Film screening encourages dialogue

‘The Price of Pleasure’ explores pornography; students and faculty discuss implications

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

Students and faculty shared their reactions to “The Price of Pleasure,” a film that negatively portrays pornography by emphasizing how it affects those involved, following its screening Tuesday evening.

The showing was part of a presentation called “The Price of Pleasure: Dissecting the Pornography Debate,” which was co-sponsored by the Gender Relations Center (GRC), Gender Studies Program, Feminist Voice, Identity Project of Notre Dame, Men Against Violence and Theology Department.

Patrick Vigne, a senior who works in the GRC, told the large crowd that filled most of the Carey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library that the GRC intended to use the film “as a launching pad for dialogue.” He acknowledged the explicit material in the film, and said staff would be available following the presentation to offer counseling for those disturbed by the film and its images.

Heather Bakocy Russell, director of the GRC, said the goal of the presentation “was to encourage a thoughtful dialogue about what is pornography, how it effects us in mainstream culture, and how it effects our values coming from our Catholic identity.”

To foster this dialogue, the showing of the film was followed by discussions led by John Cavadini, chair of the Theology department, and Pamela Wojcik, director of the Gender Studies Program.

Both Wojcik and Cavadini said they were displeased with the film, “The Price of Pleasure.”

Cavadini said the film showed images of pornography that served to “fuel the film” rather than provide a comprehensive examination of the issue of pornography, and Wojcik nodded in agreement.

Wojcik talked about examining the values depicted throughout current films of all genres, which she said the film failed to do, rather than simply looking at pornography as an isolated genre.

“I’m not saying I’m not concerned about pornography. I’m just saying that I’m equally concerned about the average ‘bromance’ movie,” Wojcik said. “I’m not saying that I would censor a ‘bromance’ movie, but with those movies, we just laugh it off.”

Cavadini specifically addressed the men in the audience.

“Your soul becomes as average ‘bromance’ movie,” he said.

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The Council of Representatives (COR) continued discussing the upcoming revisions of du Lac as well as issues student government wants to bring to the attention of the University’s Board of Trustees.

Tuesday’s meeting opened with student body president Grant Schmidt discussing questions that members of COR had brought forward after meeting and speaking with their individual councils last week. Questions were brought forth relating to the handling of sexual assault, off-campus violations, disciplinary actions and the actual formatting of du Lac.

“Sexual assault will be the most important issue to be revised in du Lac,” Schmidt said. “The terminology will be a huge part of the revisions especially when dealing with who is a ‘witness’ and who is a victim.”

Student body vice president Cynthia Weber said the process surrounding the determination of sexual assault would also be raised as a concern when student government submits its questions to the committee that is revising du Lac.

“Right now there’s discus...
Look at the small things

As an aspiring journalist, I am slowly coming to terms with the reality that I will never “make it big.” Unlike the 2 percent of business majors and 1 percent of engineers, I will not end up making a ton of money, I’ll be lucky if I make any money at all.

But the process of accepting this has been slow, and at times I still find myself planning for that day when I have it all. After watching the Dave Matthews Band perform at Grammys with essentially a full orchestra supporting them, I taught myself thinking about having the money to stand front-row for such a performance. I then pondered, what other dreams of mine will I eventually give up on in order to pursue this journalistic thing?

I don’t see me ever owning an Aston Martin. Ever since I beat the video game Need for Speed driving an Aston Martin (As-toneMar-teen is my preferred pronunciation), I’ve dreamt of owning one. Oh well, I guess my 1971 VW Beetle will have to do.

Nor should I really expect to visit Africa for two full weeks again. I managed to slip into a trip to Senegal and South Africa the day after my high school graduation, and can only imagine how enjoyable a return would be. I probably shouldn’t complain having been once though.

Is there any chance I can still get Snoop Dogg to MC a party I throw? No, I’m not important enough for him? Well, if I have to settle for Cordozar Calvin Broadus, I think I’ll survive, probably shouldn’t complain having been once though.

What about the intern I want to sacrifice, and if I have to sacrifice these dreams to reach the back page of my college career. To hell with the upper middle class. I’m not important enough for him? Well, if I have to settle for Cordozar Calvin Broadus, I think I’ll survive, maybe.

I don’t see how I’ll own a sports franchise either, what without having half a billion dollars to spare or anything. Maybe writing about one will be enough, maybe.

And unless I want to gamble with my mortgage, I don’t see how I can expect to play at the high-stakes Blackjack tables in Vegas any longer. I really thought my card counting could be useful there, instead of just ruining my roommate in Circle of Death on the weekends. Well, at least that is something.

What about the intern I want to finance whose solo job will be to transcribe my interviews? Against every dream of mine, I want to be the intern at a magazine (that isn’t realistic either?), then I’ll give it a shot. Besides, this life I have now isn’t horrible. A vintage car, a trip to Africa knowing Snoop Dogg’s real name, winning Texas Hold’Em at Legend’s.

I’ll survive as a journalist yet, by appreciating these small things.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER FROM “LOST”?

Allison Jeter
freshman
Pangborn

Christie Ahn
freshman
Lewis

Kathleen Brachie
freshman
Pangborn

Larry Redding
sophomore
off-campus

Dianna Bartone
freshman
Pangborn

“In-Soo Kwon.”
“Sawyer.”
“Charlie or Desmond.”
“Hurley.”
“Sawyer.”

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

IN BRIEF

The Richard Alston Dance Company will be at the DeBartolo Mainstage Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tomorrow at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at performingarts.nd.edu or from the box office.

“Documenting Trauma” with filmmaker Danielle Beverly, a part of the FTT Talks lecture series, will take place Friday in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The lecture is free but ticketed.

Welsh Family Hall’s “DanceFest 2010” will take place Friday and Saturday at Washington Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are $5 and available at the LaFortune Student Center box office. All proceeds go to the Robinson Community Learning Center’s Shakespeare Company.

Combined auditions for The Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival will be held Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Philbin Stage Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Auditions are for the spring production of “As You Like It” and its 2010 Young Company professional summer residency program. Auditions are open for Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students.

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

Correction

The Observer regrets sending a professional publication and stories for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If you have made a mistake please contact us at 631-6545 so we can correct our error.


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ND creates ACE partnership

The Diocese of Tucson and the University of Notre Dame have agreed to designate three Tucson parish Catholic schools as the nation’s first Notre Dame ACE Academy (NDA) schools.

The Most Reverend Gerald F. Kicanas, Bishop of the Diocese of Tucson, and Notre Dame representatives will announce the designation on Friday (Jan. 29) at the Diocese of Tucson Pastoral Center.

The NDA partnership marks a significant deepening of the Notre Dame relationship with the Diocese of Tucson begun in 2001, when the University began providing teachers to Tucson Catholic schools through Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program.

The NDA model is oriented around the three pillars of ACE: educational excellence, the experience of community, and faith formation in the Catholic tradition.

By designating St. Ambrose, St. John the Evangelist, and Santa Cruz as NDA schools, ACE and the diocese seek to achieve comprehensive excellence in these three schools by implementing a unique model of Catholic schooling.

ACE faculty and staff will work closely with NDA schools and diocesan leaders to boost enrollment and enhance school leadership, curriculum, instruction, professional development, financial management, marketing and Catholic identity.

The Tucson schools are the first NDA schools in the nation, though ACE hopes to expand the model to other cities in the future. Bishop Kicanas invited ACE to consider Tucson as the inaugural site for the NDA concept.

The city was selected after a comprehensive feasibility study showed strong local support for the partnership and affirmed the schools’ capacity to serve area students effectively, particularly with the addition of a school created by Arizona’s private school tax credit.

The NDAA initiative is led at Notre Dame by ACE’s director of university-school partnerships, Rev. Joseph Corpora, C.S.C., a Holy Cross priest and former pastor with nearly 20 years experience in parishes and schools effectively serving Latinos.

The director of the NDA initiative at Notre Dame is Christian Ballavis, a former Catholic school teacher who now prepares teachers for Catholic schools and conducts educational research on faith-based schooling in Latino communities.

The project is funded by a generous grant from the Kiana Family Foundation, with support from the University and private benefactors as well.

“We are just delighted about deepening our partnership with Bishop Kicanas and the Diocese of Tucson, and Rev. Joseph Corpora, C.S.C., founder of ACE and director of the Institute for Educational Initiatives at Notre Dame. “St. John, St. Ambrose and Santa Cruz have served the families of Tucson and the Diocese for many years, and we are thrilled about the increased opportunities this Notre Dame family of schools will offer for years to come.”

“ACE has the potential to make an important difference in the lives of hundreds of families,” said Rachel Moreno, a faculty member in Notre Dame’s ACE program and director of the Notre Dame ACE Academy project who was born in Tucson and still resides there. “Catholic schools do much to help address the needs of civic communities, and Notre Dame is committed to extending the Catholic school advantage to as many children as possible in our community.”

For more information about the Notre Dame ACE Academies, visit http://ace.nd.edu/outreach/nda.

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By SAM STRYKER

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Travel agency serves students

Anthony Travel assists with bus to Chicago, helps plan spring break

By ALISON MEAGHER
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Each day, thousands of students on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s campuses visit their respective student centers. However, few students venture into Anthony Travel, a travel agency located on both campuses.

“We are the official travel partner of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s college,” Mary Kowalski, Vice President of Travel Services, said. “Students are definitely an important part of our business. Anthony Travel caters to student needs and also aids in staff and faculty travel, athletic team travel, club travel and study abroad programs.”

Kowalski said Anthony Travel’s most popular service is assisting students with getting tickets for the Coach USA bus, which runs between Notre Dame’s campus and Chicago. Anthony Travel offers tickets for a lower price than if bought directly through the company, she said.

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Besides assisting with bus travel, Anthony Travel also arranges flights and hotels for students. They can also help students’ parents get to campus for events such as orientation, home football games, graduation and junior parent weekends.

Service charges are usually around $30 but can differ depending on request. No appointments are needed to talk to an agent, Kowalski said.

Kowalski said one service that many students do not know about is the Student Travel Club. For one flat rate, students will receive a passport picture, bag tags, waived service fees, a frequent flyer account and hotel booking for friends or family traveling to Notre Dame for home football games.

The agency also organizes group travel for spring break, Kaleen Carr, Leisure Manager, said. “We have a lot of people traveling to Mexico this year. Specifically Puerto Vallarta and Rivera Maya,” Carr said.

The agency will arrange group flights, hotels, transfers, all-inclusive resorts or cruises for spring break trips. If students use one of Anthony Travel’s packages, their trip will be arranged free of any service charges.

The Agency is located in the LaFortune Student Center on Notre Dame’s campus and in the Student Center on Saint Mary’s campus. Both offices are opened Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students can visit http://www.anthonytravel.com/university_notreDame, call 574-631-7080 or stop by anytime during regular business hours.

“If students want help with any of their travel plans, we’re here to help,” Kowalski said.

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Saint Mary’s lecture discusses sustainability

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Sustainability involves bringing into harmony the environment, economy and society. Mike Keen, director of the Center for a Sustainable Future at Indiana University-South Bend, said.

Keen, along with Colleen Kelley, president of GreenX at Notre Dame and Sister Mary Turgi, chair of the Congregation Justice Committee, discussed the importance of living sustainably Tuesday.

Keen compared life on earth to that of life in a terrarium. In a terrarium, plants are able to grow and sustain life for themselves by simply in taking sunlight. However, Keen said, if one would put a candle inside of the terrarium, the entire ecosystem would be thrown off and the plants would no longer survive.

Keen said the candle, which ruined the environment in the terrarium, is the equivalence of carbon emissions on earth.

“Basically, what it really gets down to, we’re living on a terrarium, we’ve got this wonderful balance and if things get out of balance, we’re going to be in trouble,” Keen said.

Keen explained some basic ways to work towards a sustainable society, such as reducing dependence on fossil fuels, reducing dependence on man-made compounds and reducing contributions to the depletion and destruction of nature. He urged students to take steps to improve their own sustainability.

“I’m really pretty optimistic. I think that what you’ve got to do is take that first step no matter how small it is,” he said.

Like Keen, Kelley also asked students to become active in the sustainable movement and discussed ways in which the University can go green.

Kelley said the University made changes toward sustainability by creating the recycling program on football weekends. In 2008, about 81 tons of recyclables were collected during football weekends, she said.

Kelley also said the University made progress by hosting educational events to bring about awareness about sustainability.

“Sustainability excites me in a way that other issues don’t. It’s integration of things that interest me and that I care about but more importantly I feel is something we can all find our niche,” she said.

Turgi said the Sisters of the Holy Cross also made progress in sustainabilty.

“This has been a very important issue for us for a long time both here and around the world,” Turgi said.

The congregation has recently increased efforts to go green, she said. By converting the power plant from coal to natural gas, the Sisters have been able to decrease emissions.

Other efforts include composting, moving away from the use of disposible plastic ware and creating a natural prairie, which allows wildlife to live with limited human involvement.

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Leaders: End ‘don’t ask, don’t tell’

Top defense officials advocate changing policy on gays and lesbians in the military

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It’s time to repeal the military’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy and allow gay troops to serve openly for the first time in history, Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen asked for a year to study the impact before Congress would lift the controversial policy.

Reversing the Pentagon’s 17-year-old policy toward gays “comes down to integrati-ty, for the military as an institution as well as the service members themselves,” Mullen told a Senate hearing. Unpersuaded, several Republican senators said they would oppose any congressional effort to repeal the policy.

The Pentagon announced an 11-month review of how the ban could be lifted, as President Barack Obama has said he will work to do. But there is no deadline for ending the policy that dates to the Senate Armed Services Committee held a hearing on “don’t ask, don’t tell.”

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National News

Judge hears gene patent case

NEW YORK — Lawyers challenging the right of a company to hold patents on two human genes linked to breast and ovarian cancer asked a federal judge Tuesday to rule the patents invalid. He did not immediately rule.

But attorney Brian Poissant said Myriad Genetics and the University of Utah Research Foundation have a right to the patents. He said to disallow the patents would wreck the foundation of the entire biotech indus-try and said court precedent is on their side.

U.S. government attorneys have defended the patents, saying the groups do not have the right to even challenge them.

Toxic metal found in jewelry

LOS ANGELES — Concern about the heavy metals in jewelry grew Tuesday as a California environmental group said new testing of adult necklaces and bracelets bought at three leading retail-ers, including Saks Fifth Avenue and Aeropostale, detected high levels of the toxic material — as much as 75 percent by weight.

One of the pieces was made in China and another was made in India. Labeling on a piece bought at Saks for $69.99, did not indicate where it was made.

Based on the results of its testing, the Center for Environmental Health said it would seek a ban on cadmium in all jewelry.

Local News

Ind. bans texting while driving

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana House has passed a bill that would make texting while driving a crime.

The ban, which would go into effect July 1, would apply to drivers younger than 18 and would make it a Class C infraction with a possible fine of $500.

Lawmakers enacted a law last year that pro-hibits drivers younger than 18 from using cell phones or other telecommunication devices while driving. That law would take effect in 2013 for the bill Tuesday and sent it to the Senate for consideration. Supporters say it would save lives.

It would make transmitting text messages or e-mails while driving a Class C infraction with a possible fine of $500.

The Indiana bill would allow law enforcement rules for the poli-cy, which says, in essence, that gays may serve so long as they keep their sexuality private.

Obama has called “don’t ask, don’t tell” but has done little in his first in-office period to accomplish that goal. If he succeeds, it would mark the biggest shake-up to military personnel policies since President Harry S. Truman’s 1948 executive order integrating the armed forces.

Homosexuality has never been openly tolerated in the American military, and the 1993 policy was intended to be a compromise that let gay men and women serve so long as they stayed silent about their sexuality. Clinton had wanted to repeal the ban entirely, but the military and many in Congress argued that doing so would dangerously disrupt order.

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approached administrators at the end of 2009 to discuss his intention to leave Notre Dame. I think he felt after eight and a half years [at Notre Dame] he just wanted to do something different," Affleck-Graves said. "I think he's moving into a consulting position, but that's just a decision at that stage that it was time for him to move on.

Affleck-Graves confirmed he approached Sejdinaj, University vice president for Finance, as the interim CIO when he left.

It was unclear what Wishon's initial plans were after leaving Notre Dame. Calls to Wishon's South Bend residence were not returned, and Wishon declined to comment when reached through former colleagues at OIT. Sources told The Observer Wishon has moved from the area.

Wishon joined the University in 2002 as associate provost and associate vice president. Affleck-Graves said Wishon "made a large number of contributions to technology program and OIT, the university including overseeing the recent installation of Microsoft Exchange, and the implementation of the University's enterprise systems.

Affleck-Graves said Wishon "searched for the next CIO is already underway; during Sejdinaj's search for the interim CIO, Wishon led the computer science management system as Concourse, installed basic cable in all University residence halls, installed basic cable and Internet access in the majority of teaching and living spaces on campus, renovated legacy Wehmall e-mail systems to support Microsoft Exchange, and led the implementation of the University's emergency phone system.

In 2004 Wishon was selected as AUTOMOBILE Magazine's Premier 100 IT Leaders. During his tenure, OIT was included in AUTOMOBILE Magazine's CIO100 award for innovation in information technology in 2005 and again in 2008.

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Oil, trucking businesses sue Calif.

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The Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, the California Dairy Federation, the Renewable Fuels Associations and other groups in December filed a similar lawsuit in the same court. Their complaint said California was attempting to interfere with interstate commerce and that California law should be pre-empted by federal law.

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Auto sales rise, Toyota struggles

GMC, Hyundai and Ford increase sales while the Japanese automaker's drops

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DETROIT — The U.S. auto industry rebounded from last January's sales collapse with one big exception: Toyota, which lost an estimated 20,000 sales after it stopped selling eight models because of defective gas pedals.

Last month, U.S. sales of cars and light trucks to consumers rose 6 percent from a year earlier, thanks to increases in fleet sales and strong demand for newly redesigned vehicles such as the Hyundai Tucson SUV and Buick LaCrosse sedan. Big winners included General Motors Co., Ford Motor Co., Nissan Motor Co. and Hyundai Motor Co., which all posted double-digit sales increases.

But Toyota's sales slipped 16 percent, and they could fall further as its recall page drags into February. It was the first time since February 1998 that Toyota's monthly U.S. sales fell below 100,000 vehicles, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank.

Toyota's troubles helped to knock the Camry off its traditional perch as the top-selling car in the U.S. Last month the Camry ranked fifth in car sales, passed by Honda's Accord, Nissan's Altima, Toyota's Corolla and the Chevrolet Malibu.

The Camry was on the top-selling car in the U.S. for the last eight years. Toyota announced a recall of eight models, including the Camry, on Jan. 21 and halted sales of those models five days later because the accelerator pedals could stick and cause a crash. The recall has affected a total of 2.3 million vehicles worldwide.

U.S. Besides the Camry, the other models in the recall include Corolla and Avalon cars, the Matrix hatchback, the Tundra pickup, the Sequoia SUV and the Rav4 and Highlander.

Ken Czubay, Ford Motor Co.'s vice president of sales, said Toyota's actions may have hurt overall sales because consumers and dealers were unsure of the value of Toyota trade-ins.

"There was a tremendous amount of uncertainty. I don't think the month enjoyed its normal pickup on the last weekend," Czubay said.

John McElaney, who operates a Toyota dealership in Clinton, Iowa, expected January sales to be up 40 percent over last year until the automaker halted them. Now, January sales will be up 16 percent at the most, said McElaney, who is also president of the National Automobile Dealers Association.

"It died off last week because of the stop sale," he said. "It comes at a tough time for dealers coming out of the recession."

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WASHINGTON — Al-Qaida can be expected to attempt an attack on the United States in the next three to six months, senior U.S. intelligence officials told Congress Tuesday.

The terrorist organization is deploying operatives to the United States to carry out new attacks from inside the country, including “clandestine offices” and a negligible trail of terrorist contacts, CIA Director Leon Panetta said. The warnings come as Christmas Day airline attack suspect Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab is cooperating with federal investigators, a federal law enforcement official said Tuesday.

Al-Qaida is also inspiring homegrown extremists to trigger violence on their own, Panetta said.

The annual assessment of the nation’s terror threats provided no startling new terror trends, but amplified growing concerns since the Christmas Day airline attack in Detroit that militants are growing harder to detect and moving more quickly in their plots.

“The biggest threat is not so much that we face an attack like 9/11. It is that Al-Qaida is adapting its methods in ways that often makes it difficult to detect,” Panetta told the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Several senators tangled over whether suspected terrorists should be tried in civilian or military court. At the same time, a group of bipartisan lawmakers introduced legislation that would force the Obama administration to backtrack on its plans to try Sept. 11 defendants in federal court in New York and use military tribunals instead.

As Al-Qaida presses new terror plots, it is increasingly relying on new recruits with minimal training and simple devices to carry out attacks, Panetta said as part of the terrorism assessment to Congress.

Panetta also warned of the danger of extremists acting alone: “It’s the lone-wolf strategy that I think we have to pay attention to as the main threat to this country,” he said.

The hearing comes just over a month since a failed attempt to bring down an airliner in Detroit, allegedly by a Nigerian suspect. And the assessment comes only a few months after U.S. Army Maj. Nidal Hasan is accused of single-handedly attacking his fellow soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, killing 13.

National Intelligence Director Dennis Blair said with changes recently made since the Dec. 25 attack, U.S. intelligence would be able to identify and stop someone like the Detroit bomber before he got on the plane. But he warned a more careful and skilled terrorist might not be detectable.

FBI Director Robert Mueller defended the FBI’s handling of the Detroit attempted bombing attack, disputing assertions that agents short-circuited more intelligence insights from the Nigerian suspect by quickly providing him with his Miranda rights to remain silent.

Mueller was asked by Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., whether the interrogation of Abdulmutallab compromised the fact that the suspect had already been read his legal right to remain silent. Mueller replied: “Yes.”

Mueller said that in “case after case,” terrorists have provided actionable intelligence even after they were given their rights and charged with crimes. Mueller said they know such cooperation can result in shorter sentences or other consideration from the government.

Hundreds of terror suspects have already been convicted in civilian federal courts, including convicted shoe bomber Richard Reid.

But Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., offered a bill Tuesday that would prohibit the government from using Justice Department funds to prosecute suspects charged in the Sept. 11 attack in civilian courts.

The assessment to Congress.

The proposed law would cover people who legally could be prosecuted by a military commission, applying to terror suspects who are not U.S. citizens. By Tuesday evening, the bill had support from 18 senators, mostly Republicans.

TEHRAN — Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Tuesday proposed a swap of Iranians in U.S. prisons for three American hikers being held in Tehran.

Ahmadinejad said in interview with state TV that there were ongoing negotiations about exchanging the hikers for several Iranians jailed for years in the United States.

“There are some talks under way to have an exchange, if it is possible,” he said. “Recently they (the U.S.) have sent messages, we answered to bring them (the Iranians), to bring these people (the hikers). We are hopeful that all prisoners will be released.”

Ahmadinejad did not mention any specifics but in December Iran released a list of 11 Iranians it says are being held in the U.S. — including a nuclear scientist who disappeared in Saudi Arabia and a former Defense Ministry official who vanished in Turkey. The list also includes an Iranian arrested in Canada on charges of trying to obtain nuclear technology.

“I had said I would help in releasing them, but the attitude of some of U.S. officials damages the job,” said Ahmadinejad. “There are a large number of Iranians in prison in the U.S. They have abducted some of our citizens in other countries.”

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NEW YORK — A massive new federal study documents an unprecedented and dramatic decrease in incidents of seri- ous child abuse, especially sexual abuse. Experts hailed the findings as proof that crack- downs and public awareness campaigns had helped stop an estimated 535,000 chil- dren suffered physical, sexual or emotional abuse in 2005-06, down 26 percent from the esti- mated 743,200 abuse victims in 1993, the study found.

“It’s the first time since we started collecting data about these things that we’ve seen substantial declines over a long period, and that’s tremendous- ly encouraging,” said professor David Finkelhor of the University of New Hampshire, a leading researcher in the field of child abuse.

It does suggest that the mobilization around this issue is helping and it’s a problem that is amenable to solutions,” he said.

The findings were contained in the fourth installment of the National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect, a congressionally mandated study that has been conducted periodically by the Department of Health and Human Services. The previous version was issued in 1996, based on 1993 data.

The new study is based on information from more than 10,700 “sentinels” — such as child welfare workers, police officers, teachers, health care professionals and day care workers — in 122 counties across the country. The detailed data collected from them was then used to make national estimates.

The number of sexually abused children decreased from 217,700 in 1993 to 115,300 in 2005-2006 — a 38 percent drop, the study shows. The number of children who experienced physical abuse fell by 15 percent and the number of emotionally abused children dropped by 27 percent.

The 455-page study shied away from trying to explain the trends, but other experts offered their theories.

There’s much more public awareness and public intel- lIGENCE around child abuse now,” said Linda Speary, the Child Welfare League of America’s vice president for public policy.

“It was a hidden concern before — people were afraid to talk about it if it it was in their family.”

She also noted the prolifera- tion of programs designed to help abusers and potential abusers overcome their prob- lems.

Finkelhor, whose own previ- ous research detected a drop in abuse rates, said the study reveals “real, substantial decreases” that cannot be dis- missed on any technical grounds, such as changing def- initions of abuse.

He suggested that the decline was a product of several coin- ciding trends, including a “troop surge” in the 1990s when more people were deployed in child protection services and the criminal jus- tice system intensified its anti- abuse efforts with more arrests and prison sentences.

Finkelhor also suggested that the greatly expanded use of interventions may have enabled many potential child abusers to treat the conditions that other- wise might have led them to molest or treat a child.

There has also been a general change in perceptions and norms about what one can get away with, so much more pub- licity about this things,” he said.

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PORT-AR-PRINC, Haiti — A generous world has flooded Haiti with donations, but anger and desperation have mired even the aid stacks up inside this broken country.

Bottlenecks at key transporta- tion points and scattered vio- lence, including an armed group’s attack on a food convoy, have slowed the distribution of food and medicine from the port, airport and a warehouse in the Cite-Soleil slum. U.S. air traffic controllers have lined up 2,550 incoming flights through March 1, but some 25 flights a day aren’t taking their slots.

Communication breakdowns between Haitians and their for- eign counterparts are also endemic.

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Mobs have also stolen food and looted goods from their neigh- bors in the camps, prompting many to band together or stay home at night to prevent raids.

Small groups of state employ- ees and lawyers held protests this week demanding that presid- ing President Rene Preval’s lead- ership. Prime Minister Max Bellerive defended the govern- ment’s performance before a quorum of 20 Haitian senators.

“Even the most advanced coun- tries could not respond to this crisis,” he said.

Bellerive’s speech drew an angry response from senators.

“The government has not been able to even prove symbolically do anything,” said congressman Linus Jean Riche, noting that he heard about Tuesday’s meeting from a friend and hadn’t been contacted by anyone in government since the quake.

The Jan. 12 earthquake killed at least 150,000 and demolished virtually every government build- ing in the capital. Some 1 million people are homeless, many huddling in crude tents made of sticks and bed sheets.

The Haitian government recently asked private aid organi- zations to send e-mails detailing what they were doing and what they need.

The goal is to coordinate food and medicine, housing, and other essential supplies, but is hampered by the Haitian government’s presence, the Coalition for Child Protection Reform now takes 15 hours, where it used to take only six, said David Mezler, the charity’s senior vice president for international servic- es.

In an attempt to avoid long lines at the Port, Meltzer said his agency, which has received some $263 million in donations for earthquake relief, has created a “boat bridge” to ship supplies from a Colombian Red Cross ship off shore.

“Another way to avoid further aid backup on the tarmac is to buy it in Haiti,” said Edward Rees, whose nonprofit Peace Dividend Trust in Haiti is pressuring donors to purchase local goods and hire local workers whenever possible.

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Flow of aid, violence slow recovery process

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This led me to consider what I had learned in Mendoza in all of my required classes from business ethics to strategic management and corporate finance. As an accounting major, much to my professors’ delight, I could definitely set up a decent little cost accounting system to ensure that overheads were properly considered. I could handle the bookkeeping aspects. However, when it comes to the nuts and bolts of setting the business up, designing floor plans or sandwich bars for efficiency, I have all to fall back on is 1.5 credits of “process analysis,” a half semester course that barely touches on ways to ensure that overheads were properly considered. I could handle the bookkeeping aspects. However, when it comes to the nuts and bolts of setting up your business, designing floor plans or sandwich bars for efficiency, I have all to fall back on is 1.5 credits of “process analysis,” a half semester course that barely touches on ways to consider managing actual management of a business, from the floor, not from behind a computer. Could I even run the café commons?

I started to think about how many of my fellow students I knew that were looking to graduate on to become corporate managers in manufacturing companies (such as Coca-Cola), and came up with less than one off the top of my head. I’m talking about the people that get on the floor and build products that people want. Most everybody I know is going into some service oriented job such as consulting, accounting or banking.

Maybe, I thought, the issue here isn’t Mendoza, or even Notre Dame, but some sort of America problem. That is, all of the students that go to school to learn business skills don’t actually want to sell anything to anybody, beyond their own knowledge as a consultant or banker. This could be an issue, as these knowledge sellers must have a customer who sells something real to consult, finance, etc. Private equity couldn’t oust CEOs and managers if there are no CEOs left.

What then is America’s manufacturing advantage? Where would aspiring industrial giants go? We fell behind the Japanese in automobiles years ago. The Chinese are ripping us up in selling clean energy technology. With Inbev’s purchase of Anheuser-Busch, the Bell’s are killing us. We lost beer!

What if there is some sort of business person equilibrium? There should be some point where there are enough consultants to handle other industries consulting needs, and there are enough banks to finance all of the IPO’s necessary. Are we close? What happens if we can only continue to churn out mutual fund managers and hedge fund operators? Do we become the financial service providers to the world?

It seems this stark imbalance of graduates selling services versus those selling products can only continue as long as we have some knowledge advantage over other countries. That is to say, we have some business knowledge edge that keeps us in demand above other countries’ graduates. We have a gem of an education system, and one that does in fact give us that edge. But other countries’ are on the rise! Global competition is getting stiffer and stiffer for financier positions, are we continuing to become sharper and more astute?

Oh man, I thought, this looks bad. I couldn’t really handle any more. My logic started twisting onto itself, and my knees went slightly wobbly. Maybe I extrapolated a little too much from this sandwich shop incident. But I still can’t help but feel unnerved when I see the Café Commons swamped with students standing en masse trying to get a bite to eat. I only wish I had been required to take future issues, the new course that would’ve allegedly give me a special sight into the future. Perhaps, then, my mind could be put to ease.

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What matters more

To start, I’d like to say that I support the beliefs of those who took part in the silent protest to voice their desire to get sexual orientation added to the non-discrimination clause. I fully believe it should be added. However, in response William Haley’s viewpoint entitled “Jenkins disappoints,” (Feb. 1) I felt that there are two crucial flaws within your argument. It seems as if you expected Fr. Jenkins to come out of the main building and immediately begin to “engage in conversation” literally (or figuratively). You claim that the administration is “sluggish” and “non-responsive.” I disagree with you. It is not that the administration is “non-responsive.” The real issue here is that you (and I) do not agree with the response they have provided.

The University has clearly expressed over the years that sexual orientation will not be added to the non-discrimination clause. However, this is not because Fr. Jenkins wants to discriminate against homosexuals. I believe one of the main reasons it has yet to be added is because the Church has been consistent and homogeneous. Take a look at the Catholic perspective on the groups that are included in the clause. The church does not consider being African-American, Hispanic, being a woman, or being a certain age contrary to natural law.

However, the Church does consider homosexual acts contrary to natural law. When I was a freshman, I was briefly described explicitly at a mandatory meeting. We can try to peacefully begin conversation as much as we’d like. However, this University will not.

The University probably won’t budge. At the end of the day, you believe in something you don’t believe with it, a new “conversation” at this University will fail many, many times. However, we must not become complacent with these failures. We must always pursue the good, the true and the beautiful.

Hurdles prices, explained

In response to Dave Schmidt’s letter (“Still overpriced,” Jan. 20) concerning high Huddle Mart prices, I have to step in and defend the beloved campus mart. Schmidt complains that many of the store’s items are sold for more than double their comparable retail price. He accuses management of abusing their virtual monopoly over on-campus beverage and snack sales (might I suggest DormDrinks.com).

While he presents compelling evidence, his argument is flawed. The market value of a good is actually a foreign currency, worth approximately 0.50 U.S. dollar. Calif Bars priced at $2.00. Wrong! Try dividing by two. Orange Powerade, $1.99? Again, divide by two. Elsewhere on campus you would pay $5.00 (Sorry, we only sell an $8.50 footnote! In other words, campus retailers have to charge “double” because they are getting paid “double” by the University.

The scandal here is not overpricing but that our tuition payments are debited $300 for a semester’s allotment of flex points, but that account is only capable of purchasing $150 worth of goods. It is no wonder our university’s endowment has performed so well. Notre Dame is one of the world’s most deplorable FOREX traders (Just kidding, Scott).

Thankfully, there is a relief from the entrapment. Renowned Notre Dame villain Barack Obama and the U.S. Treasury are embargoing on a large scale. The embargo, which would make flex points appreciably more valuable and, finally, restore students’ ability to purchase reasonably-priced soy milk.

Thanks Barry.

Orientation and identity

I am a man. Regardless of my psychological, spiritual or emotional inclinations, my physical body is absolutely a male body. My body is naturally created to be complemented by a woman. Not just any woman’s body, but a woman’s body. My body has a natural sexual orientation. By our inclinations, rather than the arbitrary and pessimistic social definitions of heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality, etc., I define my sexual orientation. I am asexual. That is, I desire sex with anyone of the same or opposite sex.

If, on the other hand, those advocating an addition of “sexual orientation” hope to use it in definition of our sexual characteristics, it is a great problem. There is a reason that Notre Dame was voted as a university where “alternative lifestyle” is an alternative. If we are truly to be a Catholic university, there is no alternative to chastity. It must be our standard to always pursue chaste lifestyles among all members of our community. At times, these members will fail. I have failed many, many times. However, we must not become complacent with these failures. We must learn to see the good, the true and the beautiful.

In heaven, we will not be “gay,” “lesbian,” “bisexual,” “transgendered” or “straight.” We will be chaste.

Celebrate Tory Jackson

The Notre Dame family should take a moment to recognize and celebrate the contribution of Tory Jackson. A team-first player asked to step in to a critical role as a freshman, Tory has consistently been the consummate leader and model teammate. Although he won’t be considered a star by many, he embodies the true and the beautiful. That is, he is decently roundabout way, to put it simply, Notre Dame this is ridiculous. A superintendent in any apartment that costs $10,000 for nine months out of the year would be fired if he/she was unable to resolve an issue over this length of time. Notre Dame should be held to no lower standard. For my money’s worth, I want to be able to shower with ease.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Travesty at ND

By all accounts, Notre Dame is a relatively pricey school. However, tuition at least in my country can be justified by the education that we as students are receiving and the jobs that this education should provide (again this is in theory as I am a senior Finance major and thus far unemployed). The room and board is in excess of $10,000, which is more than it costs to attend a variety of schools in total. The food at the Dining Hall is fairly good if not occasionally at best. However, a real problem exists at least for some of us in the fine dormitory of Dillon Hall. While it’s not enough that our rooms are shorthanded continually, so too is the number of bathrooms on each floor that have the third floor have to suffer the indignity of having only two working shower in one of the two bathrooms that service the floor. Dillon has roughly 300 men in it. If we can assume an equal distribution of people per floor, that means 100 guys have seven showers to choose from. As a personal person who could imagine, that creates quite the log-jam in the morning. This logjam, while a major inconvenience when an individually is fully able, is a nightmare when a person like me has been on crutches until this point in the semester. Whether I choose to go to the bathroom on the other side or attempt to go down to the second floor, crushing while holding one’s torso up; avoid inadvertently flashing the cleaning ladies and carrying a shower caddy is an immense juggling act that I have nearly failed at numerous times. Though I have perhaps come at this point in a fairly roundabout way, to put it simply, Notre Dame this is ridiculous. A superintendent in any apartment that costs $10,000 for nine months out of the year would be fired if he/she was unable to resolve an issue over this length of time. Notre Dame should be held to no lower standard. For my money’s worth, I want to be able to shower with ease.

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**Playlist of the Week: Best Soundtracks**

By: Alex Kilpatrick

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You may not watch them for the music, but movies are always made better with a stellar soundtrack. A really well put together soundtrack, a collection of killer songs that capture the film’s mood perfectly, stands on its own as an excellent album. So here’s a mix of songs that made the movies you watched memorable, from Broadway turned big-budget films to rock soundtracks to the classics you’ll watch over and over again.

By MATT BROWN
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“It’s time to nut up or shut up.” That about sums up the movie “Zombieland,” a bizarre mix of laugh-out-loud comedy, sound zombie advice and life lessons that somehow blend together and make one of the most entertaining movies I have seen in the past year. I cannot say enough about this movie; I came out of the theatre and had to massage my mouth because it was sore from laughing so much. Plus, as I mentioned briefly above, it has 100 percent legitimate guidelines for surviving the next zombie apocalypse that you find yourself in. Here are several rules to keep in mind as you sit down to watch this movie released on DVD on Feb. 2.

**Rule No. 1:** Watch it with other people. You are going to want to have people you can talk to about it and quote it with afterwards. For days you will find yourself walking down the quad, remembering a joke you need to share. Make sure you allow yourself a safe number of people you can contact.

**Rule No. 2:** Watch this with someone who has given thought to the eventual zombie apocalypse (it’s coming folks). Seeing their thoughtful nods as the protagonist Columbus (Jesse Eisenberg) outlines his rules for survival may be as entertaining as the shockingly simple, yet beautiful in their simplicity, rules.

**Rule No. 3:** Enjoy Woody Harrelson in his best role since “White Men Can’t Jump.” Tallahassee (Harrelson) is enduringly insane with a childish dedication to his search for a Twinkie and plain badass in his zombie destruction.

**Rule No. 4:** Watch for the cameo. Best. Cameo. Ever.

**Rule No. 5:** Get ready to laugh. The hits just keep on coming as the movie rolls on; one-liners, running jokes and situational comedy, this bad boy has them all.

The basic plotline is this: zombies have taken over the United States of America. There are very few survivors traveling the roads, all trying to get some place, to find relatives, to escape, or just to find a piece of past happiness. Our main protagonist, Columbus, is trying to get to… Columbus, and is traveling the highway when he meets Tallahassee, who is trying to get to… you guessed it, Tallahassee. The entire movie, we do not find out their real names, every person only being referred to by what city they are trying to reach. They continue down the road and eventually meet up with Wichita and her younger sister Little Rock headed to… you get it. Anyway they continue down the road together and make their way to the west coast with several small hiccups on the way. As they go, we get treated to the zombie kill of the week, some of Tallahaslee’s favorite memories and how Columbus was first exposed to this terrible zombie plague, all of which are, at the very least, smile-inducing. Without giving much away, the girls make it to the park and manage to get into a bit of a pickle, leaving our intrepid hero torn between continuing his journey or riding to the rescue. Bottom line: Enjoy this movie, that is what it was made to do and that is what it does to the highest degree.

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**Prison.**

protest horrid conditions in the Maze organized this hunger strike to Michael Fassbender plays Bobby life Irish hunger strike from 1981. The movie centers on a real-world incident. The Provisional Irish Republican Army. While hunger strikes had been used both in and out of the prison system prior to this 1981 strike, Sands’ proved most effective. Prisoners joined one at a time at spread out intervals, hoping to shield their eyes to avoid witnessing the embarrassing stunts the characters continually pull. Whether it is the actors or the filmmaker’s fault, there is a lack of comic timing.

Unfortunately, except for one beautiful montage of scenes while Beth is in a taxi on her way to the wedding, Johnson fails to capture the magnificence, antiquity and romance of Rome.

At the wedding, Beth meets the hopelessly clumsy best man Nick (Josh Duhamel) who just might be the guy she is looking for to uproot her from her wayward ways of working too much. These first 20 minutes are the most enjoyable ones of the film, as Bell and Duhamel have their only few cute moments together and the physical comedy is funny. But then tragedy strikes — the gimmick of the plot gets in the way.

After a misunderstanding with Nick, Beth, feeling alone and lovelorn, takes five coins from the Trevi Fountain and proves their love. The comedy of the film is that uncomfortable kind that makes the viewer want to shield their eyes to avoid witnessing the embarrassing stunts the characters continually pull. Whether it is the actors or the filmmaker’s fault, there is a lack of comic timing.

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This Saturday, Feb 6, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be screening the Irish film “Hunger.” The film is directed Steven McQueen’s (not that Steven McQueen) directorial debut, and has met with praise from film circles around the world. The movie centers on a real-life Irish hunger strike from 1981. Michael Fassbender plays Bobby Sands, an Irish revolutionary who organized this hunger strike to protest horrific conditions in the Maze Prison.

But this prison is not just any prison. It is more of an internment camp than a prison, where interned live military-structured lives and study guerrilla warfare. However, convicted prisoners are denied the same rights that these internees get. They are treated as sub-human and have almost no autonomy over their own rights. Enter Bobby Sands, a volunteer for the Provisional Irish Republican Army. While hunger strikes had been used both in and out of the prison system prior to this 1981 strike, Sands’ proved most effective. Prisoners joined one at a time at spread out intervals, hoping to garner more public support and put heavy pressure on Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. This proved to be more effective than past tactics. But to know the results of Sands’ hunger strike, check out “Hunger” this weekend.

However, “Hunger” is more than a simple black-and-white retelling of this famous Irish historical event. It explores the lives and relationships of the men involved and it questions the ethics and morality of hunger strikes.

“Hunger” has received numerous awards and nominations since its release in 2008, including the Camera d’Or prize for new filmmakers at the Cannes Film Festival.

While the others are being fools, Nick is pursuing Beth ardently. Can Beth open up her heart to love? And furthermore, is Nick the owner of the fifth coin and simply under the spell? Unfortunately, that is the extent of the conflict and chemistry in the film. If only someone else could save this film, but the rest of the supporting cast fails as well. Anjelica Houston is harsing as Beth’s boss and Beth’s assistant Stacey (Kate Micucci) is simply strange.

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“When in Rome” fails in so many ways, especially in that the film barely takes place in the magical city. The viewer thinks that they get to experience an hour and a half of beautiful Rome, but instead are left with a pastiche of Manhattan. Director Mark Steven Johnson’s romantic comedy falls short in achieving the sentiments of romance or humor. Instead, it leaves the viewer wondering why they spent their money and time on such a disaster. “When in Rome” stars the usually charming Kristen Bell as Beth, a hardworking art curator who cares more about her job than finding love. She is a total cliché, and it seems more about her job than finding love.

She is a total cliché, and it seems that she cannot turn into idiots. Dax Shepard is annoying as a self-indulgent model. Jon Heder is pathetic as a goofy, lovesick painter with a ridiculous fiancé. Jon Heder is a persistent sausage king. And Danny DeVito, in an uncredited role, is a persistent sausage king.

The four men chase Beth all over New York City trying to prove their love. The comedy of the film is that uncomfortable kind that makes the viewer want to shield their eyes to avoid witnessing the embarrassing stunts the characters continually pull. Whether it is the actors or the filmmaker’s fault, there is a lack of comic timing.

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*When in Rome*

Walt Disney Pictures

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NCAA Men’s Basketball

Cousins scores 18 in Wildcats’ win over Ole Miss

Cousins scores season high in Syracuse’s victory over Providence; Nova continues streak after beating Seton Hall

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — John Wall shook off a recent slump to score 17 points to go with seven assists while leading No. 4 Kentucky to an 85-75 win over No. 25 Mississippi on Tuesday night.

DeMarcus Cousins added 18 points and 13 rebounds for the Wildcats (21-1, 6-1 Southeastern Conference), who built an early double-digit lead then held off a couple of second-half rallies by the Rebels.

Even better for the Wildcats was the steady play of Wall, who was all smiles following a meeting with coach John Calipari to clear the air after both expressed frustration over the freshman’s recent play.

Terrence Williams led Mississippi (16-6, 4-4) with 19 points and Chris Warren added 15 but Mississippi missed freshman big man Reginald Buckner, who sat out his second straight game with a sprained ankle.

Ole Miss certainly could have used Buckner’s presence. Kentucky shot 50 percent from the field and made 23 of 46 shots from the field. They made 6 of 21 the rest of the game.

With more than 20 NBA scouts and a handful of general managers on hand, all eyes were on Wall’s play. The rest of the packed house at Rupp Arena was a little more focused on his demeanor.

He created a small furor over the weekend when he told reporters he “wasn’t having any fun” after the Wildcats beat Vanderbilt.

The freshman expressed frustration with Calipari and his own inability to live up to the sky-high expectations he’s built for himself. During a private chat, Calipari reminded Wall that even the best freshhson struggle at times, including an early Dead Sea mystics Taipei Evans and Derrick Rose.

Caliurpi urged Wall to stop worrying about trying to compete with his own hype and to try to focus on simply enjoying himself.

His mood appeared to be corresponding with his play. After a scintillating start to the season in which he became a media darling, Wall’s numbers have tailed off recently.

He came in averaging 16.2 points on 39 percent shooting in SEC play, hardly terrible but not exactly up to the ridiculously high standards Wall had set for himself.

Wall said Monday he and Calipari were “cool” and that “everything is OK.”

It certainly appeared the good times were back on the court. Wall dunked on a runout less than 2 minutes in to give the Wildcats a quick 7-0 lead. He screamed as he landed, perhaps letting two weeks of frustration out in the process.

He then drilled a 3-pointer moments later and Kentucky appeared to be ready to bury the Rebels.

Mississippi hung around, however, behind the play of White and Eizion Poynter as the game turned into a trenches match. One team would go on a run, and the other would answer.

Darnell Bodon hit two 3-pointers early in the second half to help Kentucky extend the lead to 58-41, but Mississippi kept coming.

The Rebels pulled within 60-57 on a basket by White with 13.55 to play in the Wildcats’ attempt to clinch it’s unbeaten to date season before this game.

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and I've never driven my car to the spelling. But if you're so smart, tell me Why are you so afraid of it? They’re here to help. So you can do that as well. Where's the fire, what’s the hurry about? You'd better cool it off before you burn yourself.

The only thing to realize about Bill Self is that he fits everywhere. And nowhere.

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**Peyton Manning shines on media day**

MIAMI — Peyton Manning worked the room masterfully. He took questions from all directions, throwing in plenty of eye contact. He spoke glumly when necessary, took a few stabs at humor and steered away from anything that might come across as controversial.

Yes, the Indianapolis Colts quarterback handled Super Bowl media day with the same aplomb he shows at the line of scrimmage.

Manning, a four-time MVP and clearly the biggest star in South Florida, spoke on a wide range of subjects Tuesday without revealing a whole lot we didn’t already know. He certainly didn’t provide any bulletin-board fodder to Sunday’s opponent, the New Orleans Saints.

Heck, that’s his hometown, the city where his father Archie played and still lives. If the Colts weren’t trying to win a title of their own, Manning would’ve been the Saints’ biggest fan.

Manning’s so-what attitude isn’t new. He was certainly happy when they beat Minnesota in an over-time thriller to earn their first trip to the Super Bowl, a game that Manning won three years ago.

The Saint were my team growing up,” he said. “I was really excited for New Orleans, watching them win the game that Manning won three years ago.”

Manning would’ve been the Colts’ franchise quarterback had they won the Super Bowl, a time thriller to earn their first championship, a game that Manning won three years ago.

He took questions from all angles through before every game. The move was the latest in a busy offseason for the Saints, who acquired forward DeMey Walker in a trade with the now-defunct Sacramento Monarchs, where she averaged 9.3 points in 217 games.

Connecticut coach Mike Thibault says he expects Lawson to lead the Sun at both guard positions.

The move was the latest in a busy offseason for Connecticut. The Sun acquired forward DeMya Walker in the dispersal draft for Sacramento in December. The team traded guard Lindsay Whalen and the second overall pick in the 2010 WNBA draft to Minnesota for former University of Connecticut star Renee Montgomery and the draft’s top pick.
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Washington Capitals set a franchise record with their 11th straight win and sent the Boston Bruins to their eighth consecutive loss as Brooks Laich broke a tie early in the third period of a 4-1 win Tuesday night.

The NHL’s highest-scoring team trailed the league’s lowest-scoring team after one period on the game’s only goal, but dominated aggressively in the second and tied the game on Mike Knuble’s goal at 2:04. Laich then scored at 5:04 of the third and Gordon connected less than three minutes later and Alex Ovechkin added an empty-net goal at 19:28 against the Bruins, who are 0-6-2 in their past eight games.

The Capitals broke the club record set from Jan. 27-Feb. 18, 1984 and have the NHL’s longest winning streak since the San Jose Sharks also won 11 in a row from Feb. 19-27, 2008. During their 11 wins, the Capitals, who lead the Eastern Conference, have outscored opponents 51-22.

The Bruins finished first in the East last season and have fallen out of the top eight in the conference that make the playoffs with their current slide in which they’ve been outscored 28-12. It’s their longest losing streak since they also lost eight in a row from Dec. 22, 1955-Jan. 12, 1956.

At home, the Bruins are 0-6-1 since their last win on Jan. 1, 2-1 over the Philadelphia Flyers in the outdoor Winter Classic at Fenway Park.

Laich got the go-ahead goal on a turnover by Boston defenseman Matt Hunwick, who passed the puck behind his net out to the left boards. Washington’s Alexander Semin got it there and passed to Laich, who scored his 17th goal on a quick shot from the slot.

Gordon made it 3-1 with his second goal at 7:51 on a pass from Tom Poti from along the right boards. Goalie Tim Thomas skated toward Poti, who sent the puck to Gordon in the slot. Gordon put it into the open left side of the net. Thomas made 22 saves.

Ovechkin finished the scoring with his 36th goal of the season.

The Bruins had taken a 1-0 lead with a two-man advantage when David Krejci scored at 6:58 of the first period, just eight seconds after Semin joined Matt Bradley in the penalty box. Marc Savard passed from low in the right circle across the crease where Krejci scored his 10th goal of the season.

That gave Boston its first lead after one period since Jan. 5 when it won 4-1 at Ottawa. The Bruins were 1-8-2 in their next 11 before Tuesday.

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HARTFORD, Conn. — Kalana Greene scored 18 points to help top-ranked Connecticut overtake a sluggish first half and beat No. 11 West Virginia 80-47 on Tuesday night for its 61st straight victory.

That all changed in the second half, and that was a 14-point deficit.

Lauchland said the Huskies seemed out of sorts after Miles’ layup with 17:08 left in the game. UConn scored 24 of the next 27 points, including seven straight by Charles. Greene also had six points during the spurt with a three-point play and a 3-pointer fromBody.

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MINNEAPOLIS — As Brett Favre mulls whether he has another season left in him, a lot more hinges on the decision than just wins and losses for the Minnesota Vikings.

Favre not only led the Vikings to their most successful season on the field in more than a decade, his presence was a boost to everything from the team’s box office and merchandise sales to sponsorship deals and its pursuit of a new stadium.

“It has a lot of far-reaching implications,” said Matt Deziel, a director for Los Angeles-based Davie Brown Talent, one of the largest talent coordinators in the United States. “Not just on the field, but financially it’s a huge hit to the Vikings if he decides to retire.”

Favre’s first season in Minnesota was a banner year in more ways than one. The Vikings won 12 games in the regular season and came achingly close to advancing to the Super Bowl, losing at New Orleans in overtime of the NFC title game.

It was also a big year for the Vikings on the business side. Favre’s Vikings jersey was the No. 1 seller throughout the league, the ticket office was deluged with requests in the days following his signing in August and the team locked down some lucrative sponsorship deals that were sorely needed to offset the lack of revenue generated by the Metrodome.

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CALGARY, Alberta — The New York Rangers acquired forwards Olli Jokinen and Brandon Prust from the Calgary Flames for forwards Christopher Higgins and Ales Kotalik late Monday night.

The trade was announced by both teams shortly after the Flames were beaten 3-0 by the visiting Philadelphia Flyers.

“You've got to play hard every time you go on the ice, no matter what kind of distractions you have going on,” Jokinen said. “You play for that sweater — the logo on the front of you — so long as they haven't told you you're not part of the team.”

Jokinen, who along with Prust was in the Calgary lineup against Philadelphia, has 11 goals and 24 assists in 56 games this season.

“Definitely, it's a slap in the face to get traded,” Jokinen said as he left Pengrowth Saddledome. “It was a long day. We heard everything (Sunday) night, I was kind of surprised. I wasn't expecting to get moved, but it's part of the business and I've got to move on.”

Prust posted one goal and four assists in 43 games with the Flames. He is second in the NHL with 18 fighting majors.

The move helps the Rangers unload two players who failed to live up to expectations in their first season with New York.

It was the second big trade completed by the Flames in two days. Calgary sent star defense-man Dion Phaneuf, forward Fredrik Sjostrom and minor league defenseman Keith Aulie to the Toronto Maple Leafs for defenseman Ian White and forwards Matt Stajan, Niklas Hagman and Jamal Mayers on Sunday.

The 31-year-old Jokinen, a Finnish Olympian, was acquired by Calgary from the Phoenix Coyotes at last year's trade deadline. He is now a likely candidate to center New York's top line that features leading scorer Marian Gaborik.

“Eleven months ago, when I got traded here I was pretty excited,” said Jokinen, who has 248 goals and 305 assists in 854 NHL games with Los Angeles, Florida, Phoenix, Calgary and the New York Islanders. “I enjoyed my time here, and I was hoping I could stay here for the rest of my career.

“Like I say, it’s a cruel business, but that's the way it goes. It comes with the salary. You make five million dollars, 11 goals is not going to cut it.”

Associated Press

Hingis considers return to WTT

Martina Hingis can't help but contemplate yet another comeback when she sees the success Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin are having after being away from tennis.

“There's a spark,” Hingis said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. But she also said she would rule out the possibility of a return to the tour “at this point,” primarily because of all the travel.

“If it was played in the backyard,” Hingis said from her home in Switzerland, “then I'd probably think about it twice.”

The five-time Grand Slam singles champion and youngest woman to be ranked No. 1 retired for the second time in 2007, when she was given a two-year suspension for testing positive for cocaine. Hingis denied taking the drug but did not appeal the ruling.

That ban ended Sept. 30, and the 29-year-old Hingis is eager to get the chance to play more tennis this year: She has committed to a full season of World TeamTennis, the coed league founded by Billie Jean King and heading into its 35th season.

Hingis will be picked by a team in the marquee player draft Feb. 11. Other top names in the draft include the Williams sisters, John McEnroe and Maria Sharapova, although they're going to be playing only one to five matches, while Hingis is slated for all 14 in the regular season.

In 2005, Hingis used World TeamTennis to help prepare for her first comeback. Clijsters also played in the WTT last year as a way to warm up before getting back on tour after more than two years away while getting married and having a baby.

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INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers were on their best behavior while their teacher was away.

Lester Conner coached in place of Jim O'Brien, who attended a family funeral, and Indiana responded with an impressive 130-115 victory over the surging Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night.

Danny Granger scored 23 points to help the Pacers snap Toronto’s five-game winning streak. Indiana also ended a three-game skid.

Conner deflected credit.

“The guys gave me all they wanted, and I said, ‘Hey, you guys are telling me congratulations, it’s congratulations to you because you guys needed this more than I did,’ ” Conner said. “When the substitute teacher is around, you want to try to do good or try to test him to see what he has. Those guys went out and played their hearts out.”

The players said they wanted to win for Conner.

“Les is a lot of fun, he’s a great assistant coach,” forward Troy Murphy said. "He’s a guy you can always talk to and he’s a good dude. We’re happy he got the win.”

Murphy had 20 points and 14 rebounds. Roy Hibbert added 18 points and nine boards for Indiana, and Earl Watson finished with 15 points and a season-high 11 assists.

It was a season scoring high for the Pacers, who had scored fewer than 100 points in six of their previous nine games. Seven Pacers scored in double figures.

“It was a much different game than Indiana’s 117-102 loss in Toronto on Sunday. This time, the Pacers made 33 of 35 free throws and shot 52 percent from the field. It was just the fifth time the Pacers shot better than 50 percent this season.

“A little different play calling, a little different freedom,” Murphy said. “He has his own style apart from coach O’Brien, but the message is the same. He did a great job tonight and really filled in well for coach.”

Chris Bosh had 35 points and 15 rebounds, and Andrea Bargnani scored a career-high 34 points for the Raptors.

Bargnani said the defensive meltdown rendered his personal accomplishment meaningless.

“When you lose like that, it doesn’t really matter,” he said. The Raptors couldn’t explain their lack of defensive intensity. It was the highest point total they’ve allowed this season.

“The reason we came out the way we did, I don’t know exactly why,” said Toronto guard Jarrett Jack, who played for the Pacers last season. “We just didn’t play our type of game at all.”

The Pacers scored 50 points in the paint, their highest total of 2010.

“We didn’t do a good job of getting up into them and making them do something else,” Bosh said. “Our weakside defense was nonexistent and we had too many blow-bys.”

Indiana led 58-53 at halftime and opened the second half with an 18-8 surge, capped by Murphy’s 3-pointer. Brandon Rush’s 3 extended Indiana’s lead to 20 points just over 5 minutes into the third quarter.

The Pacers shot 76 percent and scored 42 points in the third, one point short of its season high for a single period. Eight different players scored for the Pacers in the quarter.

Bargnani helped keep the Raptors in the game with 19 points in the third. Dahntay Jones made two free throws with 1 second left in the period to put the Pacers up 100-86.

The Pacers looked like a different team, but Conner said he stuck to O’Brien’s philosophy for the most part. The biggest change was starting Hibbert instead of Mike Dunleavy.

“We really try to change anything because it would catch the guys off guard,” Conner said. “I’ve been around coach O’Brien for a long time, so I know exactly what he wants and how he wants it. What he did say to me on the plane, he told me to do whatever I need to do to get a win.”
Belles look to snap streak

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will look to break out of a four-game losing streak and regain third place in the MIAA when it hosts Adrian tonight in a crucial conference clash.

The Belles (10-9, 5-6) sit a half-game behind the Bulldogs, a team Saint Mary’s has already defeated by 10 points. In fact, that game was the Belles’ last victory, as they opened the second leg of conference play by dropping four straight games, including three by five points or less. Four teams — Adrian, Saint Mary’s, Olivet and Trine — have five conference wins. Hope and Calvin sit atop the conference with 10 wins, and tonight’s games will have to contribute on both the offensive and defensive sides of the floor to counter Adrian’s perimeter-based attack.

“The Bulldogs have the ability to score anywhere on the floor.”

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A win for the Belles tonight would give them momentum during the season’s home stretch and promises to be a gritty battle for points on every possession. The Belles must guard forward Ashley McClarence as well, who averages just under nine points per game and “is physical and gets after the boards,” Henley said.

Sophomore guard Patsy Mahoney will assist junior guard Liz Wade — who has the third-most steals in Belles history — in guarding the Bulldog backcourt of Perrin and Stamps. Sophomore guard Maggie Ronan will also have to contribute on both ends of the floor to counter Adrian’s perimeter-based attack.

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The game will be about who can play better defense,” Henley said.

Saint Mary’s hosts Adrian at 7:30 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility.

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two numbers that may go up in the championship season in the coming months. In addition to individual success, Welsh notes Lytle's developed ability to lead his teammates.

“He’s certainly evolved as a competitive leader,” Welsh said. “Away from the race, he leads by example. He’s acquired more of a voice as he’s gotten older. When a guy achieves such success he has a lot of credibility.”

Despite all his past success, Lytle is still looking to have a lot to look forward to after the season due to his hard work in the classroom, as he will begin a job at KPMG in Chicago. Swimming, however, will always be a part of his life.

“There’s no NFL for swimming,” Welsh said. “But John’s the kind of guy who will always stay in shape, that’s for sure.”

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was so last minute, but to hear the crowd cheer my name, it was surreal,” Christiansen said. “I was super nervous, I didn’t know any of the plays, but just to know that the crowd is behind you and everyone wanted you to do the best. That was awesome.

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NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

No. 12 BYU takes care of TCU

Associated Press

Jimmer Fredette scored 26 points and Jackson Emery had 12 points and six assists as No. 12 BYU beat TCU 76-56 on Tuesday night.

BYU (22-2, 7-1 Mountain West) scored the game’s first 10 points and held a double-digit lead for most of the game while remaining unbeaten against TCU since the Horned Frogs joined the conference.

Nosh Hartsock added 14 points and Chris Miles pulled down 11 rebounds for the Cougars, who have won 17 of 18.

Stephanie Menio, director of women’s basketball operations, as a freshman. Within her first few weeks she received and accepted an invitation to join the “Sixth Man Team,” the women’s practice squad, as the only female member.

“My first day of practice I was so nervous, I didn’t know what to expect. That’s in the mind as well.”

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The Irish home crowd, seen here at Notre Dame’s Nov. 3 victory over Indianapolis, has adopted walk-on senior forward Alena Christiansen a fan favorite, cheering loudly when she enters a game. The chances Christiansen’s story becomes immortalized in a movie are slim, but McGraw said she has embraced her role as a valuable member of this year’s team.

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Stranger things have happened, and lord knows we've seen it all over the past few years in a row. Still, Frank said. “But I don't antic- ipate anybody waver ing for a fairly good feeling for it.”

Mike Frank

Irish recruiting analyst

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pounds (Frederick, Md./
Hargrave Military Academy)

Four-star linebacker
Daniel Smith, 6-4, 205
(South Carolina/Pinecrest)

Three-star defensive end
Seantrel Henderson, 6-8, 300
(Punahou)

Three-star athlete
Danny Sischo, 6-1, 221
(Littleton, Colo./Columbus)

Three-star defensive
linebacker Justin Utzschneider, 6-2, 245
(Lakewood, Calif./Lakewood)

Three-star tight end
Alex Welch, 6-5, 225 (Cincinnati, Ohio/Edel
Rider)

Two-star wide receiver
Austin Collinsworth, 6-6, 240
(Mount Dora, Fla./Mount Dora)

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The myth that Kelly and his staff can't recruit on a nation- nal scale is quickly being dis- proved, and those who tell you they can't sign elite recruits today. Four elite, four- or five-star prospects — Lennun Seantrel Henderson and Matt James, defensive end Ego Ferguson and linebacker Christian Jones — could decide to sign a letter of intent to play for the Irish.

Maybe the most encouraging is that early on Kelly seems to have all the fundamental assets that make for a great recruiter. The effort and commitment is certainly there, and it appears Kelly has been successful building relationships both over long and short time peri- ods with these high school players.

One of the players he's recruited the longest, quarter- back Luke Massa, switched his commitment from Cincinnati back to Kelly again this past weekend. And Notre Dame looks to be the favorite to sign his high school teammate James today.

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Three-star defensive
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(Lakewood, Calif./Lakewood)

Three-star tight end
Alex Welch, 6-5, 225 (Cincinnati, Ohio/Edel
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By MATT GAMBER

Sports Editor

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