Seniors weigh options for class Legacy Fund

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

After sitting through hundreds of suggestions from Notre Dame seniors, the final options for the Class of 2011 Legacy Fund focus on helping students who are in need of financial assistance.

Each year, the Student Development Committee (SDC) chooses a few ideas for the fund and the senior class votes on them and chooses where they would like their donations to go.

There are five choices this year, and the voting began about a week ago and will most likely extend until Wednesday, said SDC Co-Chairs Maggie Nettlesheim and Maria Sellers.

"Something we definitely thought about a lot is that we wanted it to be something that would continue to make a difference on campus," Nettlesheim said. "We wanted it to be something that would improve life on campus and continue to do so.

This year’s choices focus on providing funds for students who are in need of financial aid for a variety of occasions.

The first option is a study abroad assistance fund. The program would be designed for students on financial aid who wish to go to abroad. Nettlesheim said, "If they choose to go abroad, it would give them a little more spending money." Nettlesheim said.

The second choice is a partial tuition scholarship for incoming freshmen each year.

Current options for Legacy Foundation are: a scholarship, a study abroad assistance fund, and a partial tuition scholarship for incoming freshmen.

Nettlesheim said, "We wanted it to be something that would improve life on campus and continue to do so.

After Republicans won big in midterm elections last week, Notre Dame professors said the party’s gains could lead to a stronger sense of party division in the coming term.

"The Republicans won big, so they have no need to compromise," said Jack Colwell, adjunct professor of American Studies and South Bend Tribune columnist. "With Democrats, the more liberal Democrats won — it was the more moderate Democrats that lost.

The House of Representatives currently has 239 Democratic seats and 179 Republican seats. When the new Representatives take office, 239 Republicans and 188 Democrats will take the floor, with eight seats still pending according to USA Today’s website.

The Senate will go from its current 57 Democrats, 41 Republicans and two Independents to 51 Democrats, 46 Republicans and two Independents, with one seat still pending.

Colwell said Indiana’s 2nd Congressional District, in which Notre Dame is located, had an interesting race. Incumbent Democrat Joe Donnelly narrowly defeated Republican Jackie Walorski for the spot in the House of Representatives.

"It was amazing Donnelly could survive in such a Republican year in a Republican state," he said. "One of the problems for the next session is that Donnelly is one of the more moderate Democrats, and one of the few left.

In the races for governor, Republicans also took the majority. Currently there are 26 Democratic governors and 24 Republican governors. After the new ones are sworn in, there will be 29 Republican governors, 18 Democratic governors and one Independent governor.

When it comes to legislation, Colwell said he predicts problems between party lines.

"There will be stalemate," he said. "The Republicans in the House of Representatives have had great success with just saying no.

He also said he sees trouble for President Barack Obama. "[Obama] will try to work with them — but it takes two to tango," Colwell said. "I don't see why Republicans would work with him... I doubt they will work with him."

Dorms compete to conserve energy

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

If you walk out of your dorm room this month and see only half the lights on in the hallway, chances are it isn’t an accident.

Keeping lights on the “half-on” setting typically used after partir- eals is one way dorms are sav- ing energy during this month’s third annual Dorm Energy Competition.

The main objective of the competition is for students to realize how much energy they use and particularly the energy that gets want- ed," Novick said. "And also to see what kind of creative ways they can find to save energy."

The title went to Walsh Hall in 2008 and Cavanaugh Hall in 2009.

Cavanaugh was able to reduce their energy use by 34 percent for the month. Former rector
OFFBEAT

Prospective juror in Ohio excused for citing Dahmer

CLEVELAND — An Ohio man was excused from jury service after mentioning he was a childhood friend of cannibalistic serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer.

John Backderf was among prospective jurors being screened last week by a judge in Cleveland.

When asked if he’d known anyone convicted of a crime, Backderf responded: “I had a close friend in high school who killed 17 people.”

The Plain Dealer reports Monday the answer caused the judge to freeze and lawyers to drop their pens. Backderf explained he knew Dahmer, who was raised in northeast Ohio.

Backderf is a graphic novel-ist about to publish “My Friend Dahmer.” He was dismissed from the jury list.

Dahmer confessed to killing and dismembering men and boys in Milwaukee. An inmate killed him in a Wisconsin prison in 1994.

No fallen coconuts for Obama

MUMBAI, India — Staff security checks at the Gandhi Museum before President Barack Obama’s visit — check. But the coconut palms, too?

A few days before Obama’s visit Saturday, U.S. and Indian security officials visited the small two-story building and ordered the looSing off of ripe coconuts from the trees to prevent any accidental bonking.

“People get hurt, or even killed, from falling coconuts. We had the ripe coconuts removed and some dried branches as well. Why take a chance?” said Megshyam Ajaonkar, executive secretary of the Mani Bhavan Gandhi Museum, located on a quiet street in this bustling commercial hub.

In preparation for the visit, the museum was shielded from onlookers and neighbors by a high white tent that covered almost the entire building. The street was closed to pedestrians.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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

CORRECTIONS

A Nov. 2 article titled “Habitat begins work on new homes” misidentified the criteria Habitat for Humanity uses to select partner families. Habitat bases decisions on three criteria: ability to pay the mortgage by moving income guidelines, demonstrate need of housing and a willingness to partner by fulfilling program requirements. The Observer regrets this error.

The seminar “A New Model for Turbulent Dispersion” will take place today at 11 a.m. in Fitzpatrick Hall Room 258. Bemupefreshman-Rossin, pro- fessor of engineering at Dartmouth College, will pres- ent this installment in the Environmental Fluid Dynamics Seminar Series.

The lecture “Hybrid Peace: What Happens When Top-Down and Bottom-Up Peace Meet” will take place today at 4:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. It is free and open to the public.

The Notre Dame Fund to Protect Human Life will spon- sor “Dinner and Discussion: Bread of Life” today at 6 p.m. in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall. The dinner is intended to facilitate discus- sion about beginning of life ethical issues. Register for free by emailing ethics2@nd.edu.

The Center for Social Concerns will sponsor a Summer Service Learning Program (SSLP) Information Session today at 6:30 p.m. in the McNell Library of Geddies Hall. The SSLP is an 8 week experience within a 3 credit Theology course. The Center recruits Notre Dame students who are interested in expanding their education by working with and learning from persons who are marginalized in society.

The Brazilian Cultural Fair will take place today at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center Ballrooms. Students can sample Brazilian cuisine and participate in Samba lessons.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews.nd@gmail.com.
Obama hopes to boost India's status as a global power

By Ashley Charnley
Saint Mary's Editor

In recent years, Saint Mary's students have welcomed a theater professionals to the college, including actor Glenn Close and comedian Lily Tomlin. Tony Award-winning actresses, Mark Abram-Copenhaver, a theatre professor, said in a press release, “Ms. McKechnie is a master of not only the theater, but of what makes theatre sing — music and dance.”

Tony Award winner visits Saint Mary’s

McKechnie teaches an acting class in New York, told the students in Monday’s class why teaching others to act is important to her. “My job in a class with students I teach in New York is to ask them, ‘How do we make this more real for you?’”

Donna McKechnie
Tony Award winner

“Promises, Promises” and “State Fair.”

“My soapbox in life is American musical theater. I learn with people who are incredible. I am a professional student and I have studied and I will continue to study.”

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“The just Anything you do to free yourself, it’s so complicated.”

McKechnie said the difficulty in acting is combining all the elements together. “We’re interpreting the words, the feeling and all of this,” she said, “That’s why it’s so complex.”

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Notre Dame study says unions are beneficial

Examining life-satisfaction data from several European countries as well as Japan, Australia and the U.S., researchers based their study on the notion that happiness with work can only be achieved: life satisfaction depends on work. They found that people who live in countries in which labor union membership was robust were happier — regardless of whether or not they belonged to a labor union themselves. “There’s both a direct effect of being a member and an indirect effect,” Radcliff says.
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The repeal of healthcare reform was on the campaign promise list of many candidates, but Colwell said this would be impossible. However, the newly elected officials could still do some damage. "Many of the people will try to sabo- 
tage it," he said. "They will try to sabotage it." He said this could come in the form of redirecting funds away from programming. "They might even try to get the top people involved that could help end the [partisan] stale-
mate is that both parties love their country," he said. "If they started to get bad with something that impacts the econ- omy, you might see their policies or the other side work with each other."

Some have called this a Republican victory, a amongst other things. A "hurri-
"There is grounds for optimism for the Obama administration."nade," Colwell said, but he also said the landslide could have been larger.

Michael Desch chair
Political Science department

"It was a big Republican year," he said. "They probably would have won. If the Tea Party didn't nomi-
late so many questionable candidates."
The Tea Party, a right-
wing faction of the Republican Party, received a lot of media attention dur-
ing the elections.

Michael Desch, chair in the Political Science department, said the Tea Party created problems for the two-party political system. "There is grounds for optim-
ism for the Obama adminis-
tration," he said. "The rise of the Tea Party is not just a problem for the Democrats but also for the Republican Party. There is a lot of anger directed at the Republican establish-
ment." Desch, who has a specialty in international politics and for-
governance, said some foreign policy issues were in the back-
ground of the midterm elec-
tions.

"China and trade [was an isue]," he said. "The overarching issue was the economy and unemploy-
ment. China was important with these persistent fears. We have an imbalance in trade with China."

Desch said what seemed to determine the midterm election results was not a great support for the Republican Party, but a general sense of unhappiness with the current government. "The problems with the econ-
omy are long-term and struc-
tural," he said. "The problem is that there are no easy solu-
tions. The American public doesn't have the stomach for the solutions now."

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stipend for students who would like to do summer service, but aren't sure where their funds would come from.

"The summer service one would be a fund for those who want to do service, international or national, but they don't have funds for where they're living," Sellers said.

Nettesheim said it would be particularly useful for students who do not feel they could give up a summer income, and it could apply to any service endeavor, even if it's not through Notre Dame.

The fourth choice is an emer-
gency fund. This money could be used at the dis-
cretion of rectors in the event of an emergency, such as a death in the family of a student who is unable to cover the price of a plane ticket home.

The last option is a donation to Legacy, which would allow for the purchase of new uniforms or equipment. StUC sponsored multiple sources to gauge where the seniors wanted the fund to go to, including booths at senior events and an online poll. Nettesheim said this year's senior class was very enthusiastic in contributing ideas.

"We got probably 200 sugges-
tions from the senior class when we did the online poll," Nettesheim said. "We in the com-
mittee then narrowed it down from those suggestions."

The final outcome of the vote will most likely be announced in December.

Tim Ponisciak, the assistant director of the Annual Fund, said the Senior Legacy Fund can gen-
erate anywhere from $60,000 to $100,000.

Contributing to the Senior Legacy is the first step into the Annual Fund, which is a general fund that accepts donations to support virtually everything under the Dome," such as finan-
cial aid for students or advancing Notre Dame's Catholic mission, according to its website.

"In the spring we'll send out a letter and brochure telling them about the sponsored fund, but also telling them a little about the Annual Fund," Ponisciak said.

Ponisciak said seniors are encouraged to contribute to the sponsored legacy fund, but they are also welcome to make a dona-
tion to any other fund at Notre Dame.

"For a senior to participate in the legacy they don't have to give to the sponsored fund," Ponisciak said. "They can partici-
pate in another aspect of campus that they feel strongly about."

Although it is targeted toward the current seniors, other mem-
ers of the Notre Dame communi-
ity can contribute to the legacy as well.

"Through the phone center, we call their parents to see if the par-
ents want to give on their behalf," Nettesheim said. "Also, that fund stays in existence. Any alumni really could donate."

For Nettesheim, the Senior Legacy Fund is important because it gives seniors the opportunity to give back to the University that gave so much to them.

"I think most of us leave Notre Dame feeling like it's been the best four years of our lives," Nettesheim said. "And if you can get seniors to give back to the university and start that commitment early then I think that's great."

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Amalia de la Torre said she believed keeping the hallway lights was crucial to her dorm's suc-
cess—parietals lights.

"We kept half of all our hall-
way lights out," de la Torre said. "In other words, we kept the lighting the same as it would have in a house. This has been a real saving grace for me because since then I've not heard parietals. I think that made the winning dif-
fERENCE."

Over the last year, dorm ed-

cence halls saved 58,400 k i l o w a t -
hours. This is equivalent to $ 8 a day, saving 50 pounds of carbon diox-
ide emissions and adds up to a savings of $ 2 0 0 0 at the University, Novick said.

Some common approaches to saving energy include hang-dry-
ing laundry and unplugging elec-
nronics when they aren't being used, Novick said.

Novick's goals for the competi-
tion are to encourage energy and money, but also having participation from every dorm.

"I'd definitely like to improve on the overall savings and costs to campus, but also to really try to get every dorm to be involved," Novick said. "I think that the dorms that were most engaged last year did an amaz-
ing job.

Cavanaugh, the returning champion, is employing some of the same tactics as last year but also stressing the simple things, co-president Caitlin Desmond said.

"This year we are doing simi-
lar things, but also emphasizing to the girls to unplug things when you leave the room, such as turn off power strips, unplug computers and chargers," Desmond said.

Some dorms don't have a great chance at winning the com-
petition due to long-
standing traditions. Sorin College presi-
dent Colin King said his dorm has never done well.

"Sorin is infamous for always coming in last in this competi-
tion," King said. "We have a tradition to put incredible amounts of Christmas lights up right before Thanksgiving and leave them on all through the end of the competition runs through the end of November and the winning dorm will receive a $ 5 0 0 prize, Novick said.

"We have runner-up prizes too, and awards for sustainability commissioners who do really creative programs to get people involved," Novick said.

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Choices for the Senior Class Legacy Fund:
Study abroad assistance fund
Partial tuition scholarship for incoming freshmen
Summer service stipend
Emergeny assistance fund, given to students at the rectors' discretion
Donation to ReSports for the purchase of new uniforms or equipment

Kramer Houses
A Notre Dame Tradition

"When my friends and I moved off campus our senior year, we rented a house from Kramer Properties. We could ride bikes to campus and walk downtown. The house was secure and well-
maintained, and it was always good to know that we could reach Kramer himself. My experience was so positive that three of my brothers also rented homes from Kramer Properties. It became a tradition!"

Walter Hessertt
Class of 2006
Owner, Million Dollar Road Trip

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Coughlin said, “We want to have conversations about what is the best step for Notre Dame and what is best for our students.”

The committee would discuss how to educate students about the dangers of a drink like Four Loko and whether a ban on the product would be right for Notre Dame’s campus.

Coughlin said the mixture of alcohol with caffeine makes alcoholic energy drinks like Four Loko particularly dangerous to students.

Students over the legal drinking age of 21 may possess or consume drinks of less than 14 percent alcohol content in residence halls, and hard alcohol is banned from dorms, according to the student handbook, du Lac.

“Technically Four Loko falls within the parameters of our alcohol policy for students over 21,” Coughlin said. “Right now the allowed drinking age of 21 may pose a risk,” Gaughan said. “We want to make the best decision we can for the health and safety of the student body,” Coughlin said.

“Ultimately we are going to make the best decision we can for the health and safety of the student body,” Gaughan said.

End of the story,” Gaughan said. “However the committee decides we will go forward with whatever the committee decides might do it more behind closed doors.”

Educating students on the health risks of Four Loko will be a focus on campus whether or not the product is banned, Coughlin said. “I would hope that whatever the committee decides to do as police is not the end of the story,” Gaughan said. “That is one part of the story, but the other part is ongoing education. The committee is unsure about whether the drink will be banned but will consider all the options,” Coughlin said.

“Technically Four Loko appears in the halls.”

The committee would consider all the options, but they would not allow the allow [of] the drink goes on a hall-by-hall basis where each rector decides.”

But Coughlin said the University’s interest in researching the effects of Four Loko was sparked by recent incidents on campus. This was born out of a high number of ambulance runs in the past few weeks,” he said. “The uptick of hospitalization was a catalyst for this conversation. Several universities and state governments banned Four Loko as the risks of the drink became apparent, he said. Rectors on the council said they saw these dangers in their dorms as well.

Virginia State Senator Frank Tom Gaughan said his hall staff put out a word of caution to their students when he first learned about the product Four Loko.

“When you said to me that Four Loko is coming to our university, I was very concerned about the addictive nature of this drink, its advertising, its marketing, and the dangers it poses,” Gaughan said. “This was born out of a concern that what is the best step for the students looking to experience alcohol to an extreme would be drawn even more to Four Loko after a ban. “If something like this is banned, it is banned because it is dangerous,” Bell said. “As a side effect, because it is banned, people might do it more behind closed doors.”

Because the product does not abide by that.

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—Mary Ann Glendon, Harvard Law School

United Nations

Nobel laureate says opposition is growing

Associated Press

U N I T E D  N A T I O N S — Nobel Peace Prize laureate Shirin Ebadi said Monday that opposition to the Iranian government is growing, spurred by an increase in government violence, more human rights violations and deepening poverty.

The human rights lawyer, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003 for her efforts to promote democracy, said in an interview with The Associated Press that she came to the United Nations to talk about the deteriorating human rights situation in Iran and seek support for a U.N. General Assembly resolution that would condemn the country’s rights record.

Although much of the opposition movement has gone underground since the violent crackdown after the disputed June 2009 presidential election, Ebadi said it definitely isn’t faltering.

“I can tell you that opposition is increasing in Iran,” she said. “Not only the government is becoming more violent every day, and there are more violations of human rights, but the issue of poverty has become another issue now. And, of course, poverty plays a big role in opposition.”

She said the latest statistics she received had Iran’s economy growing just 1.6 percent a year, lower than the rates in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Ebadi urged the international community “to bring the voice of the people of Iran and the political prisoners to the outside world,” stressing that the human rights situation in Iran “is not only about freedom of religion and expression, and it is not about the domestic situation.”

“Many people are being arrested and their homes are being invaded and searched, and they are forced to stand nude before the interrogators, and when he protested saying it was an insult he was beaten, Ebadi said.

“Now, she’s on a dry hunger strike. Ebadi said, because the prosecutor and her interrogators told her: you would grow stronger just if you would lose your weight. She has no legal demands but they have said: ‘We don’t care.’ And she believes that this has been a fraudulent issue on the side of the government.”

This was born out of a concern that...
INSIDE COLUMN
‘No Shave November’

Nine days ago, I, along with my fellow O’Neill Hall Mobsters and (I’m sure) many more campus, began the annual tradition of “No Shave November.” Scruffy new, sad swords and patchy facial hair undoubtedly ensued. Still, as the competitive Domers that we are, those Brave of heart and strong willed, always abiding by “Rule 76: No Excuses — Play Like a Champion Today,” we’ve continued on avoiding the razor. But the question arises, why do this? Apart from conformity and peer pressure, what good comes from 30 days without grooming? Well, dear readers, this column will (try to) tell you.

A quick Google search of “No Shave November” gave little insight into the origins of the world wide practice, but the closest historical match has its traces in Australia and New Zealand. In these countries, November is better known as “Movember,” a clever combination of moustache and November. There it is treated as a fundraising campaign for men’s health issues. How someone could raise money by sporting a moustache is beyond me, but it doesn’t stop possible for the tradition in the U.S.

No doubt causes such as raising money for Darfur and prostate cancer have spread across college campuses such as the University of Oregon and others. Additionally, it has been cited as means for water preservation, natural “beauty” and a means for “stick ing to the man” for overpricing razors and blades. I propose the University of Notre Dame organize similarly charitable drives for mon etary donations or mere awareness. How about this: any difference from sitting on a roof for X hours or posting where you like to keep your purses on Facebook in an attempt at making sexual innu endo(s). Now, there are downsides to “No Shave November.” I estimate that a fair percentage of men on cam pus can actually grow a reasonable amount of facial hair. It can be quite the unsightly sight. Yes, most women do not approve of the neck beard or sparse moustache (though granted, I’m pretty sure guys wouldn’t be thrilled if women pointed in the fourth direction). Still, there are no actual hygiene implications or true downsides other than an appearance.

The competitive nature of this tradition is inevitably entertaining and countless excuses for why it can be made. If honorable causes can be furthered through this, why not let the beard grow out? Not to mention the awesome alienation. I love you readers! I received an anonymous quote I received while posing as if the issue of “No Shave November” was an Observer Question of the Day. “There are two people in this world that go around beardless — boys and women, and I am neither one.”

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Dan Sportello Bound Variables

How is error possible? This is ambiguous between two related questions. Consider the case of action: obviously, many people commit wrong acts — acts that they clearly do not commit. The first question is fairly superficial: are such acts something other than purposive means — that is, mere behavior that is inexplicable as voluntary action, as good or evil? The answer is clearly no: the wicked person — Scrooge, for instance, or Herodius — thinks that the last end is money or fame, but he is wrong about what his last end actually is.

But there is a second, deeper question: why should wickedness even be possible? If the wicked person’s last end is not, in fact, money or fame, isn’t it strange that he contrived to take it to be? Metaphysically speaking, this is deeply confusing: the good — that toward which the wicked person is determined to move — is objectively one thing but subjective- ly another. For Aristotle, it is as though a rock, though determined to fall down, nonetheless falls up. We never see final causality failing in rocks — that is, we never see rocks “sin” by falling upwards — so why do we see it failing in humans? Material causality, for instance, never falls in this way. It is not as though a human, though in fact made of flesh and bone, ever acts as though he is made of air and floats up in the sky.

The answer to this second question is that everything is good to some extent: everything is a finite reflection of God, and since God is Goodness, everything that exists is good — that is, everything that exists can be taken, metaphysically speaking, as one’s goal. The wicked person is not, as Aristotle makes quite clear, completely wrong; if he was completely wrong — if money and fame weren’t good at all — the universe would contain irreducible irrationality. Obviously, if the universe is a reflection of Mind — whose very essence is the Principle of Noncontradiction — this is impossible. But this is not how it is: the wicked person merely takes a partial good for the whole good.

Consider the parallel case of knowledge: obviously, many people affirm false beliefs — beliefs that they should not affirm. The first question is fairly superficial: are these beliefs something other than cognition — that is, mere conception that is inexplicable as justified belief, as truth-seeking? The answer is clearly no: the confused person — Heracleitus, for instance, or Parmenides — believes that all is change or stability, but he is wrong about how things actually are.

But there is a second, deeper question: why should confusion even be possible? If the world is not, in fact, all change or stability, isn’t it strange that Heraclitus or Parmenides could take it to be? Metaphysically speaking, this is deeply confusing: the true — that because of which the wicked person believes as he does — is objectively one way but sub jectively another. For Aristotle, it is as though a hot rock, though truly a hot rock, nonetheless cooled the air surrounding it. We never see efficient causality failing in hot rocks — that is, we never see the surrounding air “believe” falsely by cooling after contact with a hot object — so why do we see it failing in humans? Again, material causality never fails in this way.

The answer to the second question is that every belief is true to some extent: everything is a finite reflection of God, and since God is Goodness, everything that exists is good — that is, everything that one can believe does, in some respect, represent the world that caused one to have that belief. The confused person is not, as Aristotle makes quite clear, completely wrong — if change and stability weren’t aspects of how the world actually is — the universe would contain irreducible irrationality. Again, since the universe is a reflection of Mind, this is impossible. But this is not how it is: the confused person merely takes partial truths for the whole truth.

One does not, of course, have to buy any of this. Most do not nowadays. But realize that, if one thinks that genuine irrationality can exist in the world, in other words, one admits the possibil ity of Radical Evil and, for lack of a better term, Radical Falsehood — one raises serious doubt that the world is in fact a Cosmos — is, in other words, a reflection of Rationality Itself, the Creation of God — rather than just a Weird Thing that Happened. All of us, hold this still. But there are also drawbacks to buy ing all of this. The results of our exercise in ethics and epistemology are disturb ing at best: things that we usually take to be unqualified evils, like arson and com fusion and genocide, must achieve some good. This is what all of our piou s talk about God having a “larger plan” actual ly means — that the universe, whatever the appearance, should have a purpose ful ordering in which every part — no matter how depraved — has some func tion, some point to play.

Either of these options should make one profoundly uncomfortable.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best day and night to make you like everybody else, means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight and the most glorious victory.”

e e cummings
U.S. poet
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The Observer

The true end of an era

When I was a freshman in the fall of 1966, the slogan on campus was “The New Era with Ara”. Ara Parseghian had come within one play of winning the Championship in 1964, and 1966 was shaping up to be “The Year” in football.

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Now we have Brian Kelly who berates players during games, defies logic with his play calling and has established a Golden Era at Notre Dame that has lost its luster. While an unexpected opponent such as Pitt can be overcome with their ball operations, the defending national champions during games, defies logic with his play calling and has established a Golden Era at Notre Dame that has lost its luster. While an unexpected opponent such as Pitt can be overcome with their ball operations, the defending national champions

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**Depeche Mode**

The great grand daddy of all synth bands formed in the U.K. in 1980. With their fully electrified sound, they blew up a genre that had barely existed. Deeply rooted in a darker sound, and perhaps even more "goth" than the yet-to-exist goths, this band has influenced everyone from Linkin Park to Coldplay (who based the video for "Viva La Vida" on Depeche Mode's "Enjoy the Silence" video).

Tracks to Tap: "Never Let Me Down," "Precious," "Enjoy the Silence," "Stripped"

**Gary Newman**

Go look up the song "Cars" right now. Do it. Now, tell me that it isn't the most awesomely synthesized track you've ever heard. Newman is a one-man band that survived failure after failure until he began plugging out hits in the 1980's. For some wild visuals, YouTube "DieHard Battery vs. Gary Newman" for one of the most inventive commercials you'll ever see.

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**The Buggles**

Add these guys to the list of great '80s artists who have been pillaged by the 21st century. Their beats seem to keep popping up in the background of the latest pop hits coming out of the speakers at the Backer. But their original sound gave us the immortal words "Video Killed the Radio Star" before both members moved on to join the band Yes.

Tracks to Tap: "Video Killed the Radio Star," "Living in the Plastic Age"

"All right, my hunters. I have now a quest for you: this week, send me the wackiest music videos you've ever seen. Modern, dated, Peter Gabriel or Gabe Dixon, let me know which music videos are so outrageous that you can't help but post them on someone's Facebook wall.

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By ANKUR CHAWLA

Scene Writer

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Peter Highman (Downey, Jr.) and Ethan Tremblay (Galifianakis) first cross paths as the station wagon Ethan takes to the airport breaks off the door to Peter's town car as he gets his luggage. Awkward as this was, Peter brushed it off and went to his flight.

An admitted rage-aholic, Peter lashes out at Ethan and most anyone he comes into contact with, up to and including an Army veteran and a 10-year-old boy. Not the best image for a soon to be father. However, in an understandably frustrating situation, he shows his depth as he warms up to Ethan and practices scenes with him at a rest stop and in the car. Despite this, "Due Date" did have its downsides. At times the movie got repetitive with the constant back and forth between Ethan and Peter acting completely nonsensically. The filmmakers played too heavily on Galifianakis' character to provide humor as the ignorable, awkward adult. This was done much in the same way Seth Rogen is always some form of a stoner with his trademark laugh and goofy face. Beyond that, too much of the movie is left with loose ends and meaningless scenes that add little humor and even less plot or character development.

Still, this is a very entertaining, funny and fresh movie worth seeing. No, it is not "The Hangover" in a car, but it is funnier than most of the current alternatives — "Meganmind," "Life As We Know It," etc. If you appreciate the ridiculous one-liners from Galifianakis such as "Dad was like a father to me..." and a cute dog companion, you will enjoy this movie more than the first snow of the year.

**‘Due Date’**

**Director:** Todd Phillips

**Starring:** Robert Downey, Jr., Zach Galifianakis

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This Saturday, John Mellencamp brings his “No Better Than This” tour to the Morris Performance Arts Center. Mellencamp, an Indiana native, has experienced a musically diverse career full of artistic redirection and reinvention. His sound has appealed to many audiences, from when he first began to today, 35 years later. This show, consisting of three parts, reflects Mellencamp’s different achievements and levels of artistry.

The first segment is a documentary film “It’s About You”, shot on Super-8 film by acclaimed photographer Kurt Markus. It documents Mellencamp’s recent tour with Bob Dylan as well as the creation of the album “No Better Than This”. The album was recorded at three legendary studios: Sun Studios (which some call the birthplace of rock and roll), Room 414 of San Antonio’s Gunter Hotel (where infamous bluesman Robert Johnson recorded in the 1930’s), and Savannah’s First African Baptist Church (an historic site during the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement). The documentary has been praised for its artistic glance both at Mellencamp as an American musician and American culture in general at the start of the 21st century.

The second segment is a solo acoustic set featuring Mellencamp’s recent folk work. The third is a full band set, reflecting Mellencamp’s earlier rock and roll mastery. Mellencamp began his career as pop idol John Cougar Mellencamp, with hits such as “Hurts So Good” and “Jack and Diane.” After early mainstream success, Mellencamp developed into a mature American songwriter, demonstrating mastery of heartland rock and organic instrumentation.

Morris Performing Arts Center, which was first built as a Vaudeville performance center in the 1920’s, is known for its intimate setting, built for and maintained to generate the best musical atmosphere. Seating only 2,500 people, the concert hall offers an intimate experience with Mellencamp and his music, both for fans of his older rock hits and fans of his new folk sound.

**Around the Bend**

What: John Mellencamp, “No Better Than This” Tour
Where: Morris Performing Arts Center, South Bend, Ind.
When: Saturday, Nov. 13, 6:45 p.m.
How much: Tickets start at $39.50
Learn more: morriscenter.org

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NFL fines Packers’ Collins for illegal hit on Williams

Associated Press
GREEN BAY, Wis. — The NFL fined Green Bay Packers safety Nick Collins $50,000 on Monday for his helmet-to-helmet hit on Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Roy Williams.

In a statement, league officials said Collins “violently and unnecessarily struck a defenseless receiver” in the neck and unnaturally struck a defenseless player. The NFL is cracking down on illegal hits, and players who violate the new rules are subject to increased fines or even suspensions.

Collins went helmet-to-helmet with Williams after an incompletion in the third quarter of the Packers’ 45-7 victory over the Cowboys Sunday night. Collins was flagged for unnecessary roughness.

Williams said after the game that he didn’t think NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell should punish Collins for the hit.

“Commissioner Goodell, don’t fine the guy,” Williams said. “It wasn’t that bad of a deal, he shouldn’t get fined. It was a football, a football player making a football play. No injury, no nothing.”

Packers coach Mike McCarthy summarized by saying, “Judge Rick Patterson said the play was a bang-bang play and I felt that really when I reviewed the tape on the Jumbotron, it looked like Nick hit Roy in the back and came up to the helmet.” McCarthy said Monday. “I understand why this is a possibility for a penalty, but I don’t think from what I saw that it was a fineable offense.”

Roy Williams, Cowboys wide receiver

Associated Press
IRVING, Texas — Jerry Jones never wanted to change coaches this season. As the blowout losses mounted, and Wade Phillips’ defense was mostly to blame, the owner of the Dallas Cowboys had no choice.

Jones fired Phillips on Monday and named defensive coordinator Jason Garrett to take his place on an interim basis. Defensive line coach Rob Pasqualini was promoted to replace Phillips’ other role as defensive coordinator.

“Remember what I just said? We just want to get back to winning football and our best chance was to make a change,” Jones said. “We are grateful to Wade and his contribution to the Cowboys, leading us. We also clearly understand we are not where we want to be at this time, and that’s an understatement. We share the responsibility — all of us.”

In the first time Dallas has made an in-season coaching change, Garrett becomes the first former Cowboys player to take over the job previously held by Wade. Defensive backs coach Jimmy Johnson and Bill Parcells.

Jones decided enough was enough following a 45-7 loss to the Green Bay Packers on Sunday night. It was the Cowboys’ fifth straight loss, dropping them to 1-7. The defense has allowed at than usual, with longer pauses to recover.

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European golfers shine on PGA Tour and beyond

Associated Press

SHANGHAI — The PGA Tour continues to shortchange the one World Golf Championship held outside the United States by only offering a three-year exemption to the winner if he is a member of the American-based tour.

One person who didn’t seem the least bit bothered was Francesco Molinari, who won the HSBC Champions.

“I’m a European Tour member,” Molinari said with a shrug. “To come in here as a European Tour golfer, and it’s a great moment for European golf, and I’m really happy to give my contribution to that. Honestly, going to the States, it’s not really part of my plans at the moment. I’m happy to consider it a European Tour win.”

At the trophy presentation in near darkness on the 18th green at Sheshan International, with Chinese drummers adding a unique touch to the ceremony, Molinari was announced as the winner of a $1.2 million check.

That translates to just over $500,000 euros, enough to move him to No. 4 in the Race to Dubai, giving him an outside chance depending on how he fares this week in Singapore.

It used to be that beating the best field in golf, whether it was a major or a World Golf Championship, was essentially a free pass to the PGA Tour. Now it’s a matter of whether Europeans want to go, much less need to.

Lee Westwood, the new No. 1 in the world ranking, tried a full PGA Tour schedule about five years ago and it didn’t work for him. He added tournaments just to meet the minimum requirement of 15 events, and found himself going through the motions at times. Westwood played Las Vegas in 2005 to meet his number.

“That’s why I don’t join anywhere,” Westwood said.

PGA champion Martin Kaymer, eligible for a five-year exemption by winning a major, is said to be leaning against PGA Tour membership, even though his girlfriend is from Arizona and the German spent much of his time there before he became a veritable star.

The way this year has gone for Europe, its players can find plenty of competition at home.

Europeans did so well on the PGA Tour this year, with seven players winning majors, that British agent Chubby Chandler quipped midway through the season that the Tournament of Champions in Kapalua “is going to be like a European Tour Event.”

One benefit for Europe when it began its “Race to Dubai” bonus program was attracting international stars, and it got the interest of Geoff Ogilvy, Anthony Kim, Camilo Villegas, Rory Sabbatini and several others. It was easy to meet the minimum of 12 tournaments because seven could be knocked through majors and WGCs before the Dubai World Championship.

Last month, however, the European Tour tournament committee decided to increase the minimum to 15 events. In a separate matter, it denied Kim a medical exemption despite the American missing three months after surgery on his thumb.

To some, the increase was seen as Europe closing its door to outsiders. For others, it was good business. Europe needs its members to play more at home to accommodate sponsors in a tough economy.

David Howell, who is on the committee but made it clear he was not speaking on behalf of it, wondered whether Europe needed U.S. tour members to make its circuit stronger.

For every rising star on the PGA Tour — Dustin Johnson, Hunter Mahan, Jason Day, Rickie Fowler or Kim — Europe has just as many in Kaymer, Rory McIlroy, Alvaro Quiros, the Molinari brothers (Francesco and Edoardo) and Matteo Manassero, the 17-year-old Italian who two weeks ago became Europe’s youngest winner.

Molinari is eligible for Kapalua, but not PGA Tour membership. He cannot even apply the money toward a tour card through non-member earnings if they were equal to No. 125 on the money list.

A big reason for the PGA Tour not treating the HSBC Champions equal to the other WGCs is that less than half of the 78-man field has tour membership. At the other strike-play WGCs in America, PGA Tour members accounted for at least two-thirds of the field.

“I can understand if we weren’t playing a strong field,” Ben Crenshaw said. “But I think if you can win a tournament like this — whoever you are — it doesn’t matter. You’ve done something pretty special. I think this should count for everything.”

Molinari turned in one of the best performances of the year. Playing in the final group the last two days, he matched the low round Saturday and Sunday with a 5-under 67. Molinari beat Westwood by one shot, and he beat everyone else by at least 10.

Europe swept the top five spots at Sheshan International, and 11 of the top 12 on the leaderboard were European Tour members. The exception was Tiger Wood, who finished 19th. PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem did not sound interested in counting this WGC like the others, from a three-year exemption to the winner to the money being official. He cited the HSBC Champions being too late in the PGA Tour season, and there’s merit to that. Europe still has three events remaining, ending with its version of a Tour Championship.

“To add an event that late in the year at the end of the season is just not something we’re prepared to do on the money list,” Finchem said after the ceremony. “On the other side of the coin, I’m not sure it makes any difference. Our theory was players would come and support the event because it has a great purse, a lot of world ranking points. And that’s been the case.”
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Sullivan credits the rigorous Irish training schedule under head coach Tim Wellman as the biggest key to his success.

“I think my training base has helped me to become a pretty good 400 IM swimmer,” Sullivan said. “It’s a really tough event, but all of the different workouts we do in practice helps to prepare you for it. I also consider myself to be a very competitive person, so getting the opportunity to swim in one of my best events against other competitive guys always gets me pretty pumped up.”

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“Being a captain for this team is one of the biggest honors I’ve ever had in my life. I’m surrounded by an awesome group of guys, and it means a lot to know that they respect and look up to me in that sort of way,” Sullivan said. “I always try to set a good example and lead the way for the rest of the guys, and they all do an awesome job of pushing me in the pool and holding me accountable.”

“This year, I’ve been making an attempt to be a more vocal and encouraging leader. But all in all, it’s a lot of fun, and the other seniors do a great job of helping me out and setting good examples, as well.”

With his senior year, and probably his last as a swimmer, quickly ticking away, Sullivan is trying to make the most of every second of practice and competition he can get.

“I really think it all boils down to training,” Sullivan said. “I really have to make the most of every practice and weights session if I want to achieve my goals. I have to trust in myself and know that I can make great improvements during each and every training session.”

“Everyone was engaged and involved in their teammates’ performance throughout the entire meet, so we were fighting for the win together as a team.”

Kelley Kuhle
Irish senior

Kuhle said the close loss reminded the Irish of how important every race is towards the end of a tight match.

“One of the things we have been focusing on this season is getting more involved in each other’s performance, and I think we definitely took a huge step toward accomplishing that goal yesterday,” Kuhle said. “I think we learned how much of a difference it can make and how important it is going forward. We also reminded ourselves that it’s a total team effort and every point counts, so from start to finish we need to have strong performances.”

“Next, we will take on visiting Utah at Rolfs Aquatic Center, this Friday at 5 p.m.”

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While the offense was effective, the Dillon defense was the unit that set the tone. The Big Red forced the Ramblers to go three-and-out six times.

“Today wasn’t going to be the day we let up,” senior defensive lineman Jack Winnike said. “Today wasn’t going to be the day that we made mistakes.”

In fact, two mistakes nearly cost the Big Red dearly. Up 6-0 after two field goals, Dillon gave up the lead after two big Siegfried plays. Rambler senior quarterback Matt Menzler kept the ball on an option and went 44 yards. Three plays later, he found junior receiver Frank Conway for a 32-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. The extra point gave the Ramblers a 7-6 lead.

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“I don’t feel as though we came out our best,” Siegfried senior captain Michael McDonnell said. “We’re always confident in what we can do,” Howard said. “We’re always going to fight 100 percent.”

Dillon will battle Sorin in the Stadium Sunday for the top prize.

Sorin 7, Alumni 6

Buoyed by a bend-but-don’t-break defense, No. 2 Sorin managed to stay afloat and advance to the men’s championship game in Notre Dame Stadium by beating No. 3 Alumni.

On their first offensive drive of the game, the Otters (5-1) drove 85 yards in 10 plays, culminating with a 21-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Ted Spinelli to sophomore wide receiver Ryan Robinson, who finished the day with four catches for 69 yards.

“Robinson’s been playing awesome all year,” Sorin senior running back and captain Michael Browder said. “He’s been scoring left and right.”

After amassing 122 yards in the first half, Sorin’s potent offense ran only eight plays in the second half for a mere 25 total yards. Both of their second-half possessions ended in punts.

For Alumni (4-2), however, the second half was much better than the first. Starting from their own 25-yard line, the Dawgs ran the ball 12 times for 72 yards, highlighted by runs of 15 and 31 yards by junior running back and captain Dan Dansdill. Dansdill punched it in from one yard out to pull Alumni within one point at 7-6. He had a game-high 97 yards on 16 carries.

A key fourth-and-five play. Penalties, however, killed the drive and Sorin recovered an Alumni fumble at midfield.

“I’m really proud of my team,” Dansdill said. “Congratulations to Sorin, it was a fun game.”

While the Dawgs’ season comes to an end, the Otters will take on undefeated Dillon for the title next week in Notre Dame Stadium.

“What I would have given to be out there with my teammates. I’m pretty sure they won this one for me,” said junior playmaker Bobby Sullivan, who missed the game with a shoulder, elbow and toe injuries. “We’ll take the week off and hope to enter the Stadium well-rested, healthy, and ready to have a good time.”

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not common to the fall sea- son, Notre Dame dealt with some rough water conditions. Stone said the conditions, which the Irish do not often face, forced his team to adjust. In agreement with Sunday’s theme, however, he said his squad learned from the challenge.

“Everybody got some good experience racing in some rough conditions which we usually don’t row in,” Stone said. “It just makes it a little tougher. We adjusted to the conditions and some pieces worked and some didn’t.”

As a long winter off-season separates the two seasons, Stone said it is important to carry those lessons into the later part of their competitive year.

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“They change — people get more fit, get stronger and other things,” Stone said. “There are lots of variables. We’re probably pretty close for where we are right now in the season, but it’s not really a big deal.”

Notre Dame will conclude the fall season on Sunday, facing the Hoosiers again, along with Big Ten foes Michigan State and Ohio State. The scrimmage, hosted by the Buckeyes in Columbus, Ohio, begins at noon.

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Howard defense forced the Phoxes into a three-and-out. Gassner returned the punt to the Phoaxes’ 14-yard line, and Bishop scrambled in plays later for the score. Bishop finished the day with 61 yards on the ground.

“Kaya can throw it perfectly to us, every time,” Gassner said. “That opens up the long runs, and then we’re really able to mix up our offense.”

The teams then traded a series of punts, with Pangborn still unable to put a drive together. Pangborn senior quarterback Gabby Tate said that Howard’s ability to shut down her team’s offense stemmed from the meeting between the two teams in the regular season.

“Running and scrambling is a big part of my game, but Howard was able to totally take that away this time around,” Tate said. “K-Rob [senior Kaitlin Robinson] was spying me all game, and she played phenomenal.”

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Pangborn’s final two drives ended in interceptions, one returned for a touchdown. With the final whistle, the Phoaxes’ playoff run came to an end. Although their season ended one game too soon, Tate said she was still pleased with her squad.

“I’m really proud of us,” Tate said. “We’re hoping to pull it out today, but Howard played phenomenal.”

The Ducks were able to score once more shortly before halftime, with Bishop finding Gassner for a 30-yard score.

The Phoaxes came out to play in the second half, and were able to drive all the way to the Ducks’ 3-yard line. But on a crucial fourth-and-goal, Tate was sacked by freshman Claire Robinson, Kaitlin’s younger sister, essentially putting the game on ice.

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Despite loss, Sullivan sees progress in meet against Purdue

By MAIJA GUSTIN and JOSEPH WIRTH

The Irish fell to in-state rival Purdue Saturday, 127-127, for their second loss against a team from the highly competitive Big Ten Conference this season. Despite the loss, senior captain Mike Sullivan saw positives from his performance and the team's performance to carry through the rest of the season. Junior Boilermaker and U.S. Olympian diver David Boudia set his own Rolfs Aquatic Center record in both the 1- and 3-meter diving events while leading Purdue to victory. He had previously set the records in the Boilermakers’ meet against the Irish in 2008. On Saturday, Boudia tallied a 473.47 total off the 3-meter board and posted 394.5 points from the 1-meter board. Although the Irish did not come out on the winning end, Sullivan said he saw plenty of good things that the team can build upon for future meets. Sullivan picked up a win in the 400-yard individual medley and second place in the 200 backstroke against Purdue. Though the Irish (2-2) fell to the Boilermakers, Sullivan earned big points towards the Irish's 127 total board.

“I started the day off a bit slower than I would have liked with the 200 free, but felt better as the meet went on,” Sullivan said. “I was extremely happy with my 400 IM race, because it was the fastest I’ve ever been in a dual meet for that event.” Sullivan maintained a lead throughout the entire 400-yard race and was a full two body lengths ahead of the competition going into the breaststroke leg of the race. He clocked in at 3:59.78. “I wanted to get under that four-minute mark, and was able to do that so that was exciting for me,” Sullivan said. “I would say it was probably my best [race of the year]. The fact that I have been improving with each meet is great to see, and always makes swimming more fun.”

Howard, PW earn title rematch

By MEGAN GOLDEN, JACK HEFFERON and ANDREW CASTELUM

Howard showed its dominance from start to finish Sunday, and is going to the Stadium after a 31-0 win over Pangborn in the semifinals. The Ducks (6-0) started the game on offense, and marched down the field behind the arm of senior quarterback and captain Kayla Bishop. Bishop completed all four of her passes on the drive, the last finding junior wide receiver Jenny Wasser for a 15-yard touchdown that set the tone for the day. Pangborn (4-2) then took possession, but a stifling defense from start to finish that set the tone for the game on offense, and marched down the field behind the arm of senior quarterback and captain Kayla Bishop. Bishop completed all four of her passes on the drive, the last finding junior wide receiver Jenny Wasser for a 15-yard touchdown that set the tone for the day. Pangborn (4-2) then took possession, but a stifling defense from start to finish.

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Boliersmakers edge Irish in close meet

By KATHERINE MACK

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“We have been in this situation too many times over the past few years and have ended up on the losing side of things so we really wanted to close the meet with a win,” said Kullen Kuhle. "Everyone was excited, ready to go, and wanted to get it done. We fought throughout the meet to avoid the situation, so we were disappointed we found ourselves in that situation again.”

Seniors Katie Casey and Samantha Maxwell led the Irish with two individual wins each. Casey took gold in 100- and 200-meter butterfly, and silver in the 100 backstroke.

Women’s Swimming & Diving

ND learns from meet at Indiana

By CORY BERNARD

Even though Sunday’s race against Indiana in Indianapolis was only a scrimmage, Irish coach Martin Stone said he thought it would go a long way in helping his team. Stone stressed this weekend’s importance as an opportunity to get everyone on the roster involved in more spring-season structured races.

“All our boats did well and gained some invaluable experience racing side-by-side with others," he said. "We did well, I was pleased. It was good for them to experience racing next to another boat and hear the coxswain." Besides the added challenge of racing side-by-side, a setup that Stone said was more fun."