuesday in Norfolk, Va.

Owls coach Tonya Cardoza, one of his assistants for 14 years. But Cardoza and the eighth-seeded Owls (25-9) never had a chance.

Moore hit 3-pointers on the Huskies’ first two possessions, they ran off 20 points in a row in 6 minutes after Temple missed within 13-5 and finished the half on a 20-1 burst.

Connecticut was one of those games you hate to see either team lose,” Balcomb said. “That was one of those games you hate to see either team lose.”

There was a sigh of relief,” center Ta’Shia Phillips said. “It didn’t even sink in until I heard the final whistle.

Balcomb almost led the Musketeers to a third straight berth in the NCAA tournament while recovering from a knee surgery, and wouldn’t let this season come up short again after three straight early NCAA flameouts.

Lauren Lueders missed from the top of the key, and the long rebound went to Rhoads at the left of the basket. She put up a soft shot that hit both sides of the rim before slipping off as the buzzer sounded, sending Xavier players into a tearful huddle at mid-court.

“I knew I had to get it up quick because I only had few seconds left, if that,” said Rhoads, who was 8 of 18 from the field. “I felt good when I released it, but I guess I just shot it too quick.”

Even the Musketeers seemed stunned that they’d pulled it off.

“There was a sigh of relief,” center Ta’Shia Phillips said. “It didn’t even sink in until I heard the final whistle.

Harris made the go-ahead layup with 12.3 seconds left, and third-seeded Xavier held on for a 63-62 win over Vanderbilt in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

‘It’s hard,’ McGuff said. ‘You’re talking about a freshman with a chance to help her team make the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament. But she’s a unique player with a unique mindset. That’s why I left her in there.’

Harris took it from there.

Connecticut 90, Temple 36

Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma hugged his former assistant before their teams met in the second round of the NCAA women’s tournament.

Once the game started, affection gave way to near perfection by the Huskies.

UConn was flawless at both ends of the floor, soaking in how the best of the scrums ting the best of the scrums tonight.

Connecticut’s Tiffany Hayes shoots over Temple’s Natasha Thames in the Huskies’ 90-56 rout over the Owls Tuesday in Norfolk, Va.

Owls coach Tonya Cardoza, one of his assistants for 14 years. But Cardoza and the eighth-seeded Owls (25-9) never had a chance.

Moore hit 3-pointers on the Huskies’ first two possessions, they ran off 20 points in a row in 6 minutes after Temple missed within 13-5 and finished the half on a 20-1 burst.

Connecticut was one of those games you hate to see either team lose,” Balcomb said. “That was one of those games you hate to see either team lose.”

There was a sigh of relief,” center Ta’Shia Phillips said. “It didn’t even sink in until I heard the final whistle.

Balcomb almost led the Musketeers to a third straight berth in the NCAA tournament while recovering from a knee surgery, and wouldn’t let this season come up short again after three straight early NCAA flameouts.

Lauren Lueders missed from the top of the key, and the long rebound went to Rhoads at the left of the basket. She put up a soft shot that hit both sides of the rim before slipping off as the buzzer sounded, sending Xavier players into a tearful huddle at mid-court.

“I knew I had to get it up quick because I only had few seconds left, if that,” said Rhoads, who was 8 of 18 from the field. “I felt good when I released it, but I guess I just shot it too quick.”

Even the Musketeers seemed stunned that they’d pulled it off.

“There was a sigh of relief,” center Ta’Shia Phillips said. “It didn’t even sink in until I heard the final whistle.

Harris made the go-ahead layup with 12.3 seconds left, and third-seeded Xavier held on for a 63-62 win over Vanderbilt in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

‘It’s hard,’ McGuff said. ‘You’re talking about a freshman with a chance to help her team make the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament. But she’s a unique player with a unique mindset. That’s why I left her in there.’

Harris took it from there.

Connectivity. That’s why I left her there.

It really hasn’t hit me yet.”

Center Ta’Shia Phillips said. “It didn’t even sink in until I heard the final whistle.

Harris made the go-ahead layup with 12.3 seconds left, and third-seeded Xavier held on for a 63-62 win over Vanderbilt in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

‘It’s hard,’ McGuff said. ‘You’re talking about a freshman with a chance to help her team make the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament. But she’s a unique player with a unique mindset. That’s why I left her in there.’

Harris took it from there.

Connectivity. That’s why I left her there.

It really hasn’t hit me yet.”

Center Ta’Shia Phillips said. “It didn’t even sink in until I heard the final whistle.

Harris made the go-ahead layup with 12.3 seconds left, and third-seeded Xavier held on for a 63-62 win over Vanderbilt in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

‘It’s hard,’ McGuff said. ‘You’re talking about a freshman with a chance to help her team make the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament. But she’s a unique player with a unique mindset. That’s why I left her in there.’

Harris took it from there.

Connectivity. That’s why I left her there.

It really hasn’t hit me yet.”

Center Ta’Shia Phillips said.
NHL

Bruins extend lead with shutout win

Associated Press

ATLANTA — David Krejci scored a goal and assisted on another, and Tuukka Rask blanked Atlanta for the second time this season, and the Bruins kept up their mastery of the Thrashers with a crucial 4-0 victory Tuesday night that extended Boston's lead for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Bruins moved three points ahead of the Thrashers in the playoff race, snapping Atlanta's four-game winning streak.

Krejci put the Bruins ahead less than two minutes into the opening period, then set up Milan Lucic's goal that made it 2-0. Midway into the third, Atlanta had outscored opponents 18-9 during its winning streak, which improbably moved the Thrashers into a breakaway with the Thrashers trailing 2-0, the winger was hooked from behind by Dennis Wideman and awarded a penalty shot. But Rask stopped a penalty shot.

Williams spoke during a panel discussion of whether the law requiring gender equity in college sports needs to be reformed or is simply being misinterpreted. Former U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh defended the law he helped pass in 1972 and agreed with Williams about football the most powerful of all college sports.

Middle Tennessee State wrestling coach Bryan Knepper argued against what he called unintended consequences of men losing teams at schools trying to meet Title IX.

He cited men forced to play fewer levels at schools trying to meet the federal law. Title IX was not being applied to college athletics when he helped write the legislation in 1972.

The Pacers led by 11 going into the fourth quarter, but never seriously threatened and were outscored by Indiana 28-13 in the aftermath of the third, moving the margin to 13 in the aftermath of Kuester's ejection.

The Pacers beat the Warriors 98-83 Tuesday night in the third quarter. Kuester was ejected for arguing a call in the third quarter. Kuester was ejected for arguing a call in the third quarter.

Associated Press

The Pacers beat the Warriors 98-83 Tuesday night in the third quarter.
Offense

continued from page 20

"I think our guys were a little bit more confident today," Schrage said. "We hit a lot less fly balls today than we did all season."

The win comes on the heels of a disappointing weekend against Michigan State (12-4), when the Irish dropped all three contests, 13-0, 7-4 and 3-0.

I was really disappointed in how we played over the weekend (against Michigan State), in fact I was embarrassed at how we played over the weekend," Schrage said. "There is one thing I know, and that is how to work hard and hustle and that is what I want our team to do."

Getting the starting nod for Notre Dame was junior right-hander Ryan Sharpley, who was on a strict pitch count and lasted only 2 2/3 innings. Sharpley only allowed three hits and two earned runs with two walks.

"Sharpley is a guy that we are rehabilitating from a labrum injury that side- ruled him for the entire 2009 season," Schrage said. "He's been working his way back into shape, and he was ready to go last weekend."

"Senior infielder David Mills and junior centerfielder Bynel Indekeu set the tone right off the bat, and to go up by 8-0 after two innings, we have not done that all sea- son, so I was happy about how we came out," Schrage said.

"The Irish next take the field in Chicago. It seems to fall out of the Cardinals, as the closest they got the game was 11-5, which would be the final."

Senior right-hander Billy Boockford cleaned up the last two innings of relief to keep the game out of reach for Ball State.

Intlekofer set the tone right off the bat, and two earned runs with two walks. After giving up two earned runs in two innings of the game without giving up a hit or a run.

The Irish next take the field this afternoon at 5:05 p.m. at Eck Stadium against Illinois-Chicago.

Former Irish safety Sergio Brown performs the cone drill in front of NFL scouts at Notre Dame's Pro Day at the Loftus Center on Tuesday. Brown completed the drill in 6.67 seconds.

According to Kelly said sophomore quarterback Dane Crist has continued to make good progress recovering from knee surgery after tearing his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) last fall.

"We'd be really close to play- ing with him. Obviously we're going to be smart. He'll play all of our seven-on-seven routines, he'll be in all of our one-on-ones," Kelly said.

"We'll put a big funnel around him to make sure that nobody gets near him but he's got to get out there and take snaps. He's got to learn the offense. He's got to earn the starting job. He's done a great job of putting him- self in position to do all that."

Dave Schrage

I rish coach

"There is one thing I know, and that is how to work hard and hustle and that is what I want our team to do."

Dave Schrage

I rish coach

The Observer ◆ SPORTS

Wednesday, March 24, 2010 page 17
Irish players huddle together following Notre Dame’s 8-4 victory over Vermont on Tuesday. The team advanced to the Sweet 16 in Kansas City to face No. 3-seeded Oklahoma.

**Diggins continued from page 20**

start, her defense was outstanding. After we spotted them the 10-point lead, I thought our defense fell apart.

Despite Diggins’ performance, the Catamounts (27-7) would not be intimidated in the first half. Taking full advantage of its size, Vermont successfully established itself in the post early in the game. Backed by the lights-out shooting of Max Kiefeit, the Catamounts jumped to a 20-10 lead with 15 minutes remaining in the first half.

“I think our game plan was for them to get up 10 points and then we would come all the way back,” senior guard Lindsay Schrader said. They missed shots. They made their shots. And it seemed, for the first half they could not miss.

Sparked by junior forward Devereaux Peters, the Irish picked up the slack on the defensive end. Forcing turnovers, affecting shots, and grabbing rebounds, Peters enabled Diggins to direct the transition offense and lead a 13-3 Irish run. It’s amazing when we sub and we come in with Devereaux Peters, who would be starting for almost every other team that we play,” McGraw said. “It really excites the team and the crowd, and I think it’s demoralizing for the opponent. She sees that as her role, to really wreak havoc defensively, and she did a great job of that again tonight.”

Diggins’ 31 points were the most scored by a freshman in Irish history, eclipsing the previous high of 29 points held by Schrader. Schrader added 14 points and 11 rebounds, her sixth double-double of the season.

While pleased with the increased output on offense, McGraw said she was most impressed by the poise and maturity Diggins brought to the court. While possessing the rare ability to score at will, Diggins plays through the team’s offense, not her own.

“She is wise beyond her years,” McGraw said. “She recognized that she was doing a lot of scoring, and then she saw her trying to drive and look for the post presence to get everybody involved. She wants a team that everybody feels like they’re contributing, and she can make that happen.”

Quick to defer any praise, Diggins said the crowd played a significant role in her success and Notre Dame’s emergence late in the first half. Diggins acknowledged the fans several times during the Irish comeback, who responded to her dominance with cheers all night.

“It’s amazing we had the opportunity to play at home in the first two rounds,” Diggins said. “Our fans really came out and supported us. That sixth man was key tonight in really pumping us up. They were anxious to explode, so once we started to run, the roof blew off the place.”

The Irish travel to Kansas City to take on No. 3-seeded Oklahoma in the Sweet 16 Sunday.

Contact Tracy Coyne
mcasoule@nd.edu

**Eagles continued from page 20**

Notre Dame on your own home field,” Marrone said. “It’s really good for team morale.”

The Irish shut the Eagles down offensively in the first game of the day, a 9-0 rout that lasted only five innings.

Junior Jody Valdivia pitched the first contest and earned her 13th straight win for the Irish.

Offensively, the Irish took early control of the game.

“They threw a couple of different pitchers at us, but we hit them all and scored in almost every inning,” Marrone said.

Junior Sadie Pitzenberger had three hits, including a triple, and senior Heather Johnson drove in four runs before the conclusion of the second game to lead the Notre Dame offense.

In the second game, the Eagles fought back harder offensively, but Irish pitchers Brittany O’Donnell and Shannon Kelly held Eastern Michigan to three runs and five hits as the Irish won 3-0.

O’Donnell earned the win, her fifth of the season, after giving up two hits in five innings of work. During that time the Irish were able to take a comfortable 9-0 lead.

The two innings in relief by Kelly, a junior, marked her first appearance on the mound this season.

“The Eagles were tough and scrappy,” Marrone said. “They didn’t have big power hitters, but they find a way to score runs, whether it’s scoring bases and stringing hits together.”

Though Eastern Michigan took an early lead, the Irish responded quickly with home runs by sophomore Kristina Wright and senior Christine Lux, her seventh of the season.

“We hit them all and scored in different pitchers at us, but we still were able to take advantage for the Irish since they’ve been exposed to that style and have been successful,” Marrone said. “In terms of expectations, Coyne and I are the same as always. Win.”

“It’s a big game,” Coyne said. “There are different components to this season, and the Vanderbilt game is an important one.”

The Irish will face off against the Commodores today at 2:30 p.m. in Arlotta Stadium.

Contact Matt Robison
mrobison@nd.edu

---

**Vandy continued from page 20**

Coyne said this year’s Vanderbilt team will be as good as it has been in the past, so the Irish will have to step up.

“Vanderbilt is pretty deadly on attack,” Coyne said. “They like to pack in on defense, so we will have to convert on the offensive end.”

Coyne said she is confident in her defense’s ability to shut down the strong Vanderbilt attack.

This week in practice, the Irish have continued to build on the aspects of their game that were weaknesses early in the season. Coyne said.

“We haven’t seen our best performance so far this season.”

**Tracy Coyne**
Irish coach

---

**The 2010 Erskine Peters Fellowship Symposium**

The Department of African Studies presents

Reconstructing the Image of Michael Jackson:
Explorations of Body, Spirit, and Society

Michael Jackson is a figure who embodies the many contradictions of the 20th century American culture. The Erskine Peters Fellowship will explore the legacy of Michael Jackson, how our image of his music and style has evolved, and the ways in which he continues to represent American diversity cultures.

Thursday March 24, 2010
Eck Visitors Center Auditorium
reception 6:00 p.m.
symposium 7:00 p.m.

Contact Chris Masoudi
cmasoudi@nd.edu

---

**Luau 2010**
Mele O Na Moku
Songs of the Islands

Hawaiian Dinner, Hula Show, Raffle & Entertainment
Saturday 3.27.10 @ Stepan Center - Doors Open 6 PM
$10 Pre-Show Lazortune Box Office
$12 at the Door
Join the more than 13,000 readers who have found The Observer an indispensable link to the two campuses. Please complete the accompanying form and mail it today to receive The Observer in your home.

Make checks payable to: The Observer P.O. Box 779 Notre Dame, IN 46556

☐ Enclosed is $120 for one academic year
☐ Enclosed is $65 for one semester

Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City __________________ State _________ Zip______________

Schad & Freude

© JEFF KNUREK & MIKE ARGIRION

Crossword

Brand new & 25 Across:

25 Across: Severely overrides, with "on"
26 Across: ... Tatoo of "War Eagle"
27 Across: furnished with number crunchers
28 Across: Praise
29 Across: Malware, e.g.
30 Across: " ... the dotted line"
31 Across: He spent time in a lion's den
32 Across: Approached
33 Across: Abloy residents
34 Across: This proved
35 Across: On shore
36 Across: To Shandos's nearest
37 Across: Priests preference
38 Across: "Hogwarts"
39 Across: Breaks a break

Across:

1 Across: A novel by Dickens
2 Across: Have you been
3 Across: 31 Across: He spent time in a lion's den
4 Across: It may have a big mouth
5 Across: State whose quarter depicts manatees and saguaro cactus
6 Across: 31 Across: He spent time in a lion's den
7 Across: At the frost line
8 Across: 31 Across: He spent time in a lion's den
9 Across: 31 Across: He spent time in a lion's den
10 Across: Making for...that makes sense
11 Across: A novel by Dickens
12 Across: A novel by Dickens
13 Across: A novel by Dickens
14 Across: " ... the dotted line"
15 Across: " ... the dotted line"
16 Across: Apologize to his mother's nearest
17 Across: " ... the dotted line"
18 Across: " ... the dotted line"
19 Across: " ... the dotted line"
20 Across: " ... the dotted line"
21 Across: " ... the dotted line"
22 Across: " ... the dotted line"
23 Across: " ... the dotted line"
24 Across: " ... the dotted line"

Down:

1 Down: A novel by Dickens
2 Down: A novel by Dickens
3 Down: A novel by Dickens
4 Down: A novel by Dickens
5 Down: A novel by Dickens
6 Down: A novel by Dickens
7 Down: A novel by Dickens
8 Down: A novel by Dickens
9 Down: A novel by Dickens
10 Down: A novel by Dickens
11 Down: A novel by Dickens
12 Down: A novel by Dickens
13 Down: A novel by Dickens
14 Down: A novel by Dickens
15 Down: A novel by Dickens
16 Down: A novel by Dickens
17 Down: A novel by Dickens
18 Down: A novel by Dickens
19 Down: A novel by Dickens
20 Down: A novel by Dickens
21 Down: A novel by Dickens
22 Down: A novel by Dickens
23 Down: A novel by Dickens
24 Down: A novel by Dickens

25 Across: Severely overrides, with "on"
26 Across: ... Tatoo of "War Eagle"
27 Across: furnished with number crunchers
28 Across: Praise
29 Across: Malware, e.g.
30 Across: " ... the dotted line"
31 Across: He spent time in a lion's den
32 Across: Approached
33 Across: Abloy residents
34 Across: This proved
35 Across: On shore
36 Across: To Shandos's nearest
37 Across: Priests preference
38 Across: "Hogwarts"
39 Across: Breaks a break

The Observer
Published Monday through Friday. The Observer is a vital source of information on people and events in the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Community.

Join the more than 13,000 readers who have found The Observer an indispensable link to the two campuses. Please complete the accompanying form and mail it today to receive The Observer in your home.
How Sweet it is

Diggins’ 31 lead Irish to K.C. for round of 16

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

During Notre Dame’s first-round victory over Cleveland State Sunday, freshman guard Skylar Diggins made a career-low one field goal in four attempts. After the game, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she wished Diggins would take more shots.

What a difference a game can make.

Diggins finished with a career-high 31 points on 13-for-21 shooting Tuesday night, leading the No. 2-seed Notre Dame (29-5) to a second round victory over No. 10-seed Vermont. Diggins added a career-high seven steals and six assists to help secure a berth in the Sweet 16 in Kansas City.

“I thought Skylar was absolutely terrific today,” McGraw said. “She came out from the tip and decided that we were going to the Sweet 16. She got us off to a great start.”

Junior forward Becca Bruszewski drives to the basket during Notre Dame’s 84-66 win over Vermont in the second round of the NCAA Tournament Tuesday.

Irish open home slate with sweep

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame opened its home schedule by scoring 18 runs in a doubleheader sweep of Eastern Michigan, as the Irish posted wins of 9-0 and 9-3 at Melissa Cook Stadium Tuesday.

“I thought we came out really strong today,” junior infielder Erin Marrone said. “It was nice to be able to score a lot of runs, score first and come out with a ton of energy.”

After playing 20 consecutive road games to open the season, Marrone said the Irish (19-5) were glad to be back home.

“We love our stadium and our fans. We’re happy for a lot of players, you really get to feel the spirit of playing for the Irish at home,” Marrone added.

Also present were several current members of the 2008 national championship team.

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish awoke from their long winter’s slumber against Ball State Tuesday night with a breakout performance on offense, racking up 12 hits and in an 11-3 victory.

“Part of it was hustling on and off the field, and part was being more aggressive on the bases early in the game and try to take the game to somebody rather than have them take it to us,” Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

Notre Dame (8-11) was finally able to drive the ball rather than pop it up into the air, which Schrage said was key to their offensive performance.

Irish senior outfielder David Mills rounds third base during Notre Dame’s 11-5 win over Ball State Tuesday.

Baseball

Bats come alive in home win

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish awoke from their long winter’s slumber against Ball State Tuesday night with a breakout performance on offense, racking up 12 hits and in an 11-3 victory.

“Part of it was hustling on and off the field, and part was being more aggressive on the bases early in the game and try to take the game to somebody rather than have them take it to us,” Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

Notre Dame (8-11) was finally able to drive the ball rather than pop it up into the air, which Schrage said was key to their offensive performance.

Irish senior outfielder David Mills rounds third base during Notre Dame’s 11-5 win over Ball State Tuesday.

Women’s Lacrosse

Squad faces No. 19 Commodores at home

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

Coming off a big overtime win over Boston last weekend, the No. 11 Irish will look to continue their winning streak against No. 19 Vanderbilt today.

Although the Commodores (5-3) are a nonconference opponent, they are in the same regional as No. 3 North Carolina, an important matchup in determining seeding for the NCAA tournament.

The Irish have been playing Vanderbilt for several years and have developed a strong rivalry, as both teams are typically ranked. Even though Vanderbilt has lost three games, those losses came against three top 10 opponents — No. 3 North Carolina, No. 6 Duke and No. 10 Stanford. The Commodores also have two wins against ranked opponents in No. 9 Boston and No. 14 Penn State. The Commodores will be a tough task for the Irish, as they have proven to be in years past.

“We haven’t played them well for the last three years,” Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. “But we had a big win over them in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last year.”

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

National Football League scouts converged on the Loftus Sports Center Tuesday afternoon as 14 former Irish players worked out on Notre Dame’s Pro Day.

Former Irish wide receiver Golden Tate drew plenty of attention during his workouts. Tate, wearing golden shoes, performed the 60-yard shuttle in 11.67 seconds and ran a wide variety of routes during position-specific drills. He made most catches without incident, but had to dive for one ball and bobbled it twice, catching it before it hit the ground.

Tate said after the event that he was happy with his performance.

“It was good to get out there and show the scouts that I can catch and run a little bit,” Tate said.

Former Irish safeties Sergio Brown and Kyle McCarthy showed off their speed at the event, recording 40-yard dash times of 4.44 seconds and 4.52 seconds, respectively.

The day began with players performing the 40-yard dash, various cone and agility drills and the 60-yard shuttle for scouts. Wideouts and running backs performed position-specific drills first, as Tate, Robby Parris and James Aldridge, as well as 2008 players David Grimes and Asaph Schwapp ran reps for the scouts.

Next up were linebackers Scott Smith and Toryan Smith, followed by defensive back drills featuring Brown and McCarthy.

Former safety Raeshon McNiel was also present, but injured his hamstring during the 40-yard dash and did not participate in the drills.

Defensive linemen Paul Duncan, Sam Young and Eric Olsen and defensive lineman Morrice Richardson followed.

After the workouts, several players lifted weights for scouts.

Duncan, Richardson an Schwapp performed at least 30 repetitions at the bench press, with Schwapp recording the most at 34.

Former Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen, who had surgery in January on his injured toe, was on hand for the workouts but did not participate. He will hold a separate Pro Day and throw for scouts on April 9.

Also present were several current Notre Dame players working out for scouts at Pro Day.