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Pungborn

"Boxers ... they’re roomier"

Brittany Backland
freshman
Pungborn

"Briefs because Alyson said boxers.

Shane Hannon
freshman
Dillon

"Boxers ... why? ... freedom."

Pat McIntyre
sophomore
Dillon

"Boxers ... thats what I grew up on!"

Patrick Rice
sophomore
Alumni

"Whatever Badin girls don’t prefer"

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

The final lecture for Ethics Week 2011 will be presented by Peter Dawes, President and CEO of Compostech Strategies, Inc. His talk is titled, “Sustainable Energy: A Wind Energy Primer: Profits and Politics?” Ethics Week 2011 covers a range of topics dealing with sustainability and new and alternative energy sources. The lecture will start at 12:30 p.m. today in the Giovanni Commons at the Mendoza College of Business. The event is free.

Today at 4 p.m., Dr. Carl Elliot will be giving the spring Schmitt Lecture entitled, “A Clinical Trial, A Suicide, and the Strange Recent History of Anti-Psychotic Drugs.” The lecture is being held in McKenna Hall and is free.

A Fullbright information meeting is open for junior and seniors today in Geddes Hall. The event starts at 4 p.m. for those interested in spending a year after graduation abroad.

The film “Downfall”, about Hitler and the final days of his regime will be showing in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center today. The film starts at 7 p.m. and costs between $3 and $6.

The final in a series of five presentations, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Series for the Study of Race will be held today in DeBartolo Hall room 136. The event is led by Irene J. Kim Park and May Kim. The series is presented by Multicultural Student Programs and Services and will begin at 6 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews.n.d@gmail.com
Midterm exams are rapidly approaching, but many upperclassmen are focusing their attention on post-gradu-
ate exams.

To prepare for these exams, many juniors and seniors reach out to organizations such as Kaplan Test Prep.
Liza Weale, executive direc-
tor of pre-business and pro-
graduate programs for Kap-
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provided courses to more
than 638,000 students world-
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Test (LSAT) and Medical
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Admissions tests are one of
the only quantitative and
objective measures on appli-
cations for graduate school.
"In Kaplan Test Prep’s 2010
surveys of graduate school,
business school and law
school admissions officers,
the GRE, GMAT and LSAT,
respectively, ranked as the
most important admissions
factors," Weale said. "According to our medical
school admissions officers’
survey, a low GRE score is the
biggest application killer."
However, students can
improve their scores dramati-
cally before they send appli-
cations to graduate programs
by preparing correctly, Weale
said.
Kaplan offers a range of
programs in the classroom
and online as well as private
tutoring to help students
prepare for these tests.
Junior Tony Dang is among
the many pre-
med students preparing
for the MCAT in
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dent of the test format and
types of questions on the
exam, and he said he was
very happy with his score.
"I think knowing exactly
what I was going to get on the
exam was a huge confidence
boost for me, and my scores
represented this," Anders
said. "I have the class I took
to thank for that.

Saint Mary's senior Kristen
Metzger will take the GRE at
the end of the summer and
was accepted into the Teach
for America pro-
gram. Metzger
took her master’s degree in
education at the University
of North Carolina while
she completes that
graduate program.

"They have this thing
called Smart Reports that analyzes
your performance on practice
tests and diagnoses where
you could use more practice
and tracks your progress,"
Anders said. "I found this to
be one of the most helpful
tools in my preparation.

They also offer practice
tests online that I’m sure I
will take advantage of," she
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The “Classroom Anywhere”
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tumultuous relationships with the South Bend police (and continued arrests), a poorly advertised student discount program and poorly attended pep rallies,” the e-mail stated. “Little or no consideration is given to the students, and current leaders within student government itself are content to do nothing... laurels.”

The committee decided an appropriate sanction for Ward would be the submission of an apology e-mail to Judicial Council by 11:59 p.m. Monday, which would then be distributed to the entire student body. Ward compiled and sent the e-mail by the given deadline.

However, the e-mail was not sent to students right away, as Ward and Eaton chose to file a protest before the appeal. An appeal must be filed within 24 hours of the allegation, Thomas said. After an appeal is filed, Student Senate must convene within 48 hours to hear the appeal. Thomas said he once again made the decision to withhold the election results until the appeal process was finished, in order for the Senate to remain unbiased.

After consulting with Becker, Thomas also decided to wait until the appeals process was finished before distributing Ward’s apology e-mail to the student body. “James satisfied the requirements of the sanction, but I wanted to give the process time to work,” Thomas said. “In case the Senate found it was an unfair sanction, that way we wouldn’t have to backtrack.”

However, the Ward-Eaton ticket dropped the appeal on Tuesday evening and in the basement, in order to keep campaigning away from the student government offices on the second and third floors.

Candidates are also not allowed to solicit endorsements or use interns for campaigning purposes. These two rules are among the most commonly broken, Thomas said, along with the need for candidates to have all of their campaigning materials approved by the election committee.

Thomas said the formation of the rules falls under the jurisdiction of Student Senate. “Student Senate writes the rules, I as vice president of elections inform the candidates of these rules and the election committee interprets the rules and determines whether or not they were broken,” he said.

Any student can file an allegation, Thomas said, and directions for how to do so are available on the Judicial Council Web site.

Thomas said allegations are usually uncommon, and the reason for so many in this year’s election is probably due to the high number of tickets running for student body president and vice president.

“This created a very competitive election,” he said. “The candidates wanted to make sure that no one was gaining an unfair advantage.”

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University of Notre Dame doctoral candidate Ryan Kreager, creator of the I Confess iPhone app works at his laptop.

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have special needs. They use their iPhone to help focus on what they want to say.”

Kreager said they launched the app through their business Little i Apps, LLC. He thought of the idea by talking to his sister’s boyfriend.

“John [Deng] and I were just talking about confession,” Kreager said. “He made a comment about making confession easier and we thought there should be an app for that.”

Deng did not want to be involved in the app development process but took the idea to the Leinen brothers. They jumped at the chance.

The three self-described “Catholic Geeks” said they have some experience in programming and web development, but had never... before.

The app received an impatience, an official statement from a bishop that states that there are no doctrinal or moral errors. Bishop Kevin Rhoades, of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese, granted the examination of consciousness the impatience.

“As far as we know, we are the first app to receive this,” Kreager said. “It gave the app a credibility that it wouldn’t have had otherwise.”

The examination of consciousness for the app uses is what the people who received the impatience.

Scheidt said non-Catholics also use the app just to look at their life and examine their choices they are making. “This gives non-Catholics who are unfamiliar with confession the ability to see and learn more about the sacrament,” Scheidt said.

Even though the app has proved to be helpful, Kreager said there has been misleading Church had approved confession via iPhone. Some news sources retracted their false statements, while Kreager said others did not.

“The Vatican released a statement saying that they are not opposed to the app as long as it is used correctly,” Kreager said. We also issued a statement saying that we stand fully behind the moral errors. This created a very competitive election, and that the app is just an aid to confession, not a replacement.”

Scheidt said the confession app “has generated a conversation about confession that would be difficult to pay an advertising company to replicate. It has gotten people talking and that’s a good thing.”

With all the coverage, the app was even mentioned in jokes on both Conan O’Brien and Jay Leno’s television shows, Kreager said. Currently the team is working on adding new features such as customizable sin lists, including it to the Android and translating the app into several other languages.

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...a new club for students interested in learning how to fly R/C airplanes indoors

Flying Demonstrations
Everyone interested in learning about a club just formed to help students learn about the principles of flight and how to fly radio controlled aircraft are encouraged to attend.

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February 17, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
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Redefine student government to give Notre Dame students a voice in larger social justice issues.

We want to transform what has come to be an institution where we all know the script. What we want to try to do is offer a vision of more,” McCormick said. “We want to try and make an argument that it is a false choice, this difference between issues of convenience and issues of consequence. We think it is time to build a student government that matches the size of the hopes in the Notre Dame student body.”

The team would expand on the Playing for Peace rally and basketball tournament held this year to promote peace in Sudan, and hopefully hold a large charity concert with celebrity guests to raise awareness for social justice issues. McCormick said.

Rocheleau said the team would create a director of constituent services to tackle smaller student concerns, such as lowering the price of “quarter dogs” back to 25 cents and increasing print quality.

In contrast, Ward and Eaton said they would make the current structure of student government more transparent to improve communication with students.

Eaton said this transparency would also help students better understand the resources available through student government to help finance better programming.

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Opel said in addition to two students who were accepted to the new program in Dakar, Senegal, OIS is looking to replace the Leuven, Belgium program by next year.

OIS accepted 26 students to its program in Cairo. Opel said despite the political upheaval in the country, OIS is exploring all possible options for students who were admitted.

“It is not clear that the [Cairo] program will run, particularly in the fall. We are presenting the students with several options including deferring acceptance to spring semester when the situation may be clearer or changing to their second preference program for consideration,” she said. “I hope and anticipate that Cairo will continue to be a study abroad site in the future.”

Regardless of the location, Opel said OIS ensures programs affiliated with Notre Dame are of the highest quality.

“We know our partners abroad and work with them to ensure that our students are in quality programs that provide rigorous and stimulating educational experiences while keeping students in safe living and learning environments,” she said.

Regardless of whether OIS accepts or rejects applications, Opel said Notre Dame undergraduates should attempt to study abroad by any means possible.

“We in OIS want to help provide this opportunity to every student we can,” she said. “If there is not an opportunity through OIS, we urge students to explore other international options through ND or beyond ND.”

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CBS earnings growth during fourth quarter

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — CBS Corp’s earnings growth accelerated during the fourth quarter as advertisers spent more, broadcasting their commercials during last year’s political campaign and holiday shopping season.

The results released Wednesday provided the latest sign that advertisers are increasing their television and radio marketing budgets as they feel more confident about the U.S. economy’s recovery from the Great Recession.

Advertising also has been rising in most other media but not newspapers.

CBS, based in New York, serves as a barometer of advertising sentiment because it runs the top-rated television network and owns 28 local TV stations and 130 radio stations.

The company’s total ad revenue during the final three months of 2010 rose 12 percent from the prior year, with the biggest gains coming at its local TV stations. Political spending heading into the early November election drove the growth early in the quarter and then CBS got a boost from a marketing blitz in the best holiday shopping season in four years.

Although management didn’t provide a specific earnings forecast, executives said they expect great things this year and beyond.” CEO Leslie Moonves said.

CBS earned $283 million, or 41 cents per share, in the quarter, compared with profit of $59 million, or 9 cents per share, at the same time in 2009. The 2009 results included a $200 million in charges that depressed the bottom line.

If not for one-time items in the latest quarter, CBS said it would have earned 46 cents per share. That figure topped the average estimate of 43 cents per share among analysts polled by FactSet.

Revenue for the period rose 11 percent from the prior year to $3.19 billion, slightly above analyst estimates. Revenue in the 2009 fourth quarter was $3.15 billion.

Besides benefiting from an advertising revival, CBS also raked in higher licensing fees for its shows. Those fees climbed 29 percent in the fourth quarter, with the biggest jump coming from the syndication rights to the series “CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.”

CBS’s cable division, Showtime Networks, also fared well with a 6 percent revenue increase. The cable networks peaked the year at 67.1 million subscribers, up 5.8 million from the end of 2009.

CBS shares initially rose after the fourth-quarter results came out but were unchanged after a few hours of extended trading. The stock ended the regular trading session at $22.10, up 45 cents. Investors have driven up CBS’s market value by about 40 percent since the end of September, reflecting their belief that the company would benefit from an advertising revival.

Indiana House approves banning gay marriage

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana House approved a constitutional amendment on Tuesday to ban gay marriage and civil unions — a step opponents said was unnecessary since same-sex marriage is already illegal in the state.

Supporters say the amendment would provide an additional layer of protection for traditional marriage in case courts later overturn Indiana’s law. The Republican-controlled House voted 70-26 to advance the proposal, which must clear two separately-elected Legislatures to go on the ballot for a public vote.

“Marriage is — and should be — a union of one man and one woman,” said Rep. Eric Turner, R-Martinsville.

But Ralph Foley, R-Martinsville, said nothing in the resolution keeps gay people from living together or loving each other. He said that’s different than restricting relationships between people.

Opponents said the proposal would write discrimination into the state’s constitution.

Rep. Matt Pierce, D-Dumbling, said the constitution should protect the majority, and that the proposed amendment goes against that philosophy. He said attitudes about marriage change over time and noted that some states once outlawed interracial marriages.

“What side of history will we stand on?” he asked.

Rep. Mary Ann Sullivan, D-Indianapolis, prepared her remarks in the form of a Valentine’s Day poem since she anticipated a vote on the proposal Monday. Although the vote was delayed a day, she said her comments still applied since they came from her heart.

Her poem said people would be hurt and communities would be less diverse if the constitution was amended to ban gay marriage.

“If there’s a voice that can save us, it’s our voice: ‘Marriage for all who desire it,’” she said.

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Computer competes on show alongside his correct Final Jeopardy! answer.

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said Wednesday that difficult debates on how to address the costs of Social Security and Medicare are “starting now,” even though his 2012 budget blueprint lacked any major changes to the large benefit programs.

Illustrating the challenges ahead, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., stressed that any cost-cutting of major government benefit programs is possible “as long as you eliminate Social Security” from the discussion.

In an interview with a Cincinnati television station, Obama did not offer any specific modifications but did not take Social Security off the table, as Reid insisted. Obama has been having a number of budget discussions with congressional officials, meeting with Senate Democratic leaders on Wednesday and with House Republican leaders last week. He is scheduled to talk to House Democratic leaders on Thursday.

“We’re starting now. I mean, the conversations have already begun,” Obama told WCPO television, the ABC affiliate in Cincinnati, Reid, who requested Wednesday’s Senate leadership meeting with the president, reiterated his view in the meeting that Social Security is in fine shape for decades and shouldn’t be targeted for cuts, according to two Democratic aides with knowledge of the discussion. They spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the private conversations.

“Social Security has contributed not a single penny to the deficit,” Reid said earlier in the day. “So we can talk about entitlements without threatening Social Security. Because Social Security is not part of the problem we have in America with the deficit.”

In the meeting, Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., told the president he thought Social Security should be considered separately from the budget, one aide said. Also attending were Sens. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Patty Murray, D-Wash.

Senior lawmakers in both parties have talked in general terms of seeking a broad deficit-reduction agreement later this year. Reining in the growing costs of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid are widely cited as essential ingredients in any such compromise. Medicaid is a state-federal program that provides health care to the low-income. Social Security and Medicare, in particular, are politically sensitive, providing retirement and health benefits for millions of seniors.

House Republicans have said they plan a budget proposal that will take on overhauling Social Security and Medicare and Medicaid as part of the so-called Obama for failing to address the programs in his budget. Democratic lawmakers favor waiting to see what the GOP proposes before moving forward, aides said.

Adjusting Social Security and Medicare have been politically charged topics that both parties have used to attack each other, and any political party that seeks major changes to the programs is perceived as itself open to criticism. Obama noted in a news conference this week that in the past, significant changes to Social Security were highly unpopular.

In his interview with the Cincinnati television station, Obama carefully avoided showing his preferences for containing program costs.

“The key on both Social Security as well as Medicare is making sure that we do changes that strengthen the system, that make sure that the same amount of money going out is the same amount of money coming in,” he said. “Social Security is a little easier to deal with. We know there are just four or five different things that we could do. The question is, what’s the best mix? Medicare is a little tougher because it involves the health care system as a whole.”

White House press secretary Jay Carney said Wednesday that making needed changes in the two massive programs will require compromise.

Carney distinguished between Social Security and Medicare, asserting that Social Security spending does not contribute to short-term deficits. And he reiterated Obama’s assertion that he does not want to “slash” Social Security benefits. He declined to say whether Obama would accept any reduction in benefits for future retirees.

“The president wants to protect current retirees,” Carney said. “He does not want a solution that slashes benefits.”

Reid’s spokesman, Jon Summers, said the Nevada Democrat opposes any cuts for Social Security recipients, as well as any reduction in benefits promised to future retirees. He also rejects an increase in the age at which workers can begin to draw full Social Security retirement. Summers said adding, “he sees that as a benefit cut.”

Though Obama’s budget did not contain any adjustments to those programs, a presidential deficit-reduction commission floated several late last year. Among them was an increase in the age for full retirement benefits under Social Security, and steps to slow the growth of future benefits.

Wolves in Montana to be shot

BILLINGS, Mont. — Defying federal authority over gray wolves in Montana, Gov. Brian Schweitzer on Wednesday directed state officials to allow stock owners to kill wolves that attack animals — even if that means shooting wolves currently allowed — and said the state will start killing packs of wolves.

Schweitzer told The Associated Press his decision is willing to wait for federal officials to resolve the tangle of laws that govern whether such animals have kept the animals on the endangered species list for a decade since federal goals were first met.

“We will take action in Montana on our own,” he said. “We’ve had it with Washington, D.C., and Congress just yapping about it, with (the Department of) Interior just vacillating about it. What we see in Washington, D.C., is motion masquerading as action.”

State wildlife agents and ranchers killing wolves already occurs regularly across much of the Western and Rockies, where 1,700 of the predators roam parts of five states. Rules against killing wolves have been relaxed by federal officials over the past decade.

Livestock owners in southern Montana and Idaho have authority to defend their property by shooting wolves that attack their cattle, sheep or other domestic animals. And federal agents regularly kill wolves in response to such attacks, with more than 1,000 shot out since the 1990s.

But Schweitzer is moving to expand those killings beyond what federal officials have allowed in the past. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has so far allowed, including to parts of Montana where ranchers are not allowed to shoot the predators.

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A lesson from Earnhardt

Feb. 18, 2001. Michael Waltrip cried into a microphone while remembering how Earnhardt won in 462 consecutive NASCAR races. It was Daytona racing's biggest stage and his brother, Daryl, made the call from the broadcast booth, in tears. Fox Announcer: Daryl is this better than winning? Daryl (in tears and disbelieving): Oh it's better. This I guess he's alright, I mean.

He wasn't.
The living legend became a leg-end that afternoon, exactly 10 years ago Friday.
The scene was astounding, from the older brother's tears of joy to the younger Waltrip's burden finally lifted off of his shoulders.
Envisioning the next 10 years

The Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC) is celebrating its 10th birthday this Friday, and our local community and University have much to celebrate. Emerging in 2001 as a partnership between the Notre Dame Neighborhood and the University, RCLC is a community empowerment neighborhood social capital and community-based research and learning. On the eve of this occasion, I offer two commentaries and a set of observations and questions to guide the way forward.

First, I commend those who set forth the bold vision to establish a joint, community-based neighborhood initiative over 10 years ago. University and community leaders such as Dan Sullivan, Fr. Don McNeil, Ms. Marguerite Taylor and countless others with a shared vision and common goal; ensuring not only the resources to build it, but a resident informed approach to growing and sustaining it. Many of the key stakeholders involved in the planning and founding of RCLC attests that there were indeed challenges to overcome — in the historic district, turf issues, lack of communication and neighborhood cohesion, among others. Sunday seemed to be the turning point when I woke refreshed with less aches and pains. We are indeed challenges to overcome — historic district, turf issues, lack of communication and neighborhood cohesion, among others. Sunday seemed to be the turning point when I woke refreshed with less aches and pains.

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The Robinson Community Learning Center has been a transformative force in our community, and I am proud to be associated with it.

Jim Frabutt
Guest Columnist
Thursday, February 17, 2011

Letters to the Editor

Keenan should be proud

Students of Notre Dame: My name is Alex Deak, you may remember me as the author of “The Worst Musical Ever,” of the critically-acclaimed and uncensored 2007 version of the Revue, which also happened to yester- day’s show. I did not see the Revue, I have not even heard the content of the jokes involved. What I have seen is the strong character of the Keenan guys. Ever since you first met them, you have admired their work and been involved with the Revue for several years, I know that the idea is never to hurt anyone or attack anyone personally. We just try to say what everyone’s thinking but afraid to say, except in this case, often dressed as animals or women.

Our mantra, through all of the things that happened with Saint Mary’s and all of the content problems we have had in the past, has been that the show must go on. But Saturday’s situation was basic- ly impossible — only five skills uncensored! And the work went on...

So, guys, you did a great job, and though I’m sure it wasn’t as funny as last year, I’m very proud of how you handled yourselves.

My only words to you, SA0, are that you should be embarrassed. You dropped the ball here; you had every chance to redeem yourselves beforehand and clearly didn’t. If any students were hurt by the jokes in the Revue, then I am sure that was not Keenan’s intention, and we should all work it from happening instead of being reactionary and throwing the Saturday show into question. I am as disappointed in the administration as I am proud of the Keenan guys.

So guys, keep your heads up, and keep the Revue just the way it is.

Alex Deak
Alum
Class of 2010

Know what grey spaces mean?

Time to write in.

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Get well soon

Many of you right now have the flu or common cold. For those of you out there with a low white-blood cell count, you might feel burnt out with classes or battling the win- ter blues. With the Revue over, you be to be in class, meet for a group project and turn in a 10-page paper. You absolutely cannot lay on the futon because how will the work get done?

I will be well, and all manner of thing will be well.” My friend, Julian of Norwich, is a four-century-oldurne who wrote these words. At the end of the day, God is all will be well.

Life can seem overwhelming. Society, especially at Notre Dame, pressures us to do and do more. But do not live for the work, be grateful for it.

In a physical sense, our bodies have the flu. Spiritually, our soul requires some tender, loving care. We must look for nourishment and sustenance, and Julian points us to God’s grace shared through Christ made man. God himself was made human, so that we might have his very being among us.

We, like Christ, are dwelling places of the human heart prepared to contain God. Our minds can hardly comprehend how the all-present and all-knowing God makes His home in your heart. God is not bigger than us. God is bigger than us.

Remembering this is essential for our physical and spiritual well-being. We are not made beings and we are at the center of God’s story. God made us, God loves us and God cares for us. Even when we feel most sick and weak and insufficient, we do not fall into nothingness. The infinite love of God saves us from harm. If we cannot rest in this wisdom, God’s peace cannot dwell in our hearts.

You yourselves are to rest. Your physical body and your spiritual soul need healing. When we sleep, we help our body fight off viruses and bacteria that are making us sick. Letting go of transgres- sions on our soul helps to make our heart a healthy dwelling place for God. There are dark corners of our heart that we think light will never reach. We feel the pain, we ache and we grow tired. God’s love and grace alone restores us to well-bein-

Rest knowing that even if you cannot “do and do more” God will take care of your needs. Rest in the belief that after Christ’s pain, He rose again and all things were made new. Take consolation in our Lord’s suffering and hear God say, “All will be well.”

The work will get done. But if you are sick, the work will feel insufficient, unsatisfactory and unfulfilling. Nurture yourself back to health. Pay attention to your physical and spiritual self that need God’s nourishment. He made you in love and he will care for you.

This week’s Fairpoint is written by Meg Mirshak, an intern in the Office of Campus Ministry. She can be reached at mmirshak@nd.edu.

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With New York Fashion Week drawing to a close, names like Kate Mulleavy, Prabal Gurung and Oliver Theyskens are on the mind of any fashion follower. These names may mean nothing to those who don’t follow fashion closely, but it’s surprising just how many designers are recognizable not for their design aesthetic, but for their acting or singing chops. Everyone from the Olsen twins to Sienna Miller has dipped their feet into the fashion pool.

Though started as adorable Michelle on “Full House,” Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen have almost entirely given up their acting career for their pursuit of fashion stardom. They are extremely well respected in the fashion community and take their collection, The Row, very seriously. The Row is a high end line that focuses on simplicity and sophistication without losing its cool edge. The fabric choices are very deliberate and uphold the luxurious image of the collection as a whole. Luxury, of course, comes at a price — and The Row is quite pricey. Its Fall 2011 collection includes handbags that will be priced similarly to handbags from Hermes (in the $3,000-$6,000 range).

It’s no secret that Justin Timberlake is unbelievably talented, but who knew he could add designer to his already extensive resume? He works alongside his friend Trace Ayala as the designers behind the line William Rast. The line has an extensive denim collection in addition to androgynous women’s clothing with an American hippie vibe and men’s clothing in the same vein. The brand recently collaborated with Target to provide their clothing at reasonable prices.

Any conversation about celebrities crossing over into the world of fashion would be incomplete without acknowledging the role Gwen Stefani plays in fashion. She began her line, L.A.M.B., in 2003 and it has only grown in popularity since its first showing at New York Fashion Week in 2004. The clothing is always bold and is exceptional in its creation of prints. It embodies the rocker-chic aesthetic that Stefani has mastered so well. The collection can also boast celebrity fans like Kim Kardashian, Rihanna and Rachel Zoe.

A new addition to the celebrity-designer club is Victoria Beckham. She has made an incredible transition into the field and won the hearts of stylists, editors and fellow celebrities. Her self-titled line is a testimony to her impact on the fashion industry. Well known for her chic personal style, Beckham transforms her style into a cohesive collection full of wearable dresses in solid colors and flattering silhouettes. This season she used plenty of flowy lines as opposed to body-hugging dresses as she had in the past — perhaps a nod to her growing baby bump?

Regardless, the collection is a favorite of fashion fans. Design talent doesn’t have to lie in clothing alone. Kate Bosworth brought her California-Bohemian style to her latest project, Jewelmint.com. The site, created in collaboration with stylist Cher Coulter, is essentially a jewelry club that sends users an item of their choice designed by Bosworth and Coulter once a month for $29.99. It also features style tips and weekly trend reports. The designs of the jewelry are inspired by pieces that Bosworth would be seen wearing in the day and could become staples for any budding “It Girls.”

The fashion industry is difficult to break into, especially as a designer, but with a famous name and unique perspectives on personal style these celebrities have succeeded at leaving their mark on the world of design.

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**Hilary Duff**
She stole our hearts as a girl whose
deepest thoughts — usually about boys
and her frenemy Kate — were narrated
by her cartoon alter ego on the Disney
Channel show "Lizzie McGuire." When
she proved she could sing, Hilary Duff
solidified her status as an idol for pre-
teens everywhere.

Her lovable turn as Lizzie led to her
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Heat's Bosh scores 25 in his return to Toronto; Stoudemire's 23 points help propel Knicks over Hawks

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kobe Bryant slipped a black backpack across his shoulders and left Quicken Loans Arena without talking about what had just happened.

After losing to the lowly Cleveland Cavaliers, nothing needed to be said.

The Lakers hit the All-Star break.

Looking nothing like two-time defending NBA champions, they dropped 104-99 to the Cavaliers, a stunning 104-99 loss Wednesday night to the Cavs — the league’s worst team, which averaged a 55-point embarrassment against Los Angeles last month.

The Lakers, who played so crisply and with purpose in recent wins over New York and Boston, were simply not there.

“It’s a painful, painful loss,” said Pau Gasol, who had 30 points and 20 rebounds. “It’s very disappointing. I don’t understand it.”

Ramon Sessions came off the bench and scored a season-high 32 points for the Cavaliers, who were beaten 112-57 by the Lakers on Jan. 11. That loss - the worst in club history - was No. 11 in a league-record streak that eventually reached 26 before Cleveland ended it last week with an overtime win against L.A.’s less-horrendous squad, the Clippers.

After his club’s worst loss this season, coach Phil Jackson didn’t like his players’ showing, especially when compared with what time they’re due to report for practice Monday.

Heat 103, Raptors 95

The Miami Heat banded together to get Chris Bosh a win against his former team.

Dwyane Wade scored 28 points, LeBron James had 23 points, 13 rebounds and 11 assists and the Heat beat the Toronto Raptors 103-95 Wednesday night.

Bosh finished with 25 points and the Heat went into the All-Star break having won 10 of 11.

“I know firsthand how important it is to have strong guys into the break,” James said. “You feel good about All-Star weekend, you walk around feeling different.

Before arriving in Toronto, the Heat had talked about winning this one for Bosh. That sentiment was reinforced by a handwritten note on the progame scouting board that read “Band of Brothers.”

“We wanted to be there for him as a brother and a teammate,” James said.

Andrea Bargnani scored 17 of his 38 points in the fourth quarter and DeMar DeRozan finished with 24 but no other Raptors had more than eight points. Toronto never led after the first six minutes and lost their 17th game in 19.

“We tried different guys in the first half trying to get big so if we could get one more scorer in there, or at least get rebounds if we weren’t going to get that scor- er,” Raptors coach Jay Triano said.

Miami took an 85-79 lead on Wade’s 3-point play with 6:37 left. Bargnani made a free throw on a 3-second call, then he and DeRozan hit back-to-back threes as the Raptors cut it to 88-84 with 5:48 remaining.

James made 5 of 6 from the line over the next two minutes, giving the Heat a 93-87 lead with 3:53 to go.

After Bosh made 1 of 2 from the line, missing for the first time after hitting his first nine, Bargnani answered with a 3, making it 94-90 with 2:43 remaining.

James made another free throw and, after DeRozan missed a reverse layup, Erick Dampier tipped in Wade’s miss, giving Miami a 97-90 lead with 1:50 left.

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said his team “did just enough.”

“We’re all happy for Chris,” Spoelstra said. “It was not our best game but guys definitely wanted to band together and win it for him.”

Even though the Heat are on a roll, Spoelstra is happy to give his team some downtime.

“We all could probably use this All-Star break right now, get a lit- tle bit of rest and get away and then make that final push in the final third of the season to really take another step forward as a team and try to find our ceiling,” he said.

Knicks 102, Hawks 90

NEW YORK — Even after a decade of futility, the New York Knicks aren’t satisfied with a win-

ning record at the All-Star Break.

They’re already focused on playing second-half games that matter.

Amare Stoudemire scored 23 points, leading the Knicks into the All-Star break above .500 with a victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Wednesday night.

“It was a great win for us,” Stoudemire said of his return after missing a game with a sprained right big toe. “We’ll take something into the All-Star break, that confidence that we needed and now we just use that motiva-

tion for the second half of the year.”

Wilson Chandler added 20 points and Danilo Gallinari had 17 for the Knicks, who at 28-26 matched their average victory total for the last five full seasons.

They didn’t even earn their 28th victory last season until April 6 and haven’t been above .500 this late in a season since they fin-

ished 48-34 in 2000-01.

Mike D’Antoni believes they will need to reach the 40-win plateau to end a postseason drought that dates back to 2004, so there’s plenty of work left.

“We’ve got a ways to go yet, but at least we’ll have a good break and get everybody back and ready to make that stretch run of 28 games that we need to play full tilt,” D’Antoni said.

Raymond Felton finished with 13 points and 11 assists as the Knicks controlled the second half and beat Atlanta for the first time in three meetings this season.

Marvin Williams scored 17 points for the Hawks, who lost for the third time in four games and fell a game behind Orlando for fourth place in the Eastern Conference. Mike Bibby had 15 points, and Al Horford had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

“We just totally went away from our game plan,” Hawks coach Larry Drew said. “We have a recipe when we play on the road and I thought early the warning signs were there early in the first quarter. Especially defensively. I wasn’t as concerned offensively.

My main concern was defensively. We had multiple defensive break-
downs and then at the offensive end we just started setting. Ring on the road you have to get the shots you want.

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If the room you have:

Outside: Dwyane Wade, won’t be back.

DeRozan: No. And the sheets are made of free.

D’Antoni: Can I have a late check-out?

Spinich: Dwyane Wade, will not be back.

Dwyane Wade: I’ll have to talk to the manager.

Jim Harbaugh: You’ve not the manag-

er, even in your own fancy!

Dwyane Wade: I’m the owner, the creates your own fantasy.

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Mattingly begins new job

Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Don Mattingly opened his first spring training camp as a major league manager, saying he wasn’t concerned with how his Los Angeles Dodgers wore their hair or what music they played in the clubhouse.

Side issues aside, the rookie manager also made an announcement Wednesday: Clayton Kershaw will start on opening day.

Mattingly said he made the decision shortly after he found out he would succeed Joe Torre. Kershaw will pitch March 31 against the World Series champion San Francisco Giants.

“He has the opportunity to be special,” Mattingly said.

The Dodgers officially appointed Mattingly in mid-September after Torre said he was retiring. Promoted from hitting coach, the 49-year-old former Yankees star takes over a franchise. We’ve got talent.

“It’s a great time to now isn’t the greatest time to have a new guy,” Torre said.

Regarding off-the-field items, Mattingly would act as the Dodgers manager. He’s also expected to be the Dodgers hitting coach, which $1.5 million is included in the contract.

Mattingly said he kept track of all his managers’ traits, both “good and bad.”

Billy Martin was “just a little tougher,” Mattingly said, yet a leader who took a relaxed approach to spring training.

“If you can’t see the ball, there’s a problem,” Mattingly said.

“Not at all. This is a great franchise. We’ve got talent. For me, I couldn’t have asked for a better opportunity.”

Mattingly says he’s not concerned about the ownership situation. There’s no effect in that clubhouse.

“There’s been no talk about the ownership situation. There’s no effect in that clubhouse,” Mattingly said.

Don Mattingly
Dodgers manager

Brewers agree to deal with infielder Weeks

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — After a record-breaking season, the Milwaukee Brewers took the risk that Rickie Weeks’ injury-plagued 2011 season is firmly in the past.

Weeks agreed to a $38.5 million, four-year contract with the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday that contains a 2015 option which could increase the total value to $50 million.

“We are thrilled that Rickie has chosen to remain a Brewer,” general manager Doug Melvin said. “He has become one of the best leadoff hitters in the game today; possessing speed, plate discipline and power. His aggressive style sets the tone for our offense.”

Weeks, the No. 2 overall prospect Brett Lawrie to the Blue Jays.

The 28-year-old proved valuable to pass up. “It feels good. It feels real good at a time like this,” Weeks said. “I’m a Milwaukee Brewer for all time now.”

The organization has never questioned his toughness, but his durability had been the biggest issue until last season. Weeks missed half of a year with right knee surgery in 2010, needed a procedure on his knee after 2008 and played all but 37 games in 2009 after a left wrist injury.

“Rickie is one of the toughest players to play the game and has always played at a high-intensity level,” Melvin said.

That led to a creative option in the fifth year of the contract.

Weeks will receive a $4 million signing bonus, of which $1.5 million is payable upon approval and $2.5 million on July 15. He will receive salaries of $3.5 million this year, $10 million in 2012, $10 million in 2013 and $11 million in 2014.

Weeks’ option year is for $11.5 million. If he performs the club can void 2015 if he does not.

“It was one of those things, if the time was right, it would get done,” Weeks said.

Weeks broke the franchise record last year with 754 plate appearances over 2012 season other than slugger Prince Fielder, who can become a free agent after the World Series.

Weeks was a key in Milwaukee’s plans.

The Brewers traded their best other option at second base when they sent top prospect Brett Lawrie to Toronto for right-hander Brandon Morrow and catcher J.P. Arencibia in December.

Negotiations with Weeks’ agent were steady throughout.

“It was one of those things, if the time was right, it would get done,” Weeks said. “It’s good. It means I’m a Milwaukee Brewer for a long period of time now.”
Pittsburgh wins again with late run

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Nasir Robinson and Brad Wanamaker each had 13 points and No. 4 Pittsburgh pulled away over the final 10 minutes to beat South Florida 67-55 on Wednesday night.

The Panthers (24-2, 12-1) won for the 14th time in 15 games and took a two-game lead in the Big East — but it wasn’t as easy as expected against Bulls (8-19, 2-12) lost their fifth straight and fell to 9-9 against ranked teams, but were within a point of the Panthers in the second half.

Playing without leading scorer Ashton Gibbs (left knee) for the third consecutive game, Pitt led 45-44 before going on a 15-2 run to ensure its fifth win in a row.

Shaun Noriega had 11 points to lead the Bulls.

USF was dominated by Notre Dame in its most recent game 78-55 on Sunday, but the Bulls had lost by more than 10 points only three times previously this season and beat Pitt in Tampa last season. USF went out to a 14-10 lead Wednesday.

The final time USF would lead would be at 16-14 with about 11 minutes left in the first half. The Panthers immediately went on a 16-4 run to take a 10-point lead.

Mel Zanna, who had scored a total of three points in the previous six games, scored eight Pitt points in a row midway through the first half. He had 11 points at halftime — already the third-most of his career for a game.

Gilbert Brown also had 11 points for the Panthers, who had a 40-18 advantage in rebounds. Gibbs is practicing with the team and is expected to play in Pitt’s next game, at St. John’s on Saturday. He leads the Panthers in scoring (16.3 ppg), but where he has been missed most is from 3-point range. Pitt made only two 3-pointers after making only one in each of the first two games — wins at West Virginia and Villanova — without him. Gibbs averages more than three per game.

Coming off a career-high 23 points Saturday, Noriega had consecutive 3-pointers late in the first half to allow the Bulls to trim their biggest deficit to that point — 16-23 — to seven at halftime. USF then scored six of the first eight points of the second half to pull within 38-35 and force Pitt coach Jamie Dixon to use a timeout.

With the score 46-44 with 9 minutes to play, USF was called for offensive fouls on consecutive possessions.

Noriega had a steal and chance at a layup to tie it with 7.41 left, but Trarom Woodall hustled back and altered the shot, forcing a miss.

Seconds later, Gary McGhee converted a three-point play and Wanamaker hit a 3-pointer on the ensuing Pitt possession to give the Panthers an eight-point lead.

NCAA Men’s Basketball

Purdue wins important conference home game

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — JaJuan Johnson had 20 points and E’Twaun Moore scored 19 to help No. 11 Purdue beat No. 10 Wisconsin 70-62 on Wednesday night.

Lewis Jackson added 18 points and five assists for the Boilermakers. Jackson scored just one point when Wisconsin beat Purdue 66-59 at home on Feb. 1.

Purdue (21-5, 10-3 Big Ten) moved into sole possession of second place in the conference. The Boilermakers, now 14-0 at home, host league leader Ohio State on Sunday.

Johnson, who has scored at least 20 points in nine of his past 10 Big Ten games, also had 10 rebounds and four blocks.

Jon Leuer scored 20 points and Jordan Taylor added 15 for the Badgers (19-6, 9-4), who had won four straight — including a victory over then-No. 1 Ohio State at home on Saturday.

Leuer and Taylor combined to shoot 16 for 27 from the field, but the rest of the Badgers were 8 for 32.

A pair of free throws by Ryan Evans cut Purdue’s lead to 58-56 with 3:55 to play, but Moore stopped the rally with a floater, then a 3-pointer that pushed it back to 63-56 with just more than 2 minutes left.

Wisconsin led 10-4 before Purdue responded with a 14-4 run. Moore gave Purdue its first lead with a 3-pointer after Jackson flipped the ball back to him on a fast break.

Leuer picked up his second foul with 7:42 left in the first half. Purdue push its lead to 29-22, and the Boilermakers led 31-25 at halftime.

Early in the second half, Jackson got a steal and started a fast break. Moore took off from the side, cocked the ball behind his head with his right hand and slammed it home to give Purdue a 35-27 lead and send the crowd into a frenzy.

Purdue took off on another fast break, and Kelsey Barlow scored and was fouled. He converted the free throw to give the Boilermakers a 44-34 lead.
NCAA Men’s Basketball

Blue Devils win fifth straight game

Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Sputtering offensively, Duke relied on its defense and Nolan Smith to beat Virginia for the seventh straight time.

Smith had 22 points, seven rebounds and four assists to lead the fifth-ranked Blue Devils to a 56-41 victory Wednesday night.

The Blue Devils (24-2, 11-1) won their seventh straight overall, despite getting only two points from second-leading scorer Kyle Singler and being held to their lowest scoring output of the season.

“You know, points were hard to come by,” Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. “Their defense was good. I thought ours was a little bit better.”

“Again, Nolan was a huge difference in the game. To get 22 points in a game like this is a lot of points. It’s a lot of points.”

Singler was in foul trouble for much of the game and didn’t score his first bucket until the 16-minute mark of the second half. Krzyzewski lauded the defensive performance of sophomore big man Ryan Kelly, who also chipped in with 11 points.

“Tyus started the four perimeter guys and could really shoot the 3, and we had to have one of our big guys guard (Joe) Harris,” he said. “And Ryan was on him most of the time, and I thought did a really, really nice job because he’s a very good player, and our defense of the 3 was good.”

Virginia was 3 of 12 from behind the arc and Mustapha Farrakhan led the Cavaliers with 11 points. Duke took command early in the second half, building on an eight-point halftime lead by holding Virginia to one field goal over the first eight minutes.

Virginia coach Tony Bennett leads his team during a loss to Duke Wednesday night. It was their seventh consecutive loss in the series.

The Blue Devils’ Mason Plumlee drew an offensive foul on Harris on one end, then dunked on the other to put Duke up 41-30. Duke held Virginia to 15 second- and half-points.

Virginia (12-13, 3-8), which dropped under .500 for the first time this season, has lost three straight.

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point of the second half with 10:44 remaining, they had already committed nine team fouls — one away from the double bonus. The Saint Mary’s (17-7, 10-5) parade to the free throw line soon ensured.

In the second half, the Belles shot 15-for-20 from the line and finished the game 25-for-33. After junior guard Maggie Ronan’s made free throw in the first half, the 2010-11 Belles set a new program record for most free throws made in a season, surpassing 2008-09’s mark of 484. This win also ties the school record for most wins in a season, also set by the 2000-01 team.

The Belles once again kept a balanced attack on offense, putting four players into double figures. Junior forward Kelcey Murphy scored a game-high 18 points on 7-for-12 shooting and pulled down a game-high rebounds.

Junior guard Patsy Mahoney also chipped in 13 points while moving into fourth place for free throws made in a single season by any Belles player.

A season-long goal, Saint Mary’s outscored Adrian 38-18 in the paint.

“We have the height advantage with our post players,” Henley said. “We were able to take advantage of how Adrian was playing us and we started converting in the paint.”

Saint Mary’s extended its winning streak to three games and has now won eight of their past 10 games. The Belles have one remaining conference game this weekend, when they travel to Kalamazoo for the finale of both teams’ regular seasons.

“This game definitely gives us a little bit more confidence defensively,” Henley said.

“This game set the tone for our season.”

Saint Mary’s will close the regular season against Kalamazoo before returning home and hosting a MIAA tournament game.

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earned first place finishes in both the 1000-yard freestyle (11:04.69) and the 500-yard free-style (5:25.39). Dalrymple garnered a first in the 200-yard breaststroke by four seconds (2:31.23) and the 200-yard Individual Medley (2:18.51). She also finished second in the 100-yard breaststroke by just 34 hundredths of a second with a time of 1:13.39.

Dalrymple and Watson will headline the Belles’ effort this weekend amidst a very competitive MIAA league, including Alhion and Oliver, the host schools for the event, and Calvin, the 2010 MIAA champion.

The meet runs Thursday through Saturday, with preliminary heats begin.

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Cardinals unable to reach deal with Pujols

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. — The St. Louis Cardinals made Albert Pujols what they said was their best offer. It wasn’t enough.

So get ready, baseball. Pujols seems headed for the open market next fall.

The deadline Pujols set for the Cardinals to reach a new contract agreement passed Wednesday with no deal, making it likely the three-time MVP will become a free agent after the World Series. The Cardinals said they will respect Pujols’ wishes and not request more talks during the season, unless their first baseman surprisingly changes his mind.

“A difference of opinion in determining Albert’s value simply could not be resolved,” said Pujols’ agent, Dan Lazaro.

The Cardinals would not reveal their offer, though it was believed to be somewhere around $200 million for eight years, possibly with an opportunity for Pujols to obtain an ownership stake in the franchise once his playing days are complete.

When — and if — talks resume, it’s unclear if St. Louis will increase its offer to Pujols’ liking.

“We explored a number of different things in the negotiation,” Cardinals chairman William DeWitt Jr. said at a news conference. “Without getting specific in what those were, there was discussion about other things that could be part of the contract. You can be sure that we explored a number of different avenues.”

Pujols will make $16 million this season in his contract’s final year, with $4 million of the money deferred with no interest. A nine-time All-Star, Pujols is the only player in major league history to hit 30 or more home runs each of his first 10 seasons — all with the Cardinals, the franchise he’s previously said he wants to remain with for the rest of his career.

Now, that hardly seems like a lock.

“I don’t think there’s a better guy for us to have on the team,” Cardinals teammate Skip Schumaker said. “He’s the face of the franchise. You respect both sides of it. You respect what the Cardinals are doing, you respect the management and what Albert’s agent is doing. It’s a tough situation, as everybody knows. He’s an iconic player.”

Pujols is expected to be in Cardinals’ camp on Thursday, two days ahead of when position players were asked to report. Lazaro said Pujols does not want to discuss his contract status either now or during the season.

Nor, for that matter, does St. Louis manager Tony La Russa.

“We don’t want to get our minds cluttered as a team,” La Russa said. “There’s enough to do. … The competition in the Central and the National League has got our complete attention. And that’s just what we’re going to think about. You can choose what you think about. That’s what we’re going to think about.”

Already, there’s buzz around baseball on where Pujols could go. A big-spending club like the Red Sox, Yankees or Angels? Perhaps the rival Cubs? The Texas Rangers?

Before the first pitch of the season, the first debate of the 2011 offseason is underway.

“Does on the open market, who knows what he’ll get?” said Cubs right-hander Braden Looper, a former Pujols teammate.

Added Rockies right-hander Aaron Cook: “I’m surprised something didn’t get done. He has the right to become a free agent and get what he wants. I hope for their sake it doesn’t become a distraction.”

The only absolute in the process, it seems, is what the Cardinals will give.

In short, they aren’t prepared to set records. The team’s payroll this season will be between $100 million and $110 million, DeWitt said, noting that the Cardinals lack the revenue streams to keep up with baseball’s biggest checkbooks.

“We’re not the Yankees or the Red Sox or the clubs that have revenues multi-tens of millions of dollars greater than ours,” he said. “How they react remains to be seen. They’re great fans. They’re the best in baseball. To draw the way we draw in a market like the size of ours is extraordinary. No one else can do it. Cardinal fans, they step up year in and year out.”

There is no framework for a deal in which St. Louis would get the right of first refusal on any future Pujols offer. Still, the Cardinals believe a deal can eventually get done — and aren’t fearing that it will turn into a situation where Pujols simply winds up playing for the highest bidder.

“We know what we can do and what we can’t do,” general manager John Mozeliak said. “When you operate in that way, you tend not to make bigger mistakes.”

The closest Pujols came to an appearance at camp Wednesday morning was a sighting of his black pickup with Missouri license plates in the parking lot of the team’s spring training complex.

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said, “All the kids were very smart but they were at the age where doing the wrong thing was ‘cool.’ Our biggest goal was to show them that it was ‘cool’ to do the right thing, and in order to go to college you had to do the right thing.”

Throughout the fall semester, junior and senior team members also attended mass at St. Augustine Church in South Bend every Sunday.

“The mass was distinctly different from any I had previously attended,” junior defensive line Kevin Randall said. “Due to the small size, the offering of a sign of peace allowed us to meet nearly every parishioner.”

Following mass, the Irish players and St. Augustine Youth Group would form two teams and play a game of flag football.

“Our goal for doing all of this was to get involved with the community by putting on a fun activity the kids could look forward to,” junior midfielder Max Pfeiffer said. “I was averaging roughly 3 TD passes a game to our main receiver — the fastest 14-year-old I’ve ever seen — I genuinely had a blast playing around with these kids every Sunday, and you could tell that they were having a good time, too.”

The Irish switched from flag football to lacrosse on an occasional Sunday because the children showed great interest in learning the game that their new friends play.

“Some days we would bring lacrosse sticks and see how they liked the sport and throwing around the ball. They all loved it,” senior midfielder and co-captain David Earl said. “Getting our team versus [their team] and lost a bunch of times, they were super fast and quick.”

In collaboration with the men’s basketball team and Campus Ministry, Irish assistant coach Kevin Dugan helped to coordinate the event Playing for Peace at the Purcell Pavilion on Saturday morning in December during study days.

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Randall

Sophomore Ryan Foley runs across the field during the 2012 spring season. He will be crucial to Notre Dame’s success this season.

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NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Wright scores 20 in home win

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Cashmere Wright scored 20 points, Sean Kilpatrick added 18 and Cincinnati bolstered its NCAA tournament resume with a 63-54 victory over No. 16 Louisville on Wednesday.

Embattled junior forward Yancy Gates added eight points and six rebounds for the Bearcats (16-6, 7-4 Big East), who smothered the Cardinals to reach the 20-win plateau for the first time since 2006.

Terrence Jennings led Louisville (19-7, 8-5) with 12 points and nine rebounds but struggled over 15 times and never got into a rhythm in the face of Cincinnati’s tough defense.

Louisville shot a respectable 47 percent from the floor, but had just four of 17 3-pointers, five below its season average.

The Bearcats never trailed and led by as many as 15 early in the second half. Louisville cut the deficit to 43-38 with 13:15 to play but the Bearcats responded with seven straight points to beat the Cardinals for the second straight time.

Gates, who was suspended for a game earlier this month and bunched in the second half of a loss to St. John’s on Sunday, provided some energetic play off the bench, but it was Wright who starred.

The sophomore hit a number of big shots, including a layup just before the shot clock expired to give Cincinnati a 56- 43 lead with just more than 6 minutes to play. Louisville never threatened again.

The Cardinals have been one of the Big East’s biggest surprises, entering the game in a tie for third in the conference despite a slew of injuries coach Rick Pitino has called the “most annoying” of his long career.

Louisville is finally healthy, and Pitino said Tuesday he was eager to see what the Cardinals could do with a full complement of players.

For a game at least, the answer apparently was “not much.”

Cincinnati’s defense had plenty to do with it. Pitino called the previous matchup — a 69-66 win by the Bearcats in last year’s Big East tournament, the “ugliest” game in the history of Madison Square Garden.

Things weren’t much prettier on Wednesday, though you wouldn’t hear Cincinnati complaining after the two rivals spent 40 minutes tussling all over the Fifth- Third Arena floor.

The Bearcats played with an urgency they’ve lacked at times this season, coinciding with disheartening to the quality win it did secure against West Virginia and the Red Storm.

All, however, appeared to be forgiven by the time Gates checked in to a round of applause about 4 minutes in. The Bearcats went right to him and he scored an early basket as Cincinnati controlled play from the outset, using an 11-0 run fueled by some energetic defense and stifling shooting by Wright to take a quick 18-6 lead.

The Bearcats attacked Louisville’s matchup zone resolutely on offense, then bottled up the Cardinals at the other end of the floor. Louisville missed its first four 3-pointers and looked disorganized at times with starting point guard Peyton Siva missing most of the half with foul trouble.

Freshman Elisha Justice eventually felled Siva to the bench with two fouls of his own, forcing Preston Knowles to run the point. It failed to spark the Cardinals and Cincinnati rolled into the break with a 36-24 edge. halfway to necessity needed to bolster its hopes of making the NCAAs for the first time since 2005.
Kovalchuk scores to lead Devils to win

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — A revived Ilya Kovalchuk scored his 20th goal of the season and sixth in seven games and the New Jersey Devils took another step in their unlikely playoff push with a 3-2 victory over the Carolina Hurricanes on Wednesday night. Brian Rolston and Patrik Elias also scored the Devils' first goal of the 13th time in 16 games and moved within 12 points of a playoff place in the Eastern Conference.

Johan Hedberg made 25 saves for New Jersey, which was 27 points below the postseason cut-off line heading into its game against Tampa Bay on Jan. 9. The Devils are 13th in the East.

Roster and Elias scored for eighth-place Carolina, which opened and closed its five-game road trip with losses to New Jersey. Tuomo Ruutu scored with 2.8 seconds to play it 3-2.

Kovalchuk, who had scored the winning goal in the Devils' previous two games, put New Jersey ahead for good in this one with a great goal late in the second period.

Kovalchuk took a pass along the goal line from Nick Palmieri, skated out to the left point and then turned and skated back into the left side of the circle. Once he got to the top of the circle, he hit the brake, paused for a moment and waited for the defensemen to get back into the play and then used his way off the screen on a shot that beat Cam Ward to the glove side. Kovalchuk then played to the crowd, going to a knee and rubbing the ice as the crowd chanted “Kovy, Kovy, Kovy” for the $100 million man they loved to boo when things were bad earlier this season.

Hedberg started his fourth straight game in place of Martin Brodeur, who is sidelined with a sprained right knee. He came up big to keep New Jersey ahead the rest of the period, stopping Jerome Samson twice in close and Erik Cole once.

The Swede also got a break when Eric Staal missed the net in the closing seconds of the period with a shot while all alone from between the circles.

Rolston and Elias gave the Devils a three-goal lead in the opening 1:59 of the final period. After Hedberg stopped a shot from the left circle by Joni Pitkanen, the Devils counterattacked. Defenseman Anssi Sammelin sent the puck in close by Elias. Ward made the save, but Rolston got the rebound between the circles and back-handed the puck into an open corner at 34:30. Elias hit Rolston on the back of his head, but Rolston had the puck in close by Elias. Ward made the save, but Rolston got the rebound between the circles and back-handed the puck into an open corner at 34:30. Elias hit Rolston on the back of his head, but Rolston had the puck in close.

Elias got his 14th of the season less than 90 seconds later, taking a cross-ice pass from Rolston at the Hurricanes blue line, skating around a defender and beating Ward with a backhander in close.

Hedberg's bid for his first shutout of the season ended at 8:17 when Therien gained control of the puck after a faceoff to the left of Hedberg, skated behind the net and found Samsonov for a tap-in from the crease.

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nent regional appearance in 42 years and nearly knocked off national power Texas in a 25-inning game that would have sent Boston College to its first super regional appearance in school history, but the Eagles fell short. Aoki and his staff will seek to revitalize the Irish, and thus far he believes the transition has been well-received.

"It seems to me that me and my staff have been well-received by the players, and I think they’ve done a good job thus far," Aoki said. "I think it’s been a pretty good transition for all of us. The administration has been very supportive, and the alumni as well as the people in the community I have met."

Senior shortstop and captain Mick Doyle echoed the coach’s sentiments, citing Aoki’s energy in practice.

"The biggest difference between Coach Aoki and Coach Schrage is coach’s energy in practice," he said. "It really helps get us up for practice."

Engineering the turnaround this season will be a balanced and young roster led by Doyle and fellow captain and starting pitcher Brian Dupra. Though Aoki has not finalized his starting lineup, he said that Doyle, sophomore second baseman Frank DeSico, fielder Charlie Markson, and freshman infielder Erik Jagliolo would likely see time in the starting nine. Aoki said his team will feature strong pitching and defense.

"Our strengths are going to be pitching and infield defense," he said. "We have some older pitchers who know how to throw strikes and execute a gameplan."

The coach added that in order for his team to achieve success this season, they would need to stay healthy. "Our only glaring weakness is depth. I’ve been saying to people that we can win 35-plus games, but if we suffer the wrong injury we could struggle to win 15. So hopefully the luck of the Irish is on our side with injuries."

The Irish begin their 2011 campaign this weekend in Florida, for three games in the Big East-Big Ten Baseball Challenge against Michigan State, Purdue, and Penn State. In a glimpse of the winning attitude he is bringing to the program, Aoki made his goals very simple for his first week-end at the helm of the Irish program.

"I want three wins," Aoki said. "These games count on our record. What I want out of the weekend are three wins."

The Irish play the Spartans at 4 p.m. Friday, Purdue Saturday at 4 p.m and Penn State at 10 a.m. Sunday.

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NCAA Men’s Basketball

Walker scores 31 points in win over Georgetown

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Kemba Walker had 31 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds in No. 13 Connecticut to a 78-70 victory over No. 9 Georgetown on Wednesday night, snapping the Hoyas’ eight-game winning streak in the Big East.

Jamil Coombs-McDaniel had 23 points in his second straight big game for the Huskies (20-5, 8-5 Big East), who lost three of their last five, including two at home.

Chris Wright had 19 points for the Hoyas (20-6, 9-5), who went on their winning streak after starting conference play 1-4.

Walker had a highlight reel full of fast breaks and drives to the basket, with the 6-foot-1 junior guard averaging 33.7 points and sometimes it seemed through bigger defenders.

Georgetown’s last lead was at 70-69 on a basket by Austin Freeman with 4:01 left. But that was the Hoyas’ last field goal of the game as the Huskies closed on a 9-0 run with Walker scoring the first three points of it.

The game was a matchup of the top two candidates for conference player of the year in Walker, who is second in the league in scoring at 22.8, and Freeman, who is third with an 18.5 average. This one went to Walker in a walkaway.

It wasn’t just the points Walker scored, it was how he scored them.

With 13 minutes to play, he was covered by 6-10 Henry Sims on a switch. Walker faked a move to get Sims to one side and threw the ball hard off the backboard, jumped into the lane ahead of everybody else, grabbed the rebound and tossed it in from about 4 feet to make it 53-46.

The sellout crowd of 16,294 at the XL Center was suddenly alive because of Walker and he didn’t let them down.

A minute later he drove through two defenders and flipped the ball in to give the Hoyas a 57-48 lead.

His third amazing move came with 8 minutes left, just after a technical foul was called against Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun.
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**MEN’S LACROSSE**

**Chasing a title**

Notre Dame looks to build on last year’s near title

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

Though the Irish have been eagerly awaiting their national championship rematch against Duke this weekend, the off-season provided the team with a chance to intensify their efforts for charity through the local community as well as through the Notre Dame student body.

Irish coach Kevin Corrigan initiated a mentoring program in which Notre Dame team members spent time with students at Marshall Middle School. Junior attacker Sean Rodgers said the team members served as role models for the students by spending quality time with them and developing trust in one another as friends.

"For the most part we dealt with kids who were often in trouble or lacked a male role model in their life,” Rodgers said.

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**SMC SWIMMING**

Belles hope for win at tournament

By KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

The Belles (1-5) will wrap up their season this weekend at the annual Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) championships, an event hosted by Jenison High School in Jenison, Mich.

Though the Belles have struggled this season, there have been bright spots. The team earned a victory against Alma on Jan. 29, their first dual meet win since Jan. 17, 2010, when the Saint Mary’s defeated Albion.

Junior Audrey Dalrymple and sophomore Emily Watson have also provided some impressive performances through the Belles’ nine meets.

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**MEN’S TENNIS**

Doubles teams continue to provide crucial victories for Irish

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The No. 25 Irish have earned all the available doubles points in each of their matches except one this season, something Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said has been and will continue to be key for their success this season.

“Of our doubles teams, I think some of the other teams have become more comfortable with us, and we’ve been able to take advantage of that,” Bayliss said. “We know that we’re good, but we’ve been able to make it a longer match and be able to stay with them.”

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

Belles win in Pink Zone event

By MATTHEW DEFRANKS
Sports Writer

Pink must be their color. The Belles won this year’s Pink Zone game against Adrian, 73-52.

Saint Mary’s, outfitted in everything from pink shoelaces to pink headbands, pulled away in the second half on the strength of a 25-5 run. The run opened the Belles’ lead up to 24 points.

“We had to do a better job in the second half of boxing out. I wasn’t too happy with our rebounding in the first half,” Belles coach Jenn Henley said. “We just picked up the intensity and got stops.”

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**BASEBALL**

New season begins with Aoki at the helm

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

Throughout his playing and coaching career, new Irish head coach Mik Aoki has found himself at strong institutions, including Davidson, Boston College and Columbia.

But when Notre Dame came calling in the offseason and asked Aoki to replace former head coach Dave Schrage, the new Irish skipper could not turn the offer down.

“When you look at Notre Dame, it’s a place that’s capable of attracting great kids,” Aoki said. “It has a niche, being the premier Catholic institution, and it has one of the strongest academic traditions in not only the United States but the world, in addition to having a great athletic tradition, including one in baseball.”

Aoki takes the reins of a program that has been mired in a down period after a run of success in the early to mid-2000’s. In 2010, Schrage’s final season, the Irish went 22-32 and failed to make the Big East tournament. Aoki was hired to replace Schrage after building up the Boston College program during his four-year tenure as head coach. In 2009, the Eagles made their first NCAA tourna-

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