Student Affairs prepares for new leadership

Poorman reflects on term, expresses gratitude for opportunity to serve

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

In an administrative position that requires communicating with trustees, University officers, faculty, alumni and students, Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Mark Poorman said the core of his job is looking out for the individual student's experience.

"Sometimes you never know when you get up in the morning how your day is going to unfold because with 11,400 students, there are a lot of students,

New landlord enters off-campus housing market

By AMANDA GRAY AND SARAH MERVOSH
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When sophomore Meghan Donohue decided to live off campus her senior year, she worked with Kramer Properties, a local retail company. A few weeks after signing her lease, however, she found out via e-mail that a different company would be managing her house.

"We signed for our house with Kramer, paid the first and last month's rent and the security deposit and about two weeks later received an e-mail that Kramer was no longer our landlord," Donohue said. "I know a lot of people who had signed with Kramer were really confused or upset when they heard about the switch."

Campus Apartments, a national retail management company, recently took over a portion of Kramer Properties.

"For students who have not yet signed a lease, the management change could work to their advantage. Rent for the homes now managed under Campus Apartments is lower than when they were managed under Kramer. Cohen said the lowering of the rent was a joint decision between Gross and Cohen investors and Campus Apartments."

Community reacts to hunger strike

By TONY RIVERA
News Writer

With the conclusion of a week-long, student-led hunger strike against the University's involvement with HEI Hotels, the administration affirmed that, after carefully looking into the alleged poor treatment of the company's workers, it found no support for the claims and its position had not changed.

The student protesters likewise said their position had not changed. The hunger strike began last Monday when students gathered in front of the Main Building wearing orange jumpsuits and orange ties and held a sit-in for 24 hours.

Students sat outside the Main Building last week to protest the University's investment in HEI Hotels, and 13 students engaged in a week-long hunger strike.

Fall Forum to bring Friedman to campus

By AARON STEINER
Senior Staff Writer

After a year's hiatus, the Notre Dame Forum will return to campus this fall, focused on the economy, human development and the role of ethics in rebuilding the global marketplace, the University announced Monday.

Prominent New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman has been confirmed as one of the guest speakers.

The 2010 Forum is titled "The Global Marketplace and the Common Good" and is scheduled for Nov. 3. According to a press release, the Forum will examine "the inherent demand for an essential moral framework in the quest for human development."
I don’t want to grow up!

Remember when you could spend the whole day outside playing in the mud, just rolling around having fun with your friends? That is until your mom or dad came out and saw how dirty you had become. Then you were unfortunately subject to the most intense cleaning of your life, generally from the harsh spray of a garden hose, but it was still worth it.

As my friend Sheila and I were doing, she tacked my friends into the muddy volleyball courts behind St. Mary’s Lake this Sunday at Muddy Sunday, we realized that we were getting that chance again. At age 20, we were able to once again be kids, reliving our days as eight-year-olds running around angry motorists. It was just you and scooters when they got popular, hoping bikes down the street, or Razor scooters when they became. Then you were so many pickup games going on for the basketball or soccer balls. There were so many pickup games going on that spillovers onto the court or field next to you was inevitable.

The Chariot Race reminds me of racing bikes down the street, or Razor scooters when they got popular, hoping to beat out all the boys, swerving around angry motorists. It was just you against them, pumping your legs furiously, aiming to finally beat them and win all the pride that went along with that victory.

Farley Fiasco is similar to this idea, it’s a seemingly childish competition in which we all love to participate. Not only is it a fun and exciting way to spend your day, it’s also one of those sports that you’ve always wanted to try, especially after watching “Cool Runnings” on every long car ride you have ever taken.

Those events are amusing and diverting, bringing joy to students even though they are still parental figures who are used to seeing how calmly they have become. I hope that these events will continue for a long time to come. Maybe ArtEast, too, will begin to include them, if it goes back to its roots as a way for students to blow off steam before finals. Childish games and competitions are the best way to do that.

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An exhibition titled “All Art is Propaganda” will be on display today from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The exhibit will be held in Heshburg Library’s Special Collection Room 102. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

The Kellogg Institute will be sponsoring a lecture titled “Imaginary Communities: Indians and Campesinos in Mexican Social Thought.” The lecture will be held today at 12:30 p.m. in Heshburg Center Room C-103.

The American Red Cross and Notre Dame’s Army ROTC will be sponsoring a blood drive. The event will take place today from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. and will be held in the LaFortune Student Center Ballroom.

The College of Engineering will be presenting a seminar titled “Multiscale Modeling of Fracture in Metals” today at 3:30 p.m. The event will take place in DeBartolo Hall Room 138.

The Notre Dame baseball team will face Toledo tonight at 6:05 p.m. The game will be played in Frank Eck Stadium. Adult tickets are $5.

The Notre Dame Jazz Bands and New Orleans Brass Band will be performing in concert tonight at 7 p.m. The performance will be held in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Admission is free but tickets must be reserved.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer.editor@nd.edu.
College Democrats named top club

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

When the leaders of Notre Dame’s 314 student clubs were notified about the nomination process for the Club of the Year award, the officers of the College Democrats knew they had a legitimate chance at receiving the honor.

“We listed all our accomplishments throughout the academic year, and we knew we would be competitive for the award given the consistency of club events and the number of students getting involved,” junior Chris Rhodenbaugh, co-president of College Democrats for 2009-2010, said.

Rhodenbaugh attributed the club’s recognition to the consistency of club activity, including the weekly efforts of students working on health care reform, energy issues and various foreign policy matters.

Senior Henry Vasquez, co-president of College Democrats, said the club’s success has been a result of its strong ties to students and other campus organizations.

“The success of the club is inextricably tied to the vision of the College Democrats — to become a nexus for the progressive community at Notre Dame,” Vasquez said. “I imagine that we benefited from the nomination process because of our strong relationships with so many student organizations and students who were able to express their support for our club.

The club, which regularly attracts 25 to 40 members at weekly meetings, has achieved several substantial goals throughout the year, including helping secure 2nd district Rep. Joe Donnelly’s and Sen. Evan Bayh’s, both Indiana democrats, votes for the national health care reform bill.

“We made over 6,000 calls for health care reform this year,” Rhodenbaugh said. “We also wrote a letter to Congressman Donnelly and issued a press release emphasizing our commitment to health care reform.”

Rhodenbaugh also said the press release emphasized that the club holds its leaders accountable for their actions and has expectations for the leaders it worked hard to elect in 2008.

In addition, Rhodenbaugh said winning the award outside of an election year and on a limited budget speaks to the dedication of the club’s members.

“It’s a real honor to win this award because it shows the commitment of our members to changing American politics and accomplishing the goals of the president we worked so hard to elect,” Rhodenbaugh said.

The high level of commitment of members of College Democrats has allowed the club to operate over 20 phone banks in cooperation with Organizing for America, sponsor a city-wide health care rally, maintain consistent weekly club programming and work extensively on GLBT rights, foreign policy and labor, Rhodenbaugh said.

“We see ourselves as a club that works hard for candidates and issues that has made a legitimate impact in South Bend and our country,” Rhodenbaugh said. “We also serve the purpose of getting students involved and developing the future leaders of our country, regardless of whether or not students end up in politics.”

Vasquez echoed Rhodenbaugh’s thoughts on the club’s role in the local and national political realms and its dedication of its members.

“Our members are an enthusiastic and cohesive family and they don’t stop being College Democrats when the meeting is over,” Vasquez said. “We are especially proud of our relationship with the South Bend community and the entire state of Indiana.”

Rhodenbaugh also cited a commitment to social justice as the motivation for the club’s goals of reforming the political system. He said he believes that the club’s high level of activism has helped political perceptions of Notre Dame students as predominately Republican while adhering to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

“Much of our activism has been rooted in a holistic interpretation of Catholic Social Teaching, teachings, Rhodenbaugh said. “We have worked hard to open minds and challenge traditional views about religion and politics on this campus, and we have had a lot of success.”

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SMC senior honored for community service

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Saint Mary’s senior Lizzy Pugh tutors children, serves as a teacher’s aid at a local girls’ center, and writes letters to grade school students through the College Democrats’ random pen pal program.

But Pugh, a religious studies and German double major, does not stop there. She also takes time to clock these service hours to further her major. Rather, she got involved in service to get to know the greater community.

“I wanted to know South Bend,” Pugh said. “Service is not only an excellent way to know South Bend, but it is also important to know the triumphs, but the tribulations the community faces. You get to go there and be with them in solidarity, face those things and help them overcome them.”

As a result of her efforts, Pugh won the “Patricia Arch Green Award for Outstanding Contribution to the College Academy of Tutoring Program.”

The Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) gave the award as part of National Volunteer Week, which ran from April 19 to 24, 2010.

Green, for whom the award is named, is the wife of former US Attorney General Janet Reno. In 2008, Green’s husband established this award, which goes to a student in the College Academy of Tutoring (CAT) program who has done “exemplary” volunteer work.

Colleagues of Pugh say she is one of those people.

“(Pugh) is an example of service and dedication to others,” CAT program director Olivia Critchlow said in a press release.

“She leads in a very gentle way that is far beyond her years and is a very comforting presence to everyone she encounters. She is someone that is not only important, but even more importantly, an asset to our community.”

Pugh said she spent over 475 hours of service during her time at Saint Mary’s. At Warren P. Bradley Center, Pugh works with children with learning disabilities, such as Attention Deficit Disorder and dyslexia. She said seeing a child transform from a student who could not read into one who gets excited about one is one of the most fulfilling experiences.

“They would rather be dragged through the mud on a rainy, cold day than read a book,” Pugh said. “So, my favorite thing is, even just in a few weeks, they run up to you and say, ‘Can you read with me today?’ They are just so excited about reading.”

Pugh said she remembers one instance where a child who had been reading with reading for a very long time because she was coping with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

“She was reading a chapter book when I went in, and I had to pull her to get her to slow down,” Pugh said. “It was really a testament to the work of not only myself, but also the other students involved in those classrooms, as well as the teachers.”

After graduation, Pugh said she hopes to continue service work, whether it be at the college level or aid- ing women and children.

In addition to her work in the classroom, Pugh has also been involved in campus ministry and OCSE events and planning. As a member of the community, Pugh volunteer work will always play a role.

“I know I want to work with kids and faith, or even just serv- ice,” Pugh said. “Service is just such a part of my life and I can’t imagine it any other way.”

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Leadership award honors late business professor

Senior Kristen Koch receives first annual award

By ROBERT S. VASQUEZ
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As a faculty member at Notre Dame for more than 24 years, Management Professor Robert Vecchio was known internationally as a prolific and respected researcher who studied topics that fell into the nexus between psychology and business. Vecchio frequently provided an expert voice for articles on leadership, workplace emotion and motivation. Students relied on him for advice on management and career matters.

Bob Vecchio tragically passed away in February 2009 as a result of injuries incurred in a fall. In his memory, the Management Department of the Mendoza College of Business announced a new commemorative award, with graduating senior Kristen Koch receiving the first Robert Vecchio Leadership Award.

“I know Professor Vecchio made an incredible impact on the business school and the entire Notre Dame communi- ty,” said Kristy Uroff, the College of Business assistant dean and a long-time friend of Vecchio’s. “He cared for and was a mentor for everyone he encountered, whether they were students, faculty members, or other colleagues. He was respected by those outside the University, as well as everyone in the Notre Dame community. He taught us that the world is not just about making money, but about doing the right thing and being a good person.”

In addition to his career, Vecchio was a committed family man. He is survived by his wife, Jan, his daughter, Angela, and his son, Bill.

The award is given at the discretion of the faculty to a graduating student who has demonstrated leadership in an area of interest to Vecchio. The faculty committee received nominations from several faculty members.

Recipient of the award will receive a watch and have their name engraved on a wall plaque on display outside the Mendoza College of Business office. The Observer

CAMPUS NEWS
By MEGAN DOYLE

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units rented when [Campus Apartments] took over," Cronin said. “It’s not as aggressive.”

John ‘Mike’ Delach, who originally signed with Kramer Properties, said he was indignant over the management change.

“I knew that my lease was at the end of this year and I’m feeling pretty underwhelmed. They just said it was going to be the same kind of ownership. They didn’t make it clear anything was going to change.”

Delach said he hopes that he will still be able to have “the same kind of experience and would not be disappointed if Campus Apartments was stricter than Kramer Properties.

“I’m feeling pretty under-informed from Campus Apartments,” he said. “I’d like to have more control over my personal information. Security information would be good.”

Donoghue said she has not yet been contacted by Campus Apartments. “They have not attempted to contact Campus Apartments, it is one of the strangest things to me that they haven’t reached out to us at all,” she said.

Kramer said he sold the properties to reduce the number of homes he owned and help improve business. “We felt like it was time to have more of a personal touch,” Kramer said. “It was getting too large of a community to be on a personal level with students.”

Kramer said he still has 75 student homes, as well as the Lafayette Square townhomes and other properties.

“Business is still booming,” Kramer said. “We’re still around and we intend to be in business for a long time.”

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“It creates a year-long discussion on the role of ethics, values and morals in the rebuilding and reshaping of the global economy.”

Pope Benedict XVI’s most recent encyclical, “Caritas in Veritate,” describes the relationship between global economy and economics.

“Pope Benedict issued a reminder (in his encyclical) that ‘the economy needs ethics in order to function correctly’ — not ethics whatsoever, but an ethics which is people-centered,” Jenkins said in the statement.

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the people who have worked with him. So even though this has been announced for a while, I really tried my very best to learn as much as I can about the University,” he said.

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Pope Benedict XVI to be ordained as priest.

As an undergraduate, Doyle lived in Grace Hall, where he was involved in interhall sports and hall government. According to Kramer, he was named by his college priest as a priest. He then taught business ethics in the Mendoza College of Business and served as rector of Keough Hall.

“I came brand new with the head of the hall government and had shut down Keough and O’Neill opened up, so I went to live in Keough Hall with people who had lived in the dormitory I lived in as an undergraduate,” Doyle said.

“One of the great advantages to coming in is you’re young people, college students especially, will keep you on your toes and stimulate and not just sort of current issues and current news, but you get to follow all the trends that are going on, whether it is music or video or just culture in general.”

“This work goes into building up an online debate that is fun and people are not cutthroat with each other,” Fr. Jim King, executive co-chair of the Campus Life Council, said.

“The great part of this Council is that it is not just students, Schmidt said. “Rectors and administrators on the council are able to check some student opinions, but also provide affirmation for others, he said.”

King said he hoped to see the Council hold future discussions on the role, importance and quality of hall government.

“What attracts me do I have to join hall government if I am made to feel like a gorger?” he asked.

The government inside residence halls needs to be more autonomous and less directed by outside groups, King said.

Over-programming on campus has forced hall government to take the role of liaison for different agencies, and dorm events fall from the precedent, former director of external affairs Gus Gari said.

“I would like to see the hall government and the student council make a difference and making a difference and improving the University,” Cronin said. “It was getting more of a personal touch,” Cronin said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Judge tosses kidnapping charges
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — A Haitian judge said Monday he has dismissed kidnapping and criminal association charges against 10 American missionaries detained for trying to take a bloodstream of children out of the country after the Jan. 12 earthquake.
Judge Christian Saint Juste said Laura Silsby, the last of the 10 missionaries jailed in Haiti, still faced a lesser charge for allegedly organizing the effort to transport the 33 children to an orphanage they were setting up in the Dominican Republic.
Silsby faces up to three years in prison if convicted on the remaining charge, the “organizational criminal association.” From a 1980 statute restricting travel out of Haiti signed by then-director Jean-Claude Duvalier.

CANADA
won't fund abortions in plan
OTTAWA, N.S. — A Nova Scotia Conservative government said Monday it won't fund abortions as part of its top foreign-aid initiative at the G-8 summit, a stance that U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and other allies disagree with.
Canada has made maternal and children's health its centerpiece at the G-8 summit in Huntsville, Ontario in late June.
The stance on abortion is in disagreement with Clinton, who was adamant at a G-8 meeting last month that any international effort to boost maternal health must include family planning, including access to safe abortions.

NATIONAL NEWS
Homeless good Samaritan left to die
EL CAJON, Calif. — An 11-year-old girl told police a man followed her home from school the day before registered sex offender John Albert Gardner III raped and murdered a 17-year-old girl in a nearby park, according to search warrants unsealed Monday.
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One woman said she was convinced a man briefly spoke with about coyotes and snakes was Gardner.
Investigators linked Gardner to King's murder through evidence found on her underwear, according to the search warrants unsealed in response to a request by The Associated Press and other news organizations.
King's body was discovered in a shallow lakeside grave five days after she vanished.
The warrants said authorities seized 11 shovels, three pickaxes and other digging tools from Gardner's home in the Elsinore along with a “Hard Rock Cafe Baghdad” T-shirt and other clothing.
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The girl told a family member the man had stared at her before pulling forward, and that she later recognized Gardner from a photo published after his arrest in the death of King.
Investigators then asked her to identify the man from among six photos. She picked two of the pictures, and one was Gardner, according to the documents.
One of the women joggers told investigators she spoke with a man in a “Hard Rock Cafe” T-shirt who was drinking beer and smoking a cigarette when she went for an afternoon run on the day King was attacked.
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The person told her to watch out for the snake and she noticed there was a rattlesnake," the affidavit reads.
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LOCAL NEWS
Gary receives 2010 tax relief
GARY, Ind. — A state property tax appeals board for the second year in a row has granted the city of Gary and other taxing units in that city budget relief from new state property tax caps.
The Indiana Distressed Unit Appeals Board on Monday granted the city of Gary, the Gary Sanitary District and the Gary Stormwater Management District most of the budget relief it sought for 2010. The action raised property tax caps for Gary property owners.
A preliminary estimate shows the 2010 property tax caps will be 1.5 percent for homeowners, 2.65 percent for landlords and 3.79 percent for businesses.

NIGERIA
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Associated Press

California sex offender murdered 17-year-old girl in nearby park later that day

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Associated Press

Mba said gunmen on Saturday night raided the home of Edo Ugbaigu, a reporter who covered court cases for the daily newspaper The Nation. Mba said Ugbaigu's younger brother witnessed the men begin an argument between Christians and Muslims in the nation's restive central highlands, authorities said Monday.

The outbreak of violence highlights the deep cleavage between Christians and Muslims in Nigeria's most populous nation, a country where bribery and corruption prevail at all levels of government and some reporters temper their stories out of fear of angering those in power.
In Lagos, police spokesman Frank Ogunagbey told The Associated Press.
"We can't say why he was killed," Ogunagbey said.
In Jos, the central Nigerian city at the epicenter of recent religious violence, two journalists working for the Christian publication The Light Bearer newspaper died Saturday. The Nigerian Union of Journalists identified them as deputy editor Nathan S. Dabak, 36, and reporter Sunday Gyang Bwede, 32.
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Poorman said he read the Office of Student Affairs for the first time in the fall that he will step down as vice president — a job he described as "more challenging and "most gratifying things" he has done as a Holy Cross priest.

Fr. Thomas Doyle, executive vice president and provost of University of Portland, will replace Poorman June 30. "In the foliage of the fall it is something else I want to do. I always loved teaching, and I want to return to theology and teaching," Poorman said as the end of his tenure approaches. "I think it's time for other people to take the baton and bring ideas to student life.

Looking back on the past 11 years, Poorman said a constant during his tenure as administrator at Notre Dame was balancing academics and Catholic character.

"We have said from the beginning that we have both a role for academic excellence and deep Catholic character," he said. "We live in a culture that sometimes wonders whether we can do both."

But Poorman cited a strong campus ministry program and students active in religion as evidence that it is possible to merge academics and religion.

"I think the Catholic character pervades everything we do," he said.

Leading an office with a central focus on student life, Poorman said his tenure as vice president for student life focuses, namely integrating academics into campus life, overseeing the construction of two new residence halls, as well as overseeing major projects and diversity initiatives.

Poorman led Student Affairs through the construction of Duncan and Ryan Halls, the renovation of the counseling and health care offices in Saint Liam's Hall and the use of Coleman-Morse Center to house Campus Ministry.

Duncan and Ryan Halls, as well as the plans for the construction of two new dorms, were important initiatives that maintained the quality of life in the dormitories, he said.

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garnished the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian students, under Poorman's leadership did the route for including gay and lesbian students," he said. "I think we have made major, major progress in terms of support for gay and lesbian students, like Coffee in CoMo and StaND Against Homophobia.”

Poorman said the accomplishments of the Office in the past 11 years are a credit to a large staff.

"My colleagues in Student Affairs are examples of the superb educational and pastoral leadership that characterizes Notre Dame’s student life, and I owe them and the University for all the work that all of us have achieved together," he said.

Recent changes included the creation of the Gender Relations Center and the addition of more resources for students which are constantly are strategizing with stronger needs," he said. "That’s been with us, and we are constantly strategizing about how to address it."

"During my time in Student Affairs, the Office also created the Gender Relations Center and a monthly newsletter,=" he said. "I think we have worked hard to sustain a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students, including gay and lesbian students," he said.

"I think we have really made strides in terms of support for gay and lesbian students, like Coffee in CoMo and StaND Against Homophobia," Poorman said. "I am very proud of what been able to do in last decade."

"I think at the beginning, we said from the very beginning that we want to live with students, we want to offend it, along with Mass in front of the main steps."

"We have said from the beginning that we want to have both true academic excellence and deep Catholic character," he said. "We have said from the very beginning that we want to have both true academic excellence and deep Catholic character."

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| **FORD MOTOR CO (F)** | +0.25 | -0.01 | +8.88 |

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**In Brief**

Lawmakers mull raising licence fee

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma lawmakers said Monday they are considering raising the cost of renewing a driver's licence by $8.50, as well as several other fee increases, if they grapple with an estimated $1.2 billion budget shortfall.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner Kevin Ward told a joint House and Senate hearing Monday that more than $15 million in uncollected fee lites or new fees would generate an estimated $32.8 million for the cash-strapped agency.

The legislative committee, which asked several highway agencies to propose fee lites or budget cuts ranging from 7.5 percent to 12.5 percent, also heard from the director of the state's prison system, who warned that deeper budget cuts could lead to a major crisis.

Further cuts would mean cutting even more employees that watch over a growing number of inmates, Department of Corrections director Justin Jones said, raising "just one new red flag after another that in my business is indicative that you're heading for a train wreck."

Northrop Grumman to move to Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. — Defense contractor Northrop Grumman Corp. will move its headquarters cross country to the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C., to be closer to its key customers in the U.S. government, officials said Monday.

Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley congratulated northern Virginia for winning an intense sweepstakes between the two states for the corporate control center. Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell planned to announce the relocation on Tuesday in Arlington.

The company announced Thursday that it wanted to move from Los Angeles to the Washington area by 2011. A spokesman did not immediately return calls and an e-mail Monday seeking comment on the company’s choices.

Northrop Grumman CEO Wesley G. Bush told O'Malley on Monday that the company decided to move to one of two sites in Virginia, O'Malley spokesman Rick Abbuzzese said.

**Los Angeles — The Hollywood sign, a beacon to stars and star-struck alike, has been saved from urban sprawl under a land conservation pact announced Monday after a donation by Playboy founder Hugh Hefner capped a multimillion-dollar fundraising drive.**

"It's a symbol of dreams and a symbol of opportunity and hope," actor-turned-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said at a news conference below the towering letters. "The Hollywood sign will welcome dreamers, artists and Austrian bodybuilders for generations to come."

The huge sign overlooking the city was in danger of having its distinctive setting on the flanks of the Santa Monica Mountains crowded by construction of estate homes on nearby Cahuenga Peak.

But a $900,000 donation from Hefner, who helped save the sign itself 32 years ago, and a $500,000 matching grant completed a $12.5 million fundraising drive to protect 138 acres from development that would have altered the globally recognized symbol, the world’s film and television capital.

"My childhood dreams and fantasies came from the movies, and the images created in Hollywood had a major influence on my life and Play,” Hefner said.

Schwarzenegger praised the public and private partnership that raised the money out of the hands of developers. The Trust for Public Land negotiated a lower price. In the 1970s a fundraiser that enabled the public and private partnership to promote a real estate development on Mount Lee, features a 360-degree panorama of Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley.

Moviemaker and aviation mogul Howard Hughes bought the property in 1940 to build a home for then-girlfriend Ginger Rogers. But that never came about, and the Hughes estate sold the property in 2002 for $1.7 million to the Chicago-based investment group Fox River Financial Resources Inc.

It was put on the market again two years ago for $22 million, but The Trust for Public Land negotiated a lower price. Ironically, the sign was originally erected in 1923 to promote a real estate development, with its 30-foot-by-50-foot letters spelling "Hollywoodland."

But as Hollywood was entering its golden age, the sign already symbolized the allure of stardom. In the 1930s a young, struggling actress climbed the sign and leaped to her death.

By the late 1940s the sign was falling apart and the "land" portion was removed, giving it the appearance known today.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger joins officials to announce the success of the "Save the Cahuenga Peak" campaign Monday in Los Angeles.

Donation by Playboy founder Hugh Hefner caps drive for land conservation pact

Associated Press

**Fundraising spares Hollywood sign**

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**Moguls pledge cash to newspaper bid**

PHILADELPHIA — Business moguls Raymond and Ronald Perelman have pledged last-minute cash to join local investors trying to keep Philadelphia’s two largest newspapers away from creditors at a high-stakes auction scheduled for Tuesday.

The father and son replaced the creditors group and a third bidder, the Canadian investment firm Stern Partners, at the closed-door auction for Philadelphia Newspapers.

Terms of the three bids were not disclosed.

However, Publisher Brian Tierney said the creditors’ bid calls for firing all of the company’s 4,500 employees, with a bridge only to rehire at least 51 percent on new terms.

So, up to 2,250 people could lose their jobs, and even those that retain their jobs could have very different salaries and benefits,” Tierney said after a final pre-auction bankruptcy hearing Monday. "It’s shocking."

The other two bidders included plans to try to negotiate contracts with the roughly 4,000 unionized workers, the company said. However, Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Stephen Raslavich noted that none of the bids come with any employment guarantees.

Toll, Tierney and other investors bought Philadelphia Newspapers in 2006 for $515 million, only to see its value slide amid the industrywide fallout in revenue.

Tierney himself has had to layoff staff, and the company now has about 500 fewer employees, he said Monday.

The company’s current value could be less than $100 million, company executives and creditors have said.
The issue of illegal immigration reform had taken a backseat for the Obama administration and Congress since 2008, with health care and financial reform deemed as more important priorities to resolve first. But now the issue appears to be moving back into the limelight after the state of Arizona signed into law an extremely controversial immigration law last Friday.

The new law in Arizona makes the failure to carry immigration documents a state crime, and gives police the ability to detain people they reasonably suspect of being an illegal immigrant “without probable cause.” The law also allows citizens to sue their respective cities if they feel the law is not being enforced properly. Illegal immigration is already a federal crime, but this bill allows police to charge illegal immigrants without official immigration papers with a separate state misdemeanor and hand them over to federal officials to be deported. Gov. Jan Brewer, who apparently remained silent on the issue until hours before signing the bill into law, stated that the new law “represents another tool for our state to use as we work to solve a crisis we did not create and a federal government has refused to fix.”

The law is a serious step backward in the battle to reform immigration policy and is certainly one that will be fought in the federal courts for its inherent demonization of Hispanic-Americans. Arizona has a majority white population and 20 percent being Hispanic. Although Gov. Brewer acknowledged the criticisms that this bill could lead to racial profiling of Hispanics, she assured the people that Arizona will properly train its law enforcement to carry out the law, and that ultimately “one has to trust our law enforcement.” Frightening words to say the least, and the hints of an increasing tendency towards a police state should concern everyone. It is utterly ridiculous to suggest that ethnic and racial profiling of Hispanics will not be the most significant byproduct of this law given the demographics of Arizona and the increasing emotional rhetoric being placed upon the immigration question. Arizona currently has an estimated half of million illegal immigrants present in its borders now, and the hunt for this huge population would seriously detract from the basic rights of fellow Hispanic citizens living legally in the state.

The law was under enormous critic- ism nationally before it was even enacted. President Obama commented on the legislation at a naturalization ceremony in the Rose Garden of the White House stating that the bill threatened “to undermine basic notions of fairness that we cherish as Americans, as well as the trust between police and our communities that is so crucial to keeping us safe.” As has been noted in the press reports of the president’s speech, it is extremely rare for a president to comment on state laws, and Obama made the point that a federal overhaul of the nation’s immigration policy was necessary to avoid the “irresponsibility by others.” The Mexican Foreign Ministry formally it was worried about the right of its citizens. The law has even divided those in the law enforcement community, with groups such as the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police coming out against the law, while others such as the Phoenix Police Enforcement Association promoting the law. But its harshest rebuke came immediately from archbishop Roger Mahony of Los Angeles. As leader of the nation’s largest and mostly Hispanic Catholic archdiocese, he condemned the law as a “mean-spirited and useless anti-immigrant law,” and remarked poignantly that America was “reverting to German Nazi and Russian Communist techniques.”

Finally, thousands of protesters stood outside the Arizona Capitol and Phoenix Arena in defiance of the bill.

What is even more disgusting is the once anti-demagogue Sen. John McCain supporting the Arizona legisla- tion in his own state since he, like Gov. Brewer, is locked in a heated primary within his own party. McCain, bowing to pressure from hard-line conserva- tives, reversed his 2007 position that “we need to come up with a humane, moral way to deal with those people who are here, most of whom are not going anywhere,” adding that no mat- ter how much we improve border security, “we will not find most of them, and we will not find most of their employers.” How times change.

While the Arizona law most certainly will be challenged in federal courts and hopefully overturned, it is a wake up call to Washington that immigration reform needs to be brought back into the mix. It cannot be left up to states to enact laws that discriminate against populations and threaten the ideals of America, not unlike many of the meas- ures that were taken out of fear to root out suspected terrorists.

Comprehensive reform will be diffi- cult to achieve anytime soon with financial reform on the current agenda and a Supreme Court confirmation expected to take up a portion of the summer. But if Congress does not act quicker to address the issue, more leg- islation that espouses ethnic and racial profiling will appear. Congress needs to figure out how to address the issue through other means that do not evoke fear in the state, and invite lawsuits and abusive police power, or else these deplorable police state techniques will come nowhere near addressing the immi-gration question.

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Three principles of family friendliness

In the midst of recent discussion on the Family Friendly Petition currently hosted on these sites:
- https://sites.google.com/a/nd.edu/family-friendly-petition/for-students
- https://sites.google.com/a/nd.edu/family-friendly-petition/for-non-students

I would like to clarify a few of the principles behind the initial proposition and their relevance for Notre Dame.

Health care is a human right

Many Notre Dame student spouses and international students’ children are uninsured. In a 2004 statement, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops noted that “people who lack health insurance are far less likely to receive basic health care services. They may delay seeking needed medical care or have trouble paying medical bills while meeting other essential needs such as food, housing, and utilities. The uninsured receive less preventive care, are diagnosed at more advanced stages of disease, and once diagnosed, tend to receive less care... The Institute of Medicine estimates that 18,000 Americans die unnecessarily each year due to the lack of health insurance coverage.”

This letter underlines the dangers that face the uninsured as well as the reasons why Catholics promote adequate health care access as a human right. Lack of health care threatens every stage of human life from the womb to adulthood. Such risks are faced now by many uninsured student spouses and international student children. This petition calls on Notre Dame to authentically support and improve the health care access of student families. In doing so it can join the Catholic institutions without hospitals that provide affordable coverage to students and their families, from The Catholic University of America and Dayton to Rice and the University of Dallas, as well as private schools like Princeton and Texas Christian. The petition also recommends dependent insurance subsidies for international students, and asks for the Catholic identity of Notre Dame to subsidize coverage to a level affordable to student families until health care reform provisions begin on Jan. 1, 2014.

Female students with children merit targeted support

Several large scale studies demonstrate the substantially lower advanced degree completion rates of female graduate students with children as compared to males with children and single men and women. This condition worsens as graduate programs lengthen and expenses for prerequisite bachelor and master’s degrees increase.

Many female students are unable to justify the expense and duration of advanced study in view of family concerns while others opt to delay or even forego children in order to persevere through a six- to 10-year-long graduate track. In order to promote gender equity in outcomes, many peer institutions such as Duke, University of Southern California, Cornell, Yale, Stanford, Berkeley, Princeton, Brown and others provide student maternity leave with full or partial pay, longer duration, and automatic milestone extensions, in contrast to Notre Dame. Some of these schools also provide part-time enrollment options and paternity leave, in part so women are not mandated to be the sole or primary caregivers.

A Catholic university has a wealth of reasons to support such efforts in even greater degree so as to encourage the participation of students with families in advanced study. In Catholic theology, institutions should act from conviction that the family is the foundation of society. This is not only because of the life-giving power of procreation. Families are donors via the endowment of education, humanity and love provided to their members, upon which society depends and universities in particular draw. Proper university support of student family life acknowledges that the relationship between family life and academic work is inherent only when the requirements of each are respected. It further promotes the cultural change that must occur in academia to ensure that the welcome of a child is not considered a threat to career prospects for students or junior faculty.

Financial support should match competitors and need

Many peer institutions offer dedicated funds for student families. Such supports vary in form, with examples such as the low-income family grants of up to $8,000 after childbirth at Berkeley, to emergency family expense grants and pre-tax health and child care accounts at Michigan, to direct subsidies for child care from infancy at many private and public universities. Such supports provide a more level field for low-income student families, a group that particularly includes minority and international students. At Notre Dame, University-supported child care is not provided until age 2 and requires joining a long waiting list. Stipends are typically raised in response only to competition with peer universities, stipend offers and are not adjusted in view of family need. There are, however, a few departments at Notre Dame which make generous accommodations for students following childbirth that include financial considerations. This petition recommends that Notre Dame offer child care subsidies directly to student families from infancy and provide departments and schools with discretionary funds to meet financial needs as low-income student families begin or grow. Addressing these concrete financial needs has warrant not only by a comparative look at peer universities but also and especially by Catholic Social Doctrine and its insistence that the basic requirements of the family be provided for economic arrangements.

Implementation

This petition is addressed to the fellows, trustees and officers of the University, who must ultimately consider the ethical questions raised by the current situation of graduate families as well as the better practices of peer universities regarding families. They will decide whether to improve conditions at Notre Dame. In addition, due to the leadership of Deans Sterling and Turpin and that of the members of the following commissions, there are recommendations from the Graduate School and the University Committee on Women Faculty and Students due soon on some of the conditions described above. We hope the stewards of the University will consider the benchmarks of other schools and the unique contribution that a Catholic university seeking to educate the heart and the mind can make. We further hope individual departments and students will provoke conversations regarding the place of families within their programs in order to create better conditions for students and faculty considering or already involved with family life.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Finishing next to the 50

Before the race started I thought, “Wow! I’ll run out of the tunnel just like the football players and cheerleaders onto the field and sprint all the way to the 50 yard line.” Of course there wouldn’t be the 80,000 person crowd cheering me on, but I would have the satisfaction of actually having been on the field sometime during my time here at Notre Dame.

The Leprechaun started off the race and sent us on our way through the disappointed I was while running toward the Stadium at the end of the race and descending down the tunnel’s path to see men in yellow jackets and yellow caution tape. The men said, “Keep to the right,” and the runners were directed to run around the outside of the field. I finished next to the 50 yard line — not on it — and nowhere close to the center of the field.

For a race that is called “Finish on the 50,” I think the running instructions should have actually run out onto the field. It’s false advertising to tell someone that they are going to be able to do something but in reality you never had any intention of letting them do it. I don’t really see how a group of runners in tennis shoes could do any harm to the Stadium’s field anyway.

Next year’s runners should be allowed to run out onto the football field and be proud of being a part of this Notre Dame community. All I hope is that I get to run in one moment that amazing feeling of being on Notre Dame’s football field. Life is too short to place restrictions on trivial matters of who can be on the field because “runners will tear up the grass.”

So next time let us finish on the 50!

Alexandra Moulton

EDITORIAL CARTOON

We expect current, moderate to lower conditions to transition to near neutral conditions by this year’s end, in season, other words.

HURRICANE CENTER

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Richard Klee

Guest Columnists
Portland-based indie folk band Horse Feathers is one of those bands you really should know. They stopped in South Bend Friday to play a concert at Subkirkke, the South Bend Christian Reformed Church’s concert venue, for a small but enthusiastic audience. They are currently on tour promoting their newest album, “Thistled Spring.”

Perhaps most comparable to a band like Iron & Wine, Horse Feathers specializes in the type of melodic indie rock that seems most appropriate for listening to in a serene meadow. They use guitars, ukulele and drums just like everyone else, but also feature a cello, some violins, banjos and even a saw. Subkirkke is a small venue, located inside the church. The band played by the window, but the sound quality was great and the setting was incredibly intimate. It was perfect for both Horse Feathers and their impressively opening act Caroline Smith and The Good Night Sleeps.

Caroline Smith, a singer and songwriter from Minnesota, came only with her ukulele, but put on a really great show. She sounds like a mix of Joanna Newsom and Florence and the Machine. The duo’s harmonies were tight and they played a broad range of songs, including a Joanna Newsom cover. Smith showed an impressively talented young band.

Horse Feathers played a great set, featuring both songs old and new. They are of that impressive breed of bands that truly sounds so much better live than on record. That is because, aside from being incredibly talented musicians, the passion in their music is palpable in person. Lead singer/guitarist Justin Ringle is mesmerizing, but backing members Sam Cooper, Nathan Crockett and Catherine Odell take his emotional guitar tunes to the next level, always adding new layers to their songs, each playing several instruments in any given song. Some songs from the set include old songs “Curs in the Weeds,” “Falling Through the Roof” and “Finch on Saturday,” and new songs from “Thistled Spring” and “Belly of June” and “Cascades.”

“Thistled Spring,” though similar in tone to previous Horse Feathers albums, feels different nonetheless, probably due to the fact that it is the first album recorded by the current foursome of Horse Feathers. Though Justin Ringle has been with Horse Feathers from the start, other band members have come and gone, with Ringle, Cooper, Crockett and Odell as its current incarnation. If anything, “Thistled Spring” feels more cohesive than its predecessors. It is one of the best albums that is best about Horse Feathers, incorporating several different instruments and changing throughout. “Thistled Spring” is a great album by a small indie band that will hopefully start their careers. Horse Feathers are currently on tour promoting their newest album, “Thistled Spring.”

The best way to describe it is by comparing it to dipping French Fries in a milkshake. It sounds disgusting, but God help me if you try and don’t think it is the most divine combination since celery and peanut butter. You can’t really explain why it’s so good, but it is, so you just enjoy it and try new and too deep into it is... what Tuning and “...And Then We Saw Land”... and Then We Saw Land” is: If you like it, you like it.”

That was the tone of the album. That is not to say it’s better, but there is a growth and maturity in the sound of the band.

The album opens with its title song “Thistled Spring,” which is a beautiful, sweeping piece that really displays the sound of the violin and cello. A great start to a great album.

“Starving Rhinos” immediately changes the tone of the album, focusing more on the guitar, banjo and drums and picking up the pace of the album. “Belly of June” is the lead single from “Thistled Spring,” and it picks up well where “Starving Rhinos” left off. It’s another great upbeat tune, perfect for summer listening at the beach.

“Cascades” takes the listener back again as a beautiful ballad featuring a saw. “The Drought” has some kind of Spanish influenced mandolin going on and is a nice change of pace from the typical Horse Feathers sound. “The Widower” is more of the band’s typical slow ballet, but it is easily one of the most beautiful songs on the album. “Thistled Spring” closes much the same way that it opened, with the slow melodic song “Heaven’s No Place.” It is one of the best examples of Ringle’s great vocals and features all that is best about Horse Feathers, incorporating several different instruments and changing throughout.

“Thistled Spring” is a great album by a small indie band that will hopefully start to get more attention and recognition for their talents. There seems to be more on “Thistled Spring” that will appeal to a broader audience, so hopefully this is the hand’s chance to really make their presence known. It is also perfect music for a long night of studying for finals or for a calm summer day at the beach.

Although the album, and really any other Horse Feathers CD, is definitely worth picking up, if the opportunity to see them perform live ever presents itself, take it. Their awesome album cannot do their live performance justice.

By ANKUR CHAWLA

As a first time opera-goer, I was thoroughly impressed with Opera Notre Dame’s production of “The Tales of Hoffmann.” The performers did an incredibly captivating performance. Jacques Offenbach’s classic masterpiece to life.

“The Tales of Hoffman” follows the life of Hoffmann, a poet searching for love. As he meets different women, he is sabotaged and misguided by various people. Nicklaussen is a sidekick of sorts to Hoffmann, and she helps him along each of his endeavors. Her role was played by soprano Lina Dalmastro (also played by senior Jennifer Valencia) and her voice was possibly the best of the night. At the end of the opera, the Muse of poetry seduces Hoffman and he becomes lovers.

The first of the three women Hoffman falls for is Olympia. Olympia is a robot, created to sing and look attractive. Coppelia, a nemesis of Hoffman, sells him a pair of magic glasses that make Hoffmann think Olympia is real. Once Hoffman discovers that Olympia isn’t real, he is mocked and ridiculed. Senior Angela Lauber played the role of Olympia (also played by senior Clarisa Ramos) and her acting was one of the highlights of the night.

The second and third lovers, Antonia, Hoffman’s muse, seduces him using their voices. Giulietta is a conniving and under the orders of Captain Duperin is paid to seduce Hoffman. Meanwhile, Antonia’s father is skeptical of her being with Hoffman and forbids her from singing. Dr. Miracle corners Antonia as she is singing and poisons her. Similarly, as Duperin prepares to poise Hoffman, and she helps him along each of his endeavors. Her role was played by soprano Lina Dalmastro (also played by senior Jennifer Valencia) and her voice was possibly the best of the night. At the end of the opera, the Muse of poetry seduces Hoffman and he becomes lovers.

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Wishing first full length animated feature film. "When I'm Human" Other Side," "Down in New Orleans," joined the ranks of their best. Disney deliver a movie that has rich culture of the south helped themed music and celebrating the getting around to Cajun and Zydeco— hitch in this fantastic film. Finally "Zero to Hero" to.

Of Pain and Panic. The soul-inspired around and laugh at the misfortunes wickedly strong demi-god run rate. Who doesn't love watching a Hydra's death is not historically accu- there is no way Hercules did not make buddy Wags mentioned it to me and rular order .

Disney Animated Classics in no partic- and now proudly present the top 12 gone the extra mile for you, reader , better way to celebrate our fleeting in inexorable march of time, there is no stark example of the childhood than with a study break ing the childish King John is pure joy . As the school year draws to a close

"Snow White" Notable Tracks: "Heigh-Ho!," "I'm You've got to pay your respects to Notable Tracks: All but "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" more to do than can ever be done. more to see than can ever be seen, than a minute later . After all there is then hits you with life lessons less about a movie that gives you a combination of Robin Hood and Little about a movie in anticipation of Gladiator part II: Robin Hood. The fox and bear combination of Robin Hood and Little John running through the forest dup- ing the childhood King. John is pure joy.

Notable Tracks: "Go-de-killy"

"Cinderella" I have two words for you, the mice. Notable Tracks: "The Work Song," "Billieb-Bobbl-Bos"

"Aladdin" The best Disney movie. Notable Tracks: All

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**'GET HIM TO THE GREEK'**

"Robin Hood"

One of my favorites that is often for- gotten in the discussion of classics. Re- watch this in anticipation of Gladiator part II: Robin Hood. The fox and bear combination of Robin Hood and Little John running through the forest dup- ing the childhood King. John is pure joy.

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DENVER — The flustered Denver Nuggets are tweeting and tettering.

After losing at Utah to fall behind 3-1 to the short-handed Jazz in an N.B.A. series they were heavily favored to win, All-Star Carmelo Anthony expressed frustration that he wasn’t getting more help and J. H. Smith suggested someplace to eat.

Tweeted Smith: “You play selfish basketball and I’m saying about the game — and more.”

The Nuggets, however, are clearly a troubled group that two months ago was being touted as the team most capable of unseating the Los Angeles Lakers as the top dog in the West.

Then came coach George Karl’s throat cancer diagnosis last month.

They went 12-11 under acting coach Adrian Dantley after posting a 42-21 mark under Karl, but the team is just four dozen radiation treatments left to have left him weak and weary.

Dantley said he doesn’t think he’s losing his team or that there’s fissures that aren’t fixable. He said losses bring negative comments but “if we win Wednesday, we’re going to feel a lot better.”

They’ll have to win that game to maintain hopes of becoming just the ninth team to over come a 3-1 deficit and the first one to do it since 2006.

Anthony avoided reporters Monday by slipping out a side door, but after scoring 19 points Sunday night and watching none of his teammates chip in more than 14, he said he was exasperated to regret that he has to do it all on his own. That’s missing starters Andrei Kirilenko (strained calf) and Mehmet Okur (ruptured Achilles’ tendon).

“I’m trying to do everything I can in my power to beat the Jazz, but at the end of the day I need some help,” Anthony said.

“I’m not sitting here pointing fingers at anybody, but as a unit we’ve got to do it together. I can’t do it by myself.”

The Nuggets were first-round fodder in Anthony’s first five N.B.A. seasons before reaching the Western Conference championship a year ago.

Meinke thought first-round flops were a thing of the past.

Smith tweeted his frustrations after shooting 3-for-10 from the floor for 10 points to go with his pair of assists, but nobody seems to know who he was gripping about.

“I don’t know who was selfish,” Dantley said. “A lot of times it looks like that when you take shots and you miss when it’s the same type of shots that we took the first game that we made. But when you lose you feel bad, you say some funny things, say negative things. But the main thing I told the guys was just stay together, just win Wednesday.”

Some in the organization thought it was ironic that Smith, known for firing up 3-pointer blowouts or putting up 30 with ease, suggested his teammates can get upcourt to run a pick-and-roll and levels charges of selfishness.

Anthony also voiced his frustration during the game when he got on Chris Andersen for a bad pass.

Despite all the angst, Billups said the Nuggets aren’t falling apart.

“T’m not really seeing it. Man, it’s frustrating to lose. People can really say what they want, but at any rate, when we win, we win together,” Billups said.

And he said getting just 25 assists to Utah’s 51 in the two games at Salt Lake City doesn’t mean the Nuggets are selfish, either.

“I think that the style that we play is a high-volume assist team. Utah, the style that they play, they’re going to move it around every time down. They’re going to have 25, 30 assists, most nights. That’s the standard that they’ve been in place,” Billups said.

Dantley said the Nuggets just need to pick their heads up for Tuesday’s practice and win Game 5 at home no matter how many assists they get.

“If we win, we’ll feel a lot better Wednesday,” Huntley said. “I think we’re going to win Wednesday. It’s funny that I wouldn’t have predicted that, but I think we’re going to win Wednesday.”

How about four straight? Utah point guard Deron Williams said the Jazz aren’t getting ahead of themselves.

“We’re confident but we’re not just thinking the series is over already,” he said. “We have to close this thing out and hopefully we can do it in Denver. If not we’ll come back here and we’re confident that we can beat this team.”

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Ryan Howard preferred securing his future in Philadelphia to testing free agency in two years.

The sluggng first baseman agreed to a $125 million, five-year contract extension Monday that could keep him with the Phillies until 2017. The 30-year-old Howard will make $20 million each of the next five years with a $10 million buyout.

Howard in agreeing to the contract now is that he would have been eligible for free agency after the 2011 season, when he will be 32.

As was right was he loves his teammates, he loves this city. He wanted to be a part of something special for a long time to come.

The two-time All-Star led the Phillies to two straight trips to the World Series, winning a championship in 2008. The $25 million guaranteed average salary in the extension will be baseball’s second-highest behind Alex Rodriguez’s $27.5 million average under a 10-year contract with the Yankees running through 2017.

One of the factors that might have influenced Howard in agreeing to the deal now is that he would have been eligible for free agency after the 2011 season, when he will be 32.

After being briefly stuck in the minors while Thome manned first for the Phillies, Howard was the 2005 Rookie of the Year at 25, the same age A-Rod signed his first five-agent deal — $252 million with Texas in 2001.

Howard, the 2006 NL MVP, is earning $19 million this season as part of a $54 million, three-year deal that pays him $20 million in 2011.

He signed that deal in February 2009, avoiding a potentially contentious arbitration hearing.

Close said the sides began talking about a long-term deal during spring training, before the rumored mega-trade of Howard for St. Louis star Albert Pujols surfaced on the Internet and was quickly quashed.

Howard hit .279 with 45 homers and 141 RBIs last season and has three homers and 16 RBIs in 80 at-bats this April.

While he has put up monster numbers, averaging 45.9 homers and 141 RBIs over the past four years, he has averaged 191 strikeouts over that span.

Howard’s deal could influence Derek Jeter’s next deal with the Yankees and Pujols’ next contract with the Cardinals.

Jeter, who also is repre- sented by Close, is in the final season of a $189 million, 10-year contract.

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IN BRIEF

Former Houston Oiler charged with DWI

BRYAN, Texas — Former Houston Oilers quarterback Dan Pastorini has been charged with driving while intoxicated following a traffic accident in Bryan, Texas.

Officer Jason James says Pastorini was involved in a three-vehicle collision late Sunday. He was arrested Monday after being treated for minor injuries, then freed after posting $1,000 bail.

James says Pastorini was alone when his car rear-ended a pickup, which then clipped another vehicle.

Electronic jail records did not list an attorney for Pastorini, who was with the Oilers in the 1970s, then played for the Los Angeles Rams and the Philadelphia Eagles.

Titans sign former Oregon running back Blount to squad

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — LeGarrette Blount, the Oregon running back sus- pended for punching a player last season, agreed to terms Monday with the Tennessee Titans as an undrafted free agent.

Blount missed eight games in 2009 for punching Boise State defensive end Byron Hout in the season opener Sept. 3. Blount returned late in the season and played in the Rose Bowl loss to Ohio State.

Titans coach Jeff Fisher said in a statement the team talked to a num- ber of people, including Blount, before offering him a deal.

“He was a good college football player who, after talking to a number of people, merited a second chance,” Fisher said. “Certainly LeGarrette should understand consequences at this point and we have explained what our expectations are for him to be successful with this opportunity.”

Mieuli, former Golden State Warriors owner, dies at 89

OAKLAND, Calif. — Franklin Mieuli, whose deerviser cap, substantial board and casual style made him one of the NBA’s most colorful figures in his 24 years as owner of the Golden State Warriors, died Sunday. He was 89.

Mieuli died of natural causes in a San Francisco Bay Area hospital, the Warriors said in a statement.

Mieuli was the principal owner of the Warriors from the time they moved to the Bay Area in 1962 until he sold them in 1986. He won an NBA title with the team in 1975, still the club’s only cham- pionship in nearly a half-century in California.

“Franklin was truly one of the innova- tors in our league, who was so proud of the Bay Area and his ability to maintain a team here,” NBA commissioner David Stern said in a statement Sunday night.

“I have always fondly remembered his warmth and his belief in the importance of sports to a community.”

The Phillies lock up Howard with extension
**NFC**

**Traded veterans define NFL draft**

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Time to draft and time to trade ... and trade is exactly what NFL teams were doing Saturday. Jason Campbell, LenDale White and Leon Washington — both former first-round Super Bowl winners — became expendable and was sent to Oakland for a fourth-round pick in 2012. Where that leaves JaMarcus Russell, the top overall pick of 2007 who was steadfast with the Raiders, is anyone's guess.

**NASCAR**

**Harvick wins Talladega thriller**

**Associated Press**

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Kevin Harvick had the last laugh in the best place, Victory Lane, with an overdue but well-timed celebration. Harvick used a last-second pass of Jamie McMurray to snap a 115-race winless streak Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway, where he closed out a dramatic week for his race team, Shell Oil Company told Richard Childress Racing this week it was moving its sponsorship at the end of the season, pushing the organization into a search for the funding necessary to sign Harvick to a contract extension.

Harvick, who won the 2007 season-opening Daytona 500 in his first race with Shell, couldn't help but delight at the timing.

"I think it's great karma with everything that has happened this week with the sponsor," he said with a sly smile. "I think it's kind of funny in itself. I think, all in all, it really was good for our team, good for all the cars that have been running well all year and we've been really close to winning races.

"But the karma thing is the best part.

Harvick did it with a sling-shot that he devised in conversations over the weekend with crew chief Gil Martin and their BGR team.

Harvick lurked behind in traffic, trying to move his way into second place as the race hit the closing laps. His plan was to set himself up for one attempt at the lead, which he must roughly 500 yards from the finish line by sliding inside of McMurray then dragging him to the checkered flag.

"We made a plan, and I'm telling you, every piece of it played out exactly how we wanted to play it," Harvick said. "Coming into the last lap, that's exactly how we planned it out on paper.

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McMurray, this year's Daytona 500 winner after winning the October race at Talladega, couldn't hide his disappointment at misplaying the final half-lap. Seeking his third consecutive restrictor-plate victory, he stretched his fuel tank to the bitter end while racing wide-open to the finish line.

"It's like slim to none that kids actually get to go pro," Gilyard said. "My mom, she's bananas right now. She's going to call me about eight times in a row.

In another deal, the Jets moved up to Carolina's spot to draft USC's Joe McKnight at No. 112. That freed the way to move Washington, and New York chose Kentucky fullback Anthony McCoy, who tested positive for marijuana earlier this season, Campbell in the first round to the Raiders, is anyone's guess. Washington, from the Jets — a kick returner, runner, versatile Leon Gilyard, who once lost his scholarship at Cincinnati and Gilyard was pick No. 99 overall and one of the most high-profile players still available. He should help the Rams want to play more. That's what I'm hearing in the locker room, trying to move his way into second place as the race hit the closing laps. His plan was to set himself up for one attempt at the lead, which he must roughly 500 yards from the finish line by sliding inside of McMurray then dragging him to the checkered flag.

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**NBA**

**Celtics eager to finish off Wade, Heat in Boston**

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WALTHAM, Mass. — You guard Dwyane Wade too closely and he drives to the basket. Give him some room and he sinks a 3-pointer.

What are the Boston Celtics to do?

"It's a tricky situation," Ray Allen said.

Allen has the unenviable task of being the Celtic assigned to defend the Miami Heat star most of the time — his next chance comes Tuesday night in Game 5 — although Allen’s teammates are supposed to help. None of them did well enough on Sunday.

Wade raced in for layups and soared high for long-range jumpers. His 46 points, a franchise playoff record, helped keep the Heat’s season alive. They won 101-92 at home, cutting the Celtics lead to 3-1 and forcing the best-of-seven series back to Boston.

"We’re not easy opponents," Wade said. "They’re going to make some runs. We’ve got to be able to be tough and not say ‘Well, guys, it’s been a good year.’"

That’s just what Paul Pierce would like to hear from the Heat. His jumper at the buzzer gave the Celtics a 100-98 win in Game 3, setting up the possibility of a sweep.

That didn’t happen and now he’s eager to wrap the series up in front of his home fans.

"There’s a lot of urgency," Pierce said. "Next time I go to Miami, hopefully I’ll be on vacation."

First he and his teammates have a tough work day. And it’s not just Wade who causes trouble. On Sunday, Quentin Richardson scored 20 points, Udonis Haslem grabbed 11 rebounds and Michael Beasley converted a key offensive rebound late in the game.

"Wade is going to have the ball most of the time," Pierce said. "You’ve got to expect him to have big numbers because of that, but it’s the other guys that we have to shut down and I’m a big part of that when I’m not the guy guarding the guy guarding Quent Richardson."

A win by Miami would send the series back there for a sixth game on Thursday night.

The Celtics spent about an hour watching film on Monday, a session coach Doc Rivers thought would take 20 minutes. Then they practiced for about an hour.

Rivers doesn’t expect major additions in Celtics defense. He does want them to play it more intensely.

"Dwyane Wade’s a great player. Give him that. But we’re going to defend him and it’s going to be tough," Rivers said. "If I can find a way in the league that can just keep Dwyane Wade in front of him whenever he’s going to the basket I’m happy."

Wade has increased his 3-point shooting in each game from 26 to 29 to 34 to 46. He’s hit 52 of his 86 shots (60.5 percent) and 13 of 30 of his 3-pointers (43.3 percent). He was at his most accurate on Sunday, hitting 16 of 24 shots and five of seven 3-pointers.

"Shooting 67 percent is the bigger number for us," Rivers said. "The 46 we could live with if it was 25 percent."

And don’t forget his average of five rebounds and six assists in the series. But his personal numbers aren’t Wade’s main focus.

"I don’t know if I’m going to score 40 again. I don’t know if I’m going to score 14," he said. "My job is to do whatever I can to make sure we win the ballgame."

The Heat dropped the first two in Boston — 85-76 and 106-77 — when they lost their composure for key stretches.

They led the opener by 14 points midway through the third quarter. In Game 2, they allowed a 44-8 surge that turned a 29-25 lead into a 69-37 deficit.

Miami is 1-6 against the Celtics this season but had a solid chance in five of those losses.

We’ve shown we’re capable of beating them. We just had to go ahead, go out there and finish, complete it," Richardson said. "And now we need to do it again."

He left Sunday’s game with a bruised left hand and will play Tuesday night after an MRI showed it wasn’t broken.

"We’ve been measured there mentally more than anything, and, at some point, they’ve gotten us to break," Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said.

They’ve been able to control the games, particularly in the fourth quarters.

And (Tuesday), we’re looking for our breakthrough. It’s got to be different," Rivers said.

Boston’s Allen hopes it is — at least from the free throw line. He struggled there Sunday despite shooting 91 percent this season.

He hit one free throw with 2:36 left, cutting Miami’s lead to 96-92. Then he missed his next three, only the 10th time he’s missed that many in his 1,103 games in the regular season and playoffs.

So he did some extra free throw shooting Monday.

"I took about 150. I missed five of them," he said.

If he had made those three on Sunday, or if Wade had missed a few more shots, the series might already be over.

If Miami wins Tuesday, it will continue.

"The world is all about what ifs," Allen said. "We don’t want to be in ‘what if’ forever. We want to control our destiny."
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77. The 1-2-3 finish powered the Belles from a five-stroke deficit entering the day to a 28-stroke lead over second-place Olivet heading into the final round. With the Saturday total of 311, Saint Mary’s set a new school record for the low score in MIAA competition.

“It was a great round,” Hamilton said. “[Joyce] had it going. She had a great day.”

The final round of the MIAA qualifier Saturday tested the Belles. Olivet fired a low score of 328, while Saint Mary’s limped to a 348, which was good enough to earn an overall eight-stroke victory. Massachusetts played well, turning in a round of 81 for the second-best score of the day. Vermont came in third, in second for Saint Mary’s with 85 to tie for ninth overall.

“She had a really good round at Blackhorse, and kept it together on Saturday,” Hamilton said. “Consistently wise she did a great job. She kept us in the game on Saturday. Despite the Belles’ struggles, Hamilton said he was happy with his team’s ability to do what was necessary to pull out the victory.

“We did what we had to do, and whether we win by one stroke or 30 strokes, we got it done,” he said. Now that Saint Mary’s has earned a berth in the NCAA championships, they turn their focus to the national competition after the finals.

“It’s tough to stay sharp with finals. I would really like to finish in the top four and bring hardware home,” Hamilton said. “We’ll have to play our best for four days and it’s tough to do, but it’s totally doable.”

Even though the Belles’ season is not over, Hamilton knows he already considers his team’s spring campaign a possible one, especially considering the team’s losses of Martyna Mierzwa and Emily Gere.

“I’d say this year’s definitely been a success,” he said. “You’d be hard-pressed to find a team that could lose two top players and qualify for the national championships. With NCAA championships looming, Hamilton and the Belles are optimistic about their chances.

“This team is peaking at the right time,” Hamilton said. “We’re looking now for some hardware.”

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Saint Mary’s (11-8, 4-4 MIAA) has now won the last three conference matches of its regular season, with victories over Kalamazoo and Olivet. Saint Mary’s suffered its first and only loss of the day in a three set match between singles and doubles, winning the tournament’s Most Outstanding Performer. With its No. 38 ranking, Notre Dame has a strong chance of playing in the NCAA Championships for the 19th time in the past 20 seasons with an at-large bid, and Bayliss said he is confident in his team’s chances.

“Now it is all about getting ready for the NCAA’s and making whatever improvements we can to give us a chance to do some damage there,” Bayliss said. “We find out where we will go next week. There are some areas in which we can gain some ground now that we are away from competition for awhile, and this is the time to make those moves.”

The Irish will find out their fate at 5 p.m. on May 4 when the NCAA Division 1 Tennis Championships Selection Show takes place on ESPNEWS.

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BASEBALL

Ready for more

Mills, fellow seniors prepared to lead team

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

The Irish will once again look to their seniors to continue their season turn-around today against Toledo, hosting the Rockets after winning their second straight Big East series last weekend against Cincinnati.

Cementing the series win over the Bearcats was senior David Mills, who has led Notre Dame both at the plate and from the mound this season. With the rainy rubber match Sunday tied 4-4 in the bottom of the ninth inning, Mills sliced a pitch from Cincinnati closer Andrew Burckett barely inside the leftfield foul pole to give the Irish a walk-off win.

“He's had some clutch hits,” Irish coach Dave Schrage said of Mills. “I don’t think you can ask much more of a player. He’s done a great job in relief, and now he just continues to get some big hits for us — just having a great season.”

The Bearcats rebounded and held onto a 5-4 victory Saturday, clinching the series with a 5-4 win Sunday. After starting the year 2-7 in conference competition, the Irish are three games out of their last six in the Big East standings, with 26 RBIs, Mills has not tied for the team lead

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Irish win conference title

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The No. 5 Irish dominated conference play this weekend, defeating West Virginia, Syracuse and DePaul by a combined score of 18-0 to win the Big East Championship trophy at Notre Dame’s Courtney Tennis Center. The title was Notre Dame’s third straight and 10th in 15 years.

The Irish (22-3) easily defeated lower-ranked foes West Virginia and Syracuse on their way to the title match. The championship marked the third time Notre Dame faced the Blue Demons this spring. The Irish won each of the previous meetings 6-1.

In the title match, DePaul’s

Senior Cosmina Ciobanu returns a DePaul serve in an April 16. The Irish defeated the Blue Demons Sunday in the Big East title match.

MEN’S TENNIS

Notre Dame loses Big East championship

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The Irish fell 4-0 to No. 15 Louisville in a hard-fought Big East title match to end the tournament at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Notre Dame (15-12) missed the opportunity to play in the final round last season. The team now moves to 7-5 all-time in Big East title matches.

“While we did not achieve the clear goal of winning the Big East, I was proud of the way we competed against South Florida in the semifinals to reach the final against Louisville,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

SMC GOLF

Belles earn fifth NCAA appearance

By ALLAN JOSEPH and LUKE MANSOUR
Sports Writers

Saint Mary’s used an all-around performance Friday at Blackthorn Golf Club and did just enough Saturday at Notre Dame’s Warren Golf Course to claim the top overall spot in the MIAA qualifying rounds, earning its fifth trip to the national championships.

The Belles took third to Olivet and hope this weekend with their score of 348, but a shot total of 992 in the three MIAA contests this spring gives them the bid over Olivet’s total of 1.000. Those two days couldn’t have any more diametrically opposed,” Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. “It’s always tough to back up one of your best rounds with another the next day.”

Junior Mary Kate Boyce led the Belles Friday, carding a 74 to set an MIAA course record and earn medalist honors in the process. Sophomore Natalie Matuszak finished second overall with a 76 and junior Rosie O’Connor rounded out the top three golfers with a 79.

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