ND continues work in Haiti one year after quake

By MEGAN DOYLE
Assistant News Editor

One year after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake shook Haiti, the Notre Dame Haiti Program remains present in the country through relief efforts and public health programs, Sarah Craig, the program manager, said.

“We were in Haiti before, during and after the earthquake,” Craig said. “We saw a need to step aside from our public health program to address the efforts for relief after the earthquake.”

The Notre Dame Haiti Program, led by Fr. Tom Streit, fights infectious diseases throughout the country. The program specifically targets lymphatic filariasis, also known as elephantiasis.

After the earthquake struck Haiti on Jan. 12, 2010, the Haiti Program turned its attention to the emergency. Streit and other volunteers provided medical support for victims of the earthquake’s destruction.

Craig said over 100 of 500 volunteers were Notre Dame alumni from the medical profession. These volunteers saw over 30,000 patients, performed 700 surgeries and delivered 250 babies during the six months following the earthquake, she said.

The volunteers faced basic challenges such as the lack of shelter, transportation, water and food. Medical supplies and support were also scarce, Craig said.

“We also are addressing some of the needs for rebuilding, specifically in Léogâne where we are headquartered,” Craig said. “Our building there is our home base and where we concentrate most of our efforts.”

According to the program’s summer 2010 newsletter, the earthquake did not alter the program’s mission.

“In truth, The Notre Dame Haiti Program’s mission in Haiti has never changed. For 17 years we have been headquartered,” Craig said.

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The pro-motion is part of a reorganization of the University’s Division of Student Affairs. Coughlin, a 1995 Notre Dame graduate, has been a senior staff member in the division since 2007.

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“ar the thing that excites me most as I take on this new opportunity is the chance to assist and walk with students who may be in the most need of assistance,” Coughlin said.
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In Brief

The lecture “Benefit Corporations — A New Kind of Corporation for a New Economy” will be given today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 1140 of the Law School. The lecture will describe how a new corporate form is providing the legal infrastructure for a more sustainable and inclusive economy.

There will be a Mass celebrated for the Feast of Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C. today at 5:15 p.m. The mass, celebrating the feast day of the Congregation’s founder, will be held in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Join celebrant and provincial superior of the Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Rev. David Tyson, C.S.C., in prayer.

Taste of the States: Southern Style will take place in the LaFortune Ballroom today at 10 p.m. It is a free food give-away extravaganza featuring foods such as gumbo, southern fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, BBQ pulled pork and key lime pie.

Jay Cohen Gilbert will give the first lecture in the Ten Years Hence Lecture Series tomorrow at 10:40 a.m. Cohen is co-founder of R Lab, a non-profit organization dedicated to using the power of business to solve social and environmental problems. It will take place in Jordan Auditorium.

Rolls Aquatic Center will host a Dive-In Movie tomorrow at 10 p.m. The featured movie is The Goonies and students can watch from inside or alongside the pool.

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OFFBEAT

Mass, police chief: Man tried to sell me fake gold

Randolph — Police say a Boston man picked the wrong mark when he tried to sell him fake gold jewelry at a grocery store.

The man approached William Pace on Sunday and offered to sell him a bracelet and chain marked as 14 karat gold for $100. Two problems — Pace is the police chief in Randolph, Mass., and he owns a jewelry store.

Pace, who was out of uniform, tells The Patriot Ledger he could tell the gold was fake by its look and feel.

To appear in court on a charge of attempt to commit larceny by false pretense.

Police are trying to determine if Butts sold any fake jewelry to others before approaching Pace.

Boston lacrosse team sorry for raucous halftime show

BOSTON — Boston’s professional indoor lacrosse team is apologizing for a raucous halftime show featuring scantily-dressed women giving lap dances to the team’s mascot.

An online video shows dancers taking turns gyrating in front of and on the seated mascot, Scoch, while an announcer bel lows, “What do you think?”

Boston Blazer’s general manager Doug Refue says the team was “extremely disappointed” with parts of the halftime show Saturday at the TD Garden. Reffue said it was part of a halftime promotion that “wasn’t executed according to how it was supposed to be done,” as he told the dancers not to perform.

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SMC earns community engagement classification

By BRIDGET MEADE
News Writer

Saint Mary’s is one of 114 institutions that earned recognition from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in 2010.

The Carnegie Foundation announced this month that Saint Mary’s was selected for its 2010 Community Engagement Classification. This year, 305 institutions applied for the classification.

Carrie Call, director of the Office of Civic and Social Engagement at Saint Mary’s, said the recognition is a testament to Saint Mary’s increased engagement in the local community within the past five years.

“The fact that we got the designation means that even though we are a small campus, we are very big when it comes to engagement,” she said.

The Carnegie Foundation, a national resource for teaching and learning on all education levels, established the national classification system in 1970, according to its website. The Community Engagement Classification began in 2006.

According to the foundation’s website, the application process includes providing examples of community engagement through mission, culture, leadership, resources and practices.

Call said she learned about the program a few years ago and thought the campus showed a stronger likelihood to be selected in 2010.

With over 80 percent of Saint Mary’s students participating in community service by the time they graduate, Call said the College is above the national average.

“The students’ engagement is across a wide variety of activities from tutoring to mentoring to visiting the elderly to working with the homeless,” she said.

Members of Saint Mary’s administration completed the application, which consisted of about 40 pages on the College’s activity in the community, such as volunteer work, internships, publications and research of faculty and new program development.

The application process offered the school an opportunity to reflect on its community awareness and relationships, Call said.

“It’s also a great thing for our admissions information,” Call said. “Students can know in advance that this will be a place where they can be engaged in service.”

Although the administration has not looked into the details of reapplying for the 2015 classification, Call said the school is interested in the idea.

“In the meantime,” Call said, “we plan continue to foster the connection between campus and the larger community.”

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ROTc recognizes new student leaders

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

Notre Dame’s Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) held a Change of Responsibility Ceremony Wednesday to pass leadership of its battalion to new cadets.

Senior student leadership of the Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC branches changes at the beginning of each semester. The Navy and Air Force branches also held similar ceremonies this week.

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“As platoon leader I will be able to focus more on the individual soldiers and developing them versus the big picture I had last semester of the whole battalion,” Hanratty said.

Hanratty and Raymond and last semester’s Cadet Major Louis White handled most of the event planning and training for the other cadets, which exposed them to the challenges of peer leadership.

“You can’t use the force of this imaginary rank to get someone to do something when they’re your friend and they’ve done the same thing as you this entire time,” White said. “You really don’t have a show of force other than who you are.”

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years, the program has aided and fought for Haiti by researching elimination methods for lymphatic filariasis (LF) and neglected tropical diseases (NTD),” the newsletter stated, “But since the beginning, the overarching goal has been improving the lives of the people of Haiti, and in that respect, the last six months have been no different.”

Following the earthquake, a cholera outbreak disrupted the program’s work with lymphatic filariasis and other diseases. “Almost worse than the earthquake was the cholera outbreak in the fall,” Craig said.

The Haiti Program will resume its disease elimination programs beginning Monday. As the program turns back to treat disease elimination, rebuilding was still an agenda for Notre Dame volunteers.

“Disease elimination is our forte and what we are in Haiti to do,” Craig said. “But we still will work on rebuilding because we are morally and ethically responsible to do so.”

The Haiti Program headquarters in Léogâne and the program’s three other facilities in the country remained standing in the midst of rubble after the earthquake. The buildings were among the few with running water and electricity.

Student groups such as ND Fighting NTDs and the Haiti Working Group were also among the organizations that reached out to victims in Haiti.

These groups used the crisis in Haiti to highlight the need for public health initiatives.

ND Fighting NTDs president Emily Conron said she hopes the club will send students to Haiti someday to witness its public health initiatives firsthand.

“We use Haiti as an example of how focusing on neglected tropical diseases can help the community,” Conron said. “By focusing on public health the economic and social and even emotional repercussions of these initiatives are very clear.”

The Haiti Program is an example of how public health programs can encourage hope for a better future, Conron said. In a summer 2010 thank-you letter to all Haiti Program volunteers, Streit explained the involvement of the Notre Dame community in Haiti.

“A network of ND-connected health professionals is continuing to save lives,” the letter stated. “ND engineers have already helped determine the viability of important structural assets in several communities, while ND architects are part of a massive 11 school building project in Léogâne. Many alumni are working in response teams addressing nutrition, relief logistics and development planning.

“Haiti requires the kind of support that is both immediate and enduring as well as a profound commitment to the idea that if we are part of the Body of Christ together, we are all at this moment Haitians.”

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assistance, an entirely different group of students are asked to respond—voluntarily,” Coughlin said. “I am also looking forward to the opportunity to bring a part of the senior team that will work with [Vice President for Student Affairs] Fr. Tom Boyle to bring alive his vision for student life at Notre Dame in the years ahead.”

After graduating from Notre Dame in 1999, Coughlin worked at Bethany College and Rogers College. But he said, “there is no place else like Notre Dame.”

The talent and passion of the student body, the commitment of the faculty and staff and the foundational mission provided by the Congregation of Holy Cross make this a place like no other,” Coughlin said. “It truly allows and encourages us to think of student life in a developmental way.”

While working as the assistant director for student activities, Coughlin oversaw the renovation of LaFortune Student Center and Legends of Notre Dame. But he said watching students take on more leadership positions was the most valuable aspect of his job.

“One thing that really stood out for me from my time working exclusively with student activities was the shift in philosophy from staff-run programming to student-run, staff supported programming,” Coughlin said. “We were able to see a significant increase in student leadership opportunities and the quality of programs produced.”

While Coughlin said he is excited to fill his new position, he is aware of the challenges he faces. He said the administrative tasks may take some time to figure out, but he is positive about continuing the core mission of working with students while they grow and develop.

Coughlin believes that all of his previous experiences at Notre Dame will help contribute to his new position.

“It is my hope that every experience I have had along with Notre Dame journey will all provide me valuable insight and preparation as I undertake this new endeavor,” Coughlin said. “No place is like Notre Dame and I have had the fortu nate opportunity to see this campus from so many different angles.”

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT FINANCES

Group discusses finances, Heritage Week events

By MEGAN LONEY

Saint Mary’s Student Government Association (SGA) convened for its first meeting of the semester, discussing upcoming revenue and financial planning and policies and documents and discussing Heritage Week events.

Treasurer Meg Griffin gave a report of SGA’s monetary allocations that cover club expenses that fund campus wide events or are travel related. During her report, Griffin said SGA has granted a total of 19 allocations as of the end of the fall semester, 11 of which were campus-programming sponsorships and eight of which were travel grants.

As determined by SGA, campus programming sponsorships are an allocation of funds or activity that is open to the entire campus and has a potential to require more than regular club events. Travel grants are given to clubs to travel representing their Saint Mary’s group and for the purpose of being an organization as a group or team.

“Last semester there was $68,240 designated for SGA sponsor ships,” Griffin said. “This semester $23,889 was spent, so there is still quite a bit available for this semester.”

Along the lines of finances, Griffin gave a brief refresher seminar on finance policies and documents including the different financial responsibilities of the Office of Student Involvement and those of SGA.

SGA is able to help clubs and organizations with various membership process, the uses of funds from a sponsorship, club storage, and travel grants. In addition, SGA offers aid in the SGA office and craft supplies.

Griffin also noted issues that are up for discussion in the near future including a proposal to use the funds in the past to request for SGA funding, specifically the critical information that is frequently left blank on the forms—documentations of all costs and the benefit for travel grants.

“All of the forms are available for downloading on the SGA website,” Griffin said.

In addition to finances, SGA members discussed Heritage Week events that start this coming Monday with Mass in both LeMans and Regina at the usual designation, followed by the annual Mass for the reception, Heritage Week is an annual celebration of Saint Mary’s history.

Chief of Staff Kelly Zener outlined the week’s events and urged members to attend the various events.

“SGA has spent a lot of time on the biggest SGA event of the year,” Zener said.

Zener placed special emphasis on the s’mores and Meet and Greet with the Sisters of the Holy Cross at the campus gate on Friday.

“They are all very excited,” she said.

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WASHINGTON — Swiftly honoring a campaign pledge, newly elected Republicans are preparing to repeal the legislation to repeal the nation’s year-old health care overhaul through hours before the House Wednesday night, brushing asideipple opposition in the Senate and a veto threat from President Barack Obama.

The 245-189 vote was largely along party lines, and cleared the way for the second phase of the “repeal and replace” promise that victorious Republicans made to the voters last fall. GOP officials said that in the coming months, congressional committees will propose changes to the existing legislation, calling for elimination of a requirement for individuals to purchase coverage, for example, and recommending curbs on medical malpractice lawsuits.

Republicans also intend to try to reverse many of the changes Democrats made to Medicare Advantage, the private alternative to original Medicare that millions of seniors run and operate-run health care programs for seniors.

In the repeal bill itself, these other measures will require Senate approval and a presidential signature to take effect, and the process is for months of maneuvering on the issue.

Debate across two days leading to the vote was markedly restrained by lawmakers in both political parties observed self-imposed vows of civility in the wake of the shooting rampage in Arizona that left six dead and Rep. Gabrielle Giffords wounded.

But there was no mistaking the vitriol on both sides. More than half the states have filed suits against it, and while some judges have upheld the legislation, one recently ruled it was unconstitutional and required individuals to purchase insurance. The Supreme Court is widely expected to have the final word.

The Obama administration has repeatedly said it will continue to push for the legislation, and it has sent letters in recent days to emphasize parts of the bill that have met with public approval, including one that permits children to age 26 to remain on their parents’ policies if they do not have on-the-job coverage of their own.

Democrats also argue that repeal would short-circuit other changes yet to take effect, including provisions that require individuals to purchase coverage for employees.

But the nine-hour debate on their seats by turning out Democratic incumbents seemed a symbolic, symbolic. This is why we were sent here, " added Rep. Michelle Bachman, of Minnesota, a third-term conservative upstart who was among tea party activists.

Pease move on.

The Observer.

A special session of the Catholic Church’s sex abuse crisis has again seen significant reports of child abuse in the United States, including a new report from the Vatican that calls for a tighter enforcement of priestly laws.

The Vatican has said the report is the first to document the abuse of children by priests, but it also highlights the difficulties in enforcing the Vatican’s strict rules on priestly conduct.

The report, which was released on Tuesday, is part of a larger initiative to address the abuse of children by priests in the United States, and it is intended to be used as a basis for a wider examination of the Church’s response to abuse.

The report comes as the Vatican is facing increased scrutiny over its handling of abuse cases, and it is likely to add to pressure on the Church to take action.

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INSIDE COLUMN

L.A. football

Oh to be a kid again. Don't you remember being to insert NFL stadium here) and suddenly your day catches fire before the game in the parking lot. Can I get a hot dog at halftime? These seats are awesome. I was remembering there. And by remembering, I mean fantasizing. While you smelled the barbecues cooking outside of the line. I asked my mom if I could cut in front of the TV. She usually let me. While you picked dices off of your beanie at Soldier Field, I put my chair-moving and tried to stay out of the 85 degrees weather. Talk about a frozen tundra. While you woke up early to watch T.O. warm up, dancing to the tune of his headphones, I was waking up at 8 a.m. To watch whatever game FOX decided to show on Sunday. Don't get me wrong, I loved my pop-corn ready, straight from the microwave, while you waited in line behind that one guy and his own TV.

But Los Angeles really has everything. Look to the left and you see the shining sea under the Spanish skies. Look to the right and there are the purple mountains majestically above the trusted plains. But nowhere in America the Beautiful did it mention a football stadium, and God forbid, there not be an NFL team. In between the mountains and ocean lie two basketball teams (one legendary, one laughable), an NHL hockey team, soccer rivals, two college football programs, and one baseball team. In Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim do not count unless you want to drive an hour down to downtown, I will watch the Rams settle into downtown, I will watch the Chargers fill up, threatening Southern California with an up-and-coming hockey team, two soccer rivals, college football programs, and one baseball team. In Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim do not count unless you want to drive an hour down to downtown, I will watch the Rams settle into downtown, I will watch the Chargers fill up, threatening Southern California with an up-and-coming hockey team, two soccer rivals, college football programs, and one baseball team.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Exit, pursued by a bear."
Stage directions from William Shakespeare
English dramatist and poet

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The heart has its reasons which reason does not know."
— Blaise Pascal
French mathematician and physicist
Mike Brey: A class act

On Tuesday night, I arrived back at my dorm at about 10:30 pm from the store. After shuffling for a couple of seconds to find my ID, I heard a voice say, "Mind if I follow you in?" I turned around, and behind me stood Coach Mike Brey. He opened the door for him, and he then proceeded to walk throughout the dorm, knock on doors and talk to students to make sure they were coming out for force for the Cincinnati game. He did all of this while he could have been at home with his family on a Tuesday night.

This dedication to his program is something that Brey has come to his dorm before for official meetings to recruit students to attend the games. He sends an e-mail for every home game asking us to be there for the team. He meets with students at Legends on the nights he does his radio show with Jack Nolan. Coach Brey should be applauded for his dedication to the basketball program and this school. He has shown time and time again that he is the right coach for us.

To quote a friend, "Mike Brey is a class act."

Let it rip

Which, of course, is precisely what Jesus does. From the moment of his baptism on Jesus heads into the villages of Galilee, and unburies the power and charisma of his newly confirmed identity — preaching, healing, cleansing lepers, challenging unjust authorities, raising the dead, casting out demons. The Kingdom of God explodes forth into the lives of the people whom Jesus encounters. And it all begins with this moment at the Jordan, this utterly convincing experience of being chosen, by God.

As we toe the line of the beginning of the Spring semester, here's the key for us: as Christians, that is, as people in whom Jesus dwells, as people for whom, as St Paul writes, "it is no longer I that live but Christ that lives within me" — as such people, the exact same thing that was true for Jesus is now true for each of us.

What God spoke to Jesus that day — "You are my beloved, you are the one I have chosen" — God is saying to each one of us, into the deepest center of our being: "I love you, and so I choose you — to be my beloved."

There is one thing, the Gospels suggest, that puts a confident strut in our step as we begin a new challenge, that lifts our shoulders, that makes us believe that we have an irreplaceable part to play in the world, that our lives have meaning and direction. And it turns out not to be grades, status, good looks, popularity, intelligence, interpersonal skills, a great job — or all those other things that we feel if we just had a little more of, then our lives would really start rolling.

These things have their place, but in the end, what the Gospels tell us, is that there is only one thing we need to have confidence about our life and where it's headed.

We need to experience the voice of God, our Creator, say into the center of our being: "You are my beloved daughter, my beloved son. You are my beloved creation, chosen to live as my own image and likeness. And you will always be precisely this."

So as a new semester begins, we pray for the same confirmation of our deepest identity — as the beloved children of God — especially in those parts of our lives where we feel far from God, or insecure, or fearful of the future. And we pray that this confirmation gives to us what it gave to Jesus — the courage, the charisma, the ambition, the love to build up the Kingdom of God, in our divinely inspired and unrepeatable way.

For nothing less than this, we have been chosen.

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Senior
Jan. 17
By SHANE STEINBERG
Scene Writer

More not less vampires:
Vampires! No, not pale vampires with emotions who fight werewolves. In "Fright Night," a remake of an 80s comedy hit, Craig Gillespie ("Lars and the Real Girl") directs a team of witty, talented actors including Colin Farrell, Anton Yelchin and David Tennant. The story takes place in your average 80s suburb where one high school student suspects that his mysterious neighbor is a vampire.

The good, bad and the comedy:
Here's a spoiler: "The Hangover 2" will be hilarious. Yes, the whole crew is back on the eve of another wedding (this time in Thailand) where Stu (Ed Helms) takes all the precautions imaginable to make sure what happened in Vegas doesn't happen in Thailand. One cameo by Bill Clinton, a Zack Efron appearance, a truck's worth of booze and hopefully another album of pictures later; this movie has the makings of another night to remember (or not).

File "Cowboys and Aliens," a film where cowboys fight aliens under "The Bad." No, it's not a comedy per se, but if you've seen the trailer and wound up asking yourself "Why?" or "How?" then you know that while the cast is packed and Spielberg's name is attached to the film, this should be one hell of a laugh.

Horror movies that might actually scare us:
The top horror movie to look out for in 2011 is "Atrocious," a "Paranormal Activity" meets "Blair Witch Project" film out of Spain. The trailer looks genuinely scary, so now the question becomes whether "Atrocious" is what "Paranormal Activity" couldn't be—believable.

Don't Be Afraid of the Dark"
"Don't Be Afraid of the Dark" is the directorial debut of Troy Nixey, Guermilo del Toro's protégé. The story of a little girl who discovers monsters at home has been done a million times but Guermilo del Toro's name being associated with this and a rare Guy Pearce sighting is enough to make this film worth the wait.

The year of superhero movies:
This year features an over-stuffed line-up of superhero movies: "Thor, " "X-Men: First Class," "The Green Lantern," "Sucker Punch," "I Am Number Four," "Captain America" and "The Green Hornet." Probably the most anticipated of the group is "Thor." The film features a star-studded cast including Natalie Portman and Anthony Hopkins and marks a break from the cameron-becomes-Spiderman or billionnaire-becomes-Batman type of superhero movie. Instead, Thor's back-story is mythical, which should be something fresh in a year of superhero films with back-stories that seem a bit redundant. Additionally, in "Sucker Punch," Zack Snyder ("300") brings his unique flair to his first ever original script about a girl admitted to a mental institution who dreams up an alternate reality where she and her hot friends kick some ass.

Early Oscar hopefuls:
It seems these days that any emotional boxing movie gets an Oscar nomination (which is not to say that films like "Million Dollar Baby" or "The Fighter" are bad). With "Moneyball," the story of how Oakland A's GM Billy Beane turned the low-budget team into a contender using unorthodox methods, baseball might enter the Oscar ranks. With Brad Pitt playing the charismatic Beane, Philip Seymour Hoffman as Arty Howe (the team's manager) and Bennett Miller ("Capote") in the director's seat, this one is as close to a sure shot Oscar favorite as there is.

Our Yearly Dose of Pixar:
Pixar gets its own category for an obvious reason. This year's installment is a continuation of Pixar's planned sequels, "Cars 2." Although "Cars" is widely regarded as the "worst" (if you can really call it that) of Pixar's recent films, the studio has decided to take a different direction with the movie and from the first few trailers it looks to be worth giving the benefit of the doubt to Pixar, the studio that never fails.

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### Weekend Events Calendar

**Thursday, January 20, 2010**

**Student Standup/Humor Artists Legends 10 p.m.**
- Head out to Legends at 10 p.m. to see the funniest kids on campus. Student Standup/Humor Artists think they can make the audience roll on the floor with their wit. You be the judge.

**Notre Dame Student Film Festival DPAC 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.**
- Check out the best aspiring producers and directors from the Notre Dame-Francis Department at the 22nd Annual Student Film Festival. Tickets are $6, $5 faculty/staff and $3 students.

**Hawthorne Heights with Identity Crisis Legends 10 p.m.**
- Hawthorne Heights headlines a show with Identity Crisis at 10 p.m. The Ohio band promises to put on a good show, arriving at campus after their release of their album “Skeletor and Midwesterners.”

**Women’s basketball vs. St. John’s Purcell Pavilion 2 p.m.**
- Take a break from studying and come support the women’s basketball team as they play against St. John’s. The game will take place in the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center.

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**By ADRIANA PRATT**

**Associate Scene Editor**

**Anne Hathaway**

The devil is in the details of Anne Hathaway well. Since her role as an aspiring journalist working for a high-end fashion magazine, Hathaway has owned every red carpet, looking fierce and fantastic in every fashionably fit dress. This Golden Globe winner was literally shined and shimmered in a unique Giorgio Armani Prive gown, complete with bold shoulders, long sleeves and a barely there back. Her upcoming role as co-host of the Academy Awards guarantees she will be dressed in something fabulous, but it is hard to imagine Hathaway topping this trendsetting Armani masterpiece.

**January Jones**

Ryan Seacrest couldn’t lift his jaw long enough to say what we were all thinking when she left little to the imagination with a daring and plunging red Versace gown and literally drove men mad as they stumbled past her on the red carpet. Her polished coif and flutter fringe were a throwback to a more retro style but there’s no way her stunning gown could have passed Prohibition-era laws. The vibrant colors were beautiful as was the woman wearing it, but a little more coverage would have kept the vibe alive while maintaining Jones’s status as drop-dead gorgeous.

**Natalie Portman**

The bony body of a ballerina was nowhere to be found as Natalie Portman twirled down the red carpet with a newly full figure. Portman traded in her role as the black swan for something a little more maternal and chose a gown to match the transformation. Her dazzling pale pink Viktor & Rolf dress was accented beautifully with a sparkly red rose blooming at the bust. The effect delicately complimented Portman’s pregnant glow and looked particularly brilliant with the charming blush of her award-winning face. It’s hard to imagine her one-upping this outfit, but if her determination to nail her role as a perfectionist ballerina proves anything, it’s that we won’t be disappointed come Oscar season.

**Jennifer Lopez**

Just call her Jenny from the (ice) Block. At Sunday’s Golden Globes Award show, Jennifer Lopez looked more like Candyland’s Queen Frostine than a diva American Idol judge. Her awkward shawl creation draped over what appeared to be a Zuhair Murad wedding gown ill fit the mood of the red carpet, where pink, green, black and beige adorned Hollywood’s finest. Known as someone willing to take the plunge — i.e. her extremely revealing green Grammy’s gown circa 2000 — J. Lo dove into the wrong pool this time and came out with nothing but an Arctic chill. Hopefully her iciness will thaw for the sake of the auditing American Idols. If not, Fox will be guaranteed an entertaining season.

**Emma Stone**

The only thing easier about Emma Stone at the Golden Globes was her effortless elegance in a peach Calvin Klein Collection number. Stone was nominated as Best Actress for her role in “Easy A,” seemed so natural in her simple backless dress that it was hard to believe it was her first time up for the award. With her newly bleached hair and radiant smile, Stone looked sleek and chic and extraordinarily mature for a 22 year old. Let’s hope other actresses take note: it’s easy to get a red carpet “A” if you mix a pinch of sass with a whole lot of class.

**Angelina Jolie**

Angelina Jolie continues to be an enigma. These days, stars go to every length to look young, youthful and vibrant, so why would she choose a grandmother gown that showed off none of her toned features in beyond me. The shiny emerald hue was beautiful and the long sleeves of her Versace gown added a modern touch, but overall Jolie looked more ready to hit the sack than to accept a Golden Globe. Maybe she knew she wouldn’t win and was planning an early night in. Hopefully she’ll wake up in time for the Oscars.

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ST. LOUIS — After a dismal exit in Denver, Josh McDaniels never considered taking a break from coaching.

The former NFL boy wonder, bled by the Broncos two years ago at age 32 and jolted by the last four seasons of the task, wanted in as soon as possible McDaniels, a two-year contract as the St. Louis Rams offensive coordinator and believes it’s the place to relaunch his career.

“I love coaching football,” McDaniels said on a teleconference from Denver on Wednesday. “I’ve missed it for the last six weeks and I’m eager to get started with the players and coaches.

“I definitely wanted to get back in.”

Rams coach Steve Spagnuolo began a news conference in St. Louis on Wednesday by announcing the impending retirement of 70-year-old quarterbacks coach Dick Curl, who also held the title of assistant head coach. McDaniels, brother, Ben, was quarter-back coach in Denver this season, but Spagnuolo said that job had not been discussed.

“Josh and I are going to talk about that,” Spagnuolo said. “I don’t have a discussion that this because this is fairly new, but know if he gets here we’ll talk about it.”

In a conference call from Denver, McDaniels deferred to the Rams.

“First of all, I don’t make any of those decisions,” he said. “Coach Spags I’m sure he’ll do what’s best for the staff or the team. If that’s something he wants to look at, I’m sure will.”

McDaniels said he was in St. Louis to start work “shortly.”

McDaniels replaces Pat Shurmur, hired as head coach of the Cleveland Browns last week after a year helping to develop quarterback Sam Bradford.

Despite lacking a deep passing game most of the year, the Rams improved by a touchdown per game and finished 7-9 overall, a second-highest total in what had been an injury-plagued career.

“Tough to talk about the season, but Spagnuolo said.

“I think it’s important to have all the solid structure and really have all the people pulling in the same direction,” McDaniels said.

That’s what I’ll be doing first thing a.m. to St. Louis, that the direction is clear.

What’s expected of me initially was laid out clearly for me and I’m sure that’s the way the rest of the organization is running, too.

During the search for a replacement, Spagnuolo said he kept rookie quarterback Sam Bradford informed “just to say ‘Trust me, I’ll make the right decision,”’ and said Bradford told him he’d have no problem adapting to a new system.

“He said, ‘Well, you know what, I came in out of college and didn’t know anything and learned an offense, and didn’t do too bad,’ Spagnuolo said. ‘He wasn’t fazed at all. Sam can play in any offense.’

Spagnuolo said the first item of business in his search was recalling which coaches he’s had the most trouble d e f i n g i n throughout his NFL career. He said the schemes created by McDaniels and the 34-year-old success with Tom Brady and Matt Cassell made the hire an easy choice.

“I just did a little study of the toughest schemes, the people that gave us problems in defending, and it led me directly to Josh,” Spagnuolo said.

Josh McDaniel’s Rams offensive coordinator

Carl Pavano delivers a pitch in Cleveland. He will be back with the Twins in 2011 after agreeing to a new two-year deal.

Twins and Pavano agree to two-year deal

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The mustache isn’t going anywhere.

Carl Pavano and the Twins agreed on a $1.5 million, two-year contract Wednesday night, ensuring the record-setting pitcher who made the ‘stache cool again in Minnesota will be back to provide stability to the team’s rotation.

Pavano had several offers on the table and surprisingly considered a return to the New York Yankees before ultimately deciding to stay with the club that helped the 35-year-old have a career resurgence in 2010.

“I’m excited,” Pavano said on a conference call. “When you go through free agency, there’s a lot of big decisions that you have. Obviously I couldn’t walk away from the rapport I have with my teammates, the staff and the organization.”

Pavano made the 17-11 with a 3.75 ERA and seven complete games last season to help the Twins win the AL Central title. More impressive for him, he pitched 251 innings, the second-highest total in what had been an injury-plagued career.

“His was in Denver,” Twins general manager Bill Smith said. “I know he had a lot of teams that called him. The best thing we both had going forward is he’s kept saying that he wanted to come back to the Twins and we kept saying that he was the one guy we really wanted to get.”

Pavano came to Minnesota in a 2009 trade with Cleveland and has been reinvigorated after four tough seasons with the Yankees. Injuries caused him to miss the entire 2006 season and much of three others, and he made only 26 starts for New York.

He has been exiled to the city tabloids as being fragile and couldn’t wait to leave after 2008. Despite all the armor, Pavano said he has always kept in contact with Yankees GM Brian Cashman and still holds him in high regard.

“It shows a lot,” Pavano said. “I was going to stick his neck out there for me if something was going to work out.”

He’ll once again join a Twins rotation that includes Francisco Liriano and Scott Baker, with Brian Duensing, Nick Blackburn and Kevin Slowey among the 15-20 potential candidates for the final two spots. On a team with so many young starters, getting the veteran Pavano back was essential.

Pavano ultimately decided on coming back to Target Field for another run. Veteran slugger Jim Thome was one of the biggest advocates for the Twins after he re-signed, bombarding Pavano with text messages begging him back to Minnesota.

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NBA

Nets owner will not pursue Anthony deal

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The megadeal to bring Carmelo Anthony to the New Jersey Nets is dead.

Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov told the team to end trade talks with the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday, saying he was unhappy with how it played out in public, that it took too long, got too expensive and cost the team games.

The Russian billionaire also canceled a planned meeting with Anthony on Thursday and said there was no chance — that's a big nyet — that the trade would be resurrected.

“There comes a time when the price is simply too expensive,” Prokhorov said in a news conference before the Nets' game against Utah. “I have instructed our team to walk away from the deal.

Previously, New Jersey had offered to ship six players and at least two first-round draft picks to Denver in a three-team deal that would have sent Anthony to the Nets along with former Pistons teammates Chauncey Billups and Richard Hamilton.

Prokhorov decided Tuesday to end talks with the Nuggets, and general manager Billy King said he informed them via a text message as Prokhorov was speaking on Wednesday.

“Really I am not happy with the way this deal has gone until now,” Prokhorov said. “It has taken too long … and I believe it has cost us several games.”

The Nets have lost six straight, including all four on a just-completed West Coast road trip that ended in Oakland on Monday.

Prokhorov said the Nets received permission from Denver to talk with Anthony on Monday night, but he never spoke to the All-Star forward.
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Michigan faces rival Michigan State in Detroit, Mich., before traveling to Miami and hosting Ohio State and Western Michigan. The Wolverines are led by sophomore defensemen Lee Moffe, a two-way player who anchors a stout defense and pushes forward in the transition game to help create break-away opportunities.

No. 12 Miami of Ohio (11-3-10-0-2-1 CCHA), 38 points.

Despite sitting five points behind Notre Dame, the traditional Red Hawk powerhouse is in firm control of its destiny, with six consecutive games against the three ranked CCHA teams ahead after traveling to Michigan State. If the Red Hawks can find a way to sweep the Irish and Wolverines, Miami will earn the league title, barring any slip-ups against Western Michigan or Lake Superior. The Red Hawks split an earlier series at home with the Irish and have yet to face Michigan this year, whom they will face in the friendly confines of Goggin Ice Arena.

Ferris State (11-10-4/8-8-3-2 CCHA), 29 points.

Though the Bulldogs fell outside the league’s clearly established top-three teams, their upcoming schedule gives them an opportunity to quickly ascend the rankings if the league leaders beat up on each other during the tail end of the conference slate. Ferris State’s toughest remaining games will be when they host the Irish in mid-February. If the Bulldogs can pull off the upset or two and avoid tripping up on a road trip to Northern Michigan, Alaska or Ohio State, they may find themselves near the top of the league standings with just a little bit of help.

Even though Western Michigan is ranked in the top-25 in the country, they currently sit sixth in the conference behind Alaska with only 26 points. The Broncos (12-6-6/5-5-3 CCHA) have been hurt by a mediocre conference performance and will almost certainly not be in the running for the league title. Ohio State, Northern Michigan, Lake Superior, Michigan State and Bowling Green round out the rest of the league and will not threaten the Irish or any of the other teams contending for the CCHA crown.

One thing is sure, however — the final weeks of the season promise to be competitive and pressure-filled, a test for which the freshman laden Irish squad will have to prepare.

“You could have any one of eight teams, nine teams, potentially finish in the top four or five in the standings.”

Jeff Jackson
Irish coach

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Other top-20 finishers for the Irish were sophomore Lian Oster (9th, sake), sophomore Jason Choy (14th, sake), senior Hayley Reese (11th, foil) and senior Steven Kubik (19th, foil).

Overall Farr said he was pleased with what he saw in Dallas, but stressed that the Irish still have improvements to make before the end of season tournaments.

“We had a lot of good finishes and saw that there is a lot of room to work on, and now we have a good foundation for the rest of the season,” Farr said.

With the few exceptions, Farr said that most of the competitors at Dallas will go on to represent the Irish at the NCAA championships. He said he sees the results from Dallas as an encouraging sign of things to come.

“We are comparable to the rest of the really good schools out there and will be competitive,” Farr said. “There are a lot of good things out here and nothing too big to work on, individual technique, but overall all the kids looked great.”

Both the men and women fencers will next compete at the NYU Duals Friday.

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NHL Stafford to miss time with injury

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Drew Stafford is expected to miss two games with a mild groin injury, leaving the Buffalo Sabres down yet another top-line forward in their bid to climb back into playoff contention.

Coach Lindy Ruff listed Stafford as day to day Wednesday, a day after he was hurt in a 2-1 overtime win over Montreal. Stafford played only two shifts before leaving in the first period.

The initial prognosis was good news of sorts for Ruff. His team, after all, is already minus center Derek Roy, who will miss the rest of the season after tearing his left quadriceps tendon last month.

“It is a relief,” Ruff said. “He’s walking fine and his strength is pretty good. So, that’s good news for coming back quickly.”

Ruff called it doubtful that Stafford will play at Boston on Thursday or the following day, when the Sabres host the New York Islanders. There’s a possibility Stafford could return for Buffalo’s game at Long Island on Sunday.

Stafford has been one of the Sabres top scoring threats in helping the team go on a 6-2-1 run in his past nine. He ranks second on the team with 15 goals, and has scored five — including two game-winners — in the past eight games.

The win over Montreal allowed the Sabres to even their overall record at 20-20-5 and also even their home record at 11-11-1. A significant turnaround for a team that opened the season going 0-6-1 at Buffalo.

With 45 points, the Sabres, entering Wednesday’s game, were tied with Florida for 10th place in the Eastern Conference standings, and eight points behind Atlanta for the eighth and final playoff spot.

But as good as the run has been, offense remains a question mark for Buffalo. With 123 goals, the Sabres rank 20th in the NHL.

Though Roy was hurt on Dec. 23, his 35 points (10 goals, 25 assists) had led the team until Thomas Vanek took over top spot with two assists against the Canadiens. He has 37 points (17 goals, 20 assists).

Stafford’s injury led to more line-juggling in practice. Ruff had Johan Hecht centering Vanek and Jochen Hecht on the team’s top line, followed by Tim Connolly centering Tyler Ennis and Cody McCormick.

Drew Stafford attempts a shot against Montreal earlier this season. The forward will miss two games after suffering a groin injury.

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How to Prepare for the Career Fair

1. Compose a Resume that Markets Your Background and Skills
   - Visit The Career Center Monday - Friday from 1:00 to 4:45 pm for a 15-minute resume review or stop by one of our off-site Resume Reviews (visit The Career Center website at careercenter.nd.edu for times and locations)

2. Prepare, Prepare, Prepare
   - Attend a "Prepare for the Career Fair" workshop
   - Determine your objectives for attending the Fair
   - Review the list of companies attending the fair and position descriptions on Go IRISH
   - Research company websites and review mission statements, annual reports, and products/services
   - Develop and refine networking skills
   - Develop your "Thirty Second Message"
     - Hello, I'm... (introduce yourself, your year and major, and interest in industry/career field)
     - I'm interested because... (explain your interest in & knowledge of the company)
     - I can... (match your skills with their needs)

3. At the Fair
   - Dress in business attire and bring several copies of your resume in a portfolio
   - Review the map of employer booths and take a bag for "giveaways"
   - Be proactive by approaching employers
   - Speak with both young alums and experienced representatives
   - Demonstrate confidence and enthusiasm in delivering your "Thirty Second Message"
   - Ask the representative about the next steps in recruiting, voice interest in the opportunity to interview if appropriate.
   - Obtain the representative’s business card

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   - Send an email thank-you to the recruiters with companies of interest within 3 days of the fair
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     - Prepare by researching the company, industry, competitors, and the position description on Go IRISH
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Prepare for Winter Career & Internship Fair Workshops -

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- Tuesday, Jan. 25, 9:00 pm at Alumni
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- Wednesday, Jan. 26, 8:00 pm at Lyons
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- Wednesday, Jan. 26, 9:00 pm at PE
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- Thursday, Jan. 27, 8:00 pm at Lewis
McGlinn/O’Neill/Duncan:
- Thursday, Jan. 27, 9:00 pm at Duncan
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- Monday, Jan. 31, 8:00 pm in 114 Flanner
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- Tuesday, Feb. 1, 5:00 pm in Montgomery Auditorium, LaFortune
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- Tuesday, Feb. 1, 7:00 pm in 131 DeBartolo

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BOSTON — For Kevin Garnett, returning from an injury is all about getting back the rhythm he has developed with his Boston teammates.

“It’s being at a party, and the record skips, and you’ve got to get back on beat,” he said after helping the Celtics erase an eight-point, fourth-quarter deficit and beat the Detroit Pistons 86-82 on Wednesday night. “So, you know, the record skipped a bit. But I’m at the party. I’ve just got to find that groove again.

“For y’all who can’t dance, don’t take it personally.”

Paul Pierce scored 22 points and Ray Allen hit a jumper with 25 seconds left to give the Celtics their first lead of the second half. Shaquille O’Neal had 12 points and 12 rebounds, and Garnett added 11 points and six boards in his second game back after missing nine with a leg injury.

Allen finished with a season-low seven points on 2-for-8 shooting, missing all four of his 3-point attempts. But the Celtics called a play for him out of a timeout and he caught the pass off a screen to get him in the lane, and Garnett grabbed the rebound, then Pierce made a jumper in the lane.

After McGrady missed, Garnett missed a long jumper but Rondo got the rebound and called timeout. The Celtics ran a screen and a pick and a pass off a screen, then hit the open jumper.

“I wasn’t shooting the ball particularly well,” said Allen, who needs 28 more 3-pointers to tie Reggie Miller atop the NBA’s career list. “I didn’t really think I had a great rhythm. But I always feel like the next shot is going to go in, so I was never worried about it.”

It was the fourth straight victory for the Celtics.

Rodney Stuckey scored 15 points and Greg Monroe had 13 points and nine rebounds for the Pistons, who led by eight with eight left but did not score over the game’s last 2:43.

“We competed with the best team in the East, and one of the better teams in this league, on their home court,” Pistons guard Tracy McGrady said. “If we can give this type of effort night-in and night-out, we’re going to give ourselves a chance. We just have to learn how to close out games and to execute down the stretch.”

The Pistons had won three in a row after coach John Kuester shook up his lineup, benching Richard Hamilton and inserting Monroe at center and McGrady at point guard. It was the longest winning streak of the season for Detroit, which opened with an 11-26 record.

The Celtics led by eight on Ben Gordon’s 3-pointer, but the Celtics made three straight baskets before Chris Wilcox hit one free throw to make it 76-73 with 5:23 left. Rajon Rondo took a jumper near the top of the key, and O’Neal tipped the rebound off the backboard before grabbing it and laying it in. McGrady swiped at him, and the free throw made it 76-74.

It was a two-point game with 3:02 left when O’Neal missed two free throws, and Detroit made it 82-78 on Monroe’s reverse layup. But Garnett scored inside, and then Pierce made it 82-78 on Monroe’s reverse layup. But Garnett scored inside, and then Pierce made a jumper in the lane.

After McGrady missed, Garnett missed a long jumper but Rondo got the rebound and called timeout. The Celtics ran Allen off a screen to get him open near the 3-point line on the right side and he sank the basket. It was initially ruled a 3-pointer, but replays showed his right foot was on the line, making the score 84-82.

Stuckey missed a leaner in the lane, and Garnett grabbed the rebound, then hit one of two foul shots. Gordon drove and missed a layup over Glen “Big Baby” Davis’ outstretched arms.

The Denver Nuggets All-Star guard said Wednesday night that he still thinks he’ll be traded by the Feb. 24 deadline and that he doesn’t foresee himself going to a contender simply as a rent-a-player for the final two months of the season.

He also demurred when asked after the Nuggets’ 112-107 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder if he still felt staying in Denver long-term was a possibility.

“I’m not answering any more questions about an extension, about being traded,” he said. “I’m focused on being here right now. Until something happens, you guys will see me up there in practices, playing hard, doing what I got to do, focusing.

“And, then, when anything happens, all you guys will have a big story to write about.”

Anthony scored 35 points, hours after Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov announced he would no longer pursue the All-Star forward in a megadeal that had been the buzz of the NBA for weeks.

After the game, Anthony told the team’s TV network while being both cheered and jeered: “It was personal. ... In spite of everything that is going on. I’m still here. ... I’m still a Denver Nugget.

Despite his dominating performance, Anthony said there was no weight lifted from his shoulders in light of Prokhorov’s pulling the plug.
Mavericks top defending champion Lakers

Associated Press

DALLAS — When his top players are healthy, Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle has the luxury of bringing off the bench Jason Terry and Shawn Marion, a pair of long-time starters capable of scoring 20 points any night.

Dallas, however, hasn’t been anywhere near healthy for most of the season’s last few weeks. So Carlisle has been starting one, the other or both. And the Mavericks were losing — badly.

Terry and Marion returned to their roles as super subs on Wednesday night, each scoring 22 points to lift Dallas past the Los Angeles Lakers 109-100, ending an ugly six-game losing streak.

Jason Kidd snapped out of an awful stretch of his own, scoring a season-high 21 points to help the Mavericks end their worst losing streak in a decade.

“We know what we are capable of doing in night in and night out, but we have to bring it,” Terry said. “Early on in the season we all bought into the system and all bought into our collective roles. Of late we’ve had some inconsistency and people going in and out of the lineup, but now we are going to be able to see what we have again, since we are consistent with our line-up again.”

Dallas was riding high at 24-5 a few weeks ago. Then Dirk Nowitzki hurt a knee, Caron Butler was lost for the season and everything cratered. The Mavs went in a 2-9 funk that dropped them from the second-best team in the Western Conference to sixth-best if they’d lost this game. They’d lost seven of their last five games by at least 10 points, their worst such stretch since their Mav-wrecks days in the mid-1990s.

They were ripe for another defeat Wednesday, down by 11 in the first half and still trailing by right midway through the third quarter. Then, everything changed.

The defense got stop after stop, and they could do no wrong on offense. Kidd scored 13 points in the third quarter alone (his most points in any game this season had been 16) and Dallas had roared back so much it went into the final period leading by nine.

“We needed this one,” Marion said.

Kobe Bryant tried getting the Lakers going all by himself, but couldn’t do it. Terry and Marion kept the Mavericks up by at least seven points the entire fourth quarter, sending Los Angeles to its second loss in 10 games.

“We were making mistakes all night on defense, because offen- sively things were going well for us,” Bryant said. “It was one of those games that was fool’s gold. We were playing well offensively and got a lead, but we were making mistakes defensively.”

Pau Gasol scored 23 points, but took only four shots in the second half. Bryant had 21 points and 10 assists, and Lamar Odom had 20 points and 10 rebounds.

During the game-changing third quarter, the Mavericks scored only 17 points. The Lakers also turned the ball over seven times, from Andrew Bynum getting caught twice spending more than three seconds in the lane to Bryant throwing a pass that Gasol never saw coming.

“They got us on our heels,” Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. But who could’ve expected the Mavs to make a season-high 53 percent of their shots? Especially after they missed their first three 3-pointers.

Dallas had a lot of things go wrong early, from newcomer Sasha Pavlovic possibly reeking his nose on the game’s opening play to Tyson Chandler vomiting and spending much of the first half in the locker room.

Nowitzki is still regaining his stride. In just his third game back, he was 5 of 15 for 14 points.

The biggest surprise was Kidd. After missing 12 of his last 14 shots, and 12 of his last 13 3-pointers, he made 8 of 12, and 5 of 8 behind the arc. He also had 10 assists.

Another surprise was Pavlovic.

He moved into the starting lineup to help put Terry and Marion on the bench. That’s unusual considering he was on the last day of a 10-day con- tract, and he just broke his nose in the previous game.

He was in no hurry to get it x-rayed to find out the latest dam- age. At least he got one hit of good news after the game: another 10-day contract.

NOTES: Bynum banged his elbow, but stayed in the game. Jackson said it would be examined, but he expected it to be OK. ... Gasol went over 13,000 career points. ... Jackson and Mavs owner Mark Cuban played nice, with neither doing much to raise the stakes in their verbal sparring. Cuban said he enjoys the back-and-forth. ... The Mavericks got off to a strong start. In the first quar- ter, they were 8 of 11 on 2-
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points and eight rebounds. It was Murphy’s 12th game this season scoring in double-figures.

Henley said she was happy with her team’s overall performance in the second half.

“In the second half, we did a better job of playing defense and limiting turnovers,” Henley said. “We were able to get out and run and attack their [zone] defense. Our defense really did a much better job.”

The Belles will try to use the momentum from this win to continue at home when they face Kalamazoo tonight. The Hornets are the last team Saint Mary’s will face in their first round of MIAA games, and they are looking to close out this opening segment of play on a strong note.

“We’re really putting the focus back on us in terms of preparing (for Kalamazoo),” Henley said. “We’re focusing on us in terms of defensively playing as a team and protecting the paint. We need to not let teams come in and score very easily, and cut down on mistakes and turnovers in the transition game. We’re at the point where we’re really shifting the focus on us and competing.”

The Hornets will play at Saint Mary’s tonight at 7:30 p.m.

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Fuentes agrees to two-year deal with Athletics

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics have all kinds of options in the bullpen — and they like it that way.

The A’s added another proven arm to their already deep corps of relievers Wednesday, finalizing a $10.5 million, two-year contract with free-agent lefty Brian Fuentes.

“We’re excited about the depth and versatility of the bullpen. Not only do we have more options than we’ve ever had, we have multiple guys who can pitch late in games,” assistant general manager David Forst said.

The sides agreed to the deal last weekend and completed it after Fuentes passed a physical. The incentive-laden contract includes a $6.5 million club option for 2012.

The 35-year-old Fuentes, who grew up in the Central Valley town of Merced where he still lives, was 4-1 with 24 saves and a 2.81 ERA in 48 appearances and 48 innings with the Los Angeles Angels and Minnesota Twins last year. He is slated to be a setup man for manager Bob Geren with Oakland going to 2009 AL Rookie of the Year Andrew Bailey as closer.

“I was told that he’s the closer. There’s no competition in my mind,” Fuentes said.

“Absolutely. He’s a tremendous job. I’ve gotten to watch him from afar. He’s electric, man. When he’s healthy, he’s really, really good.”

Forst, General Manager Billy Beane drove to Merced last week to court Fuentes, taking him to the top Mexican restaurant in town.

Fuentes will earn $5 million this season and again in 2012. The A’s must decide within five days of the finish of the 2012 World Series whether to exercise his 2013 option or pay him a $500,000 buyout.

Fuentes also can earn performance bonuses with an additional $100,000 each for 30, 40, 45 and 50 games finished and $250,000 each for 55 and 60 games finished. If traded, Fuentes would receive a $200,000 bonus.

“It’s a very young, talented group,” Fuentes said.

Oakland’s staff. “Coming into a staff that was already set up pretty well, to come in and make it a little bit stronger is a win-win situation. It’s never a bad problem to have not knowing who to go to in games. It’ll be, a force to be reckoned with.”

Fuentes became the second bullpen addition in two days. Oakland added right-handed reliever Grant Balfour on Tuesday when he finalized an $8.1 million, two-year deal.

On Saturday, the A’s agreed to terms with righty submarine Brad Ziegler on a $1.25 million, one-year contract to salary arbitration.

On paper, Oakland seems to have one of the top pitching staffs in the American League.

Fuentes is happy to be pitching near his hometown and part of a talented staff.

“I can’t get any closer than Oakland. It was a good fit overall,” Fuentes said. “That was actually my team growing up. It’s funny. I was a big Dave Stewart fan and that bulldog personality of his. Right-hander Rich Harden is returning to the A’s and could compete for the fifth starter job after years of injury troubles — though there are several talented candidates for the last rotation spot that will be decided once spring training begins next month.

The A’s led the AL in ERA (3.56) and shutouts (17) while holding opponents to a .245 batting average last year, when they ranked third in the playoff chase until late September before finishing second in the AL West to the eventual AL champion Texas Rangers.

The most memorable pitching highlight was left-hander Dallas Braden’s perfect game against Tampa Bay on May 9, the first by an A’s pitcher since Hall of Famer Catfish Hunter did it in 1968.

Along with B r a d e n, Oakland has experienced starters in B r e t t A n d e r s o n, Trevor Cahill and Gio Gonzalez.

The AL West runners-up also upgraded an offense that hit just 109 homers and scored 663 runs last season, their second fewest in the last 28 non-strike seasons. The A’s added middle-of-the-order hitters Hideki Matsui, Josh Willingham and David DeJesus.

“We definitely have an opportunity. The pieces are in place. I see a lot of San Francisco in this team,” Fuentes said of the improbably World Series champion Giants across the bay.

Brian Fuentes delivers a pitch for the Angels last season. The left-handed pitcher will play for division rival Oakland Athletics in 2011.

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Matt Momont

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That scrabble word game by Mike Argirion

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Horoscope

Eugenia Last

Celebrities born on this day: Dina de Montal, 30; Shanna Waynes, 42; Kiele Sanchez, 33; Drew Barrymore, 36; Bob Hope, 101; Guy Mezvinsky, 101; Al Jolson, 97

Happy Birthday! Give your decisions a fact, not a fantasy. Your emotional life will be strengthened if you let your mind make plans for your actions, especially during the full moon of the month. After all, mobiles need to shake, rattle and roll before they can fly! The positive side of Mars, linked to your energy levels, is strong enough to give you new reliable energy if you put it to good use. Keep your spirit flying with new projects started, and your will power will be supported by the banks of the Sun's energy.

ARUN (March 29-April 19): Don’t take chances if they might create a negative influence in your world. A world without planning your actions, especially during the full moon of the month. After all, mobiles need to shake, rattle and roll before they can fly! The positive side of Mars, linked to your energy levels, is strong enough to give you new reliable energy if you put it to good use. Keep your spirit flying with new projects started, and your will power will be supported by the banks of the Sun’s energy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Focus your efforts on avoiding overworking yourself. Whatever you are spending your money on is not going to help you earn more. Don’t do it. Procrastination will make you feel better, spending on frivolous diets will not. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you feel you cannot accomplish something on your own, ask for help. It is remarkable how much all the different components need to function together will be worth your while. Now is a good time to implement changes you’ve been talking about. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You don’t need to have a partner to get others to listen. Put your plans together and present it with dignity and diplomacy. Danger will only cause you to overthink something or become impatient in your future. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The effort you put into your home will pay off. Focusing more and making changes in your environment with someone who can help you make positive changes in your future. If a participant instead of a spectator. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): There will be plenty of personal approval on and off your current horoscope. Let’s talk about the various categories that you find yourself in. The more you have done to make your environment in your future. If a participant instead of a spectator. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22): Get back into business. Once you get rid of any unnecessary mental and physical clutter, you will have more time to spend on what really matters. Make a difference in your life. It is your life, so do what’s best for you. """

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Go to your own pace financially, emotionally and physically. Put your money in the stocks. Love is the most fun you can have in the comfort of your own home. There are no limits to what you can achieve if you put some planning into it. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you have the right attitude and you are in a comfortable environment, you can be effective about what you expect from others and what you are willing to give. The more you make money, the more you can spend. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Slow down. Action will come. Change is more than good. It’s better to work as a team player and be inclusive. Make the right choice and live your life to the fullest. The more you make money, the more you can spend. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may think you know all the answers but when faced with a problem or even a little trouble, you will be asked to make some of the decisions yourself. You will also need to make some personal changes and when you can connect socially. ***

Birthday Baby: You follow your heart and your dreams. You are intelligent, strong, persistent and kind.

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FENCING

DeSmet and Hurley earn medals at tourney

By MICHAEL TODISCO Sports Writer

The Lone-Star State was kind to the Irish over break, as the fencing squad traveled south to post their own Texas-sized presence on the court as a formidable opponent in the finals. Irish fencers notching top 20 finishes in the American Cup with 10 of the 21 Irish fencers competing — her older sister Emilie — earned an eighth place finish in the foil. Junior foilist Reggie Bentley also earned a medal in the saber event. Irish fencers may have had a tough draw against a very formidable opponent in the finals.

By MATT GAMBER Sports Writer

Ariel DeSmet both earned medals at the tournament. Assistant coach Ian Farr said that except for a few challenging matchups, two Irish fencers may have advanced further at Dallas. Junior foilist Reggie Bentley (18th) and senior sabre Avery Zuck (11th) fell victim to difficult draws. "Reggie was matched against someone who finished 5th in the saber event while Junior Enzo Castellani earned an eighth place finish in the foil," Farr said.

DeSmet, who had missed the previous four games for Notre Dame (15-4, 4-3 Big East), came off the bench to a chorus of cheers with 14:30 to play in the first half. DeSmet promptly made a 3-pointer that sparked a 10-6 run to give the Irish a 16-6 lead, which they never relinquished. "(Scott) came off the bench and gave everyone a lift," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "He was a key for us tonight. Just his presence on the court as a leader and a voice really helped the rest of his teammates."

Scott finished with six points in 15 minutes. Sources within the basketball community say that, the Irish made 19 of their 24 free throws while allowing the Bearcats (16-3, 3-3) only eight free-throw attempts. "We understand what it takes to win in this league," said Hansbrough, who struggled from the field (4-for-8) but made 11 of 12 free throws.

Ronan’s 22 lead Belles to victory

By LAURA COLETTI Sports Writer

Junior guard Maggie Ronan dropped a career-high 23 points Tuesday night to help Saint Mary’s grab a 74-53 conference win over Trine. The Belles (11-5) took a 37-25 lead into halftime after ouscoring Trine (4-11) 24-11 over the final six and a half minutes of the first half. The Thunder did not come within more than 12 points of the lead for the remainder of the contest.

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SPORTS

Men’s Basketball

At home, on track

Scott returns, helps Notre Dame snap a two-game skid with win over Cincinnati

By MATT GAMBER Sports Writer

The return of senior forward Carleton Scott from a hamstring injury helped lift No. 16 Notre Dame to a must-needed victory Wednesday night at Purcell Pavilion. The Irish shot 45.5 percent from the field and 50 percent from the foul line, and was able to find the gaps in Trine's defense to create scoring opportunities. She also hit seven of 14 shots from the floor. Belles' coach Jenn Henley said she was pleased with Ronan's performance.

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