ND mourns Walton’s death

Basilica’s director of music leaves impact on students, colleagues

By SARAH MERVOSH
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Dr. Gail Walton, director of music at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, will be remembered as a dedicated musician, teacher and Catholic who touched the lives of many members of the Notre Dame community.

Walton, an organist and director of two Notre Dame choirs, died last week after a long illness. She was 55.

“This was not a job. This was a passion and her life,” Fr. Peter Rocca, rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, said. “Her impact was tremendous. She touched the lives of so many students.”

Senior Jordan Schank said when he first auditioned for the Liturgical Choir, he was an intimidated freshman with no choir experience.

“I know Gail could see my shaking knees. I don’t think I have ever felt so intimidated by a woman in high heels before,” he said. “She took note of my nervousness and she did her best to calm me down.”

With Walton’s help and encouragement, Schank said he was able to learn the challenging music and improve his singing dramatically.

“I can tell with full faith that Gail taught me everything I know about singing,” Schank said. “She took a young, inexperienced freshman with terrible Midwestern vowels and formed me into the confident singer I am today.”

Bishop Daniel Jenky of Peoria, Ill., was the homilist at Walton’s funeral and spoke to a standing-room-only congregation at the Basilica. Tuesday morning about Walton’s impact on the Notre Dame community.

“Year after year, season after season, the walls of this place have echoed with the glory and sensibility of Gail’s music,” he said. “At Notre Dame moments of joy and sorrow, Gail made great music that lifted our spirits.”

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“The point of the campaign is to educate the public, not to take away the rights of free speech,” said junior Soeren Palumbo, the campaign’s co-founder. “The word ‘retarded’ has a profound effect on people with intellectual disabilities and should be eliminated by social consensus, not by a legal means.”

With Notre Dame’s service-oriented mentality, Palumbo said he hopes Notre Dame will be a leader in the campaign.

“Notre Dame has an unprecedented service orientation toward people with disabilities, and people here want to make the world a better place for people with intellectual disabilities,” Palumbo said. “I want Notre Dame to be the jewel in the crown of this year’s events.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

Keep on fighting

While almost every student at Notre Dame stepped onto campus as a freshman with a long list of co-curricular activities they excelled in during their high school years, not all of us had the time for the quick tongue necessary to join the Debate Club. Regardless, Notre Dame students love to debate, and this is never more evident than when one reads the Viewpoint section of this paper.

Many lament Viewpoint as a silly way to argue about important issues, but I take a different, more positive view on these week-long (and sometimes month-long) arguments. As my academic advisor Dr. Steve Brady told me when we discussed my involvement at The Observer, “It wouldn’t be Notre Dame if people weren’t angry about something.” Viewpoint wars are extremely important to the Notre Dame community and should be celebrated as such.

Whether we are arguing about ridiculous things like Swedish meatballs or important economic issues like wages of University workers, the Viewpoint gives us an important venue to engage each other in intellectual and structured debate. In the recent_viewpoint sections, the freshmen and tenured professor are on an equal playing field, where the community will absorb their words all the same. The Viewpoint section also represents perhaps the most important and most basic agent of change on campus. The Observer is read across campus, but except for the Viewpoint the platform is reserved for writers like myself. By necessity, the Viewpoint is the Viewpoint section also represents perhaps the most important and most basic agent of change on campus. The Observer is read across campus, but except for the Viewpoint the platform is reserved for writers like myself. By necessity, the Viewpoint is the first step for most students who are looking to initiate change. Notre Dame is a big place, with a lot of offices, a lot of departments, and a lot of people. Writing a letter to the newspaper where, with luck, it will be published, is a long shot. Thousands of people are the easiest and most approachable way of initiating change. At very least, it is more attractive than cutting through the bureaucracy of a big university.

So let’s relish the opportunity to debate on the pages of Viewpoint. While we’re at it, let’s acknowledge a few general rules. The people that you are arguing with are fellow humans, so keep that in the back of your mind. The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Chris Allen at callen106@nd.edu.

Question of the Day: What did you give up for Lent? Have you stuck with it?

Katie Allare
sophomore
Howard

“I gave up sweets and Facebook. Facebook didn’t last.”

Andrew Geist
graduate student
off-campus

“Car magazines, and yes, I stuck with it.”

Brianna Hohman
sophomore
Walsh

“I gave up chocolate and peanut butter. I’m addicted to peanut butter but I haven’t had either.”

Jack Goonan
junior
O’Neill

“Sky diving, and I’m sufficiently not sky diving these days.”

Pat McIntyre
freshman
Dillon

“I haven’t given anything up.”

Johnny Kerrigan
junior
O’Neill

“I don’t think you can print what I gave up for Lent.”

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

IN BRIEF

An exhibition, “All Art is Propaganda,” will be held in the Special Collections Room of the Hesburgh Library today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibition is composed of materials from the Special Collections and will continue until Aug. 20. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Joan Frank, the 2010 Sullivan Prize winner in Fiction Writing, will read from her book, “In Every Country” and sign books at the Hames Notre Dame Bookstore tonight from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

A colloquium, “Magnetic Dopants Charge Carriers in Colloidal II-VI Semiconductor Nanocrystals,” will be held today from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in 118 Nieuwland Science Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

The Notre Dame Fire Department will hold an open house Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This year marks the 130th anniversary of the oldest university fire department in the nation. Notre Dame faculty and staff are invited.

Children’s Theater: Tomie dePaola’s ‘Strega Nona’ will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The public is welcome and tickets can be purchased online at performingarts.nd.edu or at the Ticket Office.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer.news@gmail.com

Best Buddies at Notre Dame Club leaders Chris Rhodenbaugh and Courtney Isakson
sell t-shirts in the LaFortune Student Center on Tuesday. The t-shirts were sold for “End the ‘R’ Word Day.”

OFFBEAT

Newlywed Mass. couple spends first night in jail

HYANNIS, Mass. – A newlywed Massachusetts couple spent their wedding night in separate jail cells after police said the bride tried to run over an old flame of the groom.

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The Jackson Citizen Patriot said the man shot the bed, window, walls and ceiling of his room, where he left a note that read: “God delivered me from evil and placed me in Albion, Michigan.”

No injuries were reported. The man’s name was not released.

He faces possible charges including felonious assault, possession of a firearm while committing a felony, destruction of property and reckless discharge of a firearm.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4545 so we can correct our error.

Corrections

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The Council of Representatives (COR) presented a new initiative for the Freshmen Leadership Experience (FLEX) and discussed ongoing recommendations for revisions to the du Lac student handbook at its meeting Tuesday night.

The FLEX committee presented its draft of a student booklet that will be mailed to incoming University freshmen over the summer before they arrive on campus in the fall.

The booklet, which it compiled based on research and feedback from the current freshman class, is intended to give the Class of 2014 information about campus they might not be able to find anywhere else.

The booklet would feature specific details about locations on campus, rankings of on-campus and off-campus eateries, and walking times from one campus location to another.

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Schmidt said that while student government does not get feedback, he hopes to include the booklet in one of the initial mailings the Class of 2014 will receive this summer.

Since the FLEX booklet is still in the initial phases, student body vice president Cynthia Weber recommended that members of COR present the current draft to their individual councils.

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Schmidt then turned the topic of discussion to the ongoing revisions to the du Lac student handbook. Schmidt said that while student government does not get to vote on any changes, they can make recommendations to the Office of Student Affairs about issues student government has recognized as being concerns of University students.

"We came up with nine concrete recommendations and so far, four of the recommendations were passed in [Campus Life Council] at their meeting this week," Schmidt said.

CLC officials recommended that du Lac clarify the use of the word "shall" in its rulings and more specifically define policies for off-campus activities. CLC also recommended the continued use of service hours as a sanction.

Schmidt said clarification in wording was needed when addressing the accountability of the student in off-campus situations.

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raise money and awareness for Jumpball, a basketball camp that provides free instruction and lunch to children in and around Kingston, Jamaica. “The more teams that participate, the more funding we get for the camp,” tournament organizer Jack Goonan, a junior, said. “We want to give kids the chance to play because they have limited funds and opportunities to do so.”

Tournament organizer Kelly Flynn, a junior, said Bookstore Basketball funds the entire camp by itself. Last year’s tournament raised $12,000 for the Kingston camp and its satellite camp every summer. “We want to give kids the chance to play because they have limited funds and opportunities to do so,” Flynn said.

“Then, the Student Activities Office reviews and approves that list,” Flynn noted that many teams try to be as funny as possible in creating team names, but what is funny for college students is not always appropriate for such a highly publicized, University-sponsored event.

The championship title is up for grabs because last year’s open winners, Hallelujah Holla Back, will not be competing this year, sophomore team member Dayne Crit said. “I can’t play this year because I’m recovering from ACL repair surgery, and [teammate] Joe Fauria transferred to UCLA,” said Crit, a quarterback on the Notre Dame football team. “[Team member] Jonas Gray can’t play because of a new rule restricting football players from playing basketball.”

Women’s tournament champions Four Girls and a Guy will be back to defend their title, under a new name with an additional teammate, said senior Molly McCarthy, a member of last year’s team who also helped organize the tournament.

She said the team’s victory last year was especially meaningful because her father and teammate Jane Fleming’s father made a surprise appearance at the final game. “The victory with our dads watching is definitely one of my favorite college memories, but I expect nothing less than a great tournament this year,” McCarthy said. “It’ll be hard work to get back to the championship, but we look forward to every game.”

The executive staff said they are enthusiastic about the tournament beginning. “We’ve been working on this since December, so it’s been a long process,” Flynn said. “We’re excited to see how many teams will come out.”

This year’s open tournament will start on March 27 and end April 25. Any student, staff or faculty member from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross can participate.

The large number of teams requires the open tournament to be spread out over the course of a month. Because the women’s tournament only attracts around 70 teams, it begins later than the open tournament.

The semifinals and finals will take place the same weekend as the annual Blue-Gold Game, which is set for April 24.

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Health plan to include GOP ideas
President Obama plans to incorporate Republican input in new legislation

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama embraced a bullish tone of Republican health care ideas Tuesday to lure Democratic votes and stepped up efforts to persuade governors to spell out their final package for a sharply divided House and Senate. He said he might include four GOP-sponsored ideas in his plan, even though virtually no one in Congress or the White House thinks it will procure a single Republican vote.

The move is aimed instead at wavering Democrats, especially in the House. Some of them might find it easier to vote for the health care package if they can tell constituents it had bipartisan elements that Republicans should have supported. Yet there is no guarantee that Democratic leaders will incorporate Obama’s suggestions in revised legislation.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell warned that Democrats will enact their health care plan at their own political peril, vowing to make it an issue in every congressional race this fall.

In remarks at the White House on Wednesday, the president will describe the final elements of his propos-
al and then ask Congress to enact it, aides said. He is expected to leave no doubts that, barring an unexpected change in Republican tac-	ics, he wants Congress to pass the legislation using budget reconciliation rules, which prohibit Senate filib-
usters. Obama is unlikely to use those exact words.

Democratic leaders are emphasizing they want to pass a bill with the support of the majority votes in the House and Senate.

It takes 60 votes to halt a filibuster, and Democrats control only 59 in the 100-
ember Senate.

In a letter to congressional leaders Tuesday, Obama said he would consider four ideas floated by Republican lawmakers: sending investi-
gators disguised as patients to uncover fraud and waste in Medicare and Medicaid, expanding pilot programs to bring more predictability to medical malpractice lawsuits, increasing payments to Medicaid providers, and expanding the use of health savings accounts.

“arated throughout this process that I’d continue to draw on the best ideas from both parties, and I’m open to these proposals in that spirit,” Obama wrote.

In a nod to his 2008 presi-
dential rival, he said he had elimi-
nated a special deal for Medicare Advantage benefi-
ciaries in Florida and other states that drew criticism from Sen. John McCain, R-
Ariz.

But Obama again rejected Republican appeals to restart the health care debate or dramatically scale back his proposals.

“Fiscally reform is not the best way to effectively reduce premiums, end the exclusion of people with pre-existing conditions or offer Americans the security of knowing that they will never lose coverage,” his letter said.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the letter “brings us just another step closer to passing the bill.” She said she hopes to incorporate some of the GOP ideas.

Republicans, meanwhile, made it clear the presi-
dent’s overtures will not win their hearts or votes.

Dems press Bunning to end budget block

WASHINGTON — Democrats ramped up the political pressure Tuesday on a Republican stubbornly blocking a stopgap measure to extend help for the jobless and keep federal highways open for the short term.

But an impasse involving Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky that has caused federal furloughs and threatens the unemployment benefits of hundreds of thousands of people across the country, even as GOP leaders pressed for a graceful exit from the unexpected political tempest — which has subjected Republicans to withering media cover-
age and cost the party politically.

Democrats used to being on the defensive over health care and the deficit were not in a compromising mood, signaling that they largely want the irascible Bunning to surrender rather than agree to a set of votes on ways to delay the $10 billion cost of the measure. It seemed increasingly likely that Bunning would relent.

Republican Leader Mitch McConnell — who has a strained relationship with his in-house colleague — said that he is working with Democrats to set up a vote to pass the legislation, which has been single-handedly held up by Bunning despite virtually unani-
mous support from the other 99 sena-
tors.

“We’re going to be able to work out the short-term extension in the very near future and we’re in the process of working on that right now,” McConnell said.

A law that provided stopgap road funding and longer and more gener-
ous unemployment benefits and health insurance subsidies for the job-
less expired Monday. Without the extension, about 200,000 jobless peo-
ple could lose federal benefits this week alone, according to the liberal-
national National Employment Law Project.

Earlier on Tuesday, Bunning object-
et to request by Maine Sen. Susan Collins, a fellow Republican, to pass a 30-day extension of jobless benefits and other expired measures.

When asked Tuesday if Bunning was hurting the Republican Party, Collins said, “He’s hurting the American peo-
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Merger activity helps lift stocks

Companies’ growing optimism gives market third straight winning day

NEW YORK — The stock market had its third straight winning day on signs that companies are becoming more optimistic about the economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average edged up 2.19 points Tuesday but closed off its best levels. The Dow had managed to erase its losses for the year during trading but was down 225.65 points as of 2:45 p.m. by the close. Broader indexes pushed into the black for the year on Monday and extended their gains Tuesday.

More merger activity and a plan by Qualcomm Inc. to buy back stock brought reassurance that business leaders expect the recovery to continue. The economy’s health had been in doubt in recent months after reports indicated the pace of improvement was slowing and as countries including Greece struggled with heavy debt loads.

In deal news, CF Industries made a new offer for fertilizer maker Terra Industries, which last month agreed to be sold to Norway’s Yara for $4.1 billion. Dow Chemical Co. sold its Styron plastics business to private equity firm Bain Capital for $1.63 billion.

Investors often see takeovers as signs of confidence in the economy. Meanwhile, Qualcomm said it would buy back $3 billion in stock and raise its dividend by 12 percent.

The complaints, which Apple filed Tuesday, center on a view of models made by Taiwanese phone maker HTC Corp., including the Nexus One. G1 and myTouch 3G — all using the free, open-source Android mobile operating software from Google Inc. Non-Android phones include HTC’s Touch series.

But consumers shouldn’t worry about buying or using any of those phones. Patent cases can take months or years to resolve — sometimes longer than the life of these phones — and agreements often emerge.

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U.N. campaigns against HIV

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations launched a global campaign Tuesday to prevent girls and women from contracting HIV, now the leading cause of death and disease among women worldwide between the reproductive ages of 15 and 49. The U.N. AIDS agency and Scottish singer and AIDS activist Annie Lennox unveiled a five-year action plan amid a two-week meeting to review a 1994 platform to achieve equality for women. The platform was adopted by 189 countries at a historic conference in Beijing and included a call for increased action to prevent HIV in women as well as treat and care for them.

The U.N. Millennium Development goals, adopted in 2000, include halting and reversing the AIDS pandemic by 2015.

But Michel Sidibe, the executive director of UNAIDS, said the agency’s latest report in December showed the proportion of women infected with HIV has risen in many regions of the world over the past 10 years.

According to UNAIDS, HIV is the leading cause of death and disease worldwide among women of child-bearing age from 15-49.

In sub-Saharan Africa, 60 percent of people living with HIV are women, and in southern Africa the prevalence of HIV among women aged 15-24 is at least three times higher than young men of the same age, UNAIDS said.

Lennox called for “broad movement for change” is needed.

I see this agenda for action as a great opportunity to bring the realities faced by many women and girls out into the forefront and to call attention to the injustices faced by many women and girls, placing them at a bigger risk of HIV,” she said.

Nearly 30 years into the HIV epidemic, Sidibe said, growing inequality between women and men and human rights violations against women including “brutal rapes” and trafficking for prostitution are putting women and girls at greater risk of HIV infections.

He told a news conference that 400,000 babies are born every year with HIV in Africa and 30 percent will die before their first birthday without medicine, “but it also means 400,000 women have not been checked for HIV” and had no treatment “to at least avoid the transmission from mother or child.”

What we are trying to do is create a new movement, to mobilize the world around a new urgency — urgency which almost perfectly portrays violence against women ... an urgency which will call for a new mobilization of leaders in order to reduce the number of new infections among girls” and will target more services to women, Sidibe said.

The Agenda for Action launched Tuesday calls for the U.N., governments and voluntary organizations to work together to combat violence against women, analyze and add the factors that prevent women and girls from protecting themselves against HIV, and scale up engagement with men’s and boys’ organizations to support the rights of women and girls.

Sukma Ratri, who has HIV, and is a member of Indonesia’s Positive Women’s Network, said she believes the agenda will help countries strengthen services for women and girls — including those with the virus that causes AIDS.

If the agenda is implemented by every country, she said, “gender inequality between men and women will slowly vanish” and women will be empowered, even HIV positive women.

Sidibe said he believes the plan will work because it was not developed just by the U.N. but by governments and voluntary groups and has a timeline with targets.

For the first time, he said, countries will be reporting back and there will be “a scorecard” which can really show what type of progress has been made.”

The relationship has soured in recent weeks with the discovery of leaking radioactive tritium at the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant in Vernon, which has angered plant officials that they misled state regulators about the extent of underground piping on the property.

“Either they’re lying or they’re incompetent, and neither one is good when you’re talking about a nuclear power plant,” said Carol Hosford, of Waitsfield.

On Tuesday, she stood outside Waitsfield Elementary School, handing out slips of paper urging town meeting voters to support House Bill 13 on the agenda, which urged state lawmakers to turn thumbs-down on the relicensing and require Entergy to shore up a “decommissioning fund” of money to be used to render it safe once it’s shut down.

Even some nuclear power supporters say it’s time to pull the plug.

“I’m very much in favor of nuclear power, but I’m not in favor of continuing Vermont Yankee,” said Dave Beach, 81, a retired Eastman-Kodak camera designer who lives in Stowe. “(reator) energy can’t go on forever. It’s just that Vermont Yankee’s not being properly managed.

While state health officials and Vermont Yankee acknowledge that the tritium has infiltrated groundwater, it has not been found in drinking water supplies.

The state believes that tritium in the plant and admissions of tritium if ingested in large amounts — has reached the Connecticut River, but it hasn’t shown up in measurable levels.

“A few years back, I wasn’t as adamant about it,” said Cheryl Allen, a 56-year-old graphic designer who lives in Waitsfield. “It’s easy to say that we need to close it up, but we all use energy, so it’s kind of hypocritical. But when it starts poisoning the Connecticut River, it just can’t go on.

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Why I'm a hockey fan now

Every time the Olympic Games roll around, all kinds of sports pick up new fans. It has almost become cliché to talk one’s love of curling after the winter games or a newfound respect for the modern pentathlon (pistol shooting, epee fencing, 200 meter swim, show jumping, and a cross country race) following the Summer Olympics. However, with the passing of the Vancouver games, I have found myself a newly minted hockey fan.

As a Kansas City native, the opportunity to play hockey never really presented itself. There are fewer rinks in the city limits than I could count on my two hands. My high school had a club team, but I don’t have any idea who they played. The closest I ever got to getting into hockey was when Kansas City, Mo. built a puck-shaped arena downtown, and subsequently failed to woo the Pittsburgh Penguins to town. I wasn’t really heartbroken.

However, after watching five or six games over the past two weeks with my hockey-loving roommates, I have to say it is definitely a different kind of sport. While the championship game between the U.S. and Canada ended the Olympics on a thrilling note, it was all the games and personalities in between that got me.

First, I never watched a game closely enough to realize how fast it moves. As a former lacrosse player, I understood the speed of the game well enough to realize how fast it moves. As a former lacrosse player, I understood the speed of the game well enough to realize how fast it moves. As a former lacrosse player, I understood the speed of the game well enough to realize how fast it moves. As a former lacrosse player, I understood the speed of the game well enough to realize how fast it moves. As a former lacrosse player, I understood the speed of the game well enough to realize how fast it moves. As a former lacrosse player, I understood the speed of the game well enough to realize how fast it moves. As a former lacrosse player, I understood the speed of the game well enough to realize how fast it moves. As a former lacrosse player, I understood the speed of the game well enough to realize how fast it moves. As a former lacrosse player, I understood the speed of the game well enough to realize how fast it moves. As a former lacrosse player, I understood the speed of the game well enough to realize how fast it moves.

Second, the play of goalies is incredible. American goalie Ryan Miller finished the tournament saving 94.6 percent of shots that came his way. With pucks moving off of sticks, feet and walls all around the rink, being able to keep an eye on the puck as a viewer is sometimes impossible. In fact, it often held or passing the ball is known for wasting tons of time. When the lines are changing. In hockey, it is not even possible to see the ones I could see on TV. Watching these athletes in action is a seminar in hand-eye coordination that TO or Ochocinco couldn’t begin to match.

Third, the hits. One can’t write 600 words about hockey without talking about the hits. Given our football tradition, it follows that American viewers would be into the hits. I am no exception. Whether it was the slam that loosened the outside boards or any of the checks that tore sticks in half, they were always more impressive at high ice speeds. On top of it all, none of these players ever seem to get hurt or call for a timeout. That’s some serious grit.

Fourth, the games are not conducive to commercials or pauses. Thirty minutes of hockey takes two hours on TV, not three or four. That adds up to almost ten more minutes of action per hour than football. The clock keeps running, the hits keep coming and the action stays consistent.

Any hockey fan will look at these reasons and probably gloat. After all, they’ve known this for years. But for me, when taken together, these are more than enough reason to start watching some hockey in my free time. With a move to Ann Arbor on the horizon, it might be even more important to pick up a team, if only to make sure I can find friends. I’ve heard the Red Wings aren’t bad. Of course, this could fade as fast as some Olympic hockey fan’s curling dreams, but I have a feeling my newfound enthusiasm is here to stay.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Love truth, and pardon error.”

Voltaire French author
Be aware of the R-word

I agree with yesterday’s column (“Spread the word to end the word,” March 2) sent the Letter to the Editor, (“The hurtfulness of one word,” March 2) on the importance of the efforts to end the careless use of the words “retard” and “retarded.” On March 1, I call on all students to be aware of the use of these words and to be vocal in combating them. There are three main ways these words are used. First is when the R-word is used as a derogatory term for someone with intellectual disabilities. This is hurtful, crass and just plain low. Although it’s the most obvious use of the R-word, it’s not the most common use on campus. We should pay attention to the other, more insidious uses of the R-word. One is the use of the R-word for something annoying, worthless or undesirable (e.g. “Parietals are so ___!”). This sends a message to society, whether you intend it or not, that people with intellectual disabilities display amazing strength and bravery. On March 3, share in that courage. Pledge to end the R-word.

Katherine Pierret
drama Class of 2009
March 2

Chile earthquake

I am a 2009 graduate living in Santiago, Chile since May of last year. It is with incredible frustration that I write to you today, as 80 percent of the population of my country has been affected by one of the greatest natural disasters recorded in history. An 8.8-magnitude earthquake struck the morning of Saturday, Feb. 27, leaving thousands in the streets. What was not destroyed by the heavy shaking was taken down by a massive tsunami merely 20 minutes after the images are sad- dening, to say the least. Thankfully, Santiago took the cataclysm quite well, with only a few buildings suffering terminal damage, and a couple highway over-passes collapsing. Concepción, however, did not pass unharmed. Though multiple buildings collapsed, leaving many trapped in the ruins, it is not the physical damage what is affecting the region the most. Thousands of home-less people have resorted to rioting and violence to get a hold of prime necessities like food, medicine, water and fuel. There are even more people using the situation only to create chaos.

Gonzalo Brenner
drama Class of 2009
March 2

Nothing turns me on like short hair and charity

As most of us know, Spring Break is the time to get a haircut. Whether it’s convenient to make an appointment at your home hairdresser or or not, I want to look good. At home, in Lima City, the locks usually drop. The purpose of this article is quite simple: to convince everyone on this campus to not cut her hair until April 21.

Now all you lovely ladies may be a lit-tle confused as to why such a huge sacri-fice needs to be made. On April 21-23, many sororities and dorms on campus (such as Sophomore Class Council, Duncan Hall, to name a few) will be joining together to host the first annual event “The Bald and the Beautiful.” All the money collected from head shaving and hair cuts will go towards cancer research. For those not brave enough to shave their heads, Pantene Beautiful Lengths asks for eight inches of hair with the aim of making a wig for cancer patients who have recently undergone chemotherapy. If you aren’t convinced yet, then maybe you should take my word on the matter. Having sported everything from a bleach-blond Mohawk to a handprint shaved into my head, I know what it takes to make hair look good. If nothing else, hair should be an extension of your personality. So, if you really want to wow that guy in your seminar, let him notice your great, new haircut after April 23. Once he finds out you sacrificed your hair appointment during Spring Break so that a child undergoing chemotherapy wouldn’t have to suffer through the process of balding, I’m sure you would gain a little respect.

Ben German
sophomore
Gilno Hall
March 1

Basilica Wedding Madness

As a member of the Notre Dame community, I have always known about the “ring by spring” mentality. This year, I got more insight to the phenomenon. It started last summer and slowly but sure- ly progressed until the last weekend end of January proposal. Then the calling group organization began. No less than three of my friends, no doubt braver than I, decided to try to have their wed- dings at the Basilica in the summer of 2011. I myself went to my local church as soon as I got engaged and was able to set my date at the time I wanted that day. I can understand the allure of the Basilica, the further connection to Notre Dame would have been wonderful, but the hassle turned me off. In today’s day and age, the busy signal is almost unaccept- able, I have and could be better using going to the people on the West Coast? They had an awfully long time. Also, what about the people in Concepción off the streets while the rescue teams are trying to get to those still trapped. Please go to standforchile.org and donate whatever you feel you can to help ease the situation here.

As an alum, I know the Notre Dame family is especially sensitive to those in need. And Chile needs us now. So, on behalf of the entire Chilean people, I will be eternally grateful to you for helping us.

Always Irish,

Gonzalo Brenner
Drama Class of 2009
March 2

EDITORIAL CARTOON

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The 2010 Winter Olympics figure skating competition showcased amazing athletic artistry, but along with triple toe-loops come the costumes. They ranged from blandly tasteful to perfectly ludicrous. Here’s a small sample of the standout outfits from the men’s, women’s, pairs and ice dancing competitions.

**Evan Lysacek (above)**
**USA**
**Men’s short program**
The gold medalist’s outfits were designed by Vera Wang (who was also a competitive skater when she was young). If Lysacek had ditched Wang’s feathers, the all-black effect would have been magnetic – as is, it’s just silly and distracted from his routine.

**Jordan Gamble**
**Associate Scene Editor**

**Evgeni Plushenko**
**Russia**
**Men’s freestyle program**
The silver medalist turned in a clunky routine, then whined that he didn’t get the gold. Good thing he makes up for his bad attitude with a Lite Brite tuxedo.

**Oksana Domnina and Maxim Shabal**
**Russia**
**Ice dancing folk program**
Domnina and Shabal performed a routine based on the dances of the Aboriginal peoples in Australia by wearing brown-face illusion netting and fabric leaves (and these are the toned-down costumes). They took cultural insensitivity to whole new level, considering they were competing against skaters actually from Australia.

**Cheltzie Lee**
**Australia**
**Women’s short program**
Both of Lee’s outfits had lovely color and just enough sparkles. She brings to mind the elegant but sporty looks of Kristi Yamaguchi and Michelle Kwan.

**Miki Ando**
**Japan**
**Women’s short program**
What’s with the giant cross on her chest? If the rest of the costume didn’t already look like Dracula’s bride, I’d say she had it to ward off vampires.

**Xue Zhao and Hungbo Shen**
**China**
**Pairs short program**
This married couple — and eventual gold medalists — definitely brought their romance into their routine with these lovely costumes.

**Johnny Weir**
**USA**
**Men’s short program**
Unlike most of the men’s half-heartedly tacky costumes, Weir really committed to wearing outrageous outfits. This one was a winner, with a flashy pink corset and shoulder tassel.

**Joannie Rochette**
**Canada**
**Women’s freestyle program**
Rochette won the bronze just days after her mother died, and her emotion was visible in all her routines. She moved into the top three with this sophisticated Princess Jasmine number.

**Kevin van der Perren**
**Belgium**
**Men’s short program**
Van der Perren must be going for the “crypt keeper on ice” look but forgot pelvis bones and about four ribs.

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Scene Writer

As with much else on the Internet these days, YouTube has become a part of life. Just as “Google” became a verb several years ago, we now use the word “YouTube” in precisely the same way.

Do you want to see the latest music video from your favorite artist? “YouTube it!” Do you want to watch “Charlie Bit Me” for the 10,000th time? “YouTube it!” Did you miss that epic thing that happened on TV last night? “YouTube it!”

There is no doubt YouTube has become a cultural phenomenon. It has entirely changed the way people use and share video. And while it may be a struggle for YouTube itself to monetize its content, many individuals are capitalizing on this invaluable resource at their fingertips.

Sam Tsui and Kurt Schneider, both students at Yale University, have done just that, creating a slew of YouTube videos that have accumulated more than 20 million hits.

Their winning recipe, which combines Tsui’s impressive singing voice with Schneider’s production skills, was not actually the duo’s original intention.

According to an interview on “The Bonnie Hunt Show,” Tsui and Schneider grew up right down the street from one another. Upon coming to Yale, Schneider began producing videos and thought Tsui would be perfect for an upcoming project he was planning. The song, “Can I Have This Dance” from the film “High School Musical 3,” was intended as a duet between a boy and a girl, but when the girl stood them up, Schneider had the idea to record Tsui singing both parts. From there, he decided to shoot two Tsuis in the video — essentially, Tsui singing a duet to himself. And a brilliant idea was born.

Tsui and Schneider decided to continue collaborating after their initial success. Having found a formula that worked for them, Tsui and Schneider have produced more than 15 videos and have many more planned for the future.

The first video to put them on the map, their version of Journey’s “Don’t Stop Believing”, has accumulated more than 5 million views alone. Several of their videos are must-sees, especially for the pop music fan. Their Lady Gaga medley features several of Lady Gaga’s top hits mixed to near perfection. This video, above all, exhibits the brilliance of Tsui’s voice. He delivers an inspired performance, belting out Lady Gaga’s songs almost better than the pop diva herself.

Perhaps the best example of Schneider’s production skills, their Michael Jackson medley features no less than six Tsuis on stage singing the Prince of Pop’s greatest hits, impeccably strung together. Anyone who is a Michael Jackson fan or loves a good medley will have a hard time watching this video just once.

Future plans for Tsui and Schneider are sure to include music. Recently they performed on “Oprah,” and they have recently released an album of their covers on iTunes. The album includes the Michael Jackson medley, the Lady Gaga Medley, “Don’t Stop Believing” and seven other fantastic tracks.

If nothing else, Tsui and Schneider are an excellent example of what talent, ingenuity and the wonders of the Internet can do for college kids looking to make their mark.

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This Week’s Mix – British Invasion

by Alex Kilpatrick

1 “Yellow”- Coldplay
2 “Back to Black” - Amy Winehouse
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5 “Coffee and TV” - Blur
6 “So Here We Are” - Bloc Party
7 “Baba O’Reily” - The Who
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9 “Ramble On” - Led Zeppelin
10 “Paranoid Android” - Radiohead
11 “Time” - Pink Floyd
12 “Space Oddity” - David Bowie

From Britpop to punk, one might argue that England has produced the best and most influential music over the past five decades. London, Manchester and Oxford alike have produced bands, singers and musicians with astounding musical ability and creativity. This playlist comprises just a broad representation of the best music from across the pond.

12 songs,
1 weekend,
43 minutes, 8 seconds of music
No. 1 Syracuse tops St. Johns by 19 points

Reynolds puts up 17 points in Villanova’s victory over Cincinnati; Jenkins, Ogilvy lead Vanderbilt victory over Florida

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Fifth-year seniors Andray Rautins and Arinze Onuaku made their final home game at Syracuse their own, combining for 35 points and the Orange beat St. John’s 85-66 on Tuesday night in their final game in two seasons as the No. 1 team in the nation.

Syracuse (28-2, 15-2 Big East) beat No. 9 Villanova 95-77 on Saturday night before an NCAA record-on-campus crowd of 34,616 to move from No. 4 to the top spot on Monday. It was the first time the Orange were there since a six-week stint in 1989-90 and they apparently like the view.

They close the regular season on Saturday at Louisville looking to finish 9-0 on the road. Their only losses this season were at home to the Cardinals and Pittsburgh.

Onuaku finished with a season-high 21 points and had eight rebounds. Rautins had 14 points and seven assists.

Wes Johnson had 13 points, four rebounds and three blocks and reserves Kris Joseph and Scoop Jardine combined for 23 points.

D.J. Kennedy led St. John’s (15-14, 5-12) with 19 points, while Paris Horne had 18.

St. John’s dropped to 0-7 against ranked teams this season, but the Red Storm beat Louisville at home and Notre Dame on the road in consecutive games just over two weeks ago and kept pace with the Orange, who had won 10 of 11 games.

Horne hit two 3-pointers and Kennedy hit another to move St. John’s within 23-20 with 12:27 left. But the Red Storm lost their second leading scorer and top outside threat midway through the first half when Dwight Hardy twisted a knee and was carried off the court by two teammates.

Syracuse finished the half a 19-8 run, and Rautins led the way. After driving and dishing off to Onuaku for a layup, Rautins hit a 3 from the top of the key and set up Joseph with a perfect lob to boost the lead to 33-22 with 4:55 to go.

St. John’s found some openings in the Syracuse zone at the outset as Anthony Johnson Jr. and Justin Brownlee converted 3s from Malik Southe. But the Orange began to extend their defense and the Red Storm struggled, getting called for a shot clock violation and backcourt violation on consecutive possessions.

Syracuse extended its 42-28 halftime lead to as many as 16 points in the first 5 minutes of the second when Brandon Triche hit his 11th 4 in transition to make it 52-36 with 16:27 left.

Kentucky to lose its remaining two games to have a chance.

Villanova 77, Cincinnati 73

Scottie Reynolds scored all of his 17 points in the second half Tuesday night, and No. 9 Villanova let most of its late 16-point lead slip away before holding on for a 77-73 victory over Cincinnati.

The struggling Wildcats (24-5, 13-4 Big East) got their second win in their last five games, and it didn’t come easy. Villanova was winning off a 99-57 drubbing at No. 1 Syracuse, a low point of its season.

Down by 16 points with 6 minutes left, Cincinnati (16-13, 7-10) regrouped for a 14-run that cut it to 66-65 with 2:17 to go. Reggie Redding hit two free throws and a 3-pointer that blunted the comeback. Reynolds finished it off with two free throws with 3.2 seconds left.

Rashad Bishop had 19 points and Deonta Vaughn, one of two Cincinnati seniors before the game, kept the Bearcats in it with 14 points in the first half, and 3 that sparked the late run.

Vanderbilt 64, Florida 60

John Jenkins scored 18 points and A.J. Ogilvy added 16 as No. 13 Vanderbilt beat Florida 64-60 on Tuesday night, delivering a blow to the Gators’ NCAA tournament hopes.

Jermane Beal chipped in 11 points for the Commodores, including two key free throws with 6.2 seconds remaining.

Vanderbilt (23-6, 12-3 Southeastern Conference) swept the season series for the first time since 1997 and stayed in the hunt for the league’s regular-season title.

The Commodores need No. 3 Kentucky to lose its remaining two games to have a chance.

Vernon Macklin led the Gators (20-10, 9-6) with 21 points and nine rebounds. No other Florida player scored in double digits.

The Gators have dropped two straight and play the Wildcats in the regular-season finale Sunday.

Florida turned the game with a 16-2 run midway through the second half, and Buckingham did most of the work.

Erik Murphy had a tip-in, then the dunks found Alex Tyus and Macklin for layups. Murphy followed with a one-handed jam off Boynton’s miss, and then Boynton tipped in a shot to give the Gators their first lead of the game.

Jeffrey Taylor silenced the O’Connell Center with a dunk on the other end, but Florida kept it going when Tyus hit a short jumper and Macklin got his second straight basket on a layup that made it 53-48 with 9:24 remaining.

The Commodores got it back to 55-54 on Almeda’s corner with 8:06 to go. Florida hit one more, then Tyus hit one another about a minute later — his fifth — that gave Florida a 57-55 lead.

Florida had it tied again, 60-all, and Ogilvy got credit for the basket that Werner tipped home.

NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Syracuse’s Arinze Onuaku posts up against St. John’s defender Justin Burrell during Syracuse’s victory over St. John’s Tuesday.

Florida’s Kenny Boynton attempts to drive to the basket during the Gator’s 64-60 loss to Vanderbilt Tuesday.

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Beltran latest player involved in probe

By John H. Long</p>

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Mets center fielder Carlos Beltran talked to federal investigators last week about a Canadian doctor accused of selling an unapproved drug and said he recommended the physician to teammate Jose Reyes.

Beltran went to Toronto last summer seeking Dr. Anthony Galea’s opinion on his bruised right knee, the All-Star said Tuesday. He worked with Galea for a month and felt better following a rehab program, but his knee regressed when he went home to Puerto Rico.

“I have nothing to worry about, nothing to hide,” Beltran said. “I just went there for an opinion for my knee.”

Galea is facing four charges in Canada related to the drug known as Arthrogen, which is extracted from calf’s blood and used for healing. His assistant also has been charged in the U.S. for having HGH and another drug while crossing the border in September.

Investigators talked to Reyes last week. New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez said Monday that he had been contacted about the probe.

Galea is known for using a blood-spinning technique designed to speed recovery from injuries. Among the athletes he has treated are golfer Tiger Woods, swimmer Dana Torres and several NFL players.

The New York Times reported on its Web site Tuesday that authorities wanted to speak with Beltran and former Mets first baseman Carlos Delgado because another athlete said he was referred to Galea by the stars.

Beltran confirmed he recommended Galea to Reyes.

“When I was out, Reyes was one of the guys that said ‘Outside of New York...’” he said, adding he told his teammate, “Reyes, give it a try. He helped with other athletes.”

“So Reyes at the same time put his agent in contact with the doctor and they were in contact with the team,” he said.

It was not known whether authorities had talked to Delgado, a free agent. David Shane, Delgado’s agent, declined comment when reached by The Associated Press.

Beltran, who was sidelined for 2½ months last season with a painful bone bruise on his knee, said he heard about Galea from friends and he did not undergo the platelet-rich plasma therapy.

Beltran was accompanied by an attorney when he talked to investigators, who asked if Galea injected him with HGH.

In Brief

Hamilton scratched from game due to shoulder injury

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Texas Rangers outfielder Josh Hamilton will miss the team’s exhibition opener Thursday because of a bruised left shoulder.

Hamilton was scratched Tuesday from the second of the team’s two intraquad games because of the shoulder contusion, sustained when he dived for a ball during a pop-up drill on Feb. 25.

Rangers manager Ron Washington said there’s no timetable for Hamilton’s return.

“He’ll let me know when,” said Washington, whose team opens against the Kansas City Royals in the annual charity game Thursday.

Tuesday’s intraquad game between the regulars and reserves ended after four innings in a 4-4 tie.

David Murphy had an RBI double, scored a pair of runs and stole a base, and Vladimir Guerrero had an opposite-field RBI single for the regulars.

Reebok to be sued over ’Finish Strong’ Saints apparel

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Saints’ Super Bowl-winning season has led to a trademark dispute involving the team’s unofficial 2009 motto and two manufacturers of athletic wear.

In a suit filed in Chicago federal court, Finish Strong LLC claims trademark infringement by Reebok International LLC, which manufactured and marketed a T-shirt using the “Finish Strong” mantra that Saints quarterback Drew Brees adopted during the 2009 NFL season.

Finish Strong claims it has had a registered trademark on the phrase since 1998 and uses it in a branded line of apparel including T-shirts, pants, skirts and shirts.

The Reebok T-shirt carries the slogan: “We Finish Strong! We Are Saints.”

The suit, filed on Feb. 25, asks for Reebok to turn over all profits from the shirt to Naperville, Ill.-based Finish Strong, plus unspecified damages.

Strasburg likely to start season in minor leagues

VIERA, Fla. — Washington Nationals manager Jim Riggleman dropped another strong hint Tuesday that right-hander Stephen Strasburg, the top pick in June’s amateur draft, is destined to start the season in the minor leagues.

“It’s just more challenging to pitch in Double-A or Triple-A in April than it is in spring training in March. We get a better read,” Riggleman said.

Strasburg is slated to make his first spring training start at Space Coast Stadium on March 9 against Detroit in a game that will be televised live in Washington. He was scheduled to throw live batting practice Tuesday.

Strasburg has shown a blazing fastball this spring and earned raves from the front office and teammates for his poise. But his manager acknowledged there may come a point where the rookie will need more innings than he can get in the major league camp.

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Lincoln, Neb. — Jacob Hickman turns down chance for pro career

Associated Press

Bo Pelini took over Callahan's moribund program and in two years built it into a 10-game winner that came within a point and last-second field goal of beating Texas in the Big 12 championship game. Hickman talked to Pelini and a couple assistants, his wife and his father before deciding to hang it up. He was among the first wave of players to receive invitations to the scouting combine, which caused him to re-think his decision.

"Getting one as early as I did makes you think you have a pretty good shot," Hickman said. "I wanted to make sure that if I decided to quit that it wasn't because subconsciously I was afraid I couldn't make it. I know I had a chance to make it, and I still decided I didn't want to pursue it."

Just because Hickman is done playing doesn't mean he's done with football. Though he'll graduate in May with a degree in construction management, he's considering going into coaching. "I like the mental aspect of the game, and it's something I could be good at," he said. "There is a vast difference between playing and coaching. I wasn't burned out on the game itself." And Hickman and his wife of two years, Savannah, hope to start a family someday. "If I play for another 10 years, I might be walking with a limp when I'm 40," he said. "I would like to be able to play ball with my kids."
Iverson will not play for remainder of season

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia 76ers have said goodbye to A.I.

Allen Iverson's second stint with the team once led to the NBA finals ended with a whimper Tuesday when the Sixers announced he would not return for the rest of the season.

Iverson has mostly been absent from the team for a month. He's been dealing with an undisclosed illness of his 4-year-old daughter, Messiah.

Iverson, who returned to the 76ers as a free-agent in December, has not played since Feb. 20.

"After discussing the situation with Allen, we have come to the conclusion that he will not return to the Sixers for the remainder of the season, as he no longer wishes to be a distraction to the organization and teammates that he loves very deeply," team president Ed Stefanski said. "It has been very draining to leave his family to practice that it was emotionally exhausting to leave his family to practice it was best for Iverson after discussing the situation with Allen, we have come to the conclusion that he will not return to the Sixers for the remainder of the season, as he no longer wishes to be a distraction to the organization and teammates that he loves very deeply," team president Ed Stefanski said. "It has been very draining to leave his family to practice that it was emotionally exhausting to leave his family to practice."

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She has been hitting balls on the practice facility. A.I. was not the same player who once terrorized the opposition. But Iverson also noticed a more reserved, humbled Iverson who just wanted to fit in instead of dominating the ball or making flashy baskets. He was focused on his family.

"He was focused, he was being a leader," Dalebrot said. "It was a completely different Iverson. The role we needed him to play, he was doing it. He understood what he needed to do for the team and he came in and did it."

The Sixers have been awful with or without Iverson. They are 22-37 after a 126-105 loss to Orlando on Monday night. They were on a nine-game losing streak when Iverson made his debut on Dec. 7.

Andre Iguodala, another Sixer who saw both ends of Iverson's time in Philly, said he's miss No. 3.

"He did a good job bringing his personality to us," Iguodala said. "On the plane, on the bus, I just have a chance to laugh. He brought a huge positive side. Guys enjoyed being around him."

Iverson was the No. 1 overall pick in the 1996 draft and spent 10 seasons in Philadelphia before he was traded to Denver in December 2006. He won the MVP in 2001 when he led the Sixers to the Finals.

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Woods returns home after counseling session

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Tiger Woods is back at home after a week of family counseling in Arizona and is trying to get into a routine that includes golf and fitness, a person with knowledge of his schedule said Tuesday.

Woods returned to his home near Orlando on Saturday and has been hitting balls on the range at Isleworth, not far from where he ran his SUV into a tree in a middle-of-the-night accident on Nov. 27 that set off revelations of his extramarital affairs.

The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because only Woods is authorized to release information about his schedule, said there is still no timetable for golf's No. 1 player to return to competition.

"I do plan to return to golf one day, I just don't know when that day will be," Woods said Feb. 19 in his statement at Sawgrass. "I don't rule out that it will be this year."

Woods said he was leaving the next day for more therapy, without saying what kind. The person who spoke to The Associated Press said he went to Arizona for a week of family and marriage counseling with his wife, Elin.

Woods said at Sawgrass of his infidelity, "As Elin pointed out to me, my real apology to her will not come in the form of words, it will come from my behavior over time. We have a lot to discuss, however, what we say to each other will remain between the two of us."

Woods is not likely to play next week in the World Golf Championship at Doral, where he has won three times.
**NBA**

Wade leads Heat in win over Warriors, 110-106

Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade had 25 points, six assists and six rebounds, and the Miami Heat snatched a four-game slide by digging deep late to beat the undermanned Golden State Warriors 110-106 on Tuesday night.

Quentin Richardson scored 15 of his 16 points in the second half, when Golden State, which had a chance to tie the game with five seconds left — but Curry’s pass was tipped off Klay Thompson’s hands, Arroyo followed it off with a free throw, and Miami escaped.

Turiaf finished with 15 for the Warriors, who dressed only the minimum eight players — including Reggie Williams, who was signed earlier Tuesday to a 10-day contract after being called up from the Sioux Falls Skyforce.

The Warriors were without leading scorer Monta Ellis (sore back) and center Andris Biedrins (sports hernia), both of whom were ruled out before the game.

Turiaf, who clanged off the rim, O’Neal followed with two free throws, and Miami escaped.

The Heat also got within two points on a jumper by Richardson, but the Warriors closed the game's final moments on a 10-4 run.

**NHL**

Capitals hopeful after break

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Washington Capitals entered the Olympic break atop the NHL standings. That doesn't mean life will be easy as they prepare for their first game in 18 days.

On Wednesday, the Capitals will face the Buffalo Sabres and Ryan Miller, MVP of the Vancouver Olympics and silver medalist as goaltender of the U.S. team.

It just also happens to be the day of the league’s trade deadline. And the Capitals are playing with a superstar who’s even more motivated than usual. And there’s only 20 games over the next 40 days to settle on a No. 1 playoff goal.

“We want to be playing as well as we can when we hit the playoffs,” forward Brooks Laich said.

“Next 20 games are going to be used to iron out how we’re going to play, and identify our strengths and our weaknesses, and then we have to want momentum going into the playoffs.”

First, there is Wednesday’s trade deadline, a date that’s been a significant milestone in seasons past but is now being downplayed by nearly everyone in the organization. There might be a minor move or two — more depth at the blue line could be a priority — but there seems little doubt regarding the chemistry of a team that set a franchise record by winning 14 straight games in January and early February.

Team owner and broker extraordinary Ted Leonsis postulated that doesn’t see the Caps doing anything dramatic this week, adding: “I threw out our ‘stupid pils’ a couple of years ago.”

“Sometimes the best move,” Laich said, “is not making a move at all.”

That said, all is not perfection at Caps Land. After the 14-game streak, the team lost its last three before the break, allowing an average of five goals per game. That’s why defensive play has been the message of the last few days.

“We were winning, we were all doing the right things, and then we just got away from doing the right things, and then it’s like a runaway train,” coach Bruce Boudreau said.

“Start scoring goals, and you get so hungry scoring goals that you forget about the other end of the ice,” Boudreau also has three potential No. 1 goalies to juggle, each with nine wins. Veteran Jose Theodore has as many starts (31) as youngsters Semyon Varlamov (15) and Michal Neuvirth (16) combined.

Theodore has a 10-game personal winning streak that tied the franchise record, but his goals-against-average and save percentages are the worst of the three.

Injuries and inconsistency have kept Boudreau for settling on a definitive No. 1. Last year he entered the playoffs with Theodore as his starter, only to yank him in favor of Varlamov after only one game.

“We’ll have somebody when we’re going into the playoffs as the one that starts,” the coach said.

“The good thing is we’ve got guys that are ready to go if that person isn’t successful. That’s our stance, and I think last year we showed we’re not afraid to make a change. We want to win, so, whatever we have to do to put the best team on the ice in my mind to win, we’ll do.”

**MLB**

White Sox shape up new pitching rotation

Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Gavin Floyd finished efficient while Chicago White Sox teammate Daniel Cabrera was wild once again Tuesday during a practice game against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Dodgers won 4-2 in a seven-inning game at the spring training complex they share. Both teams played with 11 or 12 position players after only one game.

“Tough game,” Floyd said. “Thought we hit the ball well, but we didn’t play well. Fielding and baserunning were a little off.”

Floyd gave up one hit, two walks and hit a batter. He figures to be the third or fourth starter in Chicago’s rotation.

“Why not win,” Floyd said. “It’s the best thing.”

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**Butler looks to make name for himself in KC**

**Associated Press**

SURPRISE, Ariz. — If Billy Butler’s breakthrough season of 2009 had come in New York, Los Angeles or Boston, the barrel-chested first baseman would likely be one of baseball’s most celebrated young hitters.

Fame is hard to come by in a major league backwater like Kansas City, which hasn’t hosted a postseason game in 25 years — even for young athletes who achieve a level of excellence known only to an elite few.

Until Butler came along last season, just seven men who were 23 or younger had hit 50 or more doubles in a season. You may have heard of Hank Greenberg, Enos Slaughter, Stan Musial, Alex Rodriguez, Albert Pujols, Grady Sizemore and Miguel Cabrera.

Toss in Butler’s 21 home runs and the list drops to five men in the modern era of the game who legged out 50 doubles and hit 20 homers before turning 24.

It was one of the finest seasons in Royals history. And to many people, even serious baseball fans, it went virtually unnoticed. Even many of those in Kansas City failed to appreciate what their hardworking young first baseman was doing because attention was riveted on Zack Greinke, who won a Cy Young Award and helped the club to a 73-57 victory on Tuesday night that assured the Buckeyes of at least a share of the Big Ten title.

Butler, a 23-year-old third baseman from Idaho Falls, Idaho, was a part-time starter in 2009 after breaking into the big leagues as a part-time player the previous year. Butler looked to make a name for himself in Kansas City.

The funny thing is, Butler doesn’t seem to mind. He knows he’s not playing in a major market, and he knows he’s playing for a team that’s long been out of the national spotlight.

Most of all, he knows that one great season is not the sum total of the career he envisions for himself. 

“I know what company I’m in there,” he said. “By no means do I think I’m as good as those guys. They didn’t do it just one year. They did it multiple years, consistently. A-Rod’s done it for a decade. Stan Musial did it for a lifetime. I did it for one season. If I do it again this year, I’ll take a little more credit. If I do it three seasons, I’ll take a little more credit.

Last year was quite a season for the young man who averaged .336 in the minor leagues. Spraying the ball all over the field with his quick and powerful right-handed swing, he amassed 73 extra-base hits and a .301 average for 299 total bases — 19th-best in the majors.

His 51 doubles were three short of Hal McRae’s team record. Historically, he’s the first player since the modern era began in 1900 to have four games with three doubles in one season.

“If I don’t ever repeat anything close to that again, then it was just a fluke year,” he said.

**NCAA MENS BASKETBALL**

**OSU clinches Big Ten Title**

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jon Diebler once again hit up Illinois from behind the arc, hitting seven 3-pointers for 21 points, to lead No. 6 Ohio State to a 73-57 victory on Tuesday night that assured the Buckeyes of at least a share of the Big Ten title.

It was the third conference title in the last five years for Ohio State (24-7, 14-4), winners of four straight overall and 13 of 15.

William Buford added 17 points, seven rebounds and five assists, Evan Turner contributed 16 points and 12 rebounds and David Lighty had 15 points for Ohio State.

DeMetrice McCamey had 18 points for the Illini (18-12, 10-7), who have lost two straight and four of five.


After the game, fans rushed the court and cheered while several players ran over to their families to celebrate with them.

The crowd chanted “One More Year!” for Turner, a front-runner for national player of the year who has not decided if he will give up his senior season to jump to the NBA.

Athletic director Gene Smith decided if he will give up his senior season to jump to the NBA.

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**NBA**

**O’Neal promises return for 2010 postseason**

Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Now that his regular season is all but ended, Shaquille O’Neal promises he’ll make it up to Cleveland in the playoffs.

The Cavaliers center had surgery on his injured right thumb Monday and seems likely to miss the rest of the regular season. He should return around four points until Kyle Madsen hit a baseline jumper and, after an Illinois turnover, Lighty took one quick step to the basket and scored on a left-handed layup whileIllini big man Mike Tisdale picked up his third foul. Lighty’s three-point play pushed the lead to 58-49 with 9 minutes left.

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Cavs general manager Danny Ferry said O’Neal will wear a splint for the next two weeks, then begin his rehab.

“O’Neal may not be ready for the start of the playoffs April 17. The Cavaliers acquired him last summer with an eye toward the postseason, after Dwight Howard and Orlando elimi-

nated them in the Eastern Conference finals.

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er the game,” said teammate Jamario Moon, who got a text from the star center along with the other Cavs. “I really don’t want to know about it. We are fortunate.”

Ferry said. “We are fortunate that in our front court that can keep us moving forward while Shaq recov-

ers and returns to play for the post-

season.”

Anderson Varejao will continue to start at center for Cleveland, which has the NBA’s best record at 44-16.

J.J. Hickson and Leon Powe, who recently returned from knee sur-

gery, are also options.

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**Ohio State’s Evan Turner holds the Big Ten trophy after the Buckeyes beat Illinois to clinch a share of the Big Ten title.**
NBA

Arenas breaks silence, attends event put on by PETA

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As he has done many times in the month of March, Gilbert Arenas took off his shirt in a building full of adoring fans.

The time, though, was simply changing into a T-shirt with the words “Ink, Not Mink” emblazoned above it. The government-run organization released a photo of Arenas’ tattoo, which has been hurting Washington Wizards president Ernie Grunfeld for two years before the team president’s suit against Arenas began.

Suspended by the NBA for the rest of the season of a six-year, $111 million contract, Arenas is not willing to play here. “If he wants to play, he’s going to have to come back and play,” Arenas said.

When asked if the judge could happen again, saying last March, Arenas held a change of heart and wanted to discard them for ethical reasons. Rather than throw them away, PETA accepts the furs and gives them to homeless people and others in need of a warmer coat to stay warm.

Arenas helped the women try on the furs, giving advice on size and looks. Several asked for autographs, photos or hugs — or a combination of all three — and he complied every time. He was called “my favorite basketball player” by one woman and told by another how much the last-place Wizards need him back.

PETA approached Arenas about becoming a spokesman for the organization early in the season. It was coincidental that the organization released a photo of his tattooed bare chest with the slogan “Ink, Not Mink” the very week that he was initially suspended by NBA commissioner David Stern.

“Nothing that allegedly happened had anything to do with how animals are treated on farms or with the issues that we advocate for as an organization,” said Dan Shannon, director of campaigns for PETA. “If he wants to speak out about the cruelty in the fur industry, we want him to do that.”

Arenas said he’s never owned a fur. Being welcomed by PETA is a welcome change: The Wizards have kept their distance and his shoe company, Adidas, has dropped him altogether.
The postseason is coming and we are now a different type of events," Bednarski said. "The regionals and final of the NCAA have different rules and different emotional pressure. I am sure that these events will decide how much we appreciate our regular season results."

A pair of Olympians — sophomore Gerek Meinhardt and senior Kelley Hurley — has led the Irish all season. Meinhardt was a first team All-American as a freshman and finished second in the NCAA last year. Hurley was the 2008 women’s epee national champion. But Bednarski said the team’s depth is a strength that will hopefully lead the Irish to a NCAA team title.

"Beyond [Meinhardt and Hurley] we have a big group of individuals who can win anytime and against anybody," Bednarski said. "They are prepared physically and mentally and they are one unit, one team that wants to win."

As they head into the conference championships, the already decorated team has grander aspirations and expects that it can do great things.

"In the sport of fencing, it is not the season but Conference rings and NCAA medals that give bigger satisfaction and last longer in a memory of athletes," Bednarski said.

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Belles prepare for trip to Orlando to train

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

After only three matches, the Belles will take their annual spring trip to Orlando, Fla., March 6-13. The trip will allow the team to work on several aspects of their game that have been a focus during training.

"We have been working really hard to improve our doubles and also improve our conditioning going into the trip," Belles coach Dale Campbell said. The weekend trip will test the Belles’ (2-1) mettle and training. Over six days, the Belles will face Ursinus, Carthage, Wesleyan, Wartburg, St. Francis and Wheaton.

"We will be playing six matches in six days which should challenge us physically," Campbell said.

Although the season is young, Campbell said he has already noticed some improvements in his players, such as maturity on the court, better concentration and adjusting game in the middle of matches.

Despite the progress made in the short period of time, Campbell said more improvements must be made as the team looks to continually advance its game heading into MIAA conference play.

"We still need to get stronger to face the top teams in our conference," Campbell said. "Our doubles has to get more aggressive and have a stronger presence, as well as make our opponents react to us."

The trip will give the Belles an opportunity to get some much-needed experience against non-conference opponents similar to that which they will face in league play.

Nonetheless, the spring trip is invaluable in preparing the team for tougher stretches ahead.

In terms of expectations, Campbell said he just wants his players to improve.

"My expectations are to improve and have the most effort possible," Campbell said. "The wins will come but we have to get better, improve our doubles team-work and continue to play a higher level offensively in singles."

The trip offers the Belles a chance to work on their short-term goals.

"We want to improve our footwork, selection and placement of shots at all times, and continue to believe in our ability to play at a higher level," Campbell said. "We have the talent to be able to do that."

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The Irish, Brey said, are preparing as though they will not have Harangody, who missed the last four games because of a bone bruise in his knee. Brey said the team will evaluate the injury on a week-to-week basis rather than a day-to-day basis.

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HOROSCOPE
EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Bryce Dallas Howard, 30; Chris Martin, 31; Jam Box Inst, 40; Lee Radziwill, 76.

Happy Birthday! Don’t let anyone bully you into something you don’t want to do. You will have a chance at least that you can display your heart and prove yourself. Before jumping from one lifestyle to another, consider the consequences. This is not the time to put up with any unfairness. Keep things in the open. Your numbers are 4, 17, 24, 31, 37.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Ask questions if you are confused about what’s expected of you. Your arguments will determine how much you will get back and how far you can advance. Don’t discuss sensitive information. ♦ ♦ ♦

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get in touch with people you have worked with or know from your past and ask for the introduction to that of your acquaintance. Keep your options open for your best opportunity. Lending a helping hand to a friend is the best way for you to try to resolve your problem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Before you make your final decision, make sure you aren’t giving away too much. A change of heart is sometimes possible and you may begin to feel your personal powers. ♦ ♦ ♦

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Change is upon you and you can bring about some interesting new contacts and a chance to take part in something that will enhance you physically, mentally, or emotionally. Use your imagination and you will win others to help you. ♦ ♦ ♦

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Play a game or sing a song for a cause that will change your outlook. Liberty or death! A change in your life will make you more aware of the life you have now and help to ease your stress. A partnership will take a favorite turn. ♦ ♦ ♦

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don’t try to overwork anything just because you’re aware that you cannot. The more you plan, the more you can get involved and have fun. A creative outlet will inspire you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take control. Stick to your bottom line. Don’t go over budget. Keep things simple and manageable and you will impress others and attract others to join you to help you out. Love and romance are in the air. ♦ ♦ ♦

VIRGO (Aug. 22-Sept. 22): Friends, neighbors, or relatives will be difficult to handle. Make sure that you aren’t overreacting. Information-seeking behavior will help you understand your desires for privacy and for other people to make their choice. Don’t be a personal problem of others. ♦ ♦ ♦

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take an idea and turn it into something new. Reading on your part can you can use this for any information that you’re hoping to gear for some time. Change the individual signs before setting something up. ♦ ♦ ♦

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can put your money to better use if you invest in a future development that makes you feel a sense of achievement. You can’t have any fun and you have the opportunity to move along with others who will complement you to have it. ♦ ♦ ♦

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Take care of your responsibilities and you will avoid getting into trouble with friends and family. You can improve your environment once you recognize what is needed. Your luck is fine and you can travel. Your environment is wonderful. ♦ ♦ ♦

Birthday Bites: You are not afraid to challenge or push your way to the top. You know how to get there and are in a strong and favorable hand.

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6. Act of David of “Riddle” (5)
10. Common rhyme scheme (5)
14. Cara of “Fame” fame (3)
15. “Damn Yankees” woman who gets what she deserves (9)
16. Mug spray? (7)
17. What do you say to the governor’s salary in Austin? (4)
19. Surly with convert (7)
21. Mother’s urging at the dinner table (5)
22. Like some sums (7)
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WORDS WITH FRIENDS

1. Heard they had issues printing the comic. (10)
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3. I don’t know! (11)

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
BY MIKE ARGIRION AND JEFF KNUREK

Jumble Industries, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NADAP
ORNED
OASUER
TOSFRY

WHAT THE SAILORS WERE GIVEN TO CLEAN THE BACK OF THE SHIP

Arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the arrow above.

A: (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday’s Jumble: PROXY GIRLE TYRANT MOHAI Answer: Although the convicted killer never traveled, he was always on—AN EGO TRIP
Men's Basketball

Notre Dame now the hot team in rematch

By BILL BRINK Sports Writer

Connecticut has had an up-and-down season, but Notre Dame has yet to meet the Huskies when they’re down. The first time the teams met, the Huskies had won five of six games, and beat the Irish 82-70. Later, they lost five of six. But now, Connecticut (17-12, 7-9 Big East) has won three of four, and come to town to face a hot Notre Dame (19-10, 8-8) squad on Senior Night.

“We’re playing the UConn that started the year now,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. The Irish recently beat two top-15 opponents without senior forward Luke Harangody and are making a push to be in consideration for the NCAA Tournament.

“The power of the Big East always presents itself with playing our way in,” Brey said.

Team experiencing a rebirth without star Harangody

This senior class has won more Big East games than any in Notre Dame history, but tonight’s showdown with Connecticut might be the biggest of their careers. A week ago, this Irish team looked dead. Luke Harangody, their All-American, All-Everything forward and leader, was out far longer than anyone expected with a bone bruise. While the Irish showed their resiliency and mettle in a double-overtime loss at Louisville, the bad defeats to Rutgers, St. John’s and Loyola Marymount looked to doom Mike Brey’s squad to a second straight NIT appearance.

Then everything clicked. The Irish made every open shot and locked down Pittsburgh’s offense in a blowout of Fagan Pavilion. Even with star forward Harangody still injured, Notre Dame now is the top team looking for strong showing at Border Olympics

Men’s Golf

Team looking for strong showing at Border Olympics

By LUKE MANSOUR Sports Writer

Notre Dame hopes to get the second half of its season off to a good start at the Border Olympics tournament this weekend in Laredo, Texas. The Irish will look to improve upon their 11th-place finish at the Battle of the Beach two weeks ago in their first tournament of 2010. The squad has been successful at the tournament over the last couple of seasons. In 2009, the Irish scored a fifth-place finish, and in 2007, they held the lead halfway through before faltering in the tournament’s second half. Irish coach Jim Kubinski said he expects the team to be able to build off its recent successes in Texas.

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Fencing

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Men's Tennis

Individuals shine in Irish loss to Illinois

By KATE GRABAREK Sports Writer

The No. 38 Irish fell to No. 12 Illinois yesterday in Champaign despite a strong showing.

The Irish maintained their changes in the doubles lineup and were able to pull out a win at No. 1 doubles as sophomore Casey Watt and junior Stephen Havens defeated the No. 48 team by a score of 8-4.

“We switched some of our doubles teams,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliiss said. “Casey [Watt] was playing with [junior] Tyler [Davis], but now he is playing with Stephen. Nothing is set yet, but it was good to see them pull out a win over Wisconsin over the weekend.”

Doubles teams didn’t have as positive of results as the Irish dropped the doubles point to start off the match. Sophomore Niall Fitzgerald and Davis dropped their match at No. 2 doubles to No. 38 Abe Souza and Connor Roth by a score of 3-6. Juniors David Anderson and Matt Johnson lost their match 8-1 at No. 3 doubles.

The Irish were able to come away with two wins in singles starting off with sophomore Sam Keeton, who pulled off a 6-2, 6-1 win at No. 5 singles to get the Irish started.

“Sam Keeton pulled out the