Exorcist: Possession is real

Fr. Jeffrey Grob, an official exorcist of the Archdiocese of Chicago speaks at a lecture about exorcism Wednesday.

By TESS CIVANTOS
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Demonic possession is "still very real," Fr. Jeffrey Grob said in a lecture on campus Wednesday night. Grob, one of the official exorcists of the Archdiocese of Chicago, delivered a lecture titled "Evil and the Healing Ministry of Exorcism" at the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. He said he did not choose to become an exorcist but was appointed by Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago. He joked about his profession to the full auditorium. "Anyone who wants to go into this line of work is out of their mind," Grob said. "It's my goal to try to figure out what I did to the Cardinal." Grob described three causes of demonic possession: through a habit of sin, through direct invasion with the occult and through trauma or abuse. In cases of trauma, it's not the event itself that opens the door to possession but rather the victim's ability to move forward in the healing process, Grob said, which may create a relationship with "the darkness." "I have never seen a case of genuine demonic possession where there was not cooperation on some level," Grob said. "Remember we have free will." Grob has been an exorcist since 2006 and said he has developed "on some level a sixth sense" for identifying demonic possession. He listed the criteria that he uses to identify demonic possession. "I'm sure if you've seen the movies you're familiar with the connection between Notre Dame and the state of Indiana. It's a great opportunity to have a person who is important to the state come to Notre Dame," Conlon said. "When I talked to [Bayh] about the Forum and what we had in mind, he resonated with the topic immediately and said it's a great thing to discuss." In addition to Bayh's lecture, a number of other events will continue the Forum dialogue this semester, including Friday's annual Green Summit, which will see FORUM/page 5

ND grad to retire from Logan

By AMANDA GRAY
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Dan Harshman first came to South Bend as a football recruit for Ara Parseghian in the fall of 1964 and played defensive back and running back for four years, including the 1966 national championship season.

But he returned to South Bend in 1976 in a role not related to Notre Dame athletics. Harshman began working at the Logan Center, a non-profit organization that provides resources for people with disabilities in the area.

"It was just by luck," Harshman, who will retire from his position as president and CEO of the Logan Center in December, said. "We had friends in the South Bend area. I came looking for a job. And I was able to get one. ... It's been home ever since." Harshman became CEO in

Professors rank in top 100 chemists

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

Notre Dame professors Joan Brennecke and Prashant Kamat were earlier this month recognized in a ranking of the top 100 chemists of the past decade by the Times Higher Education Group. The ranking system considers the number of publications a given scientist produced and the number of citations those publications received. Brennecke was ranked No. 34 with 74.26 citations per composition, and Kamat earned the No. 58 position. Both scientists earned their doctorates at MIT and worked at Argonne National Laboratory before joining the Notre Dame faculty.

Brennecke has been a professor at Notre Dame's College of Engineering since 1989. Most of her work the Times Higher Education Group consulted was dedicated to developing ionic liquids for energy applications. "In chemistry, there are a lot of materials that are not much like table salt. However, they are in liquid form and kept at room temperature," Brennecke said. "What is neat about them, and the feature which is essential to our research, is the fact that they contain no vapor pressure, so they do not evaporate."

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Arts Center, it faces the street. Green posed a problem. "It's not as fun when Er...'' she said. "When, in actuality, it's so much more."

Her lecture focused on three aspects of female body image: what is natural, what is real and how women know what is attractive. Russ said the current process is each employer's job to inform the Student Employment Office to remove the position from the board. Soler said the department does not regularly follow-up with this task, which makes the board rarely up-to-date.

Some senators suggested moving the link to a more visible place. Zheng said allowing students to upload their resumes directly to the site would improve contact between applicants and potential employers.

With more than 40 percent of students employed on campus, Soler said, the job board should become a more effective tool.

Catholic sacrament of reconciliation is a means of resisting the devil. If we are cooperating with the life of grace, we are carrying out the mandate of the Church. The Church does have other avenues to help us with this.”

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Saint Mary’s Student Government Association (SGA) discussed the end of the current administration’s term, including the state of SGA address and spring allotments, at Wednesday’s meeting.

Student body president Rachael Chesley and student body vice president Laura Smith will deliver a state of SGA address at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Lounge. The address will replace the weekly SGA meeting.

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Chesley said. “We want students to care about their student government and to come to this meeting to really know what we do and what we have done,” Chesley said.

The next president and vice president, for whom elections are today, will be invited to introduce themselves to the student body at the address. “Our goal is to have the smoothest turnover that SGA has ever experienced, from Friday when the new SGA president and vice president are elected to the end of our term,” Chesley said. “I think it should be pretty smooth this year.”

The transition period between administrations affects the financial deadlines for clubs’ spring allotments.

In the weekly treasurer’s report, SGA treasurer Meg Griffin discussed the deadlines for paperwork concerning spring allotments to various clubs.

“We made [the guideline sheet] clear and concise,” Griffin said. “We will send a list of eligible items for spring allotments and the deadlines for paperwork concerning spring allotments to all club leaders, Chesley said. It will also be available on the SGA website.

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798 and said he has seen many events and developments in the past 33 years.

“So many parts have been rewarding,” he said. “Working with so many different people from parents and children to even the great staff I work with every day—add up all of these people, and it’s been a great job.”

The Logan Center began in 1950. Harshman said: When the Center celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2010, the first board president returned.

“That’s 98 and living in Florida, but he came back and spoke,” Harshman said.

Harshman said a book written about the Center for its anniversary, titled “VOICE: Disability and Ability at LOGAN,” showed connections between Notre Dame and the Center. Those include student volunteers through the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) and the involvement of University presidents.

“Our Notre Dame has had some wonderful leaders,” he said. “[University President Emeritus] Fr. (Theodore) Hesburgh even dressed up as Saint John one year for the kids.”

Under Harshman’s leadership, Notre Dame and the Logan Center have collaborat-
ed on many projects, including the National Center for Law and the Handicapped, the first legal advocacy center in the country, said Harshman.

“We’ve always had support from Notre Dame for what we’ve done,” he said. “The Center and the Notre Dame Law School have come together to assist Logan Center participants.”

He also led the Logan Center during the 1987 International Summer Special Olympics, which were held at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s.

“We had more than 4,000 athletes and 20,000 volunteers. It took a whole week,” he said. “It was a great sporting event and a great event for the community. Many say it was the greatest event between Notre Dame and the community. Notre Dame is an important and good friend to Logan.”

The job isn’t always easy, he said. Creating community awareness of issues pertaining to those with disabilities can be difficult sometimes.

“The hardest part of the job is dealing with state and federal funding,” he said: “It’s not just getting new funding, but dealing with the up and downs of working with our current funding.”

Harshman said even though he is retiring soon, he still has much to do, including preparing for a new successor to the role of CEO. The current Board of Directors has put together a search committee, and he said a candidate might be selected as soon as next fall.

“The search is going well but it will take awhile,” he said. “It takes an organization like this about a year to find someone. We’re lucky we have a good board.”

John Firth, chair of the Board of Directors and the search committee, said the planning for a new CEO is the most important thing any Board of Directors can do.

“We are mindful of the magnitude of the task before us and confident that we will find the ideal person to build upon the remarkable legacy Dan is leaving to all of us,” Firth said. “It is important to recognize the valuable contributions that Dan has made to this community. There are many families, individuals and business leaders who will tell you that our community is a better place because Dan Harshman has been such an effective leader in Logan.”

While Harshman said he is excited to spend more time with his family, he will miss the Logan Center.

“The exciting part is Logan’s future,” he said. “There’s a whole to-do list. It’s always a whole range of public awareness, but we’re finding even more opportunities for the community to hear about Logan.”

“We’ll keep people thinking about Logan,” he said.

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 Rebels gain ground over Gadafis control

BENGHAZI — The scope of Mubarak’s downfall spread around the world as the leader of Libya, Moammar Gadhafi, claimed on Thursday that he was still in control and would continue to fight the rebellion against his rule. In the east, where the rebels have made gains, the government stepped up attacks on Tripli, the rebel-held town near the Tunisian border.

Residents of Libyans who have fled into Sabratha, a town west of Tripoli, said on Thursday that there had been clashes between army and police units, clashed late into Tuesday night, said Libyans who had fled into Sabratha, a town west of Tripoli.

Around 5,000 militiamen from Misrata, Libya’s third-largest city, flooded into Sabratha, a town west of Tripoli, where the Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi’s control was being eroded. The opposition said that as many as 5,000 militiamen took up positions in the city’s streets and barricades after days of fighting.

International momentum was building for action to punish Gadhafi’s regime for the bloody crackdown it has unleashed in the days since the Arab Spring began on Feb. 15.

President Barack Obama said on Thursday that Libya “is outrageous and it is unacceptable,” and he directed his administration to consider a full range of options, including possible sanctions that could freeze the assets and ban travel to the U.S. by Libyan officials.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy raised the possibility of the European Union cutting off oil supplies to Libya to prevent it using oil revenues to fund its war.

Another proposal gaining some support among world leaders is for the U.N. to declare a no-fly zone over Libya to prevent it using its air force to hit protesters. U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay said that if reports of such strikes are confirmed, “there is an immediate need for that level of protection.”

The New York-based Human Rights Watch has put the death toll for people killed in the violence in Libya at nearly 300, according to a partial count.

In Tripoli, Gadhafi’s strong-hold, protest organizers called for another protest in front of the U.N. on Friday, raising the potential for a more violent confrontation.

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INDIANAPOLIS — A political stalemate in Indiana showed no signs of ending anytime soon as House Democrats met privately Wednesday in an out-of-state hotel and Republicans refused to negotiate away their legislative agenda to lure them back.

While the tactic mimicked one used a week earlier by Senate Democrats in Wisconsin who fled to delay a vote on an anti-union bill, the Indiana Democrats said their protest was not about one GOP-backed proposal but a slate of them. In both states, Democrats don’t have the votes to defeat the proposals, but by not showing up they can prevent the required quorum necessary to call the measures for a vote.

“We want to see a little more cooperation on everything,” Patrick Bauer, the House Democratic leader, told reporters by phone from a hotel in Urbana, Ill. “I know they don’t think it’s necessary, but thank God the Constitution said you have a way of fighting tyranny.”

Although Bauer declines to list all the sticking points, the vote that sparked Tuesday’s walkout involved Indiana’s “right-to-work” legislation that prohibits union membership from being a condition of employment. The walkout effectively killed that measure, but the Democrats were pushing to end other aspects of Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels’ agenda, including aggressive education changes such as vouchers, the expansion of charter schools and restrictions on teacher collective bargaining.

House Speaker Brian Bosma said he talked to Bauer by phone Wednesday morning to tell him, “he needed to get back here.”

“The negotiation takes place on the floor of the House,” Bosma said. “This isn’t the old back room deals that Rep. Bauer’s used to cutting.”

Daniels had previously warned the right-to-work bill could become so politically charged that it could kill the chances of other, more important legislation. He wouldn’t say “told you so” Wednesday, but he did tell reporters he was surprised and disappointed that Democrats simply didn’t claim the right-to-work issue as a political victory and return to work on other matters.

“We will not be bullied or blackmailed out of pursuing the agenda we laid in front of the people of Indiana,” Daniels said. “That agenda is going to get voted on if it takes special sessions from now to New Year’s.”

While the Wisconsin Democrats remain in an undisclosed location somewhere near Chicago, the 30-plus Indiana Democrats were discussing negotiating strategy during a closed-door caucus session at a budget hotel in Urbana, closer to the Indiana border.

“We thought we might spend a day or two in sunny south Urbana,” joked Democratic Rep. Win Moses.

The three-story hotel is less than two years old, but it sits near Interstate 74 in area with little to offer but gas stations and fast-food restaurants.

After Bosma drew a standing ovation from Republican lawmakers when he said he wouldn’t concede to Democrat demands, union members in the House gallery quickly started booing. Bosma later had the gallery cleared and said he may order it closed during House meetings later Wednesday because of the vocal demonstrations.

Union groups planned rally events throughout the day at the Statehouse.

“We’re getting our voices heard, which is our objective,” Indiana AFL-CIO President Nancy Guyott said. “We want to make sure it’s the people’s business that’s being done rather than the business of the large corporate CEOs.”

The voucher bill faces a procedural deadline Thursday, so if Democrats came back by then it could proceed. Bosma said he hoped that cooler heads prevail in the Democratic caucus and that at least enough members for a quorum would return to the Statehouse soon.
**Viewpoint**

**Arab world uprisings**

The massive revolutionary protests that have swept across the Middle East in recent weeks have spread like a wildfire throughout the region. The popular uprisings have already seen the overthrow of dictators and the rise of democratic movements in several countries. The extraordinary courage and organizational capacity of the protestors has been demonstrated in numerous places, from Zimbabwe and China to stand up and demand democratic reforms in their own countries. Many observers have highlighted the almost entirely unforeseen nature of the protests, which have left many governments, including the United States, reeling for a response to the rapidly changing situation on the ground. As they work to formulate policies and strategies to address the reawakened Middle East crisis, there are several lessons that American policy makers should draw from this historic upheaval.

First, is that the United States should never again be caught on the wrong side of a struggle for democracy. American policy makers have long argued that the United States has neither friends nor allies, only interests. But, as these protests have proven, there are few countries too small for the United States to stand against. These demonstrators have proven their willingness to stand in front of water cannons and live bullets, mercenary troops, and even tanks.

The Obama administration should also recognize that the uprisings in the Arab world present an historic opportunity to pressure Israel to abandon its illegal and unjustified settlement activity and return in good faith to the negotiating table with the Palestinians. The Israeli government now finds itself in the midst of tremendous regional uncertainty and instability, with almost no ability to foresee how events will unfold in each of the Arab nations surrounding it. Thus, they have an increased incentive to negotiate now, while reasonable governments still hold power in Jordan and the West Bank. Convincing the Israelis of this imperative, and persuading them to drop their preconditions to negotiation, is essential to ensuring a lasting peace in the Middle East and is something that President Obama has a unique opportunity to achieve.

The most important lesson to draw from the recent events in the Middle East however, comes from the protests themselves, and it is that all Americans can and should appreciate. These demonstrators have proven their willingness to stand in front of water cannons and live bullets, mercenary thugs with clubs and professional soldiers in tanks, all to attain basic human rights like freedom of expression and the right to a representative government. They have risen up against their oppressors and risked everything, even death, in order to ensure a better life for their children and their countrymen.

This incredible patriotism should inspire us all, and make us think twice about those rights and liberties that we as Americans all too often take for granted. We should not become complacent out of the comfort of our position in a nation where freedom and protection are guaranteed, and it is our duty to ensure that all human beings have equal access to these same basic human rights.

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**Editorial Cartoon**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

*Italian proverb*

*"If you scatter thorns, don't go barefoot."*
I would like to say a few things “inspired” by Allison Kincaid’s letter (“The whole story behind condemnation,” Feb. 23) on the roots of Catholic condemnation of homosexuality. First, citing Genesis 1 as the root of any Christian moral imperative is questionable in and of itself. Credit where credit is due, you do point out that no one in their right mind would take the first chapter of the Bible literally. But still, even to infer the immorality of homosexuality from a benign clause in such a wholly fictional fable — that is, Genesis 1 — is a distant leap in logic. Listen, I get it. I am Catholic too, and I have been flooded with Catholic social teachings my entire life just like most people at this school. Gays are evil because when they do the dirty, nature doesn’t let them pop out kids nine months later. You can buy that logic if you want to, but in reality it was scraped together by Christians in an effort to justify their preexisting contempt for homosexuals.

You don’t have to reach for meaning deep inside one of the Bible’s most absurd stories to find out that God, or rather, our Jewish and Christian forefathers hated homosexuality. Right there in Leviticus, next to the passage commanding you not to wear clothes of more than two kinds of thread (that’s right, you are living the “double” life), is a verse that comptly (Northface jacket), the divinely inspired authors tell us. “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. ... If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have sinned; they are an abomination. They shall be put to death, their blood is upon them” (Lev. 18:22, 23).

But why go all the way to Leviticus if you can get it from the Bible literally. But still, even to infer the immorality of homosexuality from a benign clause in such a wholly fictional fable — that is, Genesis 1 — is a distant leap in logic. Listen, I get it. I am Catholic too, and I have been flooded with Catholic social teachings my entire life just like most people at this school. Gays are evil because when they do the dirty, nature doesn’t let them pop out kids nine months later. You can buy that logic if you want to, but in reality it was scraped together by Christians in an effort to justify their preexisting contempt for homosexuals.

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But just understand that no central Biblical teaching actually supports your personal disdain for gay people’s private acts of love. If anything, the New Testament’s principal teachings compel us to love of all humankind, including those who are born homosexuals (and who, consequently, are also created in God’s image), regardless of their beliefs and actions. Frankly, I find your interpretation dangerous. Characterizing any of your brothers and sisters as anything less than worthy of God’s love dehumanizes them and promotes hate. Remember, “God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.” (1 John 4:16).

Recently, T-shirts with the slogan, “Gay? Fine by me.” have been circulating around campus as a way of showing faith and support for the gay community of Notre Dame. While I believe the sentiment which prompts why we should see the movement as passive and possibly counter-productive to the cause.

The question of gay rights is a heated issue in this country. It is not one which is settled or one which will be resolved any time soon. In the United States homosexual people are targets of hate and blame who need more than passive acknowledgment. Imagine yourself in the civil rights era wearing a T-shirt which said, “Black? Fine by me.” “Jewish? Fine by me.” “Irish? Fine by me.” Issues of hate are not resolved with statements of general sentiment but powerful conviction set to action. Think of freedom riders, Tianshanmen Square in 1989 or even J.C. — real change is not found in protest signs and T-shirt slogans but in the actions which people take.

As students at one of the most influential universities in the United States we should think of ourselves as future examples, people who will end in high societal positions which will affect the lives of people around us. With this in mind, we should always be trying to set a morally upright and just example, let us remember the golden rule. Don’t say that you are fine with homosexuality, prove it. Help a homosexually inclined friend to find in the way you would like to be treated in a similar position. Don’t just sign a petition, write one. Don’t just donate, start a charity.

So wear a T-shirt, but not just because your friends are. Believe in what it says and follow with action.

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Welsh Family Hall
Feb. 21
Listen to a few jazz tunes, learn about the history of jazz music and enjoy a free dinner at “The History of Jazz with Galen Abdur-Razzaq,” compliments of the Multicultural Student Programs and Services in conjunction with Black History Month. Abdur-Razzaq is a talented flutist and speaker from Montclair, N.J., who has performed for more than 30 years.

The DJ played the latest Black Eyed Peas and Usher hits, but the crowd maintained a South Bend crowd with his self-deprecating humor (“I’m a G6 / I’m a fat boy, and I eat Twix and nods to audience members (“I score touchdowns like Mike Floyd”). With personal stories from summer camp and college, he had the crowd laughing heartily.

Danson describes himself as “straight polo” and urges comedy and food lovers alike (who doesn’t love free admission; all proceeds from the event benefit South Bend’s S-O-S Rape Crisis Center.

Enjoy free desserts to benefit the South Bend S-O-S Rape Crisis Center in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Week at Pangborn Hall’s event, “Project Pink.” The project features a fashion show, raffle and silent auction. The event will have a performance by the a cappella group HalfTime and a special performance by BlackMagic.

Around 150 people turned out for the event, sitting around tables and munching on popcorn, waiting for the show to begin. Many Notre Dame football players were in attendance to support teammate Jonas Gray, who was set to take the stage for an opening act. Gray, who has performed for more than 18 and older, hosting stand-up comedians Jeffrey Danson and Dustin Diamond, formerly Screech.

Before the show, Danson helped Gray polish his material and gave him some last-minute pointers about how to perform, Danzon advised him “to just have fun with it.”

When Danson introduced Gray, Gray and Lewis-Moore’s booty-shaking “Drop It Like It’s Your Profession” detail the struggles of a physics professor who undergoes a faith crisis after his wife suddenly demands a divorce.

Danson’s act quickly veered into mild bathroom humor to obscene material that spanned from somewhat mild to obscene sex jokes. Many audience members were unsure of how to react to some of his raunchier jests; a combination of disgust and laughter could be heard after most punch lines, the repulsion often coming mostly from females, the amusement from men.

The explicit content of the show deemed it certainly not for everyone, but Diamond’s outrageous stage presence kept most crowd members entertained, even if they found the jokes revolting. His words often incit ed people to turn to each other, asking, “Did he really just say that?”

“THERE was not a dull moment during Diamond’s performance.

After the show, Diamond revealed that the first sports clothing he ever owned was Irish gear.

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By Adriana Pratt

"This just in: Matt Wertz to perform at Legends on 2/26," Legends' Twitter account eagerly announced two weeks ago. #Exciting #LoveHim #NewMusic!

Wertz, a 32-year-old singer and songwriter from Missouri, is most famous for his single "Everything's Right," which premiered on VH1 in 2009. He has hit the road with artists Jason Mraz, Gavin Degraw and Matt Nathanson, among others, and will start a 27-date tour March 25.

Wertz’s songs have been featured in movies like "My Super Ex-Girlfriend" and "Employee of the Month," and one of his latest singles, "Everything Will Be Alright," aired on "One Tree Hill" earlier this week. After performing at Christian youth group Young Life concerts, Wertz gained a strong fan base and toured with Jars of Clay. In 2001, he released the album "Somedays" and has since released a number of others including "Under Summer Sun" and "Everything in Between."

Wertz's hit song "Everything's Right" gained popularity on VH1 in 2009 and helped launch his name onto the mainstream musical charts. Wertz finds the material for his music from life experiences, mostly involving love and heartache. In an interview and performance for VH1, Wertz laughed as he recalled the whimpering heartache he felt that inspired the song "5:19."

Wertz's most recent album, "Weights & Wings," will be available March 15. The themes for his new release fall along familiar lines and centers on personal relationships. He told AOL, "It’s the idea that the heavy things in life and the transcendent times are both equally important in propelling us on and through life.”

Wertz told AOL about the title of his album, which he said was inspired by the meditation book he reads daily.

With a degree in Industrial Design from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, it seemed unlikely that Wertz would pursue a musical career. However, in college, Wertz developed his passion for music. He began writing songs his freshman year and has been performing for fans since.

Wertz is taking that passion back to the stage at 10 p.m. Saturday. Jon McLaughlin will be making a surprise appearance with him in his band. After his Notre Dame performance falls, he'll get back to work and start his tour, which will include performances with Train and Lifehouse.

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By Maria Fernandez

Expecting another usual and repetitive Jennifer Aniston romantic comedy? Find another movie. Although "Just Go With It" has a simple and somewhat predictable plot, Aniston’s latest project in collaboration with Adam Sandler proves to be surprisingly refreshing and enjoyable.

Aniston plays Katherine, a single mother of two who works as an assistant to Danny Sandler, a divorced plastic surgeon. Soon after his divorce, the doctor realizes his wedding ring is a magnet with the ladies, and he resorts to employing the hand to charm many women. But his plan suddenly changes when he meets Palmer (Brooklyn Decker), a young, beautiful schoolteacher. He decides to hide the ring in his pocket and woo her with a romantic night at the beach. All is well until Palmer finds Danny’s ring and assumes he is married. Then the fun begins.

Instead of being honest about the peculiar purpose of his former wedding ring, Danny makes up a fictitious story about him being currently separated from his wife and on the verge of divorce. Who will be choose to play the part and just go with his lies? Danny convinces Katherine (Aniston) to play his soon-to-be-ex-wife and to include her two kids in the plan as well.

Katherine and her kids have fun with their new fake identities. They dress up and change their names. Maggie, Katherine’s daughter, even uses a British accent when acting in front of Palmer. But, ultimately, Danny’s plan fails. One lie turns into many lies that are, in the end, impossible to hide. He finally ends up falling in love with Katherine, his best friend and accomplice in this crazy and funny journey to win the heart of a younger woman.

The efforts of the whole cast were indispensible for the success of this movie. The kids’ witty humor and Decker’s sweet and innocent character worked perfectly and entertained the whole audience. But most of all, Aniston and Sandler’s genuine chemistry made this movie an amusing romantic comedy. They complemented each other flawlessly and made us laugh with their crazy ideas and strategies.

This movie will have you laughing from beginning to end. It is a great option to watch with a group of friends during the weekend. As the title suggests, you just have to go with it.

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New Jersey gets Williams in trade from Jazz

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Jazz were a perennial contender with Williams, but their reputation took a hit when Hall of Fame coach Jerry Sloan retired one day after clashing with him during a practice.

Sloan, reached Wednesday morning at his second home in Illinois, was aware of the trade but didn’t want to say much.

“I have no reaction to what the Jazz are doing. We wish him well,” Sloan said of Williams. “We wish Jerry well. Good luck to Deron.”

Miller insisted Sloan’s retirement and Williams’ trade were not connected.

“There’s no need to make a villain of this,” Miller said. “Deron is a very competitive, driven individual. Jerry was as well. They undoubtedly had a number of conflicts over the course of their careers. But this doesn’t directly tie into that. These are separate events.”

Miller reiterated that the Jazz have always been about structure, order, discipline and respect.

“One of the things that will always be the case as long as our family has anything to say about it is we will support our coaches and players second,” he said.

That doesn’t mean new Jazz coach Ty Corbin isn’t in a tough spot.

Corbin received the news as he left for training camp in Dallas, where the Jazz were scheduled to shoot around on Wednesday night.

“My initial reaction is that I was going to miss Deron. He was a good player for us,” Corbin said. “I’ve been with Deron for three years in the NBA as an assistant coach and now as a head coach for a few games, and we’re going to miss him. I wish him well as he moves forward, and we’ll have to work our way through it.”

Williams was as shocked as anyone, and was expecting to play at Dallas Wednesday night. He learned about the deal watching television at the hotel gym before Wednesday’s shootaround, and shared a laugh with teammates initially thinking it was just another rumor.

Then he officially got word from the Jazz.

“I know it’s a hard pill to swallow,” Jazz guard Raja Bell said he told a shocked Williams. “Regardless of what your relationship was with the team or fan base when you get traded, it’s still tough.”

Miller said his entire conversation with Williams lasted about 30 seconds, and he wished him well.

Williams was expected to be one of the headliners of the 2012 free agent class along with 2008 Olympic teammates Dwight Howard and Chris Paul.

New Jersey has been desperate to make its first score since under new owner Mikhail Prokhorov. The Nets talked with LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh last summer and when that failed they turned their attention to Anthony. They quickly backed away from the disappointment of missing out on him.

Williams joins the exodus of top West players heading East, following Amare Stoudemire’s move from Phoenix to New York and Anthony’s deal to the Knicks. The Jazz are now a half-game ahead of Memphis for the final playoff spot in the West and will have to try to hold on without their best player.

NBA

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The New Jersey Nets finally have a shot at landing a big-name All-Star in a blockbuster trade that gives them power forward Deron Williams and sends rookie Derrick Favors and point guard Devin Harris to the Utah Jazz.

The Jazz also will receive the Nets’ first-round pick in 2011, which could be a lottery pick, cash, and Golden State’s 2012 first-round draft pick.

“I feel Deron Williams is the best point guard in the NBA,” Nets general manager Billy King said in officially announcing the blockbuster deal Wednesday afternoon.

“I spoke with Deron and he’s excited about it. He understands where we are and where we want to go in this league, you win with point guards.

Jason Kidd turned this franchise around when he came and we feel Deron can do the same thing.”

The Nets now hope Williams will sign a contract extension with them, which they can offer this summer. If so, he would become the face of their franchise when they move into their new arena in Brooklyn for the 2012-13 season.

The 6-foot-3 Williams was selected third overall in the first round of the 2005 NBA draft by Utah from Illinois. He is in his sixth NBA season and is averaging 20.3 points, 3.2 rebounds and 9.1 assists.

In 439 career games, including 406 starts, he has shot 46.3 percent from the field, 35.6 percent from 3-point range and .808 from the free throw line. In 44 career playoff games, Williams has averaged 21.1 points, 3.7 rebounds, 9.6 assists and 1.2 steals.

The deal came two days after the Nets failed to land Carmelo Anthony, who was acquired by the New York Knicks as part of a blockbuster deal with the Denver Nuggets.

Jazz CEO Greg Miller said he made the move because of a “realistic opportunity” that wouldn’t be available to sign Williams to a long-term deal after next season.

“If you look at what happened with Phoenix, Toronto and Cleveland ... they all lost their marquee player and had very very long timelines to show for it,” Miller said. “This trade allows us to be competitive now and beyond the 2012 season.”

Asked how he would be able to market a team in Salt Lake City without a star, Miller said: “With classic Jazz basketball.”

“It’s lunchpail, work boots and everybody’s got to overachieve, which we’ve been known to do for many years,” Miller said. “And who knows, we may have a star player before anyone else does class. Harris, a former All-Star point guard, and Favors, the No. 3 pick in the draft, were part of the package the Nets are offering the Nuggets all season for Anthony.

“Everybody was talking about getting longer and athletic and when are you going to get one of these guys,” said Jazz GM Kevin O’Connor, who hinted that he may not be done dealing before Thursday afternoon’s trade deadline. “We got one in (Favors) and we’ll see how it fits into the puzzle. We’re not a finished product but at least we’re going to keep building it.”

Both GMs said they discussed a deal several weeks ago, but said they weren’t close at the Nets lost out on Anthony.

O’Connor acknowledged cash was part of the deal and that the maximum that can change hands is $3 million.

NCAA Men’s Basketball

Caltech snaps record 31-game conference losing streak

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Caltech ended its 310-game conference losing streak in basketball Tuesday night, beating Occidental College 46-45 in its second game of the season.

Ryan Elumkit hit the go-ahead free throw with 3 seconds left for the Division III Beavers, who had lost every Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference game they had played since Jan. 23, 1985.

“I hope that everyone who has participated in Caltech men’s basketball is able to celebrate a side of the game that we don’t normally get to,” Coach Oliver Eslinger said. “We still have goals and aspirations that we want to accomplish as a program, and this win is another step towards meeting these goals.”

Caltech is a famed private research university with a heavy emphasis on science and engineering. The school has just 950 students, but has incorporated athletic scholarships, but 31 alumni and faculty have won the Nobel Prize.

Caltech finished the season 5-20, its best record in 15 years. The Beavers went 0-25 last season and hadn’t won more than one game in any of their previous eight seasons — but back in 2007, Caltech ended an NCAA-record 207-game losing streak with a victory over Bard College of New York.

The Beavers have a great sense of humor about their athletic struggles, but they still celebrat ed at the Braun Athletic Center after Occidental missed its des peration shot at the buzzer.

Not everything is looking up athletically at Caltech: The women’s basketball team finished its season 0-25, losing to Occidental 82-35 on Tuesday night.
Pacers win on late dunk; Sixers drop Wizards

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers picked up right where they left off before the All-Star break.

With Brandon Rush providing late-game dramaics, and second-year forward Tyler Hansbrough scoring 21 points, the Pacers remained one of the NBA's hottest February teams with a 102-101 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night.

"They're not all going to be pretty," Pacers interim coach Frank Vogel said. "Sometimes you have to grind it out and get the W." The "W" — and Rush's dramaics — came on a late-game dunk.

With 11.1 seconds remaining, Austin Daye's 17-foot jump shot gave the Pistons their first lead since the first quarter, but on the ensuing possession, Danny Granger drew a double-team and found Rush — who scored nine points starting for injured Mike Dunleavy — for a dunk in traffic with 3.4 seconds remaining.

"We were one play away from winning the game," said Pistons forward Tracy McGrady, who had 10 of his 16 points in the second half. The Pistons rallied from a 16-point second-half deficit.

"Our guys showed a lot of courage tonight," Pacers coach John Kuester said. "We faced a team that was scrappy. In the fourth quarter and Granger scored 10 of his 18 points during the fourth quarter for the Pistons. Granger, who had 17 of his 18 points in the second half.

"What we had done was a great job on Granger," Kuester said. "He had a great stop and then all of a sudden, we loaded traffic with 5.4 seconds remaining. It felt good to be in the game like that, but I'd rather come out with a win," Monroe said. "We were one play away from losing the whole game like we did the fourth quarter and we might have a different outcome." Point guard Darren Collison had 11 points and six assists, and rookie Paul George added 10 points each for Indiana, which shot 44.2 percent from the field despite making just 3 of 17 3-point field goals.

"It was a team effort and a big win," said George, who had two alley-oop dunks in the fourth quarter. "When we make runs at you and you can answer the bell ring them up, that's playing NBA basketball." Visit Brigid's and present a Notre Dame Student or Staff ID and receive a 10% discount on all food.

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"It was a big win for us," Brand said. "We're playing with a whole lot of confidence now." John Wall had 21 points and 10 rebounds and Philadelphia beat the Wizards 120-103 on Wednesday night.

On Indiana's game-winning play, Kuester said McGrady played solid defense on Granger, who had 17 of his 18 points in the second half.

"Greg Monroe had a terrific night," Vogel said. "We couldn't stop him.

The victory allowed Indiana to remain one of the league's hottest teams.

The Pacers, who won seven of 10 games before the All-Star break, have won their two games coming out of the break having won in Washington, 113-96, Tuesday. McGrady had 16 points and Ben Wallace had 10 rebounds for Detroit, which shot 48.8 percent and 50.0 percent from the field despite making just 3 of 17 3-point field goals.

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JUPITER, Fla. — Adam Wainwright, a 20-game winner for the Cardinals a year ago and the runner-up for the NL Cy Young Award, was sent back to St. Louis on Wednesday for tests on his injured right elbow amid concern that he could be sidelined for the season.

General manager John Mozeliak said "things do not look encouraging" for the right-hander, who injured his elbow while throwing batting practice Monday.

Mozeliak stopped short of saying Wainwright would need season-ending Tommy John surgery.

"I don't want to speculate, but obviously ligament damage, that's usually what it results in," he said.

The 29-year-old Wainwright began feeling soreness on Monday. Trainers examined him Tuesday and Wainwright flew back to St. Louis to meet with team doctors on Wednesday.

"It appears to not be good," manager Tony La Russa said. "We'll see, though."

The news comes one day after the Cardinals learned utility infielder Nick Punto will miss eight to 12 weeks because of a sports hernia that will require surgery.

Wainwright's injury is much more significant. Losing him would leave a big hole in what looked to be a stable starting rotation heading into camp. Chris Carpenter, Kyle Lohse, Jaime Garcia and Jake Westbrook have all had arm surgery during their careers.

There are few pitchers available on the free-agent market, with Kevin Millwood probably the best known.

"It's going to be tough to replace a guy who wins 20 games, but you never know," first baseman Albert Pujols said. "One of these young kids could step up like Jaime did last year."

The 6-foot-7 Wainwright went 20-11 with a 2.42 ERA last season, finishing behind Philadelphia's Roy Halladay in Cy Young balloting while making his first All-Star team. His 2.93 ERA since 2007 trails only Halladay, and no NL pitcher threw more than Wainwright's 463 1-3 innings during the past two seasons.

La Russa said he doesn't believe the injury is related to the soreness Wainwright felt toward the end of last season, when he didn't pitch in September. He said it's more likely related to minor issues Wainwright had in 1998 and 2004.
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advantage of his long arms, repeatedly jabbing Frick. It didn’t take Frick long to respond, however, and he knocked Yi off balance after trapping the Sorin College freshman against the ropes. Yi battered away a powerful punch from Frick early in the second round, and battled his way out of a dangerous situation after being backed into the ropes. The Siegfried sophomore again went on the attack at the beginning of the third round, but Yi successfully fend- ed off Frick’s efforts to take control of the fight and was named the winner by unani-
mous decision.

Chris Sarkis def. Evan Wray

Sarkis advanced by a medical scratch.

Daniel Hyzac def. James Hassan

Hyzac got off to a rough start, becoming off balance and hopping around before being thrown to the ropes by the off-campus senior Hassan. The off-campus law student Hyzac rebounded, however, throwing some impressive connecting right jabs. Hassan’s agility enabled him to duck Hyzac’s punches before throwing a huge right hook of his own midway through the second round. The rest of the round was highlight-
ed by close-range body shots. A hotly contested third round saw the two fighters exchange jabs before Hyzac was able to con-
nect on a couple jabs near the end of the fight. Hyzac earned the right to go to the semifinals in a tough split-decision victory over Hassan.

By KATIE HEIT
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Senior Alexia Clay is eager to get back on the field follow-
ing a shoulder surgery seven months ago that ended her 2010 season.

The Indiana native started her career at the Tennessee

before joining the Irish, and redshirted her final sophomore season.

“My desire to transfer here though because Notre Dame softball has always been a good program and they would let me get the education I wanted,” Clay said. “Not to mention the tradition and school atmosphere are unbeatable in comparison to other schools.”

After starting at catcher her junior year, she suffered a shoulder injury that ended her senior season. Now, as a fifth-year senior, Clay is ready to make an impact on the team.

“T’ll feel pretty good,” Clay said. “I’ve never had surgery before and it’s kind of interesting seeing how it feels (after rehab). It feels so much better than it felt before. It’s just nice to be back on the field.”

Clay’s shoulder has given her trouble for several years. “I have struggled with shoulder problems since late in my high school career and it finally caught up to me near the end of my college career,” Clay said. “I played last season injured and wasn’t really able to catch. It also affected my hitting, which was difficult for me because that is my favorite part of the game.”

Clay said the hardest part about college play is the schedule.

“We play 56 games in the regular season, then at least five more in postseason,” Clay said. “We travel all over the country to play and we prac-
tice about three to four hours a day. Not to mention we have a lot of early morning condi-
tioning and lifting sessions, and I don’t think anyone is a morning person at 5:30 am. Even with the grueling schedule, Clay doesn’t regret her choice to play college softball.

“My favorite part about softball is being able to have practice outside late in the day,” Clay said. “It’s really calming to just go hit and enjoy the weather... Not the February weather in South Bend. I’m talking about the nice warm spring evenings that Fr. Sorin proba-
bly saw when he decided to found Notre Dame.”

Clay is eager to see what her final season will bring to the Irish.

“We have a lot of great players and things are swing-
ing up for us this year,” Clay said. “I’m excited to see where we go and what we do together and I’m excited to be a part of it in my last year.”

Clay thinks that the key to the success this year will be the team’s attitude.

“I think that our team has a lot of potential,” Clay said. “We’ve had a lot of power in the past and there are always going to be people that are more talented than you and I think our biggest change this year is going to help us pull through.”

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ND SOFTBALL

Clay ready to return to field

Sophomore Michael Allare throws a jab at senior Ryan Slaney during Slaney’s victory in a unanimous decision Sunday.

Brian “Caesar” Salat def. Jordan Smith

In a defensive oriented first round full of hands up and ducking, neither fighter was able to get any clean shots on the other. When the off campus senior Smith got put on the ropes in the second round, he was able to escape and land a powerful left jab on the Zahm sophomore Salat. The two right-handers traded a series of left jabs before Salat broke through with a potent left hook. In a close bout, Salat emerged with the split decision win.

Heavyweight Division

John “The Broker” Baumann def. Nolan “Caveman” Welsh

The first heavyweight match of the 51st Bengal Bouts did not disappoint. The tall and lanky off-campus MBA student Baumann used his lightning-
quick hands to pound the off-
campus sophomore Welsh early on, landing right hook after right hook. In the second round, Welsh tried to flip the script by first bull-rushing Baumann into the corner before throwing — and landing some — left upper-
cuts and right jabs. Baumann responded, however, with thun-
derous uppercuts of his own, rocking Welsh and his long, flowing locks. The MBA student continued in the third round, unleashing a right hook onslaught that knocked the sophomore’s mouthpiece put and to the mat. Baumann took the unanimous decision to advance to the semifinals.

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NFL

League looks at safety rules again

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The NFL’s competition committee wants football to be safer game.

“It’s going to take a little while longer to figure out how to do it effectively,” committee members spent most of Thursday morning meeting in Indianapolis, site of the league’s annual scout-
ing combine, and discussed everything from player safety to officiating and rules changes. No formal proposals have been made, and none may be forthcoming until the commis-
sion’s next scheduled meet-
ing in Florida.

Clearly, though, protecting players is among the hottest topics on the league’s agenda — after collective bargaining agreement negotiations.

“Every year different tactics come into the game, and guys are taught different ways to play the game,” said Atlanta Falcons President Rich McKay, the longtime co-chair of the committee. “When that happens, I think we have to talk about how we deal with that. Do we have a proposal? Not yet. Do I anticipate one? I sure do.”

McKay wouldn’t speculate on possible changes, but his comments came about 12 hours after the league said it had finalized a baseline protocol for concussion testing on Friday.

The other subcommittee broke late Wednesday, McKay returned about an hour later to meet with the coaches’ subcommittee. Attendees included Tomlin, Bengals coach Marvin Lewis, Eagles coach Andy Reid, with Indianapolis Colts and Buffalo Bills coach Spagnuolo, Ravens coach John Harbaugh and Lions president Mike Holmgren.

Tomlin, Lewis and Spagnuolo declined to comment on the discussions following a nearly-three-hour session.

McKay said the No. 1 topic during that portion was play-
er fines, though he heard no complaints from coaches — even this year players openly critical of the league’s increased fines for hits to the head.

“They wanted a discussion and an understanding of the fine system itself and how it all operates,” McKay told The Associated Press. “I don’t think anyone who individually believes that the fine system works pretty well for us. It’s intended to deter conduct, and I think when you look at the number of repeat offenders we have, it works pretty well for us.”

Another topic under review is what constitutes a catch.

“The ball never leaves the ground,” that rule began in September, Lane Johnson of the Philadelphia Eagles was hit in the end zone before the football hit the ground and he let it go. It was ruled incomplete.

The play could have been a game-winner. Instead, Detroit lost 19-14.

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Severyn was named the winner of the rousing bout by unanimous decision.

Greg Bennett def. Daniel “The Connecticut Hurricane” Hands
Bennett, a junior, and Balcarcel, a sophomore, each took similar styles in the first round. Both competitors attempted to push in further and push each other, with a defensive strategy, and the round finished even.
In the second round, Bennett came out aggressive, landing a hard uppercut in the face of the younger Balcarcel, pushing the elder back against the ropes. Balcarcel responded strongly, however, as Bennett control on his own, but Bennett ended the round on top, as he took control near the end.
The third round lacked the intensity of the second as each boxer took a careful approach. Balcarcel landed some jabs late in the round, but it was not enough to win, as Bennett was awarded the match by split decision.

Robert “I’m All Jacked Up on Mountain Dew” Alphonse

Alphonse Harding
Neither fighter could establish control early in the first round, as both fighters did not land many punches. Towards the end of the first round, the senior Garcia began to take the lead against the freshman Harding, with a series of jabs and crosses. At the end of the first round, Garcia landed a hard hook to the head of Harding, cutting him, and postponing the match briefly.
Early in the second round, Garcia landed another hard uppercut against Harding, cutting him more, and leading to the referee deciding to stop the contest 15 seconds into the second round.

Adrian “Yo Adrian” Moreno def. Scalise “Paul from the Hall” Barron

Moreno, a junior, and Barron, a freshman, began the round conservatively. Toward the middle of the round Moreno landed a big hook against Barron that cut the Alumni resident, briefly stopping the match just before the first round concluded. Moreno capitalized on the lead with points in.

Moreno began the second round aggressively. However, Barron landed a hard uppercut, landing a hard shot against the ropes. Moreno soon countered with another large punch, catching Barroon again. After the match resumed, a third punch again caused Barron to get cut and the round ended. Moreno stopped the round with the lead points in.

182 pounds
William “The Captain” Paape def. Matt Enziweller

Enziweller made first contact in what proved to be an evenly matched first round. The Dion sophomore again landed the first hit in the second round, but Paape was able to escape after hitting Enziweller with the ropes. “The Captain” took command in the second round, hooking Enziweller into a corner and deflecting many of the Dion resident’s blows. Paape was declared the winner by unanimous decision.

Tom “Son of Ted” Connelly def. Rob “All Gloves No Love” Cinzino

Cinzino quickly took command of the match by backing Cinzino into a corner in the first seconds of the bout, and the law student remained stuck in the corner for the rest of the competition. Cinzino tumbled to the ground after a body shot early in the second round, and the match had to be paused while the law student received medical attention later in the round. The referee stopped the contest enough time after Cinzino was knocked to the ground by a blow to the head, making Connelly the winner.

Urciuoli, a senior, landed some combos early in the first round, to take control, and DiPiero, a sophomore, responded with some jabs. However, as the first round continued, Urciuoli landed some big punches and uppercuts, and gained full control of the match. DiPiero came out aggressively in the second round, and landed a few combos successfully. But as the round continued, Urciuoli landed a large number of heavy punches.

Urciuoli, not content to stand back with the lead, came out aggressively in the third round, and landed many hooks and jabs, to continue his strong performance for the match.

Both seniors came out strong, with neither being able to gain an advantage early in the first round. Later in the round, Duran used a few punches and evasive footwork to take the upper hand.

Griffin decided to fight through the pain, but near the end of the round the referee decided to stop the contest, ruling that Griffin was too injured to con-tinue.

198 pounds
Daniel Yi def. Eric “What the” Frick

Yi began the match by taking

Marcobner advanced due to a medical scratch.

Bill “The Italian Stallion” Stracasa def. Matt “Don’t Tell My Mom” Stolce
In a battle between off-campus seniors, Stracasa came out swinging in the first round, hammering Stolce with a string of powerful left jabs. He was also able to avoid many of Stolce’s punches with his quickness and agility, darting and ducking out of the way. The battle continued in the second round, with Stracasa showcasing his repertoire with right hooks and uppercuts, forcing the referee to count. The fight, however, continued. In the third round, a flurry by Stracasa forced Stolce against the ropes before Stolce escaped. With a grunt with every punch, Stracasa forced Stolce to adjust his headgear on numerous occasions before ultimately grabbing a unanimous decision victory.

Mike “The Bringer of Rain” Doran def. Pat “Ryan” Griffin

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contact with Labriola in the third round, but the junior seemed impervious to the blows, and Labriola was named the winner by split decision.

Ryan Alberdi def. Dan “The Polish Hammer” Jasinski

Alberdi got off to a quick start, immediately going on the attack against Jasinski. The law student attempted to turn the tables and chased Alberdi into a corner in the last seconds of the first round, but the Sorin College sophomore fought his way out of danger. “The Polish Hammer” started the second round on the offensive, but his blows were deflected by Alberdi. In the third round, the sophomore lunged forward to try and strike Jasinski, leaving him vulnerable to a hook that knocked him off balance and onto the mat. Alberdi quickly recovered and ended the bout with an offensive barrage. The judges awarded Alberdi the victory by unanimous decision.

Robert Powers def. Terry “Twinkletones” Howell

In this battle of senior fighters, Powers quickly gained an advantage with his combination punch that alternated between Howell’s body and head. In the first round, Powers had his opponent in retreat with this move and delivered many powerful body shots. The second round saw more of the same as Powers’ random mix between body and head punches left Howell off balance and unable to counter. In the third round, Powers’ shots to the face caused the referee to stop the bout to give Howell an eight-second recovery. When the match resumed, Powers continued to dominate and advanced to the semifinals with a unanimous decision victory.

Mark “Ridin’ Solo” Iandolo def. Patrick “Boom Boom” Bishop

Iandolo proved to be the aggressor in the first round of the fight, connecting on numerous blows to Bishop’s face. The senior used a quick two-punch combination move to send Bishop, a sophomore, into retreat. In the second round, Bishop managed to find some success in landing left-handed jabs to Iandolo’s face. However, the third round saw Iandolo dominate, connecting on six jabs in a row at one point and eight jabs in a row at another. He also managed to move Bishop against the ropes, where he continued to connect on punches. Iandolo won the fight in a unanimous decision.

167 Pounds

Richard “Mr. Glass” McAvoy def. Daniel Griess

McAvoy took control early in the first round, backing Griess into the ropes in the first few seconds. Griess gained momentum after a wild swipe from McAvoy failed to make contact, and Griess, a freshman from Keenan, ended the first round by landing a blow on the law student’s forehead. McAvoy regained control of the match in the second round when he backed the freshman into the ropes and then into a corner. Griess came out strong in the final round, even backing McAvoy into a corner, but McAvoy was declared the winner of the bout by split decision.

Senior Mark Iandolo, left, attacks the body of sophomore Patrick Bishop during Iandolo’s victory in a unanimous decision Sunday.

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170 Pounds

Connor “The Skeleton” Skelly def. Daniel “Dan Dan Revolution” Chapman

Both fighters bided their time in the opening seconds of the bout, as Skelly attempted to use his considerable arm span to make contact with Chapman, but the Stanford junior blocked most of early jabs. “The Skeleton” opened the second round by sending off an offensive barrage from Chapman, and retaliated with a straight punch that landed on the side of Chapman’s head. The Stanford junior dealt a few blows to Skelly’s abdomen early in the third round, but he was repaid with an audible punch to the face, and “The Skeleton” was declared the winner by unanimous decision.

Nick Severyn def. Joseph “Send in the Troll” Garrity

Severyn waited a few moments before unleashing a barrage on Garrity, who immediately returned the favor, and the two flew around the ring for the rest of the first round. Garrity, a junior from Dillon, tried to land the first punch of the second round, but he was countered by Severyn, who quickly took control of the round. Garrity again threw the first punch of the third round, but Severyn returned the junior’s effort with a thunderous blow to the face.

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every last ounce of his energy at practice each day, or his almost daily extra workouts, he’s devoting the rest of the time to chemical engineering.

From the start of his collegiate rowing career, Flood has made an impression. He sat 6-seat in the Novice 8+ that won gold at the American Collegiate Rowing Association (ACRA) National Championship Regatta. He continued to impress during the offseason and moved up to the Varsity 8+ as a sophomore, and continued to improve for the incoming Irish.

“[I had] experience here at Notre Dame was winning ACRA my freshman year,” Flood said. “It was a very competitive race and a very competitive season, but to get to come out on top in the last race of the year after being the underdog was a great experience.”

Flood carried the momentum into his junior season, when he qualified to receive a sponsored trip to compete in the World Indoor Rowing Championships. He did not disappoint. Finishing first in the Collegiate Lightweight category, he participated in the event again, and actually improved upon last year’s score, earning him top honors again, as well as a fourth-place finish overall and second in the under-23 category. His performance earned him the distinction of being the top American lightweight.

“I greatly improved on my time from last year,” Flood said. “Right under 2k, it’s the fastest of any most rowers can dream of, he says it is not yet satisfied. With seven of the top eight rowers back for another season, his goals are not unrealistic.

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While it is hard to think of playing golf — a sport that usually requires a course covering several acres — while confined indoors, the Rolfs Family All-Season Varsity Golf Facility at the Warren Golf Course allows the Irish to hone their skills and stay in tip-top shape, even when the weather fails to cooperate.

The facility, which the men’s and women’s teams share, houses a pitch and chip area and a practice bunker, in addition to a large putting green.

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Traditionally, northern schools have not been able to compete with the golf programs blessed with warm weather, especially during the spring season following the long winter layoff. But the Irish believe that their winter training will help them develop a consistent and compete successfully against some of the country’s top teams.

“We may not be able to play outside, but our facility certainly allows us to stay in top form during the rough South Bend winters,” Conway said.

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the ball inbounds to escape with a win.”

Abromaitis opened the game with a pair of free throws and travel. We travel to

said. “That means hard work — ready for the spring.”

Brooks’ efforts.

guard Ben Hansbrough’s 32, over the Friars (14-14, 3-12). (22-5, 11-4) to an 18-10 lead

In the end, though, his 28 points led the Irish onward to victory,

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I’ve been in so many of these,” Brey said. “You just have a feeling on the road you are going to have to hold them off. You aren’t going to win by 20, especially with a kid like Brooks in a zone which I’ve never seen before.”

Hansbrough converted six free throws in that time span, leading him to a career-high point total, and the Irish made 11 of 16. Two of those misses came with one second remaining on the clock and Abromaitis on the line. After the second miss of the back of the rim,

Brey’s three-quarter court heave flew wide.


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**Today's Horoscope**

**EUGENIA LAST**

**Celebrities Born on This Day:**
- **Dolores Fonzi,** 71
- **Eugenia Last,** 71

Happy Birthday: Cooperation and assistance must be given, especially when financial, marital, and legal matters are involved. You will be able to anticipate what you will have to do throughout your life to obtain a better position, greater satisfaction and personal options that are better aligned with your work. Your numbers are 14, 12, 20, 26.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)
- You may need to incorporate dynamic control into your discussions with both personal and professional friends. There is no need to overreact. A calm approach will help you find solutions so you can put it away before you fall off.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)
- A partnership will improve if you have a heart to heart talk. You will learn a valuable lesson from your experience which helped to a dependable relationship. Make a premise to treat with the smallest job you are asked to do.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)
- Concentrate more on work and less on your personal problems. You will not show your true personal position. If you do you distance yourself from the situation, so you can see you are safe in it.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)
- You have plenty of opportunity to learn, make new friends or pick up additional skills. Don't get involved with others to comfort you. Make the first news and you'll show everyone that you are a real winner.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)
- You must do the right before you decide to make a big ticket purchase or sign up for something costly and not likely to gain the results you expect.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
- You need to get out more and to make new friends or at least assume the relationships that are important to you. Socially you will enhance your love life and show that you are willing to participate and contribute. Your display will be appreciated.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
- Concentrate on your ideas and creative plans for the future. Get together with people who inspire you or bring positive results. Be careful not to upset someone who is mean or you will have uncertainty, losing to count, worries, and responsibility.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
- Love is on the rise and partaking in the good, events or promote improvements that help you bring about change should be very income. Your enemy and creative impetus will help you close a gap that has slowly been growing between you and someone you can always trust.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
- Keep your thoughts to yourself and your mind on how to improve your life. It is what you will do that will count. You will have to be involved, people can appear with friends, relations and neighbors if you are odd or displeasing or your expenses.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
- Professional advancement can be yours if you put in the extra effort and share your successes with your improvement. Being the best is the only way to be a success. Continue to work at things that are important.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
- Recalculate what you are being offered or take a responsibility that you are involved in. Your success will dramatically increase when you choose to pitch in and be a good cause. Aces are required.

**PIECES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)
- Now is your chance to pursue something you won't want forever. Find new friends and show your dedication. Set up meetings and contacts and don't be written up and signed. It is up to you to make things happen!**
BENGAL BOUTS

By MATT UNGER, VICKY JACOBSEN, SAM GANS and MATTHEW DEFRANKS
Sports Writer

160 pounds
Matthew “It’s Almost Wake Week” Labriola def. Alec “Pretty Boy” MacDonell Labriola and MacDonell danced around the ring in an evenly matched first round, but the junior Labriola got down to business in the second round, landing several body shots on the freshman MacDonell. The Sorin College freshman finally took advantage of his long wingspan and closed out the second round with a resounding punch to Labriola’s mouth.

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MEN’S GOLF

Usher passes up career in England to play for Irish

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

The Oxford program is arguably the most prestigious study-abroad program offered at Notre Dame. Though many aspiring scholars apply, very few are accepted. One might say you would have to be a fool to turn down Oxford.

Tell that to Tom Usher, the Irish junior golfer from Bradford, England, who passed up a chance to study for four years at Oxford University and potentially turn pro in Europe, to pursue his degree at Notre Dame. The young man from across the pond did not waste time in establishing his presence on the Irish roster.

“In England, there are no college sports,” Usher said. “So my options were either turn pro at 18 or study at university. I didn’t want to have to choose between golf and academics.”

The path that Usher followed to South Bend is one familiar to student-athletes across Europe who dream of a chance to pursue a degree in the United States while continuing with their sport. Usher contracted a scouting service, one often used by Irish men’s soccer coach Bobby Clark, to assemble a portfolio to show to American college coaches.

“It was initially tough to evaluate Tom because of the limited chances we had to see him play,” Irish men’s golf coach James Kubinski said. “But he ended up selling himself and has been a huge contributor for us.”

That might be an understatement. After seeing a solid amount of action as a freshman, Usher, who resides in O’Neill Hall, blossomed as a sophomore, nearly winning both the team and individual Big East championships for Notre Dame. After losing the team title to Georgetown on the 18th green, Usher was forced to come back in a playoff for the individual title.

“It really wasn’t fair to make them come out and play after that heartbreaking loss,” Kubinski said. “No one’s heart was really in it.”

That loss has been a huge motivator for Usher and the Irish, who have their sights set on not only a Big East championship but also regional and national championships. Usher led the Irish into all five tournaments this season posting a 72.93 round average while posting a team high six rounds with under-par scores. With the onset of winter, Usher acknowledges

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EN Women’s Golf

Winter weather poses challenges for golfers

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The biggest challenge for Notre Dame in the offseason isn’t practice schedules or conditioning. It’s the daunting South Bend winter weather — a challenge Notre Dame’s southern competitors do not have to address.

Since a dusting of snow can make a round of golf a near impossibility, long-distance travel remains a fact of life for student-athletes who attend school in the north. Although the No. 15 Irish did not go on a training trip during winter break like some other varsity squads, the Irish regularly travel to tournaments held in warm locales during the winter months. This year’s schedule includes stops in Kaneohe, Hawaii; Stockbridge and Athens, Ga.; and Palm Harbor, Fla., in addition to the Central District Invitational in Parrish, Fla., this past week.

But the team still faces the challenge of finding a way to train productively when they return from competition or risk falling behind their competition from schools in warm climates.

The solution? Practice inside.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Brooks and done

Road trip finishes with win at Providence

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

Irish fourth-year forward Tim Ahromatidis began the night at a record pace, but it was Providence guard Marshon Brooks who ended the night with the most points in single-game Big East history.

Still, Notre Dame slipped past its host in a high-scoring 94-91 affair Wednesday night.

Brooks, the nation’s second-highest scorer, entered half-time with 17 points. A second-half explosion of 35 points, including 11 in the final minute, brought his tally to 52.

“Marshon Brooks was fabulous tonight,” Irish coach Mike Brey said in his post-game radio interview. “I’m just thrilled we withstood it, and made free throws and got

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CLUB SPORTS

Flood sets sights on NCAA title

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

When Greg Flood joined the Notre Dame club rowing team, he had aspirations to be an elite player on a strong team. Now, though, the Irish senior has even higher hopes — to win a national championship and eventually to compete in the Olympics.

While a student at Jenkins High School in Tulsa, Okla., Flood’s main focus was not even on the sport that he has blossomed in at the collegiate level. Rather, he concentrated on playing baseball. For Flood, however, it has always been about giving maximum effort no matter what the task at hand is.

“Greg is one of the most focused people I know,” rowing club president Michael Wagner said. “When he doesn’t spend

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