American Indian discrimination

Meg Larson and Kate Cultural Arts programmers back. “It’s an important tradition in Notre Dame’s history,” De La Montaigne said. “Planning with a T-shirt giveaway as well started at 11:30 a.m. Monday and tzatziki sauce. Monday with T-shirts, tie-dye celebration of the last full much-needed break with sight, students can take a much-needed break with AnTostal festivities this week. AnTostal, Gaelic for “festival,” is Notre Dame’s annual celebration of the last full week of classes. It began Monday with T-shirts, tie-dye and tzatziki sauce.

The decades-old festival started at 11:30 a.m. Monday in front of O’Shaughnessy Hall. A Greek food giveaway took place at 5 p.m. in LaFortune Student Center.

Sophomore Kevin De La Montaigne, Student Union Board (SUB) AnTostal programmer, said he is excited about the week’s events.

“It’s an important tradition in Notre Dame’s history,” De La Montaigne said. “Planning fun events at a stressful time of the year is my way of giving back.”

AnTostal celebrates end of year

By AMANDA GRAY Assistant News Editor

Undergraduates call for improvement to ethnic, international diversity

By KRISTEN DURBIN News Writer

If students notice improvements in campus services and facilities upon arriving to campus next fall, they can thank the 51 percent of the undergraduate student body that responded to the University’s ImprovEND survey.

The Office of Strategic Planning administered the survey in January to undergraduates, law and graduate students in order to assess student opinions on campus services. Overall, 51 percent of undergraduates, 58 percent of law students and 41 percent of graduate students responded to the survey, according to survey results.

The survey questions pertained to three main categories: academics, extra- and co-curricular activities and campus environment and services. Each of these categories included subcategories such as campus safety, food services, RecSports, academic advising and cellular reception, among several others.

The results of the survey were recently sent to each service-providing unit on campus and student government, Erin Harding, associate vice president for Strategic Planning, said.

“We have asked both the campus units and student government to return their suggestions and priorities for which aspects of campus services should be changed to the Office of Strategic Planning by mid-May,” Harding said. “We will then go through the compilation of suggestions and prioritize the things to be changed.”

Although overall undergraduates satisfaction rates were extremely high for the categories of academic experience, extracurriculars and sense of community, only 41 percent of survey respondents said they were happy with diversity on campus and international student interaction.

“The 96 percent satisfaction rate for academic experience was terrific,” Harding said. “However, the lower satisfaction rate corresponds with the University’s focus on improving ethnic and international diversity on campus.”

Harding said she was surprised to see that 46 percent of respondents had not volunteered at all during the first semester of this school year. However, she said the wording of the question could have affected the results.

Students protest HEI, go on hunger strike

By LIZ O’DONNELL News Writer

A coalition of students protesting the allegedly poor treatment of HEI Hotel Workers gathered in front of the Main Building Monday to kick off a weeklong hunger strike.

Dressed in orange jump suits and donning signs, the students sat on a blanket on God Quad facing the Golden Dome in an attempt to ask University officials to change their investment policy with HEI Hotels.

Senior Liz Furman, one of the organizers of the protest, said she feels their mission is going unnoticed by the University and felt it was time to make a bigger plea.

“We went to a hunger strike because we’ve done a lot of things this semester and received no response from the University,” she said. “It was time to take the campaign to a much more public level.”

According to a press release issued by the students participating in the strike, “Students argue that the way in which HEI treats its workers is in direct conflict with Catholic Social Teaching on workers’ rights, including the right to dignity, respect, fair wages and to organize.”

Furman said workers at HEI who have tried to unionize have faced threats, harassment and in some cases, been fired. The University has previously denied these claims.

“Some of the workers are overworked, underpaid, and injured. Health care is too expensive for employees to pay for,” she said.

Furman said the hunger strike was a way to show the students’ solidarity with the HEI Hotel workers seeking justice and their fight for justice.

“It is important to me because Notre Dame says to the world that it’s an upstanding Catholic institution that upholds Catholic values and Catholic social teaching on campus, as well as an ethical investment policy,” she said. “I’m a Christian and I really...
Draft Day Blues

Growing up, spring meant many things to me: Little League baseball, another summer quickly approaching, March Madness and all its excitement, and the NFL Draft. For 99 percent of NFL fans, the draft offers hope. The Falcons quickly turned around their franchise when they selected quarterback Matt Ryan (from our little brother out east) with the third overall pick in the 2008 Draft. The team won seven more games the next season and made the playoffs.

On the other end of the spectrum, the ineptitude of some teams each year on draft day simply continues the cycle of turmoil for a franchise. Selecting quarterback Tim Couch with the top overall pick will set your franchise back a couple years if that is even possible for the Browns.

Unfortunately, the draft habits of my Detroit Lions tend to align with the latter. Following a nightmarish 5-27 run during the 2001 and 2002 seasons, the Lions used their picks, third and second overall, respectively, to select the dynamic duo of Joey Harrington and Charles Rogers. There was finally some hope for football fans in Detroit. Harrington to Rogers would someday invoke as many memories as Akman to Irvin does.

Unfortunately, Rogers’ collarbone did not hold up (nor did his resistance to drugs), and it quickly became apparent that the star Michigan State receiver would not produce in the NFL. Although injuries weren’t Harrington’s problem, “Joey Blue Skies” also failed to bring respect to Detroit. During his four years (if that is even possible for the Lions) split up the close-knit siblings. Says Grace: “We’re concerned about spending her holdout. She was concerned about spending her long Island decided it was Propaganda” (seh-TAWK’-keht) going to savor these next few years together.”

Hopefully the Lions learned that picking wide receivers in the first round of four years in a row is not only especially for a team that has many glaring weaknesses.

My father and other relatives used to used to anxiously anticipate draft day. It was a day of hope in an otherwise bleak year for the Lions. The feelings of hope have been replaced by expectations of failure for whoever is next to don the Lions made from 2002-2009, only throwing 60 touchdowns compared to 62 and Matt Stafford (2009). The likes of Johnson (2007), Gosder Cherilus (2008) and the Lions front office failed miserably. Hopefully the Lions learned that picking wide receivers in the first round of four years in a row is not only especially for a team that has many glaring weaknesses.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:**

What is the best part of AnTostal?

1. “Free stuff.”
2. “Brink!”
3. “Free pancakes.”
4. “Free food!”
5. “The ice cream truck.”

**OFFBEAT**

George Washington tabbed with late fees at N.Y. library

New York — If George Washington were alive today, he might face a hefty overdue library fine.

New York City’s oldest library says one of its ledgers shows that the president has racked up 220 years’ worth of late fees on two books he borrowed, but never returned.

One of the books was the “Law of Nations,” which deals with international relations. The other was a volume of debates from Britain’s House of Commons. Both books were due on Nov. 2, 1789.

New York Society Library head librarian Mark Bartlett says the institution isn’t seeking payment of the fines, but would love to get the books back.

The ledger also lists books being taken out by other founding fathers, including Alexander Hamilton, Aaron Burr and John Jay.

Quadruplets choose same N.Y. college

East Setauket, N.Y.— The vote is unanimous.

A set of quadruplets from New York have decided to attend the same college. Grace, Erin, Bobby and Danny Mele will attend Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., in the fall.

Grace Mele was the holdout. She was concerned about spending her college years known as “one of the quadruplets.”

But the 17-year-old from Setauket (seh-TAWK’-keht) on Long Island decided it would be “traumatic” to split up the close-knit siblings. Says Grace: “We’re going to savor these next few years together.”

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

An exhibition titled “All Art is Propaganda” will be open today from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The exhibition will be presented in the Hesburgh Library Special Collections Room 104. The event is free and open to the public.

Photographer Caroline Chiu’s exhibit “Polaroids as Chinese Ink Painting” will be open today from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The exhibit will be presented in the Main and Fritz Kaeser Mestrovic Gallery of the Snite Museum of Art. The event is free and open to the public.

The Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering will be presenting a seminar titled “Combustion Dynamics in Propulsion Systems” today at 3:30 p.m. The seminar will be held in DeBartolo Hall Room 138.

A lecture titled “Sustainability: The Key to Today’s Food Revolution” will begin today at 7:30 p.m.

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Talk debates “Chief” mascot

The exhibit, entitled “Beyond the Chief,” read “Fighting Illini Today Your Host is...” followed by the name of one of the native tribes that used to inhabit the state. After the exhibit’s installation, the signs were vandalized, bent and even stolen, Warrior said.

In response to the vandalism and thefts, Heap of Birds returned to the campus to have a dialogue about the issue. The Community Relations Service (CRS), a division of the Department of Justice also became involved, as the acts were deemed hate crimes since they targeted the Native American community.

The CRS was concerned about escalation,” Warrior said. “Hugs of Bird and the Department of Justice’s efforts proved insufficient to end the vandalism, as signs continued to be damaged, resulting in a new design for the exhibit, believed to be less vulnerable.

The new signs, fabricated in the style of highway signs and under 24/7 surveillance, seemed to stop the vandalism,” Warrior said.

The vandalism, Warrior said, was caused by individuals’ dis approval and discomfort with a discussion of Native American issues, and a widespread problem of white privilege.

Warrior said the simple presence of an exhibit dealing with Native American heritage sparked controversy and violent acts on campus.

“White supremacy, white privilege, and racism... I see as systemic,” he said.

While regarding to the continued movement for the removal of Native American mascots on other college campuses, Warrior said the movements should be equally broad.

“Things really work best when there’s some kind of grass roots effort,” he said.

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The controversial removal of the University of Illinois’ American Indian mascot served as the foundation for a discussion on free expression, hate and discrimination at a lecture Monday.

The talk, “Curating Beyond the Chief: Hating Art and Words in Public,” took place at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The controversy over the long-held “Chief” mascot climaxed in 2007 when the university removed the mascot in response to pressures from a National Collegiate Athletic Association rule.

But Professor Robert Warrior, director of Native American Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, said this removal came much too late. Many other universities had begun removal of native mascots as early as the 1990s, he said.

The growing tension over the mascot debate on campus led Warrior to begin planning an on-campus exhibit with artist Edgar Heap of Birds, renowned especially for his work with Native American themes and social commentary.

“Campus climate was growing more intolerant of difference because of the controversy,” Warrior said.

Warrior asked Heap of Birds to bring his work to campus, which included a series of signs that commemorated the indigenous people who previously held the land.

The project began with a dialogue between Warrior, Heap of Birds, students and faculty over what would be the most effective way to make a statement about the Native issue on campus. Through this dialogue, Warrior said he realized it was not only necessary to make a statement, but also to be informative to themselves and the rest of the campus community through the project.

“We recognized in our discussions how little we knew about these people,” he said.

Providing opportunities for students to engage outside of their comfort zone is important not only to fill seats in lectures, but also to help classroom discussions, Council members said.

“We have a great culture of extremely polite students here,” said "Big Mac" professors want their students to be willing to talk," former Council co-chair Brendan McQueeney said.

Several members also said professors need to challenge students and push past their resistance.

“We do not go to certain lectures because we feel like we will look like idiots,” Jordan said. “What might be interesting would be for professors to give introductory lectures for these topics.”

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Bike the Bend looks for participants

By KRISTYNA HARCOURT
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Looking for something fun and athletic to participate in? Bike the Bend, a fun, non-competitive biking event, will take place around the South Bend and Mishawaka area on May 23.

The event will take place from 6 p.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will commence in rain or shine.

Peg VanNevel, event director for Bike the Bend, said anyone can register to participate in the event.

“The goal of Bike the Bend is to provide our community with a family, friend-oriented event that allows everyone the opportunity to ride on trails and roads, side-by-side, creating new memories and seeing the beauty of our cities, parks, historical districts and colleges without motorized traffic,” VanNevel said.

The idea for Bike the Bend and Georgina Joshi Foundation is sponsoring Bike the Bend. Addicott and Joshi died in separate plane crashes, and the Foundation wants participants to enjoy the city as they did.

VanNevel said the event was inspired by Addicott, who loved the outdoors.

“Louise enjoyed riding her bicycle to Farmer’s Market, Notre Dame and Potawatomi Zoo,” the Bike the Bend Web site said. “She loved exploring different South Bend neighborhoods and sharing those explorations with her husband (and children) on bike rides together.”

The route for Bike the Bend is an estimated 30 miles, but does not have a set start and end point.

“Riders are encouraged to start wherever they prefer, whether it’s closest to their home, or to strategically park their vehicle so they can enjoy a new section of our community,” VanNevel said.

Riders of all ages and all experience levels are encouraged to register and participate. According to the Bike the Bend Web site, those who register will receive a wristband, access to all ride activities including the Post Ride Celebration at Kamm Island, a one-year membership in the Bike Michiana Coalition, and a Bike the Bend T-shirt.

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The Post Ride Celebration at Kamm Island will commence between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to attend and pack picnic lunches or may purchase food from vendors at the Celebration. Live music, bike safety demonstrations and other exciting activities will also take place.

The event stresses safety and encourages bicycle education through their event.

“Every participant on the ride must wear a bike helmet, including children in bike carriers/trailers,” VanNevel said. Participants who do not own or have access to bicycles may rent one from Outpost Sports for a discounted rate of $20. This fee also includes a helmet.

Pamphlets with more information on Bike the Bend can be found in the Angela Athletic Center at Saint Mary’s College.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Election votes to be recounted

Baghdad — An Iraqi court on Monday ordered a recount of more than 2.5 million votes cast in Baghdad during the March 7 parliamentary election that could tilt the results in favor of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and inflame sectarian tensions that have already been a contentious election.

Al-Maliki's bloc won 89 of parliament's 325 seats, putting him just two seats behind former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi. Neither has been able to cobble together a majority coalition with the support of other parties yet. In the meantime, al-Maliki has been trying to rally support through court appeals and other challenges, and by trying to woo support away from Allawi.

Pakistan bombings kill 23

Peshawar — Two bombs exploded in the Pakistani city of Peshawar on Monday, killing 23 people and wounding at least 30 more, said police chief Liaqat Ali Khan.

The blast occurred near an Army Public School, a government-run school. It was the deadliest terror attack since a Taliban gunman killed 141 people in an army-run school in Peshawar in December.

Top two al-Qaeda leaders killed

U.S. and Iraqi forces launch raid; Biden says deaths are a ‘devastating blow’ to terror group

Associated Press

Baghdad — The U.S. and Iraq claimed a major victory against al-Qaeda on Monday, saying their forces killed the terror group's two top figures in this country in an air and ground assault on their safehouse near Saddam Hussein's hometown.

Iraq’s Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki announced the killings of Abu Omar al-Baghdadi and Abu Ayyub al-Masri at a news conference and showed photographs of their bloody corpses. U.S. military officials later confirmed the deaths, which Vice President Joe Biden called a "potentially devastating blow" to al-Qaeda in Iraq.

The organization has proven resilient in the past, showing a remarkable ability to change tactics — most notably after its brutal founder, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was killed in an American airstrike four years ago in a U.S. airstrike. Still, some analysts contend, the group was far stronger then and would likely have a harder time now replenishing its leadership and sticking to a timetable of attacks.

"The death of these terrorists is potentially an important blow to al-Qaida in Iraq since the beginning of the insurgency," Gen. Raymond Odierno, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, said in a statement.

Al-Qaeda in Iraq has remained a dangerous force as the U.S. prepares to withdraw most of its troops. The terror group has launched repeated attacks on civilian targets in Baghdad in an attempt to sow chaos and exploit political deadlock in the wake of the inconclusive March 7 parliamentary election.

Monday’s announcement comes at a critical time for al-Maliki, who has staked his reputation on being the man who can restore stability to Iraq after years of bloodshed. The prime minister is locked in a tight contest with secular challenger Ayad Allawi, who will form the next government.

Al-Maliki’s coalition trails Allawi’s bloc by two seats in the 325-seat parliament, and neither has yet been able to secure enough support from other parties to master a majority.

Al-Maliki’s bid to keep the prime minister’s office received a second boost Monday when Iraq’s election commission announced it would recount ballots cast in Baghdad, after complaints of fraud lodged by al-Maliki’s coalition. The recount could potentially give the Iraqi prime minister’s bloc more seats than Allawi’s.

Allawi has charged that Iraqi security forces have been unforthcoming since the election.

But Biden, President Barack Obama's point person on Iraq, said the deaths of the al-Qaeda leaders under-scored their overall improvement.

"This led to this operation, and it was based on intelligence the Iraqi security forces themselves developed," said Biden, who came before reporters in the White House briefing room to draw added attention to the results.

U.S. military officials have been highlighting the role of Iraqi security forces as American forces draw down. Under a plan outlined by Obama, all combat forces will be out of Iraq by the end of August, leaving about 50,000 U.S. forces in the country for such roles as trainers and support personnel.

Those forces will leave the country entirely by the end of 2011.

The U.S. military said in early Sunday raid that killed the two al-Qaida leaders was launched after intelligence gathered during joint operations over the last week led security forces to the elusive leaders’ safehouse about six miles (10 kilometers) southeast of Tikrit.

Al-Maliki said ground forces surrounded the house and that rockets were fired from the air. The U.S. military said an American UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crashed during the assault, killing one U.S. soldier and wounding three others; the crash was not believed to have been caused by enemy fire.

National News

IRS begins to promote tax credits

Washington — The government is reaching out to more than 4 million small businesses and tax-exempt groups to make sure they know about a new tax credit offered as part of the nation’s health care law.

The Internal Revenue Service on Monday began mailing postcards to get the word out.

The tax credit takes effect this year and is expected to cut the cost of offering health insurance coverage or better for workers, and to tax-exempt organizations that mainly employ lower- and moderate-income workers.

The goal is to help those employers start offering health insurance coverage or better affordable coverage they already provide.

Activists push for gun rights

Arlington — Carrying loaded pistols and unloaded rifles, dozens of gun-rights activists met Monday to rally in a national park since the law passed.

Hundreds of like-minded but unarmed activists got as close as they could Monday to the gated market area.

"It makes it a little more bearable, why," Burkett said. "You just live with it."

Other victims’ family members said they, too, still feel a deep sense of grief 15 years after the bombing.

"I don’t make it here every year. It’s just too hard. It’s just like yesterday,” said Cornelius Lewis III, who wore a Social Security Administration employee Charlotte Thomas.

"Why is it sadder? I don’t know why,” Burkett said. "You just live with it."

Local News

Man killed in plane crash

Lancaster — State police say an 81-year-old former doctor was killed when his single-engine airplane crashed in a field in northern Indiana.

The pilot killed in the Monday morning crash was identified as Dr. Henry Schirmer of Riley.

Police said the target was apparently officers watching over a rally by members of a political party against power cuts in the city. Police officers and protesters were among the 22 dead and more than 30 injured, said police chief Liaqat Ali Khan.

Memorial honors anniversary of bombing

Associated Press

Oklahoma City — It’s been 15 years since a terrorist’s bomb destroyed the Oklahoma City federal building, killing 168 people and injuring more than 600 others.

The passage of time hasn’t made mourning any easier for many victims’ family members.

"Time heals nothing," said Debi Burkett Moore, whose brother, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development worker David Burkett, was killed. She and other family members placed flowers on an empty chair meant to honor her brother that’s among a field of chairs at the Oklahoma City National Memorial.

"It makes it a little more bearable, but it heals nothing," Moore said.

About 2,000 people gathered at the memorial Monday to honor those killed and injured in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. At the time, it was the deadliest terrorist attack on U.S. soil.

For many in attendance, a visit to the memorial is an annual rite — a way to pause and remember a loved one, former colleague, friend or neighbor who died in the attack.

Kathryn Burkett, the mother of David Burkett, said she grew sadder by his absence with each passing year.

"In 15 years, I would never miss it,” said her mother, Bettie Lewis. "This is part of our lives. I would never miss it."
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Augustine helped organize the Greek food giveaway.

“If it’s any indication to how popular it is, the meat ran out in 30 minutes,” Larson said. “The rest of the food was gone in 45 minutes.”

The two said they are looking forward to other events.

“I’m looking forward to the Carnival on the Quad,” Augustine said. “[AnTostal is] a nice week of fun before finals. A carnival will take place on South Quad Thursday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Other games will take place on both North and South Quads throughout the week.

Larson said AnTostal is good timing because it takes place at a time of year when students could use a break.

“Everyone’s got a bit of senioritis and is really looking forward to summer,” Larson said. “They’re all outside already, so it’s just a little fun and different things to take advantage of the nice weather.”

Junior Zach Miller, who participated in the Greek food giveaway, said he is looking forward to other events.

“I’m always too busy to do anything,” Murphy said. “But it’s nice to see things are going on.”

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IN BRIEF

Goldman Sachs steps up defense

NEW YORK — Goldman Sachs stepped up its defense against civil fraud charges Monday, telling clients it did not withhold information in a complex transaction involving risky mortgage securities. But a big question was: Will other firms’ investment banks face similar charges?

In a letter to clients, Goldman Sachs Group Inc. vowed to fight the government’s charges that the bank and one of its vice presidents manipulated the way it was selling complex financial products tied to mortgages that were expected to default. Both Goldman Sachs and the vice president, Fabian Barone, were named in the Securities and Exchange Commission lawsuit on Friday.

The SEC charged that Goldman Sachs did not tell two clients that they investments they bought were crafted by billionaire hedge fund manager John Paulson, who was betting on their failure. Barone and another Goldman executive denied they had misled investors by selling complex financial products tied to mortgages that were expected to default before a federal judge in Santa Ana.

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Airline losses climb to $1 billion

Ash clouds in Iceland leave passengers stranded; industry demands compensation

PARIS — Airline losses from the volcanic ash cloud climbed above $1 billion Monday, and the industry demanded compensation from the European Union. Authorities as officials agreed to let flights resume on a limited basis.

Airlines are losing as much as $300 million per day, with European companies like British Airways suffering the most. An umbrella group for the airline industry criticized European leaders’ handling of the disruption, which has grounded thousands of flights to and from Europe for the past five days.

“It’s embarrassing and a European mess,” said Giovanni Bisignani, chief executive of the International Air Transport Association. The group complained that it saw “no leadership” from government officials.

“It took five days to organize a conference call with the ministers of transport, and we are losing $200 million per day,” Tim Clark, the company’s president, told reporters Monday and agreed to a record compensation for European governments dealing with the volcano.

Toyota recalls vehicles, will pay record fine

WASHINGTON — Toyota hurriedly ordered recalls of nearly 10,000 Lexus SUVs for possible rollover dangers Monday and agreed to a record $16.4 million fine for a slow response in its broader earlier recall, scrambling to fix safety defects that threatened the Japanese auto giant’s reputation.

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“The court of public opinion, paying the fine speaks volumes. But at the end of the day, the fines are simply background noise in terms of the company’s retention of the brand,” said Richard Arsenault, a plaintiff’s attorney in Alexandria, La. “What’s really important are the facts that were the catalyst for the fines.”

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Now even as we speak, there are those who are preparing to divide us, the spin masters, the negative ad peddlers who embrace the politics of anything goes. Well, I say to you tonight, there is not a liberal America and a conservative America — there is the United States of America. There is not a Black America and a White America and Latino America and Asian America — there’s the United States of America. We are one people, all of us pledging allegiance to the stars and stripes, all of us defending the United States of America."

I remember the first time I heard these words, as I’m sure many of you do, during the election of 2004 when then-Senator Barack Obama delivered the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention. Shocking though it may be, even I have to admit that Obama was right. Politics in this country have become incredibly polarized, thanks in large measure to politicians who capitalize on dividing our population along various social lines, such as liberal and conservative, black and white, rich and poor, and pitting these groups against one another in order to gain votes. Ironically, Obama’s stinging rebuke of such tactics was given in the context of supporting the vice presidential candidacy of John Edwards, whose presidential campaign in the decade of two Americas — the haves and the have-nots — in hopes of galvanizing the lower classes in support of his election.

Of course politicians would not employ this tactic so often if it proved unsuccessful. As those familiar with sociological theory know, the existence of a common enemy provides a powerful unifying force among members within a given group by heightening their loyalty to the group and magnifying the characteristics of that group in contrast to the enemy. Politicians play on existing social boundaries within the population in order to drum up support for or opposition to public policies. Take, for instance, the recent battle over healthcare reform. Those who favored the legislation characterized detractors as greedy rich people who were unsympathetic toward the plight of the poor and middle class (economic divisions), while those who opposed the bill accused the other side of trying to turn America into a socialist nation (ideological divisions). By establishing this sort of “us versus them” mentality and demonizing the opposing group, politicians frequently achieve results, and thus have little incentive to abandon the strategy.

The Founders had a keen awareness of the dangers that could result when various interests align against one another in “factions,” and established our republican government in federalism largely to control their damaging effects. Aside from a single outbreak of violence during the mid-nineteenth century, Americans have enjoyed a sustained period of relative peace, and the system the Founders originally designed remains intact. As Madison predicted, our institutions have for the most part served to “refine and enlarge” the selfish views of factions, which draw upon mutual animosities to vie for power and state deference toward their own interests to the detriment of others or of the common good.

But today, our nation faces a factional crisis that is compounded by economic woes, a crushing deficit and an increasing number of entrenched entitlement programs that redistribute public funds to specific groups instead of using them for the benefit of the general public. Scottish historian Alexander Tytler foresaw the advent of this crisis over two centuries ago. “The Founders had a keen awareness of the dangers that could result when various interests align against one another in ‘factions,’ and established our republican government in federalism largely to control their damaging effects.”

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In short, the poem says being a man (the poem was written for his son) is about moderation and balance because the virtues are not found in absolutes but in the margins. Regardless of personal morality, the concept of moderation and balance is something which most people can easily embrace and yet is so often forgotten in contemporary American society. This is not to say America is anything but a great country and an amazing place to live. But to say the country does not currently face many serious issues is to be blind, deaf and dumb. Health care, financial regulation, foreign policy, education and infrastructure are all areas in which the next several years will prove crucial in determining America’s long term strength and stability.

Each issue is deserving of its own column if not a whole book, but they can also be beneficially discussed as a cohesive group. Like Mr. Kipling’s poem these diverse issues share common threads like taxation, capitalism and liberalism. But the most important connective issue, as with the poem, is the concept of balance. This may seem a simple idea but it is actually far more complex than one might expect. Foreign policy has to balance short and long term interests while also keeping a pulse on public perception. And financial regulation has to balance risk management with corporate efficiency. Leaving aside any technical terms, each issue boils down to a discussion of rights and duties and how to balance them.

Addressing the issue as all or nothing leads to drastic action that ends up doing more harm than good. For instance, many environmental groups are opposed to all drilling, nuclear energy and clean energy incinerators failing to understand there must be a balance between protecting the environment and maintaining economic growth.

Perhaps the best way to break down this concept of balance is to address the issue which is truly at the center of modern politics: the rights of the individual vs. the rights of the community. As contentious as this issue is — or perhaps because of it — most people, regardless of ideology, miss the point and argue for one side or the other. Disputedly, many of these so called tea partiers fail heavily on the rights of the community. But if this is the only real hope for success in America’s long term political issues, there must be compromises made between communal and individual rights. Frankly, this was the very basis for the American constitution which, unfortunately, has largely been forgotten today. Just as the few should be free from the tyranny of the many so the many should be free from the tyranny of the few.

Once one understands there must be compromises for the sake of long term stability, the question then becomes what these standards of compromise will be. There too, Kipling’s poem may come in handy. Though the key virtue is temperance (balance), it also emphasizes modesty, humility, honesty, and fortitude. Certainly, remembering the virtues will not solve every political crises or impasse but it will help keep everything in perspective. In a political arena where political ideals are too often advanced at the expense of practical solutions thus making the perfect the enemy of the good, perspective may be the key virtue. Kipling in his poem may be correct saying being a man (for his son) is about balance and moderation. For the United States this may be the only real hope for success in America’s long term political issues.

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Those ND bathroom bothers

During my time here, I have had a bit of a gripe with Notre Dame’s bathrooms. I had tolerated the issue, but it came to a head recently. The other day, I was working on a project at the brand new Stinson-Remick building. I was there for a while, so inevitably I had to use the bathroom. I went out to find it, and found the women’s bathroom. Now, it would make sense that if you find the women’s bathroom, the men’s bathroom should be close by, right? Well, whoever built Stinson-Remick didn’t think so! After looking around for a few minutes, I found a map, and it turns out the men’s bathroom is on the complete opposite side of the building — nowhere near the women’s bathroom! Not only that, but I had to go through a maze of hallways to find it. In the end, what should have been a routine trip to the bathroom turned into a 15 minute game of hide-and-seek. That’s valuable time when you need to use the bathroom! Also, Stinson-Remick isn’t the only building on campus that has this problem. Many other buildings do too, including Hayes-Healy/Hurley, Fitzpatrick and several others. In most buildings, bathroom locations make almost no sense. Now I know it would be near impossible to move bathrooms around in current buildings, but the next time a new building is built, could you please plan for the men’s and women’s bathroom to be next to each other and at least sort of easy to find?

And don’t get me started on the men’s bathrooms in girl dorms. Those are harder to find than Waldo and Carmen San Diego combined.

Donna Stachowski  
parent of Notre Dame student  
April 9
AnTostal began as an Irish tradition in the 20th century. Inaugurated in 1953, the event carried through until the 1960s when it fizzled out in Ireland. Initially, the celebration of Irish culture was an attempt to attract tourists during the Easter-off season. Today, Notre Dame holds a monopoly over the term, AnTostal, which means “the festival,” since it has become an annual campus tradition since 1967. Taking place during the last full week of classes before summer, AnTostal is meant to help students relieve stress and let loose before they have to hibernate for finals.

However, the AnTostal of 2010 looks nothing like the uproarious festivals of the 1970s. Comparing the weekly schedules of this year to the AnTostal of 1977 illustrates the mellow and, quite frankly, boring nature of this year’s festivities.

In 1977, the 10-year anniversary of AnTostal began on “Wacky Wednesday” with a bar crawl. If you bought a Happy Hour ticket, you were good for cheap (if not free) drinks at a number of local bars, including Fat Wally’s, Corby’s and Bridget McGuire’s. This year’s “Wiggity Wiggity Wednesday” features games on South Quad and trivia in LaFortune. Hark to tradi-

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2010 schedule
Melodramatic Monday
11:30 a.m. T-Shirts and Toss at the Domer
5 p.m. Greek Food in the Dooley Room
8 p.m. “Dumer” Dating Game in the Ballroom
12 a.m. Quarterdog Eating Contest in LaFortune
Wiggity Wiggity Wednesday
3 p.m. Games on North Quad
9 p.m. Trivia in LaFortune
Thabulous Thursday
3 p.m. Carnival on South Quad
10 p.m. Best of Acoustic Cafe at Legends
Freedom Friday
8 p.m. Battle of the Bands at Legends
Showstoppin’ Saturday
1:30 p.m. Blue-Gold Game
10 p.m. Parachute and The Carter Twins at Legends

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The rest of the weekend in 1977 must have been a strain on the Notre Dame student’s body. Beginning at 6 a.m. on “Sunny Saturday,” there was an athletic competition, a road rally, chariot races, mud volleyball, quad soccer matches and Bookstore Basketball. They capped off Saturday night dancing to disco at the Stepan Center at an Irish Wake.

“Serene Sunday” gave the students a bit of recovery time in the morn-

ing, beginning at 1 p.m. with a last Bookstore game. Then came quite possibly one of the most hilarious activities Notre Dame has seen, which needs to be made a tradition immediately. In the “Jocks vs. Girls” Basketball game, students had to handicap themselves to even the playing field. Common impairments were boxing gloves or grocery bags over their heads. A 1970s take on Battle of the Sexes that should be reincar-

"showstoppin’ Saturday” of 2010 will probably be modern AnTostal’s day of glory. The Blue-Gold game will excite the Notre Dame community, and one unofficial AnTostal event can’t be forgotten — PigTostal. Probably the biggest party of the year at Notre Dame, it’s a glimpse into an average spring weekend at a state school. Also, it’s probably a peek at what South Quad may have looked like during AnTostal in 1977—but it is technically even a part of AnTostal celebrations at Notre Dame.

One cannot deny that this year’s plans do include some awesome charitable events such as “The Bald and the Beautiful,” where students will shave their heads for St. Baldrick’s Foundation, a cancer research non-profit. Additionally, college students never say no to free merchandise: T-shirts, sunglasses and food will be passed out throughout the week.

Yet even the number of events planned in 1977 was far greater than the arrangements made for this year’s AnTostal. A bit of drinking and danger was involved in their outrageous ideas, but if developers of the festival could minimize the risk and maximize the fun of old AnTostal plans, students might actually participate and get the stress-relief they so direly need this last week before finals.
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Scene

‘MacGruber’ brings SNL skit to the big screen

By ANKUR CHAWLA

Scene Writer

There will be a prescreening of Universal Pictures’ new movie “MacGruber,” scheduled for release in May, Thursday at 9 p.m. The prescreening is at the Cimenmark 14, two miles east of campus and free for students. Tickets will be handed out at various campus events this week, but they do not guarantee a seat. Students should arrive at the theater early to make sure they are seated.

“MacGruber” is an adaptation of the Saturday Night Live (SNL) sketch starring Will Forte (MacGruber) and Kristen Wiig (Vicki St. Elmo). The sketches are parodies of the 80’s hit TV show “MacGyver.” All the sketches involve a bomb with limited time to defuse it, odd household materials and MacGruber failing to save the team. The smart money says that all of these will be a part of this summer blockbuster.

In the movie adaptation, Washington D.C. is the target of a nuclear warhead owned by MacGruber’s arch nemesis, Dieter Von Cunth (Val Kilmer). MacGruber is called in for duty. He must stop Dieter and protect Washington D.C. from the missile. If you love explosions and sophomoric humor, this movie is definitely for you.

“MacGruber” is not the first SNL sketch to be turned into a Hollywood film. Hits such as “The Blues Brothers” and “A Night at the Roxbury” got their storylines from SNL and became timeless classics. However, SNL has also given us flops such as “Coneheads” and “It’s Pat.”

“MacGruber” will fall among these movies, but you can find out for free this Thursday or look for the review in Monday’s paper.

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Scene Staff Report

Winners

“Superstar”

Even though it was not a box-office or critical success, 1999’s “Superstar” has found new life on DVD and television. This underrated comedy stars Molly Shannon as the awkward and a little unsettling Catholic schoolgirl Mary Katharine Gallagher. Any film that has Will Ferrell playing the stereotypical high school hunk and Jesus has to be a little weird but also hilarious. One of the highlights of “Superstar,” the cafeteria dance scene to “Gonna Make You Sweat” the movie propelled the song to the top of the Billboard charts in 1992, nearly 20 years after its initial release.

“Wayne’s World”

Certainly the most successful of all the movies adapted from SNL sketches, this 1992 comedy features Mike Myers as Wayne and Dana Carvey as Garth, the low-life hosts of the Aurora, Ill.-based local Friday late-night cable access show “Wayne’s World.” The two air the show from their basement, where they mostly play air guitar and drums and interview locals. Wayne and Garth’s rendition of Queen’s “Bohemian Rhapsody” in the movie propelled the song to the top of the Billboard charts in 1992, nearly 20 years after its initial release.

“A Night at the Roxbury”

This 1998 classic based off their long running sketch “The Roxbury Guys” stars Will Ferrell and Chris Kattan as head-bobbing brothers Steve and Doug Butabi. The brothers love to go clubbing and dream of one day getting into an exclusive club, the Roxbury. They hilarious failed attempts at picking up women and quest to start their own nightclub hearken back to the days when SNL still elicited regular laughs and has viewers clamoring for the good old days.

“The Blues Brothers”

The Blues Brothers” was the first and one of the best SNL movies. Turning a five-minute sketch into a full length film is an undertaking at any level, but Dan Aykroyd’s calm and John Belushi’s physical antics translated readily to the big screen. With its comedic stars delivering above expectations and musical numbers by the likes of Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin, James Brown and Cab Calloway, the film has found itself in classic territory, and that’s even before mentioning the iconic car chase or Carrie Fisher hell bent on revenge.

Losers

“It’s Pat”

Based on easily the most annoying character in the SNL character canon, “It’s Pat” was a thin idea to start with — the misadventures of a sexually-ambiguous animated nerd played by Julia Sweeney. It did so poorly that it was pulled from theaters after one week with a box-office gross of $60,822. Sweeney’s career tanked, and cameos by Kathy Griffin and Kathy Najimy are about the only good things about this film.

“Ladies Man”

Tim Meadows’ smooth talking couldn’t save this dull released in 2000. It stretches the “Ladies Man” sketch about a suave radio host giving advice too far and too long. With a supporting case that includes Will Ferrell, Eugene Levy, Julianne Moore and Lando Calrissian himself, Billy Dee Williams, this could have been a silly, raunchy movie. It wasn’t.

“Coneheads”

“Coneheads” was derived from an SNL skit where an alien family found themselves stranded on Earth. Dan Aykroyd led the trio as father Beldar in the original 1993 film and the overactive movie. The skits, and eventually the film, follow the family as they attempt to assimilate to American culture. Claiming to be Earthlings that they came from “Remulak, a small town in France,” their overactive habits fall short of funny — unless binge eating, chain smoking and guzzling beer can somehow be construed as comical. They were often shown “honing their cones,” or rubbing their cones together as a sign of affection, just one more example of their creepy behavior.
Furyk cites mixed feelings about tournament win

Associated Press

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Jim Furyk hadn’t had many victories as a professional, but he had certainly never had a win quite like this.

OK, maybe he’d had at least one or two.

Furyk won his 15th PGA Tour event and second since March, when Brian Davis ended their one-hole playoff by calling a two-stroke penalty on himself. Furyk ticked a loose reed in a marshy area beside the 18th green and called in a ruling that helped seal the victory.

Furyk felt embarrassed by Davis, who dived down the 18th fairway at Harbour Town as he prepared for his first career tour win. Instead, Furyk was down to wondering whether to celebrate as his children rushed the green.

“I’ve only had a win feel more awkward than that once in my life.”

Jim Furyk
PGA golfer

“We’re not going to just let him think he’s the bully or that he’s a factor up under the basket,” Charlotte forward Gerald Wallace said, “because he’s not.”

Say this about the Bobcats: They’re not about to just let the Magic off easy.

Their offensive efficiency was a tale of two halves in their Game 1 loss to the Orlando Magic on Sunday. Charlotte turned into a perimeter shooting team when Howard swatted eight shots in the first nine for the game — and was pushed out of the paint.

The Bobcats went down by 22 points, and sputtered until the reigning defensive player of the year hit foul trouble in the second quarter. To have any chance to even the best-of-seven series when it resumes Wednesday in Orlando, they need to have to score more around the rim.

“Even if that means on Howard,” Wallace said.

“He’s a shot blocker, and we’re a team that attacks the rim,” Wallace said. “You put those two together, and somehow has to win.”

Score the first round for Orlando.

But the Bobcats believe they have more than a puncher’s chance.

Their attacking style in the second half nearly led them to an upset of the second-seeded and defending Eastern Conference champion Magic. Charlotte closed the gap to five points in the final minutes, driving to the basket with more pop that forced Howard into foul trouble.

“There’s that why he had a lot of blocks, because we were taking it in there,” Bobcats point guard Raymond Felton said. “Can’t be intimated that he’s going to block our shots. We got him in foul trouble. He had nine blocks, but he also almost fouled out.”

Monday also offered the Bobcats hope they could make a series turnaround.

The nervousness players said they had in the franchise’s first-ever playoff game was washed away, and playful joking and trick shots were back after practice. Felton, for instance, said: “The chill” he felt before Game 1 were gone.

Confidence that they were close started to take shape.

“To know that you’re able to match them in the series, I think we got a chance. I like our chances. Granted, they’re a great team,” said Furyk.

Perhaps the best news of the day for Charlotte came with an MRI on Stephen Jackson’s hyperextended left knee that showed a small bone bruise but no structural damage.

The Bobcats swingman sat out practice and had an ice wrap around his knee. He walked with a slight limp but expects to start in Game 2.

“It’s real sore,” Jackson said.

“Now you know what you’re doing today?” he asked.

But hopefully come Wednesday, the little swelling it put around his knee. He played only 27 minutes against the Magic because of foul trouble, his body has to win."

Those two together, and some-...
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**NFL**

**Two-time Super Bowl winner Ben Roethlisberger tries on a helmet during a Steelers practice Monday. It was Roethlisberger’s first practice since being accused of sexually assaulting a 20-year-old student last month.**

**Goodell: Roethlisberger violated policy**

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger zipped passes to his wide receivers, exchanged jokes with teammates and smiled throughout his first workout since the Pittsburgh Steelers missed out on the playoffs. Business as usual for one of the NFL’s most- accomplished quarterbacks? Absolutely not.

At the same time Roethlisberger was practicing for the first time this spring, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell was telling a radio audience Monday that the quarterback violated the NFL’s personal-conduct policy with his “pattern of behavior” and “bad judgments.”

Roethlisberger was accused of sexually assaulting a 20-year-old college student in a Georgia nightclub last month, although he will not face criminal charges. Roethlisberger does face disciplinary action by the NFL, including a likely suspension, following the release of documents outlining tawdry behavior by the two-time Super Bowl winner.

“The issue here is with respect to a pattern of behavior and bad judgments,” Goodell said on the Dan Patrick radio show. “You do not have to be convicted or even charged with a crime to be able to demonstrate that you’ve violated a personnel-conduct policy, and reflect poorly not only on yourselves, but all of your teammates, every NFL player in the league, and everyone associated with the NFL. That is what my concern is, and I have expressed that directly to Ben, obviously, and I’ll be making a decision as soon as I possibly can.”

The Steelers are anticipating a suspension lasting as many as four games that could be announced next week. Goodell also could issue a conditional suspension, much as he did in the Michael Vick case, in which the length of punishment isn’t determined for months.

Even if he is suspended, Roethlisberger could practice and take part in preseason games.

The Steelers didn’t take action against Roethlisberger themselves to avoid a possible appeal from the player’s union. However, several players said the club outlined to them, during a Monday meeting with coach Mike Tomlin, a newly adopted zero-tolerance policy in which unacceptable player conduct will be dealt with harshly and swiftly.

**IN BRIEF**

**Cheruiyot wins Boston Marathon in record fashion**

BOSTON — Let him be known from Hopatcong to the Back Bay as “Robert the Younger,” the second Kenyan named Robert K. Cheruiyot to win the Boston Marathon and the first person ever to run the legendary course in under 2 hours, 6 minutes.

Robert Kiprono Cheruiyot won the 114th Boston race Monday, finishing in 2:08:41 to shatter by 2 seconds the course record set by four-time winner Robert Kipkoech Cheruiyot, who’s not related.

American Ryan Hall, who finished third last year, missed another shot on the podium by 2 seconds, but his time of 2:08:41 was the fastest ever for U.S. runner in Boston.

“Today was a breakthrough day,” said Hall, who was 6 seconds faster than Bob Kempainen in 1994. “Guys are paving new territory, and that’s good for us, too.”

**Boxer Valero suspected in wife’s death commits suicide**

CARACAS, Venezuela — Former boxing champion Edwin Valero, who had a spectacular career with 27 straight knockouts and flouted a tattoo of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on his chest, hanged himself in his jail cell Monday after being arrested in the fatal stabbing of his wife, police said.

Valero’s 24-year-old wife, Jennifer Carolina Viera, was found dead in a hotel room hallway across the country Sunday, and police said the fighter emerged from their room telling hotel security he had killed her.

While Favre mulls future, Vikings re-sign QB Jackson

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The Minnesota Vikings re-signed backup quarterback Tarvaris Jackson on Monday as they wait for Brett Favre to decide if he will return for another season.

Jackson was a restricted free agent who was given a one-year tender worth $1.176 million.

He served in a backup role to Favre last season and appeared in eight games. The fifth-year team veteran has 19 career starts with 21 career touchdown passes and four rushing touchdowns.

A second-round pick out of Alabama State in 2006, Jackson became the Vikings’ first-string quarterback in 2007. He started all 12 games in which he appeared, missing the other four with a variety of injuries: strained groin, broken finger and a concussion. He also has had knee problems during his career.

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NFL

Tebow attracts teams due to marketability

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tim Tebow’s marketing power is already reaching its potential, even if his NFL future isn’t quite so certain.

When Tebow strode through a gym recently with a five-man entourage for an EA Sports video game photo session, the polarizing figure drew stares from people and clicks from cell-phone cameras. Toddlers jumped when he passed the day care center, nudging their noses against the windows. Even they seemed to recognize his appeal was something special.

This is the Heisman Trophy winner who some called the greatest college player ever. Now he is an NFL enigma, a big question mark when it comes to Thursday’s draft because of his throwing motion and the offense he ran at Florida.

Still, he is easily the most marketable player in his draft class, which offers a rare but intangible quality that reaches beyond sports — and could improve his draft stock.

Tebow said in an interview with The Associated Press that one NFL team, expressing concern about his pro potential, even asked him, “Would I rather be the quarterback of their organization or the governor of the state of Florida?”

Tebow just laughed.

Maybe one day.

The former Florida quarterback will appear on the cover of EA Sports’ NCAA Football 11 video game. It’s one of the many marketing opportunities now that he’s a professional.

“It’s a blessing that people want to work with,” said Darin David, account director for The Marketing Arm agency.

He said the money goes toward the Tim Tebow Foundation, which donates to orphanages and Boys & Girls Clubs.

Crowds across Florida have jumped when he passed.

As he walked, people and clicks from cell-phones have popped out quite like Tebow.”

Tebow understands some might disagree with his personal views.

“Tim was an obvious choice this year, and the selection process is not usually an obvious choice,” said Tim Goeddel, EA Sports vice president of marketing. “Frankly, that’s why we switched to a one-athlete cover across all the game systems. There was nobody else who could do what he could do for us.”

If Tebow could gobble up so much attention in college, why not the NFL? That’s a question swirling around NFL front offices.

Since his pro day workout, Tebow has had individual sessions several teams, including Buffalo, Minnesota, Cleveland, Seattle, New England, Washington, Kansas City and Baltimore. His post-draft team is willing to bite just on his appeal.

Philadelphia Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie, for instance, said he would never draft a player strictly for marketing purposes because “only players that are playing at a Pro-Bowl level have that capability” of boosting a franchise.

That’s a sharp contrast to Jacksonville Jaguars owner Wayne Weaver, who called Tebow “iconic.” He said Tebow’s “star power is incredible” and made it clear the quarterback could help his struggling hometown team.

Tebow’s leadership durability and determination to be an NFL quarterback might be hard to overlook. And there are few athletes who create a buzz like Tebow does.

After he decided to play in the Senior Bowl, ticket sales took off. More than 5,000 were purchased in the three days following his announcement. Crowds across Florida have waited by the hundreds for Tebow’s appearances. He has charged $160 for an autograph and $250 to pose in a photo at each event. The quarterback said the money goes toward the Tim Tebow Foundation, which donates to orphanages and Boys & Girls Clubs.

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Expectations high as Redskins start minicamp

ASHBURN, Va. — Donovan McNabb looks strange in a burgundy and gold No. 5 jersey instead of a green and white one.

“I feel like a freshman just getting to college,” McNabb said. “I spend a lot of time at night studying.”

The absences of Haynesworth, quarterback Jason Campbell and running back Clinton Portis — in free agency. Portis called them “great pickup” and that somehow it’ll work out that all three can come in here and prove me wrong.”

Haynesworth’s name comes up frequently in trade talks, but Shanahan sought to dampen the speculation with a denial that leaves quite a bit of wiggle room: “I’m not looking to trade anybody on our team.”

Defensive coordinator Jim Haslett even made a public recruiting pitch of sorts, saying of Haynesworth: “When he does show, he’s going to have to play all three positions” on the defensive line — instead of just nose tackle.

Campbell, demoted by the acquisition of McNabb, would like to be traded and is hoping it happens before this week’s draft. McIntosh is unhappy about his contract, having lost his chance to become an unrestricted free agent because the league and union haven’t completed a new labor deal.

“I understand and I can sympathize,” Shanahan said. “But at the same time we’re dealing with the situation at hand, and I’d like Rocky to come in as quick as possible.”

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Portis, however, did have a message for any outsiders who thinks he’s washed up: “I say for all the naysayers and people that thinks he’s washed up, I’ve got something for y’all: The time will come. ... I’m going to let my work speak for itself.”

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The days most surprising comments might have come from Shanahan’s son, Kyle Shanahan, the new offensive coordinator. Even though the offensive line is considered the glaring weakness of the team — it’ll be a major upset if the Redskins don’t address it heavily in the draft — the younger Shanahan gave it an unwavering vote of confidence.

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Associated Press


The offensive line isn’t as bad as everyone thinks. The new coach is keeping a list of discipline miscues, which is somehow supposed to build trust. And he also got too much sun.

Those were just some of the revelations Sunday as the Redskins wrapped up their first minicamp under new coach Mike Shanahan, who spent much of practice patrolling the field with arms folded and a scowl on his sun-baked red face as he embarks on the task of changing the culture of a team coming off back-to-back last-place seasons.

“It’s a difference when you say ‘commitment’ and you want somebody to buy into it,” Portis said. “I’m just hoping that he can come in here in great shape, do what he wants to do, and I’d like Rocky to come in as quick as possible.”

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over their opponents. BrosLikeThisTeam.com, made up of seniors Patrick Robb, Wes Howard and Joe Idaszak, junior Kevin Laughlin and freshman Mike Dobrovic, gave Book It and Lock It a good run, but were simply overmatched and had no help from the referees. BrosLikeThisTeam.com was visibly and audibly upset by some of the commissioners’ calls, as their foul total had none.

Team No. 10, Vincent Van Bros 10

The Cinderella story of the Vincent Van Bros came to an end Monday as they fell to Team No. 10 in a fairlylopsided game. Vincent Van Bros freshman Chris Jacques, Ed Stivers, Eric Zeltwanger, Patrick Lampton and Matthew Hooks gave it all they had, but were simply overmatched by the favorite.

“It was a pleasure working with this team on our Cinderella run to the final 32,” Jacques said.

Team No. 10 came in with a rather business-like approach, getting to work early in the game and taking an 11-4 half-time lead.

“We wanted to play shut-down defense, no second chance opportunities, good rebounding,” captain Tim Lang said.

He and his teammates Mike Maney, Tim Wallace, Matt Kilgannon, Joe McCleary, Joe Byrne and Mark Wilkins managed to maintain a lead throughout much of the game despite the fact that the pesky DunkAroos would not go away.

The Steel City Ballers, featuring seniors Jonathan Peoples and Sean Dillon, juniors Mark Singler, Brian Stivers and sophomore Eric Zeltwanger, were simply overmatched by the win.

The Steel City Ballers faced a tough challenge in the DunkAroos on the cool night on the Bookstore courts. The Steel City Ballers brought in the Cinderella story of the Vincent Van Bros.

Van Eperen shined on the court for the DunkAroos Monday night. He proved to be too much to handle around the basket for the Ballers as he scored many of his team’s points. His moves in the post allowed him to get quality shots against the Ballers’ tough defense.

The DunkAroos played an excellent game despite being the game’s underdog.

“We are young, we played a good game against those guys,” said Williams. “There is not too much to complain about.”

The Steel City Ballers advance to the top 16 teams and are ready to compete yet again in the Bookstore tournament.

Alexander’s Grill 21, Just Wet 13

Alexander’s Grill, the No. 1 team in the Bookstore Basketball tournament, survived another round as they defeated Just Wet. Alexander’s Grill senior Tim Andree said, “They played really well and hit a lot of tough shots.”

Aside from Andree, Alexander’s Grill featured seniors Joe DeMott and Nick Feaster as well as juniors Dan Crisman and Sean Bold.

Even though Just Wet played a tough defense at first, Alexander’s Grill outplayed them as the shots began to fall. Trying to remain in the game, Just Wet hit some well-contest ed shots, but they didn’t prove to be enough.

With a rather comfortable lead at halftime 11-6, Alexander’s Grill dominated the second half. Defense became key for the team as they turned numerous steals into transition points. Just Wet continued to hit tip shots, but they were not able to prevail.

“We went in there playing hard,” Andree said. “We tried to be physical with them.”

Just Wet consisted of senior Andrew Scheid, juniors Tom Friel and Matt Lauritzen and freshman Joe Conner.

Alexander’s Grill looks to keep their top ranking as they look ahead to the round of 16 in Bookstore Basketball.

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repetition, repetition. The footwork we use enables the quick start to get the ball out quickly, and a lot of these guys are a little bit elongated in their footwork. It's just too long for them to get the ball out for us."

On senior wide receiver Duval Kamara: "Duval, the last week, is really starting to look like a BCS football player. He's starting to block.

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home runs and 38 RBIs. But Michigan has also been getting the job done on the defensive side, and is second in the conference with a .968 team fielding percentage.

Notre Dame will have to rely on its timely hitting, a factor that was missing for the better part of the season and which has returned at a critical point in the schedule.

There's been a lot of extra hitting, which always pays off," Schrage said. "I think we've settled into a lineup, so guys are more relaxed. If anything, as the season goes on the hitters catch up to the pitchers. I think we're definitely in that groove right now."

The Irish will be without their top three starters: senior Eric Maust, junior Brian Dupra and sophomore Steve Sabatino, all who pitched in the weekend series against Seton Hall. Schrage said that the starting pitcher will be a game-time decision between sophomore LHP Ryan Richter and freshman RHP Adam Norton.

Notre Dame's lack of depth in the rotation comes on the heels of an injury to senior ace Cole Johnson, who went down last month with soreness in his throwing shoulder.

"We hoped that Cole would throw last Tuesday, but he was playing catch and felt pain," Schrage said. "He got relooked at again on Thursday and was starting to feel better. He's going to try and throw a little bit hit in the bullpen, and we'll see where his status is. Right now he hasn't been able to overcome his soreness."

Despite a disappointing start to their final season, the seniors have spurred Notre Dame's recent success and have displayed a sense of urgency in the second half. Schrage said he expects them to rise to the occasion heading into a rivalry game against the Wolverines.

"A lot of them are playing, and they want to make something of the season," Schrage said. "They have a lot invested in this program, and they want to make their last year special. I'm expecting them to step up again."

First pitch Tuesday is scheduled for 6:35 p.m. in Ann Arbor. The two teams will meet again Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium with a 6:05 start.

**Belles**
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two strokes behind Matuszak's overall score, shooting an 83 Sunday.

Senior Perri Hamma and junior Mary Kate Boyce both saw their scores improve on the second day as well. Boyce shot an 81 on the second day to improve her score by two strokes while Hamma cut six strokes off her Saturday score to shoot an 86.

Winning the tournament was DePauw University with a total score of 630. The Tigers' Taylor Beatty was the first place finisher with a total score of 149.

Despite the relative unfamiliarity of the course, Matuszak said the course was easy to adjust to on day one, which led to better scores for the Belles on the second day.

"This weekend I just tried to play smart, the course was not that difficult to shooting a decent score was very possible."

Matuszak said.

Saint Mary's will have the luxury of being able to host the final two MIAA qualifying competitions this weekend at Blackthorn Golf Club Friday and Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course Saturday. Other than just being the weekend's hosts, Matuszak said she is confident the Belles will be able to win the automatic birth to the national tournament.

"The next two rounds are at home for us, which is a huge advantage," Matuszak said. "We have all been working very hard as a team and we have the common goal to make it to nationals.

"I think we all just need to have confidence in what we can do as a team and believe in our skills."

Saint Mary's will attempt to overtake Olivet University for the automatic NCAA tournament berth this weekend with the second round teeing off Friday at 2 p.m. at Blackthorn.
The Observer apologizes for the absence of Schad and Freude.

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Making strides

Molnar says there is no game plan for Saturday

By MATT GAMBER
Sport Writer

Irish offensive coordinator Charley Molnar certainly hopes his unit will put on a good show in Saturday's Blue-Gold Game, but in terms of a game plan — well, there is none, he said.

"It's a practice session with a crowd, which brings the pressure up another level, and both sides of the ball are anxious to perform and make a move," Molnar said. "I think those are the benefits of having a spring game in front of a big crowd in the Stadium. As far as the actual play selection, that's really secondary when the spring game comes.

The annual game in Notre Dame Stadium represents the end of spring practice, and Irish fans are anxious to get their first look at coach Brian Kelly's squad — and especially to new starting quarterback Dayne Crist, a sophomore who will take the reigns from NFL-bound Jimmy Clausen.

While Kelly has repeatedly said the defense is ahead of the offense at this point, Molnar said Crist and the rest of the unit have continued to make strides toward where they want to be by Saturday.

"We have some things yet that Coach Kelly and the staff feels like we must cover by the completion of spring practice," Molnar said. "We touched on some of those [Monday] and we'll touch on some of those Wednesday and Friday. For the most part, we really want to see our offense just master the base concepts that we have in the run and the pass game. If we can do that, we'll come out spring ball feeling a lot better than we do right now."

Notes:
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Junior quarterback Dayne Crist and the offensive line practice in a 11-on-11 scrimmage Saturday. The offense has been "making strides" in getting where the coaching staff wants them to be.