ND collects nearly $2 billion
Alumni donations to the University reach over $116 million from 2009 to 2010

By MEGAN DOYLE
Associate News Editor

Despite the economic downturn in recent years, the Development Office will finish its current campaign above its goal for financial donations to the University, and the Student Development Committee thanked the University’s generous graduates Monday.

The 2010 Stewardship Report from the Development Office reported $227.5 million was donated to the University from 2009 to 2010.

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AJ McGauley - senior off campus

“I don’t think the word popular is strong enough to describe me.”

Maguire Padley - junior Badin

“I am not very well-known.”

TJ Record - sophomore Morrissey

“I would say that I have a good group of friends.”

Will Salvi - sophomore Dillon

“I don’t think a word describes how popular I am.”

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail obsphoto@nd.edu

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**OFFBEAT**

Wyoming uphill skier arrested

JACKSON — A 78-year-old retired doctor was handcuffed and hauled away on a toboggan for skiing uphill in Wyoming, but he won’t face charges.

Roland Fleck of Jackson was arrested the morning of Feb. 5 after refusing ski patrol officers’ orders to stop. Jackson Hole Resort officials say avalanche danger and the presence of grooming machines made it unsafe. Skiers can get uphill with strong enough breath, bad breath and headaches, said the senior.

“Why are they up there?”

Fleck’s removal resolved their complaint. Sheriff Jim Fleck says he sees no need for prosecution.

Doctors remove knife from man’s head after 4 years

BEIJING — Surgeons in southern China successfully removed a rusty, 4-inch (10-centimeter) knife from the skull of a man who said it had been stuck in there for four years, the hospital said Friday.

Li Fuyan, 30, had been suffering from severe headaches, bad breath and breathing difficulties but never knew the cause of his discomfort, said the senior.

Surgeons worked cautiously to remove the badly-corroded blade without shattering it. He said the hospital’s website also reported the successful surgery.

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**IN BRIEF**

The lecture “Achieving Peace through Justice: Reflections on International Criminal Tribunals” will be given today at 4 p.m. It will be given by Rosette Muzigo-Morrison, class of 1993, who is currently a legal officer for the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. It will take place at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The quarterly finals of the 81st Anniversary Bengal Bouts will take place today at 5 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Tickets are $5 for students and children and $7 for adults. Proceeds go to the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

A lecture on Evil and the Healing Ministry of Exorcism will be given by Fr. Jeffrey Greb, J.C.D., priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. The lecture is sponsored by Morrison Hall and Campus Ministry.

A Mass of Healing will take place tomorrow as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week. The mass will begin at 10 p.m. in the Dillon Hall Chapel. Both the sacraments of Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated.

The film “Last Train Home” (2009) will be shown in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Thursday at 7 p.m. The film documents the journey of a Chinese couple struggling to reunite with their estranged children.

To submit information to be included on this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer.nd@gmail.com
**ND club begins quesadilla sales**

By EMILY SCHRANK  
News Writer

While many students looking for an inexpensive, late-night snack head to The Huddle for Midnight Dogs, they can now find another option in a rather unlikely place—the Knights of Columbus building on South Quad. Sophomores Patrick Adams and Bobby Thompson, both officers in Notre Dame’s Knights of Columbus Council 1477, originally had the idea to sell quesadillas out of the building last year. After a lengthy approval process through the Student Activities Office (SAO), “Dollar Dillaz” will officially open for business Thursday night.

“We submitted an SAO request and it took a while to get the food permit,” Adams said. “But everything worked out.”

Adams said they have done trial runs just within the Council during the last two weeks and have received an overall positive response. Now, they hope to expand it to everyone else, we want it to catch on,” he said.

Thompson said he hopes the quesadilla sales will increase the visibility of the Knights of Columbus on campus.

“We want to make more use of the building for the community and for charity,” he said. “Most people don’t want to drive to Taco Bell, so that was our motivation behind it.”

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Adams said SAO only gave the Knights of Columbus approval to sell quesadillas one night during the week. After spring break, SAO will review the operation and consider expanding it, he said.

“Dollar Dillaz” will be open every Thursday night from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Proceeds from the Knights of Columbus quesadilla sales will be donated to charity.

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“We want to make more use of the building for the community and for charity,” he said. “I think we come across as being relatively aloof or secluded, and we’re trying to break that exclusive image.”

While “Dollar Dillaz” currently features only cheese quesadillas, Thompson said he hopes to eventually expand to have a full Mexican menu.

“The only thing really lacking on campus is Mexican food,” he said. “Most people don’t want to drive to Taco Bell, so that was our motivation behind it.”

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Madelena Hall. The event was part of the College’s Love Your Body Week.
During the lecture, Grasso described her battle with anorexia.
"You will stand in front of the mirror for hours, not out of vanity, but of disgust," she said.
Grasso said she began battling with body image when she was 7 years old. With her three main interests of dance, gymnastics and fashion, Grasso said she felt pressure to have the right type of body to pursue those interests. At seven, Grasso went on her first diet.
At 13, she explained how she began struggling with anorexia. She continued to struggle throughout high school and reached the peak of her disease in college.
"I based my entire worth on my appearance," she said. Grasso said she had a skewed perception of herself, which caused her to continue to desire to lose more weight.
"I had no accurate concept of what my body actually looked like," she said. "Every mirror had a funhouse effect." She said she desired food, but a voice inside her head hindered her. She described her experience studying abroad in Italy, and how she refrained from eating any pasta, pastries or pizza during her time there.
"I wanted to eat. I wanted to live, but I felt powerless over my illness," she said. Struggling not only with failing to eat, Grasso said she also over-exerted herself with exhausting exercise. In addition, she used laxatives to continue to lose weight.
Grasso said the eating disorder didn’t just affect her body, but her mind and spirit as well.
"Your fear of eating is literally eating you," she said. With her heart rate falling to a mere 35 beats per minute during her illness, she said she knew the disease was slowly killing her.
She explained that though she had many wake-up calls, she wasn’t ready to commit to treatment.
"I never chose anorexia, and I never chose to get well," she said. Finally, Grasso’s family became extremely concerned and forced her into rehabilitation. After a summer of treatment and support from her parents, Grasso began to eat again.
"With their unconditional love paired with round the clock care, I slowly began eating again," she said. After spending the summer in rehabilitation, Grasso returned to the College and relapsed. She returned to treatment and has been better since. Grasso credits her recovery to her family, friends and doctors.
Grasso still struggles with her eating disorder and said the disease may affect her for the rest of her life.
"I may never recover completely, and I certainly will never forget," she said.
Grasso said eating disorders are about more than body image.
"I believe it is more important to emphasize that there is so much more to be lost with an eating disorder than just weight," she said. At the end of Grasso’s talk, two experts in the field of eating disorders spoke briefly. Valerie Staples, coordinator of eating disorder service at Notre Dame, and Gwen DeHorn, of Sonego and Associates in Mishawaka, discussed eating disorders and their effects on individuals.
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"I’ve gotten a lot of tips on how to network and find contacts, and lots of info on what to do and how to prepare." Rivers said.
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Arrests
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A 21-year-old male living in Dillon Hall was the victim of the felony. Four other minors were cited for underage drinking.
Student arrests for underage drinking soared in August and September 2010 — reaching 70 arrests at the peak — but this weekend’s bust is one of the only cases during this school year that resulted in a felony charge for serving minors.
Police arrested 11 and cited nine at a party bust at Irish Row apartments in January. Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Tom Doyle told The Observer earlier this year that the University, student government and local law enforcement continue to work together on the issue of student arrests.

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Everything I need to know in life

By Mary Claire O’Donnell

Assistant Scene Editor

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I left practice or event inspired by being around so many people that seek inclusion and support. I have received nothing but a full appreciation for all they receive. Despite making friends with people who have intellectual disabilities and becoming increasingly involved in Special Olympics, I still used the e-word occasionally in high school. How is the word so often used? My brain’s subconscious had disassociated it from the cruel word people spread to mock or mock those with disabilities. It was a challenge to eradicate it from my vocabu- lary. I was until one day I was on a bus full of Special Olympics athletes heading down to a basketball tournament. I laughed at a story told by another volunteer from a couple rows up and responded without thought. “That’s so retarded!” All that heard me immediately got quiet and knew I was wrong. I said with utmost seriousness, “Chris, we don’t use that word.” Most people never noticed. But I realized profusely, I committed to myself to never use the word again. I made an unannounced commit- ment because it became simple to me, why should we use words that offend an entire community of people with disabilities? None of my friends, athletes or volun- teers, has ever thought I was using it badly. The athletes stopped me because they were well aware of our medical classification as “mentally retarded” and that society found it acceptable to make remarks synonymous with stupid or ridiculous.

To all those concerned with censorship and the removal of a word out of regular discourse, no one is trying to stop you from saying the word. Instead we ask you make every effort to use the word as little as possible that simply overhearing the word is offensive and does disservice to at least the 5 percent of people in the US with an intellectu- al disability and their friends and families. The number of the disabled population is growing, especially at Notre Dame where more than 2,500 students are enrolled. It is up to us that society found it acceptable to make remarks synonymous with stupid or ridiculous.

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A Tale of Two Illinois Democrats

By Adam Newman

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” The opening line of Charles Dickens’ “A Tale of Two Cities” accurately describes the current situation that two Democrats from Illinois, Richard Durbin and Rep. Jan Schakowsky, experienced as they participated in President Obama’s debt commission in 2010.

It was the best of times: The national debt was an unprecedented $13 trillion and the budget deficit exceeded $1 trillion. In January 2010, Sen. Dick Durbin and Rep. Jim Cainard proposed an 18-member Senate “debt commission” that would propose deficit reduction solutions. However, seven Republicans co-sponsored their support for the commis- sion days before the vote, and the commission failed to pass. President Obama created an 18-member President’s Commission on Budget Deficit by executive order. The President appointed former Republican Sen. Alan Simpson and former Clinton Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles to co-chair the commission. In addition to the co-chairs, the President appointed four non- politicians and allowed the Democrat and Republican leaders in both houses of Congress to each appoint three members to the commission. The commission was tasked with proposing solutions to decrease budget deficits to 3 percent of GDP (the 2010 budget deficit was around 10 percent of GDP). Both Sen. Durbin and Rep. Schakowsky were placed on the commission.

In high-spirited commission meetings for the next three months, their work culminated on Dec. 1, 2010, when the co-chairs released the proposal, titled “The Moment of Truth.” The “Moment of Truth” contained many unpopular proposals including cuts to entitlement spending, raising the retirement age, cuts to defense, closing tax loopholes, and reforming the government’s workforce. For those who implemented, the proposal would slash $4 trillion from deficits and decrease the budget deficit to 2.5 percent of GDP by 2020. The proposal would have stabilized the national debt by 2041 and decreased the debt to 60 percent of GDP by 2021. Today, the national debt is nearly 100 percent of GDP.

Ultimately, the proposal only received eleven votes, three short of the fourteen votes required for the measure to move forward towards the legislative process. Rep. Schakowsky was one of the members who voted against the proposal. In defense of her posi- tion, she stated in a release: "I am not here to support the Commission report... I believe all politicians, left or right, Democrat or Republican, have to acknowledge the deficit crisis our nation faces... It’s time for all of us to come together to make hard choices. I am ready to do my part.” America’s federal govern- ment currently borrows 40 cents for every dollar spent. This level of borrowing is unsustainable and will eventually lead to a new recession. America’s unemployment situation could spark a debt crisis large enough to drag our economy and our new recession. Former Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan articulat- ed this well when he said “the failed passage of ‘The Moment of Truth.” I think something equivalent to what Erskine Bowles and Alan Simpson put out is going to be passed by the Congress.”

The only question is, is it before or after a bond market crisis?

If America is to succeed in solving its fiscal issues, an unprece- dented level of political courage is necessary. Success will mean politicians voting for politically unpopular and imperfect pieces of legislation. Success will mean Republicans doing the unthinkable: raising taxes, and success will mean Democrats doing the unthinkable: cutting spending (especially entitlement spending). Durbin did the unthinkable. Schakowsky didn’t. "The best of times,” it was the worst of times” is perhaps the most famous opening line in a novel. Many people though, are unfamiliar with the second line in “A Tale of Two Cities”; “it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness.” There may not be a better line to contrast Sen. Durbin and Rep. Schakowsky.

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Dear Domers,

I’d cherish an empty inbox — you know, one without e-mails from the clubs I signed up for freshmen year whose listservs I just can’t bring myself to unsubscribe from even though I’ve never attended a single meeting (because how do you tell someone that you actually don’t want be a part of I’m not sure why I felt this way), but lately, the absolute dearth of questions you’ve sent my way has me feeling a little blue, which is clearly not in my nature (because I’m green, right?).

In any case, I refuse to have a giant grey box on the Viewpoint page saying “The Observer apologizes for the absence of ‘Ask the GreenMan’ — the comics already waste enough paper that way. So I’ve chosen my own topic that I think may be of interest to the general student body — alcohol.

With St. Patrick’s Day only a month away (or slightly more for those celebrating on March 23), green beer is definitely on the brain. This got me wondering: how can I green my alcohol consumption beyond just dumping some food coloring into my beverage of choice? So here it is. The GreenMan’s Guide to Alcohol and Parties.

First, so that ResLife doesn’t have any reason to uncover my true identity, I will preface these tips by reiterating that consumption of alcohol by those under 21 is illegal in the state of Indiana. Regardless of age, the over-consumption of alcohol is dangerous, and can cause serious damage to self, others, and even the surrounding environment. For starters, the easiest way to significantly reduce the carbon footprint of your alcohol consumption is a no-brainer: reduce the amount of transportation demanded by your drinking habit.

With so much of the social scene located on or within walking distance of campus (weather permitting), this one shouldn’t be too hard for most of us to adopt. If going off campus, choose an establishment you can walk to like Kildare’s, the Backer, or a nearby house. If your partying preferences require you to travel farther — and I promise Student Government isn’t paying me to say this, but — take Transpo! At the very least, you should completely fill your car (this also improves your chances of haggling for a $2 fare).

Another option to decrease your drinking-related travel is to cut out the trip to the liquor store by brewing your own beer. It takes some dedication and patience, but homebrewing is a fairly simple and affordable process. Plus, homebrews help us embrace another key environmental principle: buying local. By making your own beer, you eliminate the environmental impact of shipping the beer and you can drink it from reusable containers. As an aside, homebrewing is not expressly discussed in Dulac’s current alcohol policy.

Another tenet of environmentalism that you may not think applies to alcohol but does: buying organic. Organic beer and wine are pretty widely available, and organic brands of liquor are out there too. Just as with any product, you should try to reduce packaging as much as possible. When possible, buy in bulk, ideally keg-sized bulk. Kegs are actually kinda small. Legs are pretty difficult to fill completely with beer.

For more information, you can visit beehort.org, inheil.org, or e-mail efurman@nd.edu

Liz Furman
Senior
Off Campus
Feb. 21

A note on ‘Ring of life’

Thanks for publishing the article I sent to you (“Ring of life,” Feb. 21). It was pointed out to me, and rightly so, that some of the poetic prose in my article was provided courtesy of Cumford and Sons. I was listening to them while penning my thoughts after the bout. I had a look at some of their lyrics after a student’s e-mail. I have subconsciously made up lyrics to their music to describe my stream of consciousness in the article, the exact nature of which I cannot fully ascertain. I apologize that this realization wasn’t immediate, there was too much adrenaline in me at the time. I wish to suffix a note of courtesy to Cumford and Sons, and the Bengal Bouts for inspiration.

Suleek Shekar
Graduate Student
Off Campus
Feb. 21

For over two years, students at Notre Dame have been raising concerns of injustice and unethical treatment of workers at HEI Hotels and Resorts, a company which Notre Dame is invested. The only response we’ve received from administration is that HEI is a “good” company, and our own Chief Investment Officer, Mr. Scott Malpass, went so far as to say that students were “led” all kinds of information that was true about HEI, claiming to uphold Catholic Social Teaching and espouses a deep commitment to justice, is falling behind. We have forgotten that in the face of every worker is the face of Jesus Christ. It is time for Our Lady’s University to take a stand and be an example of a community rooted in faith and justice by refusing to reinvest in HEI.

For more information, you can visit heihotels.com, heihan.com, or e-mail efurman@nd.edu

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Feb. 20
By MARY CLAIRE O’DONNELL
Scene Writer

The decision to see a book-turned-movie is always a tough one. Will the movie do justice to the book? Will the director have tweaked the plot or the ending to best fit his message? Will the beloved main character be accurately portrayed by a talented actor or actress or mangled by a sub-par one? Is it worth $10 to possibly see your favorite book destroyed on screen?

These questions gain deeper significance when you consider the new technologies available to directors and producers. It seems like everyone wants to produce a 3-D movie. And the CGI effects available are astounding. But do these new advances in moviemaking really add to the quality of a movie?

And in our increasingly politicized society, the movie industry can often twist movie plots to convey certain messages to viewers. Modern technology only increases the ability to manipulate audiences with dazzling graphics. Sometimes, in bringing classy books to the big screen, directors miss, overemphasize or ignore key plot elements to suit their aims for the movie.

Two movies coming out in the next two years might potentially fall victim to one of these modern moviemaking dilemmas: “The Great Gatsby: 3-D” and “Atlas Shrugged: Part 1.” Directors Baz Luhrmann and Paul Johansson have the opportunity to fascinate and captivate audiences with modern adaptations of classic novels. But Luhrmann, director of “Gatsby,” has a reputation for excess. F. Scott Fitzgerald’s Great American Novel has enough excess, it’s the nature of Jay Gatsby’s persona. Even without the 3-D aspect Luhrmann wants to incorporate into the movie, he runs the risk of over-emphasizing the gin, wild parties and flappers, passing over the subtler themes of class warfare and the decay ing idea of the American Dream. He risks repeating his 2001 hit, “Moulin Rouge,” just the broth el.

And then considering the idea to make the movie in 3-D, what is there to gain? Once again, Luhrmann runs the risk of focusing too much on the extra-dimensional aspect of his adaptation. He may sting his audiences with higher ticket prices and in-your-face visuals, but to what end? Fitzgerald’s genius often stemmed from his use of subtlety, and Luhrmann might do well to learn from him. The issue of “Atlas Shrugged: Part 1” lies more in its politics than its visual effects. Director Paul Johansson has, probably wisely, chosen to break the 1,200-page novel into two parts, the first one due for release April 15. In her epic novel, author Ayn Rand explores her philosophy of objectivism, best expressed by the credo of many characters from the book, “I swear by my life and my love of it that I will never work for the sake of another man nor ask another man to work for the sake of mine.”

While Rand has stated that her work was not a “fundamentally political book,” it takes a decided stance against any form of state intervention in society. In light of the current political situation, it is easy to see how the movie could almost become propaganda. However, Rand is correct in her statement that her book is not entirely political. Yes, she encourages and promotes a pure laissez-faire system. But she also incorporates important and intriguing themes concerning the importance of the individual mind and the theory of sex. To turn this novel into a piece of propaganda would distort it and ruin Rand’s carefully crafted masterpiece.

Modern cinema has taken liberties with many classic books and legends, and not all have worked out in its favor. It’s a sad day when Robin Hood fights more with a sword than a bow and arrow — as he did in Ridley Scott’s 2010 “Robin Hood.” Hopefully Luhrmann and Johansson will surprise their audiences and use modern contexts and technology to a positive end, avoiding all the easy traps it lays for directors, to produce cinematic masterpieces true to their roots.

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By CHRISTOPHER COLLUM
Scene Writer

Last Monday, as the dust settled from the 2011 Grammys and anticipation built on the other side of the Atlantic for the next day’s BRIT Awards, Radiohead made a big announcement. In a post on the quintet’s official Twitter feed, the band stated that its eighth studio effort would be released one week, in the early hours of Friday morning, for download on the band’s website.

“What is apparent, however, is that Radiohead has done it once again. The band has created an incredibly complex album that somehow manages to instantly become engrained in the listener’s brain after one listen. Completely digesting the album takes repeated listens, naturally, but any previous fan of Radiohead should welcome the bizarre world of “The King of Limbs” from the beginning. Contact Christopher Collum at ccollum@ud.edu

“King of Limbs”
Radiohead

Record: Self-released
Best tracks: “Codex” and “Lotus Flower”

“Radiohead does it again.”

When the band has significantly altered its sound once again on “The King of Limbs,” Yorke’s songwriting has not changed. He continues the same trends of alienation and confusion that have been

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"The Adjustment Bureau"
Free Prescreening

By ANKUR CHAWLA
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Matt Damon’s latest thriller, “The Adjustment Bureau,” is set to be released March 4. There is a special prescreening for students on campus at the Bronning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Wednesday at 8 p.m.

“The Adjustment Bureau” is a psychological thriller that examines whether or not we control our destiny. Damon plays David Norris, an ambitious politician set to make a splash in government. On the brink of winning a U.S. Senate seat, Norris meets the beautiful ballroom dancer Elise Sillas, played by Emily Blunt.

Norris is still falling for the dancer, a group of mysterious men conspire to keep the two apart. These men are from the Adjustment Bureau, agents of fate controlling integral facets of life. The agents give Norris a glimpse into the future already planned for him, but Norris must dodge, duck, and the Bureau in order to prevent the union of the two star-crossed lovers.

This “Inception”-like mind bender is sure to be an exciting and surging film. Directed by George Nolfi (writer of “Ocean’s Twelve” and “The Bourne Ultimatum”) and based on the short story by Philip K. Dick (“Total Recall,” “Minority Report” and “Blade Runner”), “The Adjustment Bureau” has the star power and plotline to be one of the year’s best films and a must see for students on campus.

For ticket stops by The Observer office or come early. Watch for promotional contests to win T-shirts, posters and more from Universal Pictures on Scene’s Facebook and Twitter pages.

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Chen returns to Kansas City camp in new ace role

Associated Press

Bruce Chen went nearly four years without winning a major league game before he led the Kansas City Royals with 12 victories last year.

He went from being a minor league contract in 2009 after missing the previous season because of elbow surgery to arriving in spring training this year with a $2 million contract.

“I wanted to be back, but I didn’t hear from the Royals for a long time and there were some other teams offering,” Chen said Tuesday. “Then they said we would like to have you back. We want to see if we’re going to trade one of the right-handers. I’ve been very good.”

Chen’s 4-17 ERA last year was slightly lower than Zack Greinke’s, and Chen had two more wins, Greinke, the 2009 AL Cy Young Award winner, was dealt in December to the Milwaukee Brewers.

“They trade Greinke and we don’t talk for awhile,” Chen said. “It was like ‘Man, it’s January and I better do something quick.’ I say to my agent, ‘Let’s go back to Kansas City and see what their best offer is.’ Let’s see if we can get a deal done. Both sides were willing to work on something. In less than a week the deal was done.”

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Woman pitches to Indians training lineup

Associated Press

Justine Siegal threw batting practice to Indians pitchers in Cleveland on Monday. She not only did the test with flying colors, but people became a little envious of her.

“She made me look bad,” said manager Manny Acta, who also throws batting practice to Cleveland’s hitters.

Acta played catch with Siegal before she took the mound.

“She was very impressive,” he said. “She threw strikes. It was great.”

“I’m a bit of an old lady now. When I was 19 or 20, I was throwing upper 90s.”

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Players, owners currently on speaking terms

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Say this for the NFL and its players' union: They are on speaking terms at the moment. And they are talking at length. 
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Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith arrived within minutes of each other, shortly before 10 a.m., and the two negotiating teams didn’t clear out of the building entirely until after 6 p.m. Goodell and Smith wouldn’t discuss the talks at all. Because both sides are abiding by Cohen’s request that they not comment publicly on these negotiations, it’s not clear what, if any, progress is being made.

"You know we’re not going to give you any information," NFL outside lawyer Bob Baterman said as he left with three league executives. "I can’t say anything, other than the fact that we are meeting."

Baterman, who represented the NHL when it lost its entire 2004-05 season to a lockout, then referred to Cohen as a "first-class mediator."

The NFL’s labor deal expires at the end of the day March 3. The union has said it believes team owners want to lock out the players as soon as the next day, which could threaten the 2011 season.

Lawyers Jeffrey Kessler and Richard Berthelsen, current players Richardson, Cleveland Browns linebacker Scott Fujita, and Charlie Batch of the Pittsburgh Steelers; and former players Pete Kendall and Sean Morey were among those representing the union Sunday. They began arriving before 9 a.m.

The sides met for about six hours on both Friday and Saturday. Cohen announced Thursday the groups agreed to the mediation, which is not binding but is meant as a way to spur progress. The plan calls for several days of negotiations with Cohen present.

The league and union went more than two months without any formal bargaining until Feb. 5, the day before the Super Bowl. The sides met again once the next week, then called off a second meeting that had been scheduled for the following day.

The most recent CBA was signed in 2006, but owners exercised an opt-out clause in 2009. The biggest issue separating the sides is how to divide about $9 billion in annual revenues. Among the other significant points in negotiations: the owners’ push to expand the regular season from 16 games to 18 while reducing the preseason by two games; a rookie wage scale; and benefits for retired players.

No team owners have been seen at the mediated sessions, but they’re surely keeping up with what’s happening — and at least one indicated optimism about the 2011 season in a roundabout way.

Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay tweeted Sunday: "7 minus 351 days 2 Sup Bowl kick off in Indy…early predictions 4 participating teams???"
two players finish in

top 10 at tournament

Observer Staff Report

Four Notre Dame fencers traveled to Dallas, Texas last week to compete in the United States Fencing Association Junior Olympics. Entering with high hopes, the Irish emerged with two top-10 finishes through Monday morning, as freshmans Michael Ross and Alejandro Nicholls finished seventh and ninth in men’s epee and women’s sabre, respectively.

Nicholls, the third seed heading into the tournament, placed first in her pool and won the first five bouts of the second round before falling to Aloha Gomez, 15-8. Ross finished second in his pool and then reeled off a string of victories in the second round before falling in a close 15-11 bout.

NCAA Men’s Basketball

Orange win in hostile environment

Associated Press

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NBA

Wade ready to play despite sore ankle

Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade’s sore right ankle is not sore enough to present a problem for the Miami Heat.

Wade was able to practice Monday and pronounced himself ready to go when the Heat open their post-All-Star schedule at home Tuesday night against Sacramento — one of several pieces of positive news Miami got when it reconvened to start the Wade said Monday night. “It’s not of Sunday’s All-Star game midway through the third quarter moments later and did not return.

Wade acknowledged that he was worried for a few moments Sunday night, but once the acute pain subsided, it was clear that was worried for a few moments last year, but once the acute pain subsided, it was clear that.

“Tough to go out there and have a day where you’re not able to go. It’s just one of those things,” Wade said.

Wade is scheduled to practice today.

The Heat are scheduled to play the Bulls on Wednesday night.

NHL

Penguins acquire forward

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — With or without an injury-riddled lineup — the Penguins have hit a rut, going 2-4-1 in their past seven games. Pittsburgh (26-19-5) plays host to San Jose Wednesday, when Pittsburgh will return to action.

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place finish in the 400 individ-ual medley and with a third-place finish in the 200 individual medley.

Sophomore Ellie Watson finished 18th in the 500 freestyle, in which she finished second while junior
Katie Chaberek finished seventh in the 200 freestyle record twice, first in the preliminary race and then again in the final.

The Belles final record came in the 400-yard freestyle relay when in which Dubravka, Price, Watson and sophomore Katen-Frishkin finished in 3:39.44 for fourth place.

Benishek said he was proud of his team’s accomplishments and was especially impressed with the squad’s changed attitude.

“Ninety percent of these
matters are mental,” he
said, “and our team
displayed mental tough-
ness to earn [personal and program] best times,” he said.

“Our effort became contagious as our swimmers fed off of each other’s success,” he said.

Saint Mary’s stood strong in fourth place throughout the first two days of the event but dropped to fifth on the final day with only 314 points and no diver on its roster to boost the standings.

Calvin College finished first in the conference meet with 979 points for its seventh straight champion-
ship.

The Belles will only lose sen-
ior Jami Nellis to graduation, joining Benishek’s optimism about the program’s future.

“I have great hopes for next year and believe the current
swimmers will continue to improve in the offseason,”
Benishek said.

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MLB

A-Rod teased for popcorn

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez arrived at spring training camp a few weeks ago, and
caused the most significant activity of his offseason: get-
ing teased about eating popcorn at the Super Bowl.

The New York Yankees third baseman, who was
seen fanning out popcorn like a pair of wings around actor Kate Hudson during the 2009 World Series, was pictured on TV with Dina in a suite at the
game.

“Did anyone watch the Super Bowl?” Rodriguez said
to laugh. “No popcorn endorsements yet, but our lines are open. Who would be upset about getting
fed popcorn?”

Laughter quickly changed to a more serious tone when the discussion shifted to Rodriguez’s off-field game the past two years, which declined following right hip surgery.

The 13-time All-Star and three-time American League MVP was cleared during the offseason by Dr. Marc Philippon to end his rehabilitation program, which included
workout and resume his normal offseason routine.

The left-handed southpaw is a three-time All-Star who
down 5 or 6 pounds to around 222.

“This is as healthy as I’ve
felt over the last several years,” the 35-year-old Rodriguez said. “It’s fun get-
ing back to work. I have a good winter behind me of real work, probably my first since ’07 or ’08. I’m ready to go.”

The Yankees are coming off a six-game loss to Texas in the AL championship series, which followed a sea-
son in which A-Rod won his first World Series ring.

“People have a lot of doubts out there, which is
typical,” Rodriguez said. “We were a young team. We didn’t have nearly the experience they did. That was the biggest gap we had this year. I think it’s a good thing for us. Now we’re back together as a family, and we have to come back next year and win.”

Steinbrenner expects a big season from Rodriguez.

“John is as committed as we are, and that’s the bot-
tom line,” Steinbrenner said.

“He’ll do what he needs to do.”

Steinbrenner thinks the AL East may be the best division in all of American sports.

“It’s a tough division with the Yankees and Red Sox and whoever else right now,” he
said. “Now it’s the Phillies who look very tough.”

Rodriguez was focused on. Rodriguez said

‘28,” which would be the Yankees’ total of World Series titles with another one.

“I think all the guys are ready for the challenge,”
Rodriguez said. “The feeling we were left with in Texas was not good.”

Classer Mariano Rivera should have his first bullpen session Wednesday or Thursday. The right-hander has been taking a slower approach at spring training the past few years.

Rodriguez doesn’t think ace CC Sabathia, who can opt of his contract after this sea-son, will leave the team.

“I know that CC enjoys being a Yankee very much,”
Rodriguez said. “We love having him.”

LHP Boone Logan brought an ice pack to the clubhouse for a girl in the stands who was accidentally hit with a thrown ball on the lower right arm.

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Freshman guard Shannly Bias looks to pass the ball in a Feb. 3 game against Hope College. The Belles lost the game, 79-59.

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“Kelley is having a solid jun-
ior season,” Belles coach Jenn Henley said. “The fact that she was able to score her 1,000th
point as a junior says a lot about the type of teammate she has and their efforts in get-
ing her the ball.”

Saint Mary’s, which pounded
Kalamazoo by 31 points earlier this season, did not lead on Saturday until sophomore
guard Annie Doyle made a layup with 8:37 left in the first half to give the Belles a 21-19
eage. Kalamazoo had pre-
inously led by as much as eight, following an early 7-0 run to start the game.

“We knew they were going to come out with a lot of emotion and energy, as it was their sen-
ior day,” Henley said. “They did a great job of attacking the middle with their drives and we
didn’t have an answer for it early on.”

Despite shooting just 32 per-
cent from the field, Saint Mary’s
went into the half tied 39-39
after junior guard Patsy Mahoney missed three free
thows. Mahoney finished with
17 points, including 2-for-5
shooting from the 3-point line
and 7-for-7 at the charity strip.

The Belles flipped the script in the second half, holding the Hornets to 26 points in the sec-
ond half after allowing them to
shoot 49 percent in the first.

“We started hitting more of our shots and picked up the intensity in defending the
point,” Henley said. “We contin-
ed to push the ball in transi-
tion and got the momentum going in our favor.”

The Hornets had four players in double figures but were led by senior guard Courtney
Kaplan. Kaplan had 20 points and went 6-for-11 from 3.

With the win, the Belles clinched the No. 3 seed in the MIAA tournament and will host
Trine on Tuesday, marking a top-four MIAA finish for the Belles every season since 2006.

Saint Mary’s beat the Thunder (7-17, 5-11) twice this season by a combined 32 points, as the Belles defense has allowed just 55 points per game.

Murphy and junior guard Maggie Roman have averaged a combined 33 points per game in the two victories.

But Henley isn’t letting her team get too confident before the start of the tournament
tonight.

“I think they will be better prepared for us than they were last time,” Henley said. “When you play a team for the third time in one season, you know each other very well.”

The Belles will face Trine
tone at 7:30 p.m. at Angela
Athletic Facility to open the MIAA tournament.

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**ND Women's Basketball**

**Bouncing back**

Irish continue their crucial four-game stretch

By ANDREW OWENS  
Sport Writer

No. 8 Notre Dame's second loss to Connecticut and the end of its nine-game win streak didn't sit well with the Irish. But they have the chance to take another step toward a second-place finish in the Big East when the Irish take on No. 19 West Virginia in Morgantown Tuesday night.

Tonight begins a crucial three-game stretch for the Irish (22-5, 11-2) as they close the season. The Mountaineers (21-6, 7-6) will present a unique threat with their suffocating defense and home-court advantage.

"They are really a good team at home," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "When they lost to Connecticut, they held them under 60 points."

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**ND Women's Golf**

Irish tied for 11th after first two rounds of Invitational

By VICKY JACOBSEN  
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The No. 15 Irish hoped to tee off the spring season with a quick start but instead found themselves tied with No. 13 Arkansas for 11th in a field of 15 after the first two rounds of the Central District Invitational at the River Wilderness Course in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Notre Dame shot a collective 35-over par in the first two rounds, 26 more than Louisiana State, who currently stand in first. Freshman Nicole Zhang, the top freshman in the nation, was the top finisher for the Irish, carding a 76 (plus-4) in round one and a 74 (plus-2) in the second.

"It felt great getting back into tournament mode, but we definitely didn't play our best," Zhang said. "We were all just really rusty from not playing a round of golf in a few months, and it was tough getting adjusted to playing 36 holes of tournament golf again."

The Irish opened the day with a combined 303 (plus-15) first round, placing them in a four-way tie for ninth place with Kent State, Baylor and Ohio State. They followed that performance with a 308 (plus-20) later in the afternoon for a 611 on the day. Zhang's plus-6 effort ties her for 22nd with seven other golfers in the field of 75 competitors. The individual leader, Texas Christian's Brooke Beeler, stands 12 strokes ahead of Zhang.

Senior No-Irish Park and junior Becca Huffer are tied for 40th after finishing the day at 9-over par. Park shot a morning round of 77 and an afternoon 79, while Huffer opened with a 75 and closed with a 78, to both finish the day at 153.

Senior Katie Conway currently stands tied for 53rd with a 156 (plus-12), receiving a four-stroke penalty. Freshman Kristina Nham rounds out the Irish scoring, tied for 62nd with a plus-14 158.

Zhang said she feels that the Irish will head into the third round feeling more confident and prepared than they did in the first two.

"We feel a lot more comfortable and I think we will finish off strong tomorrow," Zhang said. "After the 10 hours on the course, we practiced our putting and chipping, so hopefully those areas of our game will improve for tomorrow's round."

The Irish will tee off the third and final round of the Central District Invitational at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

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**Notre Dame wins two of three**

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Making their season debut at the annual Big East/Big Ten Challenge in St. Petersburg, Fla., the Irish dropped their opener to Michigan State Friday before rattling off consecutive wins against Purdue Saturday and Penn State Sunday.

Although the offense struggled to find its rhythm in the first game of the year against the Spartans, Notre Dame came out swinging against Purdue to the tune of 19 runs and 25 hits, both tournament records.

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