Students show support for GLBT community

T-shirts worn in response to offensive comic; week-long initiative to include silent protest, panel discussion

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA

Student, faculty and other members of the Notre Dame community will participate in events this week to demonstrate their desire for the administration to add sexual orientation to the University’s non-discrimination clause.

The events kicked off yesterday when students wore “Gay? Fine By Me” T-shirts to show their support for Notre Dame’s Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender (GLBT) community. Senior Patrick Bears, a member of the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students, said that in light of a controversial comic published in the Jan. 13 edition of The Observer, there has never been a more important time for students to show support for the GLBT community.

“Generally we try to coincide T-shirt day with StaND Against Hate week or National Coming Out Day, but given the controversy surrounding the comic we thought it would be better to do a weeklong initiative promoting these issues,” Bears said.

More students and alumni than ever expressed interest in obtaining T-shirts to wear, he said. Former Notre Dame wide receiver Golden Tate said he wanted to get involved with the initiative to help show Notre Dame’s GLBT community that he and others on campus support their decision.

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By ANN-Marie Woods

An alleged cheating incident during an Introduction to Marketing class last semester raised questions concerning the effectiveness of the University Code of Honor and the need for increased education of the academic honesty policy at Notre Dame, a member of the class said.

Danielle Guidry, a sophomore in the class, said several students opened beers during the exam. After students brought the incident to the administration’s attention, the department sent out a questionnaire to all students in the class, asking what they observed or partook in during the final exam.

“We were asked if we participated in cheating or if we saw people cheating during the final, if we saw anyone drinking during the final and if we felt that our testing environment had been transformed,” Wise said.

By MEGAN HEMLER

America remains a society plagued by the problems of white supremacy, despite the election of Barack Obama in 2008, said renowned anti-racism activist and author Tim Wise Tuesday night.

Held in the Carey Auditorium of Hesburgh Library, Wise gave a lecture entitled “Between Barack and a Hard Place: Racism and White Denial in the Age of Obama.”

Wise said that even though many pundits had declared America a “post-racial society,” in the weeks following that historic Nov. 4 election, there remains a significant amount of systemic racism throughout our country.

Individual success does not translate into systemic transformation,” Wise said. “Those who proclaim we’re a post-racial society offer no evidence, no data.”

Wise said that this post-racial rhetoric was akin to saying Pakistan had moved past sexism because Benazir Bhutto had been elected.
Overtime due for a Change

Unless he decides to come back for yet another year and play a full NFL schedule with bones that are turning to dust, Brett Favre’s last pass of his career will go down as an interpolation. This should not be problematic, for perhaps no sports figure of his era was as beloved for his spectacular on-field successes and failures as Favre, but there is a lingering fact which makes it tough to swallow: it could have ended so much better.

The NFL’s overtime rules, regarded by nearly all fans with disdain, robbed us of a Storybook moment in a storybook career. In the NFL, the rules of overtime dictate that the first team to score wins the game, regardless of the manner in which the points were scored. In Sunday’s NFC Championship Game, Favre sat on the sidelines as Drew Brees and the Saints won the coin toss, received the kickoff, and drove to the winning score. Favre and the Vikings are not alone, as from 1974 to 2003 a whopping 28 percent of overtime games were decided on the first drive, with the other team given no opportunity to respond. How anyone can consider this a fair resolution of a game is beyond me. Ultimately it will probably be remembered as a Super Bowl decided in this manner to initiate a change, but it is still worth it to consider the alternatives.

When I casually mention the idea of changing NFL overtime to football, they usually respond by saying how much they love the way college football handles overtime. This is not a viable solution, however, for the more passing-oriented NFL. College overtime favors strong red zone teams, eliminating the downfield passing game and benefiting those teams with bigger backs. It’s not football in a style play and bone-crunching late moments to get back in the game. But each NFL game that involved overtime in the past 30 years was a smashing success, and football fans are likely to remember the game “NFL Blitz,” a child of the 90s will remember, or found in video games. Any sports-loving American would agree that the NFL needs to look elsewhere.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Sports Wire
Editor

OFFBEAT

Woman pleads no contest in rat meal scheme

APPLETON, Wis. — An Appleton woman who tried to extort money from an upscale restaurant by putting a rat in her lunch has entered no-contest pleas to two criminal charges. The Appleton Post-Crescent reported 45-year-old Debbie R. Miller was found guilty after she entered the pleas to a felony extortion charge and a misdemeanor for obstructing police.

Prosecutors said Miller planted the rat at The Seasons on April 17, 2008, and then demanded $500,000 from the owners.

She threatened to alert the media, instead of paying, the owners turned the rat over to investigators for their insurance company. They determined it was a domestic rat that had been cooked in a microwave. The restaurant doesn’t have microwaves. Miller was arrested about three months later.

Sentencing is scheduled for March 8.

Man said woman attacked his car for reasons of love

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — An East Tennessee man told police that a woman in a vehicle in front of his jumped on his hood and kicked and punched his windshield as he waited for a traffic light to change. The man, John P. Williams, 37, said the incident was unprovoked. According to The Daily Times of Maryville, police quoted the woman as saying she was being followed.

A woman, 58, was arrested and charged with vandalism of more than $500. She was being held in lieu of $1,000 bond pending a hearing Thursday in Blount County General Sessions Court.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE TO BREAK UP WITH YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER ON CAMPUS?

Julia Kohn
freshman
Levis
“In The Observer.”

Cody Gaffney
sophomore
Koumg
“Around the lakes or the Lyon arch.”

Anna Bearini
freshman
Regina
“In the middle of LaFun, when its super busy. You can stand up on a table and be like I’m done with you!”

Bri Neblung
freshman
Budin
“Through the Emergency Response System.”

In Brief

Campus tours led by student tour guides will be given today from 1 to 2:15 p.m. The walking tour will touch upon most major campus highlights and will leave from the Visitor’s Center. The tour is sponsored by Community Relations Department.

Joshua Diehl, assistant professor of psychology, will discuss the latest autism research at his lecture, “The Science Cafe: Solving the Autism Puzzle.” He will speak from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 217 S. Michigan St., South Bend. The tour is sponsored by the Autism Society of South Dining Hall at 7 p.m. today.

Actors From the Stage of London (AFTLS) will perform “Romeo and Juliet” at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall today through Friday. Call 574-631-2800 for tickets.

A forum and discussion, entitled “Where Do We Go From Here? Moving Beyond Fruits and Vegetables” will take place tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library.

Notre Dame students wishing to compete in a spelling bee and benefit Haiti can attend ND Spelling Bee 4 Haiti in LaFortune Ballroom tomorrow from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu

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CORRECTIONS

In a Jan. 22 article titled “Jenkins, students head to D.C. for March,” The Observer incorrectly stated that Right to Life co-chair president Mary Daly said about 100,000 people around the Right to Life March in Washington D.C. About 300,000 people stood on the March. The Observer regrets this error.
Saint Mary’s to sell carnations

By BRITTANY VANSENSNO Stc Writer

Valentine’s Day is most notably known for its emphasis on romantic relationships, but Saint Mary’s College is changing that by emphasizing relationships of all kinds.

Today through Feb. 2, Saint Mary’s students will be selling carnations in the atrium of the student center during lunch and dinner.

The red carnations, attached with a Valentine’s card, can be purchased for any friend for $2.

“The flowers are for two reasons. The first is as a celebration of Valentine’s Day and a bit of color during the dreary days of winter,” Carolyne Call, director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement, said. “The other reason is to raise money for Rebuilding Together.”

Each year, Saint Mary’s College sponsors a house for the Rebuilding Together project, a mission to rehabilitate dilapidating houses. These homes generally belong to recipients that are elderly, disabled or living below the poverty line. All participants’ homes underwent a lengthy inspection and application in order to be accepted into the program.

The volunteer day, April 17, will go towards major repairs on the house, such as electrical work, carpentry, painting, window glazing, caulking and plumbing.

Saint Mary’s College is hoping the fundraiser proceeds will amount to $3,500, which will go towards the overall $3,500 cost of the house.

This major spring event is a way of raising awareness about Rebuilding Together, while at the same time, brightening people’s day.

“Involvement with Rebuilding Together is the way we can ‘love thy neighbor’ one house at a time,” Call said.

For further information on Rebuilding Together, visit www.rtsjc.org.

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College offers ethnic dessert samples

By ASHLEY CHARLIE

Who knew learning could be so sweet?

Saint Mary’s Student Diversity Board (SDB) offered students the chance to broaden their cultural horizons while satisfying their sweet tooth at their “Sugar Makes the World Go Around” event in Le Mans Hall’s Regineaux Lounge Tuesday night.

SDB members Casie Hamman and Taviernye Rogan coordinated the event, bringing delicacies from several different countries together for students to try.

“It’s a good way to get SDB out there because food interests people,” Hamman said.

“The food was catered by Sodexo, Saint Mary’s catering service, who provided all the sweets they had access to, and worked off recipes for the ones they didn’t,” Hamman said.

Foods came from France, Italy, Ireland, Germany, Scandinavia, Mexico, Africa, the Caribbean and Greece, as well as desserts from the Native American culture.

They ranged from éclairs and cookies to donuts and cake - a smorgasbord of treats for students to try.

Students didn’t only come for the food. They also supported SDB’s mission to help bring diversity to campus.

“It’s a good club and it has a good point,” Bartrom said.

“It’s a smart idea because everybody loves dessert,” sophomore Jordan Bartrom said.

SDB is busy working on other upcoming events. Feb. 2 to Feb. 13 will be Disability Awareness Week, Hamman said. Women’s Appreciation Week will run from Feb. 22 to Feb. 25, Rogan said.

SDB will also be holding their annual Diverse Student Leadership Conference (DSLC) from March 17-19.

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wear a “Gay? Fine By Me” shirt yesterday for similar reasons.

“Tt’s good for the stu- dent body to come together and show support for each other’s strug-gles,” Kirsch said. “I hope the GLBT community will be able to see that they do have supporters who love and accept them for who they are.”

Senior Jessica Mahon said that the students in charge of organizing the T-shirt day, said she hopes the event will get student support this week will address the cre- ation of the T-shirt and the motion to sell the shirts passed which will allow all of the profit received complete funding have created a shirt design and more money will be sent to the five groups Friday, but money is going to be sent to the five groups Friday, but it’s not an issue that goes away for members of the Notre Dame community, echoed Bears’ goal of educating Notre Dame stu-dents and faculty.

“People at this school can be a little closed-minded some of the time, so [the events being held this week are] a good way for people to learn about what’s going on and the issues at hand,” Prieto said.

Following yester-day’s T-shirt day, a silent demonstration will be held today at noon at the University’s gates to protest Notre Dame’s exclusion of sexual orientation from the non-discrimination clause and the lack of a recognized Gay-Straight Alliance on campus.

Tomorrow, a panel discus-sion, “What To Go From Here? Moving Beyond Fruits and Vegetables,” will be held in the Hesburgh Library’s Carey Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The event will consist of a discus-sion and question-and-answer session about what Notre Dame then-pentahedric students can do to fulfill the spirit of inclusion, a document adopted by the University in 1997. Contact Irena Zajickova at izajickov@nd.edu

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One of the major issues discussed was the upcoming revision of the du Lac student handbook.

“This is a huge deal,” Schmidt said. “This isn’t something that should be taken lightly.”

Schmidt said the Office of Student Affairs told student government what the main topics they want to discuss would be, but any issues can be brought up and addressed.

The four issues that Student Affairs is most concerned with are procedures for dealing with sexual assault, the means in which accountability for off-campus activities is addressed, the potential for minor changes in disciplinary processes and the awareness that students have of policies outlined in du Lac.

Schmidt encouraged all of the members of COR to look at du Lac with their individual groups about specific concerns and questions. Next week’s meeting of COR will be primarily focused on discussing potential issues that members found in regards to du Lac.

“Tt could be one of the most important things we do,” Schmidt said.

Schmidt also said there have been many questions about the budget of Food Services such as asking pertaining to why the din- ing hall meals are so expensive, why meals can’t carry over and why student can’t take food to the dorms.

“The reality is that we all inherit the legacies of those that came before us,” Wise said. “But this legacy is one that we’re not supposed to talk about.”

Wise cited examples from the Department of Justice reports in 2004 that stated African Americans with the same credentials as white workers were twice as likely to be out of work as their white counterparts, with Latinos two-thirds as likely to be out of work. Wise also said the average white family has 11 times the net worth of African American families, and eight times the worth of Latino families.

“In a 2004 study, job applications with white sounding names had a 50 percent greater chance of getting a call back than those with black sounding names,” Wise said. “None of this has changed because of the election.”

Wise emphasized the importance of being aware of this racial legacy, an awareness that isn’t usually found among the dominant popu-lation group simply because it’s not necessary.

“There’s a difference be-tween denial and ignorance,” Wise said. “Regardless of how good of a person you are, you can be impacted in injustice just because you don’t have to be made aware of what it’s like to be a part of a non-dominant group. It’s a privilege, a psychological edge, to not have to think about these things.”

“It’s important to know the difference between guilt and responsibility,” Wise said. “It doesn’t matter that you didn’t make the mess but only that you’re tired of living in the filth of other’s race.”

This is not a functional system, Wise said, and the costs of not attempting to fix it now are only going to escalate for future genera-tions.

“We ought to be afraid of this for us, not somebody else,” Wise said. “This is not about charity, it’s about responsibility.” Contact Megan Hemler at mhemler@nd.edu

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Report exposes secret prisons

WASHINGTON — A group of U.N. human rights experts has published a report on secret detention centers detailing how the United States, China, Russia and others have used them in the fight against terrorism.

The 226-page report by U.N. experts on torture, counter-terrorism and forced disappearances will be presented to the global body’s Human Rights Council in March. It covers recent use of secret prisons in what has been called the “war on terror” as well as their role in interrogations and counter-terrorism operations since the 1940s.

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LOCAL NEWS

Stimulus dollars fund road repair

INDIANAPOLIS — Mayor Greg Ballard and other city officials have met with contractors about 130 miles of Indianapolis roads will be repaired with $23 million in federal stimulus dollars this year.

The process will target pothole-ridden and patch-covered roadways based on the frequency of street repairs in the area and reports to the Mayor’s Action Center call line.

Officials say about 550 jobs will be created by the projects, which are scheduled to begin in early March.

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Leaders try to save Irish gov.

Associated Press

HILLSBOROUGH, Northern Ireland — The prime ministers of Britain and Ireland present- ed rival Catholic and Protestant leaders with last-ditch propos- als Tuesday designed to keep their power-sharing govern- ment from unraveling.

The EU called the coalition at the heart of Northern Ireland power-sharing on the brink of collapse following a long enduring dispute over when it will take responsibility from Britain for the province’s police and justice system.

The Irish Catholics of Sinn Fein say the move is overdue — and are threatening to withdraw from the coalition, triggering its destruction, unless the British Protestants of the Democratic Unionist Party stop vetoing the objective.

The prime ministers, Gordon Brown of Britain and Brian Cowen of Ireland, also want the Protestants to stop stalling, as does U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who telephoned Brown and Sinn Fein’s Martin McGuinness during the course of Tuesday’s negotiations.

But the Democratic Unionists countered that they wouldn’t cave in to outside pressure or artificial deadlines posed by any of the other parties.

“If it’s not a good deal, whether the (British) prime minister is here or not, it won’t make a difference to us,” Democratic Unionist leader Peter Robinson said.

The prime ministers, deter- mined not to lose Northern Ireland without a break- through, planned to keep talking past midnight for a second straight night and make a final push for agreement.

Wednesday. Both were staying at the Hillsborough Castle venue southwest of Belfast.

Throughout Tuesday’s negoti- ations, the Democratic Unionists held out for their own controversial concessions, par- ticularly the right of Protestant groups to resume marching in front of the Sinn Fein-ruled British capital. Britain has curtailed that explo- sive tradition over the past three years with a powerful Parades Commission that the Protestants want abolished.

The British and Irish govern- ments presented a compromise plan that, while generally incomplete, seeks to give both Sinn Fein and the Democratic Unionists control of what they both want.

The documents offered a choice of options. These includ- ed a potential May target date for transferring justice powers, and a successor organization for the Parades Commission that would stress mediation between Protestant marching groups and their Catholic oppo- nents. The existing commission imposes restrictions on parade routes but doesn’t mediate between the sides.

“What’s going on in there is an exchange of ideas. There are many ideas being dis- cussed, and we’ve got a lot of work in progress,” said Britain’s secretary of state for Northern Ireland, Shaun Woodward, who has the castle as his official residence.

“Everybody is focused on what’s at stake.”

Later, the governments let interna- tional TV crews in to film the premiers and the Sinn Fein and Democratic Unionist delegations chatting and joking around a long conference table.

Robinson could be heard mak- ing small talk with his Sinn Fein deputy in the government, Martin McGuinness, about their sports allegiances.

Northern Ireland’s U.S.-bro- kered Good Friday peace accord of 1998 proposed power-sharing between major- ity Protestants and minority Catholics. But the best way to end a conflict that had claimed more than 3,600 lives since the late 1960s.

While paramilitary cease- fires since the mid-1990s have ensured a fragile peace, power- sharing itself has lurched from crisis to crisis.

The current Sinn Fein-Democratic Unionist showdown has flared now, in part, because of both parties’ ambitions and anxieties as a British general election looms within five months. Northern Ireland politicians typically adopt hard- line positions for campaign purposes.

Sinn Fein negotiators accuse the Protestant side of trying to stall all progress until after the election, although Brown was expected to be ousted from power by Conservative Party leader David Cameron. The Conservatives inured Sinn Fein by meeting this month in secret with Northern Ireland’s Protestant lawmakers to explore a possible election pact.

Sinn Fein negotiator Conor Murphy said his party had entered power-sharing in expectation of helping to over- see Northern Ireland’s agencies of law and order — a system that Sinn Fein’s Irish Republican Army allies sought to destroy before its 1997 cease-fire. He said the Democratic Unionists had vetoed the step for too long.

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hamped,” Guidry said. “If we didn’t answer honestly, we would be violation of the honor code.”

Even with the number of reported violations increasing in the last academic year to 59, down from 85 in the 2006-07 academic year, facul- ty and students continue to consider threatening the implementation of the Academic Code of Honor and its effectiveness.

Created as a collaborative effort by faculty and students in 1983, the Academic Code of Honor states, “As a member of the Notre Dame community, I will not participate in or tol- erate academic dishonesty.”

Prior to matriculation at the University, students particip- ate in an online general orientation to test their understanding of the Academic Code of Honor and provide an avenue for students to agree to the prin- ciples, policies and proce- dures outline in the honor code book.

“I think across the United States, there was a growing trend for universities to adopt some form of honor code sys- tem,” associate provost and chair of the University’s Honor C o m m i t t e e Dean Jacobs explained. “What honor codes are really trying to do is promote an ethic across the campus.”

The ethic implied in the honor code has undergone several revisions and drafts, but the current version focuses on the responsibility of students to promote academic honesty in their own work and in the work of their classmates and peers.

“We want to put the [honor code] out there and inform students that when they join the university, they are join- ing a scholarly community,” Jacobs said. “We are a commun- ity that is all about the pursuit of truth. Whether you do that as a faculty mem- ber doing research or a stu- dent doing coursework, the pursuit of truth is what we want to keep our eyes on as the goal.”

It is this pursuit of truth that guided senior Mary Beauclear to serve on the University Code of Honor Committee as a representa- tive from the College of Engineering.

“I think there should be a zero tolerance policy for cheating, and professors should be more available and more willing to discuss violations in their classrooms.”

Beauclear said. “When stu- dents who cheat are reported, they have the option of taking the case to the hearing or file an Honor Code Violation Report, the latter being the most preferred option.

We created a system so that if a student and faculty member could agree on an appropriate sanction, Jacobs explained. “My office reviews those and makes sure the appropriate sanction is assigned. But the whole process is in conformity with the honor code.”

Sanctions can range from a failing grade on the assign- ment or course, to expulsion in the most extreme cases where multiple violations have occurred.

The University’s seven principles to help faculty and students understand what an honor code violation would be,” Jacobs said. “There is no such thing as a single, trivial violation that we're not concerned about the consequences of academic dishonesty.”

Professor should take more action when honor code violations occur, Jacobs added. “But those are the most extreme cases where multiple violations have occurred.”

“Cheating is a serious offense, and it does concern me, and I don’t think it's a matter of whether students are aware of the code. It is a matter of whether students are aware that if they cheat, they might cheat less.”

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GM sells Saab for $74 million

DETROIT — A small Dutch automaker will try to save a financially troubled Saab in a deal struck Tuesday that was hailed as a solution to a fast-moving crisis.

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Toyota said Tuesday it was suspending sales of eight recalled models, a significant portion of Toyota’s fleet and Corollas per month, and the entire Camry line. News reports that Paul Volcker, the head of the President’s Economic Recovery Advisory Board, would testify to the market’s current condition.

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"But on the other hand, we’re moving there from a very low point. And we’re still at a very low point."

Consumer confidence rose in January for the third straight month, the Conference Board said Tuesday. People said they felt better about the economy, home prices are on the rise and companies are forecasting a brighter 2010.

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The conference board said its index of consumer confidence rose to 55.9 in January from 53.6 in December. It was the third straight month, the Conference Board said Tuesday.

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"That’s huge if they can’t sell these and they don’t have a fix identified. They need to go and get a solution to this fast," Bragman said.

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At 9 p.m. tonight, President Barack Obama will deliver the annual State of the Union Address to the rest of the country. His speech is guaranteed to cover all of the topics at the forefront of the public’s collective mind, especially health care reform, the economy, unemployment and his strategy for the wars we are fighting overseas. Using this as a guide, I think it is important that we use this opportunity to not only look at the topics that affect all of us nationally, but to focus the discussion to Notre Dame-specific topics and policies that directly affect us daily.

In that spirit, I am proposing the inaugural State of the University Address. In light of recent events published in these very pages, the topic that has been at the forefront of everybody’s mind is the treatment of and the culture surrounding GLBTQ students at Notre Dame. Now, the topic has been hashed and rehashed several times already over the past few weeks, by people far more qualified to talk about than I own. I do want to take this opportunity to tell the University what to do, and I can only hope that there are still members of the administration in attendance.

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I don't know about you, but images of the tragedy in Haiti made me feel pretty silly about having paid so much attention recently to Tiger Woods' sex life. Harry Reid's gaffes or Conan O'Brien's fame? No.

There's nothing like real tragedy to make us realize that the stuff we tend to get excited about can often be pretty meaningless.

While interviewing a writer in a hotel lobby in Bucharest, Romania, last October, he mentioned what he referred to as the "ballroom boy" and interrupted himself to ask, "Is that what you people in America are coming to?"

Yes, I confessed, and tried my best to explain the connection between our frenzied response to mostly meaningless, manufactured dramas and bungee jumping.

In the United States, an otherwise reputable democracy we seek to add an element of excitement to our predictable lives while individuals in other countries who are struggling to maintain a viable democracy are coming to terms with the fact that they are actually living in a world of manufactured dramas and bungee jumping.

I'm not saying that I was wrong to feel excited about what I felt were early signs of progress in Haiti. I was just saying that I felt that I had to get a handle on my emotions, and that I had to move on to other issues.

So, here's what I'm going to do. I'm going to spend the next few days trying to figure out how I can use my excitement to help others, instead of using it to distract myself from more real issues.

I hope that you will join me in this effort. Let's use our excitement to help others, instead of using it to distract ourselves from the real issues.

Gregory Rodriguez
The Arbiter
Dear Scene,

I’ve worked myself into quite a situation. I’ve fancied this lovely girl for a while, but she placed me squarely in the middle of the friend zone with no easily accessible exits. Don’t get me wrong, I enjoy being her friend, but I’m in it for a little more than that, ya dig? So I moved on to her roommate in an attempt to execute the roommate switch (even though nobody in the history of Western civilization has been able to execute the roommate switch) but she doesn’t seem to feel the way that I do either. Now I’m in a tough situation with both of them. What do I do? Can I salvage this?

Signed,
Friend Zone Resident

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**Scene Says…**

Two, you think Lovely Girl is too oblivious or cruel to move you into the relationship zone, so you’re planning on your affair with the roommate to awaken her jealousy and secret “twu twu.” Nope! If Lovely Girl really does like you as more than a friend, scamming on her roommate will just get her mad at the both of you.

Three, going after Roommate is just part of your fantasy to act out that new Britney Spears song. In which case you are admirably ambitious. But whatever of these three ulterior motives you have, you are still screwed because neither of these girls is willing to relocate you to your preferred relationship zip code. You’ve been rejected outright, but you might be able to save the friendship — if you want. A super-platonic night out with one or both could help erase the awkwardness and replace it with some funny stories.

But, as O-Town said, if you want it all or nothing at all, then I’d suggest avoiding Lovely Girl’s house for a while. Run into Lovely Girl for lunch sometime, but by all means retain your dignity and don’t be clingy. That’s just gross.

Sincerely,
Scene

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**By BRANDY CERNE Scene Writer**

Do you spend your nights watching reruns of the deceased “Gilmore Girls” and “Everwood,” thinking, “Why don’t they make shows like this anymore?” If so, the answer is that they do. Or at least the CW does, with its newest show “Life Unexpected.” Mixing clever dialogue with heartfelt drama proves a winning combination for the show, just as it was for those former WB shows.

“Life Unexpected” revolves around the reunion of 16-year-old Lux (Brittany Robertson) with her birth parents. She only wants to find them with her birth mother. After premiering on January 18, “Life Unexpected” is two episodes into its season, but it is well worth watching up on.

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**Life Unexpected**

*The CW*

*Tuesday’s 9 p.m.*
"I'm All Over It" features a driving big hand sound with a male-female backing chorus. Cullum proclaims, “I’m so proud I’ve tried to forget but I can’t.” Lamenting a lost love while simultaneously learning to find solace in what still moves him.

At times, Cullum takes a break from his traditional jazz roots to try his hand at other, more experimental styles. Such is the case with "We Run Things," a funky pop groove that sounds as if it could fall within the repertory of stars such as Justin Timberlake or J. Cole. Yet Cullum knows how to stay true to his musical identity, impressing his recognizable style on even the most uncharacteristic songs. "The Pursuit" would not be a true Jamie Cullum album without a well-executed cover song. The jazz master’s latest recreation, “Don’t Stop the Music,” is a pleasing spin on the dance hit originally performed by Rihanna. Cullum snatches the tune from the crammed floors of dance joints and instead generates the eccentric atmosphere of the hippest jazz club with a stripped-down piano-driven cadence.

Cullum succeeds on this album in sticking to his guns while also showing the edgy creativity that has earned him such praise from music enthusiasts. Though he experienced a sort of rebirth — Cullum ditched his old band and went solo — the music on this album maintains the energetic, unpolished quality that made his previous works so beloved. The album is a testament to Cullum’s knack for the nuances and intricacies of jazz.

Praised for his vocal gifts by Cullum and Eastwood, was hailed as the best comeback with this 2-D pleaser. Deserving to hop away with the prize of Best Animated Feature, it is charming and fun. It has the fun and goofiness for children, and the wittiness and heart for older audiences. Disney attempted to return to the days of old animation, Disney attempted to return to the days of old. The Princess and the Frog sends a valuable message that you should work hard for your dreams. Inspired by her father, Tiana’s dream is to own her own restaurant, and she works hard to save her tip money from waitressing to buy her own property. Unfortunately, the carefree Prince Naveen (Bruno Campos) complicates her life and her dream after being turned into a frog by the evil, scheming voodoo man Dr. Facilier (Keith David). Unlike the traditional fairytale, when Tiana kisses Prince Naveen in his frog form she turns into an amphibian as well. While she teaches him about hard work and responsibility, along the way Naveen may also teach Tiana a thing or two about life. The two go on a wild adventure down the Louisiana bayou encountering friends and foes along the way. The cast of characters includes the fun-loving, trumpet-playing alligator Louis (Michael Leon Wooley), the lovestruck Cajun firefly Ray (Jim Cummings), and the blind Voodoo woman Madame Eudice (Denifer Lewin) who might be able to help the two frogs turn back into humans. Louis simply wants to play his music for audiences to enjoy, but that is difficult as an alligator. Ray desires to be reunited with his love, which is a challenge since she is a brilliant star at midnight sky. The story is charming and heart-warming, and it is a great choice for families. The film is set in the French Quarter of New Orleans in the roaring 20s and the setting itself becomes another character. The film demonstrates all sides of the historic city, from the dilapidated cottages of the poorer area, where Tiana is from, to the extremely wealthy mansions of her friend Lottie. In addition, the mixture of jazz, zydeco, blues and gospel music only aids in transporting the viewers to New Orleans. When Prince Naveen dances on the city’s streets, you can almost smell the gumbo and crawfish. Rose. Of "Dreamgirls" fame, has an incredible voice, and the musical numbers in the film are fun and reminiscent of other Disney classics. The soundtrack includes 10 original songs and seven instrumental pieces. Dr. Facilier’s musical number, however, is downright scary. He calls upon evil spirits to help him with his magic, and also to track down Naveen and it would be unsurprising to discover that he might frighten some children. He is a menacing figure, who deserves to be in the ranks of other nefarious Disney villains such as Jafar, Cruella de Vil, Gaston and Captain Hook.

The Princess and the Frog tries to send a message of never giving up and working hard to achieve your dreams. And it encourages its young viewers to dream big. However, Tiana may in the end get help from her wealthy beau, which makes the ending slightly unrelatable for every little girl.

Unfortunately, the film did not receive the record movie sales it deserved. But Disney will likely make up for that with all the new Disney merchandise as Tiana joins other princesses Belle, Ariel, Cinderella, Briar Rose, Jasmine and Pocahontas. And this strong independent heroine deserves that.

In the end, "The Princess and the Frog" is a fantastic movie that should delight all audiences. It has the fun and goodness for children, and the wittiness and heart for older audiences. Disney deserves to hop away with the prize of Best comeback with this 2-D pleaser.
Nadal injures knee, drops out of Aussie Open

Associated Press

Melbourne, Australia — Andy Murray was warned about the fireworks, the crackle and dazzling burst of color that lights the sky to mark Australia Day celebrations. So the pyrotechnics came as no surprise in the second set against defending champion Rafael Nadal. What he didn’t expect was the fizzle at the end.

Nadal quit their quarterfinal while trailing 6-3, 7-6 (2), 3-0 Tuesday night, not long after he’d taken a medical timeout to treat his right knee. His concession came five games and a tiebreaker after he tripped and fell following the fireworks delay at the break.

Andy Roddick also needed a medical timeout — after the first set of his earlier match against No. 14 Marin Cilic. His sore right shoulder was making his fingers numb.

Roddick played on for another four sets. But, like Nadal, he was going in the quarterfinals. Cilic advanced 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-6 (3) and will meet Murray in the semifinals.

Murray was convinced he would have beaten Nadal even if the match had gone the distance. He’s also confident of overturning his last result against Cilic — a loss at the U.S. Open — and reaching his second Grand Slam final.

“When the big moments came in the match, I thought I dictated what happened,” Murray said. “For a while he played really well and deserved to be up when the match was stopped.”

Nadal broke his knee in the 11th game of a second set that had already been interrupted for nine minutes by fireworks. Both players had been told in advance about the break, although both took time to readjust to match conditions.

Nadal’s fall six games later sent a murmur around the stadium, but he eased concern by playing a shot by instinct as he sat near the baseline. Murray won that point, but Nadal held serve in the game and celebrated with a flurry of wild, double-arm pumps as if he’d won a final.

He didn’t show any outward signs of discomfort until calling for a medical timeout while serving at 0-15 and 15-3 in the third set. He took a three-minute break while the trainer worked on his right knee. He played only 13 more points before walking to the net and shaking Murray’s hand.

Nadal said he didn’t want to risk re-injury, and knee tendinitis sidelined him for long periods last season, preventing him from defending his Wimbledon title.

“I was not in history because was during the match ... in the end of the second set in one of matches. Roger Federer in five sets in the final,” Nadal said of the Federer is still in the equation this year at Melbourne Park, where he is aiming for a fourth Australian title and 16th Grand Slam crown.

He plays Nikolay Davydenko in the quarterfinals Wednesday and is on a two-match losing streak against the Russian after winning their first dozen head-to-head.

“The way you guys are going, that may happen.” Obama added.

Obama enjoyed talking basketball with the undefeated Wildcats (20-0), who play at South Carolina on Tuesday night. But the president was just as complimentary about the team’s efforts to help those devastated in Haiti by the catastrophic earthquake earlier this month.

Calipari, past and current players and others answered questions from donors while bidding on items ranging from autographed pictures to dinner with the Wildcats superfan — Wildcat megafan — actress—and Wildcat megafan— Maria Kirilenko 6-1, 6-3 in the semifinals. She next plays 2008 Wimbledon semifinalist Zheng Jie, who beat Maria Kirilenko 6-1, 6-3 in the other quarterfinal.

The winner of that match will play the victor of 2008 champion Novak Djokovic vs. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga — a rematch of the final from two years ago.

Serena and Venus Williams need wins Wednesday to set up a sisters semifinal. Four-time champion and No. 1-ranked Serena faces No. 7 Victoria Azarenka and sixth-seeded Venus takes on China’s Li Na.

For No. 1 Justine Henin resumed her strong comeback by beating Nadia Petrova 7-6 (3), 7-5 to reach the semifinals. She next plays 2008 Wimbledon semifinalist Zheng Jie, who beat Maria Kirilenko 6-1, 6-3 in the other quarterfinal.

Henin quit in May 2008 while holding the No. 1 ranking. She is now playing as a wild card and is two wins from becoming the second Belgo in as many Grand Slam tournaments to win in her comeback from retirement. Kim Clijsters won the U.S. Open in September after two years off to get married and have a baby.

Roddick took off the end of last season to recover from a knee injury. Now he’s got a shoulder to worry about.

The 27-year-old Roddick had lost four Grand Slam finals, including last year’s five-set Wimbledon thriller against Federer, winning his only two matches away.”

NCAA Basketball

Obama thanks Wildcats for Haiti fundraiser

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — President Barack Obama called Kentucky coach John Calipari to praise the program—and to caution the coach John Calipari to praise the players because of what you guys did,” Obama told the team, wearing blue “Hoops for Haiti” T-shirts and crowded around a white phone at the Colonial Life Arena. “It shows a lot of character and I hope that carries over,” the president continued. “Some of you are going to be doing other things with your lives, but I hope that spirit of doing for others continues.

Other programs have also taken up the call to help Haiti. Notre Dame said it received more than $250,000 for Haitian relief through men’s and women’s basketball games last weekend.

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 624 South Dining Hall. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is $5 per character per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content or reasons.
Crittenton pleads guilty to gun charge

Washington Wizards guard Javaris Crittenton pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor gun charge, Monday, explaining he had a pistol because he feared teammate Gilbert Arenas would shoot him or blow up his car after the two argued over a card game.

The hearing marked the first time authorities confirmed Crittenton was the other player involved in the confrontation with Arenas, who pleaded guilty Jan. 15 to a felony gun charge who pleaded guilty Jan. 15 to a felony gun charge.

Beaudin didn’t order a victims’ fund. Kavanaugh said the two players first clashed on Dec. 19 over a card game on a team flight back from a game in Phoenix. Arenas said he was too old for a firefight and threatened to shoot Crittenton in the face, and Crittenton replied he would shoot Arenas in his surgically repaired knee, Kavanaug said.

Arenas said he would blow up or burn Crittenton’s car, Kavanaug said.

Two days later, Crittenton put his legally owned, unloaded handgun into his backpack before he left his apartment in Arlington, Va., for practice at the Verizon Center, Kavanaug said. Crittenton put the backpack in his locker and went to see team trainers, Kavanaug said. When he returned he saw several guns — Crittenton’s lawyer said there were three, not four, as previously reported — on a chair in front of his locker with a sign saying, “Pick 1.”

Crittenton tossed one of the guns on the floor and told Arenas to get the weapons off the chair. Then, fearing for his safety, Crittenton, & the handgun out of his backpack and showed it to Arenas, Kavanaug said.

IN BRIEF

Super Bowl ad involving Tebow sparks controversy

NEW YORK — CBS responded to complaints over a conservative group’s planned Super Bowl ad featuring football star Tim Tebow by saying that it had eased restrictions on advocacy ads and would consider “responsibly produced” ones for open spots in its Feb. 7 broadcast.

CBS Corp. said Tuesday it had received numerous e-mails — both critical and supportive — since a coalition of women’s groups began a protest campaign Monday against the ad, which the critics say will use Tebow and his mother to convey an anti-abortion message.

Funded by the conservative Christian group Focus on the Family, the 30-second anti-abortion message. The Los Angeles Dodgers. The Associated Press on condition of confidentiality.

A two-time Cy Young Award winner threw 24 pitches over six minutes Tuesday morning on the second day of the team’s voluntary mini-camp. It was his first time off a mound since Aug. 20.

“I feel pretty good,” Santana said. “The ball was coming out pretty good. I feel like I am doing my mechanics without any problems, so that was big. And I don’t feel anything in my arm, so I think everything should be all right.”

Santana’s excitement showed when he reacted to a changepitch that showed the typical action hitters hate.

“It had that nice motion, so it’s good to see that this early because that tells me we are way ahead of the game,” Santana said.

Garland, Padres agree to one-year deal for 2010

SAN DIEGO — People familiar with the negotiations say free agent right-hander Jon Garland and the San Diego Padres have agreed to a $5.3 million, one-year contract.

The three people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Tuesday because the agreement had not been announced.

Garland was 11-13 with a 4.01 ERA last spring with Arizona and the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Southern Californian native was with the Chicago White Sox when they won the 2005 World Series. Garland will make $4.7 million this season, with a mutual option for $6.75 million in 2011. If the Padres decline, he gets a $200,000 buyout. If Garland rejects it, the buyout is $300,000.

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**Australian Open**

**Roddick falters again, exits in quarterfinals**

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Roddick left the Australian Open in a hurry Tuesday, his year full of ups and downs over line calls.

His two-hour, 7-6, 6-3, 6-2 loss to Marin Cilic of Croatia marked the second round of the first-set tiebreaker. He need two fingers, Roddick said. "I was pretty numb in the bottom two fingers." Roddick said. "I could still hit pretty hard, I was just having trouble controlling it."

Roddick sought medical treatment on his right shoulder after the match. He needed more attention while losing the point, but played on after the trainer told him there wasn’t a high risk of permanent damage. He rallied to win the next two sets and force a fifth set before fading when Cilic’s serving improved.

He said he wasn’t concerned about serious injury. "I’m sure we’ll take the proper precautions and check it out," he said. "But at this point I’m not real, real scared about it."

Roddick was gracious about losing to 21-year-old Cilic, who ousted U.S. Open champion Sam Querrey in the first round of his quarterfinal and lost 7-6 (4), 6-3, 3-6, 2-6, 6-3 to Martin Cilic of Croatia.

His loss extended a six-year drought for American men at the majors. Roddick was the last American to win a Grand Slam singles trophy at the 2003 U.S. Open.

"By the end of the first set, I was pretty numb in the bottom two fingers," Roddick said. "I could still hit pretty hard, I was just having trouble controlling it."

The call in question denied Roddick the win on his first match point. It was ruled out but challenged by Roddick and determined to be in — the point went to his opponent, Rafael Nadal of Spain. Roddick later acknowledged he has since referred to as an "episode" in the second round.

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He went on to win, but confronted the chair umpire on his way out.

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"I’m not real, real scared about it," he said. "But at this point I’m not real, real scared about it."

Roddick had a good word for his opponent, saying he “seems like a very hard worker,” “stays the course,” “very deliberate,” and “very emotional.”

Roddick added. "Unlike a lot of the young guys who are very emotionally up and down, he doesn’t beat on his chest. He stays the course. He’s very deliberate, he hits the ball very well.”

"He just goes about his business, does it the right way, and seems like a very hard worker,” Roddick added. "Unlike a lot of the young guys who are very emotionally up and down, he doesn’t beat on his chest. He stays the course. He’s very deliberate, he hits the ball very well.”

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MLB

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Just like the boisterous fans that pack the ballpark, manager Charlie Manuel wishes the Philadelphia Phillies still had Cliff Lee.

Six weeks after the two-time NL champions made the blockbuster moves to acquire Roy Halladay from Toronto and send Lee to Seattle, Manuel spoke about the deals at a news conference.

He sounded like a fan when asked how he felt about the team trading away Lee to get Halladay.

Halladay is the best pitcher in baseball right now. Lee is a tad under Halladay. Of course it was nice to have both of them,” Manuel said Tuesday. “It’d be good to have Halladay, Lee, (Cole) Hamels. I’d be looking good. I might even be buying more expensive furniture than the Mrs. has been buying me lately.

The Phillies traded three minor leaguers to the Blue Jays for Halladay, a six-time All-Star who won the 2003 AL Cy Young. Philadelphia then gave Halladay a $60 million, three-year extension through 2013.

Lee, a former AL Cy Young Award winner, went to the Mariners in a separate deal for three prospects.

Phillies general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. said he needed to replenish the farm system after trading seven prospects to get Lee and Halladay.

Money was a big factor, too.

Lee, who will earn $9 million this season, is expected to test free agency next winter, and there’s no guarantee the Phillies would’ve afforded his asking price.

“Baseball is a business and I understand a lot of things,” Manuel said. “I have my own opinion and suggestions, but like everybody else I have a boss. From a business standpoint, the last two or three years they’ve definitely made good decisions.

That didn’t stop Manuel from making a pitch to keep Lee. He dreamed about a rotation that includes Halladay, Lee, and Hamels, the 2008 World Series MVP. That certainly would’ve made the Phillies favorites to win their third straight NL pennant, a feat last accomplished by the St. Louis Cardinals from 1942-44.

“I’ve worked in every capacity in different organizations and I know how things wind down,” Manuel said. “I voiced my opinion, but I’m not the guy making the final decision. At the same time, I’m excited about our pitching staff going into the season. I think our pitching to start the season this year is definitely better than what we had last season.

The Phillies traded for Halladay and Hamels will be followed by Joe Blanton, J.A. Happ and other Jamie Moyer or Kyle Kendrick.

Come off their second World Series title in franchise history, the Phillies entered last year with a rotation that featured Hamels, Brett Myers, Blanton, Moyer and Chan Ho Park.

“Happ had big surgery in June and returned as a reliever, Moyer lost his starting spot to make way for the Pedro Martinez and Park was replaced by Happ. Happ arrived from Cleveland in July and stabilized the rotation. He was dominant in the playoffs, going 4-0 with a 1.56 ERA in five starts and winning both of Philadelphia’s games in seven innings against the New York Yankees.

Lee wanted to stay in Philadelphia and expressed disinterest after the trade.

Manuel said he spoke to few people this offseason, choosing to get away and relax at his home in Winter Haven, Fla. He did reach out to Lee, however.

“Before he left, he texted me there. Hopefully, things will work out for everybody,” Manuel said.

NFC

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders hired Hue Jackson as offensive coordinator on Tuesday, hoping the man who helped develop Joe Flacco in Baltimore can do the same for JaMarcus Russell.

Jackson is the second new assistant hired by the Raiders since the end of the season, joining defensive line coach Mike Wauffle. Owner Al Davis has not yet committed to bringing Tom Cable back as head coach in 2010, but has hired two assistants with ties to Cable.

Jackson and Cable worked together on the staff at Cal State Fullerton in 1990 and at the University of California in 1996. Wauffle and Cable also worked together at Cal in the 1990s.

The Raiders have pointed to Flacco as a quarterback they believe can be a franchise player.

“Every player drafted is going to be fun to see if we can get the most out of him and playing the way we all wish that he can perform,” Jackson told ESPN 1000 in Chicago. “It’s not just about JaMarcus. The whole backfield takes on a whole life by itself but it’s the team, the whole offensive unit has to work well around the quarterback.”

Jackson spent last season in California last week, meeting mostly with Davis but also with Cable. He was also mentioned as a possible candidate to be offensive coordinator for the Chicago Bears but chose the Raiders instead.

He told Ravens.com that the opportunity to work with Davis was part of the attraction in Oakland.

“I think we share a lot of thinking,” Jackson said. “He’s one of the guys in this profession that you would love the opportunity to sit down and talk with, to just be around and be able to sit down and talk with. Hopefully, things will work out, and I think we’re capable of doing it.”

Along with coaching quarterbacks, Jackson also has experience as a running backs coach. He’s been a head coach in the NFL. He worked with a talented receiving corps in Cincinnati with Chad Ochocinco, T.J. Houshmandzadeh and Chad Henry.

The Raiders got almost no production from any of their running backs last season, getting only 99 catches from the entire unit.

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Irish senior forward Tim Abromatis releases a 3-pointer during Notre Dame's 87-77 home victory over DePaul Saturday. Abromaitis hit five threes and scored 30 points in the win.

**Cats**

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tell you the last time they lost. We just have to go in there with this confidence.”

The Wildcats (18-1, 7-0) are coming off an 81-71 win over St. John’s at Madison Square Garden in a game that was tight for the first half or so. Though Villanova’s early-season Big East schedule has included DePaul and Rutgers, the Wildcats have already beaten Marquette twice and posted wins against Georgetown and at Louisville.

Villanova is led by senior guard Scottie Reynolds, who averages 18.7 points per game and is one of the elite 3-point shooters in the Big East. But the Wildcats also boast depth, with 11 players averaging at least nine minutes per game.

That might be Notre Dame’s biggest area of concern. The Irish have relied on a seven-man rotation for most of the season with senior Jonathan Peoples and junior Carleton Scott off the bench. Freshman Joey Brooks has seen his minutes increase in recent weeks but his role has yet to be defined.

Brey, whose reserves did not score a point Saturday, called bench scoring the “most overrated stat in the history of basketball” after the game.

“If I got three guys than can get 30 points, they’re starting and playing 38 minutes,” Brey said. “Now, are nights Jon Peoples will score a little bit more for us, and Carleton, and that’s fine. But I don’t want that pressure on them. I want them to come in and energize us and be good with the ball.”

That recipe has worked for the Irish at times, with senior forwards Luke Harangody and Tim Abromatis averaging 25.6 and 18.4 points per game, respectively. Hansbrough, Notre Dame’s next leading scorer, is averaging 9.3 points per game, and that scoring disparity is what prompted Brey’s challenge for others to step up.

“We played Syracuse when they were the hottest team in the league, and now we play Villanova and they’re the hottest team in the league,” Brey said. “That’s a great opportunity for us as a team. We’ve just got to get our legs in at practice (Sunday), get well-rested tonight and we’ll be ready.”

Tonight’s game will air live on ESPN at 7 p.m.

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**SKATING**

**Skater Weir criticized for costume**

Associated Press

Johnny Weir has set fur flying again.

Friends of Animals has posted an open letter to the figure skater, criticizing him for having fox on one of his costumes and asking him to stop wearing fur. The animal advocacy group also contacted its costume designer, Stephanie Handler, on Tuesday.

“I totally get the dirtiness of the fur industry and how terrible it is to animals. But it’s not something that’s the No. 1 priority in my life,” Weir said Tuesday night. “There are humans dying everyday. There are thousands if not millions of homeless people in New York City. Look at what just happened in Haiti.

“I tend to focus my energy, if there is a cause, on humans. While that may be callous and bad of me, it’s my choice.”

Weir loves fashion, and his costumes tend to be on the avant-garde — some would say extreme — side. When the three-time U.S. champion redesigned his free skate costume for this season, he added a tuft of white fox fur to the left shoulder.

Weir said he thought the costume was “lovely,” but Friends of Animals disagreed. Foxes are electrocuted or beaten, and their pelts are obtained by skinning the animals alive, said Anai Rhoads, spokeswoman for the group.

“It’s a role model for a lot of people, including other skaters,” said Priscilla Feral, president of Friends of Animals. “When he makes fun of the suffering of animals that are consumed for this frivolous fashion industry and whose lives are sacrificed so he can wear little tufts of fur on his outfit, that’s fair game for comment.”

**SMC BASKETBALL**

**Calvin visits for critical showdown**

By ALLAN JOSEPH

Saint Mary’s will host No. 10 Calvin Wednesday night while looking for its first win of conference play’s second half. The Belles will hope to bust out of a rut in which they have dropped four of seven, but will have to try to do so against a formidable foe.

The Knights (16-2, 8-1 MIAA) have lost only one conference game, to Hope, the nation’s No. 4 team.

Calvin is led by a pair of standout forwards in senior Broek Van Eck and freshman Carissa Verkaik. The two have combined to average 28.3 points per game, 16.9 rebounds per game (5.8 offensive) and 4.6 blocks per game.

The Knights do not solely rely on their inside game, however, as senior guard Amber Benthem averages 7.1 points per game and sophomore guard Courtney Kurncz averages 6.2 points per game.

To stop Calvin’s one-two punch, the Belles (10-7, 5-4) will rely on senior forward and captain Anna Kammrath and sophomore forward Kelly Murphy. They will have to limit Van Eck and Verkaik’s opportunities by preventing offensive rebounding and contesting shots in the paint.

Junior guard Liz Wade will be called upon to limit the Knights’ inside-out game by guarding Calvin’s shooters.

This game will be a pivotal opportunity for the Belles to gain ground in the conference standings. Saint Mary’s is currently third in the MIAA, three games behind Calvin, but four teams are tied just one game behind the Belles.

A win could give the Belles the momentum they need to separate themselves from the rest of the pack and push for conference-leading hope.

Calvin won the first meeting between these two teams, 64-58, on Dec. 11, though Saint Mary’s was never out of the game until the very end. The Belles will hope their home court provides the necessary advantage to pull off the upset.

Saint Mary’s hosts the Knights tonight at 7:30 in the Angela Athletic Center.

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ing to climb their way back later in the game has become somewhat of a theme for Irish in the past few games, and McGraw said there needs to be a change in defensive attitude for there to be any improvement.

“I can sub earlier if they are not playing up to our expecta-
tions,” McGraw said. “But a lot of it is defense. You can’t really control whether the ball is going in, so you have to do it on defense. And we have to re-bound.”

Rebounding has been a recent concern for McGraw, who saw her team outre-
bounded 9-1 early against West Virginia. McGraw said the only way to improve is to change the defensive mindset.

“It’s a attitude. They just have to do their jobs and focus,” McGraw said.

The Friars (12-7, 3-3) are led by senior guard Chelsea Marandola, who McGraw views as one of the best play-
ers in the Big East.

“Marandola is a first-
team Big East, really, really good player,” McGraw said. “She is just a very savvy guard. She can do it on the floor and she has a nice pull-up. She can do it all.”

Marandola is leading the team in points per game with 18.6, assists (47) and rebounds per game (4.8).

McGraw said the only way to defend Marandola is to play solid all-around team defense.

“We weren’t very successful against [West Virginia senior guard] Liz Lopolla,” McGraw said. “Marandola is probably the same type of player, and she probably does a little bit more. There has to be an awareness of where she is in the zone.”

The Irish intend to answer the Friars’ attack with good team defense, but will also rely heavily upon freshman guard Skylar Diggins, who won Big East Freshman of the Week honors for the third time this season. She is only the fourth Irish freshman to win the honor three times in a season, following former players Ruth Riley, Alicia Ratay and Jacqueline Battezzat.

Diggins has also emerged as a scorer for the Irish, scoring a team high 13.5 points per game.

“My expectations for [Diggins] are really high,” McGraw said. “I expect that she is going to be a great defender, set the tone for our defense and get the press going, and she is going to rebound and also score. She really has got to do everything.”

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Recruits
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year Kelly and his staff have done a solid job of securing Weis’ verbal commits, but this year’s class took a major hit over the weekend when run-
ning back Giovanni Bernard and defensive end/blindebacker Blake Leutner both withdrew their pledge.

Even with the de-commit-
ments, Notre Dame’s recruit-
ing class will still be solid, all things consid-
ered. Irish fans don’t want to hear it — they believe every top recruit with the grades to qualify should dream of donning blue and gold — but the truth is Notre Dame has been barely mediocre recently, and with a coaching change, the window of opportunity with top high school seniors tends to close rather quickly.

I’ve been impressed that Kelly has kept most of Weis’ class intact, and the fact that Notre Dame still has a shot with top national prospects like offensive tackles Montrrel Henderson and Matt James, linebacker Christian Jones and defensive lineman Ego Ferguson is some-
what remarkable.

Again, Irish fans don’t want to hear it, but landing any of these guys is going to be tough. Not only do they have offers from some of the nation’s top programs which are led by some of the nation’s top coach-
es, but it also wouldn’t take a mastermind to negatively recruit against Notre Dame right now. New coaching staff, offensives and defensive systems, one bowl game in three years — the Urban Moneys of the recruiting world have fresh ammunition, in addition to tried-and-true (well, tried) techniques that criticize the South Bend weather and social scene.

I want this recruiting cycle to end so Notre Dame staff can get these verbal commitments in writing, make them official and then move onto the players who will make or break the 2010 season.

These guys are already on the roster and in the weight room. As college football fans, we love to obsess over recruiting rankings because there’s not much else to do in these win-
ter months, and hailing in a great class is important to sus-
taining a program’s success.

But whether this becomes a “good class” will be determined not by so-called experts on National Signing Day, but by the results the players deliver during their Irish careers. And, even more importantly, whether Kelly will be a success-
ful recruiter and head coach at Notre Dame is certainly won’t be determined by this class.

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offense perfectly while senior cap-
tain Ashley Barlow works on intimidating much taller oppo-

nents. Fifth-year senior Lindsay Schrader is consistently finding the basket. Freshman Skayr Diggins is in the opposing guard’s face, arms flailing as she defends what should be the simple act of taking the ball down the court.

When Notre Dame plays in game, it plays with poise and con-
fidence and can rival any team in the country.

Against South Florida on Jan. 12, Notre Dame wasn’t all there to begin the game. They missed wide-open shots and did not defend by their usual standards.

Up by three with eight minutes to play, Schrader said afterwards, the captains looked at each other and said they’d be okay. They knew that they would win the game, and they did, 81-64.

Cut to much tougher opponents this week in Louisville and No. 16 West Virginia.

At Louisville Wednesday night, the Irish found themselves down 12 early but rallied to tie the game at 37 going into halftime. In the second half, they held Louisville without a field goal for more than eight minutes, scored 13 unan-
covered and went on to win 78-60.

Sunday’s game at West Virginia was almost the same story. The Mountaineers led 42-31 at half-
time. Two big runs later, Notre Dame came out victorious, 74-66.

Those two games came after Notre Dame’s loss to No. 1 Connecticut on Jan. 16. The first eight minutes of that contest

showed exactly what Notre Dame’s game does not look like — turnovers, awful rebounding, inaccurate shooting. Notre Dame allowed Connecticut’s superior athletes to run up and down the court, scoring with no defensive pressure.

For the first time, the cold, experienced squad looked intimidated.

But that was just eight minutes. Yes, the Irish were down 24-4 with no hope of recouping the lead. But from that point on, they played the Huskies almost evenly, winning back-to-back games.

“SSure, a 70-46 loss is never something to be proud of, but Notre Dame left with the knowledge that it had played with the best team in the country for the better part of the game.

It was right about 9:15 p.m. on Jan. 16 when the Irish were last intimidated by an opponent, and it may not happen again this season.

Even when down against Louisville and West Virginia, the team kept its cool with an internal expectation to win.

With a loaded Big East schedule still to come, starting with tonight’s game against Providence and ending with one more bout against Connecticut, Notre Dame might want to tip off its sell-out crowds to what they already know.

The games will be close. The games will be exciting. But the Irish aren’t going to fret over the idea of losing.

They’re just going to play their game.

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Senior guard Ashley Barlow (20) and freshman guard Skylar Diggins cheer during Notre Dame’s victory over West Virginia Sunday.

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new offensive and defensive systems, one bowl game in three years — the Urban Meyers of the recruiting world have fresh ammunition, in addition to tried-and-trust (well, tried) techniques that criticize the South Bend weather and social scene.

I want this recruiting cycle to end so Notre Dame staff can get these verbal commitments in writing, make them official and then move onto the players who will make or break the 2010 season. These guys are already on the roster and in the weight room. As college football fans, we love to obsess over recruiting rankings because there’s not much else to do in these win-
ter months, and hailing in a great class is important to sus-
taining a program’s success.

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Irish hope to continue post-UConn success

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Sports Writer

The No. 3 Irish will look to extend their winning ways against Providence in the Purcell Pavilion at 7 p.m. Wednesday in another important Big East game.

Notre Dame (17-1, 4-1 Big East) has won its last two Big East games in exciting come-from-behind fashion, but the Irish haven’t had a true traditional win this time around.

“We love our fans,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “They are so supportive and they know when we really need them. Hopefully this time around we will give them some to cheer about a little bit earlier in the game than the second half.”

Failing behind early and hav-