ND releases statement on assault

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame released a statement Thursday in which it said it thoroughly investigates every sexual misconduct allegation, adheres to student privacy laws and does not tolerate sexual misconduct in response to complaints directed at the University.

"Sexual misconduct is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at Notre Dame," the statement said. "The unfortunate reality is that sexual misconduct is a serious issue at colleges and universities across the country, and we are not immune."

The Chicago Tribune reported Thursday that Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) delayed the investigation of a sexual assault allegation that a Saint Mary's College student filed in September against a male Notre Dame student. The Tribune cited the student and her family's disappointment with the University in its investigation.

The Tribune also compared the case to that of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Seeberg, a Saint Mary's student who committed suicide in September against a male Notre Dame student. The Tribune cited the student and her family's disappointment with the University's investigation.

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McCormick wins in run-off

Junior Pat McCormick and sophomore Brett Rocheleau won the election for student body president and vice president after capturing 64 percent of the vote in Thursday's runoff, Judicial Council president Marcelo Perez said.

McCormick and Rocheleau defeated junior James Ward and freshman Heather Eaton in the runoff election.

"It was a very normal turnout, with just a little over 3,000 students voting," Perez said. "No more or no less than usual."

McCormick, who currently serves as the chair of the Senate Social Concerns Committee, said he looks forward to working toward a smooth transition with current student body president Catherine Soler and vice president Andrew Bell.

"We want to build on the extraordinary foundation their leadership has built for student government," he said.

The ticket's top priority is going to be trying to connect to students in all areas of their life, McCormick said.

"We want to try to transform student government as a way of amplifying students' voices and responding to issues that students care about," he said. "It is our hope that we can build a student government that allows students to chart their own course for the future of Notre Dame."

McCormick said they hope to make student government more about students by creating a committee for constituent services.

"Ultimately, moral conscience is at the core of all of our ideas," he said. Rocheleau, who was out of town when the polls closed at 8 p.m., received the results of the election via Skype.

"I'm very excited and I wish I was there," he said. "We're both looking forward to a great year."

Ward and Eaton received 35.9 percent of the vote in the runoff. Eaton said the ticket was excited to have made it to this point in the election.

"It's definitely something to cross off the bucket list," Eaton said. "I just want to thank everyone who has...

Robinson Center celebrates 10th anniversary

By AMANDA GRAY

News Writer

A little more than 10 years ago, Margarette Taylor walked into the building on S. Eddy Street that would become the Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC), without knowing how the facility would become an integral part of the neighborhood.

"We stood here trying to figure out what we were supposed to do," said Taylor, the associate director for Adult Programs. "It has grown into a great place."

The RCLC serves as a community resource for the people of South Bend, specifically the Northeast Neighborhood. Taylor said it began as an off-campus educational initiative created in partnership between Notre Dame and the Neighborhood.

"The RCLC offers everything from afterschool tutoring for children in grade school to computer classes for the elderly to telephone service for a resident to use," Taylor said. "They also hold community meetings there, with residents and other background coming together to give input."

It’s a safe, neutral place," Taylor said. "Everyone has the right to talk."

According to the 2009-2010 RCLC's report, more than 16,200 guests signed into the RCLC during the year. Jennifer Knapp Beaudert, the manager of the RCLC, said the RCLC program reaches an additional 3,000 people outside of the building with programs in South Bend community schools.

"The foundation of everything we do is relationships," Beaudert said. "Our new slogan is..."
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OFFBEAT

Man acquitted due to crazy hair style

PHOENIX — Henry Morello has a wild hair that has helped him beat a robbery rap.

The evidence against Timothy Corbett included surveillance footage and an eyewitness account, but his defense was that his stiff hair didn’t match the tousled appearance of the man in the video. The Bucks County jury agreed Wednesday, finding him not guilty of charges including robbery and terrorist threats.

Defense attorney Louis Russo testified on his client’s hair during closing arguments, telling the jury that if he couldn’t move it there was no way Corbett was the man with the mussed locks in the video. Corbett had been charged with robbing the Bensalem convenience store on April 24.

Assistant District Attorney Christopher Rees says prosecutors believed the evidence was solid but the jury found there was reasonable doubt.

Elderly man survives 5 day stay in desert

Elderly man survives 5 day stay in desert. Morello said he made a wrong turn while driving home.

He ripped a chrome piece of a stop light out of his car and put it on the roof, hoping some one would see the reflection.

A pack of hikers found him Saturday morning and his long, painful ordeal was over.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Jeff Hollender, the co-founder and former President and CEO of Seventh Generation will be giving a talk today in the Ten Years Hence Lecture Series. The lecture will be held in Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business. The lecture starts at 10:40 a.m. The event is free and open to faculty, staff and students.

The 10th Anniversary of the Robinson Community Learning Center is being celebrated tonight. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. and will be held at the Center. University President Rev. John Jenkins C.S.C, Rev. Edward A. “Malky” Malloy C.S.C. and U.S. Rep. Joe Donnelly will be in attendance.

Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. the original Mel Brooks film “The Producers” will be shown in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The film tells the story of two producers trying to make a hit out of the musical “Springtime for Hitler,” except nothing goes as they planned. The show costs $3 to $6.

Quentin Tarantino’s debut, “Reservoir Dogs” will be shown Saturday night in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The film starts at 11:55 p.m. and costs $3 to $6.

Sunday, John Chappell Stowe will be giving a concert of organ music in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. He will be performing a newly restored Baroque organ built in 1680. The concert starts at 2:30 p.m. and costs between $5 to $15.

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

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Course innovates with Wii

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

Notre Dame’s Department of Computer Science and Engineering prides itself on keeping pace with the fast-moving technological world. Only recently, however, has the department branched out into the world of video games.

Professor Aaron Striegel currently teaches a course in which students create software designed for the Nintendo Wii. The program, “WillHab,” is intended to assist stroke victims in the rehabilitation process.

Striegel said the use of video games in the classroom is an aim to generate an innovative learning experience.

“The idea for this course came about from a freshman engineering class,” he said. “Wanting to make the class more interesting, the class decided they wanted to use the WiiMote, a nickname given to the remote used with the Wii, to come up with creative exercises for engineering labs.”

Striegel’s idea to make class more interesting swiftly developed into a full-scale course. He said originally the course was to handle rehabilitation was a side project of the class, but the class decided to become more involved with the subject.

“After putting our heads together, we decided to work with South Bend’s Memorial Hospital’s stroke rehab patients on their balance,” Striegel said. Graduate student Anne Martin, who was involved in the creation of WillHab, said the program is helpful for stroke patients in the rehabilitation process.

“I used a computer program to design a computer screen of where the center of balance was for the Wii Balance Board,” she said. “The patient can then stand on the board, and the Wii will be able to inform them instantly of their balance percentage.”

Martin said the instantaneous results are beneficial for stroke rehabilitation patients.

“WillHab gives more information to stroke therapists than ever before,” she said. “Having an objective piece of technology like WillHab allows the therapist to give live information to their patient to tell them how much progress they are making.”

Striegel said developing WillHab is an ongoing process.

“We are continuing to research the impact the software has on its patients,” he said.

Striegel said this continued research involves a wide variety of academic interests.

“We are always looking for students who would be interested in helping with the research,” Striegel said. “Whether they are pre-med, computer science or engineering majors, we would love to have you on board.”

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Students learn from designer Cole in NY

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

High fashion encountered high education two weeks ago in New York City, when a group of Notre Dame students met fashion mavens Kenneth Cole to receive a project assignment for Advanced Product Research, an industrial design course at Notre Dame.

Professor Ann-Marie Conrado said the class, which is offered to junior and senior industrial design students, is meant to present real-world challenges on projects co-developed and monitored by an outside corporate manufacturer. Kenneth Cole Productions and its exclusive luggage manufacturer, Heritage Travelware, are the sponsors for this spring’s course, she said.

Conrado said students will investigate how luggage usage and needs have changed since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. They will respond to these changes with design concepts.

“Basically we are going to adjust the luggage and come up with new and different ways to incorporate (Cole’s) style,” Conrado said.

Ryan Geraghty said senior John Traub said the students are getting coming up with profiles of who they believe a Kenneth Cole client is.

“By coming up with a person who will use this luggage, it gives you a sense of who you are designing for,” he said. “Very rarely do you design for your self.”

Notre Dame MBA students Brent Schavitz and Byron Kern will advise the class throughout the process.

“We are really acting as advisors to the design business perspective,” Schavitz said.

“Having your own store is an excellent way to show your creativity,” Traub said. “It was nice to see the vision transition from studio to store.”

During a presentation on the project, Cole made a surprise visit to the classroom.

“I told us to keep his style in mind and the products that he designs, as well as others, when we are coming up with ideas,” Geraghty said.

Maddox said Cole’s favorite part was Cole describing how he got started in the industry.

“He tried to sell shoes in Times Square, but he was told to stop,” she said. “The only people that were allowed to operate in Times Square are film crews, so he made a documentary about selling women’s shoes and renamed his company Kenneth Cole Productions.”

Designs will be reviewed at the end of the semester, and the winning design will be prototyped in China. Geraghty said all the students are excited about the fact their design could be manufactured.

“This isn’t all conceptual,” he said. “It’s going to be the real thing. It’s going to be made. That’s just really cool.”

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Students help file tax returns

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

Beginning Feb. 12 and running through April 18, Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students will provide free income tax return preparation to low-income and disabled taxpayers in the South Bend Community through Notre Dame’s Vivian Harrington Gray Tax Assistance Program (TAP).

The program has run annually since it was founded in 1972 by Ken Milani. This year, Milani stepped down and Ed Hums, M ’n d o ’z, a Professor of Accounting, took the reins.

“Milani took over a small struggling program and over time built it into a program that last year did over $3800 tax returns for people in town and on campus,” Hums said.

“The TAP now involves more than 90 student volunteers as well as several faculty members and local accountants who staff nine area service centers, Hums said.

“We target people of modest means so in other words tax payers with incomes less than $40,000 which is approximately the average income in St. Joe’s County,” he said. “We will do free federal and state returns for these individuals.”

Hums said the program also provides tax return assistance to international members of Notre Dame’s community.

“In addition we will have a number of students who will work on campus with our international students to do tax returns for the international students and other members of the international community to assure that the proper returns are filed with the state and federal government,” he said.

“That is it also in compliance with their immigration status.”

When Milani started the program, his aim was to give back to the community and this remains TAP’s primary goal, Hums said.

“It’s a community service. I think number one when Milani started the program he wanted it to be this. Ken is a very giving and caring person that realized that a lot of how you got to where you are comes from folks of modest means,” Hums said.

Although Hums is new to directing the program this year, he has worked with Milani on TAP for the past two years. He also had Milani as a professor back in 1973.

“I’m in the process of taking over and it’s the same situation for myself. It’s an opportunity for us to give back to the community because they did a lot for each of us,” Hums said.

Hums said the program aims to bring Notre Dame and the South Bend community together.

“I always remind our students that students do not meet or know people in the South Bend community, and people in the South Bend community do not meet and know Notre Dame students,” he said.

“This is one of the areas that I think the program allows us to come together and break down those barriers.”

Ed Hums
Mendoza professor of accounting

Sophomore discovers love for announcing

By ALCYIA SMITH
Assistant Saint Mary’s Editor

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College to host ‘Encounter Retreat’

By SUSAN HEAD
News Writer

This weekend, 18 Saint Mary’s students will participate in the fourth annual student-run Encounter Retreat. The event, sponsored by Campus Ministries, will be held at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan from Friday afternoon until Saturday evening.

The Encounter Retreat is a once-a-year event for Saint Mary’s that focuses on students developing personal relationships with Christ. Students also learn to think about the ways they encounter Christ in their lives.

The retreat involves a series of six different workshops concerning different aspects of faith and relationships. Student leaders deliver all of the talks.

“Students enjoy getting to know God through other people,” Campus Ministry Assistant Director Regina Wilson said.

The workshops begin with the Encounter Retreat from other retreats. Every year, student leaders put a lot of thought and effort into their speeches. Students often apply creative techniques in their lessons including the use of music to establish and support a message.

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The weekend will begin with a talk on how the scriptures might first come to understanding themselves and will conclude on Saturday with a talk titled “Beyond the Encounter,” at which time attendees will be invited to learn how to be Christ-like to others. Throughout the weekend, attendees will also be encouraged to share personal stories of how Christ has impacted their lives. The retreat will end with a Mass at the retreat center.

In the past, students have found the retreat rewarding, giving positive feedback, and Wilson said this year’s retreat will prove to have similar results.

“We encourage our retreat participants to find something which consider friendship or faith and often find that very gratifying.” Wilson said. “The goal of the retreat is that students will learn that they can share their stories with Christ have consequences.”

The retreat also promises community-building events including games and various activities. “We hope the weekend will bring all in attendance closer not only with Christ, but also with each other,” said Wilson.

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gan is ‘A decade of changing lives, one relationship at a time. It’s all about relationships.’

During the morning and early afternoon, adults participate in activities ranging from attending classes to working in bookstores and computer clubs. After 3 p.m., the rooms transform, bringing in a crowd of young children and college tutors from Notre Dame. O’Hearn’s, among other volunteers.

Notre Dame's more Linda Scheiber is one of the tutors, and she helps seventh-grader Joy Bromberg.

“I’ve been here a year,” Scheiber said. “We help with pretty much anything, math and reading the most.”

Brom, who has attended RCLC when she was a little girl, and she recently came back to get some help with homework.

(Read from tutoring is good,” Brown said. “I enjoy being here.”

Senior Jordan Harrington, a tutor, has helped seventh-grader Paul Ferguson for three years.

“My roommate wanted me to help her with her homework with help. Harrington said. “It was fun and I kept coming.”

Ferguson said it has been very gratifying for the help.

“Sofia didn’t have tutoring, I probably wouldn’t be getting my homework done,” he said.

Beudert said around 300 college student volunteers help each semester, with around 130 in both after-school tutoring and the Take Ten program, an initiative going to local schools to teach students violence prevention and conflict resolution. Others help in English and S E C O N D L A N G U A G E (ESL) courses and adult programming.

Dr. Jim Frabutt, who serves on the R C L C A d v i s o r B o a r d, said the RCLC emerged out of a plan to find a way to have better relations with the community.

“It’s a neat success story for Notre Dame and the Northeast Neighborhood,” he said. “It’s a great start, a great foot hold. It’s one of the biggest assets Notre Dame has in terms of relations with the community. It serves as a great example of how these partnerships work.”

Frabutt said the RCLC touches everyone, no matter what age, because of the community it fosters.

“That’s why this place has a 360-degree perspective. It touches the lives of college students, faculty and local students. Taylor said the way the RCLC was designed was instrumental in its community feel. Through community meetings during the month before it opened, residents had a large input of what they wanted the building to be.

“It’s not what we want it to be,” Taylor said. “It’s what the community wants it to be.”

Tonight, the community is invited to an open house to kick off Feb. 13 to celebrate the anniversary.

“From my experience, it depends on what dorm you work in and a lot on the rector and the relationship that they have with the students,” Carter said. “I’ve seen that the rectors active with their students rub off on them and the staff.”

Carter said being outgoing is key to forming relationships with residents.

“Sometimes you guys are busy, back and forth to class, and if you just make the effort to say good morning that breaks the ice,” she said.

Senior Sorin resident Dennis Malloy said the cleaning staff deals with difficult issues because of the college environment.

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Residents of Farley Hall signed this poster in the building's basement as a demonstration of thanks to its custodial staff.

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ly get to know about them, their parents, boyfriends and issues with classes.

Working between dorms has allowed Carter to observe what factors contribute to these relationships.

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Despite this, he said the staff continues to be friendly and open to conversation.

“I love Senija because she’s always here for us. For four years, I’ve never heard her with one complaint and she’s always very happy to see us — even weekend mornings, even days she had to come through the snow to get here,” Malloy said. “And she’s doing it every day.”

Begic said during the seven years she has worked in Sorin, the men have come to respect her like a mother.

“I teach them a lot and they teach me a lot,” she said. Lacing her fingers together above her heart, she continued, “Here, my heart is so big. I feel at home.”

Begic said she often hears from men who have graduated. Similarly, Carter said she receives cards from some of the women she knew as students.

“After graduation, they write to let me know how they’re doing. It really means a lot to me,” Carter said. “Working in a place where you know these people makes a huge difference.”

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Fr. John Jenkins has said the investigation had integrity.

“We regard that some are critical of our handling of sexual misconduct allegations, and we understand the pain those families are experiencing,” Notre Dame’s Thursday statement said. “At the same time, we stand behind the thoroughness, integrity and objectivity of our investigations, as well as the services available to students who are subjected to sexual misconduct.”

NDSP works with the St. Joseph County Prosecutor’s Office, Special Victims Unit and other area districts throughout sexual misconduct investigations, according to the statement.

Notre Dame takes very seriously its obligation to thoroughly investigate every allegation of sexual misconduct, particularly in the case of students and the sensitivity of these cases,” the statement said.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said the University is working with the U.S. Department of Education to review its policies on sexual misconduct.

“We’re working with the department on an overall review of the policies,” he said. “This review is unrelated to any specific case.”

The University does not release information about investigations, according to the statement, because it follows the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which protects students’ education records, grades and disciplinary history.

“However, beyond the limitations imposed by FERPA, it is Notre Dame’s long-held belief and policy that our students deserve certain degrees of privacy as part of the educational process, and we have stood by that principle, even in the face of the criticism that might invite,” the statement said.

According to the statement, sexual misconduct cases are particularly complicated on college campuses, when the students involved are usually acquaintances and alcohol is often a factor.

“The University works tirelessly to combat sexual misconduct — holding students to the highest of behavioral standards, providing victims and survivors with resources they need, offering an array of education and prevention programs and promoting an environment of respect that honors the human dignity of each person,” the statement said.

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Congress debates spending

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a deepening struggle over spending, Republicans and Democrats swapped charges Thursday over a possible government shutdown when money runs out March 4 for most federal agencies.

“Read my lips. We’re going to cut spending,” declared House Speaker John Boehner. He pledged that the GOP-controlled House would refuse to approve even a short-term measure at current funding levels to keep the government operating.

The Ohio Republican prefaced his remarks by accusing Democrats of risking a shutdown “rather than to cut spending and to follow the will of the American people.”

But moments later, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., retorted that Boehner was resorting “to threats of a shut-down without any negotiation.” Officials added that Democrats would seek a short-term bill with out any cut in spending levels, a position sharply at odds with Boehner’s.

The sparring occurred as the House labored to complete work on veto-threatened legislation to cut more than $63 billion from the budget year that’s more than a third over. That bill also would provide funding to keep the government operating until Sept. 30.

Working through dozens of amendments, the House voted 244-181 in early evening to block the FCS from implementing “network neutrality” regulations. The rules prohibit phone and cable companies from discriminating against Internet content and services, including online calling and Web video services that may compete with their core operations.

With that one bill at the center of a political dispute — the House repeatedly worked past midnight on the legislation this week — Boehner chose the moment to open a second front. To underscore the budget-cutting commitment by the 87 conservative new members of his rank and file, he announced that Republicans would move quickly this spring on companion legislation to cut “wasteful mandatory spending” by the federal government.

He provided no details, but party officials said they expected the effort to begin shortly after the House returns from next week’s recess.

The current legislation is sweeping in scope, containing cuts to literally hundreds of domestic programs, from education to environmental protection, nutrition and parks.

In addition, it has become a target for first-term conservative Republicans eager to demonstrate their budget-cutting bona fides and for other lawmakers hoping to change the course of government in ways large or small.

Republicans led the way on a 250-177 vote to stop the Environmental Protection Agency from imposing limits on mercury pollution from cement factories. Supporters said the new rules would send American jobs overseas, where air quality standards are more lax or non-existent.

Democrats supported the measure 196-242.

“People are worried about their job security and the EPA’s new rules are a threat to that security,” said Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., who voted for the measure.

Publishing industry reels after Borders fall

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Whether or not Borders survives closing some 200 stores, the “superstore” boom of the past two decades has busted, authors and publishers face a market minus millions of square feet of physical shelf space and communities once crowded with booksellers may find themselves with none.

“The Borders’ failure will cause a lot of publishers to realize they can’t just count on a few giant editors to hand them the hits,” said Simba Information senior trade analyst Michael Norris.

Borders, the second largest chain behind Barnes & Noble, Inc., filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Thursday, and will close nearly a third of its 642 stores, from San Francisco to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. About 6,000 of the company’s 19,500 employees will lose their jobs.

Borders owes millions of dollars to publishers, who must decide whether to continue doing business with a bookseller that has been unable to pay its bills.

“Penguin hopes that Borders will emerge from this process as a smaller but stronger book retailer, and will work closely with Borders management to support this transition,” Penguin Group (USA), which is owed $41.1 million, said in a statement.

“Penguin has been following developments at Borders very closely for many months and has taken appropriate steps to mitigate the financial impact of the company’s bankruptcy on Penguin.”

Borders’ bankruptcy should accelerate at least a few trends: E-books now are an estimated 10 percent of the market, 10 times the share of three years ago, and readers no longer close to a Borders may instead download a book or buy a physical one online; author book tours will continue to evolve, as more events — if held at all — will take place at libraries, lecture halls and other settings outside a store, and the era when Barnes & Noble and Borders opened massive stores within driving, or even walking distance of each other, is truly over.

Based in Ann Arbor, Mich., a college town, Borders Group Inc. began as a college book store. A legible underdog, grew into a powerhouse that helped shut down many independent sellers and now must compete in a tight, increasingly online economy, in an ever-hurried world.

Publishers are skeptical that Borders can rebound. In fact, very much wish it would. Although earnings have dropped sharply in recent years, Borders boasts a billion-dollar entity which can make a book a hit. Superstores have a reputation for mechanically favoring commercial releases, but Borders has long had an affinity for literary fiction, especially paperbacks. In recent years, Chris Offay’s “Little Bee” and David Benioff’s “City of Thieves” are among the books publishers credit Borders with helping to make best-sellers.


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FATHER OF MUSIC GROUP MEMBERS PLEADS GUILTY

Associated Press

The disfavored father of The 5 Browns musical group pleaded guilty Thursday to sexual abuse of his children when they were young and to a traffic accident in which his Porsche plunged into a canyon, injuring his family and a bystander.

Keith Brown, left, and attorney Steven Shapiro stand at his hearing in Provo, Utah, on Feb. 17.

Brown, 32, Deondra, 30, and Melody, 23, are the children of the R&B group that has been profiled by "60 Minutes." Brown said he was sorry for what he did.

Brown was charged with attacking his children and lying to police that he was in another car when his sports car plunged 300 feet into a canyon, killing a woman who was riding with him.

Brown appeared in court with his family and attorney Steven Shapiro, who declined to answer questions for what he has put his family through, saying, "He is terribly remorseful about what he has done and what he has put his family through, especially his wife and his sister-in-law by his side. He has been prepared for this day."

Brown pleaded guilty to three felony counts in December that his Porsche plunged into a canyon, killing a passenger and badly injuring his family.

Kimball Thomson, a spokesman for The 5 Browns musical group, said the family was pleased with the agreement that has been reached in this case.

None of the women were in court on Thursday, but in a statement issued to The AP late Thursday, Kimball said the sisters were satisfied with the plea agreement.

"The women were motivated to approach law enforcement out of concern for the welfare and protection of other young women and girls. All three sisters are at peace with the agreement that has been reached in this case," Kimball said in the statement. "While clearly the current events surrounding the family are painful, the sisters were well prepared for this day, and are relieved and grateful to close this chapter in their lives."

Kimball said the Brown sisters appreciate the respect and cooperation shown by police and prosecutors, who sought their input at each stage of the case. He said none of the Brown sisters want to talk publicly about the case.

Thomson acknowledged the Brown children severed their professional relationship with Keith Brown in October of 2008. He was once the manager of The 5 Browns but now has no connection, Thomson said.

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Brown agreed.

Brown's three daughters and two sons are part of the classical piano group The 5 Browns, whose albums have topped the classical music charts and who have appeared on "Oprah" and other shows. The group also has been profiled by "60 Minutes."

Brown did not speak further during the hearing and declined to answer questions from reporters afterward. He remained free until his sentencing on March 31, after prosecutors said they do not consider him a threat.

Brown chose to enter the plea to bring a quick resolution to the case and not to "exacerbate the harm" by draggin out the proceedings, Shapiro said.

Utah County prosecutors charged Brown with one first-degree felony count of sodomy on a child and two second-degree felony counts of sexual abuse of a child.

He could face a sentence of up to life in prison on the first-degree felony and up to 15 years each on the second-degree felonies. Under the plea deal with prosecutors, he will serve at least a decade in prison.

The records filed Feb. 10 in the abuse case don't identify any victims by name or indicate the relationship between Keith Brown and the alleged victims.

Kimball said the seventh in the nation to grant virtually the same rights of marriage to same-sex couples without authorizing marriage itself.

The culturally diverse islands — with their swaying palm trees, picturesque sunsets and wind-swept sands — are already a welcoming place for gay tourists, including some who seek formal partnership ceremonies.

With civil unions, those ceremonies would come with a certificate that's valid in other states and out authorizing marriage itself.

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However, Kimball Thomson, a spokesman for The 5 Browns, said the charges involve Brown's daughters and got against their will.

32, Deondra, 30, and Melody, 26. He declined to release further information on the women.

The Associated Press does not generally identify people who say they were sexually abused, but the Brown women have chosen to be identified and are cooperating with police, Thomson said.

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"A traditional wedding would tend to be marriage. The untraditional wedding would tend to be on the beach in paradise. That's one of the strong advantages of Hawaii," said the Rev. Mike John Hough of Kualani Island Weddings, who expects the number of ceremonies he performs to increase between 10 percent and 20 percent.

When the Hawaii Senate voted 18-5 to pass civil unions Wednesday, it sought to end nearly 20 years of thousands-strong rallies, election battles and passionate public testimony that have divided the Rainbow State.

Voters overwhelming passed the nation's first "defense of marriage" constitutional amendment in 1998 in response to a state Supreme Court decision five years earlier that nearly made Hawaii the first state to legalize gay marriage.

The amendment resulted in a law banning gay marriage in Hawaii but left the door open for civil unions.

Since then, 29 other states also have enacted defense of marriage amendments.

Opponents of civil unions say the partnerships could lead to same-sex marriage, likely through a court challenge based on the argument that gay couples aren't truly being treated equally equally if they're allowed to be married.

Their fears may have grown when the Senate confirmed the state's first openly gay Supreme Court Justice, Mark McKenna, immediately before the civil unions vote.

McKenna pledged to be fair in her future rulings.

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Lawmakers debate unions

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Faced with a near-certain Republican victory that would end a half-century of collective bargaining for public workers, Wisconsin Democrats retaliated with the only weapon they had left: They fled.

Fourteen Democratic lawmakers disappeared from the Capitol on Thursday, just as the Senate was about to begin debating the measure aimed at easing the state’s budget crunch.

By refusing to show up for a vote, the group brought the debate to a swift halt and hoped to pressure Republicans to the negotiating table.

“The plan is to try and slow this down because it’s an extreme piece of legislation that’s tearing this state apart,” Sen. Jon Erpenbach said.

The move drew cheers from tens of thousands of protesters — teachers, prison guards and others targeted by the proposal — who filled the Statehouse during the past three days.

Republican Gov. Scott Walker, who took office just last month, said Democrats could have come back in a day or two, after anything else,” Walker said, predicting the past three days.

Erpenbach said the group had been in Rockford, Ill., but they dispersed by late afternoon.

In response to a question of where she was, Sen. Lena Taylor sent a tweet saying she was “doing the people’s business. Power to the PEOPLE.”

Sen. Tim Cullen of Janesville said he was back in Wisconsin by Thursday night, but he did not expect Democrats to return to take up the bill until Saturday.

As Republicans tried to begin Senate business around midday, observers in the gallery screamed, “Freedom! Democracy! Union!” Opponents cheered when a legislative leader announced there were not enough senators present to proceed.

The sergeant-at-arms immediately began looking for the missing lawmakers. If authorized, he can seek help from police.

Senate rules and the state constitution say absent members can be compelled to appear, but it does not say how.

“Today they checked out, and I’m not sure where they’re at,” Republican Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald said.

“This is the ultimate shutdown, what we’re seeing today.”

The Senate planned to try again Friday to convene. It was unclear when the state Assembly would conduct any business.

Elsewhere, some Democrats applauded the developments in Wisconsin as a long-awaited sign that their party was fighting back against the Republican wave created by November’s midterm election.

“I am glad to see some Democrats, for a change, with a backbone. I’m really proud to hear that they did that,” said Democratic state Sen. Judy Eaton-McIntyre of Oklahoma, another state where Republicans won the governorship in November and also control both legislative chambers.

Across the Wisconsin Statehouse, Democrats showed up in the Assembly chamber wearing orange T-shirts that proclaimed their support for working families.

After a routine roll call, they exchanged high-fives with protesters, who chanted “thank you” as the Democrats walked by. Protesters unleashed venomous boos and screams at Republicans.

Thursday’s events were reminiscent of a 2003 dispute in Texas, when Democrats fled the state to prevent adoption of a redistributing bill designed to give Republicans more seats in Congress. The bill passed a few months later.

Feds outline Grand Canyon mining plan

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The U.S. Department of Interior has outlined four proposals to address mining around the Grand Canyon, including one that would ban new claims on 1 million acres for 20 years.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar temporarily blocked new claims on the same land in 2009 while the department studied whether to set aside the acreage for a longer period.

“This process will help make a decision that recognizes the need for wise development of our energy resources, the importance of healthy lands and waters, and the voices of local communities, tribes, states and stakeholders,” Salazar said Thursday.

More than 85,500 comments were considered in forming the alternatives, which include taking no action, setting aside the 1 million acres, and partially withdrawing either 300,000 or 650,000 acres from any new claims. The alternative that involves setting aside 1 million acres is identified as the “proposed action” in a draft environmental study obtained by The Associated Press ahead of its scheduled Friday release. But Interior officials said they don’t prefer one proposal over the others.

As many as 10,000 mining claims exist on federal land near the Grand Canyon for all types of hard-rock exploration. Some 1,100 uranium mining claims are miles from the park’s boundaries.

Should any of the land be withdrawn, mining companies would need to prove they have valid existing rights to those claims before mining could occur. Only one company actively is mining in the area.

Anywhere from 11 to 30 mines could be developed, according to the draft environmental study done by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Arizona Congressman Raul Grijalva had advocated for a permanent withdrawal from new mining claims, but that was eliminated as a consideration in the study because the Interior secretary does not have the ability to segregate land for more than 20 years or more than 5,000 acres. Congress would be the appropriate venue for such action, the BLM said.

Grijalva said Congress is unlikely to act on the issue.

“We would have wanted a withdrawal in perpetuity, not just 20 years (for) all those obvious points,” he said in an interview. “We still have some concerns about the exploratory efforts going on in the region.”

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I've got a hoot with magazine advertisements. My best friend got me a subscription to Vanity Fair last week, and wow was it huge! It took up all the space in my box, nearly an inch thick with glossy pages, bright pictures and sure-to-be-scandalous articles. I popped open my box, and there it was, deciding to head to the Rock and read while I worked out. I grabbed Cosmo, too, because the Les Miserables issue was sitting unread on my desk. I didn't have any more time to myself, and opened them up during my warm up. Starting with Cosmo, it took me 12 pages of advertisements before I hit the Contents page. Twelve! Flipping through the pages, I couldn't help noticing how intrusive these ads were. The ads weren't just traditional pages — a cardboard insert page had foundation samples in every skin tone and perfume samples overpowering everything else poked out between the skanky articles. (You know that's all anyone reads in Cosmo, don't you?)

After powering through Cosmo in 20 minutes, I switched to Vanity Fair. I was so excited, hoping this super-thick edition would be enough reading material left to get me through my workout. I should have stuck with Cosmo. The Contents page was on page 48. The second page of the Contents page was on page 62. Honestly, I don't mind flipping through ten or so pages of ads. I like looking at the new styles just as much as the next girl, and the " haute couture ads" adjectives magazines like Vanity Fair are always visually interesting. Those are close of the anorak to tail fashion sense. However, 48 pages of ads are not necessary at all. I know the journalism industry is fading quickly, but is it that bad? So much for expectations. I wanted page after page of Vanity Fair writing, which is known in the industry as the "magazine industry" as one of the most influential in my field. Don't believe me? Check out the January issue — the Johnny Depp feature! There. Don't believe me? Check out the Contents page. Twelve! Flipping through the issue, I couldn't help not noticing how intrusive these ads were. The ads weren't just traditional pages — a cardboard insert page had foundation samples in every skin tone and perfume samples overpowering everything else poked out between the skanky articles. (You know that's all anyone reads in Cosmo, don't you?)

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Regardless of the challenges and imperfections of these alternatives, each proposal would have made at least some impact on the results of Monday's election, and something the Election Committee's final decision completely and utterly failed to do. In considering and critiquing our proposed alternatives, we could debate, work together, and come up with something other than a "do-over" election. The election process is the initial election results until the violation had been handled, but given the nature of the violation, the parties involved and, finally, the results of the Monday's election, how can a rational, effective decision be made and sanctioned without an attempt to consider how the violation may have affected the voting? Given the narrow gap between the Ward-Eaton and Soler-LeStrange tickets in the initial election (seven votes), and the fact that the violation stemmed from Ward's criticism of a student government leader, the possibility that the violation was the difference in determining which ticket would win the election is high. The sizable margin between the tickets in the initial election (23 percent to 22 percent), and the fact that the student body strongly made clear its choice for student government leadership.

Some might argue that the election of McCormick and Rocheleau renders irrelevant any discussion of the violation and sanction. Instead, we urge next year's student leaders to remember the results of Monday's election — something the Election Committee did not, in all likelihood, change. The Observer's Editorial Board acknowledges the difficulties the Election Committee must have faced in handling the allegation, and understands some of the complexities that may have been inherent to alternative solutions. Other solutions such as eliminating the Ward-Eaton ticket from consideration altogether, or calling for a "do-over" election, which would allow the Soler-LeStrange ticket to proceed to a three-way runoff. While the Observer's Editorial Board acknowledges the difficulties the Election Committee must have faced in handling the allegation, and understands some of the complexities that may have been inherent to alternative solutions. Other solutions such as eliminating the Ward-Eaton ticket from consideration altogether, or calling for a "do-over" election, which would allow the Soler-LeStrange ticket to proceed to a three-way runoff.

Based on what appears to be your own self-assuredness and apparent wisdom on related matters ("Acting for love," Feb. 16), I feel I owe you an explanation of what I feel like is a self-identifying homosexual. It is precisely because of this that I strongly disagree with your statements on "holding hands, carousing, kissing..." and the assumption that I am engaged in some practical restrictions is one thing. To then say that another behavior not ordered towards marriage or its discernment is aimless. How shall straight persons at Notre Dame develop meaningful romantic relationships if the immediacy of questions concerning marriage and its discernment take precedence over all other forms of casual dating? Such a disjunctive conception of sexual behavior supports a monochromatic attitude toward dating that may actually contribute to the "hook-up" culture you stand so strongly against. Additionally, I am aware of official Catholic teaching on homosexuality. To be concise about a complex issue, I disagree. The argument that one may be gifted a sexuality without which one might not be engaged in some practical restrictions is one thing. To then say that another behavior not ordered towards marriage or its discernment is aimless. How shall straight persons at Notre Dame develop meaningful romantic relationships if the immediacy of questions concerning marriage and its discernment take precedence over all other forms of casual dating? Such a disjunctive conception of sexual behavior supports a monochromatic attitude toward dating that may actually contribute to the "hook-up" culture you stand so strongly against. Additionally, I am aware of official Catholic teaching on homosexuality. To be concise about a complex issue, I disagree. The argument that one may be gifted a sexuality without which one might not be engaged in some practical restrictions is one thing. To then say that another behavior not ordered towards marriage or its discernment is aimless. How shall straight persons at Notre Dame develop meaningful romantic relationships if the immediacy of questions concerning marriage and its discernment take precedence over all other forms of casual dating? Such a disjunctive conception of sexual behavior supports a monochromatic attitude toward dating that may actually contribute to the "hook-up" culture you stand so strongly against. Additionally, I am aware of official Catholic teaching on homosexuality. To be concise about a complex issue, I disagree. The argument that one may be gifted a sexuality without which one might not be engaged in some practical restrictions is one thing. To then say that another behavior not ordered towards marriage or its discernment is aimless. How shall straight persons at Notre Dame develop meaningful romantic relationships if the immediacy of questions concerning marriage and its discernment take precedence over all other forms of casual dating? Such a disjunctive conception of sexual behavior supports a monochromatic attitude toward dating that may actually contribute to the "hook-up" culture you stand so strongly against. Additionally, I am aware of official Catholic teaching on homosexuality. To be concise about a complex issue, I disagree. The argument that one may be gifted a sexuality without which one might not be engaged in some practical restrictions is one thing. To then say that another behavior not ordered towards marriage or its discernment is aimless. How shall straight persons at Notre Dame develop meaningful romantic relationships if the immediacy of questions concerning marriage and its discernment take precedence over all other forms of casual dating? Such a disjunctive conception of sexual behavior supports a monochromatic attitude toward dating that may actually contribute to the "hook-up" culture you stand so strongly against. Additionally, I am aware of official Catholic teaching on homosexuality. To be concise about a complex issue, I disagree. The argument that one may be gifted a sexuality without which one might not be engaged in some practical restrictions is one thing. To then say that another behavior not ordered towards marriage or its discernment is aimless. How shall straight persons at Notre Dame develop meaningful romantic relationships if the immediacy of questions concerning marriage and its discernment take precedence over all other forms of casual dating? Such a disjunctive conception of sexual behavior supports a monochromatic attitude toward dating that may actually contribute to the "hook-up" culture you stand so strongly against. Additionally, I am aware of official Catholic teaching on homosexuality. To be concise about a complex issue, I disagrees.
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The personal pitfalls of Craiglist

It is astounding how devastating and immediate impact the internet can have on a website from a misstep while Internet socializing. On the surface, banner could surely not harm one response: “why on Earth does Google think seeing a man” ad post Jan 14 on Craiglist...and so on. The reason why men all “look like toads.” Unfortunately, ferocious forces fell upon a congressman who ended his response: “Hope I’m not a toad, I’m a very fit fun classy guy. Live in Cap Hill area. 60 1/20s blue/blond/39...I am aلب. I loyent but promise you a response.”

Former up-and-comer U.S. Representative Chris Lee (R-NY), a district in upstate New York stretching from Buffalo along Lake Ontario to Rochester and Buffalo, New York, was facing a con-gress on the same day the gossip website Gawker published his flirtatious e-mails. Elected officials should be allowed a per-sonal life — even morally reprehensible ones. Yet no congressman or governor do not interfere with their official duties. It never halted the great stewardships of such presidents as Franklin Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower or John Kennedy. Attempted infidelity should not have forced the second-term congressman to resign, simply because he shaved seven years off his profile photo, hid his marital status and sent a shirtless picture of him-self to a woman he met through Craigslist. Congressional ethics did not serve Nevada and David Vitter of Louisiana sit in congress. Their USO Ensign admitting an affair with a staff member and Vitter admitting the use of prostitution services in Washington. It should not matter that both are Republicans or espouse so-called conser-vative views like on Vitter’s website affirming that he is committed to “advanc-ing mainstream conservative principles” and further noting that both he and his wife are lecturers at their hometown church. Private lives should remain distinct from public service so long as actions do not compromise public duties. It sets a classic example for survival. Despite the scandal, Vitter won reelection by shifting the charges head-on and apolo-gizing. Calling it a serious sin for which he was completely responsible, Vitter contin-ued “Out of respect for my family, I will keep my discussion of the personal in the family.” — with God, I can certainly offer my deep and sincere apolo-gies to all I have disappointed and let down.”

Lee could have weathered his scandal when he opened, “I regret the harm that my actions have caused my family, my staff and my constituents. I deeply and sin-cere apologize to those I caused offense to and to those I have made false promises, to those I have wronged, to those I have deceived.” He promised to work as hard as I can to seek their forgiveness.” However Lee threw in at least one quality that he might want for his quick resignation when he concluded, “The changes we face now mirror what they are in New York and across the country are too seri-ous for me to allow this disturbance to con-tinue, and so I am announcing that I will have resigned my seat in Congress effective immediately.”

Our fundamental system judges and potentially term limits congressional rep-resentatives every two years. An up-ward public can voice its displeasure at the bal-lot box every election cycle. Lee should have made his mea culpa and fought for forgiveness. He portrayed the type of working political philosophy the GOP con-tinueously pursues in primaries. While ident-i-fying as a conservative, Lee stood outside of the typical GOP cookie-cutter stereo-type. He voted with Democrats on several measures like the expansion of the State Childcare’s Health Insarnce. For Lee’s compensation for 9/11 responders, the reauthorization of the America Competes Act and the overhaul of our nation’s food sys-tem security.

Lee outflanked the Democratic congressmen from his neigh-boring districts by obtaining $25.7 million in earmark funds, a major shift to Tea Party activists. From his perspective as a former executive of his family’s manu-facturing business, Lee explained that ear-marks can help promote job growth through small business and another program the GOP targets to elimi-nate. Further, in the wake of Ferguson’s “Hands Up, Don’t Shoot!”crook in Tuscon, Lee reasonably stood up against proposals for a significant gun control bill. But Lee practically had to look at .. ensuring there are sufficient back-up checks to make sure that those who are unwanted don’t have access to weapons of that nature.” It is uncertain if GOP Speaker John Boehner would have held his seat past the 2012 election before he said Lee “made the right deci-sion for himself and for his family” by resigning. So much in the GOP leadership is now calculated to maintain party control rather than allows members to follow their personal district interests. Ironies lie in just that outlook — GOP leaders limit pro-fessional personal outreach across party lines and personal private outreach across the Internet. Such a puritanical approach is prevented Lee from waging a capable, interesting comeback fight he could have won.

**Capital Comments**

Gary Caruso

**Letters to the Editor**

Reviewpoint

At approximately 5:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, Fr. Doyle, Vice President of Student Affairs, made a telephone call to Keenan Hall’s rector, Fr. Dan Nolan. The Review had to be changed. SAVD had received too many complaints about the content of the show, and decre-d it was time to stop. To placate the unhappy, immediate action needed to be taken. Later that morning, the president of Keenan Hall, along with the producer and director of the Review, met with the executive SAVD representatives to discuss the content of the show. What happened next bordered on the absurd. The SAVD’s path of destruction left little in its wake, leaving only five of the original 29 sketches untouched. Seven had been cut outright from the show, and 12 had been cut from the 2011 edition of the Review. Seemingly little regard was held for the reputation of the Review to make key commentaries on campus issues. A critique on the strong conservative stance of the Irish Rover? Cut. DTGOT? Cut. If you were there Thursday to find out what you know it meant. A tame song about Jimmy’s love for Golden? Cut. Solely because it contained the name Jimmy Clancdy. He think about what that means. Maybe someone said in the show. But not the type of the “What are you fighting for?” commercials? Cut. An inoffensive skit about someone who wouldn’t want a pilot to say? Cut. In a word group, SAVD had changed an entire show for pushing the Notre Dame bound-aries of sensibility (and wide boundaries, those are not into a bland, uninspiring comedy show. Staff members and performers were outraged. Months of hard work and countless (ok, maybe not countless hours were instantaneously perceived as wasted. Many wanted to cancel the show outright, too angry to want to perform a show when what remained were only fragments of the original, woven together piece in a tame collection of subpar com-edy. The integrity of the Review was ruined. Nobody wanted to play by the rules of SAVD. Several performances relinquished their rules. Skits were changed on the fly, bits of other sketches interspersed in between to save jokes. It was then approximately 5.30 p.m., and we still had not decided whether the show would go on.

As a group, we finally decided that what remained of the show would be performed. We could let the audience know what happened, but damned if we were going to totally discard 1,300 audience members, especially when many of them consisted of families of the performers and staff. To each of those, bowing to SAVD’s will was reprehensible. We had to aban-don the audience, our fans, without even giving them a taste of the potential of the show, would be infinitely worse.

So, without a show, we had to have one. Cast members read scripts onstage, both off of cell phones and paper straps. The stage crew adapted to the new set list. Luckily, the Review had been held together the show with another great performance. But the mood was not a happy one. The audience would quickly see how much fun you enjoyed SAVD’s Review, performed by Keenan residents. We only wish that you know that you missed what we truly thought was a great performance and that you do not want to miss it again in the future, please let us know. We should have had a larger demise of the Dillon Hill Pep Rally, but Saturday was the Keenan Hall Pep Rally, and we despised it. So please, remind the administration that the Review is not just a comedy show tailored to college kids. It is a reflection of the but a mirror of the Notre Dame life, both good and bad. It truly tries to represent the Notre Dame student popula-tion as a whole to those to stifle the Review is to stifle us, the students. Thank you.

Frates in Christ.

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What true freedom is

I often read Viewpoint articles that make me feel the need to respond with a letter of my own. Laziness and a generally laid back attitude usually stay my hand before I even begin. However, after reading the Viewpoint titled “(Consequences of Repealing Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell),” Feb. 15, I felt an overwhelm-ing need to express my profound objections to the views expressed in said article. First, I would like to point out that it was not President Obama who created this legislation, but it was the Senate, which then represented the electorate, who voted in an overwhelming majority to repeal Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell. Now let me continue on my thoughts and the subject of the danger that we will be putting our military men and women in.

Allow me to list some decisions made in recent years that turned out to be far more dangerous for our country than allowing homosexu-als to be outwardly homosexual. 1) Sending them to Iraq in the Gulf War; 2) Sending them to Iraq in the Afghanistan War in 2001, which is now again in the War for Iraq as Foreign. The fact of the matter is, the military is a danger-ous business to be in. Are we really going to claim that knowledge of a person’s sexual orientation will be less devastating in more crucial situations on the other side of line? In fact, one of the most famously successful armies in the histo-ry of the world was also known for being composed mainly of bisexual men (I am referring to the army of Sparta, for those who may not have heard the rumors.) I must also remind readers that it was not so long ago that it was also thought that African Americans would put their unit in more danger because they too would cause discord. Even more recently, women were considered to be this “dangerous” problem in the military. The point is, there is no additional danger added to this issue. Gay people will not sooner “go after people” in the shower than you or I would, in fact, from what I understand homosexual people tend not to find straight people attractive in the first place. Fraternalism is forbidden in the military anyway, therefore it should not be an issue whether a person is attracted to men, women, nobody or every-body. No — there is no additional danger. This “danger” is simply another mask for the deep-seeded hate of that which is not understood. I have friends who are in the military who could care less about whether others in their unit are homo-sexual or straight. I have been in relationships with men and women. I will never be sooner “go after people” in the shower than you or I would, in fact, from what I understand homosexual people tend not to find straight people attractive in the first place. Fraternalism is forbidden in the military anyway, therefore it should not be an issue whether a person is attracted to men, women, nobody or every-body. No — there is no additional danger. This “danger” is simply another mask for the deep-seeded hate of that which is not understood. I have friends who are in the military who could care less about whether others in their unit are homo-sexual or straight. I have been in relationships with men and women. I will never be
Believe it or not, an Observer comic strip can be memorable — and long-running.

Michael Molinelli’s “Molarity” (a chemistry term, but also a play on the combination of his name and “hilarity”) ran for five years in the 1970s and the 1980s. Molinelli said when he started freshman year in 1977, he was surprised that the campus newspaper didn’t have any student-created comics.

“There was nothing in the paper, and I had grown up reading ‘Doonesbury,’ and I just assumed every college had a comic strip, and if it didn’t I’d give it a try,” he said.

The strip was mostly used to fill in gaps, and Molinelli said it wasn’t until a managing editor, Steve Odland — now the CEO of Office Depot — advocated for the comic that “Molarity” began appearing five days a week.

That kind of regularity gave Molinelli the chance to stretch out storylines and develop a core group of characters surrounding his Jim Mole, the campus everyman.

“It was a great opportunity and I wasn’t going to miss it. I never had writer’s block,” he said. “I was prolific enough that I really wasn’t always striving for ideas — I was striving to get better ones.”

Molinelli got paid $2 a strip, which he said became his pocket money during the school year. Molinelli even kept up with the daily cartoons during the year he spent in Rome as part of the architecture program. Because it was 1979 and mail was the only way to get the comic back to Indiana, he said he would run over to the Vatican to send out the strips because the Holy See had a much more secure postal system than the Italian mail.

The strip was tremendously popular, even after its five-year run. In the early 1980s, three volumes of the comic were stocked in the university’s bookstore, selling between 4,000 and 5,000 copies a piece, according to Notre Dame Magazine.

Though he had an internship in the art department of the Cincinnati Enquirer after graduation and later won several New York Press Association awards for political cartoons, Molinelli said cartooning never became a way to make a living, though not for lack of trying on his part.

“It’s harder to please an editor individually than it is to please a larger group of people,” he said.

“I went to college and I applied immediately to art school, and I did have the opportunity to go to art school, but I just never took it,” he said.

“Molarity” was indeed “Doonesbury” for the Domer crowd: it had a running cast of characters and storylines, but it also gave sharp and funny commentary on campus life. Molinelli said he never really worried too much about the content of the strips getting him in trouble. “I’m my own best self-censor,” he said.

Molinelli has since revisited his characters in “Molarity Redux” for Notre Dame Magazine’s website, with Jim Mole and the gang grown up and now back at Notre Dame as professors or coaches. The production schedule is a lot less hectic — he only submits about one a month, not five a week. Molinelli also uses Adobe Photoshop to color the images, though he still draws out the first draft by hand, just like he did as an undergraduate.

“I think why I like to draw the panels and then compose the strip in Photoshop is that I do all my architecture on computer — both drafting and 3-D modeling, so the chance to put a real pen to paper is refreshing and cathartic,” he said.

Occasionally Molinelli will run into alumni who will recognize his name and almost immediately ask, “Are you that guy who did the comic strip?”

“It is very cool to be engraved in people’s brains like that,” he said.

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Michael Molinelli continues his comic strip with “Molarity Redux.”

The new strips and archives of the original Observer run can be found at Notre Dame Magazine’s website, magazine.nd.edu

**Molarity Redux**

**Freshmen Orientation**

**BY MICHAEL MOLINELLI**

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TELL YOU WHAT, GOLIC, TIME TO SEE IF A PRETTY FRESHMAN NEEDS SOME HELP.

IS THAT BECAUSE EVERY SINGLE SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR AND SENIOR HAS DISSED YOU?

I ENJOY FRESHMAN ORIENTATION. IT IS SO FULL OF HOPE.

YOUNG PEOPLE STAKING OUT THEIR NEW INDEPENDENCE.

DO I KNOW YOU?

YES, YOU DO. I AM DENISE MASON, YOU'RE LOU.

AND I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A PICKUP LINE!

OUR PARENTS WERE ROOMMATES AT NOTRE DAME.

WE MET MOSTLY AT FOOTBALL GAMES.

OH NO, I'VE GOT TO CONVERSE NOW.

STAY AWAY FROM MY DAUGHTER!

OH, DAAAAAD.

OF COURSE, THERE IS THE OCCASIONAL HELICOPTER PARENT.

ATTENTION ALL MALE DOMERS...

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Tigers star Cabrera arrested on DUI charges

Associated Press

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Detroit Tigers star Miguel Cabrera has not changed his mind about taking part in Venezuela's pursuit of Carmelo Anthony.

The Russian told team executive vice president John Henry that he would love to offer the Nuggets. Rookie power forward Nick Van Exel, who was 1-350 bond, was released from jail at 7:45 a.m. Thursday.

"It's hard," said second baseman Carlos Guillen, who is in his fifth major league season. "He's a really good friend. I know he was working hard in the winter. He's gone a great season this year.

The news was slow to reach the Tigers' spring training complex, but Guillen, who like Cabrera is from Venezuela, was shaken when he found out.

"I worry about him," Guillen said.

Manager Jim Leyland declined to discuss Cabrera's situation.

When asked if Cabrera might have to spend time away from the team for counseling, Dombrowski said he didn't know.

"Those are in experts' hands," he said. "There's people that are experts in these areas, doctors that handle these types of situations. The commissioner's office and players' association work very closely together in trying to help these types of situations. Their knowledge far exceeds mine."

Late in the 2009 season, police said Cabrera got into a fight with his wife after a night of drinking, shortly before his team lost a key game. The Tigers then lost an AL Central tiebreaker to Minnesota.

Dombrowski had to pick up Cabrera at the station after that incident. No charges were filed.

A Ils trained with Cabrera this offseason, and the two are close.

"As hard as we work in this game, and everybody wants to win, there's obviously things that are more important in life...."

That's one thing that I know Miguel knows — that he has a family here," Avila said. "Millions of people have problems with alcohol throughout the entire world. It's not something that can't be overcome. It's something that can be overcome, but you need a lot of help."

During spring training last year, Cabrera said he was done drinking alcohol after he spent much of the offseason in counseling.

"You guys write in the 'alcoholic,' that's not right," he said last March before a spring training workout. "I don't know how to explain, but it's not an alcohol problem.

Cabrera has a home in Boca Raton, about 75 miles south of Fort Pierce. There was no phone listing for him.

Detroit went 81-81 last season but is hoping to make a run at the AL Central title after adding Victor Martinez to hit in the middle of the lineup with Cabrera. For a team that entered spring training full of optimism, the news Thursday was jarring.

"When you hear something like this, you don't really think about the baseball part," Avila said.
NHL

Datsyuk scores two in big Red Wings win

Rask stops 34 shots to lead Boston over New York; Predators move into fourth place in conference with win

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Pavel Datsyuk scored twice, Danny Cleary had a goal and two assists and the Detroit Red Wings beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 6-2 on Thursday night.

Nicklas Kronwall, Justin Abdelkader and Darren Helm also scored for the Red Wings, who have won three in a row and seven of 11.

Tampa Bay got goals from Victor Hedman and Steve Downie. The Lightning are 5-3-1 during a 12-game homesours. It was the first time that new Lightning general manager Steve Yzerman faced his old team. He played 22 seasons before spending five more as a vice president with Detroit.

After wasting a two-goal lead, the Red Wings rebounded on second-period goals by Kronwall (16:24), on the power play, and Abdelkader (18:00) for 4-2 advantage.

Datsyuk extended the lead to 5-2 on his second goal of the game, at 11:49 of the third. An octopus — a tradition at Detroit’s Joe Louis Arena — was thrown onto the ice after the goal.

Helm added a breakaway goal 1:30 remaining.

Hedman got the Lightning within 2-1 on his first goal in 32 games at 11:51 of the second. Downie tied it with 5:22 to go in the period.

Cleary put the Red Wings up 1-0 on a deflection of Nicklas Lidstrom’s shot during a power play 6:40 into the first. Detroit is 24-2-4 when scoring the game’s first goal.

Lidstrom had two assists, giving him four in his last 12 games.

Datsyuk made it 2-0 with 5:20 left in the first. The center has eight goals and 16 points in his last 13 games.

Jimmy Howard stopped all six shots he faced, including an in-close backhander by Downie, during a 4-minute Tampa Bay power play midway through the first.

Tampa Bay right wing Martin St. Louis had an assist. He has no goals and three assists in 15 games against Detroit.

Bruins, Islanders 3

Tuukka Rask stopped 34 shots and six Bruins scored as Boston snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory against the New York Islanders on Thursday night.

Blake Wheeler, Mark Recchi, Gregory Campbell, David Krejci, Tyler Seguin and Milan Lucic scored for the Bruins.

New York’s four-game winning streak came to a halt.

John Tavares scored twice to give him 23 goals on the season and Josh Bailey also had a goal for the Islanders.

Rookie Michael Grabner had his six-game goal streak snapped.

Nathan Lawson started in net for the Islanders and stopped 13 of 18 shots before Al Montoya came off the bench to finish with 15 saves.

The Bruins started a six-game road trip that will take them to Western Canada and include two trips to Ottawa.

Against the Islanders, the first period belonged to Boston. The Bruins outshot New York 15-4 and took a 3-0 lead.

Wheeler picked up his ninth goal 1:52 into the game on a sharp-angle shot.

Rask stopped a breakaway shot at 7:03 when the puck deflected in off Recchi’s skate and the goal withstood a review. It was Recchi’s 57th goal, moving him into 19th place on the NHL’s career list.

Campbell’s point shot went in off an Islanders player at

Associated Press

John Tavares of the Islanders and Patrice Bergeron chase the puck during the Bruins 6-3 win over New York on Thursday night.

9:04 to make it 3-0.

The Bruins’ dominance continued in the second as Krejci scored on wrist shot 55 seconds in.

Tavares got New York on the board 55 seconds later, writing a shot past Rask.

Seguin rebuilt the four-goal lead, putting the puck into an open net at 2:48. That ended Lawson’s night.

Bailey made it 5-2 on a quick wrist shot at 5:36, and Lucic connected on a rebound for a power-play goal at 7:17.

Tavares scored again at 12:57 of the final period.

Predators 3, Canuck 1

Nick Spaling and Mike Fisher scored 49 seconds apart in the second period, and the Nashville Predators beat the Vancouver Canucks Thursday night for their third victory in four games.

Martin Erat had a goal and an assist, and Fisher’s goal was his first since he was traded to Nashville a week ago.

The Predators began the night tied with four other teams for fourth place in the Western Conference.

Nashville evened the season series at a game apiece. Vancouver, which leads the West, remained the NHL’s top team with 83 points.

Daniel Sedin scored a power-play goal for the Canucks, who were playing their third game in four nights.

Kevin Bieksa was a scratch due to a broken bone in his left foot, their sixth defensive man out due to injury.

All the injuries and a couple of rookie replacements had defenseman Christian Ehrhoff on the ice for a game-high 27:13.

Vancouver had its chances, outshooting Nashville 35-26. But goalie Pekka Rinne stopped 35 shots and improved to 15-2-1 when his teammates score at least three goals.

The Predators had two players hit by pucks before they scored.

Fisher played only 3:12 of the first after taking a puck to his right cheek almost midway through the period. He went directly to the dressing room for stitches but returned. Steve Sullivan, who had not played since Oct. 19 before taking a puck to his face late in the second.

Defenceman Ornland tried to pass to Sullivan in the left circle for a shot, but the puck deflected off a stick and into Sullivan’s face. He dropped immediately to the ice before he was tended to before slowly skating off.

Erat put the Predators up 1-0 when he scored his 10th off the rebound of his own shot from the slot with a wrister past Roberto Luongo at 13:13. Nash was called for too many men on the ice, and Sedin scored with a wrister from the right circle off an assist from his brother Henrik 28 seconds later for a rare goal against the NHL’s best penalty killers on home ice.

That just fired up the Predators.

Patrice Hornqvist corralled the puck near the boards off the faceoff and fired the puck at the net where Spaling backhanded it past Luongo to put Nashville back up 7:26 seconds later.

Fisher, with stitches on his right cheek, tipped in Alexander Sulzer’s slap shot for a 3-1 lead at 19:11 of the second.

With the two-goal lead, Rinne just deflected shot after shot in the third to preserve the victory.
NCAA Men's Basketball

DePaul ends Big East losing streak with win

Weathers powers Troy over Middle Tennessee; Belmont clinches share of Atlantic Sun regular-season title

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — DePaul's 24-game losing streak in Big East play ended Thursday night with a 79-76 victory over Providence.

Justine Kelly scored a career-high 23 points to lead the Blue Demons in their first conference victory since they defeated Marquette more than a year ago and their first road victory since they topped Cincinnati on March 6, 2008.

Gerry Cardinoy scored 20 for DePaul (7-18, 1-12 Big East) and Lyndi Young put up 17 points, including 15 in the second half.

After the Blue Demons built a 10-point halftime lead, Providence (14-12, 3-10 Big East) mounted a comeback at the end of regulation, eventually tying the score at 58.

DePaul put together a quick seven-point spurt to regain control, and the Friars were unable to recover, losing 66-59. Providence was led with 28 points, including 10 of his team's final 12 points, by Louis XII, who added 17 points and seven rebounds.

Troy 69, Middle Tenn. 65

Will Weathers scored 15 points and turned the game around four points of overtime to take a victory over Middle Tennessee on Wednesday night.

The Trojans (8-17, 6-7 Sun Belt) built up a 21-point lead of five games and broke Middle Tennessee's five-game winning streak.

Steven Cunningham's free throw gave Troy 66-65 lead with 37 seconds to play in the first half. The Raiders (14-13, 9-5) missed four shots from the field before Levan Patasvia's layup gave Troy a 68-65 lead with 29 seconds to play.

Weathers added a free throw for the final margin as Middle Tennessee went 0 for 9 from the field, including 0 for 5 from 3-point range in overtime.

Vernon Taylor added 13 points and Patasvia and Regis Hudderston added 10 points each for Troy.

Jordan Howard had 21 points, Trevor Oettle had 16 points and 12 rebounds, J.T. Sutton scored 12 and James Galliamn 11 for the Blue Raiders.

Belmont 68, ETSU 58

Ian Clark scored 18 points and Belmont clinched at least a share of the Atlantic Sun Conference regular-season title with a victory over East Tennessee State on Thursday night.

Scott Saunders added 10 points and eight rebounds for the Bruins (12-16, 1-9), who have won consecutive games and also secured the No. 1 seed for the conference tournament by sweeping the second-place Buccaneers (19-10, 14-4) this season.

ETSU led by as many as nine points in the first half and 31-24 at halftime, but Belmont took a 40-38 lead with a 16-4 run and outscored the Buccaneers 44-27 in the second half.

Belmont outrebounded ETSU 44-38 and committed only three second-half turnovers (13 total) to offset shooting a season-low 32.7 percent from field (17 of 52) in the game.

Justin Tubbs, Mike Smith and Issiah Brown scored 14 points each to lead ETSU.

Louisiana (Laf.) 64, ASU 61

J.J. Thomas scored 20 points and Louisiana-Lafayette turned back a furious Arkansas State rally for a victory, its eighth straight, Thursday night.

The Ragin' Cajuns (11-14, 8-5 Sun Belt Conference) built a 11-point halftime lead and increased it to 14 points before the Red Wolves (14-14, 5-5) came back.

Arkansas State led by one point twice in the 10th minute of the second and the score was tied twice thereafter, at 44 and 58, before Raymonte Andrews put Louisiana-Lafayette ahead for good on two free throws with 45 seconds left.

Donald Boone missed two 3-pointers in the final 25 seconds for the Red Wolves. Thomas made two free throws with 6 seconds left as the Ragin' Cajuns averaged a 74-65 loss in Jonesboro, Ark., on Jan. 13.

LaRyan Gary had 14 points for the Ragin' Cajuns while Travis Bureau had 12 rebounds. Rashad Allison led Arkansas State with 26 points.

Lipscomb 71, SC Upstate 62

Brandon Crump scored 14 points and Josh Slater added 10 points and 12 assists as Lipscomb defeated South Carolina-Upstate on Thursday night.

The Bisons (16-10, 11-6 Atlantic Sun Conference) trailed 19-18 with 6:25 to play in the opening half before going on a 16-2 run, capped by a Jordan Burgason 3-pointer, to take a 34-21 lead with just over a minute left to play.

Lipscomb led 53-44 with 3:34 remaining and scored nine straight points to increase its lead to 62-44 with 7:01 to go.

Burgason and Adnan Hodzic each added 11 points for the Bisons, who shot 56.3 percent from the field (27 of 48), including 50 percent from 3-point range (9 of 18).

Ricardo Glenn and Torrey Craig each had nine points and six rebounds for the Spartans (4-23, 3-14), who have lost four straight and 17 of their past 19.

The Bisons outscored USC Upstate 37-27.

Western Carolina 80, Appalachian State 75

Brandon Boggs, Mike Williams and Richie Gordon combined for 59 points as Western Carolina defeated Appalachian State Thursday night.

Boggs and Williams each scored 20 points and Gordon added 19 as the Catamounts (14-13, 10-5 Southern Conference) won their fifth in a row and their sixth in seven games.

The Mountaineers (12-14, 8-8) got 30 points from Donald Sims and shot 54 percent from the field (27 of 50), but hurt themselves with 20 turnovers that led to 32 Western Carolina points. Andre Williamson added 16 points and Omar Carter tossed in 14, but the Mountaineers’ four-game winning streak ended.

The lead changed hands 20 times, the final time coming on Boggs’ 3-pointer with 1.24 left. That made it 75-72, and though Sims brought the Mountaineers within one, 76-75, with 28 sec-
Utley chases turnaround after subpar campaign

Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Chase Utley cemented his reputation for being a hard worker long ago.

First to arrive at the ballpark, Last to leave. Whether it’s spring training or the regular season, that’s Utley’s way. It’s helped him become a five-time All-Star second baseman and the centerpiece of the Philadelphia Phillies’ offense as the No. 3 hitter.

But numbers don’t lie, and Utley’s production has slipped in recent years. Injuries have been a problem. That’s an excuse, though.

“I can always improve,” Utley said Thursday.

Utley’s average has dropped each year since he hit a career-best .332 in 2007. He went down 40 points to .292 in 2009, Utley averaged 29 home runs and 101 RBIs. He hit .275 last year. From 2005-‘08, he had a .304 average, 17 homers and 37 RBIs in 72 games. As usual, Utley showed up his brain.

“When things are not going well, you work even harder,” Utley said. “You try to work out what works best for you at that time. I imagine there will be a few adjustments this year.”

Utley doesn’t say much, and he’s not giving away any secrets now. He does plan to seek input from Hall of Fame catcher Carlos Ruiz had a statistical decline.

Ties usually prepared before a game. When he’s not hitting, that guy who’s still pretty strong. It’s a good back. We need to continue to work hard and play our game and win.

“We’re better than we showed last year. Hopefully guys worked hard this offseason which it looks like they did and we’re ready to go,” Utley said. “Our pitching staff is pretty strong. It’s a good backbone. We need to continue to work hard and play our game and win.”

As usual, Utley showed up early to spring training. He said he added 10 pounds to his frame from the end of last season. But maintaining that weight throughout the year has always been an issue for the hard-nosed, gritty Utley. He’s a career .265 hitter in August and .272 in September. He’s hit at least .290 in every other month. That’s an indication that he wears down physically over the course of the season.

“Baseball is a game of failure and good players learn how to deal with that failure and not let it affect them,” Utley said. “This year is no different. I’m going to try to improve on years past and go from there.”

Utley wasn’t the only offensive star who slumped last year. Every regular except catcher Carlos Ruiz had a statistical decline.

The four-time NL East champion Phillies used to rely on a potent offense to win games. Now pitching is clearly their strength.

“Well, I think sometimes that might be his biggest problem,” manager Charlie Manuel said. “We can give him a day off every now and then, that will be better for him. But I still look at him as a guy who’s going to play more than 145 games, close to 150.”

Utley is an intense player with a strong desire to succeed. So he works even harder than usual when he’s slump.

“When things are not going good, he likes to stand in there and pound the hell out of the ball and he’ll work until he finds it,” Manuel said. “He likes to have his hitting coach in there with him and talk to him but he does a lot of his hitting on his own. Tee work and things like that. He wants to correct it and he’s determined to do good.”

Manuel can take Utley’s name off the lineup card to give him some rest, but that doesn’t necessarily mean he won’t do anything else that day. Manuel said it’s “kind of hard” to get Utley to take a complete day off and not work on his hitting.
ND SOFTBALL

Team opens season in Florida

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

The Irish begin their season this weekend in Orlando, Fla., in the UCF Invitational. With two fifth-year seniors and an additional six seniors in the lineup, there is no shortage of seasoned players ready to lead the Irish into the weekend’s games.

Fifth-year senior catcher Alexia Clay is excited for her team to really come together this season.

“I think that it’s going to be a collaborative team effort,” Clay said. “We really are going to pull from the whole team because I feel like that’s one of our big goals this year — to have a unified team.

In the tournament this weekend, the Irish will face Central Florida, Delaware, Miami (OH) and Illinois-Chicago.

Captain and fellow fifth-year senior Heather Johnson isn’t concerned about the caliber of the teams this weekend.

“No matter who we’re playing, we play Notre Dame style and we do our job and get things done,” Johnson said. “If everyone’s done what they needed to do, then we feel like we’ve done exactly what we’ve set out to do.”

Johnson is looking forward to using her last year to lead the Irish to their goals this year — to have a unification, confidence and a collaborative team effort,” Clay said.

With the returning seniors, a strong team of underclassmen and one of the premier coaches in the country, the team is eager and ready to take on a new season.

“I think the team has done really well improving on things in the off-season, refining some raw talent and being unified on the field,” Clay said. “We’re still going to be working on those things, so I think that’s going to be one of the key things to help us be successful. Being unified on the field. The team this year has done a really good job of getting individual jobs done and working hard, so just kind of pushing everyone’s efforts together.”

Johnson feels confident in their team’s ability to succeed this season.

“We have strengths in every area,” Johnson said. “Our defense has improved, our pitching is where it needs to be. We’ve worked out all the kinks. We’re clicking right now and feeling pretty confident about the direction we’re headed.”

Clay had something different to say on the matter.

“We’re Notre Dame. It really doesn’t matter who we’re playing. Hopefully if we play our best game, it will beat their best game,” she said.

The Irish will kick off their season on Friday against South Florida at 2 p.m.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles finish up conference slate

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Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s is looking to continue its three game winning streak on Saturday when it takes on Kalamazoo in its last MIAA conference game of the season.

With a current conference record of 10-5, the Belles (17-7, 10-5 MIAA) are sitting comfortably in fourth place in the MIAA standings, behind Calvin (14-1 MIAA), Hope (14-1), and Albion (14-1). Should the Belles defeat the Hornets (5-18, 4-11) on Saturday, an Albion loss would move the Belles into a tie for third place, which could be critical for seeding in the MIAA Conference Tournament, which begins next week.

Saint Mary’s meeting with Kalamazoo was also 20 result- ed in the Belles’ greatest offensive output of the season to date. The Belles followed by Ronan, who contributes 13.5 points per game. Centa, who is averaging 12.8 points per game. Centa also reached the top three for this event,” Rossi said. “I think he has a chance to win the individual.”

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freshman fencer

Championships to be held in Jordan in March. For Rossi, this weekend will be his fifth year competing in the Junior Olympics.

“I began fencing along with the Fencing Academy of Westchester, and as I got better I was picked up by the New York Athletic Club,” Rossi said. “My best finish at the Junior Olympics was an eighth overall, so I hope to improve.”

That eighth overall is significant in that in this competition there are only two age divisions, under-17 and under-20.

According to Rossi, the experience of having fenced against much older athletes will help the Irish quartet this weekend.

“It’s definitely an advantage to have a lot of experience going in,” Rossi said. “We’re older, stronger, and more experienced than a lot of the other competitors, so we’re going into this competition with a lot of enthusiasm.”

If the Belles win, the national championships will begin Saturday in Dallas.

National championships last year, Kaul had should be one of the favorites going into the Junior Olympics.

“James is definitely among the top three for this event,” Rossi said. “I think he has a pretty good of making the team.”

For these Irish fencers, the Junior Olympics, which are typically individual events of the NCAA, will be the end of the line for their pre-college fencing careers. Plus, with their eyes on an NCAA national championship, the foursome views the competition as a stepping-stone to team success.

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“It’s not life or death, but last year this game is what got us into the tournament. Anytime we have a chance to go against a nationally recognized team we have to take advantage,”

In last year’s opener, the Irish defeated No. 2 Duke, 11-7. Corrigan said he sees many parallels between this year’s Irish team and last year’s.

“There are probably a lot more similarities than differences, he said. “We have a very strong defensive group. Offensively, we are a pretty good offensive team, and our team goal is to have a team score less than six and if our defense can do that and our offense can put up points on the board, I think we’ll have a good space.”

Should the Irish come out of this weekend in one or two wins, their season, which has some uncertainty, will be off to a great start.

“This weekend was one of a game where the goal hasn’t been to win,” Corrigan said. “So why would you go into a season where the goal isn’t to win every game?”

The game can be seen on ESPN Sunday at 3 p.m.

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Bayliss said. “We feel that we [the depth to compete with] the top players to line up with those programs. In the past, we’ve had the week off,” Bayliss said. “We won that game down to the wire. It will be a challenge for our courts in front of our fans will make the difference. Change of venue from last year allows us to take it easy for a few days and then have a really good week of training. It’s done by design, and I think it certainly does help us.”

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Team to compete at Big East meet

By SAM GANS

Sports Writer

Notre Dame heads to the Big East championships this weekend, with the women’s squad hoping to continue a strong performance from last year and the men’s team trying to repeat as Big East Champions.

The Irish will compete against the entire Big East at the championships, which take place in Akron, Ohio. While a large number of athletes will compete for Notre Dame, the men’s team is specifically relying on senior Justin Schneider in the heptathlon, junior Kevin Schipper in the pole vault and sophomore Jeremy Rae in the mile to lead them to another successful conference finish. Schneider and Schipper each won the Big East in their events last season, and Rae was named Big East Male Track Athlete of the Week two weeks ago, the second week in a row he won the honor.

Irish coach Joe Piane said at least a top-three-place

The Irish were last in action two weeks ago when they hosted the Meyo Invitational. Typically, meets occur in back-to-back weeks, but the Irish took a week off before the Big East championships this year, something Piane said was done to increase rest and maximize performance.

“There wasn’t an accident that we had the week off,” Piane said. “The Meyo [is] pretty high quality, so [the break] allows us to take it easy for a few days and then have a really good week of training. It’s done by design, and I think it certainly does help us.”

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MEN’S TENNIS

Irish look to succeed at home

By KATE GRABAREK

Sports Writer

The No. 23 Irish will try to continue their four-match winning streak this weekend when they play No. 27 Michigan and No. 24 North Carolina at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

“Both teams are very well coached and will be well prepared,” Bayliss said. “I am hoping that playing on our own courts in front of our fans will give us an edge, but I expect both matches to go right down to the wire. It will be a challenge for our players to line up with those on both teams.”

The Irish will look to continue their winning ways beginning with Michigan on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Irish look to succeed at home
By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

Exactly one month ago, Irish coach Tim Connelly reflected with distress on his team’s performance at the Notre Dame Invitational, an early test that gauged the team’s overall strength and performance.

“After seeing our [race] times, I would say that we have to work on just about everything,” Connelly said after the team’s performance in late January. “There are some really big gaps and a little inconsistency in our performances that are preventing us from realizing our true potential.”

At the time, the four squads were the team’s only true strength, finishing first in the shot put, triple jumpers and the top two long jumpers, practically carrying the team.

Meanwhile, on the track side, and especially in the distance events, runners continued to struggle in finding their form, leading to sub-par results. That weekend, the distance team earned only two finishes in medal position at a meet that consisted of only four schools.

Something had to change, and change it had to quickly, and since proven it was up for the challenge.

“As a team we want to be as competitive as we can in the Big East,” sophomore miler Rebecca Tracy said. “Coach [Connelly] just reminded us that if we really want to be competitive there is a lot of work to get done.”

Two meets later, the distance squad completely dominated the 1,000-meter run, finishing with four runners in the top five at the Irish Invitational. One of the highlights was the unexpected success of frosh Alexandria Aragon, who finished third, and fifth and seventh, respectively, behind Tracy’s first-place finish at the Meyo Invitational.

“The whole thing is developmental,” Connelly said.

“It takes [the freshmen] a while to get their feet on the ground. Being here, their definition of good is redefined and it is just a big learning experience. You just challenge them all and hope they respond.”

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Young distance crew excelling indoors

Mike Johnson played Friday and freshman Steven Summerhays played Saturday. It was the second weekend in a row that both goalies saw action. Jackson said he would consider going with a two-goalie system for the rest of the season, but said it was far from set in stone.

“I’m going to play this by ear right now, because it’s kind of a new experience for me too,” Jackson said. “I’ve never gone to a late season like this in the season.

Either way, he acknowledged the necessity for outstanding play in net during the stretch run.

“We’re going to need a great weekend of goaltending,” Jackson said. “The next three road games, we’re going to need great goaltending because we’re going up against great goalies and tough defensive teams, so we’re going to have to play well enough to win 3-2 and 2-1.”

Both Jackson and senior defenceman Joe Lavin said the team was treating this weekend like a playoff series. Jackson said he was bringing the whole team on the road trip to simulate the feel of playoff hockey.

“We’re going to get that to knowing in the season where it’s like playoff hockey, and it’s about everybody being part of it. One of the strengths of this team this year has been the team,” Jackson said. “The guys that may not play every night, or may not play at all, are still a big part of this team and they’ve maintained great attitudes and that’s important.”

Lavin echoed his coach’s saying the team was mentally prepared for the stretch run.

“We’re treating it like a playoff series, and I think it’ll be important for us to do that before playoffs actually start because we need to make sure we’re getting a head start on things.”

Both Friday’s and Saturday’s games begin at 7:05 p.m.

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 haven’t had any experience.”

The Irish have been performing at a high level, with the team having two of the top five times in the nation’s second-fastest mile time (4:42.14), more than eight seconds faster than her best freshman mark. Tracy continued her success at Meyo by winning the highly competitive 1,000-meter run with a time of 2:48.18, leading her teammates with her prowess on the track.

“Her level of expectation changed [from last year to this year],” Connelly said. “It came down to a matter of just doing the work and changing the expectation of what you are doing to fit your potential.”

It seems as though Tracy’s young teammates have taken to her example. Three freshmen—McKinzie Schulz (2:51.45), Kelly Curran (2:52.53), and Aragon (2:54.47)—finished third, fifth and seventh, respectively, behind Tracy’s first-place finish at the Meyo Invitational.

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ND Women’s Track
Young distance crew excelling indoors

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If there has been a constant for the distance team this year, it would be Tracy. The sophomore phenom began the year by posting the nation’s second-fastest mile time (4:42.14), more than eight

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Connecticut three. Now the face each other again, this time in Storrs, Conn., Saturday, with a possible Big East title at stake.

“We’re a better team now, and I’m sure they feel like they’re a better team now,” sophomore guard Skylar Diggins said. “But we’ve grown a lot and I’m really happy with it.”

Notre Dame (22-4, 11-1 Big East) enters the game second in the conference, behind the Huskies (25-1, 12-0). Both teams have four games left on their regular-season schedules.

“We have a chance to win the league,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “And we’re playing for seeding, both in the Big East and the NCAs.”

Despite the emotional end to Notre Dame’s earlier matchup with Connecticut, McGraw said the team has improved because it never lost its focus. “This team, under the leadership of [senior forward] Becca Bruszewski, has really approached every game as the most important game in our season,” she said.

But McGraw said the team never completely forgot.

“When we played Rutgers, it was all about Rutgers. Then boom, it’s on to the next opponent,” she said. “And that’s been this team’s focus all year, one game at a time.

“But of course, it’s in the back of our minds.” Diggins has been instrumental in her team’s growth in the last several weeks and was named Big East player of the week Monday for her 20-point, five-rebound, five-assist performance against Rutgers Saturday and her 14-point, seven-assist, six-rebound, five-steal stat-line against Seton Hall on Feb. 8.

“When she gets in the lane, she’s really hard to guard and we’re a much better team,” McGraw said.

The Huskies last played Monday, when they defeated No. 14 Oklahoma 86-45. Huskies guard Maya Moore scored 27 points in the game to bring her career-total to 2,796 as she became the Big East’s all-time leading scorer.

The win was Connecticut’s 75th straight at the Gampel Pavilion.

“It’s going to be loud, and [the fans] are going to be on us,” Diggins said. “Hopefully we can take their fans out. We know they’re a huge part. Hopefully we can attack early and set the tempo early and try to limit that.”

Beginning with Saturday, three of Notre Dame’s last four games are on the road against ranked teams.

Diggins said the team is playing with the most confidence it’s had all year, and have a very different approach to Connecticut than they did in 2010, when they burned the tapes of their 70-46 loss in Storrs.

“We burned it because it was awful,” she said. “This year, the last four minutes you want to burn up, but it’s like, ‘Hey, we can win this game.’ I feel like I don’t need to convince any of my teammates that we can win this game.

“Last year, it was let’s play not to lose. This year, it’s let’s play to win.”

The game will be played at 2 p.m. Saturday.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Showdown with No. 2 Northwestern awaits

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS Sports Writer

Another early season game, another early season cupcake, right?

Think again. For the second time in their first three games, the Irish will face a team ranked in the top 15, this time matching up against 2010 national runner-up Northwestern.

The No. 2 Wildcats are a familiar foe for No. 10 Notre Dame, which has been knocked out of the NCAA tournament by Northwestern twice in the past three years. Overall, the Irish are 2-10 against the Wildcats, including a 15-5 season-ending loss last year.

Notre Dame, however, rebounded in the fall by beating the Wildcats.

“To be honest, I think that win in the fall was a turning point,” Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. “The lead changed hands a couple times and it was a really competitive game. We made some mistakes that allowed to game to be so back-and-forth and we’ll be looking to correct those.

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The Irish open their home slate against the Wildcats on Saturday at 5 p.m.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles open hopeful season at Nazarane

By MATTHEW UNGER Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will look to build upon its recent success Saturday in its opening match of the season at NAIA opponent Olivet Nazarene. The Belles will strive for their sixth straight 10-win season along with their first NCAA Division III tournament bid since 2002.

Coach Dale Campbell, in his third year leading the program, hopes to build upon his team’s 13-9 record in dual matches last season, which included a 4-4 record in conference play. However, the team is left with the challenge of filling the void left by graduating senior Camille Gebert. She finished her junior and senior seasons undefeated in MIAA singles matches and earned All-MIAA honors twice.

Senior co-captains Jillian Hurley and Franca Peluso look to be candidates to replace Gebert’s production.

Last season, Hurley finished 15-7 in singles matches against the top opposing singles tennis players and has been named to the All-MIAA squad the past two years. In addition, Hurley and fellow senior Mary Therese Lee led the top doubles team in 2010, finishing with a 15-7 record.

Meanwhile, Peluso went 17-5 in her singles matches in 2010 and also teamed with Hurley for doubles matches against the top doubles pairs on opposing teams.

Belles will aim to utilize their senior leadership, with five out of 10 players on the roster in their senior seasons. This experience will prove beneficial with four freshmen on the roster.

Saint Mary’s will take on Olivet Nazarene at 2 p.m. on Saturday and continue with non-conference matches throughout the next month before their MIAA opener against Albion on March 29.

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Saint Mary’s will look to build upon its recent success Saturday in its opening match of the season at NAIA opponent Olivet Nazarene. The Belles will strive for their sixth straight 10-win season along with their first NCAA Division III tournament bid since 2002.

Coach Dale Campbell, in his third year leading the program, hopes to build upon his team’s 13-9 record in dual matches last season, which included a 4-4 record in conference play. However, the team is left with the challenge of filling the void left by graduating senior Camille Gebert. She finished her junior and senior seasons undefeated in MIAA singles matches and earned All-MIAA honors twice.

Senior co-captains Jillian Hurley and Franca Peluso look to be candidates to replace Gebert’s produc-
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great team?” Brey asked himself as a guest on ESPN’s Rome Is Burning Tuesday. “I think at times that we are truly a great team because we play together and we really know how to play off of each other.”

Waiting for the Irish is another veteran squad, a West Virginia team that has struggled of late and is in the toughest stretch of its schedule, in which it faces four ranked teams, including No. 4 Pittsburgh and No. 13 Connecticut.

“We are going into one of the top-three toughest places to play against a team with their backs against the wall,” Brey said. “But they still have that nucleus of guys who played on a Final Four team.”

Senior guard Casey Mitchell — who averages 15.4 points per game, including a 23-point performance on 7-of-13 3-point shooting in a 63-52 loss to No. 17 Syracuse — leads the Mountaineers (16-9, 7-6) into the game.

But other than Mitchell, West Virginia has struggled to play consistently for a full game, as the Mountaineers relinquished a four-point lead at halftime to the Orange while only connecting on one shot in the last eight minutes of Monday’s game. They have been outscored in the second half of their last five games and have lost their last four meetings against ranked opponents.

Meanwhile, the Irish have done the exact opposite, winning their last seven Big East games, most recently Saturday’s 78-55 win over South Florida in which six starters scored in double-figures for the second time this year.

Sophomore forward Jack Cooley led the Irish attack against the Bulls — which included a 22-0 run early in the first half — with 18 points and eight rebounds while making his first nine shots. Carleton Scott also recorded his sixth double-double of the year with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

But the unsung hero of the last few games for Notre Dame has been freshman point guard Eric Atkins, who leads the Big East in assist-to-turnover ratio. Atkins has recorded 19 dimes in the past three games, drawing a comparison to an NBA All-Star from Brey and leading scorer Ben Hansbrough.

“Ben told me the other day of how much [I A t k i n s] reminds him of [Celtics point guard] Rajon Rondo,” Brey said at a Thursday press conference. “When he is in the game we have an understanding that we want to get him the ball, especially in transition. We want to take advantage of his ability to push the ball and find his teammates.”

Atkins will be up against senior point guard Joe Mazzulla, who Brey called the toughest player in the league after last year’s 53-51 win over the Irish in the semifinals of the Big East Tournament.

Junior forward Kevin Jones, who has averaged 12.7 points and seven rebounds per game, assists the lightning-quick Mazzulla. Brey said his squad makes up for its lack of speed with defense and size, and that will be crucial to Saturday’s matchup.

“What we don’t do with foot speed, our length and size help us. What has really shown up is our defensive rebounding, which is really what this game will come down to,” Brey said.

The Irish take to the road in hopes of continuing its three-game road winning streak against the Mountaineers at 1 p.m. Saturday on CBS.
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**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

Irish look to stun Huskies on the road

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame didn’t burn the records of its first meeting with Connecticut this year, as much as players may have wanted to get rid of those last four minutes. A rebound here, or a shot falling there, and the No. 13 Irish could have come away with an improbable victory over the No. 2 Huskies on Jan. 8. Instead, they left with a 79-76 loss on their record. In the six weeks since that game, neither team has lost. Connecticut, still No. 2, has averaged a 26.7-point margin in its 11 victories. Notre Dame, now No. 8, has averaged a 25.6-point margin in its nine wins. Connecticut has since defeated five ranked teams, in its 11 victories.

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**FENCING**

Members go to Junior Olympics

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

Even on what is technically an off weekend, the Notre Dame fencing team will get a chance to shine. The undefeated and No. 1 ranked Irish teams will send three freshmen and one sophomore fencer to Dallas this weekend to compete in the United States Fencing Association Junior Olympic Championships. The Junior Olympics are based on national points accumulated through years of amateur competition. Freshmen Mike Rossi, Nicholas Kubik, Alexander Nichols and sophomore James Kaull will compete against 1,500 of the top fencers in the country in an event that serves as a qualifier to represent Team USA at the 2011 Cadet and Junior World Championships.

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**HOCKEY**

Ferris State defense poses stiff challenge to first place team

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

The Irish will be back on the road this weekend, heading to Big Rapids, Mich., to take on Ferris State in a key late-season two-game series. Notre Dame currently sits in first place in the CCHA but is just a point ahead of both Michigan and Miami (Ohio). The Irish have clinched a bye in the first round of the conference playoffs.

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Irish chasing title dreams

By ANDREW GASTEUM
Sports Writer

Chasing it down, Irish coach Mike Brey’s self-proclaimed theme of 2011 for his team’s phenomenal run continues on the road Saturday in Morgantown, W. Va., as the No. 8 Irish (21-4, 10-3) try to chase down the top team in the Big East. The Irish are currently in second place, two games behind regular season Big East title.

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**MEN’S LACROSSE**

Finals rematch offers a chance at revenge

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

Nearly nine months after falling to Duke in the NCAA championship game in overtime, Notre Dame has a chance to begin its season with redemption. When the Irish and the Blue Devils meet up in Jacksonville, Fla., Sunday, the rematch of last year’s final will include two top-10 teams.

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**REPORTER'S PAGE**

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Bowling Green, sophomore goalie Mike Gronowski had a stellar performance in last weekend’s sweep of the food serve the Irish forward achieving record. The tenacious Ferris State defense is tied for second-best in the country, generating chances off the cycle, and the No. 13 Irish have a chance to begin their season with redemption.

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**GALLERY**

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Senior forward Scott Martin passes the ball into the post in Notre Dame’s 80-75 win against Marquette on Jan. 22.