Green Summit uncovers ‘footprint of food’

Chef: Notre Dame makes a difference with marine stewardship seafood

By CARLY LANDON
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The food that you eat can be the greatest source of nourishment or the slowest form of poison, members of the Notre Dame community discussed at yesterday’s Green Summit.

This year’s Green Summit, titled “The Footprint of Food,” was the third annual event presented by the Office of Sustainability.

Green Summit III opened with welcoming remarks from Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves, followed by a keynote address by Executive Chef Don Miller.

“An important thing to gain from today is awareness of what is happening,” Miller said in his keynote address yesterday.

Miller focused on seafood and sustainability within marine life in his speech.

“At Notre Dame, we decided we do want to make a difference and lead the way with marine stewardship foods,” Miller said. “Now over 25 percent of seafood purchases are marine stewardship approved.”

Senior Connor Koboski gave the prayer, asking that we “show respect for the food that is our life-giving food” and remember to give food to the hungry “not just one day but every day.”

Discussions about sustainability took place between participants, with attendees moving between four tables at which they spent 15 minutes each discussing new topics. The four topics discussed were seafood, food and climate change, food waste and local food. During the discussions, a different course of a sustainable, low-carbon emissions food was served at each table.

Members of the Notre Dame community who attended the event were especially interested in knowing where their food came from and knowing what they were putting in their bodies.

“I really liked the awareness in the dining halls about sustainability and healthy eating but it’s a lot harder living off campus, especially because you can’t go to the store every day or every two days even as a college kid so you have to settle for frozen,” senior Timothy Thayer, one of the participants, said.

“Healthy choices are difficult,” sophomore Connor Skelly said. “I like White Foods, or as my dad calls it ‘Whole Sahara.’ It might be the best foods for you, but it’s also the most expensive.

At each table, discussion leaders also had handouts for participants ranging from recipe cards for healthy meals to information on sustainability and healthy eating.

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Seven tickets have been approved to run for Class Council. For Senior Class Council, two tickets have been approved, Junior Class Council, two tickets, and Sophomore Class Council, three tickets.

The elections will take place online from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today.

Sophomore Class Council

By MEGAN DOYLE
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Scientists embrace their inner geek

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
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For Notre Dame students who love science, the second annual Geek Week is a can’t-miss series of science- and math-related events.

Geek Week, which kicked off Monday with a Geek Family Feud hosted by Notre Dame’s chapter of the American Chemical Society, will continue through Friday and conclude with the “Beauty and the Geek” dance that evening at 8 p.m.

Olympics offer students needed break from class

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

While students face academic challenges on Notre Dame’s campus in South Bend, their minds are easily distracted by the athletic challenges of the Winter Olympics taking place now in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Freshman Peter Kerrian paired engineering work with online recaps of curling matches during his study breaks.

“I have learned a lot about curling because I’ve been watching it on my computer for the past few days,” Kerrian said. “I think I could go out to play it and understand the rules.”

Student favorites tended to include sports less obscure and more intense than curling. Kerrian watches the United States hockey team upset the Canadians in a surprise victory Sunday.

“The game was so intense,” she said. “Everyone was really excited.”

The intensity of the competition in the Winter Games draws fans to high-profile events such as speed skating and downhill skiing.

“The Winter Olympics are more exciting because so many of the sports have a chance of death,” sophomore Steph Lowe said. “You really get a sense of the passion and the competition because these athletes put their life on the line for their sport.”

Freshman Ally Scalo mainly follows pairs ice skating and downhill skiing. She mentioned gold-medal-winning American skier Lindsey Vonn as one of the athletes that she is following in particular.

“The Winter Olympics are fun to watch but they are a lot of random events just thrown together,” Scalo said. “I’m mostly a fan of the Summer Olympics.”

Preferences between the Summer and Winter games tended to vary between students.

“I prefer the Summer Olympics because I’m from Australia,” senior Xavier Burton said. “And we always have more representatives in...
Don’t worry, be happy

What’s a six-letter word for the one thing that permeates every aspect of a college student’s life, perpetually hanging over your head like the overcast weather in South Bend and refuses to disappear after the trials and tribulations of college life? Stress.

Stress. The word itself sends chills down my spine, and yet the concept it represents remains an inevitable, integral part of my daily life as a Notre Dame student. Planning my schedule a month in advance and attempting to write papers earlier than the night before they’re due might temporarily assuage my anxiety, but generalized worry follows me around like that friend nobody likes.

We all know what stress feels like, and we’ve exhausted a wide variety of stress relief remedies: working out, eating chocolate, venting about stress to a friend, wasting our lives on Facebook, laughing about nothing for an extended period of time and embracing the blessing that is the weekend. Unfortunately, nearly all these methods are temporary cures, lingering just long enough to catch a glimpse of what our lives would be like without stress.

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Saint Mary’s College will show its appreciation for women and raise awareness to some of the problems they face through the annual Women’s Appreciation Week.

Saint Mary’s College Student Diversity Board (SDB) sponsors the week, which began Monday and will run through Friday.

Women’s Appreciation Week is being held to “celebrate and empower women on our campus,” Sarah Ridley, a senior and one SDB’s women’s issues representatives, said.

Senior Gretchen Moore is also one of SDB’s women’s issues representatives. The opening event for the week was a booth in the Student Center Atrium where members of SDB handed out free buttons in honor of women. Buttons were passed out from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Ridley said the events have been planned to help alert students about matters concerning women. “Student Diversity Board hopes to educate and raise awareness on women’s issues locally and globally,” Ridley said.

SDB has planned a panel discussion for Tuesday titled “What it Means to be a Feminist.” The panel will consist of Bettina Spencer, Alice Siqin Yang, Stacy Davis and Terri Russ, who will give their perspective on feminism. The discussion will be at 7 p.m. in Conference Room F of the Student Center Basement.

Wednesday, SDB will host an informational session about the Women’s Studies Program at the College featuring program coordinator Jennifer Zachman. Zachman will discuss Women’s Studies majors and minors during the session, which will be in Conference Room F in the Student Center Basement at 7 p.m. Current Women Studies students will also be present to speak with students about the program, Ridley said.

Thursday, SDB will be hold an open breakfast in the Women’s Resource Center from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Ridley said she believes the week is important because it allows women to be appreciated.

“The week is important because it) takes time for recognition and appreciation towards the accomplishments and progressive movement women have made, and are still making today,” Ridley said. “Also, [it is important] to celebrate being a student at an empowering, all women’s college.”

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choices made with low carbon emitting foods or a seafood wallet card about making the right choices.

The Green Summit III was sponsored by the Office of Sustainability in collaboration with ND Food Services. Co-sponsors included Student Government, GreenND, Students for Environmental Action, ND For Animals and Gluten Free ND.

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Rocheleau said his class would host the annual Halloween dance, a class tailgate before a home football game and a service project with St. Baldrick’s Day and Feed My Starving Children.

Richard Bevington, Ashley Armendariz, Elliot Pearce, Sadaf Maghani said to build an identity for the Class of 2013 that is influenced by its range of opinions and interests.

Bevington said.

“We want there to be opportuni ties to break the bubble of our campus and learn about what our community can offer us, whether that is taking a local white water rafting trip or just learning what restaurants are in South Bend,” Bevington said.

The “Breaking the Bubble” platform centers on allowing the Class of 2013 to explore the world outside of campus and plans for interactive cultural events, such as salsa dancing lessons and cultural cuisine nights.

Class activities would also include a Disney movie night or a special pop rally for the athletes of the sophomore class.

In order to encourage students to share their thoughts for Class Council, Bevington would allow idea boards and Class of 2012, Riddle also hopes to plan activities to better incorporate and welcome students returning from study abroad.

“As leaders we want to focus on the things that are important but not leave any portion of the class out,” Riddle said. “As four people, we have to put together the ideas of all to allow for the dynamic of our class to develop.”

Junior Class Council

Chase Riddle, Paul Moya, CJ Kelly, Megan Carey

Chase Riddle and his running mates Paul Moya, CJ Kelly and Megan Carey will call on extensive experience in student government to make the Junior Class Council accessible to as many ideas form students as possible.

One of the featured events in their platform’s plans is a CEO coffee talk where students can sit down and speak with executives from various companies to learn from their input, Riddle said.

A quarter dog eating contest, a spelling bee and a four-square tournament would also be on the docket for a “useful skill decathlon” to bring students from different interest groups together Junior Parents Weekend, a focus for Junior Class Council, would also include a charity ball or auction in order to give back to the community.

In order to maintain a unified Class of 2012, Riddle also hopes to build an identity for the Class of 2013 during their last year at Notre Dame if elected as leaders of Senior Class Council.

“The main reason I want to run for this is that, for me, it’s about making sure that our class leaves this place after having the best time it possibly could and leaving it better than we found it,” Castellini said.

Castellini hopes for more class events in Chicago and a network of people to help students learn how to make connections inside and outside of the Notre Dame community as they prepare for graduation.

“The ticket” platform also includes plans for a senior service competition to benefit the Notre Dame and South Bend communities.

In order to accomplish their goals, this team promises to more fully include other student organizations and leaders outside of student government in its decisions and projects.

“We want to make sure that what we do is for the whole class,” Castellini said.

Kate Clitheroe, Cath Flynn, Michael Wagner, Evan James

Celebrating senior year is the focus of the platform presented by candidates Kate Clitheroe, Cath Flynn, Michael Wagner and Evan James.

“We have been building our class community for a few years now,” Clitheroe said. “And we hope to continue that process to make it last through graduation and years to come.”

Events planned by the Senior Class Council would focus on integrating students living off and on campus and emphasizing the more sentimental experiences of senior year.

Senior Week would include not only traditions such as a Dunes trip and a Cubs game, but also a huge field day for seniors to represent their dorms in one last competition.

Throughout the year, Senior Class Council would also hope to host a beer and wine tasting or Margaritaville night.

The four candidates also hope for the Class of 2011 to make a lasting contribution by supporting a local organization during its final year at Notre Dame and reunions in years to come.

“Our ticket is really excited because this is something that really care about,” Clitheroe said.

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Two buses crash, killing 38
LIMA — Two buses crashed head-on along a remote stretch of highway in northeast Peru Monday, killing at least 38 people and injuring 58, police said.
Police and firefighters using cutting equipment to reach the injured trapped inside the twisted wreckage, which collided shortly before dawn on the Panamerican Highway between Rio Hondo and Vircu, 290 miles (465 kilo-
meters) northeast of the capital.
No official cause was given for the accident, but Peruvian newspaper El Comercio posted pictures showing that the stretch of highway where the accident took place lacked an obligatory white dividing line separating the opposing lanes.

German pilots end strike
FRANKFURT — Lufthansa and its pilots are set to return to the cockpit after the German airline's chief executive officer said he was going to keep the door open to a possible settlement.
Last year, said he had spoken to business leaders and that he planned to announce the details of the new government on Wednesday morning.
Lufthansa confirmed the decision and said the pilots would end at midnight (2300 GMT, 6 p.m. EST).
The parties agreed in the end of the court that the strike is to be suspended through the 8th of March. Lufthansa spokesman Andreas Bartel told AFP, adding the 4,000 pilots will return to work immediately. However, it took some time for normal operations to resume.

U.S. general creates Iraq exit plan
WASHINGTON — The top U.S. general in Iraq said Monday he could allow the exit of U.S. combat forces this year if Iraq's politics and conditions were favorable for a pullout.
Gen. Ray Odierno said there are no signs that conditions are such that the U.S. can leave.
"The status of our forces in the country since the invasion. Under an agreement negotiated under international law, all combat forces are to leave the country by Aug. 31 although some 50,000 will remain behind to bolster security forces.
The remaining support troops are to be ended by the end of 2011.

Students to vote on new mascot
JACKSON — Colonel Reb shall not rise again. That much is certain.
The University of Mississippi dumped the mascot, a caricature of a white plantation owner — in a 2003 effort to distance the school from Old South stereotypes — without a mascot ever since. A vote Tuesday could change that.
Students will have two choices in the online referendum: yes, replace the colonel with something else — perhaps a riverboat gambler or a colonel's daughter — or no, remain the only school in the Southeastern Conference without a mascot.

Debate surrounds the safety of raw milk
INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels announced Tuesday that he had no interest in running for president, now says he will keep the door open to a possible 2012 presidential run.
"I'm pleased to announce that the talks have come to fruition and, as a result, I want to express my deep gratitude to all the parties involved for their work. They have been very professional and constructive and I congratulate them on their achievement," she said.
Rescuers think that could bring an end to a week of violent protests sparked by the president's dissolution of the former government.
After a day of marathon meetings between the two sides, Prime Minister Guillaume Soro's negotiators said that the talks had come to an agreement even to announce the details of the new government on Wednesday morning.
His announcement came as at least two more protesters died Monday when an opposition demonstration turned violent, deep-
ening the political crisis that had gripped this nation of 20 million since its government was sum-
marily disbanded by President Laurent Gbagbo earlier this month.
The protests came after top opposition leaders refused to join a new government that was to be announced Monday. Although the opposition has not yet made an official declara-
tion, Soro spoke to reporters following a meeting of a council that includes the country's top opposition leaders.
"I'm pleased to announce that the talks have come to fruition and have allowed the Ivorian political parties to come to an understanding to advance the process of exit from this crisis which is above all to bring peace to our country," Soro said.
Soro flanked by Bamba and Blaise Compaore, the pres-
ident of neighboring Burkina Faso.
Compaore, who flown in Monday at the invitation of the opposition and has been acting as a negotiator between the warring factions, said that the talks had yielded positive results.
"As of late Sunday, the opposition had refused to participate in a new gov-
ernment with Gbagbo, whom they accuse of trying to cling to power. The spat began when Gbagbo dissolved the govern-
ment claiming the election was com-
munity committed.
The move will cause presidential elec-
tions to replace him, which were due to be held no later than next month, to once again be delayed.
The political dispute sparked protests in at least five cities across the country on Monday.
During a protest in the northern Abobo district of Abidjan, an Associated Press reporter saw two dead bodies being guarded by police. Alexandre Brou, a local pastor, also said he was hearing police gunfire and he said.
ABIDJAN — Ivory Coast's prime minister said late Monday he will announce the composition of the country's new government within 24 hours, a move that could bring an end to a week of violent protests sparked by the president's dissolution of the former government.
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President Laurent Gbagbo dissolved the government on Feb. 12. Presidential elections have been postponed every year since 2005, when Gbagbo's term ended.

Morell, president of the Washington D.C.-based Weston A. Price Foundation, a nonprofit group pushing for increased access to raw milk. "Enzymes and other nutrients are greatly reduced in pasteurized milk," she said.
Public health officials disagree, saying raw milk carries an increased risk for bacterial contamination that can lead to illness and even death.
More than 1,500 people became ill from drinking raw milk between 1993 and 2006, the most recent data avail-
able from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Of those, 185 were hospitalized and two died. The CDC said not all foodborne ill-
nesses are reported, meaning the actual number is likely higher.
Morell said there also have been illnesses and deaths related to pasteurized products and that linking illnesses to raw milk is not an accurate assessment of the nutritional benefits of drinking unpasteurized milk.
"The sale of raw milk is prohibited in nine states and 19 allow the sale of raw milk from a farm directly to an individual consumer to buy ownership in a cow in return for increased access to raw milk. People get milk through so-called herd-
shares programs, in which customers can buy ownership in a cow in return for raw milk from the animal.
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in Jordan Hall. Senior Sarah Pastorek, the president of the Math Club, said the Geek Week provides students with an opportunity to meet others who share their interests.

"Geek Week is a great way to have students who are interested in different areas of science to do 'geeky' activities while getting to know others," she said.

Geek Week's other activities include a Dissection Night sponsored by the Biology Club today at 5:30 p.m., a chemistry demonstration with Professor Seth Brown tomorrow at 7 p.m., and a Sudoku challenge sponsored by the Math Club Thursday at 8 p.m. All events will take place in the Jordan Hall of Science.

According to sophomore Paul Baranay, social chair of the Biology Club, one of the main objectives of Geek Week is to bring together students from different disciplines.

"As far as Geek Week goes, I think it’s a really exciting collaboration between all the clubs in the College of Science," Baranay said. "It’s a really exciting chance for people to get to know each other, because a lot of people in the different disciplines don’t really interact.

"Junior Annette Ruth, co-president of the Biology Club, said although the various science clubs on campus hold many events separately, they rarely combine forces and hold joint events. Geek Week aims to change that, she said.

"You see a lot of the individual groups on campus doing their individual events, but you don’t really see them team up that much," Ruth said.

Baranay said another benefit of Geek Week is that it provides a more relaxed environment than the more traditional classroom setting.

"It’s a chance for socialization that wouldn’t be happening inside the classroom," Baranay said.

Another goal of Geek Week is to show non-science-majors that science isn’t only about academic work, but that it has a lighter side and can actually be fun, Ruth said.

"I think students from other majors should definitely come out to the events," Baranay said. "I think sometimes people are afraid that it’ll be too rigid or academic but it’s not. It’s really loose and laid back and fun."

Pastorek said Geek Week’s events are a chance for students to learn that science is interesting and stimulating.

"Hopefully students can see the exciting side of science during Geek Week," Pastorek said.

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those events."

"It’s not just the competition that draws students to watch the Olympics. The ceremony, which Opening Ceremonies is there as a spectacle," Burton said. "I like all the different moments that can communicate a country’s culture.

Burton has never participated in any of the winter sports featured in Vancouver but if given the chance to be an Olympic athlete in the Winter Games he would want to compete in skeleton events.

Sophomore Hal Mela felt a stronger connection with the winter sports going on in Vancouver because of his home in Ohio.

"I like the Winter Games because they create a connection with areas that have a lot of snow and not much else," Mela said.

Not all students, however, have had the time to avidly follow the Games. Freshman Alison Collins admitted that she has not watched much of the coverage outside of the Opening Ceremonies.

"I wish I was watching the events," Collins said. "But I don’t really want to watch people run or row a boat in the Summer Olympics, but I like pretty much everything from the Winter Games."

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Mendoza announces conservation speaker

Special to The Observer
Prompted by concerns over urban sprawl and loss of open land, the conservation finance is the subject of a new spring speaker series sponsored by the Mendoza College of Business.

The Hartman Series in Land Conservation Finance features experts in land conservation strategies and discussions on topics including conservation-oriented development practices, the for-profit conservation industry, public capital, tax incentives and local initiatives aimed at land conservation.

While sustainable development practices such as smart growth, brown field reclamation and urban in-fill development have gained momentum, there also has been an explosion of programs and important funding mechanisms to protect open spaces directly.

"This series is going to look not only at trends in real estate and land use practices, but we’re also looking at the non-profits that conservationists use to conserve land," said David Hutchison, director of the Opus Corp. Real Estate Program at the Mendoza College of Business.

Primarily, we’re going to look at the financing structures that are possible because ultimately, the money is a critical part of this process."

Lectures, which are free and open to the public, will be held at 7 p.m. in 210 DeBartolo Hall. The schedule is as follows:

Feb. 24 — Story Clark, a land conservation strategy and finance specialist from Conservation Consulting

March 3 — Peg Kohring, Midwest director of The Conservation Fund, a group dedicated to land and water conservation

March 24 — Kathy DeCoster, vice president of the Trust for Public Land, a national nonprofit land conservation organization that conserves land for parks, community gardens, historic sites and rural lands

March 31 — John Turner, the Beverly and Eldon Spicer Visiting Professor of Environmental and Natural Resources at the University of Wyoming

April 14 — David Hutchison, finance assistant professional specialist and director of the Opus Corp. Real Estate Program at Notre Dame

The Hartman Series is supported with funding provided by Mary Louise Campbell Hartman in memory of her late husband Charles M. Hartman, a 1963 Notre Dame graduate and pioneer in the field of conservation financing.
In Brief

Doctor pleads guilty to fraud

BOSTON — A Massachusetts doctor has pleaded guilty to one count of health care fraud stemming from accusations that he faked research in published studies that suggested after-surgery benefits from painkillers including Vioxx and Celebrex.

Anesthesiologist Scott Reuben also agreed during Monday’s plea hearing to repay more than $50,000 of research grants and forfeit assets worth at least $50,000.

Federal prosecutors have recommended up to 10 years of prison. Sentencing is set for May 24.

Prosecutors allege the former chief of acute anesthesiology at Massachusetts General Hospital resigned in August who “laughed and rolled their eyes in disbelief” over safety claims.

The twin developments created new public relations challenges for Toyota plus the prospects — however likely or unlikely — of hefty federal fines or even indictments against executives in the U.S. and Japan.

They also complicate Toyota’s ability to distance itself from details driving its recall of 8.5 million vehicles because anything executives say could be used against the company inside a courtroom.

Top Toyota executives were expected to testify at hearings Tuesday and Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

One lawmaker said he believed Toyota misled owners about the repairs and relied upon a hastily-arranged study to reassure them.

Ford employee Linda Patrick installs an accelerator into a new Camry. Toyota received a subpoena from a federal grand jury requesting documents related to recent recalls.

Interest rates remain low to aid economy

Toyota Motor Corp. subpoenaed

Federal prosecutors suspect misleading of consumers, criminal investigation underway

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WASHINGTON — Federal prosecutors have launched a criminal investigation into Toyota Motor Corp.’s safety problems and the company said Monday it will buy broadband entertainment services from the biggest retailer the ability to sell movies directly to customers.

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Indiana Senator Evan Bayh shocked Democrats and Republicans alike last week by suddenly announcing his retirement from the U.S. Senate. The moderate Democrat has held the seat since 1999, and most analysts agree that he was not at significant risk of losing reelection.

“There is much too much partisanship and not enough progress,” he declared in a statement accompanying his announcement. “too much narrow ideology and not enough practical problem-solving. Even at a time of enormous national challenge, the people’s business is not getting done.”

Bayh’s given rationale for his retirement strikes me as coming a bit late, given the fact that he has served as a senator for nearly a dozen years. Anyone who has spent that much time in either the Senate or Congress should have realized long ago that the partisan divide is deeply entrenched in our national consciousness and pervades our institutions. Not even Barack Obama has managed to forge consensus, and for good reason. His definition of bipartisanship requires the bipartisan support that those who wish to see a change in the system have been fighting against not only the Republicans but the very system. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Christie Pesavento
Night-Wingin’ It

Pundits and the public alike are apt to look at the gridlock in Congress and declare that the system is broken. Yet oddly enough, they forget that the Founders deliberately designed the legislative process in a way that would make it difficult for bills to reach the president’s desk. They did this specifically to promote reasoned deliberation rather than the hasty passage of legislation based on the fickle whims of the masses that can easily be swayed by demagogues, especially in times of crisis. Obama tried to take advantage of his popularity early in his term, but squandered his political capital on a massive stimulus package that has received mixed reviews at best, leaving him little momentum to push his health care plan through Congress. The system is working, just not quite the way those who wish to expand the national welfare beyond party or self-interest.

“Most of our most strident partisans must learn to occasionally sacrifice short-term tactical political advantage for the sake of the nation. Otherwise, Congress will remain stuck in an endless cycle of recrimination and revenge — what is required from members of Congress and the public alike is a new spirit of devotion to the people’s business is not getting done.”

If Obama truly wants to promote bipartisanship, he must be just as willing to compromise as he expects Republicans to be. Otherwise he will be fighting against not only the American public, but the very system of government he has vowed to uphold.

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“Friendship is certainly the finest balm for the pangs of disappointment for love.”

Jane Austen
British novelist

Viewpoint
Democrats wave good-Bayh
People and power at Notre Dame and beyond

The University of Notre Dame strives to develop not only great students, but, globally, citizens with a strong commitment to seeking justice for the world's oppressed. But it is not enough just to talk; the University excels at international service missions into action. We gain new perspectives through the resources and opportunities that they offer to students each year. Like many of our peers on campus, we have had the good fortune to live, study, and work abroad in developing countries in a variety of capacities during our undergraduate career. These experiences have both shaped and challenged our understanding of human development, highlighting the dynamic nature of the concept and the need for critical evaluation of its practice. It was the very complexity of the idea that spurred both of us to become involved as co-chairs of this year’s Human Development Conference at Notre Dame.

Although our experience abroad is limited, reflection has led us to identify an array of dichotomies that push us to question current development practices around the world. In northern Uganda, the Acholi people are a society with a rich culture and tradition and a strong sense of solidarity, but are bombarded by constant local and international messages of their powerlessness. In some regions of Ghana, NGOs and mission groups seeking to “help the poor” or “spread the good news” are outnumbered only by the number of children who are consumed by the cycle of poverty every year. There is definitely need around the world, but what is the best way to go about affecting change? Where is the line between the obligation to help, the danger of imposing our own culture and notions of what is right? How can we find the right balance between working for the common good without taking away the agency and power of the local people?

Our distinct experiences allow us to bring one small part of the answer to these questions, but they are by no means a full answer. In order for any development efforts to be successful, the voices of every individual involved must be heard and considered. Authentic human development requires the knowledge and work of engineers just as much that of peacebuilders. It requires the involvement of international and local people alike. This is the fundamental inspiration for this year’s conference themes, People, Power and Pragmatism: The Future of Human Development in Our Changing World. The enormous task of alleviating poverty and realizing authentic human development is achievable only with the participation of people and leaders from all different levels and fields on a global scale.

The long-term goal is grand indeed but it is not impossible if we all realize just how much power lies within ourselves and each other. The Human Development Conference strives to employ multidisciplinary and collaborative approach to development that is consistent with the message of interconnectedness in Catholic Social Thought and will inspire a diverse group of students and attendees. Please bring your experience and voice to the discussion Friday and Saturday at the Human Development Conference and see how your vision of the future of development compares to that of your peers from around the country.

Barbara Vi Ho is a senior history and international peace studies major. Andrew Seelaus is a senior civil engineering major. The two are conference co-chairs. For more information, visit www.nd.edu/~hdc or email hdc@nd.edu.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the ‘wage experts’

In the “living wage” debate, I had decided to sit in silence and laugh at all the silly college kids thinking they know all about the real world and a “living wage.” But I can’t hold it in when an alumnus with clearly insufficient experience of his own implies Mr. Easley’s lack of experience is a counter-argument (“Get some real experience,” Feb. 22).

Mr. Easley has attempted to debunk Mr. Easley based solely on his (lack of) experience. Where, may I ask, is his assumption from your letter that you have a good “9 to 5” job? But I did not glean from your letter if you understand that the food industry is not an “9 to 5” shift. Working the eight-hour block makes it much harder to take a second job. Hence, it often pays better, so Easley’s lack of experience is a counter-argument (“Get some real experience,” Feb. 22).

In light of this week being National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, I would like to pose a challenge: start talking.

Eating disorders, disordered eating and poor body image plague the lives of so many girls, women, boys and men. Although causes vary from person to person, and literature fails to agree on the exact etiology of eating disorders, they are often linked to underlying family dynamics, body dysmorphia and anxiety. Poor body image, disordered eating and eating disorders can begin with something as simple as making healthy eating choices community. Community leads to support and can help create the right environment. Start talking.

Exhibitions

I write with regard to the recent article on the Eric Gill exhibition at the Hesburgh Library. I have noticed that both The Observer and this piece in ND Works make no explicit mention of Eric Gill’s troubling sexual behavior, in particular, the sexual abuse of his family members, that has been well-documented by his biographer Fiona McCarthy. I have not yet had the opportunity to visit the Special Collections exhibition but the irony of The Observer’s front page coverage of this display juxtaposed to the major article on Sexual Assault Awareness Week is rather bitter. Eric Gill was a fine artist and a deeply religious man but the way in which he attempted to integrate his art, political convictions, sexuality and family life does not offer a model worthy of emulation. We may admire his artistic talent and his religious and social convictions, but it is important to grapple also with the fact of his unbridled and exploitative sexual behavior. Acknowledging Gill’s hypersexuality will alter our perception of much of his imagery in a profound way.

Diane Phillips

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The Observer has chosen to not mention Eric Gill’s sexual abuse in a recent article. Although we understand this decision, particularly in regards to our student audience, the information must be addressed. Eric Gill was a talented artist and known for his religious imagery. However, he had a long history of sexual abuse that should not be overlooked. It is important to acknowledge and discuss this aspect of his life to fully understand his work and the impact it has had on society.

Eric Gill’s contributions to the arts should not be overshadowed by his personal issues. His work continues to be influential and it is essential to consider the context in which it was created. It is the responsibility of artists, curators, and educators to present a comprehensive picture of those who create the art we study and engage with. By discussing Eric Gill’s sexual abuse, we can foster a deeper understanding of his work and its role in society.

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Germany embraced a different VW this weekend—an American export that proved just as polished, just as quick and perhaps more dependable than anything circulating the autobahn of late.

Vampire Weekend took center stage in East Berlin Friday night as the band continued its month-long European tour. The tour includes 19 stops in all and will wrap up before March in preparation for a similar series of shows in the U.S.

Vampire Weekend burst onto the college music scene in early 2008 with their self-titled debut. They grew to alternative prominence as a Brooklyn-based indie band characterized by Afropop melodies, orchestral backing and lead singer Ezra Koenig’s Paul Simon-like voice. With the recent release of their critically acclaimed second album, “Contra,” the band ruptured its bag of cross-cultural influences and clean guitar sound and poured out an album that is, if possible, far more contours and charm than its predecessor.

I am an admittedly mild Vampire Weekend fan for a couple of reasons, the first of which is a question in their music about whether they lack an identity. Their youth (an even more pronounced realization in person) and their eclectic array of influences epitomize a band that tosses a lot at its listeners with the hope that something different will resonate with everyone.

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The album certainly has its highlights and lowlights. Overall, the album delivers exactly what MCS fans will expect. They haven't produced anything particularly unique, I wouldn't say this album is an accomplishment for the band. Still, as it is their fourth album, MCS can't be expected to have completely redefined their sound. Because they haven't produced anything particularly endearing. From his obsessive compulsive disorders, I was hooked. I have a feeling it's all the more a part of Teddy's psyche.

At the heart of this winding homage to the 50s noir, set in a mental asylum, is a mystery in his own right. Teddy Daniels, a U.S. Marshal with a past that'd raise hairs on the backs of even the prison's inmates. Leonardo DiCaprio, sporting the same heavy "Mahn"-instead-of-"Mark" Boston accent as he did in "The Departed"). At the film's foggy open we're introduced to Teddy's cold, suspicious stare as he looks outward to the foreboding island ahead; the other songs on the album, it shows the pure, smooth and raw feeling than most of the other songs on the album, it shows the pure, smooth nature of Pierre's singing voice, as well as provides another glimpse into Pierre's clearly conflicted psyche.

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By GENNA McCABE

I must admit that I have been a long-time Motion City Soundtrack fan. Ever since I heard Justin Pierre crooning about his heartache and quirky obsessions, I was hooked. I have a feeling it's his extreme honesty that makes him most endearing. From his obsessive compulsive behavior to his touching, though seemingly perpetual, heartache, Motion City Soundtrack can't be described as anything less than the guilty pleasure. I would rarely admit to enjoying a band so strikingly punk rock. Yet sometimes everyone needs a little bit of angst and heartache. It keeps us all human. Motion City Soundtrack's new album "The Dinosaur Life" is no exception to my general affection for the band. If asked, I would likely name "Even If It Kills Me" as my favorite album of theirs, but "The Dinosaur Life" does not disappoint.

Overall, the album delivers exactly what MCS fans will be looking for. There is enough variety to keep the listener interested, with driving melodies and sing-along lyrics. Because they haven't produced anything particularly unique, I wouldn't say this album is an accomplishment for the band. Still, as it is their fourth album, MCS can't be expected to have completely redefined their sound. Their previous album, "Even If It Kills Me," was the paramount of a break-up album. It was about love and sadness, the recovery from drug addiction, the end of relationships and the emptiness that comes along with it. "The Dinosaur Life" seems to be a new beginning for the band, a new stage in its life. With songs about triumph and starting over, it appears that their inspiration has come from a better, perhaps happier place this time around.

The album certainly has its highlights and lowlights. The first track starts off with the upbeat, reflective song, "Worker Bee." Pierre belts out, "It's been a good year, a good new beginning," signaling the beginning of a new era for the band. In the following track, "A Lifeless Ordinary," Pierre sings "I think I can figure it out, but I'm not sure." Motion City Soundtrack fix.

By SHANE STEINBERG

"Shutter Island" plays as though it's so many things that it's not: a horror film, a 1950s detective tale, mainstream entertainment for everyday filmgoers, a complicated psychological thriller that some might call a "mindbender"... the list goes on and on. Martin Scorsese's latest film is in fact a genre-bending, smartly-crafted thriller veiled as an exercise in complicated "make you think" filmmaking that is actually pretty straightforward and easy to guess at, yet enjoyable nonetheless. That is to say, it succeeds as a journey and in its destination.

Why? I'll tell you why, and some will understand. Let's start from the top: the ones who will either be perplexed by or think of the film's ending as a work of utter brilliance I will think I'm speaking a foreign language. "Shutter Island" is "Memento" stripped of its emotional closeness, mixed in with a more intricate "The Machinist" with the same exact themes. Add to that a less meticulous and more accessible brand of David Lynch-like filmmaking.

At the heart of this winding homage to the 50s noir, set in a mental asylum, is a mystery in his own right. Teddy Daniels, a U.S. Marshal with a past that'd raise hairs on the backs of even the prison's inmates (Leonardo DiCaprio, sporting the same heavy "Mahn"-instead-of-"Mark" Boston accent as he did in "The Departed"). At the film's foggy open we're introduced to Teddy's cold, suspicious stare as he looks outward to the foreboding island ahead; the other songs on the album, it shows the pure, smooth and raw feeling than most of the other songs on the album, it shows the pure, smooth nature of Pierre's singing voice, as well as provides another glimpse into Pierre's clearly conflicted psyche.

The single "Her Words Destroyed My Planet" is, if nothing else, the Motion City Soundtrack that their fans know by the second listen. It isn't anything revolutionary, but it will certainly please their base. It's that underlying uneasiness and ambiguity that shrouds every scene and establishes the intrigue in the film that thankfully survives the film's rather long runtime. With each unopened and each person questioned comes yet another round of questions that add another dimension to the maze that is Rachel's disappearance and the institution itself. Add to that the flashbacks and hallucinations that quickly and increasingly become more and more a part of Teddy's psyche.

"The Dinosaur Life" is the work of a master showcasing his love and knowledge of the medium, yet it falls short of its lofty aspirations. Its fatal flaw is that it tries so hard to be emotionally wrought. Despite its valiant attempts to make any semblance of an emotional connection with the audience, it fails miserably. There is no punch in the stomach (or heart, to better represent the film's intentions), only "show-stopping" sequences where DiCaprio mourns the loss of his wife and thinking back to liberating a Nazi death camp, where he shines like none other but still somehow remains in his own mind and not in ours. It's that extra dimension — that missing piece to the puzzle that is "Shutter Island" — that made "Memento" so exceptional and by that same measure makes this film "good."

Nevertheless, "Shutter Island", despite its shortcomings, remains a successful marriage between one of the great filmmakers in the world and one of his favorite actors, in what might be DiCaprio's best performance to date. He's one of the best American actors of this time, and while the film may be Scorsese's, it's DiCaprio who transcends all else and gives himself into a performance that should be remembered come Oscar season.

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"Shutter Island"
Director: Martin Scorsese
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo


**SQUASH**

Notre Dame finished 1-2 at the CSA National Squash Tournament at Yale from Feb. 19-21. The Irish competed in the Hawthorn "G" division alongside Bard, Bryant, Bucknell, College of Charleston, Fordham, Lafayette and Vassar. No. 4 Mark Hincapi, a senior, playing in his first and last CSA National tournament, overcame nervous rookies to finish with a three-game win over the College of Charleston.

No. 5 seed sophomore Dennis Grabowski struggled early against Bard and Bucknell but fought back to win in four games against Charleston. No. 6 seed freshman Jamie Urbana improved with each match and was not to get the win. No. 7 sophomore Matthew Sushinsky and No. 9 freshman Thomas Dore both posted winning records on the weekend. No. 8 junior Kenneth Schlax won in five games against Bucknell, but was defeated in close matches against Bard and Charleston. Despite playing as the alternate, No. 10 Eric Huang, a freshman, finished strong in coming back from a 2-0 deficit to win 3-2 over Charleston.

**BOWLING**

The Irish participated in the Backburl Direct Hoosier tournament in Indianapolis over the weekend. The club's eighth and final sea- son tournament was one of the largest and toughest field of any nation- al collegiate tournament. The men's team finished 64th out of 69 while the women's team placed 39th out of 41.

Irishman Ryan Mallory and senior Chris Kieser exhibited strong performances on the men's side. Sutton averaged 192.4 over nine games and individually placed 75th out of more than 450 bowlers. Kieser ended near Sutton, holding 93rd overall with a 190.7 average. This was the final tournament for senior Kieser, James Breen and CJ Kaltenbach.

Saint Mary's junior Ali Hensley and freshman Codie Colet, averaging 161.8 and 156.2 respectively, led the women.

**EQUESTRIAN**

The Notre Dame/Saint Mary's equestrians compet- ed in two IHSA shows this weekend. Host St. Mary's of the Woods tied Purdue for first Saturday, with the Irish close behind in third out of the 12-school field. SMWC took first Sunday, with Purdue, Illinois and the Irish bunched behind in the standings. Cellina Tolson, Mana Espahbodi, Victoria Scheid and Mia Generreux all qualified for regionals with strong performances.

**Men's Volleyball**

The Irish hosted St. Ambrose Friday evening. Despite key performances from Alex Lewis and Mark Tuddino, the Irish dropped the match 30-16, 29-30, 28-26.

**FIELD HOCKEY**

Notre Dame traveled to Cleveland to compete in a tournament at Cleveland State University last week- end. The indoor tournament included both women's and men's teams from across the Midwest, featuring universi- ty and club teams. Notre Dame played four games Saturday against the Cleveland St. Throns, Pittsburgh, Michigan and Michigan State. The Irish lost their first three games, but defeated the Spartans in the fourth in a high-scoring match. Sunday, Notre Dame lost in close matches against the Cleveland Roses and the Steel Stux. Seeded 6th, Notre Dame took on the Cleveland Thorns in the tournament playoffs, losing 2-0 in a tight defensive match.
ATHLETICS

NCAA Men’s Basketball AP Poll

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Hank Aaron, the former all-time home run leader, offered his support Monday for disgraced slugger Mark McGwire. McGwire returned to baseball as the Cardinals hitting coach after steroid allegations forced him into obscurity.

Former slugger Aaron supportive of McGwire

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Former career home run king Hank Aaron says Mark McGwire should have a clear conscience after his recent admission he used performance-enhancing drugs as a player.

“Mark McGwire should have come clean and be forgiven,” Aaron said Monday during a visit to Atlanta Braves camp. “I’ve said this and I’ll say it again, over and over again, this is the most forgiving country in the world. If you come through and tell the truth, then you’re going to be forgiven.

“The kid with the Yankees, (Andy) Pettitte. came out and it was a week of news and after that it was over. We all make mistakes. If they ever did enhancing drugs, whatever they did, they should come clean and be able to sleep at night.”

Aaron said McGwire’s admission and apology this year was overdue but still welcome.

“I would have loved to have seen him do it a long time ago, but since he did it, I think that he himself will tell you right now he’s able to sleep at night and he’s able to look at his teammates,” Aaron said.

“He’s done everything that he can do.”

McGwire, who hit a then-single-season record 70 homers in 1998, admitted this year he used steroids and human growth hormone as a player. He is beginning his first season as the Cardinals’ hitting coach.

“It’s nice to have him back,” Aaron said.

The 76-year-old Aaron’s enduring popularity was clear as he attracted a crowd of autograph-seekers.

“You make me feel good,” he said. “I’ve tried to carry myself that way. I don’t try to push myself on nobody. I just try to do what I’m supposed to do.”

Aaron hit a record 755 home runs for the Braves and Brewers. His record was broken by Barry Bonds, who also eclipsed McGwire’s mark with 73 homers in 2001. Bonds has pleaded not guilty to charges of lying when he told a federal grand jury in 2003 that he never knowingly used steroids.

Aaron did not mention Bonds.

Aaron was asked if he appreciates some fans still referring to him as the home run king.

“Regardless of what happened, I’m not going to hit another home run,” he said. “Not in this world I may do it somewhere else.”

IN BRIEF

Patriots to place franchise tag on tackle Wilfork

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots put the franchise tag on Pro Bowl nose tackle Vince Wilfork on Monday, providing more time for negotiations toward a long-term contract.

The six-year veteran said he hoped the team would use the tag for that purpose.

The Patriots placed a non-exclusive tag on Wilfork. According to ESPN.com, that gives the Patriots the right to match any other team’s offer or let Wilfork go for two first-round draft picks. An exclusive tag would have tied Wilfork to the Patriots for the season.

As a non-exclusive franchise player, if a long-term deal is not reached, his 2011 salary with the Patriots would be $7 million, the average 2009 salary of the top five paid players at his position.

Outfielder Gomes signs deal to return to Reds

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Free agent outfielder Jonny Gomes signed a one-year deal with Cincinnati on Monday, providing the right-handed power hitter the Reds wanted in the outfield.

General manager Walt Jocketty said the 29-year-old Gomes will compete for the job in left field. His contract includes a club option for 2012.

The Reds put right-hander Edinson Volquez on the 60-day disabled list to create room on the roster. Volquez had reconstructive elbow surgery last August and isn’t expected back before midseason.

Gomes appeared in 98 games for the Reds last season, batting .267 with 20 homers and 51 runs batted in. He started 33 games in left field, 33 in right and nine as a designated hitter during interleague play.

Cubs’ Soriano recovering well from knee surgery

MESA, Ariz. — Alfonso Soriano came to spring training Monday with his typical big smile and offered up a question mark about his surgically repaired left knee.

Soriano underwent arthroscopic surgery on the knee on Sept. 15. Four months later, he said he isn’t sure when he’ll be able to go full speed on it — not what fans were hoping to hear from a guy who played in only 117 games with the Cubs in 2009, batting .241 with 20 homers and 55 RBIs in the third season of an eight-year, $136 million contract.

Soriano said he has been working out in his native Dominican Republic. He’s probably at about 80 percent or 85 percent but hasn’t completely tested the knee by running the bases or chasing fly balls. He said he doesn’t want to push things too quickly with a goal of being ready for opening day.
Chargers release Tomlinson after nine years

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The slashing, dazzling runs came less frequently. The yards didn't pile up as easily as in previous seasons.

LaDainian Tomlinson was slowing down because of injuries and age, becoming less and less the face of the franchise as his role was reduced in a pass-happy offense.

On Monday, he was released by the San Diego Chargers, a franchise he helped revitalize with a brilliant nine-year run in which he became one of the NFL's greatest running backs.

The move had been expected for some time. Tomlinson, one of the most beloved athletes in San Diego sports history, got the word in a meeting with team president Dean Spanos.

"I told him that in the 26 years that I've been in this business, it was probably the hardest thing I've ever had to do," Spanos told The Associated Press. "I'm not close to a lot of the players, but there's a handful that I've been close with, and he's probably the closest. It was really difficult to tell him. But out of respect, I wanted to tell him earlier rather than later."

Tomlinson was due a $2 million roster bonus in early March, which all but guaranteed he would be cut loose. He still had two years left on his contract, which was reworked during a somewhat tumultuous period last offseason. L.T. wasn't immediately available for comment. He said after the Chargers' playoff loss to the New York Jets that he felt he could still play for a few more seasons.

"He was one of the greatest players and people that I've ever had a chance to be around and he will be missed," outside linebacker Shawne Merriman said in an e-mail to the AP. "General manager A.J. Smith called it "a tough day, a sad day for everybody in the organization. But it's always tough to part ways with great players who helped you win games. It's not a pleasant day, but we're working through it."

Agent Tom Condon said he'll spend time at the forthcoming NFL combine in Indianapolis determining interest from other teams.

"I think they did us a favor in terms of releasing him before we go to the combine. That part of it was positive," Condon told the AP. "L.T. during Super Bowl week had indicated it was time to move on, and they accommodated him. He's had a Hall of Fame run there as a Charger."

Tomlinson, who turned 30 last summer, was injured early in the 2009 season and finished with 730 yards on 223 carries for an average of 3.3 yards per carry, all career lows.

Condon doesn't think Tomlinson is finished.

"It's one of those things with the very, very special players, like Emmitt Smith, Marcus Allen, guys like that," Condon said. "You can't predict what they're going to do. They seem to defy the odds. He keeps himself in tremendous condition. I think he feels like he can go forward for several more years."

Tomlinson ranks eighth on the all-time rushing list with 12,490 yards. His 138 career touchdowns rank second, and his 153 total touchdowns rank third.

He was the NFL's MVP in 2006, when he set single-season records with 31 touchdowns, including 28 rushing, and 186 points. Tomlinson won the NFL's rushing title in 2006 and '07.

Perhaps his most memorable moment as a Charger came on Dec. 10, 2006, when he swept into the end zone late in a game against the Denver Broncos for his third touchdown that day, breaking Shaun Alexander's year-old record of 28 touchdowns.

His linemen hoisted him onto his shoulders and carried him toward the sideline, with Tomlinson holding the ball high in his right hand and carrying his left index finger, while the fans chanted "L.T., L.T., MVP! MVP!"

"He's just been a great player for us," Smith said. "Also, the character, integrity, work ethic, along with his talent, have been unbelievable. He's a Hall of Famer right now. He will be a first-ballot Hall of Famer."

Coming off a 1-15 finish in 2009, and trying to dig out from the nightmarish Ryan Leaf years, the Chargers held the No. 1 overall pick in the 2001 draft. They sent that pick to the Atlanta Falcons on the day before the draft began for a package that included the fifth pick, which they used to select Tomlinson. The Falcons took Michael Vick with the top pick.

"When he came here in 2001, we were a struggling franchise," Spanos said. "It's clear that we are where we are today because of him. He truly has been the heart and soul of our team all these years, and just done an outstanding job and helped turn this franchise around into a winning franchise. It couldn't have been done without him."

Spans said he and Tomlinson expressed disappointment that the player never got a chance to win a Super Bowl title.

"We came close but just never quite got there," Spanos said.

The Chargers made five playoff appearances during Tomlinson's time here. They advanced to the AFC championship game following the 2007 season but lost to the New England Patriots.

Tomlinson's squeaky-clean image took a hit during that AFC championship game. Forced out early with a knee injury, Tomlinson watched glumly from the sideline, huddled in a parka and his face hidden behind the tinted visor of his helmet.

The Chargers gave an overly optimistic prognosis about his injury, announcing that he "can return," which caused fans and commentators to question his toughness.

Tomlinson was always the most brutally honest player in the Chargers' organization. When he sustained a groin injury in the 2008 regular-season finale, he was more forthright with the media about its severity, making Smith blush.

That groin injury sidelined Tomlinson in a divisional-round loss to Pittsburgh, the first time he missed a game due to injury in his pro career. He had been slowed earlier that season by a toe injury.

He sprained his right ankle in the 2009 season opener against Oakland and missed the next two games.

Spanos said Tomlinson "was very, very gracious and very respectful" during their meeting. "He had his typical smile. He was just as good as he could, as respectful as could be. Just really, like he is, first class."
Blatche leads Wizards to win; Bogut leads Bucks

WASHINGTON — Andray Blatche scored 25 points and had 11 rebounds to lead the Washington Wizards to a 101-95 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Monday night.

Blatche, averaging 25 points in the four games since the trades of Antawn Jamison and Caron Butler, helped Washington to its first three-game home winning streak since April 4-12, 2008. He also made all nine of his free throws.

Washington is 3-1 since the trades, and the Wizards ended Chicago’s four-game winning streak.

Early in the third quarter, the Wizards scored 14 straight to take a 62-58 lead, holding Chicago scoreless for 6 minutes, 10 seconds. Blatche, Al Thornton and Singleton each scored four points in the run.

Derrick Rose scored 22 points to lead the Bulls.

James Singleton each scored four onds. Blatche, Al Thornton and Thornton had 17 points. Foye had 16 and nine assists, and Singleton had a season-high 12 rebounds.

Bucks 83, Knicks 67

Andrew Bogut had 24 points and 20 rebounds in his third career 20-20 game, and the Milwaukee Bucks beat the New York Knicks on Monday night for their third straight victory.

Limited to just 5 1/2 minutes at Madison Square Garden three weeks ago because of a migraine, Bogut shot 8 of 13 this time and overwhelmed the Knicks’ smaller front line. He shot 12 of 15 from the field in his first 20-20 game since Dec. 13, 2008, against Indiana, according to STATS, LLC.

John Salmons scored 15 points for the Bucks, who forced the Knicks into their worst offensive performance of the season and completed a three-game sweep of the series.

Tracy McGrady scored 15 points in his second game with the Knicks, but shot only 5 of 14. He wasn’t alone in struggling, as the team hit just 33.8 percent from the field in its season-high seventh straight loss.

Newcomer Sergio Rodriguez replaced Chris Duhon in the lineup, but Duhon couldn’t have done any worse than the Spanish point guard, who had four points and one assist and shot 2 for 8 in 30 minutes.

Bogut seemed on his way to a dominant effort in the Bucks’ 114-107 win here on Feb. 5, making all three of his first 12 shots before he was forced to leave. He was the one causing the pain this time, helping the Bucks improve to 27-28 with their fourth straight road victory.

Despite its woeful shooting, New York was within six with under 9 minutes. Jerry Stackhouse then made a 3-pointer before consecu- tive baskets by Luke Ridnour and Salmons made it 74-61 with 7:49 left. Knicks coach Mike D’Antoni promised his team would speed up the tempo after last week’s trades, yet finished nowhere near its pre- vious worst scoring night of 78 points against Dallas on Jan. 24.

The Bucks, who came in a game out of the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference, swept the series for the first time since going 4-0 in 1990-91.

Milwaukee never trailed in the first half, but the Knicks put together their only prolonged stretch of good offense with a 12-0 burst that turned a 10-point deficit into a 53-51 lead on Wilson Chandler’s layup with 5:20 remaining in the third quarter.

The Bucks answered immediately by going on a 15-straight-point run, including consecutive layups by Bogut, to open a 64-53 advantage on two free throws by Brandon Jennings with 41 seconds to go. They led by nine entering the fourth.

Bogut scored 14 points on 7-of-9 shooting and grabbed nine rebounds in his third quarter as Milwaukee opened a 27-20 lead. The Bucks pushed the lead into double digits early in the second while the Knicks continued to mis- fire, and they led 47-41 at halftime after limiting New York to 37.5 per- cent shooting.
**MLB**

Damon admits Detroit Tigers were first choice

Associated Press

LAKELAND, Fla. — To Johnny Damon, the Detroit Tigers were the right team.

“This is where I wanted to be,” he said Monday after com-pleting an one-year contract. “The Tigers were my first choice, and my wife and I are going to love it there.”

Damon said he’s more com-fortable now than when he made the awkward transition from Boston to rival New York last year.

Damon came into the picture after the Tigers dealt leadoff hitter Curtis Granderson to the Yankees, then saw Placido Polanco leave as a free agent.

Damon hit .282 with 24 homers for the Yankees last season and is expected to lead off for the Tigers.

“Usually it doesn’t go on this late in the year,” Damon said. “This is where I wanted to be.”

Damon, who turns 36 in May, has always been truthful and direct about his feelings and expectations.

Contrary to what has been reported, I wanted a place where I could win right away. I know I’m a good fit. I feel at home.”

Damon said he knew his days in New York were numbered after he was informed by Yankees general manager Brian Cashman that he was the second choice behind free agent Nick Johnson, who signed with New York in December.

Associated Press

The Tigers lost to Minnesota in a one-game tiebreaker for the AL Central title last year and is expected to lead off for the Tigers.

Dombrowski said Damon wasn’t in the team’s plans as late as January. But Damon came into the picture after the Tigers dealt leadoff hitter Curtis Granderson to the Yankees, then saw Placido Polanco leave as a free agent.

“We needed to make some adjustments,” Dombrowski said. “We aren’t doing it only for now, but also need to move forward. The moves we made earlier in the year allowed us to make some adjustments, not only for now but also for the future. We also brought in some young talent.”

The Tigers will be Damon’s fifth team. He also played for the Kansas City Royals and Oakland Athletics before his stints in Boston and New York.

“This is so much different than the last time,” Damon said. “This is the first time I feel at home.”

Damon admitted Detroit was always his first choice. He lives in Orlando, about a 30-minute drive from the Tigers’ spring training home in Lakeland.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An official within the league told The Associated Press on Monday the NBA has not threatened to stop a potential reunion between the Cleveland Cavaliers and Zydrunas Ilgauskas.

The Cavaliers traded their long-time center to Washington late last week in the three-team deal that brought Antawn Jamison to Cleveland. The Wizards may decide to buy out Ilgauskas, allowing him to become a free agent.

The Los Angeles Times quoted an unnamed source Sunday saying the NBA had told other teams it wouldn’t let Ilgauskas go back to the Cavs. However, the official told the AP the league would only step in if there was proof of an agree-ment before the trade was com-pleted.

The person was granted anonymity because he was not authorized to comment publicly about the Ilgauskas situation.

A message was left with the Wizards, Ilgauskas would be placed on waivers. No team is far enough under the salary cap to absorb him. This season, so he would become a free agent eli-gible to join any team for a pro-rated share of the veteran’s minimum.

NBA rules allow a player being traded and then waived to rejoin his old team after 30 days, as long as that wasn’t planned before the deal was completed. Last season, Antonio McDyess went back to Detroit after the Pistons dealt him to Denver along with Chauncey Billups for Allen Iverson, and plans to recruit Brent Barry (San Antonio) and Gary Payton (Houston) have also gone back to clubs that dealt them in recent seasons.

Though he lost his starting job this season after the Cavs trad-ed for Shaquille O’Neal, a return to the Cavs could be attractive for Ilgauskas. He’s spent his whole career in Cleveland after he was drafted in 1996, and the Cavaliers are among the favorites to win the championship this season.
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Irish will face in their new conference is the number of top-ranked teams. Syracuse sits in first in the most recent USILA Coaches Poll as Georgetown moves to No. 13. “The Big East gives us a great national profile and name recognition in the lacrosse world,” Corrigan said. “Not many people really know about a team like Syracuse and Georgetown. I think that having them come out here every other year will really attract attention and help us build rivals in all the sports we play in.”

Despite the challenges set by the other teams in the conference, Corrigan has been impressed with the Irish, who are a group of 10 teams grouped under par, followed by TCU at teams, seven of which are time they competed.”

Holt told und.com. “But they start at Michigan State,” strides. We got off to a horrific start, but,” he continued from page 20

Kevin Corrigan Irish coach

“We need the challenge of Big East play to prepare for the NCAA Tournament.”

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strikes. We got off to a horrid start at Michigan State,” Holt told und.com. “But they went out and got better every time they competed.”

The Irish are not starting off their spring season easy. The Central District Invitational involves 15 teams, seven of which are ranked in the Golfdigest Top 25.

Florida leads the field at 3-under par, followed by TCU at 15 over. Notre Dame is one of a group of 10 teams grouped within 16 shots of one another between 27- and 43-over par. “I think we are really looking to just get comfortable again,” Holt said. The first tournament of the spring season has characteristically been a tough one for the Irish, as the team has had a tough time starting with a solid round and typically performs better as the year progresses. But this year may be different for Notre Dame.”

“I think the girls realize what’s ahead of them,” Holt said. “We don’t have time with our schedule to come bailing out. They need to come out ready to play.”

The Irish came out with the same lineup with which they ended the fall season, including senior co-captains Annie Brophy and Kristin Wetzel and juniors Katie Conway and So-Hyun Park.

“We have a lot of experience,” Holt said. “We think that will really benefit us in this spring season.”

Corrigan will conclude their play in the Central District Invitational today to give them hope to improve upon Monday’s performance.

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tect the ball in transition," she said.

Despite working on this in practice, Hofstra will still pro-
vide a test of the Notre Dame's progress as it opens its season.

"We need to see what we can do," Coyne said. "Because we've only played ourselves.

The first game will be no easy win, either. Notre Dame has faced the Pride twice
before, holding them off 14-13 in 2008 and prevailing 17-15 last season. Hofstra returned
a strong contingent from last year's 10-6 campaign and opened the season with an
impressive victory.

"They always play us really tough. They're a very quick, athletic, feisty and physical
team," Coyne said. "This is one of the toughest games because everyone expects us to win and
Hofstra always plays us close." Senior Pride midfielder Corrine Gandolfini is a mem-
ber of the U.S. National Developmental Team that faced the Irish, and she will be
Notre Dame's biggest concern. The game will be played in weather conditions that
emphasize one-on-one attacking and ball possession, areas where Hofstra has been tradi-
tionally strong.

"Defensively, we've been working on our one-on-one defense," Coyne said. "Draw
control will also be huge."

Coyne said she believes that no one player on the team will have to play well, but rather
the entire squad as a whole, especially since this is the first game of the season in which
the Irish will cement their line-
up changes from last year.

"We're trying a different
midfield rotation," Coyne said.
"There will be lots of surpris-
es, and hopefully they're all pleasant ones."

This game will be the first in
Notre Dame's campaign to reach its goals, including defending last season's Big
East title, and winning it out-
right, which the squad has never done. Notre Dame is also looking to win the conference tournament and advancing deep into the NCAA Tournament. Although much is
up in the air as to how ready the
team is to accomplish those goals, one thing is sure after preseason workouts.

"We'll be as prepared as we can," Coyne said.

Notre Dame will face Hofstra at 3:30 p.m. to open its 14th season at the James M. Stuart
Stadium in Hempstead, N.Y.

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under control and keep Albion off the foul line."

Not only will Saint Mary's need to provide ample offen-
sive firepower, but they also will need to step up on the
defensive side of the ball as Albion has a few players who
could pose as a real threat to the Belles.

"Albion is a good team," Henley said. "They have some very good shooters who are able
to take over a game at any point."

Junior guard Melissa Shaw
led the Britons with 13.9
points per game, playing a
vital role in Albion's guard
play as she leads the team in assists and steals by a large
margin for the season.

The Belles will need to come
the ball after losing at home
Saturday.

"We are going to need to
play more than just one half of solid defense as well as
create second shots for us
with offensive boards," Henley said.

Belles senior Anna
Kammrath has become a
valuable asset in grabbing rebounds as
she recently set the Saint
Mary's career rebounding record, surpassing the previ-
ous mark of 930. Sophomore
Kelley Murphy has been
adding an average 7.2
rebounds per game as well for the Belles.

Saint Mary's will take on
Albion at 7:30 p.m. in the first
round of MIAA playoff action in the Angela Athletic Center.

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much-needed spark as they look for a return to the win column.

"Getting Lindsay Schrader back is going to be a big part of that," McGraw said. "It's Senior Night, we're playing at home, we have a lot of things going our way right now. I think we just need to gain our confidence back, and just go out and concentrate on the funda-
mentals."

Schrader brings a special set of skills with her every time she steps on the court, namely the ability to score, rebound and play lockdown defense when the game is on the line. Nevertheless, Notre Dame features a talented cast that many believed would be able to carry the slack in Schrader's absence.

"I think it was definitely a shot, shook our confidence a little bit knowing we've lost two games without her," McGraw said. "I think everybody knows we didn't play well, individually or as a team. It's disappointing for all of them to be able to look at them-

selves and know they kind of let the team down."

Schrader's return comes at a pivotal point in the season. The Irish have slipped to fourth in the conference standings and face a desperate Marquette team that must win to keep its NCAA Tournament dreams alive.

"It's always a good game with them," McGraw said. "They've beaten us a couple of times now up there. Every game's tough, every game. Their backs are against the wall. They want to really try to win this game and we feel kind of the same way."

The Golden Eagles (14-12, 5-8) are led by junior Angel Robinson, an aggressive point guard averag-

ing 13.3 points and 4.5 assists per game. Complemented by sopho-
more forward Jessica Pachko in the post, McGraw said she believes
Marquette has developed an effec-
tive inside-outside offense that
may pose a potential mismatch.
Senior guard Melissa Lechlitner said she is optimistic, and believes
Schrader's return and a renewed
focus at practice will deliver an
Irish victory.

"Anytime you get a player back that's been injured or has been out for a little bit, it's always an extra boost, always going to help," Lechlitner said. "We just need to get back to rebounding and play-
ing defense and getting big stops, just playing Notre Dame basket-
ball."

Playing in the Purcell Pavilion will be a welcome advantage, but
going out with a win on Senior Night should also be a motivating
factor for the veteran-heavy squad.

"We have some of the best attendance in the nation, and our fans are the absolute best in the
country," Lechlitner said. "Anytime that we start getting on a little run, we feed off their
enthusiasm. It's not really our last home game, but it's still really sad the season is coming to an end.
Four years are coming to an end. It's definitely going to be an emo-
tional night.

The Irish tip-off against the Golden Eagles at 7 p.m. in the
Purcell Pavilion. Notre Dame's seven seniors (five players, two
managers) will be honored prior
to the game.

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Crossword

Across
1 #1 position
2 According to
3 10 U.S. figures:
4 Coal cart
5 Handel (out)
16 First Indian tribe
17 Bird watcher’s
accessory
19 The Crimson
20 Week ___
21 What a coach
driver holds
22 2, for one
23 Trace of color
25 Title or Cheer
28 Beefsteak sacred
to ancient
30 Language suffix
31 Prefix with
content
32 ___... recall...

Down
1 Basketball
2 ‘Everyone’s a’
3 Procrastinator’s
response
4 Rock music
5 Subcategory
6 Together, on
musical scores
7 Sphere and
cube
8 Smoothing tool
9 Sushi with
elephant
10 Things with
shrews:
11 Young startet’s
promoter:
12 Proper.
election
13 Where
14 Horrifying line
22 Pal’s Dr.
24 Those one of
25.30 of these in
an ounce
26 Georgia
27 High regard
28 Place for a pet
fish
33 One of five in
“Julius Caesar”
34 Divorce
35 Essential part
necessary for
fulfilling a goal
___ or what 17
25, 48 and 57
Across all rows?
39 Droids
40 Pie
41 de Cologne
42 Winter hrs. in
Bermuda
43 Peace, in Paru
44 Compressors,
informally
48 Symbol of We
49 Ones in a
jiggler
50 “So long”
53 Demolition
55 Young fellow
56 Certain Post or
slot
57 Chewy Mexican
snack
60 Kneivel on a
motorcycle
61 Strictly
62 Working without
63 Actor Beauty and
others
64 Wuss
65 What a jack-off
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Ready to attack
Irish travel to Hofstra to open spring season

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

The Irish traveled to Hempstead, N.Y. for today's 3:30 p.m. clash at Hofstra to open their spring season. It will be the Pride's second match after opening the season with a 21-3 dismantling of Saint Mary's (Calif.).

Notre Dame has been practicing hard throughout the off-season and in the preseason. The Irish traveled to Lake Buena Vista, Fla., to scrimmage the U.S. National Elite team and U.S. National Developmental team in January at the Disney World of Sports in the Champion Challenge. The trip to Florida revealed important areas to focus on in practice, Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "Playing the U.S. team exposed that we need to improve in all areas of the game," Coyne said.

ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE
Men's Lacrosse
No. 3 Notre Dame ready for new Big East opponents

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

With the beginning of the 2010 season comes a number of firsts for the No. 3 Irish. Notre Dame finds itself in unfamiliar territory heading into the last week of the regular season. Fighting for a top seed in the Big East Championship, the Irish (23-3, 10-3 Big East) will have their first chance to exercise their demons as they host Marquette tonight for Senior Night.

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Schrader returns to the court

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

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