### Panel: Perfectionism an issue at ND

Event sponsored by the Gender Relations Center examines competition on campus

By EMILY SCHRANK  
News Writer

Competition and perfectionism are prevalent issues at Notre Dame — often much more serious than they are considered to be, three experts said Monday evening.

The Gender Relations Center presented "The Fighting Irish: Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger" as a part of their Signature Series in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library. The lecture featured Daniel Lapsley, chair of the Psychology Department, Rita Donley, associate director of the University Counseling Center and Sondra Byrnes, a guided meditation instructor who is also a professor in the Mendoza College of Business.

Lapsley focused on the psychological explanations of perfectionism.

"There is a basic theme that perfectionism is a disorder or defect," he said. "A perfectionist seeks and strives for unrealistic goals, evaluates stringently and self-censors against unattainable standards."

According to Lapsley, the three developmental accounts of perfectionism share a common thread: interactions with demanding, perfectionist parents.

Sondra Byrnes, a professor in the Mendoza College of Business, discusses perfectionism at Notre Dame Monday.

### Students, faculty continue to support Haiti

ND senior’s charity looks beyond Africa to raise funds to aid country

By AMANDA GRAY  
News Writer

The Eyes on Africa Foundation, the charity founded by senior Jeff Lakusta, is branching out to aid the relief effort in Haiti.

Eyes on Africa Helps Haiti, an outlet of the Eyes on Africa Foundation, is donating funds raised through wine sales, founder of Eyes on Africa Jeff Lakusta said. "We started it in response to the crisis in Haiti as a way to pull aid and draw awareness from our unique group of college-aged supporters," Lakusta said.

The donations are coming from wineries that have agreed to donate a portion of proceeds from each case of wine sold to Eyes on Africa Helps Haiti and Sondra Byrnes, a professor in the Mendoza College of Business.

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### Students work in the computer cluster in DeBartolo Hall.

The LaFortune computer cluster is undergoing renovations.

By IRENA ZAJCKOVA  
News Writer

Students hoping to be able to use the LaFortune Student Center computer cluster will have to wait for a few more weeks.

Shipping delays have slowed the renovations, pushing the tentative opening date back a month, said Brian Burchett, Classroom and Computer Lab spaces manager for the Office of Information and Technology (OIT).

"We had thought originally that it would be done around Feb. 1, but we ran into two issues that delayed it," Burchett said. "The furniture order was delayed until this week but the bigger obstacle right now is that the carpet order took longer than expected."

Burchett said the carpet is supposed to arrive on campus next week, and if all goes as planned, the cluster should reopen sometime during the first week of March.

"We never intended it to be out of service this long and we know that students are really eager to have it back," Burchett said. "It will be back soon, and we think that students will really like it."

The renovation is "a facelift for the cluster rooms and individual workstations," Burchett said. The changes include a smaller service counter, two group study rooms and individual workstations.

### Students continue to focus on sending money to various relief organizations

As relief efforts for Haiti continue, Saint Mary’s College has also continued to do its part in collecting funds for donation.

The College has been focusing on helping the American Red Cross, Catholic Relief Services and the Sisters of Holy Cross and Friends of the Orphans, Carrie Call, director of the Office of Civic and Social Engagement, said. pro- fessors and the office are only asking for monetary d o n a - tions, so t h e see ALSO  
College has no plans to do g o - d r i v e s for tan- gible items such as toiletries. The Office has continued to encourage donations through the end of April.

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**Earmuff Girl**

Here at Notre Dame, there is a league of students that exist in a league that is all their own. They walk among us, and unlike slyly secret societies, they march boldly to and from Doherty and in and out of the dining hall. We all know them. Notre Dame people-watching is defined by them. They are our beloved campus caricatures. You don't know what I'm talking about? Well that's just a problem of terminology. A campus caricature is someone who has so perfectly and concen-trically defined their external behavior that they can be univers ally recognized and identified on campus. You may know them as Tex or Daisy Duke. Or you may know them as “the chick that always wears cutoffs” and the “t guy in cowbow hat.” And these are just a few. The point is, you might not know their name, dorm, major or hometown, but you undoubtedly recognize them. And everyone else does too.

While I always had a fond appreciation for these campus caricatures, I never agreed to their lofty heights. But as Shakespeare wrote, “Some men are born great. Some achieve greatness. And some have greatness thrust upon them.” I guess the same goes for women.

This Christmas, everything changed. When I unwrapped a small sparkly bag from my grandparents, I didn’t think this present was going to have such a profound effect on me. But then I pulled out a pair of earmuffs.

These are not just any earmuffs. These are earmuffs that accidentally got dropped into radioactive waste and came out three times as large, and three times as cold as your average protective gear. Essentially, they are superhuman earmuffs. Warm, inordinately fuzzy and furry and able to withstand the beer never going warm.

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So thank you for nominating me to join the special league of campus caricatures. I proudly accept. I would like not only to thank the author, God, my friends and family, but most especially my grandpar ents. Best. Christmas. Present. Ever.

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

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY: What is your favorite winter Olympic sport?**

- Brian Wysocki, juniorFisher: Shaun White’s interviews! I was taking notes all year.
- Kallie Drexlter, sophmoreWalsh: “Biathlon, it’s like Texas in the winter!”
- Zak Kappopoulos, sophmoreKrean: “Luge, it’s a killer sport.”
- Huong Ngo, seniorRyan: “It’s a tie between figure skating and snowboarding because I love Shaun White.”

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**OFFBEAT**

Unemployed Ohio man chills out in igloo

**AUGUSTA, Ohio —** It’s quite the man cave.

Jimmy Grey says he’s been out of work for almost a year and needed a project to stay busy. So with the heavy snowfall this winter, the 25-year-old laborer got to work on an extreme igloo in his family’s yard in Aquilla (ah-KWY-luh), about 30 miles east of Cleveland.

Grey said the TV with an extension cord plugged into an outlet in the garage. He also ran wires for cable television with surrend ered underground wires. Grey says candles help add ambiance for nighttime get-togethers with friends, and the freezing temperatures mean that the beer never goes warm.

**Nevada police officer saved from bullet by badge**

LAS VEGAS — A police officer’s badge may have saved his life when it stopped a bullet during an exchange of gunfire in North Las Vegas.

Police say the 31-year-old officer was patrolling just before 10 p.m. Saturday when he heard shots being fired in an apartment complex.

While investigating, the officer came upon a person with a gun and opened fire. The officer returned fire and was hit. But the bullet hit the badge, and the officer suffered only minor injuries. The person with the gun fled.

Police continued to search Sunday for the suspect, who might also be injured.

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**IN BRIEF**

The Notre Dame German Club is hosting a traditional “Fasching” Mardi Gras event tonight at 7 p.m. at Legends. Food and music will be provided. Students and faculty are invited and admission is $2.

An exhibit titled “Expanding the Boundaries: Selected Drawings from the Yonne and Gabriel P. Weinberg Collection” will be on display at 10 a.m. today in the O’Shaughnessy Galleries West of the Snite Museum of Art.

Daily Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. today in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

“The Catholic and Costa Rican: Bishops’ Discourse over Free Trade” will begin at 12:30 p.m. today. The lecture will be held in Room C103 of the Heshburg Center.

The Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering will host a seminar on “Environmental Effects on Tissue-engineered Cartilage” today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 138 of Doherty Hall.

The Institute for Latino Studies will hold “A Place at the Table: A Conversation with Janet Murguia on the Latino Agenda in 2010” today at 4 p.m. in Room 210-214 of McKenna Hall.

The Bengal Bouts quarterfi nals will be held at 6 p.m. tonight in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Tickets will be sold for $6.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
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work with the city, the county and the University to establish plans and obtain funding. Schmidt said he also plans to launch an off-campus housing Web site, rent.nd.edu, to help improve off-campus safety. “It’s like an ND Today for off-campus housing and sponsored by the University,” he said. “We want students to know where the safe spots are to go and the legitimate places to live.”

Schmidt and Weber said they will also prioritize improving the community at Notre Dame, including efforts to create a more inclusive atmosphere for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) community.

“A lot of people are concerned with the acceptance of gay and lesbian members of the community and we are continuing the have conversations about that,” he said. “That is something that is definitely on our radar.”

Though acceptance of the LGBTQ community will be an ongoing issue, Schmidt said he hopes to make significant changes before April 1.

I can say that there will be continued ways in which we will garner much more student input when it comes to gay and lesbian representation on campus,” he said.

Schmidt also hopes to pass a medical amnesty resolution at Wednesday’s Student Senate meeting. The medical amnesty policy would protect a student who has been drinking from being stopped by the police.

“There has been thought that the econometrics side should be focused on much more than the policy side,” Schmidt said. “But there are students who have thought that the classes that are offered on the policy side are extremely important in having a well-rounded education.”

“We are huge advocates for not dissolving that department.”

Other plans include more student involvement in the selection of the commencement speaker, a continued effort to work with the Transpo bus and taxis to provide safe transportation to the next year’s pep rallies.

“Overall, I think a lot of our big issues are pushing for a consistent student voice in a lot of the decisions that are made throughout the University,” Schmidt said. “And we hope that student government can continue to be that channel.”

Schmidt said he will also work to make the transition for the incoming administration as smooth as possible.

“Especially now that we have a month and a half, a lot of these projects are not meant to be extremely visible. We just want Catherine and Andrew to be as successful as they can be,” Schmidt said.

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tions around the cluster’s perimeter. There will also be furniture in the middle of the cluster so students can bring their own laptops and work individually or in small groups. A window will also be installed in the door that separates the cluster from the adjoining East Lounge to connect the two rooms visually.

Burchett said the room will be more cheerful as well as more eco-friendly. “I think that before it was really dark. I think it’s got a much happier color scheme,” Burchett said. “The lighting is bright and the lighting is also much more energy efficient now.”

The plan to renovate the LaFortune computer cluster began in the spring semester of 2008. Burchett and other OIT staff members worked with architecture students on the project.

“The things the students came up with were really awesome designs. We had to cut some of their aesthetic ideas,” Burchett said. “We kept as much as we could but some of the things they wanted to do just would have driven up the cost of the project. I think we kept the essential things — the group work space and reclaiming some of the wasted space.”

Burchett said working with the students was a success and he hopes to bring more students in to help with renovation and design projects in the future. “Working with the architecture students was really a lot of fun and its the sort of thing we’d like to do again, whether its an architecture class or an industrial design class,” Burchett said. “I think it adds a certain energy to the project when we can bring in the students in that fashion.”

According to Burchett, the furniture in the cluster had not been upgraded for 18 years, making the renovation a top priority.

“I think when it’s all put together its going to be a much happier place to work,” Burchett said.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Irish bishops urged to admit blame

ROME — A top Vatican prelate has told Irish bishops at an extraordinary Vatican summit with Pope Benedict XVI they must admit their own blame in cover-ups of generations of sex abuse of minors, or risk losing the faith of Ireland’s Catholics. But the pope’s right-hand altar boy who helped expose the scandal doubted that any real hierarchy housekeeping would result from two days of talks behind closed doors in the Apostolic Palace.

Benedict’s top aide, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, delivered a stinging homily at a Mass before Monday’s talks decrying the “psychology of silence or if it could have been influenced by the persistently freezing temperatures that have iced up the European capital.

Investigations into one the worst accidents on the Belgian rails were likely to focus on whether a driver fell asleep or if he could have been influenced by the persistently freezing temperatures that have iced up the European capital.

Officials said 80 people were injured, 20 of them seriously in Monday’s crash. The death toll of 15 men and three women — was not considered final.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Hoosier Motor club sees layoffs

INDIANAPOLIS — The AAA Hoosier Motor Club is reviewing all the proposals for sanctions “that will be particularly aimed at those enterprises controlled by the Revolutionary Guard, which we believe is in effect suborning the government of Iran,” she said. Meanwhile, a semi-official news agency quoted the head of Iran’s nuclear program as saying the country received a new proposal last week from the United States, Russia and France, three of the countries trying to rein in Tehran’s uranium enrichment program.

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**QATAR**

Clinton: Iran a ‘military dictatorship’

Secretary wary of Revolutionary Guard Corps gaining too much power

Associated Press

DOHA — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday that Iran is becoming a military dictatorship, a new U.S. accusation in the midst of rising tensions with the Islamic Republic over its nuclear ambitions and crackdown down on anti-government protesters.

Speaking to Arab students at Carnegie Mellon’s Doha campus, Clinton said Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps appears to have gained too much power that it effectively is supplanting the government.

“Iran is moving toward a military dictatorship,” she said. “That’s our view.”

Last week the U.S. Treasury Department announced that it was freezing the assets in U.S. jurisdictions of a Revolutionary Guard general and four subsidiaries of a previously sanctioned construction company he runs because of their alleged involvement in producing and spreading weapons of mass destruction.

The Revolutionary Guard has long been a pillar of Iran’s regime as a force separate from the ordinary armed forces. The Guard now has a hand in every critical area, including military development, oil resources, dam building, road construction, telecommunications and nuclear technology.

It also has absorbed the paramilitary Basij as a full-fledged part of its command structure — giving the military greater funding and a stronger presence in Iran’s internal politics.

 Asked if the U.S. is planning a military attack on Iran, Clinton said no.”

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ents. In these three explanations, parents belittle their own accomplishments and respond with anxiety and disappointment to their children’s mistakes. The child perceives this response as rejection, he said. “Many psychologists contend that a normal perfectionism exists,” Lapsley said. “However, large differences exist between this normal and neurotic perfectionism.” Several scales of perfectionism, developed by various psychologists, attest to these differences, he said.

Donley discussed her experiences with perfectionism in the Counseling Center. “I see a difference between a goal-oriented person and a perfectionist,” she said. “The goal-oriented individual studies hard for a test and is happy with the grade they receive, while the perfectionist crams and is ultimately disappointed to learn that their friend received a higher score than they did.”

Donley said many students base their self-esteem on what they do or accomplish and, in turn, place a great deal of pressure on themselves. Students need to realize that they can’t do it all and learn to cut themseves some slack, she said.

“In my mind, perfectionism sucks the joy right out of life,” Donley said. “In the end it is our connection to other people and our quality of life that is the most important.”

Byrnes focused on the value of meditation in coping with perfectionism and competition. “Meditation aids in recognizing the moment-to-moment reality,” Byrnes said.
PORTLAND — Like his father, grandfather and great-grandfather before him, Mikhail Niklas feels the quickening of spring as the season ramps up at his wholesale nursery in a farming community south of Portland. Mikhail and his workers busily package plants for shipment.

These days, his flowers and vegetable seedlings have fewer places to go, as the housing bubble burst and the state and national economies flattened.

Just three years after reaching a record high of almost $1 billion in sales, Oregon’s nursery industry has plummeted into an historic slump. Nurseries are laying off employees, cutting costs and forgoing new buildings and equipment.

A few, like Niklas’ Clackamas Greenhouses, have gone bankrupt.

“The family has poured money into it as we tried to restructure it and make new markets,” said Niklas, who had to file bankruptcy after losing almost half his sales when his primary retailer was bought out. “Commercial lenders aren’t talking to me because I’m coming out of bankruptcy. They aren’t even talking to GM, so why would they talk to a little nursery?”

Across the country, the nursery and landscaping trades are also facing tough times.

“We have to eat, but you don’t have to plant ornaments,” said Terry McElroy, a spokesman at the Florida Department of Agriculture. Florida, which produces $3 billion in sales of nursery stock in 2007 — the last year figures were available. California, the largest producer, reported $988 million in nursery stock sales in 2007.

Both states did not have more recent figures, but officials said they had seen a decline in business. They expect the industry to slowly recover — but they also expect the belt-tightening will remain, with fewer purchases, less expansion and fewer employees.

“We know, just by tracking sales in general, that it’s down but we don’t know how down,” said Jennifer Nelis, a spokesman for the Florida Nursery Growers Association. “It’s the life cycle of home construction. Plants are some of the last to go in, so the industry is the last to bounce back. Things are starting to get a little better, but it will always lag.”

In Oregon, the downturn was swift and stunning.

The rich soil and mild climate of Oregon’s Willamette Valley is ideal for growing plants. And for 18 years, starting in 1990, the nursery industry steadily grew, reaching $988 million in sales in 2007. The nursery commodity outpaced cattle, then ranked second, as high as $500 million that year.

Then the industry slammed into a swarm of trouble: the halt of home construction, high transportation costs, financial lending woes and a depressed national economy. Sales plunged 17 percent, to $820 million, in 2008. State leaders expect a similar drop for 2009.

Back in the heady days, Niklas could count on $4 million in annual sales at his nursery in Aurora. Bankruptcy knocked him down and, just as the nursery began to recover under Chapter 12 restructuring, the nation’s economic downturn handed a sucker punch.

Niklas’ annual sales plummeted to under $2 million. He hasn’t found a commercial lender to help him refinance. He and other nursery owners worry that two tax measures passed by Oregon voters earlier this year — raising the state income tax on upper income individuals, and hiking the corporate minimum tax and taxes on corporate net income greater than $10 million — will push them closer to the financial edge.
In memory of Ralph McNerny

Ralph McNerny, a member of the Notre Dame philosophy department since 1955, died on Jan. 29. Author of more than 40 scholarly books, Dr. McNerny was justly regarded as the preeminent exponent of Christian philosophy. He was the only philosopher to receive a Ph.D. in philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas. The Observer reserves the right to refuse publication of viewpoints if the majority of the Editor in Chief, Managing Editor, Assistant Managing Editor, Viewpoint Editor, or Editorial Board decide that they do not meet our standards of taste and propriety.

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WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Spooning for solutions

This letter is a response to Brenda Keeler’s letter (“Cloudy with a chance of meatballs,” Feb. 12). Most pressing to both me and the majority of the University is the unnecessary and punitive segregation of spoons from the general utensil population. Mr. Keeler argues that “this sort of segregation is somewhat heroic figures. The analogy is far from perfect, but there is a lesson to be learned here. Fighting the “War on Terror” is not solely with bullets is a losing proposition. To be honest, fighting a war on terror, no matter what tactics we employ, is a hopeless enterprise. Not because we aren’t capable, but because terror is not something that can be defeated.

Declaring “war” on random nouns is one of the most tired, ineffective techniques employed by us all. Terrorism is a tactic. So the “War on Terrorism” is short-hand for the real conflict we are fighting. No, not the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan, though they are certainly related (which you might call me understanding). Terrorism itself is a tactic. So the “War on Terrorism” is short-hand for the real conflict we are fighting. No, not the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan, though they are certainly related (which you might call me understanding). Terrorism itself is a tactic. So the “War on Terrorism” is short-hand for the real conflict we are fighting. No, not the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan, though they are certainly related (which you might call me understanding). Terrorism itself is a tactic. So the “War on Terrorism” is short-hand for the real conflict we are fighting. No, not the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan, though they are certainly related (which you might call me understanding). Terrorism itself is a tactic. So the “War on Terrorism” is short-hand for the real conflict we are fighting.
Oh the weather outside is frightful, but the fashion magazines are so delightful! Since we’ve no place to go, open them up and get the spring style down low! Spring is right around the corner — or maybe the block — but regardless, it’s time to start planning because, as my roommate likes to say, “prior preparation prevents poor performance,” and there is no room for error this season!

Four essentials are a must for stocking your closet this spring: flowers, zippers, trenches and wedges. These items are key for the ladies who want to blossom like those gorgeous tulips lining the Grotto in April. This year, floral doesn’t necessarily have to mean literal flower details. Marchesa shows this best with her blooming textured tops and gowns, which bring the princess version of every woman’s grungy Cinderella to light with every twist and turn of fabric. Marchesa’s tucks and folds of silk and wool in deep hues will have you panting for the spring rains if they mean that sunshine and Marchesa’s designs are on their way.

Floral accents in and of themselves will also brighten any outfit. Try extravagant headbands, necklaces or full patterns on sweeping dresses for a soft feminine look. When going for a floral look on a full-length dress, stick to pastels and save the bright jewel tones for a solid piece to avoid being too over-the-top. Forever 21 is stocked with pieces in each genre to bring this vision to life.

The fall gave birth to the zipper, winter saw its teen years, and come spring, the zipper will finally reach adulthood. It’s a fantastic statement maker, especially when strategically placed, and will give an edge to even the softest of outfits. For a touch of irony, pair a motorcycle jacket with a floral blouse, skinny jeans and heels and watch men become even more confused and entranced by the creature that is woman.

Zippers don’t just have to stay on clothes. Heels, rings and even sunglasses — check out Alexander Wang for Linda Farrow Zipper Sunglasses — will feature these details in spring 2010 so make sure you’re on your game when you hit the streets.

Bright-colored trench coats screamed spring last year, but this year it’s all about muted tones in nudes, blacks and whites. These jackets will look great with a class pair of rain boots, so make sure to invest in one for both practical and fashionable reasons. Once the snow melts and the ladies emerge from their cave-like dorms this year, expect to see campus awash with Audrey Hepburn look-a-likes.

No matter which way you slice it, wedges are in this spring. Tall wedges are just one example of the high style that will hit campus this spring. For the in-between stage of winter and spring, feel free to match a pair of chunky neutral-tone socks with thick-heelend sandals. InStyle suggests sticking to thin fabrics with dainty patterns to avoid overdoing the look.

Brighten those obnoxiously gray skies hanging over campus by exploring the upcoming trends. There’s only 17 days left until Spring Break (but who’s counting) so utilize your shopping time wisely. Treat yourself to a little ring this spring and you won’t regret it!
It’s no “Love Actually,” but director Gary Marshall’s “Valentine’s Day” is a heartwarming film with multiple, interconnected stories about love. A star-studded cast comes together to portray Los Angelinos trying to navigate love. But just like any box of chocolates there are a few bad ones in the bunch.

Ashton Kutcher and Jennifer Garner are absolutely fantastic as the arguable leads of the film, and on-screen best friends. Kutcher’s Reed is a hopeless romantic and florist who proposes to his workaholic girlfriend Morley (Isla Fisher) but things are not as picture perfect as he thinks.

Meanwhile, Garner plays Julia, a lovable teacher who is head over heels for her heart surgeon boyfriend Dr. Harrison Copeland played by Patrick Dempsey. Unfortunately, this doc is no McDreamy, and drama and humor ensues. Kutcher and Garner are charming and endearing. They are the best parts of this film, and deservedly spend the most time on screen.

Supporting actors that shine are the always lovely Anne Hathaway and the goofy but adorable Topher Grace as a couple struggling with a new relationship. Hathaway is hysterical as an adult phone sex worker who is head over heels for her crush. Meanwhile, Kutcher’s employee and friend. Eric Dane is intriguing as an aging quarterback with a secret. And Jamie Foxx is funny as a sports reporter forced to do puff pieces on Valentine’s Day. He hates Valentine’s Day almost as much as his sports publicist contact, the neurasthenic Kara (Jessica Biel) who organizes an “I hate Valentine’s Day” party every year.

Sure, the film is predictable at times, but any viewer should expect that heading into the theater given the title and trailer alone. What they might not expect is the surprisingly well-done job of portraying the varying emotions that one might feel when February 14th rolls around. Love, lust, bitterness, joy, regret and deceit are all on the menu. The characters range from those who are deeply in love, to those who think they are in love, to lying cheaters who never deserved any love. But that’s the beauty of this mosaic of different stories. There is something for everyone to enjoy, even if it just to see Swift be ridiculous.

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Directed by: Gary Marshall
Starring: Ashton Kutcher, Jennifer Garner, Anne Hathaway, Topher Grace, Jessica Biel, Jamie Foxx, Taylor Swift, Taylor Lautner
Tom Izzo can get as emotional while Michigan State
rolls around in March. When the NCAA tournament
over the weekend. And Izzo
wrote in his column early Monday.

"It’s a situation that’s not
easy ride, but we are looking
now to have some new guys,”
Butler said. "He’s tough as nails.”
Butler, who has averaged
16.9 points a game in his
eight NBA season, is expected
to be a very important
starting lineup. Jason Terry,
who last year got the NBA
sixth man award as the
league’s top reserve, is expect-
ted to move back into that role
after starting the past 11 games.
Terry said he could accept
going back to the bench, and
Barnes said that was fine.

"Me and (Terry), we are family,”
Barnes said. "Both guys have
said it’s always been like a big brother to me. He’s just
making sure I’m comfortable and
smooth for me.”

Kent, Bryant of the Lakers,
who benched once a sore left
ankle didn’t play in the All-Star
game before coming down with
108,713 at Cowboys Stadium
on Sunday night, said Butler
will be a good addition for
Dallas. They were teammates
with the Lakers in 2004-05.

"You put him on a contender and I’m telling you, you’re
gonna love him,” Bryant said.
"He’s tough as nails.”
Haywood provides needed
depth in the middle behind
Erick Dampier, who missed
three games after suffering the
break. That forced Gooden,
now headed to his eighth team
in eight seasons, to fill that
role more than much planned when
Dallas signed him last summer.

There were running into prob-
doms. Damp is having problems
with his knees and requires
rejuvenate now and then, and
we really were in a spot with
Playing in the middle behind
him,” Cuban said. "Drew did a great job, he laid it out on the table for us to
try to go in as a five. Going into
the season, we thought that would work, and it just didn’t play out as planned.”

The Mavericks also envision
using Dampier and Haywood
together to match up against
other teams using two big men.

Howard had spent his entire
time with Milwaukee before
gaining 431 games since
being the 29th overall pick in
2003. The team’s second-longest tenured
player behind Nowitzki,
Howard played only 31 games
with nine starts this season
after being limited the first
three games of the season while recov-
ering from offseason surgery
on his left ankle.

In the big Ten title chase.
Izzo’s 15th year as a
head coach that seeks to run
into trouble somewhere
during this 10-game
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AROUND THE NATION

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NBA

Cavaliers guard LeBron James celebrates with Heat guard Dwyane Wade following the All Star Game in Dallas. Wade scored 28 points for the Eastern Conference to win the All Star MVP Award for the first time since 2006.

LeBron, Eastern Conference defeat West 141-139

 Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — The largest crowd ever to watch a basketball game roared from all corners of Cowboys Stadium, and the two superstars on the court smiled widely.

NBA

Wade said. “It’s going to be a basketball spectacle that had never been seen before, one that ended with the Eastern Conference’s 141-139 victory over the West on Sunday night in the All-Star game.”

To be able to perform in front of a crowd like that, I know that. I know I can do it, I’ve done it before,” Wade said. “So just to be able to put on a show like that and to get the win, and to make key plays down the stretch was what I like. “I’ve had a little luck in Dallas. Of course, 2006, very, very memorable, something I dreamed of doing for a long time, winning the NBA championship and I was lucky enough to win the MVP there,” Wade said. “To come and do it again is special.”

James had 25 points, and Bosh had 23 points and 10 rebounds. Anthony scored 27 points, and Dirk Nowitzki — who Kobe Bryant had predicted would win MVP honors — had 22.

Around the dial

NCAA Men’s Basketball
Michigan State at Indiana
7 p.m., ESPN

NBA Basketball
Knicks at Bulls
8 p.m., WGN

IN BRIEF

Getzlaf leads Ducks to win over Edmonton

NEW YORK — The Yankees will be without a familiar face when the defending World Series champions begin trickling into Florida for spring training this week.

The team announced Saturday that longtime head trainer Gene Monahan is taking a medical leave of absence to deal with “a significant illness” that could keep him out through the start of the regular season. The nature of his illness was not disclosed.

The 65-year-old Monahan hasn’t missed spring training in 48 years, including the past 38 as the trainer in charge of the storied Yankees franchise. He’s the longest-tenured active head trainer in the major leagues, a mantle he assumed when Dave Parsley retired from the Atlanta Braves after the 2002 season.

Monahan began his athletic-training career in 1963.

Marlins, Ross unable to avoid salary arbitration

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Florida Marlins outfielder Cody Ross has gone to salary arbitration, asking for $4.45 million rather than the team’s offer of $4.2 million.

Arbitrators James Oldham, Margaret Brogan and Howard Edelman are expected to issue a decision Tuesday, a day after hearing arguments.

Ross hit .290 with 24 homers and 90 RBIs last season, when he made $2.3 million.

Players and owners have split the two decisions this far, with Milwaukee outfielder Corey Hart winning ($4.8 million) and Tampa Bay outfielder B.J. Upton losing ($3 million). Three hearings equals the record-tying low total of cases that went to arbitrators last year, when Florida’s Dan Uggla and Washington’s Shawn Hill won and Tampa Bay’s B.J. Upton lost.
**CYCLING**

**French issue arrest warrant for Landis for data hacking**

**Associated Press**

PARIS — A French judge has issued a warrant for U.S. cyclist Floyd Landis in connection with a case involving hacking at a deny-

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ing laboratory, a prosecutor's office said.

**Judge Thomas Cassuto, who is based in the Paris suburb of Nanterre, said the French government is considering asking the International Federation of Professional Cyclists about computer hacking dating back to 2006 in connection with Arnie Baker, a retired doctor who said in an e-

**Associated Press**

mail. "It isn't clear how he went about it," Cassuto said. "But we have not yet had any attempt to contact him, and he hasn't made a formal complaint against his accusers.""I can't speak for Arnie, but no attempt has been made to formally contact him," Cassuto said in the e-mail.

**Landis coach and adviser, the prosecutor's office said. Landis denied the hacking allegations and said the Los Angeles Times on Monday that he has not been served an arrest warrant. He said he wasn't sure if the other Americans had received a warrant."I can't speak for Arnie, but no attempt has been made to formally contact him," Cassuto said in the e-mail.

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**French anti-doping chief Pierre Bordry, who has been ordered to show that the lab made mistakes in the handling of the tests.**

**The French judge issued the warrant Jan. 28 because Landis did not respond to a summons in November, Bordry said.**

"Apparently the judge trac- e the case back to the begin- ning," Bordry said. "I'm happy with this news because it would have provided evidence there was no Landis case."

After discovering the hack- ing, the Mac laboratory sent three urine samples tested at the lab and found to contain elevated testosterone-to-epitestosterone levels, less than a week after he won the Tour de France. On July 20, 2006, the Tour's 17th stage, Landis started more than eight minutes behind leader Oscar Pereiro after losing the yellow jersey to the Spaniard the previous day. But he produced an amazing ride during the mountain-ous stage to cut Pereiro's lead to 20 seconds before taking the title.

Landis' samples taken after that stage revealed a testosterone-to-epitestosterone ratio of 0.36, near the 4:1 limit. The Chatenay-Malabry lab is accredited by the International Olympic Committee and World Anti-Doping Agency. It helped develop tests for the endurance-enhancing drug EPO. Landis returned to competition at the Tour of California last year. He recently competed in a minor race staged in New Zealand.

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**Olympics**

**Defago ends Swiss mountain drought with gold**

**Associated Press**

WHISTLER, British Columbia — Didier Defago broke a two- decade Swiss mountain drought in the Olympic downhill Monday and American Bode Miller became the first American to win medals in Alpine skiing at the Olympics. Defago, a 30-year-old skier from the Walensee region of Switzerland, was only 0.09 behind Defago.

**Defago became the oldest man to win the Olympic downhill, three months older than Frenchman Jean-Luc Cretier when he won at the 1998 Nagano Games.**

**Cuche, who leads the World Cup downhill standings and was 0.30 behind Broken thumb, was only 0.06 behind Defago through the final check- point, then went silent at how tight it was, but Cuche inexplicably lost three- tenths through his final turns.**

Olympics

Bruised Vonn sets quickest pace in training runs

Associated Press

WHISTLER, British Columbia — The bumpy and jarring downhill training course didn’t do Lindsey Vonn’s badly bruised shin any favors.

Calling it “probably the worst course for my shin,” the American Alpine star finished the more testing upper section in the fastest time of the training runs Monday — 1 minute, 30.75 seconds, or 0.39 seconds faster than teammate Julia Mancuso.

Skiing the much shorter hot-
tom section after the men’s downhill finish, Vonn finished in 18.52 seconds, good for 20th and 0.73 seconds behind Sweden’s Anja Paerson.

Vonn took painkillers and placed numbing cream on her shin — the same treatment she’s at, as opposed to where she was a couple of days ago,” said Thomas Vonn, who serves as a coach and adviser to his wife.

“Vonn bruised her right shin during a pre-Olympic practice in Austria on Feb. 2. She stayed off skis for more than a week, but tested the injury — in an unofficial slalom training run Sunday.

The shin was a little tender Monday morning, but that was secondary to her. It’s just a matter of fighting through the pain.”

Vonn bruised her right shin during a pre-Olympic training session postponed by weather — giving the shin yet another day to heal.

She was fine — all things considered — until landing on the last jump.

“Let’s really hurt,” Vonn said. “It’s throbbing really bad.”

If race officials decide to only run half of the course Tuesday — just to give the skiers more time on the slope — Vonn may elect to skip it.

“I’m in a rough place right now, I think you’ll be fast. I know how to ski it. It’s just a matter of fighting through the pain.”

Vonn was jarring. It was a fight just to make it down the whole way.”

Before Monday, the women’s downhill training run was wiped out three times by snow, fog, snow and rain have definitely helped Vonn but it’s left the course in less than stellar condition.

“The course here is just so bumpy,” Vonn said. “I honestly was pretty shocked. It’s one thing when you inspect it and you’re like, ‘OK, this is going to be a little rattley. But it was jarring. It was a fight just to make it down the whole way.’

A file photo from Friday shows Lindsey Vonn training on the course in Whistler.

The Observer
Olympics

Ono relishes nature of short-track skating

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Apolo Anton Ohno skated his way into history on Sunday by trying to sort out another wacky short-track finish.

“C'mon, man,” Ohno said, practically begging as he broke into tears.

No need to worry, Apolo. Olympic medal No. 6 was in the bank.

The American who made the soul patch fashionable — even soul patch fashionable — even as though the Koreans were trying to put three skaters in the final, and give Earnhardt a chance to make it Three-wide behind him, in the pack, and give Earnhardt a chance to make some eye-popping moves that will go down as the line for a silver. Ohno nearly crashed when he Ohno skated past the head referee to make a good-natured plea for his silver medal to stand up.

Even after the results were posted on the scoreboard, Ohno seemed to have trouble believing it was official. He kept standing at the scoreboard, lingering at the edge of the boards to make sure all was good.

It was.

Ohno, who now has two medals of each color, moved past Eric Heiden to become the most decorated American male at the Winter Olympics and also claimed the mark for most short-track medals since the wild-and-wooly sport joined the Olympic program in 1992.

Heiden, now the team doctor for U.S. speedskating, told The Associated Press he was “glued to the television” while watching the track meet and rooting for the U.S. Winter Olympic.

South Korea put three skaters in the final, and looked as though they would sweep the medals when all of them shot ahead of Ohno on the final lap. “I skated a very aggressive race, but it developed wasn’t an option.”

Ohno has three more events at the Vancouver Games to pass USA. “I'm in a very, very good place.”

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“The thing that really sets him apart is that he's been doing this for a number of years,” Heiden said when reached on his cell phone. “We've learned to appreciate what dedication and hard work he's had to put in. It's a prod-uct of both those things.”

Ohno has three more events at the Vancouver Games to pass Blair. two individual races, the 5000 meters and the team pursuit. “I've come prepared, more than ever prepared for anything in my life,” Ohno said. “I'm in a very, very good place.”

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Henry helps Kansas defeat Texas A&M

Associated Press

For the third straight game, Kansas played without its top two scorers - center Cole Aldrich and forward Markieff Morris - and still managed to force overtime against Texas A&M. The Jayhawks finally put the pieces together in overtime to beat the Aggies 76-68. Kansas was led by the 11th consecutive victor for Kansas (26-0, 12-0 Big 12) and its 76th straight win, the longest in college basketball history.

Kansas cut the lead to two with about 30 seconds remaining. The Jayhawks pushed the lead to 57-54 moments later when Bryan Davis was fouled on a shot by Cole Aldrich. Henry hit two free throws to make it 58-37 with about 15 seconds remaining.

Texas A&M's Dash Harris sat out the last 10 minutes of the first half. A&M was down 52-44 at halftime, but Henry helped Kansas cap the half with a 7-2 run, capped by a free throw by Henry to take a 55-54 lead in this one because Sloan had 15.

Kansas cut the lead to two with about 13 minutes remaining. There were several lead changes after that before a jump shot by Morris capped the Aggies 32-30 at halftime.

Henry helped Kansas make its 31/2-minute remaining. The Henry, to take a 55-54 lead with 3 1/2 minutes remaining. The

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tus was her first honor of the kind after she finished 20-43 at the NCAA's to be Notre Dame's top finisher.

Connolly attributes Ferguson's success to her work ethic and dedication to her sport over the past four years.

“She is the type of leader who inspires her teammates with her hard work and consistency,” Connelly said.

“She comes every day ready to work hard and get better, and challenges her teammates to do the same.”

Ferguson’s efforts have already paid off this indoor season as she qualified in the mile with a time of 4:45.92 and in the 3,000-meter race. Five Irish athletes and one women’s distance medley team have set NCAA qualifying marks so far in the indoor season.

Notre Dame will compete this weekend at its most competitive and challenging meet yet, the Big East indoor championships. Last season, Ferguson finished eighth in the 3,000-meter. This season, Connelly anticipates that Ferguson will thrive at the Big East championships and at other upper echelon meets to follow.

“She is very, very fit and excited about competing against the best people in the country,” Connelly said.

“We expect some great things in Lindsay in the coming weeks.”

This weekend Ferguson has the potential to add another NCAA qualifying mark to the two already recorded.

“I would look for her to add a [NCAA] qualifier in the 5,000-meters as well as improve her 3000-meter mark this weekend,” Connelly said. “If she can do that, she will make a huge contribution to our team’s effort.”

Ferguson and the Irish travel to New York this weekend to compete in the Big East Championships.

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coming off of a close game with Connecticut,” McGraw said. “I think they are probably feeling really confident, I don’t care what they are saying about how they let it get away and how they now have a chance to beat a really good team coming into our own court.”

Countering this kind of anticipated intensity from a team will not be easy, but McGraw hopes to accomplish it by sticking to the fundamentals she has preached all year long.

“We have to match their intensity, defensive pressure, and rebounding,” McGraw said.

The Red Storm also have a lot of quickness and speed, and McGraw hopes her team can stack up with a combination of motivation and athleticism.

St John’s is led in scoring by sophomore forward Da Shena Stevens, who is averaging 13.9 points per game.

“They are really athletic. They are very, very quick team, they drive the ball well,” McGraw said. “They just really get to basket and they are going to be a really big challenge for us defensively.”

The way to counter an athletic team like this is to win the turnovers battle, which has been a part of McGraw’s game plan all year long.

“Our philosophy this year has been to cause a lot of turnovers. We always like to cause turnovers, to press,” McGraw said. “That has been our game-plan all year long.”

The Irish will look to take one step ahead of the Red Storm tonight at 7 p.m. in Queens, N.Y.

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After seeing how the Irish bounced back after their loss to North Carolina, the amount of experiencing needed might be minimal. In the team’s last two matches, Notre Dame responded to the pressure brilliantly, beating Kansas 7-0 and then taking what could be a season-defining victory from No. 16 Michigan.

“The Michigan match was a really good match for us,” Louderback said. “We competed really well. It was good to see us compete in a way we haven’t.”

Notre Dame pulled out a 4-3 victory after trailing virtually the entire match with a few gritty performances by Irish players to knock out the Wolverines.

“We were behind pretty much the whole match,” Louderback said. “Shannon Matthews especially hung in there after being down and Chrisie McGaffigan also pulled out a close match.”

Also winning for the Irish were senior Kali Krisik and sophomore Kristy Frilling. Frilling, the 30th-ranked player in the nation, improved her record to 6-0 this year and has been a staple at the top of the team’s line up.

“Shes always been so good, a real model of consistency,” Louderback said.

As the Irish look ahead, they are hoping to use the momentum from the victory over Michigan and their time off to propel them into a busy string of home matches. Notre Dame will face Illinois at 1 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Announcing the Year 2010 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2010 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

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3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow;
4) a budget indicating the costs involved;
5) two letters of recommendation;
6) a transcript showing all grades and courses completed;
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BREAKING THE STORM

McGraw uncertain if Schrader will play, but they will bring her uniform to New York

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

As the No. 4 Irish prepare for one of the toughest Big East road games of the season against No. 22 St. John’s, the question on everybody’s minds is if senior captain Lindsay Schrader will be able to suit up for the Irish after strained her left ankle Sunday.

“We are bringing her uniform to New York,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “We are not sure if she is going to be able to play, it will be a game-time decision.”

If Schrader is unable to play, the Irish (23-1, 10-1 Big East) will miss her production, as she is the third leading scorer on the team with an average 11.3 points per game and the leading rebounder with an average 7.3 rebounds per game.

“I think we have a very balanced team, and we have a lot of different weapons, so we will just have to wait for game time and see what happens.”

McGraw said.

What the Irish would really miss in Schrader’s absence is her emotional leadership on the court, a presence that McGraw does not take lightly.

“We are counting on having her out there, but I thought we did a nice job without her in the DePaul game,” McGraw said. “I thought the guards played very well. I thought [junior forwards] Devereux Peters and Becca Bruszewski and everybody stepped up and played well.”

What worries McGraw and the Irish is to have to rush into a game so quickly after losing her emotional leader and a game-time decision if she will play tonight.

Irish name captains, recruit new players, ready to start

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

The Irish have been busy over the last couple weeks as they prepare for the quickly approaching spring season. Notre Dame has already scrimmaged with the U.S. national team, added recruits for next year and named its captains to make for a strong campaign.

In late January, the team traveled to Florida for the National Team indoor Big East road game against No. 11 North Carolina. The Irish won a competitive 15-11 loss to the U.S. National Developmental Team.

Senior attack Gina Scioscia scored three goals, while sophomore attack Maggie Tamasitis and freshman midfielder Jenny Granger each had three-point performances in the loss. Notre Dame showed its ability to score with nearly any player as nine different players scored at least once.

Prior to their trip to Florida, the Irish selected three seniors — defense- man Rachel Guerrera, midfielder Maggie Zenigraf and Scioscia — and a junior, midfielder Shaylyn Blaney, to serve as the team’s captains for the upcoming season.

None of the players have served the team as captain before, but all have led the team on and off the field. Scioscia and Blaney earned second-team All-American honors last year, while Guerrera was named All-region. Scioscia was select- ed as the 2010 preseason Big East offensive player of the year, while Scioscia, Blaney and Guerrera were preseason all-Big East selections.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne

Ferguson leads on the track

By KAITLYN MURPHY
Sports Writer

After ending her senior cross country season finishing 30th at the NCAA Championships, Irish distance runner Lindsay Ferguson continues to record top marks in the indoor track season. Cross country and dis- tance coach Tim Connelly spoke of Ferguson as a crucial compo- nent to the team’s success along with her personal accom- plishments.

[Ferguson] helped lead our team to the Regional Championship and a spot at the NCAA Championships, where she earned All-American status,” he said.

Ferguson’s All-American sta-

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Irish preparing to host string of competitors

By JOHN HELMS
Sports Writer

The Irish have suffered only one loss this season and, after a weekend off after two recent victories, they are well pre- pared to enter the most demanding part of the regular season.

No. 13 Notre Dame will kick off a series of home matches this weekend when it hosts Illinois Saturday for the first of five matches in eight days.

The Irish had the weekend off due to their 5-2 loss to No. 11 North Carolina Jan. 31. The loss ended Notre Dame’s three-match win streak and kept them from advancing to the National Team indoor championships’ round of 15 teams in Madison, Wisc. However, as Irish coach Jay Louderback said, some- times things work out for the best.

“We’re going to use this weekend off and really try to make the best of it,” he said.

One of the biggest ques- tions going into this season was the Irish’s doubles play. There hasn’t been any major concern so far, but Louderback said the team would use the weekend off to experiment a little.

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