Sophomore directed FFA

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Sophomore Paul Moya spent a year as the national president of the National FFA, formerly the Future Farmers of America, traveling through the country to speak at student conventions.

Moya returns to ND after leading Future Farmers of America

By JOSEPH MCMAHON
Associate News Editor

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NDSP reports pair of sexual assaults

By KRISTIN DURBIN
News Writer

Although its founders encountered a few obstacles throughout the club approval process, the Notre Dame Triathlon Club had a good year, said junior Karl Kingery, co-president of the newly formed club.

Kingery, an experienced triathlete, and junior Brian Sheridan, co-president of the club, came up with the idea of creating a group dedicated to training for triathlons last year.

"Brian approached me with the idea because he knew I had done triathlons in the past," Kingery said. "I thought it was a great idea, so we went through all the hoops with the Student Activities Office and got it working."

During the process of gaining approval for the club, Kingery and Sheridan enlisted junior Kyle Nickodem to fill the position of club secretary.

After garnering a sizable amount of student interest at Activities Night in the fall, the club officers said they were enthusiastic about the club's first year.

"About 130 people signed up at Activities Night, and a lot of people showed up at the first meeting, too," Kingery said. "I think some people were turned off to the club because we can't actually compete for Notre Dame, but I do think the club can become a member of the Collegiate U.S. Association of Triathlons (CUSAT) within the next two or three years, which would allow club members to officially compete as a team in triathlons."

"RecSports requires that clubs be at tier three to compete against other schools," Kingery said. "Since we're not at tier three yet, we have to wait a few years before we can compete."

Despite its current non-competitive status, the Triathlon club holds four

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Bracket business

More than 4.7 million brackets were submitted on ESPN’s online March Madness Bracket Challenge, none of which are still perfect as the Sweet 16 field rounded out on Sunday night.

At the top of the leaderboard, a man who I am quite convinced, more than likely, did not sit down and watch a single game of college basketball this entire season, is J. Lorenz, or Jlrnz5. His ESPN profile was full of congratulatory comments from people he has never met, offering plenty of praise, plenty of jealous remarks and a handful of comments that referred to him as God. Congratulations, J. Lorenz.

There is one person on record who has a perfect bracket so far: 17-year-old Alex Hermann, a high school senior from south Chicago who has been studying all season long and memorizing plenty of statistics so he could correctly predict each winner thus far. Hermann has been studying all season who has a perfect bracket so far: Eric Domi.

He was not fooled by the Kansas Jayhawks confidence. He did not listen to all of the reporters who claimed the Big East would be taking over the tournament, and he saw talent in Cornell, even though everyone knows not to count on the Ivy League in college basketball.

Who did he award the coveted championship trophy to? The Purdue Boilermakers, of course. A few weeks ago, I would have thought he could not have been more off, but after judging how the last two rounds went, I am reluctant to say that was a bad call on Hermann’s part. With Robbie Hummel injured and an overtime nail-biter to get them to the Sweet 16, the Boilers have a tough road ahead of them if they wish to still be playing in April.

Aside from successfully selecting each winner thus far, Hermann has also accomplished something else I would never have guessed anyone could do. For my entire life, I’ve been a Notre Dame fan in Purdue territory, fiercely cheering against the Boilermakers.

For the first time in my entire life, I’m pulling for the Boilermakers.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Molly Sammon at msammon@nd.edu.

INSIDE COLUMN

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE WEIRDEST INJURY YOU’VE EVER HAD?

Pritcilla Nyankson
freshman Ryan
“Tdislocated my shoulder while arm wrestling.”

Bobby Reiche
freshman Keenan
“I cut my knee open and didn’t realize it until I went through Devil’s Tower.”

Nick Genty
sophomore O’Neill
“I dislocated and broke my shoulder at the same time.”

Chris Samuelson
freshman Mcclain
“I fractured my left hand by getting into a car accident by running over a refrigerator.”

Molly Sammon
Sports Production Editor

Junior forward Devereaux Peters, front left, and senior center Erica Williamson, front right, lead Notre Dame’s celebration after the Irish beat Vermont in the second round of the NCAA Tournament Tuesday night at the Purcell Pavilion. The team will next head to Kansas City and the Women’s NCAA Sweet 16.

OFFBEAT

Study shows food in the Last Supper grew over time

Has even the Last Supper been supersized?

The food in famous paintings of the meal has grown by biblical proportions over the last millennium, researchers report in a medical journal Tuesday. Using a computer, they compared the size of the food to the size of the heads in 52 paintings of Jesus Christ and his disciples at their final meal before his death.

If art imitates life, we’re in trouble, the researchers conclude. The size of the main dish grew 69 percent, the size of the plate, 66 percent, and the bread, 23 percent, between the years 1000 and 2000.

Surgersitzing is considered a modern phenomenon, but ‘what we see recently may be just a more noticeable part of a very long trend,’ said Brian Wansink, a food behavior scientist at Cornell University.

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OFFBEAT

Shakespeare at Notre Dame will present “Galileo” tonight at 8 p.m. at the Phiben Studio Theater in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is open to the public, and tickets are $10 for general admission, $8 for faculty, staff and seniors and $5 for all students.

Penelope Crawford, a guest forensic anthropologist, will be in concert on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Reyes-Ornag and Cravath Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is open to the public, and tickets are $13 for general admission, $10 for faculty, staff and seniors and $5 for students.

The Haiti Club will host a Hawaiian Luau on Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Stepan Center. The event is open to the public, and tickets are on sale at the LaFortune Student Center Box Office.

A lecture, “Ancient Slavery and 19th-Century Abolition,” will be held Thursday at 5 p.m., location to be determined. The event is free and sponsored by the Ph.D. in Literature Program.

John Mackey, the Chairman and CEO of Whole Foods Market, will speak as part of the “Ten Years Hence Speaker Series” on Friday from 10:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium in Mendoza College of Business. The event is free and open to the public.

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

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Physics professor participates in Hubble Telescope project

By JILL STINCHCOMB

Physics Professor Peter Garnavich is part of the largest Hubble Telescope project undertaken to date, allowing him to examine distant galaxies and far-away supernovae.

The telescope allows astronomers to gather data about galaxy evolution and cosmology as it can discern light that has traveled for billions of years across the universe.

“This is a huge project by NASA to get the maximum information possible since the Hubble was repaired last May,” Garnavich said.

He said the telescope repairs improved the infrared camera on the Hubble telescope, giving it a larger viewing field as well as better camera quality. This allows the camera to see much further than it previously could.

The project will look at more than 250,000 distant galaxies. Garnavich said the project will maximize time on the telescope by looking at the sky above the ecliptic poles, ensuring neither the sun nor the earth interferes or blocks the sky during the allotted time.

The application for time on the Hubble telescope is very competitive, Garnavich said. “Only one in every 10 proposals are accepted,” he said.

The more orbits a proposal requires, the less likely it is to be accepted, he said. Any project requiring more than 100 orbits is much less likely to be accepted.

Even though the group requested 902 orbits, its proposal was approved because the project is a part of the Multi-Cycle Treasury program, spreading the project over multiple years.

The length of the project is also significant because it will look at pictures from the same spot in the earth’s orbit from year to year and compare differences.

The team will look for several kinds of events, including supernovae and the accretion of mass into the black holes at the center of galaxies.

With this project, we will be looking at the most distant supernovae and galaxies ever,” Garnavich said.

Lecture discusses ‘occasions of grace’

By ALICIA SMITH

With some Catholics in a state of “disenchantment and disillusionment,” scholar Colleen Mary Mallon said Catholicism is currently at a crossroads.

Mallon spoke to members of the Saint Mary’s College community Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Stapleton Lounge in LeMans Hall. Mallon is assistant professor of Theology at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis.

Her lecture, “Near Occasions of Grace: The Gift and Task of Thinking Catholic,” discussed several components of Catholicism including Catholic theological tradition as well as intellectual distinction.

In order to remain faithful in this uncertainty, Mallon said Catholics must live responsibly and creatively.

“The life of the mind is a place where grace happens and that the wholeness of grace, the gift of God’s own life for nothing but love comes to us as an integral, embodied and critical intelligence,” she said. “That is, the livingness of divine love is a gift that animates our choices even as these choices are fully our own, our path.”

According to Mallon, beliefs can be seen through actions. Actions, she said, allow one to understand more deeply what it is he or she believes.

“If you want to know what I really think and believe, watch what I do,” Mallon said.

Mallon relayed an account she once had with a student who had recently lost some friends in a terrorist attack in her homeland of Iraq. Mallon said although this student was struggling, she was able to come to and understanding of the situation because of grace.

“I watched how the act of struggling to make meaning is a holy practice, where grace meets us and helps us to stretch to limits we cannot obtain without the accompaniment of the sacred spirit of God,” Mallon said.

Mallon also discussed globalization and its effect on the Catholic faith. She spoke about four theological global flows attached to globalization. These flows are the theology of liberation, feminism, ecology and human rights.

“The sinking of these global theological flows through the local water table into the roots of our social lives has met with both reception and resistance,” she said. “While some have experienced these ... in dry land, others have experienced these as contaminated waters.”

During her lecture, Mallon asked the audience to participate in a discussion. She told the audience to consider two groups of scientists. The first group gathers around a telescope and is scanning the night sky, searching for something. The second group is gathered around a crater. She asked the audience to discuss which of the groups of scientists were more like Christians.

After a short discussion, she explained that the group of scientists that best approaches the Christian search for God was the group who was studying the crater.

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Mallon said Catholics have an important task that must be faced.

“This is our task: The work of bringing what we say and believe as Roman Catholics into congruence and alignment with how we actually behave,” Mallon said.
Border Angels founder draws large audience

By CAROLYNN SMITH
News Writer

A large crowd gathered to hear Enrique Morones, activist and founder of the non-profit organization Border Angels, discuss his human rights work in Haiti on Tuesday night. Morones discussed immigration reform and legal options for future immigrant workers. He looked at border control in the United States and talked about the history of Border Angels, a non-profit organization that supports humane treatment of immigrants and Operation Gate Keeper, a border security operation established in 1994.

"Operation Gate Keeper built a wall between the United States and Mexico, and that wall has led to the death of thousands of people," Morones said. "There have been 109,000 people who have died since Operation Gate Keeper." Border Angels was founded in 1986. The organization consists of volunteers who seek to stop unnecessary deaths of individuals traveling through areas located near the United States and Mexican border. Morones told stories of people who tried to cross the border but were unsuccessful because of this wall and other conditions. He said we do not hear about these deaths in the media.

"We can all name who replaced Paula Abdul on American Idol and who won the gold medal and who won the Academy Award, but none of you can name any of these people who have died," Morones said. "A high percentage of deaths resulted from extreme heat and cold weather conditions, Morones said. Some were also due to racial discrimination crimes, he said. Morones discussed the Minutemen, a group of citizens who see themselves as protecting this country from illegal immigration, but Morones said they are a racist group that has committed hate crimes for years.

"Racist groups are very dangerous and these people have taken an issue with immigration. It is troubling," Morones said. Border Angels has worked hard to stop the hate crimes committed by the Minutemen and other racist groups, Morones said.

"When the Minutemen came to California in July of 2005, we planned actions against them to shut them down and we were successful," Morones said. "We try to be an example with Border Angels."

Morones said he believes the United States needs immigration reform in order to provide more legal options for future immigrants.

"If you are passionate about an issue, you need to do something about it. Ordinary people can do amazing things," Morones said. "I would like the wall to come down, and it will come down in my lifetime. We want a pathway to legalization."

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Council approves new Student Union Board

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the four resolutions passed in the March 18 Student Senate meeting and approved new Student Union Board leaders at its meeting Tuesday night.

The resolutions passed by Senate include a nomination of two student representatives to the Rector Approval Committee for Residence Halls and resolutions regarding diversity on campus, non-monetary aid to Haiti and seating arrangements for students at home football games.

Student body president Grant Schmidt highlighted the resolution involving diversity on campus. The resolution called for an examination of policies and programs of Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS).

"We need more resources given to MSPS so that it can better fulfill its mission," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said the issue is important because many individuals often find the support given to minority students on campus "frustrating."

Schmidt said Senate had another “very important request” for the University that involved the ongoing crisis in Haiti.

Student government chief of staff Ivan Bredlehn said Senate proposed options for providing alternative versions of aid to Haiti, in addition to sending money.

"We’re looking at potentially enrolling some displaced Haitian college students here at Notre Dame in fall 2010," Bredlehn said.

Schmidt also discussed the addition of five new leaders to the Student Union Board (SUB).

Sophomore Norbert Hootsmans and junior Marie Wicht were both unanimously approved by COR for service as co-directors of programing for SUB.

"I really want to incorporate SUB with other parts of the University," Hootsmans said. "This collaboration will help because every year we look at what isn’t here and we create new events."

"SUB helps people to grow in community and not just as students," Wicht said. "I want to make SUB more appealing and more accessible for the student body."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Police sent to control drug traffickers

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — Jet planes loaded with 450 federal police officers arrived in this city, known as Mexico’s murder capital, on Tuesday to bolster a federal force struggling to control violent drug traffickers.

The law enforcement effort consists of the number of federal agents in Ciudad Juarez to 3,500 and is the same as the number of the State Highway Roadham Clinton and top-level security officials met with Mexico’s leaders and pledged to help tackle the problem.

More than 2,600 people were killed last year in Ciudad Juarez, a city of 1.3 million across the border from El Paso, Texas. At least 500 people have died this year.

Britain to launch space agency

LONDON — Britain’s first space agency will begin operating next month in an effort to coordinate U.K. space activities while raising the country’s profile in the global space economy, officials said Tuesday.

With an initial operating budget of £230 million pounds ($346 million) — modest compared with NASA’s nearly $19 billion — the government said the new UK Space Agency would nevertheless create jobs and opportunities for the workforce and for the regional economy.

The country’s 6 billion (59 billion) space industry “is one of Britain’s real success stories,” Business Secretary Peter Mandelson said. “Year-on-year it provides more jobs both directly and indirectly to the U.K. work force.”

NATIONAL NEWS

Miss. judge won’t force school prom

JACKSON — A Mississippi school district violated a lesbian student’s rights by banning her from bringing her girlfriend to the prom, a federal judge ruled Tuesday, but he stopped short of forcing the district to hold the event.

U.S. District Judge Glenn H. Davidson denied an American Civil Liberties Union request for a preliminary injunction that would have forced the Hattiesburg City School district to sponsor the April 2 prom and allow Constance McMillen to escort her girlfriend and wear a tuxedo.

Davidson’s order says the district violated McMillen’s rights by denying her request to bring her girlfriend and wear a tuxedo, and AGLI Mississippi legal director Kristy Castille said Tuesday that she plans to move forward in the case with a motion for summary judgment.

Tattoo indicates possible hate crime

RIVERHEADED, N.Y. — A teenager accused of murder in the hate crime stabbing of an Ecuadorian immigrant had tattoos depicting a swastika and a symbol he said represented “white power,” witnesses testified Tuesday.

The defendant, Jeffrey Conroy, was watching the HBO prison drama “Oz” in April 2008 when he decided it would be cool to get tattoos, said Keith Brunjes, who described himself as Conroy’s best friend. Over the course of several weeks, Brunjes applied a star tattoo to one of Conroy’s arms, a lighting bolt to the other and the swastika on the outside of his upper right thigh.

Local News

Search continues for Purdue student

FISHERS, Ind. — Police used helicopters and divers in search of a suburban Indianapolis area for a missing 19-year-old man Tuesday after he left a home nearby.

Divers on Tuesday searched a retention pond while an Indiana State Police helicopter searched remote areas around the reservoir, but found no sign of him.

White House responds to suits

Multiple state attorney generals allege health care overhaul is unconstitutional

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The White House says it isn’t worried that 13 state attorney generals are suing to overturn the massive health care overhaul, and many legal experts agree the effort is futile.

But the lawsuit, filed in federal court several days after President Barack Obama signed the $938 billion health care bill, underscores the divisiveness of the issue and the political rancor that has surrounded it.

Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum led the effort to file the suit that claims Congress doesn’t have the constitutional right to force people to get health coverage. It also says the federal government is violating the Constitution by forcing a mandate on the states without providing resources to pay for it.

“To that I say, ‘Bring it on,’” said White House domestic policy chief Melody Barnes, who cited similar suits filed over Social Security and Voting Rights Act when those were passed. “If you want to look in the face of a parent whose child now has health care insurance and say we’re repealing that … go right ahead.”

McCollum, a Republican running for governor, has been talking about suing to overturn the bill since December. This month he invited other attorneys general to join him. So far South Carolina, Nebraska, Texas, Michigan, Utah, Pennsylvania, Alabama, South Dakota, Idaho, Colorado, Washington, Louisiana and Louisiana have agreed.

All the attorneys general are Republican except James “Buddy” Caldwell of Louisiana, a Democrat, who said he signed on because Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal asked him to do it. He also said he felt the effort had merit.

The lawsuit, filed in Pensacola, asks a judge to declare the bill unconstitutional because “the Constitution nowhere authorizes the United States to mandate, either directly or indirectly, that all citizens and legal residents have qualifying health care coverage.”

Robert Sadler, a constitutional law professor at Wayne State University in Detroit, said the effort isn’t going anywhere.

“This is pure, political posturing and they do not have to know it,” he said.

But South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley disputed that characterization, saying his state will have to cut education and other programs to make up for increased Medicaid costs under the overhaul.

“There isn’t about attorneys general trying to break into the realm of telling what needs to happen with health care reform,” he said. “This is attorneys general saying you went too far with unfunded federal mandates. You exceeded your power under the Constitution.”

Not so, said Bruce Jacob, a constitutional law professor at Stetson University in Florida, who said the suit seems like a political play and is unlikely to succeed.

The federal government certainly can compel people pay taxes, can compel people to join the Army,” he said.

Some states are considering separate lawsuits — Virginia filed its own Tuesday — and others, including Missouri, may join the multi-state suit. Still others are looking at other ways to avoid participating, like a legislative block requirements in the bill.

Idaho Gov. C.L. Otter speaks to reporters Tuesday at his Boise office regarding the state’s decision to sue the federal government over health care reform legislation.

McCollum predicted his suit would eventually end up before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The health care bill “is not lawful,” he said. “It may have passed Congress, but there are three branches of government.”

The lawsuit claims the health care bill violates the 10th Amendment, which says the federal government has no authority beyond the powers granted to it under the Constitution, by forcing the states to carry out its provisions but not reimbursing them for the costs.

Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire, a Democrat, said she strongly disagrees with Attorney General Rob McKenna’s decision to sue, calling the lawsuit an effort to “gut the bill.”

CHINA

Government thwarted censorship detour

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google’s attempt to detour around China’s Internet censorship rules was met with a countermove by the communist government, which blocked people on the mainland from seeing search results dealing with such forbidden topics as the pro-democracy movement.

China’s maneuver, as well as its public rebuke of Google’s decision to stop censoring searches for the government, rattled some of the company’s investors, advertisers and users.

The chief concern is whether Google poisoned its business in one of the world’s most promising Internet markets. One analyst critical of Google’s move predicted the maneuver will cause the company’s stock to fall by as much as $50 — or about 10 percent — in the coming weeks.

The stock fell $8.50, or 1.5 percent, to $549 Tuesday.

Last month, Google said it no longer felt comfortable complying with the country’s demands that it censor Web content deemed objectionable by the communist rulers. On Monday, Google began sending Web searchers in mainland China from the China-based Google.cn to Google.com.hk, based in Hong Kong. The former British colony has an open Internet, and Google is not legally required to censor results there.

But that end-run doesn’t prevent China’s government from using its Internet filters — known as the Great Firewall — to block some search results and Web sites from being seen in mainland.

On Tuesday, a search request from within mainland China about the 1989 Tiananmen democracy protest returned a notice that the “page cannot be displayed.” It also caused the Web browser to disconnect for several seconds. Under the old google.cn, a similar query usually returned a list of sanitized sites about Tiananmen Square.
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to the classroom.”

Moya is pursuing a degree

in finance from the Mendoza

College of Business and

plans to graduate in 2012.

Overall, Moya said his year

as national president was a

once-in-a-lifetime experi-

ence, which changed the way

he views the world.

This past year has been a

whirlwind in so many ways

and I transformed so much,”

Moya said. “I grew more in

one year than I have grown

in the last five.”

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ber of the CRRA, Notre Dame

has played a key role in cre-

ating global access to the

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by Catholic institutions in

North America,” CRRA board

member Artemis Kirk, who is the

university’s librarian at

Georgetown, said the CRRA

was fortunate. Younger

would be able to devote more

time to the organization.

Jennifer has been the driv-

ing force behind the creation

of the Catholic Research

Resources Alliance, and all of

its members are indebted to

her for her leadership,” Kirk

said. “We’re delighted that

she can devote even more of

her energy and expertise to

strengthening the alliance,

and we appreciate Notre

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understanding the impor-

tance of the CRRA.”

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Bailed-out execs to face pay cuts

NEW YORK — Investors are starting to believe that the stock market is on the verge of another big rally. The Dow Jones industrials rose almost 103 points Tuesday, their biggest gain in more than two weeks.

The day's economic news was tepid as the National Association of Realtors reported a drop in homes sales last month that was not as steep as forecast. But analysts said many investors, after seeing the Dow at new highs for 2010, were afraid of missing out on further gains. The report on housing was typical of recent economic numbers that have been somewhat better than expected but that still point to a weak economy. Sales of previously owned homes fell 0.6 percent last month to an annual rate of 5.02 million. The drop was less than expected. For now, the sales numbers aren't hurting hopes that the economy can recover even if the housing market is still sluggish. The Commerce Department is expected to report new home sales for February on Wednesday. A month ago, sales shrank off an 11.2 percent increase in January. The market's continuing advance has been welcome but analysts are divided over whether stocks have run too far if they have more to gain from better improvements in the economy. The recent gains have been mild in contrast to those of 2010 when triple-digit gains in the more frequent as the index soared higher from a 12-year low.

Even many traders who have doubts about the sustainability of the advance are, expect it to continue until something pops the optimistic mood. "You can't deny the trend. Definitely the trend is higher," said Doreen Mogavero, president of brokerage Mogavero, Lee & Co. in New York. She said investors are optimistic about the health of corporate earnings for the January-March quarter. "Things seem to be moving along in the right direction. So to that end I think people are feeling better."

But Mogavero is cautious because the advance has come on light trading volume, which signals that not many investors are willing to put money into the market. The Dow rose 102.94, or 1 percent, to 11,741.76. The Dow has risen 10 of the past 11 days and is at its highest level since Sept. 26, 2008. It has risen 147 points, or 1.4 percent, in two days. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 8.36, or 0.7 percent, to 1,174.17. It also stands at an 18-month high. The Nasdaq composite index rose 19.84, or 0.8 percent, to 2,415.24, a 19-month high.

The rise in stocks sent bond prices lower and yields higher. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.69 percent from 3.66 percent late Monday. The dollar rose against most other major currencies.

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At the recent “Beyond Fruits and Vegetables” forum, students complained that Notre Dame’s professor teaches almost nothing about sexual orientation. We agree. We think it’s time for the faculty — in their capacity as experts and educators — to join Notre Dame in a ongoing conversation about LGBTQ issues. Student governance and the Office of Student Affairs — especially Core Council and the Gender Relations Center — are already doing great things in these areas. Why should Notre Dame’s professors lag behind? 

Informed political and ethical judgments require solid and up-to-date knowledge. Professors are the best possible sources about cutting edge academic research — in this, as in other areas. In fact, it’s not that universities employ professors in the first place?

That’s where this column comes in. For the rest of this semester, a different Notre Dame professor each week will write a column about sexual orientation using the most up-to-date research in her or his discipline. Each column will provide an entertaining but up-to-date introduction to one important area of scholarship.

These columns will not be venues for professors to air their personal opinions about politics, ethics or anything else! Rather, columnists will write as professional experts about the scholarship on sexuality and sexual identity in their own disciplines. As a taste of what’s to come, here are some topics currently being researched in the humanities and social sciences.

Anthropology: Anthropologists are working on gender identities and development across cultures, the role and status of homosexuality in modern times, the history of clinical and archival records and a broader understanding of the ways in which humans express their sexuality. Recently anthropologists are interfacing with physiological and neurological studies in creating transcultural approaches to understanding human sexual behavior and identity. 

Film Studies: This discipline:
- looks at the work of GLBT filmmakers and at representations of GLBT people,
- considers GLBT reception of films, analyzes the queerness of dominant culture and dominant representation.
- Rather than a marginal area of study, queer studies is a methodology and approach that film scholars bring to bear on a wide range of film practices.

History: Historians research the lives, attitudes and identities towards LGBTQ people, from ancient Greece and Rome through the 20th century, in Europe, the Americas, Asia and Africa. The behavior, gender identities or sexual orientations we now label “bisexual, lesbian, gay, transgender or intersex” have existed throughout time, and in nearly all societies. Yet, scholars continually discover how variable attitudes towards same-sex loves and transsexual identities have been, from outright encouragement to fierce suppression. Nor have these attitudes or practices necessarily “liberalized” as societies grew more modern.

Political Science: Topics from the social science branch include:
- Attitudes toward gay people and gay rights:
  - Attitudes, actions, and impact of GLBT individuals — as citizens, voters, candidates, office-holders;
  - Legislative or judicial policy-making on gay rights;
  - LGBT political movements, interest groups, communities;
  - Intersectionality (the related impact on sex, sexual and sexual orientation on attitudes, voters, politicians);
  - The so-called “culture wars.”

As usual in political science, most research considers gays and gay rights not only as important topics with unique dynamics, but also as cases. E.g., scholars analyze the gay rights movement as one example of a political movement, applying and testing the same theories about origin and impact used to analyze other political movements.

Psychology: Current research on LGBT-related issues ranges from neuroscience to clinical. Some examples:
- The genetic basis for non-straight sexual orientations;
- Brain differences in people of different sexual orientations and gender identities;
- Same-sex sexual and pair-bonding behavior in other animal species;
- How factors from homophobia to extended family affects children with gay or lesbian parents;
- How to help gay and lesbian couples improve their relationships.

Sociologists study sex in relation to society, including:
- How sexual orientations are understood in Western as well as non-Western cultures;
- The relationships between gender and sexuality;
- Social influences on the development of sexual identities;
- Gay men and lesbians in families;
- The political dynamics of organizing gay rights movements around the world, including how these movements influence public opinion, policy, society, culture, and the construction of gay identity.

Spanish Film and Literature: Current scholarship analyzes the place of homophobia in Spain, particularly since General Francisco Franco’s fascist regime fell in 1975. Some of the most innovative work focuses on authors and film directors like Garcia Lorca, Luis Cernuda and Pedro Almodóvar.

Do Notre Dame faculty specialize in all of these areas? Hardly. Should a Notre Dame education therefore omit the latest research on sexual orientation? We don’t think so!

With thanks to the many faculty members who shared information about their disciplines.

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Last Sunday, historic health care legislation passed the House of Representatives and was sent to President Obama’s desk. As the final votes came in, the tally was a clearly bi-partisan 219-212, without a single Republican voting for the bill. As a personal- and supporter of health care, I was elated at its imme- diate passage. This is the first time without some sense of concern with the way it had to be cod- dled through the Senate and House with partisan recon- ciliation and party line votes the only viable political conclusion for success. After all, Medicare and Social Security were both passed with at least some bi-partisan support and were much larger pieces of “social engineering” than the current bill represents.

The idea of reconciliation itself is not as troubling to me, as it provides sub- stantive protection on crucial budgetary, deficit and debt issues from the filibuster, a procedure that has seen increased use by both parties over the last 20 years. In the same way that both parties have increased its obstruc- tionist use of the filibuster, both parties have used the reconcilla- tion for their own ends as well. Republicans, especially those decrying reconciliation as the “nuclear option” are especially motivated to play down their own use of reconciliation in passing tax cuts in both 2001 and 2003 that increased both the deficit and debt substantially.

What is concerning, however, is that the way in which reconciliation has been used for measures on a bill which by all means is quite moderate (the Blue- dogs take care of that) increases in payments to primary care physicians (a suggestion by Chuck Grassleys, the Republican senator from Iowa) and, in its final form, looks very similar to the program which Mitt Romney passed in Massachusetts. How is it that no serious effort was made early on by the Republican Party to meet half or even a quarter of the way in the debate on reform? How is it that bi-partisanship seemed to die so quickly under the weight of the media and special interests? There are at least three big pieces to this puzzle. First, the mentality of the senate and congress has shifted substantially in the last two decades. Sen. Evan Bayh, the former Indiana Democrat, in his open letter detailing his choice to retire at the end of this current term, spends a great deal of time discussing the newfound lack of congeniality in the Senate and between caucuses. At one time, senators seemed to take themselves much more seriously as men who were working together to make America better through compromising, men working to keep the other party from destroying our country. With 24-hour media, increased transparency, and the Internet, it is difficult for Congressmen to break free from their attack, lest they look too friendly with the enemy in front of constituents.

The gerrymandering of districts has created an environment where most Congressmen have little to fear from opposing party challengers. While there are certainly congressmen who have essentially sacrificed their own careers for the sake of passing the bill, this number is probably a minority of either party’s total representatives. Politically this meant up the number of representatives that were truly going to have to defend their yes votes, and all of them hail from marginally blue districts, or districts that are even his- torically conservative. How to draw these districts in a politically tenable manner may be a difficult, if not impossible question.

Finally, the importance of state pri- maries should be reexamined. Originally, they were intended to take the power of candidate selection from back rooms and party bosses. Now, however, they are less or guarantee both political parties a spot in every single election, even districts where a much more vibrant and moderate election could come from two con- tenders from one party. Currently, candidates are forced to push to the extremes to win the tradi- tionally hardcore voters from their own party, and then push centrist again to appeal to voters at large. This creates an extreme option from both parties, rather than even one moder- ate option. If a single party. If a single pri- mary were used in each state to select two candidates for a runoff, repre- sentatives would not have to pass party purity tests to make a general election, they would merely need to appeal to their district’s electorate at large. The unintended consequences of this bill, for good or ill, will not appear for years down the road, but the lesson to be learned immediately is that con- gress simply does not cooperate in a way that seems viable for long term legislative success, and will not be truly effective as long as it continues to be party extremists from safe dis- tricts.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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There is no excuse for these individuals’ behavior. This is no different from the type of hatred that persists on this campus. The majority of our student body: True Reform.

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As I sit in O’Shaughnessy Hall for class I have to wonder who committed this atrocity. Howdy partner who committed this atrocity? As I walk in the doors I am greeted by the same desks in elementary school and last time I checked I am still 4-foot-8 inches and studying basic arithmetic. This is a top notch university, why am I sitting in an elementary school desk? Some of the desks on campus are great (i.e. the big rooms in DeBartolo, even the mouths of political hacks, but with infor- mation provided by the true experts who are large- ly ignored in this intellectually advanced endeavor. If you fail to understand the true problem, this debate has been taking a lot of time while our debt and despair, regardless of any proposed solu- tion offered by partisan politicians. The impact of Congress’ decisions is not limited to your Mommy or Daddy’s bank account (or mine for that matter), but has a real, and lasting effect on people with ill- nesses and pre-existing conditions like myself. Until you grasp the reality of the situation and edu- cate yourself a sufficient level of competence, please refrain from insulting the millions of Americans who have to live with my same fears by publically and vociferously vitriolizing your callous and ignorant opinions of the vastly complex health care delivery system.

Aidan Fitzgerald

Man at Large

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

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In the two and a half years I have been at Notre Dame, not once have I witnessed such an overt display of hatred. It seemed to me that throughout the “non-discrimination clause” debate there has been a widespread ignorance of the equal rights of others.

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"Volume Two," the long awaited She & Him album, has finally arrived. Well, maybe not long awaited, but certainly highly anticipated. Since the group’s debut album in 2008, the question has been whether or not the duo of Matt Ward and Zooey Deschanel would continue their musical partnership beyond one album. When the announcement of their new album hit the Internet, fans let out a sigh of relief. The first album left listeners pleasantly surprised and the second doesn’t disappoint.

The album starts out with “Thieves.” The song is about remaining somewhat depressed following a breakup. Deschanel wrote: “Sometimes lonely isn’t sad.” The lyrics are definitely interesting when placed next to the lyricist’s own life. For quite a bit of time, she dated Ben Gibbard of Death Cab for Cutie before settling down and marrying the singer this past September. It doesn’t seem like she’s all that lonely. In many ways, it is as if she is singing to and for the listener instead of that lonely. In many ways, it is as if she is singing to and for the listener instead of that lonely. In many ways, it is as if she is singing to and for the listener instead of that lonely. In many ways, it is as if she is singing to and for the listener instead of that lonely.

The other cover, “Gonna Get Along Without You Now,” is a great addition to the album. The word choice fits Deschanel so perfectly and yet it wasn’t even written with her in mind. The 1950’s feel suits her voice as well. She really delivers on a song driven mostly by vocals and melodies.

While cover songs have always been a signature of She & Him — (including their Smiths cover in “500 Days of Summer”) — the songs really showcase the talent that both musicians have.

“Home” is one of the most straightforward and direct songs on the album. There are many songs about the concept of home, but this one truly captures what home is. The lyrics don’t waste any time. California is the very first word and it’s clearly what Deschanel views as home. Despite the link to her own home, she still manages to make the song universal. The best line in the song is: “It doesn’t get better than home now does it.” She says it in a manner that is so simple and relaxed that it truly does feel like home. Home is often also equated with love and Deschanel doesn’t neglect that at all. She writes: “I want to be where your heart is home.” The music is just as good as the lyrics in its simple message and simple choice of melody.

Without a doubt the best song on the album is “In the Sun.” It has the same advice that a mother would give, but it sounds so much more appealing in Deschanel’s voice. She sings, “we all get the slip sometimes every day” and reassures the listener that everything’s going to be okay. The resounding chorus of “It’s alright! It’s okay!” is undeniably happy. It is also accompanied by one of the most pleasant music videos in the history of music videos. If you had any reason to wonder, now why would I ever be a fan of Zooey Deschanel, then you simply must watch this video. She sings and dances and just about charms the pants off anyone who watches.

“Volume Two” exceeds the expectations of those who enjoyed “Volume One” and if we’re lucky Volume Three will be soon to come.

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“Volume Two” She & Him
Record Label: Merge Records
Noteworthy Tracks: “Thieves,” “In the Sun,” and “Home”

By COURTNEY COX
Scene Writer

“Dancing With The Stars” (Mondays, 8 p.m., ABC)
“Dancing With The Stars” premiered Monday with a new season and an all-star lineup. Controversy already surrounds the season as Kate Gosselin, infamous mother of “Jon and Kate Plus Eight,” is a contestant. Football player Chad Ochocincle also promises to be an exciting contestant to watch, dancing for the first time outside the end zone. If his Cha Cha from Monday night is any indication, he will be a fierce competitor. From Buzz Aldrin to Pamela Anderson, Pussycat Doll Nicole Scherzinger to Bachelor Jake Pavelka, the season promises to be full of stellar moves and swinging hips.

“Gossip Girl” (Mondays, 9 p.m., The CW)
It was hard to feel the xoxo when Gossip Girl made a last return on March 8, but fortunately the drama and fashion picked up the pace in the last two episodes. You have to wonder how many times can Rufus realistically denounce his daughter? Obviously she’s a screw-up, but can we just move on already? Also, Chuck’s mama-drama is not all that interesting and the coupledom of the series is getting a little too predictable. Something major is needed to revive this weakening power-hour of teen television. An unexpected pregnancy might be the only thing that can bring a little life to the Upper East Side.

“The Office” (Thursdays, 9 p.m., NBC)
Everyone’s favorite mockumentary television show returned on March 4 with “The Delivery,” an hour-long episode devoted to the birth of Jim and Pam’s baby. Now more than halfway through its sixth season, “The Office” has struggled to find its way this year. Between the sale of Dunder Mifflin’s Scranton branch to a buddy of Dwight and the hurried relationship between Jim and Pam, “The Office” has lacked a little bit of its original off-beat and hilarious humor. A welcome storyline is the awkward but sweet romance of Erin and Andy. Here’s hoping that this great show soon finds it’s footing again.

“10 Things I Hate About You” returns March 24 (Thursdays, 8 p.m., ABC Family)
The second season of the series, inspired on the film of the same name, picks up right where it left off last season after snarky Kate ditched school with bad boy Patrick to stand up in protest of the school’s new policies that encroached upon student privacy. But, uh-oh, now she is upset to learn her father might affect her chances of getting into her dream college. Meanwhile, Bianca has her own problem when she discovers her kisses with stupid but cute Joey was caught on videotape potentially endangering her social standing and position on the cheerleading squad with queen bee Chastity. Will nerdy but endearing Cameron eventually win Bianca over? And will Kat and Patrick ever become a real couple?

“Vampire Diaries” returns March 25 (Thursdays, 8 p.m., The CW)
The last time we saw the gang of Mystic Falls, Va., there was a lot of death, a lot of fire and a lot of The CW-worthy angst. Heroine Elena and the vampire brothers Damon and Stefan Salvatore teamed up with Bonnie and her Grams, both witches, to open the tomb that had imprisoned vampires since the Civil War. Damon found out that his beloved Katherine was not among the withered vam- pires in the tomb. He was not a happy camper — so the series returns to find him looking up more than a freshman at DormerFest. Look for a guest stint by Melinda Clarke (Marissa’s mom on “The O.C.”) as Damon’s latest conquest.
Dear Academy,

Why I WON'T Be Watching THE OSCARS next year

Oh how you disappoint me. No, I’m not another Avatar-obsessed junkie feeling jilted by the fact that you didn’t give this year’s grand prize to the “Pocahontas” rip-off of “Million Dollar Baby” buff trash ing mainstream Hollywood and proclaiming Sunlight as my life-blood. I understand that this is a business. I don’t want reminding that money and not integrity drive your decisions, or that your voting system is inherently flawed, or that politics — no, I’m not Musique writing, turning the page and yet again turn your back on the problem that you’ve gotten oh so good at ignoring. Let’s think of that four-hour blip you call an awards show as your preemptive back hand to this letter, (true!) Ode to your terribleness?, and this letter as my answer to you. So on March 7 you put on the 82nd annual Oscars. Please allow me to retort.

Dear Academy, does it strike you as odd that only one of those pictures was the highest rated by viewers in its respective year? Or that, if you want to look at your process as a democratic one “for the people,” and for that, as I said at the very beginning, you’re conspiring (against what?), only one of those pictures was the highest rated by viewers in its respective year? Doesn’t it seem weird to you that while many of your esteemed members cast votes in various other awards show/film critics circles/festivals, your results are often far different than those of the same awards show/film critics circles/festivals that your members vote for? Perhaps they all have a change of heart some time after they cast their previous votes, or maybe they’re conspiring (against what?), or maybe it’s your system… just maybe. Maybe it’s that up until this year’s Oscars you’ve gone with an instant run-off system that more often than not under awards films that, let’s face it, even without the statistical data to back it up (because you refuse to release that data), don’t receive the most favorable votes. In your system (the same system that’s probably older than Larry King), a film with 20 first place votes cast by Brutus and the crew but with 80 last place votes heats out a film with 19 first place votes and 81 second place votes. Dear Academy, I ask you: Is that really the best picture? Or to be more precise, let me ask this wither meant to celebrate the best in film, has become lost in something that I don’t think you meant for it to get lost in. Why does Sean Penn (a dear friend and favorite of the Academy) want to look at your process as a democratic one “for the people”?

But wait! Alas, you’ve fixed your systems. You’ve… Well, you’ve added 3-G glasses to feel like you’re really in the movie as opposed to the movies? Let’s take a closer look at this thought. You say you want to generate more exposure for films that otherwise wouldn’t be nominated for the top prize and might get overlooked, a heart at every golden statue you give out. And I don’t need you chiming in with a “please calm down, sir” which I’m sure you’d actually be doing this revise to that statement: ready yourself to turn the page and yet again turn your back on the problem that you’ve gotten oh so good at ignoring. Let’s think of that four-hour blip you call an awards show as your preemptive back hand to this letter, (true!) Ode to your terribleness?, and this letter as my answer to you. So on March 7 you put on the 82nd annual Oscars. Please allow me to retort.

Dear Academy, do you think you’re running a political campaign? Why is it that so many ads have to be put in the trades, or that lobbying goes more on in Hollywood, or that some studios spend as much money promoting their films come awards season as they do actually making their films? Don’t feel like you need to answer that though, because I realize it’s not entirely your fault nor can you really do anything about it. But I ask this, is the film itself whether they cast their previous votes, or maybe they’re conspiring (against what?), or maybe it’s your system… just maybe. Maybe it’s that up until this year’s Oscars you’ve gone with an instant run-off system that more often than not under awards films that, let’s face it, even without the statistical data to back it up (because you refuse to release that data), don’t receive the most favorable votes. In your system (the same system that’s probably older than Larry King), a film with 20 first place votes

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Arenas may get three months

Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas arrives in court in Washington to answer to a felony gun charge Jan. 15. Prosecutors recommended a three-month sentence for Arenas Tuesday.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Prosecutors are portraying Gilbert Arenas as a thuggish intimidator who tried to pressure his teammate into a cover-up, as they argue for a three-month jail sentence for the NBA star on a weapons charge.

Arenas’ lawyer says his client is “a peaceful man” who played a misguided prank and has already been severely punished for bringing guns into the Washington Wizards locker room. He says the more fitting punishment is probation and community service.

Both sides staked out their positions Tuesday in court filings, ahead of Friday’s sentencing in D.C. Superior Court. Arenas pleaded guilty Jan. 15 to one felony count of violating the District of Columbia’s strict gun laws, a charge stemming from a locker-room confrontation that followed a card-game dispute between Arenas and teammate Javaris Crittenton during a Dec. 19 flight to Washington. Authorities say Arenas threatened to shoot Crittenton in the face and blow up his car. Two days later, Arenas brought four guns to the locker room and put them in a chair by Crittenton’s locker with a sign saying, “Pick 1.” Crittenton then retrieved his own gun and showed it to Arenas.

Prosecutors wrote that the locker-room incident “was not a spur-of-the-moment jumoke,” but rather a calculated attempt by Arenas to defend his supremacy among his peers.

“In the confined quarters of an airplane, a younger, junior player disrespected the defendant in front of the entire team,” Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Kavaughn wrote. “On a team where the defendant is the highest-paid player, was the face of the franchise, and is known for particularly outrageous conduct, the defendant believed he had no choice but to respond.”

In arguing for jail time, Kavaughn noted that Arenas lied repeatedly about why the guns were in the locker room. Arenas first claimed he brought them to work because he wanted to get them out of the house and away from his three young children.

Also, on the day after the confrontation, Arenas told a member of the Wizards’ management that Crittenton wasn’t even in the locker room when the guns were displayed, according to prosecutors. Minutes later, Arenas asked an unnamed teammate to forward a text message to Crittenton, Kavaughn wrote. The message instructed Crittenton about what he should tell NBA officials.

“Ur new story. U were not in the training rm when u got out there were 3 guns on ur chair with a note. That said pick one. Send that to javarris ill take all the Blame,” Arenas wrote, according to prosecutors. “U’ll come up with the story. But that all he needs to say. If we hav to talk to the nba office.”

A spokeswoman for Arenas’ lawyers declined to comment on the allegation. She said the defense would respond to the government’s sentencing memorandum at Friday’s hearing.

Prosecutors also cited Arenas’ prior conviction for carrying a concealed weapon in California in 2003 and his joking antics in the wake of the incident. They said any claim by Arenas that he was ignorant of D.C. gun laws is false, citing a November 2009 team meeting on the subject.

As part of the plea deal with Arenas, the government said in January it would not seek more than six months in jail, although the judge can give Arenas anywhere from probation to the charge’s maximum term of five years. The sentencing guidelines for someone with Arenas’ record call for a sentence of six to 24 months, although the guidelines also allow for probation.

Tuesday’s filing, prosecutors also proposed that Arenas serve three years’ probation and perform 300 hours of community service in addition to the three-month jail term. A survey of similar cases over the last two years in the district indicate that about half of the defendants convicted of Arenas’ crime receive some amount of jail time. Crittenton received a year of unsupervised probation after pleading guilty in January to a misdemeanor gun charge. He did not have a prior guns-related conviction.

Arenas’ lawyers held nothing back in making the case for their client, filing a memorandum that runs 122 pages and includes numerous character-reference letters, with Arenas’ father, Alana Beard of the WNBA’s Washington Mystics and ESPN’s Dave McMenamin among those offering their support. There are no letters from Arenas’ current or former Wizards teammates, coaches or management.

Butler Bulldogs rely on team continuity

Butler’s Matt Howard, right, shoots over a Wright State defender during the Horizon League Championship in Indianapolis.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — When Matt Howard arrived at Butler, he was just trying to fit in.

There were nuances and playbooks to learn, and upperclassmen were trying to teach him how to win the Butler way.

New, after spending one season adjusting and another re-teaching those lessons to his young teammates, the junior center is reaping the benefits of college basketball’s rarest commodity — continuity.

“When you get used to people, you can get into a rhythm,” Howard said Tuesday before leaving with his teammates for the West Regional semifinals in Salt Lake City.

He certainly knows what to expect from his teammates now.

What Butler has done over the past two seasons defies conventional wisdom of today’s game. At a time when one-and-done recruits dominate the national stage and mid-major programs regularly rely on heavies on seniors, Butler has gone down a different road.

It did not lose a single player off last season’s roster, and coach Brad Stevens has used the same starting lineup — Howard, Gordon Hayward, Shelvin Mack, Ronald Nored and Willie Vasley — for 61 of the last 66 games. That’s three sophomores, a junior and one senior.

The only time Stevens changed the lineup was because of injuries. And they got even more playing time together on last summer’s trip to Italy, which means the Butler five have started the equivalent of 2½ to three seasons together.

The dividends are priceless. “As a point guard, it really makes it easy when you know where everybody is going to be and what everyone is going to do,” Nored said. “You should try it on the practice, but it makes it a lot harder as a point guard when you don’t know where they’re going to be.”

Butler can see the results.

A year ago, with three freshmen and a sophomore starting, the Bulldogs struggled in February and March and wound up losing to LSU in the first round of the NCAA tournament. In November, when Nored was trying to play his way back from a knee injury in his left leg, the Bulldogs lost twice in California.

Since Nored’s recovery, the Bulldogs (30-4) have been virtually unbeatable. They have won 22 straight games, the Horizon League regular-season and tournament titles and Saturday reached their third regional semifinal since 2003. They haven’t lost since Dec. 22 at Alabama-Birmingham, and a win Thursday over top-seeded Syracuse would move Butler within one victory of returning home for the Final Four.

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**NCAA Women’s Basketball**

**Mississippi State’s Alexis Rack, right, answers questions alongside teammate Mary Kathryn Govero during a news conference about Tuesday’s NCAA second round college basketball game against Ohio State in Pittsburgh.**

**Lady Bulldogs top Buckeyes 87-77**

PIPPSTON, Ga. — Alexis Rack drove through and around Ohio State’s slow-to-react defense for 30 points and seventh-seeded Mississippi State upset the second-seeded Buckeyes 87-77 on Tuesday night to reach the NCAA women’s tournament round of 16 for the first time.

The Lady Bulldogs trailed by as many as eight points in the first half, only to use their quickness, adept ball movement and outside shooting to seize control with an 18-0 run that turned a 32-26 deficit into a 44-32 lead. They never looked back in avenging a second-round loss to the Buckeyes a season ago.

Mississippi State (21-12) plays Florida State (28-5) on Sunday in Dayton.

Ohio State star Jantel Lavender, harassed all night by Chanel Mokango, scored 17 points — many after it was far too late. The 6-foot-4 Lavender repeatedly had trouble posting up as the 6-5 Mokango used her long reach and quickness to deny passers or, when Lavender handled the ball, to pressure her into taking hurried or off-balance shots.

Mokango scored 19 points herself, Armelie Lumanu added 17 and Mary Kathryn Govero scored 15 by making 5 of 6 from 3-point range. The Lady Bulldogs were 12 of 22 from beyond the arc to 10 of 15 for Ohio State, the nation’s best 3-point shooting team.

The Buckeyes’ fast-growing frustration showed when team leader Samantha Prahalis tore at her shorts in anger after fouling out with nearly five minutes remaining, taking any chance of a desperation comeback with her. The 20-point loss was Ohio State’s worst in tournament since 1996.

Ohio State (31-5) became the second No. 2-seeded team to lose in as many nights, joining Texas A&M. It’s only the third time since the women’s bracket expanded to 64 teams in 1994 that a pair of 2-seeds lost, the other seasons being 2002 and 2007.

A year ago, the Lady Bulldogs led the Buckeyes 58-54 in Columbus with 6:43 remaining, but didn’t score again as Ohio State scored its final 10 points on free throws to win 64-58. Rack said Monday she didn’t have many memories of that disappointing loss and, on a neutral floor, it was Mississippi State that pulled off the comeback this time, making 55.7 percent of its shots (34 of 61) to Ohio State’s 46.3 percent (25 of 54).

**NFL changes overtime rules for playoff games**

ORLANDO, Fla. — Sudden death has gotten a little less sudden in the NFL playoffs.

The league on Tuesday changed its overtime rules for postseason games. Starting next season, if a team wins the coin toss and then kicks a field goal, the other team gets the ball. If that next series ends with another field goal, play will continue under the current sudden-death rules.

If the winning team immediately scores a touchdown, however, the game is over.

Team owners voted 28-4 on Tuesday in favor of the proposal at the NFL meetings. Minnesota, Buffalo, Cincinnati and Baltimore opposed the change.

Passage was helped by commissioner Roger Goodell’s support and by a spate of statistics indicating the coin toss had become too prominent in spate of statistics indicating the coin toss had become too prominent in determining OT winners.

**In Brief**

**Dolphins’ RB Ronnie Brown charged with DUI**

ATLANTA — Miami Dolphins running back Ronnie Brown, who had been in the suburban Atlanta area to help celebrate his parents’ anniversary, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol and released from jail a few hours later, officials said Monday.

The 28-year-old fifth-year pro was arrested at 4:29 p.m. Saturday, Marietta Police Officer Jennifer Murphy said. Marietta is about 15 miles northwest of Atlanta.

Brown’s mother, Joyce Brown, told The Associated Press in a phone interview on Monday that Brown was visiting his hometown of Cartersville for her and her husband’s 32nd anniversary. She said he had eaten dinner with relatives and then went to a club. She didn’t know the name of the club, but the night was not part of the anniversary celebration.

**Nets’ chief executive defends argument with fan**

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The chief executive of the New Jersey Nets says he has no regrets about arguing with a fan who wore a paper bag over his head during yet another loss by the team.

CEO Brett Yormark said in a statement Tuesday he wanted to let the fan know he didn’t agree with the way he was expressing his opinion.

Yormark approached the fan during a 99-89 loss to Miami on Monday night. He asked why he was wearing the bag. When the fan told him because the Nets were so good, Yormark exchanged words and pointed a finger at him. The fan held up his tickets, and Yormark walked away.

The Nets are nearing the record for fewest wins in an NBA season. Yormark said despite the frustrations he will continue to stand up for the organization.
GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Jim Edmonds drove in five runs and Dave Bush pitched six innings to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 10-2 win over the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday.

Edmonds hit a three-run homer off Jeremy Sowers in a four-run first inning and a two-run single off Jensen Lewis in a five-run second. The 39-year-old Edmonds, a 16-year veteran with 382 career homers and eight Gold Gloves in the outfield, is on a minor league contract after sitting out last season.

Bush allowed one run and five hits, becoming the first Brewers pitcher to work six innings this spring.

Sowers gave up six earned runs, five hits and two walks in one-plus inning. The left-hander has been hit hard in two outings after being sidelined early in camp with a strained shoulder.

Mariners 6, Angels 4
Ichiro Suzuki is getting a head start on another Gold Glove.

The right fielder made an outstanding catch during the second inning of the Seattle Mariners' victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday.

With his back to the plate, the Japanese star robbed Jeff Mathis of extra bases with a tumbling grab on the warning track. The crowd gasped, then cheered.

The remarkable play spared struggling starter Ryan Rowland-Smith from further damage beyond the eight hits and four runs he allowed in five innings.

Franklin Gutierrez had a two-run double for the Mariners. Angels right-hander Ervin Santana was scratched from the start with elbow inflammation.

Giants 6, White Sox 1
Matt Cain pitched into the seventh inning in an impressive start, leading the San Francisco Giants to a victory over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday.

Cain yielded three hits and an unearned run in 6 2-3 innings, helping San Francisco improve to a majors-best 16-6 this spring.

Pablo Sandoval and Bengie Molina each had two doubles and drove in a run for the Giants, who finished with seven doubles.

Gavin Floyd pitched four innings for the White Sox, and was charged with six runs and nine hits.

Cubs 5, Royals 5
Kansas City starter Luke Hochevar gave up one run in five innings Tuesday as the Royals and Chicago Cubs played to a tie.

The game was called after five innings. It was the Royals third tie this spring.

Hochevar gave up five hits, walked none and struck out three. Ryan Dempster allowed two runs and four hits while striking out six in 5 1-3 innings, the longest outing by a Cubs starter.

Brayan Pena hit a tying, two-run homer for the Royals in the sixth off Carlos Marmol.

Derrek Lee had a two-run double for the Cubs. Aramis Ramirez, who had not played since March 13 because of a right triceps injury, had an RBI single.

Padres 9, Rockies 6
Nick Hundley hit a two-run homer in San Diego's five-run sixth inning, helping the Padres to a win over the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday.

Tony Gwynn had three hits and scored three runs for the Padres, who finished with 14 hits. Chase Headley had two RBIs.

Troy Tulowitzki, Carlos Gonzalez and Chris Iannetta homered for the Rockies. Jason Hammel pitched five-plus innings, yielding five runs and seven hits.

Associated Press

Ichiro's catch saves Mariners; Cain pitches Giants to victory over White Sox; Royals, Cubs tie; Padres top Rockies

Padres pitcher Kevin Correia warms up before his start against the Rockies Tuesday. Correia gave up four runs on nine hits.
Xavier rallies to notch upset over Vanderbilt

Undefeated Connecticut beats Temple by 54 points to advance to Sweet 16, extend winning streak to 74 games. The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Travis Zajac, Parise each net two goals in Devils win over Penguins. The Associated Press

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Connecticut’s Tiffany Hayes shoots over Temple’s Natasha Thames in the Huskies’ 90-56 rout over the Owls Tuesday in Norfolk, Va.

NCAA WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

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CINCINNATI — No watching and wishing this year. Amber Harris is taking Xavier places in the NCAA tournament where it hasn’t gone before.

With each clutch basket, she reminded them of what they missed in last year’s madness. The 6-foot-5 forward with power moves and a soft touch extended the Musketeers’ season Tuesday night with two minutes of the brilliance. Harris made the go-ahead layup with 12.3 seconds left, and third-seeded Xavier held on for a 63-62 win over Vanderbilt in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Down by 10 midway through the second half, the Musketeers (29-3) let the Atlantic 10’s player of the year for 14 minutes, finally turning it around after three straight early NCAA flameouts.

Harris scored Xavier’s six points in the final 1:22, all on point-blank shots off moves to the basket. After her layup put the Musketeers ahead, Vanderbilt had two chances to win it.

Lauren Lueders missed from the top of the key, and the long rebound went to Rhoads at the left of the basket. She put up a soft shot that hit both sides of the rim before slipping off as the buzzer sounded, sending Xavier players into a tearful huddle at midcourt.

“I knew I had to get it up quick because I only had few seconds, if that,” said Rhoads, who was 8 of 18 from the field. “It felt good when I released it, but I guess I just shot it too quick.”

Even the Musketeers seemed stunned that they’d pulled it off.

“There was a sigh of relief,” center Ta’Shia Phillips said. “It really hasn’t hit me yet.”

Amber does have a knack for making a shot when we’ve got to have it and helping us for making a shot when we’ve take over.

Rutan’s final 3 cut Vanderbilt’s lead to 62-60, sparking the comeback.

After her shot fell off the rim, Rhoads fell to her knees on the floor, soaking in how close the Commodores had come to a third straight berth in the round of 16. “That was a tough way to lose,” Balcomb said. “That was one of those games you hate to see either team lose.”

Vanderbilt led most of the game behind the steady play of All-SEC point guard Jence Rhoads, who had 20 points and seven assists. Harris missed last year’s tournament with recovering from knee surgery, and wouldn’t let it be a come to a third straight berth in the round of 16.

“It’s hard,” McGuff said. “You’re talking about a freshman with a chance to help her team make the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament. But she’s a unique player with a unique mindset. That’s why I left her in there.”

Harris took it from there.

Connecticut, Temple 36
Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma hugged his former assistant before their teams met in the second round of the NCAA women’s tournament.

Once the game started, affection gave way to near perfection by the Huskies.

UConn was flawless at both ends of the floor against a team coached by Auriemma since it came against a team coached by second-year Owls coach Tonya Cardoza, one of his assistants for 14 years.

But Cardoza and the eighth-seeded Owls (25-9) never had a chance.

Moore hit 3-pointers on the Huskies’ first two possessions, they ran off 20 points in a row in 6 minutes after Temple missed within 13-5 and finished the half on a 20-1 burst.

The revived power play struck again when Martin scored 1:14 into the second as he caught up to 15 saves to reach the 40-win mark for the eighth time. No other NHL goalie has had more than 30 four-season wins.

The Devils jumped over the Penguins and into first place in the Atlantic Division. New Jersey and Pittsburgh both have 90 points, but the Devils have one more win than the Penguins and have played one fewer game.

Antoine Vermette, Jakub Voracek and Kristian Huselius scored for Columbus.

The Devils’ dormant power play came alive and produced New Jersey’s first three goals.

The Devils grabbed the lead at 13:01 of the first period when Parise pounded home Jamie Langenbrunner’s rebound for New Jersey’s first man-advantage goal in seven games. The Devils failed to connect on their previous 17 power-play attempts.

Sharp stops by Brodeur at the start kept the Blue Jackets off the scoreboard and, in the Devils’ fourth straight win, the Blue Jackets scored 3-0 and Martin fired in the rebound of Patrick Elias’ shot for his second goal in four games since returning to the lineup after missing 59 game because of a broken arm.

Vermette scored 3-40 on a slap shot from just inside the blue line that rocketed past Brodeur’s glove to make it 2-0.

Kovalchuk scored the Devils’ third power-play tally at 12:32, picking the short side to beat Steve Mason from the bottom of the left circle. It was his first goal in five games and sixth in 17 games with New Jersey.

Zajac scored the next two on deflections at 15:40 and 19:07 as the Devils expanded their lead to 5-1. Voracek closed out the scoring in the second period with 20 seconds remaining.

NHL
Bruins extend lead with shutout win

The Thrashers’ Eric Boulton, left, takes a right hook from the Bruins’ Shawn Thornton during Boston’s 4-0 victory over Atlanta Tuesday.

Associated Press

ATLANTA — David Krejci scored a goal and assisted on another as Tuukka Rask blanked Atlanta for the third time this season, and the Bruins kept up their mastery of the Thrashers with a crucial 4-0 victory Tuesday night that extended Boston’s lead for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Bruins moved three points ahead of the Thrashers in the playoff race, snapping Atlanta’s four-game winning streak.

Krejci put the Bruins ahead less than seven minutes into the opening period, then set up Milon Lucic’s goal that made it 2-0. Midway through the 2nd period, the Thrashers scored a goal on a breakaway with the Thrashers trailing 2-0, the winger was hooked behind by Dennis Wideman and awarded a penal- ty in college sports needs to be reformed or is simply being misinterpreted. Former U.S. Sen. Birch Bay defeated the law he helped pass in 1972 and agreed with Williams about football the most powerful of all college sports.

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Krejci set up Boston’s next goal at 7:39 of the second. Lucic circled alone in front of the net, took a pass from his teammate and ripped a shot over Hedberg’s glove hand to double the lead.

The real killer for the Thrashers came just before the end of the period. Patrice Bergeron and Phil Kessel took a faceoff, sliding the puck back to Zdeno Chara just inside the blue line. The big defenseman fired it toward the net, where Satan deflected it past Hedberg with 4 seconds remaining before the second intermission.

Granger, Pacers beat Pistons; Kuester ejected

 Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Danny Granger scored 32 points and 14 rebounds, Troy Murphy added 12 points and 13 rebounds and the Indiana Pacers beat the Detroit Pistons Tuesday night.

Kuester was ejected for arguing a call in the third quarter. Indiana led by double figures in the first quarter, but only held a 52-49 advantage at the half. The Pacers regained the momentum in the third, moving the margin to 13 in the aftermath of Kuester’s ejection.

The Pacers led by 11 going into the fourth and were never seriously threatened down the stretch.

NHL

Title IX arguments still persist

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A wrestling coach sees Title IX being used to discriminate against men. The man who wrote the original legislation thinks it’s working well with the numbers of both men and women playing college sports up greatly over the past four decades.

The head of an athletic department in the mighty Southeastern Conference says the biggest problem with meeting gender equity is what he calls the elephant in the room. College football.

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The win comes on the heels of a disappointing weekend against Michigan State (12-4), when the Irish dropped all three contests, 13-0, 7-4 and 3-0. “I was really disappointed in how we played over the weekend,” Schrage said. “I thought his first two innings were good and that he got tired after giving up two earned runs and two hits with two walks. The real damage for the Irish came in the second inning when Cardinals freshman right-hander Michael Sandman entered the game in relief. Notre Dame quickly dropped six runs in a third of an inning, starting with an inning-opening triple from catcher Cameron McConnell. McConnell was 1 for 3 with an RBI on the night.

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Coyne said she is confident in her defense’s ability to shut down the strong Vanderbilt attack.

This week in practice, the Irish have continued to build on the aspects of their game that were weaknesses early in the season. Coyne said.

"We haven’t seen our best performance so far this season," Coyne said. "There are still aspects of our game that we can continue to improve upon."

Coyne also said the similar strategies of Boston and Vanderbilt will create an advantage for the Irish since they have been exposed to that style and have been successful.

In terms of expectations, Coyne said hers are "the same as always: win."

"It’s a big game," Coyne said. "There are different components to this season, and the Vanderbilt game is an important one."

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Happy Birthday: Family matters may take away from your plans and progress. Your current enthusiasm for new endeavors may be reduced if you stay put. If you set new goals, your success will be curtailed. Your focus may move to other interests for the time being.

AKERS (March 21-April 19): Emotional frustrations will make it difficult for you to concentrate. Mistakes about what you want to see happen and what is actually happening are troubling.

Your willingness to work toward a goal and take action will increase ****

TAYLOR (April 20-May 20): You may be more than ready to challenge others or complete your work. What needs to be done will be done, and you will avoid a delayed individual looking for a fight. The main conquering and aggression you offer are better, don’t just any chance of getting what you want. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don’t let your personal interests and emotions interfere with your work. A deadline is in your future, but you will want to get ahead commercially. Your working environment will be more conducive to your success if you behave in a humble, friendly, and positive manner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have to talk to the one you love. Your companionship is needed to aid the difficult path you are following. Be careful what you say or do that is not consistent with your personal best interests.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A dynamic encounter will have you acclimating to your current situation. Share your emotions and focus on the here and now. Happiness is dependent on doing what works best for everyone involved. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Insecure about being too demanding or pushy with the other people you interact with. You have to improve your own interpersonal skills to avoid being overwhelmed by your own behavior.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You’ll pay for your mistakes if you meet with your personal or professional partners. Now is not the time to act impulsively or be sarcastic. Don’t let your personal and professional appearance and actions from yesterday instill insecurity in others.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You get involved in challenging activities that brings you in contact with people you feel nervous and inspired. A positive change is heading your way. Prepare to make a lifestyle change. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may put off work and enjoy yourself. Projects around you will cease to get off the ground and will fail. Spend time with the one you love. You will benefit from the social interaction that you feel is necessary to bring your life in balance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your emotions will be up and down and hard to control. You will tend to work around your love home for the benefit of others. Make sure you are in control of your emotions and avoid making the wrong decisions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can make a difference if you will do something nice for someone in need. A new opportunity is apparent if you are willing to put in the time and work required to establish your standards and the service you can offer.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Spend time with family and close friends. A physical activity that involves exercise is important when you want to see what you can do in the form of exercise and reduce stress.

Uncertainty regarding a relationship will cause emotional upset if you don’t face it head on. You need to face up to the fact that it is not what you expected.****

Birthday Baby: You are unstable. Strong will and aggressive. You should focus and handle the things you put your trust in and your wishes.****

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Why did you Two Dancing with the Stars? <br>Yeah! Dude!

But I watch it for Buzz Aldrin.<br>

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Make the crossed letters to form the surprise answer as suggested by the above cartoon.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

How Sweet it is

Diggins’ 31 lead Irish to K.C. for round of 16

By CHRIS MASoud
Sports Writer

During Notre Dame’s first-round victory over Cleveland State Sunday, freshman guard Skylar Diggins made a career-low one field goal in four attempts. After the game, Irish coach Muffett McGraw said she wished Diggins would take more shots.

What a difference a game can make.

Diggins finished with a career-high 31 points on 13-for-21 shooting Tuesday night, leading a second round victory over No. 2-seed Notre Dame (29-5) to a Sweet 16 in Kansas City.

"I thought Skylar was absolutely terrific today," McGraw said. "I was glad to be back home and come out with a ton of energy."

"It was nice to be able to score a lot of runs, score first and come out with a ton of energy." After playing 20 consecutive games in a row to open the season, Marrone said the Irish (19-5) were typically ranked.

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BASEBALL

Bats come alive in home win

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish awoke from their long winter’s slumber against Ball State Tuesday with a breakout performance on offense, racking up 12 hits and in an 11-5 victory.

“Part of it was hustling on and off the field, and part was being more aggressive on the bases early in the game and try to take the game to somebody rather than have them take it to us,” Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

Notre Dame (8-11) was finally able to drive the ball rather than pop it up into the air, which Schrage said was key to their offensive performance.

WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Squad faces No. 19 Commodores at home

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

Coming off a big overtime win over Boston last weekend, the No. 11 Irish will look to continue their winning streak against No. 19 Vanderbilt today.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Irish open home slate with sweep

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame opened its home schedule by scoring 18 runs in a doubleheader sweep of Eastern Michigan, as the Irish posted wins of 9-0 and 9-3 at Melissa Cook Stadium Tuesday.

“I thought we came out really strong today,” junior infielder Erin Marrone said. “It was nice to be able to score a lot of runs, score first and come out with a ton of energy.” After playing 20 consecutive games in a row to open the season, Marrone said the Irish (19-5) were typically ranked.

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