Class of 2010 facing hard decisions
Worsening economy creates a challenge for post-graduates entering the job market, increase in graduate school applications

By AMANDA GRAY
Assistant News Editor

In light of the struggling economy, seniors are facing choices for their future as graduation nears. Kevin Monahan, associate director of the Career Center, said the job market is improving.

“A number of students and employers have reported job acceptances for the class of 2010. The job market continues to be challenging, but not impossible,” Monahan said.

Monahan said job opportunities are still available.

“We currently are running a virtual fair through the Go IRISH schedule, an appointment to schedule an appointment to encourage any senior who is still looking for career force behind a student’s decision,” Monahan said.

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When it comes to choosing graduate school or the workforce, Monahan said future career goals should be the driving force behind a student’s decision.

“The Career Center would encourage any senior who is still in the midst of a career search to schedule an appointment to see TRENDS/page 8

SUB planning Spring Concert
Group to announce performer when contract is signed

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

This time last year, the annual concert planned by the Student Union Board (SUB) had come and gone, and the student body had enjoyed an fall performance by Carlel and Citizen Cope in the Stepan Center. This year, the performers have not yet been announced to the student body.

Sophomore Julie Sutton will become the executive board manager for SUB on April 1, taking over for current board manager Kat Burke. Sutton said planning the concert involves planning around events happening at Notre Dame and around the schedules of the performers, — a challenging task.

Student Union Board brought Good Charlotte to Notre Dame in 2008.

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Men of Strength unite masculinity, faith

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

With membership capped at a comfortable eight students, the Men of Strength faith group is exactly where it wants to be.

Initiated two years ago by then-Masters of Divinity student and Gender Relations Center (GRC) intern Brian Vassel, Men of Strength aims to connect sexuality with the faith lives of college men.

Concerned for the future of the group, Vassel handed leadership over to second-year Masters of Divinity student Tom Robertson when he finished his own course of study.

“As he was leaving he thought the program would die out if he just left … so he asked me to sit in on a couple of sessions at the end of the year and asked me if I was interested in taking over,” Robertson said.

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The group, which meets on a weekly basis, focuses on issues facing college men, from pornography to relationships, and relates them back to their spirituality.

“Integration is a big thing here,” Robertson said. “We look at integrating faith in all areas of life and specifically with sexuality.”

Robertson said he does not conduct the group’s meetings with a set lesson plan or theme.

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Double Domers can’t get enough of ND

By LIZ O’DONNELL
News Writer

Ask most Notre Dame students on campus how much they enjoy attending the University and chances are their only complaint will be about the weather.

Some students, in fact, love the University so much that they choose to spend more than four years on campus.

Commonly referred to as “Double Domers,” a number of students opt to continue their education at Notre Dame after graduation and pursuing graduate degrees from the University.

“When reflecting on the University, I needed to look no further than what I experienced here as an undergraduate,” senior American Studies major Colleen Walter said.

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‘Fairy Tales Tunes’ hit the stage

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary’s Editor

With different fairy tale-related musical pieces and appropriate costuming, several Saint Mary’s music majors will present the “Fairy Tale Tunes,” a show designed with kids in mind but enjoyable for all. Laurel Thomas, associate professor of music at the College, said.

“It’s really a musical review, which means that there are individual pieces

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INSIDE COLUMN

Wanted:
Quirky

Have you been described as a "unique" personality, or someone who is "unforgettable"? Okay, let's not mince words, people tend to think you're somewhat crazy, but I they are quick to say that you are in a "good" way of course.

If you are reading this and this has happened to you, congratulations! You are a part of the exclusive club of Quirky Individuals, of which I am a proud member; possi-

bly even the leader. You are one of the people who has been called many things in your life but the word "ordinary" is never mentioned.

One of my friends always describes me as being an "individual." But does being an individual mean that you're different? Why should we all want to be the same anyway? There are plenty of people that I know here on campus that I don't even want to sit by, let alone imi-

tate. Sometimes we all get lost in the image that we feel we need to project. After all, we are in college and think that cer-

tain people should perceive us in a spe-

cific way. Let me speak from experience — just because you stop your horren-

dous scavenging or cut back on the num-

ber of times you randomly burst into song will not make anyone like you any more than they already do.

I personally feel that everyone has at least one distinct quality that sets them apart, their own personal quirk. The problem is, quirks are more often seen as a freak flag and many people are embarrassed to fly theirs high for the world to see. I'm here to tell you, the sooner you embrace your own brand of darkeness the happier you'll be. Your friends will love you even more because you aren't afraid to admit that you, say something that would make Michael Scott squirm and some-

times even the proud member, pos-

sibly even the Quirky Individual, of which I am a part of.

Quirky Individuals, are a part of the course.

Of course.

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

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR DREAM JOB?

Molly Madden
News
Editor

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IN BRIEF

The Classics Department presents A Night of Greek and Roman Comedy tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business. The event is free and open to all.

A concert featuring the Notre Dame Handbell Choir will take place tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. The event is free but an offering will be taken to support the Holy Cross Missions in Haiti.

The International Children’s Festival and Cultural Displays will take place Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the University Village Community Center, The event is part of International Festival Week.

The Hawaii Club will be presenting a Hawaiian Luau Saturday night at 6 p.m. at the Stepan Center. Tickets are $10 in advance for students and $15 for non-stu-

dents and $12 at the door for students and $18 for non-stu-
dents. Tickets can be pur-

chased at the LaFortune Box Office or by calling 574-631-

8128.

The Black Cultural Arts Council will present a fashion show entitled "The Time Warp" Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Washington Hall.

Tickets are $11 for students and $13 for general admis-

sion. Tickets can be purchased by calling 574-631-8128.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
SCM partners with ND for dance marathon

By MEGHAN MANNING News Writer

For four years, students have been flocking to Saint Mary’s campus decked out in their best dancing shoes and ready for a 12-hour marathon of movement to benefit the Riley’s Children’s Hospital.

For the first time, the Saint Mary’s team is collaborating with Notre Dame’s Pre-Professional Society to host the marathon.

“Last year’s event raised just under $100,000 for Riley with four hundred students,” Pre-Professional Society Riley chair person Nikki Sullivan said.

She has partnered with Kelly Deranek, Saint Mary’s senior and vice president of Saint Mary’s Dance Marathon, to plan the event.

“Young, we hope to exceed that with more contributions from Notre Dame students,” Sullivan said.

The partnership with a club on Notre Dame’s campus has been made to increase awareness about the event in the hopes that it will generate more contributions for the hospital.

“We are really excited that this year Notre Dame will get to be involved and be able to continue to support the children of Indiana through a lasting relationship with Saint Mary’s and Dance Marathon,” Caitlin Aguiar, vice president of Public Relations and Marketing for the Pre-Professional Committee, said.

Saint Mary’s Dance Marathon was named Best New Marathon at the Children’s Miracle Network Dance Marathon Leadership Conference 2006.

The first Children’s Miracle Network Dance Marathon’s Mission statement sums it up: “We dance for those who can’t.”

Tonight’s participants will be dancing for the patient’s of Riley’s Children’s Hospital in Indiana. As the state’s only comprehensive children’s hospital, Riley’s treats over 200,000 families each year.

Riley’s will treat any child, regardless of their ability to pay. The event, which is Hollywood themed this year, is much more than dancing, as it also includes live entertainment, a DJ, video games, a moon bounce, inflatable twisty and prizes.

“Riley families also come out to support,” Aguiar said. “So it gives students a great opportunity to meet them.”

The Dance Marathon begins at 8 p.m. at Angela Athletic Facility on Saint Mary’s Campus. Registration can be completed online at www.nd.edu/~medinfo or at 7 p.m. at the door.

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Peace conference to kick off

By EMILY SCHRANK News Writer

Nearly 300 students from across the world will meet on campus this weekend to discuss practical methods of peace building at the 18th annual Student Peace Conference, sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

“It’s really about putting a tangible grasp on what it means to be a peacebuilder and promote peace worldwide,” Alex Hellmuth, senior and Conference co-chair, said. “We want to show how it’s possible to work for peace in all different areas.”

This year’s Conference — to be held in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies — is titled, “Invest in Peace: Uncovering the Practicality of Peacebuilding.”

“Our goal was to develop a theme that was more inclusive,” Hellmuth said. “Ultimately, we are trying to reach out to more people and make the conference more interdisciplinary.”

She said “Invest in Peace” focuses on making practical solutions and demonstrating what works in policy implementation and development.

The student-run conference kicks off Friday evening with keynote speaker John Prendergast, founder of the Enough Project, which works to end genocide and crimes against humanity.

“We’re really excited that he was able to come,” said Kelsey Scribner, co-chair along with Hellmuth. “He has a lot of experience with peacebuilding in Africa and was even an advisor for the Clinton administration.”

Scribner said Prendergast will discuss his experience in Africa and the role of conflict minerals in the Congo in his address.

“He is a very engaging and interactive speaker, so it will definitely be interesting,” she said.

Both Peace Studies majors, Hellmuth and Scribner said the Conference is important for the University to host because it encourages students to engage in social justice and highlights elements of Catholic Social Teaching.

“When you go to Notre Dame, it isn’t just about the classes you take or the books you have to read, it’s also about what you choose to do with your education,” Scribner said. “And I believe this conference really gets students to think about that.”

The Conference will also feature several panels, including one on careers in peace building and an information fair to show how students can get involved with various peace efforts around the world.

Although meal registration closed on March 23, anyone interested in attending any of the other conference events is still able to do so.

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Students to give back to country

Rebuilding Together effort to revitalize local community

By KATLYN SMITH  
News Wire

Hundreds of Notre Dame students will put on their work clothes to paint and landscape local homes in April.

The annual effort is part of Rebuilding Together South Bend, a non-profit partnership of volunteers from local businesses, government and other non-profits organizations.

The project, which will take place April 17, will revitalize homes and neighborhoods across the county through Orga-  

ization’s Web site said.

According to Darrell Paulsen, Campus Ministry assistant director of retreats and national programs, Rebuilding Together South Bend about 500 students to refur-

ish, 25 percent of whom are from the Marquette Park area of South Bend.

For Paulsen, the need fluctuates depending on involve-

ment from Saint Mary’s, Holy Cross and Indiana University-South Bend cam-

puses. This year will see greater participation from Notre Dame’s athletic teams, including men’s and women’s fencing, swimming and diving, cheerleading and men’s and women’s cross country.

For Paulsen, students enjoy interacting with the home-

owners during the one-day event.

Students who have done this before come into the conversations with the home-

owners and bring the “attitude of humility of having someone come into your home and work on it and also the great

joy that it gives them at the end of the day,” Paulsen said.

The week before and after the skilled volunteers participate in the project, carpenters, plumbers and other skilled laborers make repairs at no cost to the homeowners.

According to Paulsen’s esti-

mates, homes previously val-

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Paulsen also recognized positive responses from

Cambridge, the University of

Paris-Diderot and Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre on “Shakespeare and the Middle Ages.” That confer-

ence in late June — one day at the center, one at the Globe — brings scholars together to hear papers across the fields of Shakespeare and medieval studies, Peter Holland, McMeel Family Professor in Shakespeare Studies in the Department of Film, Television and Theatre, said.

Other events this year include the first annual lecture co-sponsored with Edinburgh University Press on Virginia Woolf. Next year’s schedule includes a conference co-sponsored with Birbeck College, University of London, on “Religious Martyrdom and Terrorism” and a conference co-sponsored by Notre Dame faculty on “Religion and Literature.”

Along with regular poetry readings, concerts and book launches, the center has also in the last two years hosted a conference on “European Identities” spon-

sored by the Nanovic Institute, co-hosted a con-

ference with the London-based Arts Council of the Arts on artist Meredith Monk, co-

sponsored a seminar with St. John’s University on English poetry, and hosted a conference, organized by Notre Dame community member Dennis Doordan and linked with the Vitra & Alber Museum, on British archi-

tect Eric Gill.

Kucich also launched a new symposium last year, titled the University of Notre Dame London Symposium, that brings together Notre Dame faculty with European scholars. The last two sym-

posia have focused on “Cosmopolitanism and Religious Diversity” and “Irish London: Print, Politics and Performance in the Long Nineteenth Century.” A Notre Dame alumni-student lecture series has featured James Turk on “Gold and the Collapse of the Dollar” and Striker McGuire on “The Crisis in International Journalism.”

In addition, Kucich said, draws another wave of interest from scholars inter-

ested in collaborating with Notre Dame, as European universities push to strengthen collaboration with American institutions.

Kucich also is working to raise pro-

file on the Notre Dame cam-

pus for the scholarly side of the London Program, which has been known for decades as a premier study-abroad program for undergraduates.

“T he significant overall benefit of these combined priorities,” he said, “is to give Notre Dame undergraduate, graduate and faculty levels a marketable brand stand-

ing in the world of interna-

tional academic life.”

International scholarship thrives in London Program

Notre Dame’s London Centre launches seminar series on global history to develop into a ‘global presence’

Center, head to the Grotto at Notre Dame and then end back at the Student Center. It will happen, “rain or shine,” and “children and leashes are welcome,” said

via Critchlow, acting director of the Office of Civic Engagement (OCE) and coordi-

nator of the event.

The walk is open anyone and people are encouraged to join the group. Interested can register online at http://www3.saintmarys.edu/engagement/walkforhungry/.”

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Chinese ban poet from U.S. travel

BELING — A peace-lover literature professor is the latest person to run afoul of China's govern-
ment, denied permission to travel to a promi-
nent academic conference in the United States this week.

Cui Weiping had her Chinese passport, U.S. visa and airplane ticket to Philadelphia in hand when, she said, officials at the Beijing Film Academy where she works called her in Sunday and told her to cancel the trip. Though they gave reasons for the denial, she said, she did not choose to teach, her conference panel was not related to her academic discipline — those were excuses, she said.

The unstated reason, she said last year's com-
munist party congress made a point of human rights and freedom of movement and her recent outraged Twitter posts at the jailing of a peaceful political activist.

Moscow plans posters honoring Stalin

MOSCOW — Posters of Josef Stalin may be put up in Moscow for the first time in decades as part of the May 9 observance of Victory Day — the annual celebration of the defeat of Nazi Germany.

This year, the 65th anniversary of Germany's defeat, posters of U.S. troops is expected to march on Red Square, a striking sign of vacated "reset" of American-Russian relations.

But Moscow city authorities may be prepar-
ing a less-welcome kind of reset with the posters. A honor denied since the Soviet dicta-
tor's crimes were publicly exposed more than half-a-century ago.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Breast feeding differs by race and place

A new study finds that Hispanic women generally breast-feed more than white and black women do. But it finds substantial regional differences in U.S. breast-feeding rates.

The state-by-state analysis of racial and ethnic differences found in the East, Hispanics breast-feed more than other women. In some Western states, white women had higher rates, according to the report released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"There seemed to be an East-West break-
down," said the CDC's Cria Perrine, one of the authors of the study.

The reason for the continental divide is not clear, but Perrine says they have to do with adapting to a new culture.

'Sex-for-tickets' woman receives verdict

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. — A Philadelphia woman accused of offering sexual favors for World Series tickets has been found not guilty of prostitution, but guilty of attempted prostitution.

Attorney Jeff Anderson, left and Tom Doyle discussed the Catholic Church and sexual mis-
code conduct at a news conference Thursday in St Paul, Minn.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Man dies in farming accident

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — St. Joseph County police say that when the grain began to shift and the truck started to overturn, the man ran toward the truck apparently intending to lower the trail-
er. But the truck rolled onto its side, trapping him beneath the cab.

**MEXICO**

Police arrest 'King of Heroin' Medina

MEXICO CITY — Federal police have arrested Mexico's "King of Heroin," a powerful drug trafficker allegedly responsible for smuggling hundreds of pounds of heroin into Southern California each year, authorities said Thursday.

Jose Antonio Medina, nicknamed "Don Pepe," was arrested at the western state of Michoacan on Wednesday and is being held for prosecution, said Ramon Pepono, head of the anti-nar-
cotics division of Mexico's federal police.

Medina, 36, ran a complex smuggling operation that handled 440 pounds (200 kilograms) of heroin each month across the Mexican border in Tijuana for the Familia drug cartel, Pepono said.

The White House National Drug Threat Assessment says that while heroin use is stable or decreasing in the U.S., the source of the drug has shifted in recent years from Colombia — where production and purity are declining — to Mexico, where powerful local drug cartels are gaining a foothold in the lucrative market.

Heroin production in Mexico rose from 17 pure metric tons in 2007 to 38 tons in 2008, with the increase trans-
lating to lower heroin prices and more heroin-related overdoses and more overdose deaths, according to U.S. govern-
ment estimates in a report by the National Drug Intelligence Center.

Border Patrol agents seized 4.8 mil-
lion pounds of narcotics at border crossings last year, and heroin seizures saw the most significant increase dur-
ing that time, with a 316 percent jump over 2007.

Mexico and the U.S. are working together to counter a handful of increasingly violent drug cartels that supply most of the illicit drugs sold in the U.S. each year. The arrest came the day after top U.S. Cabinet officials, led by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, visited Mexico to underscore their shared responsibility for the country's drug-related violence.

**Church abuse scandalizes Wisconsin**

U.S. priest accused of molesting 200 deaf boys; Church shown to ignore earlier reports

**Associated Press**

DIST. FRANCIS, Wisconsin — Arthur Budzinski says the first time the priest molested him, he was 12 years old, away and alone from home at a school for the deaf. He says he asked the Rev. Lawrence Murphy to hear his confession, and instead the priest took him into a closet under the table and sexually assaulted him.

Budzinski, now 61, was one of about 200 boys at the St. John's School for the Deaf just outside Milwaukee who say they were molested by the priest decades ago in a case now creating a scandal for the Vatican and threatening to embarrass Pope Benedict XVI.

Some of the allegations became public years ago. But they got renewed atten-
tion this week after docu-
mants obtained by The New York Times showed that Murphy was spared a defrocking in the mid-1990s because he was protected by the Vatican office led by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now the pope.

The Vatican on Thursday strongly defended its deci-
dion not to defrock Murphy and denounced what it called a campaign to smear the pope and his handling of abuse cases.

In recent weeks, Benedict has had to deal under fire over the handling of an abuse case against a priest in Germany three decades ago when he was a cardinal in charge of the Munich Archdiocese.

In the Milwaukee-area case, Murphy was accused of molesting boys in the con-
fessional, in dormitories, in closets and during field trips while working at the school for the deaf from the 1950s through 1974. Murphy died in 1998 at age 72.

Budzinski, now a bicycle and furniture assembler in a state department store, said Murphy preyed on him dur-
ing the 1960s. The priest was fluent in sign language and often told the boys they were handsome, Budzinski said Thursday during an interview in which his daughter interpreted his sign language.

He said he avoided Murphy as much as he could afterward, but when he went to Murphy's office the following year to make another confession the priest led him to an adjoining room and sexually assaulted him.

"It seemed like my father would be walking into a trap every time," said Budzinski's 26-year-old daughter, Gigi Budzinski.

He said Murphy assaulted him a third time the next year in Budzinski's bed in his dormitory room. Other boys were similarly assault-
ed, he said.

"They would sleep in a large open room in bunk beds," Budzinski's daughter said. "My father saw other boys being molested, too. They'd never talk about it." 

Church and Vatican docu-
mants showed that in the mid-1990s, two Wisconsin bishops urged the Vatican office led by Ratzinger to let them hold a church trial against Murphy.

However, Ratzinger's deputy at the time decided the alleged molestation occurred too long ago and said Murphy — then ailing and elderly — should not be allowed to return. Murphy was sent at age 13 for bur-
manship. Murphy seemed nice and approachable, Murphy said. But Marshall said. "He leaned over and started kiss-
ing me. That's when he tried to put his hand down my pants."

The Associated Press does not normally identify victims of sex crimes but Budzinski and Marshall allowed their names to be used.
Students to present history projects at SMC

By ALISON MEAGHER
News Writer

The Saint Mary's History Department is sponsoring a National History Day event tomorrow for fourth- to 12th-grade students on campus.

"National History Day is a good way to engage younger students and get them into history," said Kelly Hamilton, professor and chair of the Saint Mary's History Department.

There will be a history fair here for the schools in the South Bend area that participate in National History Day. Students will exhibit their history knowledge with poster board projects, research papers, skits and even student-designed Web sites.

The competition will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. An awards ceremony and reception will follow in Carroll Auditorium where the winners will be announced. Winners from each school group will advance to the state competition in June. If those students succeed at the state level, they will compete at the national level with students from all over the country.

This year's theme is "Immigration in History." Students will be divided based on grade level, and judged on their depth of research and their presentation.

Hamilton said he hopes "the students gain a deeper understanding and an enthusiasm for history.

"The more these students are taught that history is important to understand, the better. I'm hoping that a real love for history will be one of the real benefits of participating in this competition," she said. Judges include members of the History Department, sponsors of National History Day and two Saint Mary's history and education students.

"This is a really good opportunity for our students as well," Hamilton said. "The nicest thing is our students are really impressed by the level of work they see by younger students.

Hamilton said National History Day could lead to internships for Saint Mary's students to help develop history programs at local schools. The program has been held at Saint Mary's for the past three years and it's expected to be held at the College in the future.

"We are very proud of hosting this event," Hamilton said. "It's very exciting to see younger students interested in history and doing such nice projects. That is what we hoped to accomplish, and it's really rewarding."

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If people feel, or have reason to believe that they are taking this counterfeit diet pill and that it's made them ill, they are encouraged to contact the FDA, Dorschner said.

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Raymond Offenheiser Jr. travels through disaster zones and meets with people interested in disaster relief, human rights, and education programs at local schools. The program has been held at Saint Mary's for the past three years and it's expected to be held at the College in the future.

"We are very proud of hosting this event," Hamilton said. "It's very exciting to see younger students interested in history and doing such nice projects. That is what we hoped to accomplish, and it's really rewarding."

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — The nation's banks suddenly find themselves under intense pressure to throw greater lifelines to their most troubled mortgage borrowers. But don't expect every struggling borrower to get the help they need.

Bank of America has already announced that it would forgive some homeowners who owe more than their homes are worth. And the Obama administration will announce Friday a plan that will expanding the administration's $75 billion foreclosure relief effort by reducing the amount other struggling borrowers owe.

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come into the office, learn about available resources and create a game plan for success," Monahan said.

Another career option for graduating seniors include grad-
uate school. According to the Pew Research Center, the “mul-
tennial” generation is the most educated generation in American history. The education boom accelerated with increased col-
lege and community college enrollment because of the lack of job-

go.

Among 18- to 24-year-olds, 39.6 percent were enrolled in college as of 2008, according to Pew.

“Graduate school attendance seems to be increasing,” said Nyrie McDonald, associate dean for Recruitment and Admissions to Notre Dame Graduate School. “The Notre Dame appli-
cant pool grew by 17 percent for the Fall 2010 admissions sea-
son.”

McDonald said she encourages students to talk to faculty mem-
ers because they are the best resource when it comes to finding work opportunities to their fields and graduate schools.

“I talked with a small group of Notre Dame undergraduates about graduate school. My advice is to have a great research experience before you apply to graduate school,” McDonald said. “Take each step of the application seriously and write to your audience, they are tenure track faculty members who love what they do. You need to convince them that you love it too.”

According to McDonald, 116 Notre Dame students applied to the Graduate School for Fall 2010.

Dan Lindsey, an associate pro-
fessor with the Department of Political Science and the director for the Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement (CUSE), said fellowships can help pay for post-graduate degrees, but also for research, teaching and other purposes.

“Recently we have won some top fellowships for the very first time for Notre Dame,” Lindsey said. “We haven’t had a Rhodes scholar in a while. Our Fulbright win rate is above the national average.”

Lindsey said the Gates and Churchill fellowships were won within the past few years for the first time in Notre Dame history.

“What I hear from my col-
leagues at other universities is the national trend (for fellow-
ships) is going up,” Roberta Jordan, assistant director for National Fellowships at CUSE, said.

Jordan said Notre Dame’s sta-
tistics are staying consistent, though.

“Many of the [fellowship] pro-
cuts are cutting back the num-
ber of slots,” Jordan said. “With the number of applications up and the lower number of awards available, there’s an increase in competition.”

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“We ran into problems with students’ schedules matching up with our schedule in that many bands are already booked on the days we had available for the concert, which is why we hit a few speed bumps and had to start back at square one a couple times,” Sutton said. “Whereas last year the concert was in the fall, the dates available this fall this year were not con-
ductive to the schedules of the artists.”

For this reason, she said, SUB moved the concert to the spring, and it is planned for April 10.

“We can’t announce the per-
fomers to the student body until they have accepted an offer from us and signed a contract,” Sutton said.

She did, however, confirm that these processes are underway with two different musical artists.

Marie Wicht is the concert co-
ordinator with Brian Hagerty. She said she is putting stress on the process of finding the right band for the concert and the hardest part is definitely coming to a consensus on who is the best fit for the student body and who people actually want to see, Wicht said.

Wicht worked with a team of SUB members to help plan the concert, and surveyed stu-
dents for ideas.

“It was really successful. We got over a thou-
sand responses the first night of the survey and over 2,000 total responses to date,” Wicht said. “From this survey, we could see definite preferences for per-
fomers and that narrowed down our options a great deal.”

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Over the years, Notre Dame has been more than just a school, but a home where I feel comfortable, welcomed and challenged,” Walter said. “Walter will attend law school at Notre Dame in the fall. She said her choice was easy.

The quality of the students and professors, emphasis on social justice and collegial atmosphere all create an ideal environment to study law, she said.

The category of two-time Notre Dame graduates includes a few notable alumni, such as current congress-
man for Indiana’s 2nd con-
gressional district Joe Donnelly and Chief U.S. District Judge for New Mexico Martha Vázquez. Both received undergraduate degrees and law degrees from Notre Dame.

Walter said she spoke to other two-time graduates about staying on campus to complete her advanced degree.

“I know a few current law students who are Double Domers as well as some Double Domer alumni,” she said. “Those I talked to shared the same enthusiasm about their experience and encour-
gaged me to seriously consider pursuing a similar path.”

Walter said while she con-
sidered attending law school elsewhere, staying at Notre Dame was her first choice.

“I considered other law schools but I thought Notre Dame was the best fit for me in many ways,” she said. “I love Notre Dame and I am proud that I can continue to be a part of the Irish tradition for the next three years.”

Like Walter, doctoral stu-
dent Joe Brutto said he want-
ed to remain at Notre Dame to pursue his graduate studies.

“I considered and applied to other schools, but Notre Dame was my first choice,” Brutto said.

Brutto graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in political science and philoso-
phy. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in political science with a focus on political theo-
ry and American politics.

“The main reason I chose to return to Notre Dame for grad school was the collegiality I found both within the Political Science department and between our department and other departments,” he said.

“In [the Political Science] grad program, the grad students get along well and are interested in helping each other pursue their own interests,” Brutto said.

Brutto said he felt Notre Dame’s graduate studies cul-
ture differed from other uni-
versities in that it is less com-
petitive.

“In some programs at other universities, graduate stu-
dents have to compete for funding or faculty attention,” he said. “This element is com-
pletely absent from our pro-
gram and I believe that it makes for much better gradu-
ate experience.”

Walter said she thinks stu-
dents’ first four years here can teach them waiting more.

“I think the experience as an undergraduate here is so wonderful that many find it difficult to leave,” she said.

“Those who do end up staying are more often than not only just attending the university but wanting to stay involved in Notre Dame community,” Walter said.

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that are kind of strung together to create a story," Thomas said. Students will sing a mix of opera, theatre tunes and rock tunes to create three different scenes pertaining to the fair tale theme. Singer/actress be junior Ann Pax and freshmen Erin Marks, Toni Marsteller, Angie Schott, Ashley Stiponyans and Jay Viceroy. Students have been working on this performance since the beginning of the spring semester.

"It's for the students to learn something and also to offer it to the community," she said. "It's educational and also an outreach.

A small orchestra will accompany the singers. Members of the orchestra include sophomores Sarah Chidester and Alexis Hiner, and freshmen Bethany Ledyard and Kristin Vost. Sherry Klinedinst, a member of the music department's faculty, directs the orchestra.

The show will be held on the O'Laughlin Auditorium Stage tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

The performance will include three different scenes. One scene will be based off of "Hansel and Gretel." Another scene will be about "Little Red Riding Hood" and the third scene will be about "Cinderella."

"It's created to kind of be a kid's show," Thomas said. "I mean, it's a show that kids would like, but it's not strictly for relationships, so then something else can come to it."

The performance will consist of a variety of songs, including selections from the Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" and Gioacchino Rossini's "Great Big Word" from "Hoodwinked" and selections from "Cenerentola," an opera by Rossini.

According to Thomas, the show was designed with the specific singers in mind.

"This show was created specifically for these students, taking their individual talents and gifts into consideration," Thomas said.

Thomas said the performance was created with children in mind as well.

"When we were designing the show, we decided to go with the idea that this was a show that kids would put on and so there's nothing realistic about the set and the costumes and all," Thomas said.

"It's more like how would you make a dressing table out of some crates or how would you draw a tree. So the trees are like cartoon trees. So the design of the show is kind of like a children's designed show." Thomas said.

Tickets for the show will cost $11 for adults, $9 for seniors, $8 for Notre Dame students and staff and $6 for students and children. They can be purchased at the Moxee Box Office.

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"I really deal mostly with the personal struggles of the guys. There are no agendas that I'm coming in with," he said. "I have my own personal politics but I try to leave that at the door."

Robertson said having a support group specifically for college-aged men is useful especially because this time of transition can be difficult.

"It's a time when you're growing from the faith of your adolescence when generally you accept what you're taught and you follow the rules … to a period of questioning that and struggling it and maybe challenging it a little bit," Robertson said. "You have new experiences that make you question what you were told growing up."

Robertson said this semester several of the group members are in relationship situations, so this led to decide to address the faith component of relationships - from marriage, engagement to a single life.

"Single life is defined by what it's not — you're not married and you're not a priest or a nun," he said. "We are looking at some helpful way to address this situation."

The group is small size, Robertson said, is part of its appeal.

"There's a level of trust and it's a pretty self-selective group," he said. "People who come are intentional about sharing. They sought us out."

Robertson led two separate groups of up to 15 men each last semester and said he would consider doing the same this year if more students expressed interest.

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A Muslim woman attends a convention in Rosemont, Ill., on Feb. 27. French Muslims have been facing religious-based discrimination according to a French and American study released Thursday.

Associated Press

PARIS — French Muslims face considerable discrimination based purely on their religion instead of their country of origin, according to a study released Thursday by French and American researchers.

The study, “Are French Muslims Discriminated Against in Their Own Country?” found that Muslims sending out resumes in hopes of a job interview had 2.5 times less chance than Christians of a positive response to their applications. It also showed that monthly salaries of Muslims was on average euro400 less than Christians.

The discrimination Muslim candidates endure in the French labor market therefore seems to have concrete repercussions on their standard of living,” the study says.

The study bills itself as the first study to isolate Islam as the source of discrimination, the researchers said.

Researchers Marie-Anne Valfort, a sociologist with the French-American University, Marie-Anne Valfort. It was carried out in conjunction with the French-American Foundation and a grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation.

To determine whether Muslim French citizens of immigrant origin suffered specifically religious discrimination, the researchers fabricated nearly identical resumes for two single, 24-year-old women from Senegal. Immigrants hailing from sub-Saharan Africa are “less spontaneously associated with Islam” in the collective mind, the study explains.

Batches of resumes for the two women, Marie Diouf and Khadija Diouf, plus a third woman with a typically French name, Aurelie Menard, were sent out in response to published job offers in hopes of getting an initial interview.

Marie’s resume showed a period of study in the U.S., a language course at the University of Connecticut, and volunteer work with Muslim Scouts of France. Khadija’s showed the same accounting university with Secours Catholique, and volunteer work with Muslim Scouts of France.

Marie received 21 percent of positive responses, Khadija received 8 percent.

Another study looked at 511 households of Senegalese origin who had been interviewed by the police’s request. The study’s results confirmed the findings of the study.

“I am losing time in my four-year plan for college,” he said. He and his mother say university officials told them he is too young for the overseas course. So he’s filed an age discrimination claim with the university and U.S. Department of Education, which is investigating.

“T’m actually like any other student,” he said. “I study hard and students have better things to do than worry about a 13-year-old holding his own.”

Over the years, Colin, who said he is fascinated by natural history, has traveled extensively. He has gone kayaking off Nova Scotia and Ecuador, hiked in numerous national parks and, with his mother, has traveled across the U.S. by car.

“It’s important to have a very wide world view,” he said. “Biology is fundamentally about the diversity of life, with a focus on evolution.”

Colin says the course in conservation work in South Africa would have been critical to his studies and the rejection has made him determined to change his thesis plans.

He said that once he’s completed his two-year master’s studi es, he wants a Ph.D. in ecolo gy and evolutionary biology and a degree in environmental law for a career in conserva tion work in South Africa.

“Colin’s case is not an isolated incident. It’s a 13-year-old about where he is headed professionally. It’s a warning about what he wants to do,” he said. “His self-confidence is very high. He’s usually a very nice child who takes a package to see the intellect and confidence at that age.”

To be eligible to study abroad, students may not be on university probation or face academic expulsion and must have earned a grade point average of at least a 3.9 grade point average.

UK police asks Internet cafes to monitor customers

Associated Press

LONDON — Internet cafe users in the British capital may want to watch what they download. Scotland Yard is advising administrators of public Web spaces to periodically poke through their customers’ files and keep an eye out for suspicious activity.

The Metropolitan Police said Thursday that the initiative — which has been rolled out over the past weeks under the auspices of the computer’s counterterrorism strategy — is aimed at reminding rafe owners that authorities are ready to hear from them if they have concerns about their Internet users.

Posters and computer desktop images emblazoned with Scotland Yard’s logo are also being distributed.

It’s not about asking owners to spy on their customers, it’s about raising awareness,” a police spokesman said, speaking anonymously in line with force policy. “We don’t ask them to pass on data for us.”

Still, he said, police were “encouraging people to check on hard drives.” He did not elaborate, saying it would be up to cafe owners to decide if or how to monitor what customers left on their computers.

The police said that employees could reveal what customers were up to fairly easily under the right circumstances, according to Graham Cluley of software security firm Symantec Corporation. For example, an owner could examine a browser’s Internet history on all the Are there any expectations of pri vacy in an Internet cafe than at home, he said their communications should nonetheless be kept to themselves.

“We don’t expect that our offices of the police’s initiative were some sternly worded posters warning customers that “inappropriate or offensive content” was not a permitted activity. The posters have appeared in various areas of London. The desktop images promoted by Scotland Yard, which would have the warning staring out from every computer screen, were absent from the few north London cafes seen by The Associated Press.

In other EU nations Internet cafes generally go about their business with a minimum of official interference. Germany’s federal police chief has said his agency has no similar program, spokeswoman Barbara Huener said, and Berlin police do not generally monitor users’ activity.

France’s Paris Internet cafe that is part of the Cybercafe Milk chain has a police hotline but has not allowed to view what their customers are researching on the Internet.

“It’s private, thankfully,” said employee Pierre Larroque, 31, at the Cybercafe Milk on the outskirts of Ile-de-France. “If I knew our cafe couldn’t have bothered to monitor its customers’ downloads or Internet searches — which said the police’s posters are a use ful way of deter criminals from his shop.
California ghost town sinks, wildlife returns

Associated Press

ALVISO, Calif. — A ghost town that was once a weekend getaway for San Francisco Bay area residents is slowly sinking into mud, and officials said the best option is to let it be buried.

The town of Drawbridge, at the far reach of Alameda County, is part of a $400 million effort by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore bay wetlands.

About 20 buildings remain in the marshy area and as they sink, ducks, geese, shorebirds and other wildlife return.

Eric Mrzu, manager of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, which encompasses Drawbridge, said it would be too costly to restore the town, and making it a tourist attraction would threaten the surrounding sensitive wetland. Drawbridge is accessible only by boat and a walk in hip waders.

“It’s a landmark, so we’re not going to do anything to accelerate its decay, but we’re not going to prevent it either,” Mrzu said. “We’re letting the buildings return to the marsh. Established around 1880 when the railroads hired an operator to raise the train drawbridge over a sluice for shipping traffic, the town experienced its heyday in the 1920s. Hunters and fishermen arrived on the weekends and the population swelled to about 1,000. About 90 buildings were erected, mostly on stilts because of the tides, and residents had wells and electricity. Trains stopped there five times a day.

There were no roads in town, and during high tides, neighbors would row to each other’s houses for parties. Police rarely made the trek to Drawbridge because many residents were armed.

The town started sinking in the 1930s, when surrounding communities started pumping water to accommodate building booms. They also dumped raw sewage into the sloughs there, making Drawbridge’s water less desirable for vacation destination.

The last residents left in 1979. By then, the train stops had ended and the land was fouled.

“The buildings that remain are located along the train tracks and dilapidated. The site is closed to the public,” Mrzu said. “We think that’s what people need to do. What got people out here to begin with — hunting and fishing in the abundance of wildlife. Now we’re seeing the return of wildlife.”

Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, said John Bourgeois, head of the South Bay Restoration Project. “As this town sinks away, we’re able to bring this area back to its glory.”

Reservation to receive broadband

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The federal government is investing more than $32 million in stimulus funds to help the nation’s largest American Indian reservation, the Navajo Nation, build a high-speed Internet highway that will connect thousands of homes and businesses across the sprawling reservation.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke announced the grant Thursday, saying Navajo communities in New Mexico, Arizona and Utah will benefit from 554 miles of new fiber optic cables and 59 new or modified microwave towers that will be capable of blanketing 15,000 square miles.

Locke said during a conference call with Navajo President Joe Shirley Jr. and congressmen from New Mexico and Utah that 60 percent of residents on the reservation lack basic telephone service and many Navajo communities have unemployment levels that exceed 40 percent.

“Today, too many people in Navajo Nation are stuck on the wrong side of the digital divide, and when you don’t have regular access to high-speed Internet, you don’t have access to all the educational, business and employment opportunities that high-speed Internet provides,” Locke said.

The grant will help fix “this glaring iniquity” across the reservation, the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority said.

The funding awarded to the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority was among $56 million in federal investments announced by Locke.

All of the money is aimed at increasing broadband access in remote or underserved communities in more than a dozen states.

In Illinois, the city of Chicago received $7 million in a comprehensive effort to achieve the city’s “digital divide.”

“On the Navajo project, expected to be complete in three years, will be our largest American Indian reservation,” Locke said. “We will be spearheaded by the tribe’s utility authority.”

The agency is in charge of the tribe’s utility authority. The agency is building nearly $14 million in broadband service to 30,000 homes, 1,000 businesses and 11,000 community institutions across the Navajo Nation.

$100,000 missing after armored cash spill

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — More than $100,000 is missing after a bag of cash fell from an armored car and it was unclear how the bag ended up in a parking lot.

About $100,000 was picked up by police officers and $12,000 more was returned by 10 or so people after the bag hit the pavement, was run over and split open Wednesday morning in Whitehall in suburban Columbus, said police Sgt. Dan Kelso. About 15 to 20 people scrambled to grab cash, Kelso said.

Callers told a 911 dispatcher that there were $20 bills everywhere and “there’s money floating all over the place” and “it’s causing a major scene.”

“A bunch of people are blocking traffic because it looks like a truck has lost some money,” one caller told police.

The truck belonged to Garda Cash Logistics and it fell into the street about a block from a Garda facility. Joe Gavaghan, a spokesperson for Garda, Montreal-based company, said the firm was cooperating with police, but declined further comment.

Kelso said the cash was in various smaller bags and belongs to several businesses and banks.

“It’s not free money,” he said. “It’s different than walking down the street and finding a $5 bill laying there. This is clearly marked, identifiable money that belongs to somebody else laying in the middle of a busy intersection with bank bags lying all over the place.

It’s no different than if you found somebody’s wallet and it was full of money, and clearly you know it belongs to somebody. That’s not your money.”

Kelso said no arrests had been made, but that people who had found money should call police because they could be charged with theft.

“The people that have come in and found money, those people haven’t been charged,” Kelso said. “That’s what people need to do because if we have to find them, we’ll be recharging them.”

Kelso did not know where the vehicle was headed at the time, and it was unclear how the bag fell out of the truck.
University should not impede activism

College campuses are traditionally a forum for social activism. In the past, Notre Dame students have exemplified this by protesting issues such as the University’s decision to invite President Barack Obama to speak on campus and advocating for the inclusion of sexual orientation in the nondiscrimination clause.

In these instances, the University allowed the students’ voices to be heard — something that is crucial to campus life.

Recently, the Office of Residence Life and Housing (ORLH) initiated disciplinary sanctions against several students for passing out flyers protesting the University’s investment in HEI Hotels and Resorts outside the junior Parents Weekend Mass in February. The students alleged ORLH violates workers rights, particularly the right to unionize. Student groups have asked University President Fr. John Jenkins and Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass to stop investing in the company several times in the past.

The students facing disciplinary action did not follow the procedure outlined by du Lac, the student handbook, for staging their Feb. 20 demonstration. Du Lac states: “All demonstrations must be registered in writing with the associate vice president for Residence Life.”

But there is a difference between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law.

The demonstration was not disruptive. Although Notre Dame Security Police had to stop the students from passing out the flyers as they did not have permission to do so, punishment by ORLH is extreme given the peaceful nature of the protest.

Free speech, social activism and thoughtful demonstration should be valued over the regulations for demonstrations in du Lac.

Letters to the Editor

This is in response to Sy Doan’s March 25 letter “Christopher Hitchens is the next Obama.”

I’m an atheist and I don’t like this any better than you do. However, I can think of several reasons why the sponsors chose Hitchens and the administration has been oddly quiet about their choice.

The one that seems most likely to me is, they want to make atheism look ridiculous. To represent the side of non-belief, they chose a real-life straw man with views so radical that no Notre Dame student could possibly agree with him, so that Christianity would look reasonable and brilliant in comparison.

Fear of disciplinary action by the administration should not be a deterrent for students in expressing their ideas — particularly if the idea goes against University policy. Activism on campus is a visible sign that the student body is thoughtfully questioning social norms and taking actions to right wrongs they see in the world around them. The University should create an environment that fosters this kind of activism.

As student government and the administration are discussing changes to du Lac, they should examine the rules for demonstrations in the handbook.

One University officer, the associate vice president of Residence Life, has the power to register student protests. One person should not have the sole ability to decide which demonstrations merit and which do not.

The University should clarify the role of the associate vice president of Residence Life in registering student demonstrations.

As long as students continue to stage campus demonstrations in a peaceful manner that does not disrupt the freedoms of those around them, disciplinary action for those peaceful protests should be nonexistent.

But for the situation at hand, while the University needed to uphold du Lac by dispersing the February protest, they do not need to punish the students further for expressing their beliefs.

So when deciding on a disciplinary action for the students, ORLH should be purposefully lenient. The students should face the consequences for not following the regulations set by du Lac, but the Office also needs to send the message that the free flow of ideas is important to the administration.

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Charissa Hannigan
Saint Mary’s University Student March 25

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Bonnie Friedman
U.S. author

"You’ve got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was."

Irish proverb
**Bishop D'Arcy reflects on Notre Dame**

In this column, "The Notre Dame They Know," I will interview individuals who have been influenced by the University of Notre Dame. I seek to discover the unique role that Notre Dame has played in their lives and career journeys.

It is hoped that this column will incite a deeper moral and more profound love for Our Lady and Her University.

Mount Alvarez rises over the agrarian landscape, the St. Joseph River in Mishawaka. Perched atop the hill, hidden within the Mother House of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration, in an apartment that serves as his home where he is in South Bend, Bishop Emeritus John Michael D’Arcy sits at a table covered in the burnishing mid-afternoon sun. Resting in clerics, Bishop D’Arcy begins his story.

“I was born in Brighton, a neighborhood of Boston. My parents had emigrated from the west of Ireland, and came to the United States with nothing. My father had a small grocery business. They were people of great faith, and remain the great lights of my life. I entered St. John’s Seminary in Brighton after graduating high school. Upon ordination, I became a parish priest at St. Mary’s in Beverly, Massachusetts where I ministered for eight years until I was sent to Rome by Cardinal Cushing to get a doctorate in ascetical spiritual theology. I then returned to Brighton, serving as a teacher and spiritual director at my alma mater, Boston College. The O bserver

**Gary Caruso**

**Capitol Comments**

**Friday, March 26, 2010**

What a week to catch my first chest cold in several years. Many times a day, while musing on various social and political malady over whether or not I’m going to live to see the next March 26, 2010, I might ask myself. What helps are the excesses of life. The Florida Department of Health says that the average person has a cold three times a year but by taking preventative measures such as hand washing and covering your sneeze, you can lessen your chances of catching a cold. I was asked to give a presentation, and there was a standing ovation. Bishop D’Arcy says, “The most rewarding aspects have included fellowship with the Church and its teachings, preaching the Gospel, working with priests, who always show such will, ingenuity, and a willingness to defend the Church, and helping to guide the Church’s correct direction with its integrity intact.”

Considering his own relationship with the Church, Bishop D’Arcy says, “It has been a privilege to be associated with the Congregation of Holy Cross and Notre Dame all of these years.”

“There have been difficulties that arose over the years because the Bishop has special rules in his sick basin. That does not take away from the great joy of being associated with the Congregation of Holy Cross and Notre Dame all of these years.”

“During recent years, two things have come up that I feel strongly about. One is the Commencement invitation andservant Mother. “Why?” D’Arcy asks. “Because it was a public issue.”

“I had a singularly beautiful experience, but with much beauty, especially from the young people. Being associated with them was a great privilege. They made their protest respectful and clear, rooted in Catholic teaching and prayer. Really what happened was that a group of about 15 people, totally unorganized, were around the campus, the University, the Church, the Bishop, the President, President Obama’s Apostolic Constitution “Ex Corde Ecclesiae” from the Heart of the Church. The University is part of the Church. It’s central to the Church’s life. It has full freedom and this should always include a close communion and unity based on orthodoxy and the church and the Congregation of Holy Cross and Notre Dame all of these years.”

“Certainly, Catholic universities have to address the question of Academic Freedom. ‘Ex Corde Ecclesiae’ addresses exactly it. I think that this column will prove to be a great Catholic University and a great university that will continue to grow in that direction. It’s always in my prayers.”

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By MARY CLAIRE O’DONNELL
Scene Writer

The ancient civilizations of Greece and Rome may have perished centuries ago, but their comedy lives on. The Classics Department of Notre Dame is putting on a night of such comedy tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

However, this is not going to be your typical Greco-Roman comedy; this is “Ancient Comedy with a Modern Twist,” as the event’s tagline suggests. It’s ancient comedy Notre Dame-style.

The Muses have descended upon Our Lady’s campus. Thalia in particular, the Muse of comedy, has been seen flitting around West and North Quad for weeks. She has inspired the minds of members of the Department of Classics, both professors and students. Their visits to this campus have resulted in a night of creative and humorous comedy, which would make Terence, Aristophanes or Menander proud.

The night begins with a lecture by distinguished British scholar Edith Hall. Hall specializes in the classics and cultural history. She holds a joint research chair in classics and drama at Royal Holloway, University of London, where she directs the Centre for the Reception of Greece and Rome. Notre Dame has hosted Hall a few times this semester and has benefited greatly from her expert knowledge and comic approach to lecturing.

Following the introductory lecture, members of this semester’s Greek and Roman comedy classes will be putting on modern adaptations of classic comedies. The two classes have been working very hard for the past few weeks on these works. They have designed costumes, written scripts, made sets and arranged music, attempting to give ancient plays a modern context while still retaining the original wit and charm.

First, members of Professor Christopher Baron’s Greek Comedy class are putting on an adaptation of Aristophanes’s “Clouds.” Student writers junior George Warner and seniors Mary Clare Murphy and Tom Pappas, with organizer senior Doug Schuda, have adapted the fifth century play from Athens.

“Clouds” is the story of country bumpkin Strepsiades, who falls deeply into debt because of the frivolous gaming habits of his son and must then seek the aid of Socrates. The students have put the play into a modern setting, and hilarity and entertainment should follow Strepsiades on every step of his journey.

During the interlude between the two plays, students will showcase other talents. Acts include jugglers and other small performances. Nero himself would have a hard time rivaling such exhibitions of talent.

Members of Professor Catherine Schlegel’s Roman Comedy class will then put on the final play of the night, an adaptation of Menander’s “Menandros.” Student director junior Austin Holler, with the help of various student writers, has adapted this late third century/early second century B.C. play to take place at Notre Dame.

“Menandros” is a story of two brothers and mistaken identities. Whether this is a story of sibling rivalry, or a slapstick comedy and fast-moving wit which, combined with the inspired and comical minds of the Classics Department, should make the play one to remember.

Preparation of Latin or Greek is not a requirement for attendance at this event, as all plays will be in English. So come out and support your fellow students in their thespian endeavors. Who knows, perhaps Thalia and some of her sisters will be in attendance, ready to inspire you in some way. As the famous orator Marcus Tullius Cicero said, most aptly describing the event, “Hilarious est.” (“It is hilarious.” Don’t miss out.)

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By JESS SHAFFER
Scene Writer

And the award for this season’s newest television craze goes to … “Modern Family!” The sitcom that recently returned to our television screens has been a hit across the board. Reality television is so 2000s. And young, but, rich high schoolers are starting to lose their charm. So this year, television is going back to basics with the rebirth of family dramas and sitcoms capturing the attention of viewers. To keep things fresh and interesting, the families of this television season are a far cry from the 1950s nuclear family. Television’s newest family embraces the complications, lunacy, complexities and comedy of modern relationships to redefine how television approaches family dynamics.

Two series are leading the way in redefining family values this season. The first is “Parenthood,” a new NBC drama that follows the Braverman family, an extended family living in the Berkley, Calif. area. With three generations of Bravermans to delve into, “Parenthood” does out drama in mass quantity.

The patriarch of the family, Zeek Braverman, is hiding secret, but chronic, marital problems. The eldest son, Adam, seems to have the perfect life with a beautiful, loving wife and two wonderful children until he learns that everything may not be so perfect in paradise. His perfect daughter Haddie hides a secret boyfriend and pot smoking habit, while his young son Max is diagnosed with Aspergers.

Sarah (Lauren Graham) is the stereotypical screw-up middle daughter. Sarah, along with her two delinquent teenagers, has just moved in with her parents to restart her deadbeat life in Berkley. Younger sister Julia (Erika Christensen) is the classic overachieving wallflower, who may be lacking in parenting skills and is rarely present in her daughter’s life. Finally, Crosby (Dax Shepard) is the youngest, an irresponsible ladies’ man, petrified of commitment. But ready or not, Crosby has just met his five-year-old son that he never knew about.

While this drama may be based in stereotypical parenting roles, its rigorous sense of angst and constant supply of curveballs keeps viewers excited and sympathetic to the Braverman family. The show’s marks Graham’s (of “Gilmore Girls” fame) return to television. The role was a hard earned one for the actress who beat out Helen Hunt and Nasra Turley (“ER”) to play Sarah. The rest of the class has traces of familiar faces from both movie actors, like Monica Potter (“Head Over Heels”), Christensen (“Swimfan”), and Shepard (“When In Rome”) filling their new television role comfortably.

“Modern Family” lends a comedic approach to redefining how television shows families. If you love “Scrubs,” “Arrested Development” or “The Office,” then “Modern Family” is right up your alley. The hilarious Pritchett family similarly follows three generations of the same family. But the make-up of these three interrelated families could not be more different.

The head of the family is Jay (Ed O’Neill from “Love and Marriage”) who has recently remarried a hot, young Columbian woman and has become a reluctant father to her eccentric ten-year-old, Jay’s daughter, Claire and her husband Phil are the heads of what can only be described as the nuclear family on crack, clueless, overly eager parenting mitigates constant feuds from their three kids. Jay’s son, Mitchell, lives with his gay partner Cameron, who has recently adopted a daughter from Asia.

With a diverse cast of characters to play with, the series is plain hilarious. Each character brings something special and funny to the series. Perhaps the most unique facet of “Modern Family” is that the Pritchett kids pack quite a punch, just as forceful as their adult counterparts. With sassy 30 minute shows, “Modern Family” is definitely worth following.

Whether your preference is the drama of “Parenthood” or the hilarity of “Modern Family,” these new series offer compelling takes on new families that will steal television viewers’ hearts.

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Desperate housewives, excited middle-schoolers and slightly embarrassed college students lined up at Wal-Marts late last Friday night to pick up “New Moon,” the newest DVD release in the “Twilight” movie franchise. While enthusiastic shoppers had several different versions of the DVD to choose from, the two-disc “Ultimate Fan Edition” was the most popular.

Disc One:

The Film:

“The Twilight Saga: New Moon” is obviously a more “studio” film than the first installment, but that polish helps ground the elements that could easily border on silly. (After all, in this universe, vampires sparkle in the sun rather than burst into flames.)

For what shortcomings the movie has in inducing giggle-fits, director Chris Weitz still took great care in crafting a really beautiful film. Alexandre Desplat’s score — along with songs from Thom Yorke and Alexandre Desplat’s score — across clear and haunting on the soundtrack aren’t that exciting — just the usual moody clip show.

The “Twilight” films are often characterized as silly and overwrought (with good reason), but from listening to Weitz and Lambert, quite a bit of effort and thought went into the technical production. For filmmaking buffs, hearing about all the mechanics of special effects and how the filmmakers put together the puzzle pieces of camera shots makes for a fascinating second viewing of “New Moon.”

Disc Two:

A sneak peek at the third film, “The Twilight Saga: Eclipse,” starts off the second disk. Interviews with the cast and crew pepper what is essentially an extended trailer for “Eclipse,” an unexciting one at that. Good thing the rest of the disc has some substance.

“The highlight of the special features is the six-part documentary about the film’s production. This hour-long look behind the scenes tackles everything from stunt doubles to wardrobe to how the crew rebuilt Bella’s house to include a convenient bay window.

Otherwise, the other extras offer little in the way of new content. The “Edward Goes to Italy” video is a tourism special for Montepulciano, Italy, and a collection of music videos from the film’s soundtrack aren’t that exciting — just the usual moody clip show.

The rest of the second disc shamelessly plays up the “Team Jacob/Team Edward” battle. The “Becoming Jacob” featurette is just an excuse to show off Lautner’s torso and exercise regimen.

The DVD’s most indulgent offerings are the Edward and Jacob “Fast-Forwards.” The DVD’s planners smartly predicted that many “Twilight” fans are going to skip forward to Jacob or Edward scenes — so they took the liberty of pulling out all of Lautner and Pattinson’s scenes, so viewers can sit back and watch their personal brand of beefcake without ever having to hit “fast-forward” on their remotes.
No. 1 seed Syracuse falls to No. 4 seed Butler

Jones scores 18 points in West Virginia victory over Washington; despite an early lead, Cornell falls to Kentucky

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Butler became the latest mid-major team to knock off a top seed in the NCAA tournament.

Wesley Vassey scored five of his 13 points during an 11-0 run down the stretch, and the Bulldogs rallied to upset No. 1 seed Syracuse 63-59 on Thursday night in the West Regional semifinals for their 23rd straight victory.

The fifth-seeded Bulldogs (31-4) fought through Syracuse's summoned zone defense and kept the Orange (30-5) from getting their fast break going most of the night.

Now, after reaching the regional finals for the first time in school history, Butler is one win from going home to Indianapolis for its first Final Four.

Gordon Hayward scored 17 points and nine rebounds for Syracuse, the second No. 1 seed to go down. Northern Iowa stunned top-seeded Kansas in the second round of the Midwest Regional last weekend.

There were some mild boos — not as many as you'd think — when the score was announced at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y., where West Virginia beat Washington in the East Regional semifinals.

Most of the Orange fans were probably off watching the game at a local watering hole or in front of a high-def TV. And Cornell and Connecticut fans probably didn't care much to boot yet another surprising result in this NCAA tournament.

Scoop Jardine added 14 points and five assists and Andy Rautins scored 15, including a 3-pointer to open the second half. That sent the Orange on a 15-4 run that gave them their first lead.

But the sloppy Orange couldn't overcome all their turnovers, and the 2-3 zone that so many wondered whether Butler could crack was no match for the Bulldogs' sharp shooting in the final minutes after Syracuse had taken a 54-50 lead with 5:23 left.

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Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Dez Bryant wants people to remember that he is a play-making receiver who was on the cover of Sports Illustrated after Oklahoma State beat Georgia in last season’s opener.

He is, however, painfully aware that many people remember him as the guy who lied to the NCAA when asked about his relationship with former NFL star Deion Sanders and subsequently had to sit out the Cowboys’ final 10 games of the season after being suspended for three months preparing for the draft by the NCAA.

Bryant started a long road of rehabilitation on April 22. And he can’t wait.

“We have to fix our mistakes. We’ve got to be better. We’ve got to play harder. We’ve got to play smarter. We have to play like we mean it,” he said.

Bryant has heard the whispers that he delayed the workouts because he was out of shape or that his troubles with the NFL might suggest future problems. The 6-foot-2 Bryant was at 225 at the combine — 10 pounds lighter than his playing weight.

“I’m the type of person, I love to make people smile,” he said. “I don’t want people to get the wrong idea about me. ... Dez Bryant is a good person, down to earth, very humble, very passionate for the game.”

Bryant apologized for the incident and has spent the last three months preparing for the NFL draft, where he is expected to be a first-round draft pick. “He’s a big-time star. Bryant, is expected to be a first-round draft pick.”

Bryant replied that “there’s nothing I can say about that. If they don’t want to see me work out, they don’t have to.”

But Bryant also defended his decision to hold off working out for scouts until March 30. “I just needed to be 100 percent for sure,” he said. “The scouts haven’t seen me in a long time. Whenever they do see me, I want to be ready to go.”

He’s since resumed training in Lufkin anytime soon.”

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Wilson said he told one of his assistants “I hope Grabbo wakes up there” and it wasn’t 10 seconds later he scored the game-winner.”

Wilson said he could sense the Thrashers were pressing.

“We were playing a team that really needed the points, and I think they were probably doing a little bit of scoreboard watching there,” Wilson said.

With Boston’s 5-3 loss to Tampa Bay in regulation, the Thrashers are two points behind the eighth-place Bruins. Anderson said the Thrashers wasted a chance against the last-place Maple Leafs to gain two points instead of setting for one.

“I’m disappointed and really dis-... Dez Bryant is a good person, down to earth, very humble, very passionate for the game.”
NHL
Stamkos, Szczechura lead Tampa over Boston

Associated Press

BOSTON — Steve Stamkos scored twice, tying him for the NHL lead with 45 goals, and Paul Szczechura also had a pair of regulation goals at home before the Bruins had not scored three goals to lead the Tampa Bay Lightning to a 5-3 victory over the Boston Bruins on Thursday night.

Tuukka Rask made 13 saves for Boston, which dropped to 15-15-6 at home, winning just two of its last 14 home games. Since the Winter Classic at Fenway Park, last 14 home games. Since the 6 at home, winning just two of its 12 of 14 — to fall to the brink of elimination in the Eastern Conference playoff race. Niittymaki stopped 19 shots in regulation goals at home before the Bruins had not scored three points earlier this week in Tampa Bay franchise history. The Lightning have won two straight since losing five straight — and the guns were in the locker room, that he tried to cover up what happened, that he displayed a cavalier attitude about the whole affair, that he knew bringing guns into D.C. was illegal, and that he has a prior gun conviction.

“The whole world has witnessed the shedding of blood has become a common inheritance of Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants.” (John Paul II, TMA, 37)

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Gilbert Arenas appeared at a charity event a few weeks ago, no amount of smiles and hugs could hide the tension surrounding the next big date on his calendar.

“The maximum term for Arenas’ crime is five years. The sentencing guidelines for someone with his record call for 6-24 months, although those guidelines also allow for probation.

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SPORTS

Arenas’ sentencing scheduled for Friday

WASHINGTON — When Gilbert Arenas — brought four firearms into Washington, D.C., for the purpose of a similar confrontation, fabricated a story to conceal that confrontation, provided convenient explanations, is an attempt to mitigate his conduct that were proved false, joked about the incident to large groups, and stated that he did nothing wrong and felt no remorse, the government would seek their incarceration, and the Court would almost certainly give it,” wrote Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Kavanaugh.

“Arenas’ lawyers are asking for probation and community service, arguing that he was playing a misguided joke with no intention to harm anybody. They point out that the guns were unloaded, that Arenas’ lighthearted comments about the incident were misinterpreted, and that he’s a good role model who goes beyond the call of duty when it comes to community service. They add that he was confused about D.C.’s gun laws, and that he’s already been severely and frequently punished through humiliation and the loss of millions of dollars from canceled endorsements and his suspension without pay for the rest of the NBA season.

“The whole world has watched as a man who brought four unloaded guns into the District of Columbia was required to accept a felony plea, suffer great personal and professional collateral consequences, register as a gun offender, submit to court supervision, and face public scorn,” the lawyers wrote. “This sad saga has gone on for months. They point out that the guns were unloaded, that Arenas’ lighthearted comments about the incident were misinterpreted, and that he’s a good role model who goes beyond the call of duty when it comes to community service. They add that he was confused about D.C.’s gun laws, and that he’s already been severely and frequently punished through humiliation and the loss of millions of dollars from canceled endorsements and his suspension without pay for the rest of the NBA season.

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Friday, March 26, 2010
Howard holds lofty goals for Red Wings

Associated Press

DETROIT — Goaltender Jimmy Howard has a shot to be the first Detroit Red Wings player in four-plus decades to win the Calder Trophy as the best rookie in the NHL.

Howard, though, is more interested in helping the storied franchise extend the longest streak in sports with a 19th straight trip to the postseason.

“He has helped keep us in the race,” general manager Ken Holland said.

Howard has surged from being out of the race to having a realistic shot to finish as high as fifth in the conference, winning six of its last seven and going on a 9-2-1 streak since the Olympic break.

Howard said it has simply been fun.

“We’ve been playing playoff hockey for a while here, having to get points every single night,” Howard said.

Detroit coach Mike Babcock said Howard will be in net against the Wild, making that his 21st straight. The last Red Wings rookie to start that many games in a row was Roy Edwards, when he had 23 straight during the 1967-68 season.

“When you’re a kid, you’re fresh and it’s your first year in the league, you just want to play,” Babcock said. “And when you’re playing well, you’re not thinking and you just want to get in the net.”

Howard played in only one game for Detroit last season, four of the previous year and four games during the 2005-06 season.

Texas A&M coach will plead guilty to charges

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Former NFL quarterback Ryan Leaf has agreed to plead guilty in a Texas drug and burglary case in exchange for 10 years of probation after winning his 30th game on Wednesday against the St. Louis Blues.

If Howard finishes in the top 10 in those categories, he will join a list of 10 rookies who have pulled off the feat since the 1982-83 season when save percentage became a league stat, according to STAINS LLC.

Four of the 10 won the Calder, including New Jersey’s Martin Brodeur in 1994 and Ed Belfour in Chicago in 1991.

Howard has been a key reason
ND Men's Tennis

Irish prepare for road match against Wildcats

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

After falling short of their desired finish in the Blue Gray National Classic in Alabama last weekend, the No. 36 Irish will continue their nine-match road swing to take to the courts Saturday to face No. 45 Northwestern in Evanston, Ill.

“We expect a tough match from Northwestern,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “They have similar balance and are extremely well coached.”

Although Notre Dame (9-8) did not make it to the final round of its last tournament, overall the weekend was a success, marked by a significant milestone for the experienced Bayliss. The victory against Middle Tennessee State in the opening round marked his 700th career win as head coach to come out of the weekend 701-306-1 in 41 seasons (23 at Notre Dame).

“Accumulating 700 wins is more about having been doing this for a long time than anything,” Bayliss said. “There are several other active coaches who have done this, so it isn’t like I broke any kind of record. Certainly being at Notre Dame has given me the opportunity to play on the biggest stage and to do things like playing for the national championship on the last day of the season, beat teams ranked No. 1 at that time, etc.”

What does make reaching this record worthwhile for Bayliss is seeing the individuals who helped him along the way.

“What reaching such a milestone does is to make one sit back and think about all of the players, assistants, and administrators who helped make this possible,” Bayliss said. “[And in that way] it makes everything seem pretty special.”

While Bayliss and his team were excited to celebrate and kept up their winning ways through the first two rounds of the tournament, beating No. 27 Fresno State in the second round.

“The weekend was energizing for us, particularly in beating a very good Fresno State team that has spent a lot of time in the top 20,” Bayliss said. “We are competing better now. Our depth is a real strength and our doubles is beginning to take shape and become a strength.”

The Irish doubles pairs have been one of the team’s most dependable assets this season. Now that they have found more harmonious and powerful pairings, Notre Dame will look even more to its doubles players to play a role in their upcoming matches, Bayliss said.

Bayliss also said he was excited to see the strength in the lower singles lineup in Alabama last weekend. While the top two positions have been largely consistent, often played by sophomore Casey Watt and junior Stephen Havens, Notre Dame’s other singles players have rotated earlier this season. Bayliss said he is counting on last weekend’s singles strength to continue.

The Irish men’s road team, which most of the starters are young [everyone who played in the Blue Gray returns next year] we see ups and downs, but a sense of consistency is beginning to form,” Bayliss said.

The Irish will face the Wildcats at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Combe Indoor Tennis Center in Evanston, Ill.

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Nd Men’s Golf

Notre Dame prepares for short course play

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame looks to continue its recent success as it travels to Delray Beach, Fla., to participate in the Spring Break championship.

The Irish enter the tournament on a hot streak after they captured first place in the Brandon Dunes championship two weeks ago. The poise the Notre Dame golfers showed during the Brandon Dunes championship displayed their patience as they battled fierce weather conditions and should pay big dividends for the team this weekend.

The extra practice time the past two weeks has allowed the Irish to look at different aspects of the game in which they can improve before the weekend. Also, with the last tournament at Bandon Dunes, the Irish were able to prove that they could play on a short course.

In the win at Brandon Dunes, the Irish proved they could play on a short course. The Spring Break Championship will be the second shortest course of the season for Notre Dame, only longer than Brandon Dunes.

Despite the team’s recent success on a short course, the Irish will face some formidable opponents in the upcoming tournament. The tournament will consist of 16 teams, seven of which are among the top 100 teams in the nation.

After the Spring Break championship, the Irish will head to the Big East championships.

The three-round Spring Break championship begins Friday and concludes Sunday.
The Irish head out to the West Coast to open their outdoor season this weekend. Notre Dame will send runners to the Stanford Invitational and the NCAA Outdoor National Championships.

The Irish ended the indoor season on a high note, with the men's team winning the national indoor championship, and then the men and women sending a total of 17 runners to the NCAA Indoor National Championships.

Senior Joanna Schultz and Jack Howard advanced to the preliminaries, and Howard took seventh in the men's 800-meter in the finals to be named All-American. Now the team will face a different atmosphere from the indoor arena.

We finished indoors with a lot of momentum, so hopefully we can carry that over into outdoors,” Howard said. “The competition always steps it up a notch as we transition outdoors, but with the way the indoor season went for our team, we will be ready.”

Last year the Irish had four athletes compete in the NCAA Outdoor National Championships. All-American senior Jaclyn Espinoza took third in the women's discus throw, junior Justin Schneider took fourth in the men’s decathlon, Schultz took 26th in the women’s 400-meter and senior Matt Schipper took ninth in the preliminary men’s pole vault last year. The team is looking to send even more athletes this year.

Senior distance runner Jake Walker barely missed the preliminaries at the indoor championships, as his time qualified him provisionally, but did not hold up against this year’s talented field in the 5,000-meter run.

“This is probably my last collegiate season so I am looking to hit some big PRs in outdoor, sign some professionals and earn All-American honors,” Walker said. “I hope to break 28:50 in the [10,000-meters] and 13:50 in the [5,000-meters] during outdoor.”

The Arizona State Invitational will take place at Joe Stagg Track in the Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz., where the teams will compete against 18 other schools from across the country. Friday’s only event is the hammer throw at 1 p.m., with Saturday beginning with field events at 10 a.m. and running events at 3 p.m.

The Stanford Invitational will take place at Cobb Track and Angell Field in Palo Alto, Calif., beginning Friday at 9 a.m. with field events and 11 a.m. with track events. Saturday will open at 9 a.m. with the hammer throw, followed by running events at 12:10 p.m.

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NBA

Wade returns home to lead Heat over Chicago

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Dwyane Wade got a warm reception when he was introduced before the game. It was a Chicago crowd’s way of saying welcome home to a native son who’s a star and could become a major free agent.

Wade doesn’t always score big for either team. "No good answer for anything," Miami coach Vinny Del Negro said Wednesday he was listening to offers for McNabb, Kevin Kolb and Michael Vick.

Oakland, Buffalo and St. Louis are considered to be most interested in McNabb. Each team has two picks in the top 42.

"It’s unlikely any of those teams would give up a first-round pick for McNabb. The Rams have the first overall selection, the Raiders pick eighth and the Bills are ninth. In the second round, however, the Rams have the 33rd pick, the Raiders are 39th and Bills are 41st.

A rumored deal that would’ve sent McNabb to St. Louis for the 33rd pick and safety Oshiomogho Atogwe was strongly denied by several Rams officials, including coach Steve Spagnuolo.

The Raiders are now considered the front-runner for McNabb if a deal is made. It’s still possible the Eagles would accept a pick outside the top 42 if a team sweetened the offer with other picks and/or players.

McNabb is expendable because he’s entering the final season of his contract and Kolb is considered the quarterback of the future. The 33-year-old McNabb has led Philadelphia to five NFC championships games in 11 seasons, winning one NFC title.

An Associated Press file photo shows Donovan McNabb.

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Teams interested in acquiring Donovan McNabb will have to part with a high draft pick to get him.

A person familiar with trade discussions involving McNabb told the Associated Press the Philadelphia Eagles will only consider a deal for the six-time Pro Bowl quarterback if it includes a pick among the top 42 in next month’s NFL draft.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity Thursday because the team doesn’t comment on potential trades.

After months of saying McNabb would return for another year, Eagles coach Andy Reid acknowledged Wednesday he was listening to offers for McNabb, Kevin Kolb and Michael Vick.

"If I were in Philly, I would have been listening," Reid said. "It’s the right thing to do. We said we’d hold firm, and that’s what we’re going to do."

Wade had eight first-half points, hitting a jumper just before the buzzer to give the Heat a 63-33 lead as the boos poured down on the home team at the United Center.

Miami shot 60.5 percent in the first half, while the Bulls made only 28 percent. Miami finished the game at 52 percent with many easy shots against a listless Chicago defense.
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included losses to No. 14 Miami, No. 12 Oklahoma and No. 9 Florida.
But its record is not indicative of the fact that will take
the field on Friday. South Florida has lost eight games by
two runs or less. It has won five of its last six games.

“They’ve got a veteran line-
up,” Schrage said.

“We’re going to see arms on the
mound from them, and they’re pretty tough at home. They’ve
got a little momentum here lately.”

Junior captain Brian Dupra
(2-1) will make the start in
one, followed by sophomore
SteveSabatino (1-2) and sen-
ior Eric Maust (0-1) in games
one and three. Junior ace Cole
Johnson has been sidelined
for next year,” Bednarski said.

“We are fighting, we want to
overcome,” Coyne said.

“We’re still up and coming
because they’re a rela-
tively new program.”

“We’re still proving
who we are as a team,
and I haven’t lost my
confidence in our
ability to win.”

Tracy Coyne
Irish coach

Notre Dame celebrates after its 15-10 victory over Duquesne Feb.
27. The Irish open conference play Saturday at 3 p.m.

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Irish in second after
day one of championships

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

With the first day of the NCAA
finals behind it, No. 1 Notre
Dame stands in second place
among a field of the nation’s top
20 programs.

Notre Dame trails No. 5 St.
John’s by one point, 58-57.
Defending champion and No. 2
Penn State is in third, trailing the
Irish by three points.

“South is a very strong field
and there’s a lot of fighting and
directing going on,” Irish coach
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The Notre Dame women’s golf team hopes to continue its improvement this season as they travel to Austin, Texas for the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational at the University of Texas Golf Club March 26-28.

Though the Irish are well accustomed to playing with the nation’s best, this weekend’s tournament will feature a particularly challenging field with eight of the top-25 ranked teams including No. 1 UCLA.

There will be a total of 18 teams competing in the tournament hosted by the University of Texas. The Irish will be sending a veteran lineup to the links, led by seniors Annie Brophy and Kristin Wetzel. They will be accompanied by juniors Katie Conway and So-Hyun Park, as well as sophomore Becca Huffer.

Huffer is looking to follow up a clutch performance at the LSU Tiger/Wave Classic March 12-14 where she turned in the best overall score on the team and showed consistency each day of competition for a 15th place finish.

This weekend will be the team’s fourth consecutive appearance in the annual event, giving the team the advantage of experience on a difficult course. The Irish, who have had excellent individual success this year have been hard at work perfecting their game on the course during the recent mild weather in Notre Dame, and will be aiming to post a solid cumulative performance as the postseason approaches.

After they return Sunday, the Irish will have 12 days to prepare for their final tournament before the Big East championship, the Sun Trust Lady Gator Invitational in Gainesville, Fla. April 10-11.
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Two months ago, the Sweet 16 berth comes on the heels of an 84-66 win over No. 10-seed Vermont (27-7) at the Purcell Pavilion Tuesday. The Irish fell behind the Catamounts early, but played an aggressive defense in the contest and won the turnover battle 25-14, helping them to get back in the game.

“At this point in the NCAA Tournament it’s going to be defense and rebounding, and that’s how you win,” McGraw said. “After it was 20-10 I thought we just did an excellent job.”

Oklahoma defeated Arkansas-Little Rock 60-44 Tuesday to make the Sweet 16.

When Notre Dame played Oklahoma in the fall, freshman guard Skylar Diggins had one of her first breakout performances of her young career, scoring 16 points and leading the Irish to the victory.

Notre Dame was down 51-48 in the final 10:04 p.m. Sunday in Kansas City, Mo., with the Cornhuskers and Wildcats following at 10:04 p.m. and nearly 12 goals a game while defending an offense averaging nearly 12 goals a game while scouting on defense allowing fewer than seven scores per contest. The primary concern for the Irish, however, is that the Rutgers attack is not limited to Pennington alone, but is a team with a variety of scorers.

“They’ve got a lot of guys offensively who can hurt you,” Corrigan said. “They’re a team that can put a lot of pressure on you at the end of the field.”

If the Irish are successful Saturday, it will mark their third consecutive win in a season that has been marked by streaks, the squad opened the Big East campaign with a three straight victories, then dropped two tight contests over spring break before returning home and opening Arlotta Stadium with a pair of wins. Corrigan said he believes his team has learned the value of focusing on the game at hand.

“We’ve been up, we’ve been down, we’re back up again,” he said. “We’ve got to concentrate on one game at a time, and we can’t worry about anything else.”

The tangle with the Scarlet Knights will require Notre Dame to focus on fundamentals that have been lacking at times previously this season.

“We have to get back to playing good, solid, smart lacrosse,” Corrigan said. With a week since their last game, the Irish have had plenty of time to prepare to do so and come away with a victory in their first conference game.

“It’s a great conference to be a part of, and we’re very excited to begin Big East play,” Corrigan said.

The Big East era of Notre Dame lacrosse begins against Rutgers Saturday at noon in Arlotta Stadium.

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Omrid has always been an entertainer, whether he be as a talent show host, a kid in his dad’s turban singing the best bollywood hits, or a stand up comedian opening for Jim Gaffigan.

Dan has made TV appearances on Comedy Central’s Premium Blend, The Late, Late Show, The Andy Dick Show, and has hosted two series on MTV including Your Face or Mine and The Reality Show. Dan is also acting in the new happy madison/SONY movie The Bunny Project and has a major role in the film My Sexiest Year starring Frankie Muniz and Harvey Keitel.

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Across

1 Male gopher
10 People travel only one way on them
15 “The Broken Tower” poet
17 Beautiful things in a 1951 hit song
22 Sportscaster Collinsworth
23 Uncle ___
24 City at the mouth of the Fox River
26 They make cents.
31 Homage
32 Dress down
33 Cat’s-eye relatives
34 Metaphor for a middle-class American
35 Like most bars
36 Sock deliverers
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52 Weapon for Wonder Woman
54 When women may get in for less
57 Rush hour, to radio programmers
58 Some flying saucers
59 Fleet type

Down

1 “Man alive!”
2 One with growing concerns
3 Displays displeasure
4 “___ my pleasure”
5 Big Apple sch.
6 Ahead of, in verse
7 Parts of planes in which to put 18-Across
8 First to be called up
9 Answerable with a nod or a shake
10 Sherlock
11 They have chocolate relatives
12 Overhead corridor
13 Need for checking people out
14 Applies carelessly
21 Blitzkrieg
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27 Twist alternative
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Puzzle by Victor Fleming

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JEFF KNUREK
MIKE ARGIRION

SCANDAL WORD GAME

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

BRI KRAFICK

THE SEVING CIRCLE

TODAY

Who did what to whom?

(Answers tomorrow)

YOFAR

SONDY

RETNAB

THACLE

A: THE

Return to today’s answers.

What she did when she told a joke.

Thelma’s

Rodeo cloth hedeck adagio

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DEF TALK

Yesterday’s

Yesterday’s

Jumbles: DRODE CLOTH HECKLE ADADO

Often heard in the employment line

(9:00 a.m.)

THE SEVING CIRCLE

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

What did you get for your birthday?

Birthday Baby: You are willing, able and able to control your action. You are just and work, relatively until you have accomplished what you set out to do. You are a leader.
ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Irish face Oklahoma in third round of NCAA

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The No. 2-seed Irish will travel to Kansas City, Mo., for their eighth Sweet 16 appearance in the past 14 seasons and a matchup with No. 3-seed Oklahoma. Notre Dame (29-5) defeated Oklahoma (25-10) on Nov. 28 in the Paradise Jam in the U.S. Virgin Islands, 81-71, and will look to repeat that performance Sunday.

“We can look back at the film and see the differences in what we did then and how we’re playing now,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “It’s nice to have done that film, but obviously we’re both different teams than we were four years ago.”

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Baseball

Notre Dame readies for recovery in Florida

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Most teams hope to be peaking as they head into conference play. Yet after a disappointing start to the year, Notre Dame is far from the level of play Irish coach Dave Schrage wants his team to be as it travels to South Florida for a three-game series.

The Irish (8-12) have struggled considerably following a promising start to the season. Wednesday’s 10-5 defeat at the hands of UIC marked their eighth loss in 11 games. Schrage said the Big East opener against the Bulls, who have had troubles of their own, could play a critical role in the team’s direction for the remainder of the year.

“They’re in the same boat we are,” he said. “They didn’t do so well in the nonconference as they would have liked just like us, so it’s going to be two teams that are fighting for some identity this weekend.”

While the Bulls (8-13) enter the series with similar struggles as the Irish have, their season story has been nearly the opposite of Notre Dame’s. Opening the season with four consecutive losses, the Bulls have had a brutal nonconference schedule that

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