For nearly eight months, Jonathan Lutz, owner of The Mark restaurant in Eddy Street Commons, has lugger bags of recyclable waste from his restaurant to his home recycling unit in order to salvage as much reusable waste as possible.

The restaurateur, who also owns Upjohn Kitchen in Granger, said there have been no affordable recycling options in the Commons — a joint project of the University and the city that opened in 2009. To make his business somewhat eco-friendly, Lutz has recycled from home since the restaurant’s opening in August 2010.

“It’s been one of my greatest frustrations,” Lutz said of the work it takes to carry the waste between work and home.

Eddy Street Commons finally received two recycling receptacles on Feb. 22 to be collected once a week. Kite Realty, the developer of the facility, will increase frequency as demand dictates. The University has worked closely with Kite on developing the Commons as a student-friendly commercial area.

Lori Wick, director of marketing for Kite Realty, said while the apartments at Eddy Street Commons have offered recycling options since the facility opened in August 2009, the retail and office components were not able to recycle due to space issues.

“While it was always the intent to have a recycling program in place for the retail and office components at opening, the challenge of executing this initiative was not thoroughly addressed until recently,” she said.

Gregory Hakanen, director of Asset Management and Real Estate Development, said the University recently became aware that the businesses in the Commons have not been recycling.

Hakanen said Kite Realty has full responsibility for managing the development. The University plays no role in decisions like recycling, he said.

“Having said that, the University is committed to green principles on and off campus, and we are pleased that Kite has launched its recycling program for commercial tenants at Eddy Street Commons,” he said.

Wick said the company has been working for several months to implement recycling with the help of service provider Waste Management. She said Kite expects tenants to cling options since the facility opened in August 2009, the retail and office components were not able to recycle due to space issues.

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**Correction**

A Feb. 21 article, “This is a chance to celebrate” ND joins community to commemorate Robinson Community Learning Center’s 10th year,” misidentified Nicole MacLaughlin’s position at Notre Dame. She teaches for the University Wiring Center. The Observer regrets this error.

**O B S E R V E R A N N O U N C E M E N T S**

**In Brief**

Panbong Hall will be hosting its signature event Project PINK for the S.O. Rape Crisis Center as a part of sexual assault awareness week. The event will start at 5 p.m. Friday at Legends and will feature a fashion show, raffle and silent auction. All money raised will benefit the Family Justice Center, the St. Joseph Country rape crisis center.

As a part of National Engineering Week the Joint Engineering Council will be putting on the ASME Dremel Derby. The event starts at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Stimson-Repmick atrium. Register at www.nd.edu-jec.

A self defense introduction will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center. This crime victim prevention program is for women only and will be facilitated by Notre Dame Security Police crime prevention officer Kerri Kei Shibata.

Fiestang 2011 a Filipino dinner and cultural show will start Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Stepleton Center. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the show will start at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door for $10 or at LaFortune Student Center for $8.

The Muppet Movie will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Sunday at 3 p.m. This 1979 film follows Kermit the frog from his home in a Southern swamp to the bright lights of Hollywood. The event is free but ticketed.

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

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**Question of the Day:** Where are you going for spring break?

Bobby Manfreda

Rachel Perron

Beatrix Weil

Kaitlyn Farelio

**“Visiting friends at Notre Dame.”**

**“Home.”**

**“I’m going to Disney.”**

**“New York.”**

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com
**CSC offers new seminar**

By EMMA RUSS  
News Writer

As part of a new Center for Social Concerns seminar, students will travel to Honduras this spring break to learn about health care options for Honduran people and interact with physicians and public health personnel, senior Michael Daly, a seminar student leader, said. The course, titled Global Health Seminar, is a collaboration of the Center and Saint Mary's College.

The seminar is located near Tegucigalpa at the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) Holy Family Surgery Center, where volunteer surgeons provide free surgeries to poverty-stricken patients. Daly, a senior, said students will gain valuable medical experience in preoperative and postoperative care as well as sterilization of surgical equipment.

"Students are able to "scrub in" on surgeries, allowing the students to stand next to the operating table and receive a first-hand look into the surgical procedures," he said.

Sophomore Tiffany Fan said she excited for the hands-on nature of the seminar. "I am extremely excited to interact with doctors and patients and be able to learn more about the intricacies of global health, all within the context of service," she said.

"There are so many compassionate medical professionals that go down to help the poor of Honduras."  
Sam Russ  
sophomore

The surgery center is located on the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos Orphanage Ranch, home to hundreds of Honduran orphans. Daly, whose family established the surgery center, said students stay at the ranch and have the opportunity to share meals with the children, tutor and play with them.

Six Saint Mary's students will go to work at the surgery center in partnership with the six Notre Dame students who will attend each year, Daly said.

"The nurses are integral in the operation of the surgery center," he said.

Members of the Notre Dame organization Friends of the Orphans (FOTO) have already participated in several trips to the surgery center. Their annual trip has been repurposed into the Global Health Seminar.

"We have always envisioned a curriculum to complement the service learning trips to the NPH orphanages in order to provide students with appropriate reflection about the experiences and opportunities to integrate their daily life through academics with service," Daly said.

Senior FOTO member Sam Russ said he is looking forward to his second trip to Honduras. "There are so many compassionate medical professionals that go down to help the poor of Honduras," he said. "[Their example] has framed the way I can use my future career as a doctor." Students will also participate in the religious tradition of the Honduran people.

"It is really cool to see their prayer in community and how excited they are to participate," senior Caitlin Nichols said.

Prior to departure, students will attend seminar classes to discuss various health issues. Senior Britany Johnson, a seminar student leader, said the classes emphasize problems transcending national borders. Students will examine the role of international health agencies as well as the role of the Church in global health care, she said.

Daly said the seminar is rewarding spiritually and academically.

"The seminar brings the course information to life," he said.

"The entire health care team has one mission to heal the patient. There are no financial or hierarchical goals. Our only goals are to help solve the patients' problems."  
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**Professor offers new seminar on personality disorders**

By EMILY SCHRANK  
News Writer

Psychology Professor Lee Anna Clark was recently awarded a $2 million grant from the National Institute of Mental Health. The funds will go toward a five-year study to change the way personality disorders are diagnosed.

"The goal of the project is to bring greater insight between personality order identification and designation," she said.

"The bottom line for the grant is to gather information that might allow us to build a better system," Clark said. "There is a mismatch between the way personality disorders are diagnosed and the way the disorder is actually perceived and we want to see if we can help bridge those into better alignment."

The current diagnostic system is a set of criteria for each personality disorder, Clark said. "It's proven to be a pretty good measure of personality traits within a general range, but it's not perfect and we need to figure out what rules are and what rules are necessary," she said.

"It is a core dys-function in a person's disorder and we believe in a diagnostic system that is meaningful and that is meaningful and that is meaningful to our patients," she said. "It's not a perfect system, but we need to figure out what rules are necessary to understand the patient's diagnosis and this is an attempt to get a different perspective."

Clark said the first two phases of the study involve conducting interviews and gathering data from patients at the Oaklawn Psychiatric Center, a local nonprofit mental health agency.

The second phase of the study will take three years, Clark said.

"We will interview a total of 600 participants and also talk to others who know the people with personality disorders," she said. "We want to really get under what kind of insights into their own personalities, so we want to get to understand them."

Clark said the study will take three years, and will begin March 5 at noon in the Student Center Atrium.

"Our goal is always to beat our own record," she said.

"When that personality system doesn't develop or function properly, that's a personality disorder." Clark said one of the main goals of the study is to determine a comprehensive set of personality traits to be used in diagnosing personality disorders.

"We want to understand more about the notion of personality functioning, what the core of the new concept," she said. "We want to get a better measure that coherent sense of self."

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**Seminars.**

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**Dance Marathon sets record charity goal**

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY  
Saint Mary's Editor

With 12 hours of dancing, crafts, activities and performers, Saint Mary's Dance Marathon has teamed up with Notre Dame in an effort to raise more than last year's total of over $77,000 for the Riley Hospital for Children.

Meaghan Carliss, senior and vice president of Dance Marathon, said there are possibilities for the event set high expectations.

"Our goal is always to beat the year before," she said.

This year's Dance Marathon will begin March 5 at noon and end at midnight.

Senior Colleen Trausch, dancer relations and recruitment chair, said the group is on its way to matching last year's total with 100 dancers signed up, including students from Saint Mary's alone. She said they do not know the number of Notre Dame participants yet.

Carliss said the committee hopes to increase the number of dancers.

"We want more participants—people who stick with the cause," she said.

Children from the Riley Hospital for Children and their families will be attending the event.

"Participants will really have a chance to see a tangible effect in the children whose lives they are helping," Carliss said.

The night will also include crafts, activities, inflatables and food for the dancers. Local bands will perform, and there will be a DJ for the entire event. Chipotle, Papi Vino's, Red Robin, Hot Box and Subway will be available.

Carliss said she appreciates the participants coming out for a good cause.

"I'm really excited," Carliss said. "I really hope everyone can come out. It's a great event to see how much this community and really change lives."

Those who are not registered are still invited to come.

"It's a really rewarding event," Carliss said.

To register for the event, students are asked for a $15 registration fee, which begins today and Feb. 28 to March 4 in the Student Center Atrium during lunch and dinner hours. Notre Dame students must register on the website before the March 4 deadline. "Registering children for Riley Children Foundation at www.nd.edu. Donations can be made to Notre Dame's Saint Mary's Dance Marathon's website, www.smcdance- marathon.org.

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DeBartolo Hall lab to receive makeover

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

The Office of Information Technologies has removed the help desk from the DeBartolo computer lab and is seeking student input on how best to utilize the space.

Brian Burchett, Manager of Technology Enhanced Learning Spaces at the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) said OIT removed the help desk because there was no longer a need for it.

"We weren't really staffing that area," Burchett said. "DeBartolo was built in 1992. We had three people who worked behind the help desk counter, and they were busy all the time with questions. Not many people had computers at home, and when they came to school, they had lots of questions about really basic stuff. Students nowadays ask a lot fewer questions, so it looks to us like we could cut back.

Burchett said student employees did not lose their jobs as a result of the help desk's removal.

"You see, when seniors graduated, we didn't replace all the seniors who graduated," he said. "So the folks who worked in DeBartolo last year and were coming back were assigned to work in the [Hess Library] or LaFortune [Student Center] this year.

Burchett said OIT plans to remodel the DeBartolo computer lab in a way similar to how LaFortune's was renovated.

"You can see the kinds of things that are in the laboratory lab, and you can see the difference between the way it is and the way DeBartolo is," Burchett said. "There's not really any place to work in groups [in DeBartolo]."

White boards now stand where the help desk used to be, offering students an opportunity to suggest ideas for the newly empty space.

"It's one way that students have an opportunity to get some initial ideas from the start," Burchett said. "When we did the LaFortune lab design, students really had a big part in the design process. We want to make students input into the DeBartolo lab design significant as well.

Burchett said students have suggested practical and funny ideas.

"Some people have said group study rooms like [in] LaFortune, some people have said more computers and more printers, some people say Linux computers, [and] somebody said they wanted a burrito bar," Burchett said. "Somebody else said they wanted go-go dancers. The go-go dancers are probably not going to mix well with the Catholic character of the University.

OIT has not yet decided what to do with the space. Burchett said. Staff members plan to create a conceptual design as a starting point so OIT can give the University an estimate of the project's cost.

Burchett said OIT has given serious consideration to merging the computer lab with the adjacent lounge. OIT would add a variety of seating configurations, so students could work in groups. OIT has also considered adding more printers to the lab so the lines would be shorter in between classes, Burchett said.

Burchett said OIT is very interested in students' suggestions.

"If students have a friend or a sibling that goes to a school that has rolling shelves, and they want to do something similar to one of those schools, we'd love for somebody to give us a website or pictures and send them to us," he said. "We really want it to be a space that students like and can feel like [is] theirs.

OIT is considering various funding options, Burchett said.

"We know that it's going to be an expensive project. So funding is an issue, especially when the economy is not what we all would like it to be and the University has to be careful with its resources," he said. "Because we know it's going to be an expensive project, it's probably not a project the OIT can fund on its own. We're probably going to have to seek funding from other sources on campus."

Burchett said OIT would not have an exact timeline for the project until funds are allocated.

"I would hope that we can have funds allocated in the fall so that we could start the project in the summer of 2012, but that is definitively a goal and not real yet," he said. "I think the key is if we come up with something the students really like, then I think the University will support it.

"The primary reason student input is important to us is students spend so much time there and we would not be a place students really like.

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Green
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by students and staff

Principal author Dan Wehner said "Greening the Bottom Line" the most impressive feature of this fund is its ability to provide money from previous investments for future green upgrades.

Contributing author Mark Orlowski, executive director of the Sustainable Endowments Institute, said in the report that other schools also have paid more attention to sustainability.

"The trend is clear both in terms of money saved and reduced energy consumption," he said. "The number of green revolving funds has more than quadrupled since 2008."

Hafner said Notre Dame has made major strides in this area.

"Look back to the green report card of 2007 and 2008, we had a D," she said. "Now we have a B+, which we've done with programming, outreach and training."

To achieve this grade, the Office of Sustainability has revamped many of its programs, systems, as well as introducing new events on campus, Hafner said.

"This Friday we have our annual spring semester Green Summit. The University is also in the middle of an energy conservation program and upgrading vehicles," she said. "We're really excited because it opens a lot of doors. If this is something we can add to our fleet," she said. "We'd retire work trucks and replace them with the electric ones."

The biggest component of what the University is working on with sustainability, Hafner said, is education. Along with introducing a sustainability aspect to freshman Contemporary Topics courses, the Office of Sustainability is promoting current and possible green upgrades.

"(The Office of Sustainability) in the process of creating courses for a sustainability minor for the broader campus," she said. "We're trying to work more with the academy on opportunities that just haven't been called out yet."

At Notre Dame, there are unique difficulties other schools are not forced to face. Hafner said. Energy on campus is extremely cheap, while on the East and West Coasts cost is higher.

"To justify energy programs on campus is difficult because it's so cheap," she said. "We're trying to formulate programing around that."

A grassroots approach must be taken, with each individual contributing to the cause, she said.

"Educate yourself. People don't necessarily take time to do so," she said. "Shut lights off, take shorter showers, recycle and purchase fewer items so less natural resources are used."

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Eddy

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When she first started at the Bookstore nine months ago, recy-
cling was one of the first issues Mullaney, a 1981 Notre Dame
graduate, brought up to manage-
ment.

“They just said there’s no recy-
cling because it’s expensive,” she
said.

The city of South Bend does not
offer recycling for free.

“It’s egregious, just so egregious,”
Mullaney said of the recyclable
waste she has seen thrown away at
the Bookstore for the nine months
she has worked there.

Heather Christophersen, director
of Sustainability at Notre Dame,
said off-campus projects like Eddy
Street Commons do not count
toward third-party evaluations of
the University, like the
Sustainability Endowments
Institute’s annual report card that
evaluates the environmental impact
of national universities. Notre Dame
most recently received a B overall
grade for sustainability efforts.

“They just said there’s no recy-
cling,” she said. “We look to these
examples and standards as we con-
tinue to improve day-to-day opera-
tions at Eddy Street Commons.”

Some workers in the Commons
say the lack of recycling up to this
point has been frustrating. Despite
recycling some waste from the
Mark restaurant by bringing it
home, Lutz said he can never recy-
cle 100 percent of what could be
recycled.

“It’s an incredible amount of
work,” he said.

Nan Mullaney, an employee of
the Hammes Notre Dame
Bookstore satellite store in the
Commons, worked at the cash reg-
ister during football season in the
fall. She has seen all the cardboard
boxes and plastic bags that held the
Notre Dame apparel thrown away.

“There’s a crusher in the back
where the trash is put into every
night,” she said.

Forum

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progress is flat while that of
other countries is ascending.
The second necessary fea-
ture is a high degree of edu-
cation among the nation’s citi-
zens.

“We need to make sure our
citizens can take advantage of
the fruits of innovation by
being innovators themselves,”
Bayh said.

The gap in standard of liv-
ing between well-educated
citizens and those without any
education is growing, he said.

“This needs to be addressed
before it has extreme an eco-

nomic and political impact on
society.

“All of us need to know
more about what’s going on
to make informed deci-
sions about who’s going to
lead us,” he said.

Bayh said the
-growing global-
ization of the
education raised questions for
the role of the government.

For example, Bayh cited
Sept. 11 as an example
between the great debate over
personal liberties versus the
need of government observa-
tion for safety reasons.

“There really are no limits
there because [the terrorists]
are suicidal,” he said. “This
changed the whole notion of
our self-
defense.”

With enemies such as these,
Bayh said the
government needed to take
extra precau-
tions such as
eavesdropping
and surveil-
ance, raising the
question of
how much is
appropriate and
how much is
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ties, which
goes right to
the core of who
we are,” he
said. “If you
get it wrong on
the other hand,
people die,
which may be
the greatest
destruction of
civil liberties.”

With global threats to
the people’s liberties, Bayh said
the government must act in a
way that keeps the nation safe
but at the same time main-
tains the common good.

“We have to be secure, but
at the same time true to our
values,” he
said.

Bayh said in
spite of these
issues, he was
optimistic
about the
future of
America as
a strong force
in the
global
economy.

Europe is
aging and in
debt, he said,
and while the
Indian subcon-
tinent is innovative, its large,
poor population is a weak-
ness.

China, the last major com-
petitor, has a quickly growing
economy and a surplus of
financial resources. However,
Bayh said the country does
not have a political system to
absorb its population. He
believes America will be the
strongest contender in the
global economy.

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Air Force awards contract to Boeing

WASHINGTON — Capping a decade of delays and embarrassing missteps, the Air Force on Thursday awarded one of the biggest defense contracts ever — a $35 billion deal to build nearly 200 giant airborne refueling tankers — to Chicago-based Boeing Co., over European Aeronautic Defence and Space Co. (EADS) of France.

The contract will mean tens of thousands of jobs for a recession-wary nation, with Washington state and Kansas getting the bulk of the work building a replace ment for the Eisenhower-era tanker fleet. The decision was a blow to the Gulf Coast and Alabama, which had been counting on EADS to assemble the aircraft at a long-shuttered military base in Mobile.

Air Force Secretary Michael Donley said the contract "represents a long overdue step to a much-needed program" as somewhat relieved Pentagon officials announced the decision, a clear victory for defense analysts, lawmakers and even company executives who had expected EADS to prevail.

"What we can tell you was that Boeing was a clear choice," said Deputy Defense Secretary William Lynn said.

Replacing the 1950s-era KC-135 planes — the equivalent of a flying gas station — is crucial for the military. Pilots who weren't even born when the last aircraft was delivered in 1965 are operating air tankers that the Pentagon is struggling to keep in flying shape.

The refueling tankers allow jet fighters, supply planes and other aircraft to cover long distances, critical today with fewer over seas bases and with operations under way far from the United States in places like Iraq and Afghanistan.

Pentagon leaders said both bidders met all 372 mandatory requirements for the contract. They said because the difference in price between the two bids was greater than 1 percent of the total, the cost essentially was the deciding factor, and other non-mandatory requirements were not used to make the decision.

The award gives Boeing the initial $3.5 billion for engineering, manufacturing and development of the first four aircraft.

GOP to target gay marriage in 2012

WASHINGTON — Angered conservatives are vowing to make same-sex marriage a front-burner election issue, national ly and in the states, following the Obama administration’s announcement that it will no longer defend the federal law denying recognition to gay married couples.

"The ripple effect nationwide will be to galvanize supporters of marriage," said staff counsel Jim Campbell of Alliance Defense Fund, a conservative legal group.

On the federal level, opponents of same-sex marriage urged Republican leaders in the House of Representatives to intervene on their own to defend the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, or DOMA, against pending court challenges.

"The president has thrown down the gauntlet, challenging Congress," said Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council.”

"This is the real politicization of the Justice Department — when the personal views of the president override the government's duty to defend the law of the land," said House Judiciary Chairman Lamar Smith, R-Texas. "It's disappointing that the Obama administration continues to place politics above the will of the American people.

In fact, many polls show the public almost evenly divided on legalizing same-sex marriage, one reason the issue is so volatile politically.

Perkins, the Family Research Council leader, suggested that House Republicans would risk alienating their conservative base if they did not tackle the marriage issue head-on.

"The president was kind of tossing this cultural grenade into the Republican camp," he said.

“If they ignore this, it becomes an issue that will lead to some very troubling outcomes for Republicans,” Jon Davidson, legal director of the gay-rights group Lambda Legal, predicted the DOMA announcement would "inescapably block the prospects for same-sex marriage in the courts. Among Democrats in Congress, there was praise for Obama’s decision and talk of proposing legislation to repeal the law altogether.

“I opposed the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996. It was the wrong law when it was the wrong law now," said Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-Calif. "My own belief is that when two people love each other and enter into a same-sex marriage, the federal government should honor that.

On the federal level, there were swift repercussions.

In Rhode Island, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Providence, Thomas Tobin, said Thursday that his diocese would "redouble its efforts" to defeat a pending same-sex marriage bill in response to the announcement.

In Iowa, conservative activist Bob Vander Plaats said the DOMA decision would invigorate a campaign to repeal the state’s court-ordered same-sex marriage law.

“This gives us more credibility than ever before," said Vander Plaats, who wants to topple the Democratic dominance in the state that is blocking efforts to put a same-sex marriage ballot proposal on the ballot.

In Maryland, meanwhile, the state Senate was debating a bill that would make that state the sixth to legalize same-sex marriage. In addition, Iowa, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire.

Lindsey Perkonis of the gay rights group Equality Maryland predicted the DOMA announcement would improve the bill’s prospects.

"It’s a recognition that government is no longer able to defend discrimination," she said.

In Congress, GOP House leaders gave no immediate indication whether they would intervene to defend DOMA in the ongoing lawsuits, but they harshly criticized Obama’s decision.

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WASHINGTON — Toyota Motor Corp. recalled 2.17 million vehicles in the United States on Thursday to address accelerator pedals that could become entrapped in floor mats or jammed in driver’s side carpeting, prompting federal regulators to close its investigation into the embattled automaker.

The Transportation Department said it had reviewed more than 400,000 pages of Toyota documents to determine whether the scope of the company’s recalls for pedal entrapment was sufficient.

As a result of the agency’s review, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration asked Toyota to recall these additional vehicles, and now that the company has done so, our investigation is closed,” said NHTSA administrator David Strickland.

Toyota has now recalled more than 14 million vehicles globally to fix gas pedals and other safety problems since 2009. The company has received intense scrutiny from U.S. regulators since August 2009, when four people were killed in a high-speed crash involving a Lexus near San Diego.

U.S. regulators largely cleared the company this fall, saying that electronic flaws were not to blame for reports of sudden, unintended acceleration that led to hundreds of complaints. Transportation officials tied the problems to the way the accelerator was actuated by the driver’s right foot. The company has cleared the company earlier this year near San Diego.

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Ode to Kirby

Those who are familiar with the popular Nintendo video game "Super Smash Bros." will recognize the character Kirby. For those who are not, Kirby is a pink, round creature from Dream Land who battles the corrupt King Dedede and his henchmen.

Kirby has many unique abilities, such as turning himself into a brick and stealing the attributes of his opponents. Kirby is undoubtedly the best character in the Super Smash Bros. game.

In the ancient world, great warriors and their exploits were remembered with an ode; a lyric poem of praise.

The following is an ode to Kirby, my character of choice in the circus of our modern world. It is comprised of stanzas of ten lines each; paragraphs correspond to stanzas and lines are separated by a forward slash.

O rosy sprite that doth dance 'cross the land, Your stature and hue belie your great might / Your wide smile hides your warrior's rage / No opponent shall you in a fight / You float up above the battlefield / Until you strike your final confrontation. Suddenly, you fall as a heavy brick / You are unattended should a foe shield / Ev'ry fighting fury it serves to foment / You counter with a well-placed punch or kick. You fly up high with glowing scimitar / And come back down with a blue cutter wave / To escape an enemy must run far / Or with shield the cutter attack brave / In the end it matters not; victory cometh when the wall, stubby-limbed ball / You guard the edge with well-aimed attacks / Down and A punch enforce the way / You wave and say "Hiiii" as opponents fall / You respond with lightning and more to say.

Should your stratagems fail or moves fall short / You adopt the power of another / A blur of a world like a tasty torte / Then don a cap to look like each other / Now you expertly wield the power of your friends with their own techniques / Leaving wanton destruction in your wake / Perhaps you snatch up a fire flower / And burn each enemy, those foolish freaks / Counter attacks come but you never break.

Fight on, oh pink orb, smash all your foes / Transform yourself into a brick and fall / In this dense form you deal quite heavy blows / Those below flee in fear / You crush all / For you anticipated their escape / You fell where they would be, not where they were / Having outmaneuvered all your enemies / You regain your belov'd spherical shape / You punch and punch and punch lies to your arms / Are a blur / Choppers you kick and triumph you seize.

You use all the tactics of Master Hand / When you face him you dodge and strike and dodge / You control the fight with your own command / Between you and the floor that hand will lodge / Under you and over you and hold assault / Now all that's left is your final death throws / A quite familiar situation / In ultimate form you triumph above / You emerge the greatest of all heroes / Yet the next day you must fight once again.

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Inside Column

What do we owe Indiana?

In college and at Notre Dame especially, students focus on promoting themselves. Pick me for that leadership role, pick up my résumé, see how well rounded and accomplished I am. But in what context?

The appearance of Betsy Bayh, a former U.S. senator and Indiana governor who spoke here Thursday for the Notre Dame Forum, indicates the University’s ties to the state, at least from a top-level leadership standpoint. But what about students? What do Indiana politics have to do with us?

Bayh, in her lecture Thursday night focuses on the broader themes of national politics and globalization. But her visit to campus coincided with a shake-up in Indiana state politics, making his message and his experience in Indiana politics especially relevant. With a dozen labor and education bills up in the air now that Indiana Democrats have fled the state (the General Assembly’s rules require at least two-thirds of a chamber’s members to be present for a quorum), who knows what will happen next.

Seriously, who knows? Most of us certainly don’t. One of the bills under fire from Democrats has to do with the agreements entered between unions and employers that would require all employee’s to pay collective-bargaining fees. Most likely no current Notre Dame student is part of a union.

The other bills, if passed, would bring “historical changes to education, such as increasing the number of charter schools and creating tax-funded vouchers for private school tuition” and change the formula for funding public schools, according to a Feb. 23 story in the South Bend Tribune. What does it matter to us, since we’re at a private university? Why should we care?

The University and state government frequently stress the importance of community relations. As a college community, we examine this on a local level — engaging law enforcement in discussions about student arrests, serving the community through the Robinson Center and collaborating on larger projects like Eddy Street Commons and Innovation Park.

But we are part of a larger community as well. Shakes in Indiana’s government will affect Notre Dame, whether it’s state funding cuts for research or tax hikes or industry in cities like South Bend getting pulled into labor disputes. If it’s too difficult to get research off the ground and too expensive to live in a small city in Indiana, our university becomes less attractive to potential faculty.

We’ve heard it before: Be a good citizen of South Bend, shovel your sidewalks — that kind of thing. They’re good sentiments, but they are ultimately, since most of us know we’ll move on from Indiana after our four years here. So what do we owe Indiana? Our attention? A cursory glance at headlines? Even that’s difficult, of course, when the only Tribune we can easily read on campus comes from Chicago, not South Bend.

Bayh said Thursday night that he did not run for re-election in 2010 because partisanship had become too promi- nent in government. The current turmoil in the state of Indiana only proves this observation to be true.

“I hope we focus on the fact that we’re Americans first and not Republicans or Democrats first,” Bayh said.

Again, what does this mean for Notre Dame students? Maybe politicians could learn from Bayh’s ideas, but do students hold strong partisan beliefs?

Bayh’s talk expressed concern not only about a growing divide between Republicans and Democrats, but also about a growing gap between informed and uninformed citizens.

“All of us need to know more about what’s going on to make informed decisions about who’s going to lead us,” he said.

Notre Dame is a part of a bigger city, state and nation. It even plays a role in the globalization Bayh addressed.

However much we just want to drop in, pick up the tools and skills and memories we want and then ditch the Bend for the rest of the world, Notre Dame is not simply some oasis, floating free of the real world and its problems.

Letter to the Editor

For the free market system in the NBA

On Wednesday, Rick Reilly wrote an article for ESPN about the recent trade of Carmelo Anthony from Denver to New York, criticizing Melo essentially for leaving Denver for New York to play with his buddies — the same criticism that LeBron, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh received last summer. Reilly whined that superstar players shouldn’t be allowed to leave cities like Denver for cities like New York, calling it unfair. The article is predicated on the underlying assumption that there should be parity among the teams because franchises like Denver will fold if there’s not.

Why is that underlying assumption a good one? It’s not. I’m no economics major, but the idea of revenue sharing and protecting the weak for the sake of equality effectively make the league socialist. A parity-based league is not necessarily a bad thing, as can be seen with the NFL. The EPL and NCAA, however, prove that a league can be successful without parity. Neither system is necessarily better.

What I take issue with is fans’ sense of entitlement to superstars that are only there in the first place because of league rules designed to promote parity. I believe the draft should be the only parity-encouraging system in place. After that, franchises should exist on their own. In free agency, if an athlete is content with his compensation, he should play where he wants. And if Denver fans aren’t content with their basketball team, they should follow someone else. And if the Denver franchise needs revenue sharing and equity-promoting rules to survive, they shouldn’t exist in the first place.

The final point: We need to stop thinking of capitalism and the free market system as a whole (does Rick Reilly hate America? I don’t know). At least with social programs like welfare and social security, there is an aspect of humanity and morality that can somewhat justify their existence. But if basketball teams in Denver, Cleveland and elsewhere contribute only to the malcontent of their athletes, what’s the point? Rick Reilly isn’t entitled to have a local team to root for, much less a top five player on that team. Nobody is. Stop complaining.

Peter Schanzer
seminolmes off-campus

Feb. 23

Save the sharks. Please recycle. The Observer.

Quote of the Day

"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter." e.e. Cummings U.S. poet

Quote of the Day

"If you would be a real seeker after truth, it is necessary that at least once in your life you doubt, as far as possible, all things." René Descartes

French philosopher
Imagine that you want to go to Chicago. You cannot, of course, simply will your self to the Windy City. Before you do that, you must first take. Since you are at the University of Notre Dame, you know that if you want to go to Chicago, you ought to drive west.

Your life — indeed, everyone’s life — is ruled by such rules. If you want to end your hunger, you ought to eat. If you want to end your exhaustion, you ought to rest. If you want to arrive at class on time, you ought to wake an hour beforehand, and if you want to impress your teaching assistant, you ought to read the material before you arrive. If you want to achieve this, more generally, you ought to do that.

Kant called such rules hypothetical imperatives: they command you — but only so long as you happen to have the relevant ends. Like all imperatives, they are normative: they indicate not what you will do but, rather, what you ought to do. But, in this case, what you ought to do — that is, your means — is determined by what you want to achieve — that is, your end. Your means are not prescribed by how the world is being as it is, unless you take a certain means as your end. Your exhortation not to eat said means just is your desire to achieve said end. Should your end change, the relevant hypothetical imperative no longer applies to you. You might think that all imperatives are thus hypothetical — but Kant would deny that. Some imperatives will that most people would not think are a breach of ordinary social law. Hence the moral rules Kant lays down are special cases. While hypothetical imperatives satisfy your wants, moral rules command you regardless of your wants.

Kant called such rules categorical imperatives — and they should, he thought, strike you as deeply mysterious. What rule could command you, could bind you, by your behavior, if it is not itself determined by your wants? Set aside, for a moment, the problem of motivation. Even assuming your willingness to obey moral commands, what could determine their content, if not your wants? Why, for example, ought you refrain from deceit, from theft, from murder rather than from, say, driving?

A categorical imperative, Kant answers, is like any imperative. But unlike a hypothetical imperative, what a categorical imperative commands you to do cannot be determined by anything outside itself — that is, by your wants. Yet what a categorical imperative commands you to do also cannot be determined by nothing at all, for then it would just be an arbitrary demand: get a rule. What a cate- gorical imperative commands you to do must, therefore, be determined by the categorical imperative itself — that is, the very fact that it is an imperative.

A categorical imperative is, then, the rule that you ought always to act according to rules — or, in Kant’s words, to love ourselves enough as to put on a shirt! I once thought we had morals, but I guess I was wrong.

What degenerate will be at Stepan Center this Saturday night at 5:30 p.m.? Who, devoid not just of moral decency but of any simulation of moral decency, wants to learn about other cultures and, overall, have a good time at Fiestgang? Who, devoid not just of moral decency but of any simulation of moral decency, wants to learn about other cultures and, overall, have a good time at Fiestgang? I mean, yeah, there will be lots of cool traditional and modern Filipino dance. But seriously, coconut bikinis? How can we even begin to talk about loving our neighbor, when we can’t even learn

### Letters to the Editor

#### Remembering Duerson

In light of Dave Duerson’s passing, former Notre Dame football superstar and member of the Board of Trustees, it’s clear that Notre Dame should lead the way in finding ways to make football more safe for our players. There is no question that the sport has made a tremendous impact on Notre Dame and the greater community, but at what risk to the players? With Duerson’s death, he was clearing making a plea for the world to understand how repeated head trauma can affect a man’s mental decline. I think most of us realize there is a price these players are paying, but at what overall cost? A question many are asking. The tragedy of this is the issue of head trauma and its effects. The NFL’s brain bank and the New York Times article mentioned, “Dave Duerson was a leader, a doer and a giver.” Notre Dame owes it to Dave and other players who have sacrificed much to give Notre Dame glory, to investigate the effects of repeated head trauma and find ways and means we can make the often-brutal sport less costly to our players. What makes Notre Dame special is that we are a community that cares about each other. It’s time to address this pertinent issue before this tragic situation repeats itself.

Karen Schneider Kiener 
Campus Ministry
Feb. 24

#### Something for everyone

Allow me to entertain a hypothetical notion here. You. Saturday, 6 p.m., Stepan Center. You’ve just indulged in a dinner of fine Filipino cuisine and are settling back to relax. Satisfied, wondering what this Fiestgang thing is all about. The lights go dim, slanging good sounds and chatting men clad in loincloths and ceremonial blankets take to the stage and begin to dance. One thing is abundantly clear: this ain’t America’s Got Talent.

As someone of far-too-European heritage, Fiestgang has served as my entry point into the novel world of Filipino culture. After viewing the show last year, I decided it was something I needed to be a part of. Now, just before showtime a year later, it’s a decision I’m glad I made. Amid all the kind and welcoming members of FASO, I’m gaining a great picture of a colorful culture that can swing from wild and fun-loving to refined and elegant at the drop of a hat, and do it all without taking anything too seriously. Just among the dances I’m in, I get to perform a Polynesian-flavored num- ber in which the members pound themselves and each other with coconut halen to form the rhythm, a wild dancing meant to invoke the movements of a rooster and an elegant Waltz. At least, a waltz as elegant as can be while the performers bat at each other with slippers! It’s crazy fun, and this is just a tiny part of the incredibly varied program. (And did I mention the food? The food is SO GOOD.)

So, if you have the time on Saturday, come to Stepan at 5:30 p.m. and get a taste of Filipino culture, no experience necessary! You’ll be glad you did.

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Feb. 24

#### Fiestgang promises coconut bikinis

I guess we can say goodbye to any vestige of moral decency around here. Just last Tuesday, I was heading back to my dorm after waiting 20 minutes in line to get my six-inch Subway submarine for dinner, when I saw a group of you, good-looking Filipino men walking out of Washington Hall in nothing but — what else — coconut bikinis. Immediately after, the train car of trau- matic encephalopathy, a degenerative brain disease found posthumously in about 20 retired players and a disease linked to depression, cognitive impairment and occa- sional suicide and overall cost? A question many are asking. I mean, yeah, there will be lots of cool traditional and modern Filipino dance. But seriously, coconut bikinis? How can we even begin to talk about loving our neighbor, when we can’t even learn
Spotlight for all to see and winning to new heights in 2010, Facebook’s origins that we remembered as the best window into Mark Zuckerberg and Facebook’s origins that we might ever get. The film does here is, for lack of a better comparison (although you can read into this as much as you want), tear down a man high up on a pedestal, strip him of all his fame and glory and tell a story about the real him; beyond fame and glory and tell a story on a pedestal, strip him of all his everything that we know and about the real him; beyond what is art and who the hell are we, or anyone for that matter, to say what can pass as art. As Banksy best put it, “It’s basically the story of how one man set out to film the un-filmable. And failed.”

Little Sundance favorite was released too early in the year too catch the attention that it deserves. However, it is likely to win, or at least should win, Best Documentary, and on top of that, it might just be the best film of the year.

This is Banksy’s only attempt at film, and even that is only an attempt. According to Banksy, the film was made for less than $200,000 and was almost entirely self-funded. It won’t be an easy film to watch, but it is definitely worth a look.

Best Director: This award usually goes hand-in-hand with the Best Picture award and although it is time that the Academy pay recognition to the sheer brilliance of Darren Aronofsky, who will have his moment in the spotlight when his lead actress, Natalie Portman, accepts her Best Actress award for “Black Swan.” Instead, David Fincher will be the one giving the speech before he has to come back out again and join in accepting the Best Picture award for “The Social Network.”

Best Actor and Actress: Both of these awards are no-brainers since both Natalie Portman (“Black Swan”) and Colin Firth (“The King’s Speech”) have won basically every award you can win. If you’re looking for a dark horse (and I mean really looking for one) then you might want to look out for Annette Bening, who gave a great performance in “The Kids Are Alright,” which was this year’s best reviewed comedy.

Best Supporting Actor and Actress: Melissa Leo and Christian Bale appear poised to give “The Fighter” a clean sweep of the supporting actor categories. Both outshined Mark Wahlberg and Amy Adams, and not to mention they’ve both had great careers thus far. Of the two, Bale’s performance is bar-none the best supporting performance this year, but Leo has the IOU factor going her way in that she’s very respected throughout the industry but doesn’t yet have an Oscar to show for it.

In the end though, Jacki Weaver, whose performance in the Australian gem of a crime thriller, “Animal Kingdom” was nothing short of spectacular, IOU’s often mean more than mer it however, and Leo will probably get the golden statue.

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Santa Editor

Under the tinfoil-armadillo ceiling of Stepian Center, half a dozen students laid down several giant bamboo sticks in neat rows, cranked up music and started practicing their routine, a combination of hip-hop dance integrated with traditional Filipino choreography on Tuesday night.

This hip-hop influenced version of Tinikling, the Philippines’ national dance, is just one act of many in Saturday’s Fiestang Filipino, the Filipino American Student Organization’s (FASO) annual celebration of Filipino culture.

FASO is the oldest ethnic club on campus.

“A lot of tradition goes into what we do,” Alexa Arastoo, a junior and one of Fiestang’s co-commissioners, said. She and Randall Ang, also a junior, handle directing and producing duties.

The core group of organizers starts planning the show’s thematic elements as early as the summer. This year’s theme is “Kwento,” a Filipino word for a story.

“We’re telling the Filipino creation story about self-amputation (which he did) but because he once played a stoner. The formula for success is simple. Just play a person who actively smokes marijuana or is heavily affiliated with marijuana culture in a feature film, and then continue to make movies. You will eventually win an Academy Award. You may have to wait up to 20 years for this to occur.

The trend has been around since at least the early ‘70s with Jack Nicholson’s win for “One Flew Over The Cuckoo’s Nest” after sparking up a few years earlier in “Easy Rider.” This pattern has seen a major upick in recent years. In fact, you can go all the way back to 2004 before one of the big four winners hadn’t at one point played a fan of the sticky icky.

Starting with the 2010 awards, it goes: John Lennon of The Beatles in “The Big Lebowski,” won for Crazy Heart), Sean Penn (“Fast Times at Ridgemont High”/“Mystic River”), Tilda Swinton (“The Beach”/“Michael Clayton”), Forest Whitaker (“Fast Times at Ridgemont High”/“The Last King of Scotland”), Reese Witherspoon (“Freeway”/“Walk The Line”), Jamie Foxx (“Ray”/“Ray”), Sean Penn (“Fast Times at Ridgemont High”/“Mystic River”).

Fast, those examples are interminant, but still exist. Benicio Del Toro (“Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas”/“Trafic”), Nicolas Cage (“Fast Times at Ridgemont High”/“Leaving Las Vegas”), Jack Nicholson (“Easy Rider”/As Good As It Gets”), Diane Keaton (“Annie Hall”/“Annie Hall”), Dustin Hoffman (“Rain Man”/“Midnight Cowboy”) and Jon Voight (“Coming Home”/“Midnight Cowboy”).

This seems like more than just a weird coincidence.

By my estimation, this is happening because: Actors no longer see taking a non-Filipino role as a career move. Indeed, it is seen as comic or even normal rather than subversive and “Fast Times at Ridgemont High” is a movie.

The last reason is pretty straightforward — by sheer force of coincidence, excellent casting or Cameron Crowe’s probable pact — by sheer force of coincidence, excellent casting or Cameron Crowe’s probable pact with the devil, “Fast Times” ensemble cast has spawned something like a dozen icons, if you prefer.

The success of the “Fast Times” actors was a bit more interesting — the comedy “Midnight Cowboy,” made in 1969, which was made amidst worries that it would关乎 the careers of Voight and Hoffman, specifically because of their roles as gigos and drug users. Why these same worries did not apply to the production of “Little Fockers,” I will never know.

Anyway, this ended up not being the case, primarily because “Midnight Cowboy” was a good movie. But, the same thing happened with a number of the older examples on the list, such as: Nicholson in “Easy Rider.” Until the new class of stoner-stars that came in with “Fast Times,” actors worried that playing something who used the marijuana in a film but was not a bad guy would force them into an entire career of playing nothing but blary eyed losers, or counter-culture icons, if you prefer.

The success of the “Fast Times” actors and “Fast Times” itself seemed to open the floodgates for all kinds of stoner comedies, and a crop of just-starting-out actors who felt that with this example, they were safe. They wouldn’t get pigeonholed as druggies by filling these stoned out roles.

It has even come to the point where former Oscar winners will pick up drug roles, statistic aside, Adrian Brody, who won for “The Pianist” in 2003, just recently played a psychotic drugged upZero in the comedy “High School.” It’s just no longer a big deal in Hollywood to jump from serious role to drug comedy to action movie. It might even be the reason some of the bigger actors take these kinds of roles, simply to prove that they don’t just go from serious dramatic role to serious dramatic role. This, of course, still does not explain “Little Fockers,” but I digress.

Many big name actors who started out in the late 80s or early 90s now have a stoner film in their early credits, including A-listers like Brad Pitt, Jeremy Piven, Jared Leto and Jake Gyllenhaal. It seems like it’s simply a matter of time before some (or all of these people win something, Franco included.

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**Fiestang brings Filipino culture and dance to ND for 7th year**

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About 30 Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students are dues-paying members of FASO, but the organization’s reach is much wider than the two campuses. Arastoo and Ang said they keep in contact with the Filipino American Student Organization of Michiana (FAAM) all year in order to reach out to the greater South Bend community, which has been an invaluable resource.

“People from South Bend are very knowledgeable about Filipino culture and so in touch with their heritage,” Arastoo said.

FASO used to advertise Fiestang at Sari Sari, a Filipino grocery store in Mishawaka, but that building was destroyed in a fire in April 2010. Randall and Ang noted that though they’ve lost their outlet, they still feel they’ve kept up their tradition of bringing in the larger Filipino community. About half of acts in this year’s show come from non-student performers.

The other half of the acts — 11 dances and one song in Tagalog, the language of the Phillipines — are performed by a mix of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students that come from all ethnic backgrounds.

The Asian American Association (AAA) joins in, as do performance groups Project Fresh and Step ND.

Only one student had ever performed the traditional dances, so for the rest of the student performers, Filipinos and non-Filipino alike, it was a learning experience.

“All of our club learned more about Filipino culture here than they did before, especially the dancing,” Arastoo said.

Fiestang Filipino food at home is one thing, she explained, but learning the traditional dances is more difficult for those students who don’t live in larger cities like Chicago, which have larger Filipino populations.

Lots of kids don’t have access to that kind of cultural depth,” Arastoo said.

The Fiestang participants pass down the choreography year by year to a new generation of performers.

“We learn the choreography but also what it means,” Ang said.

Now in its 17th year, Fiestang long ago outgrew South Dining Hall, then LaFortune Student Center, and now with more than 300 guests and a dinner-theater style set up, it fills up Stepian Center.

Ang said they expect about 400 people to turn out for the show, including Fiestang’s alumni, their families, people from the larger South Bend Filipino community and high school seniors visiting as part of the Spring Visitation program through Undergraduate Admissions.

Proceeds from the event go to Madre de Amor, the first hospice program started in the Philippines.

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**On campus**

**What:** Fiestang Filipino

**Where:** Stepan Center

**When:** Saturday, Feb. 26, dinner at 5 p.m., show begins at 7 p.m.

**How much:** $8 in advance at LaFortune Box Office, $10 at the door

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**OUTDOOR**
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**Outspoken Ryan guarantees Super Bowl ring**

The Jets are the only team to make the playoffs each of the past two seasons, the outspoken New York Jets coach has promised a Super Bowl win next season.

"If this is the year we're going to do it," he said. "I believe this is the year we're going to do it."

Ryan said that his team made major strides last season, and he believes it is natural to expect the Jets to take the next step.

"I care what our organization believes and what our leadership believes and what our fans believe," he said. "If we can improve a little more, then why not us?"

Ryan made headlines when he made the Jets' divisional playoff game against the Indianapolis Colts a "personal" matchup between himself and Colts quarterback Peyton Manning. The Jets prevailed 17-16. The next week, he pulled out the personal card again, this time calling out New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick, and the Jets won 28-21.

Ryan wasn't as bashful heading into New York's AFC matchup with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Ryan was defeated New York 24-19. Thursday's 17-minute session was vintage Ryan. He talked for more than five minutes, often drawing laughs from the media.

"No, I'm not in the Super Bowl coaching again," he said.

"Anyone that's down or feeling bad about themselves, spend a couple hours with him and I promise you'll laugh a few times," Tannenbaum said.

"He's got a great personality. There's a lot been said about his personality, his guidence, but at the end of the day, we got to judge him by his record. We're lucky to have him."

This isn't the first time Ryan has promised a title. During last season's training camp, Ryan was asked to sign his name on the back of ESPN's tour bus.

Ryan added that the team's 5-3 home record last season was disappointing, and he quipped that their No. 3 defensive ranking wasn't up to their standards.

Scott credits Gilbert for putting a premium on winning.

"I've never been around an owner's that sole existence right now on earth is to win," Scott said. "He doesn't care what it costs him. It's unbelievable to be around a guy who has that type of conviction."

Grant spoke with multiple teams about a variety of deals but made only one other move, sending a second-round pick in 2013 to Boston for rookie forward Luke Harangody and first-round center Semih Erden.

The Clippers are on Williams' $9.9 million contract this season. Moon's $3 million contract expires after this season. Williams has been out of the picture for a long time.

"We haven't been in big games, he's a very experienced player," he said. "He makes big shots. And that's what we needed. He was the right fit for us."

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INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Byron Scott never dreamed he'd be coaching Baron Davis a second time.

For a while, he wasn't sure he'd ever speak again.

Once together in New Orleans, the hard-headed, old-school coach and volatile player clashed — about everything. Scott and Davis rarely saw things eye to eye, leading to a messy separation that seemed irreversible. They've supposedly mended their relationship.

The Cavaliers hardly have time to celebrate.

One of the NBA's top point guards when motivated, Davis was acquired by the rebuilding Cavaliers along with an unproctted 2011 first-round draft pick from the Los Angeles Clippers for guard Mo Williams and forward Jamario Moon.

With the league's worst record, the Cavs, who are trying to regain their footing without superstar LeBron James, now own two first-round and two second-round picks in June's draft. They plan to use those selections to replenish their roster and regain relevance.

"The organization is excited," Scott said. "We're ready to get started."

Scott and Davis are starting over.

When the two were with the Hornets, Scott and Davis butted heads. Byron didn't like Baron and vice versa. At one point, Scott banned Davis' personal trainer from the Hornets' training facility. While they were on the team, stretched indoors before practice, Davis and his trainer worked outside in the parking lot.

Eventually, Scott pushed for Davis to get traded to Golden State, a move that led to the Hornets drafting All-Star Chris Paul in 2005.

"I thought he and Davis would remain distant, but two years ago they patched up their differences in a parking lot before a preseason game. Davis told Scott he had written him a letter to apologize, but decided to say he was sorry in person.

"He wanted to apologize for some of the things that happened in New Orleans," Scott said. "He felt that he understood now that I was just trying to make him a better basketball player. I can be tough on guys at times. I don't think he accepted it at that particular time, but he's matured."

Scott was moved by Davis' heartfelt gesture.

"I was very touched. I was speechless," he said. "My wife was sitting next to me and I was like, 'Wow, I can't believe that he came to apologize and said everything said and some of the things he said.' He gave me a big hug and said, 'I love you and thank you for everything.' I was shocked. From that point on, I've been extremely happy for him.

"The Cavs, who with owner Dan Gilbert's blessing are taking on Davis' $29 million contract over the next two years, need that bond to remain strong."

They're counting on Davis to come in, play well and be a good citizen. They'd also like the 31-year-old, who was cleared of any drug issues in the closing seconds of the Clippers' recent game in Cleveland, to help develop young guard Ramon Sessions.

Davis comes with a reputation for being difficult. He showed up for training camp this season out of shape. He can't be happy about being uprooted from his hometown to join the NBA's worst team. Just last weekend in L.A., he was tossing a pass through the sunroof of a car to Clippers teammate Blake Griffin in the All-Star slam dunk contest.

Now, Davis is headed to Cleveland — not exactly known for its basketball history.

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INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Byron Scott never dreamed he'd be coaching Baron Davis a second time.

Byron didn't like Baron and vice versa. At one point, Scott banned Davis' personal trainer from the Hornets' training facility while they were on the team, stretched indoors before practice, Davis and his trainer worked outside in the parking lot.

Eventually, Scott pushed for Davis to get traded to Golden State, a move that led to the Hornets drafting All-Star Chris Paul in 2005.

"I thought he and Davis would remain distant, but two years ago they patched up their differences in a parking lot before a preseason game. Davis told Scott he had written him a letter to apologize, but decided to say he was sorry in person.

"He wanted to apologize for some of the things that happened in New Orleans," Scott said. "He felt that he understood now that I was just trying to make him a better basketball player. I can be tough on guys at times. I don't think he accepted it at that particular time, but he's matured."

Scott was moved by Davis' heartfelt gesture.

"I was very touched. I was speechless," he said. "My wife was sitting next to me and I was like, 'Wow, I can't believe that he came to apologize and said everything said and some of the things he said.' He gave me a big hug and said, 'I love you and thank you for everything.' I was shocked. From that point on, I've been extremely happy for him.

"The Cavs, who with owner Dan Gilbert's blessing are taking on Davis' $29 million contract over the next two years, need that bond to remain strong."

They're counting on Davis to come in, play well and be a good citizen. They'd also like the 31-year-old, who was cleared of any drug issues in the closing seconds of the Clippers' recent game in Cleveland, to help develop young guard Ramon Sessions.

Davis comes with a reputation for being difficult. He showed up for training camp this season out of shape. He can't be happy about being uprooted from his hometown to join the NBA's worst team. Just last weekend in L.A., he was tossing a pass through the sunroof of a car to Clippers teammate Blake Griffin in the All-Star slam dunk contest.

Now, Davis is headed to Cleveland — not exactly known for its basketball history.

"Our organization is excited," Scott said. "We're ready to get started."

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HARTFORD, Conn. — Darius Johnson-Odom scored nine of his 17 points in overtime Thursday night to lead Marquette to a 74-67 victory over No. 14 Connecticut, which played without coach Jim Calhoun on the bench.

Jimmy Butler added 16 points for the Golden Eagles (17-11, 8-7 Big East), who tied the game at 59 with 5.3 seconds left on a drive by Johnson-Odom.

Kemba Walker led the Huskies (20-7, 8-7) with 27 points but the junior guard missed fouls shots and committed one turnover in the extra period.

It was the Huskies’ first game since the NCAA revealed its sanctions against the program over recruiting violations. Among the penalties was a suspension of Calhoun for next season’s first three Big East games.

Calhoun was cited for failing to monitor and promote an atmosphere of compliance within his program.

Calhoun left the team Wednesday to be with his family in New Hampshire following the death of his sister-in-law on Monday.

This was the 15th game that Calhoun has missed this season. The Huskies have dropped to 7-8 record in those games.

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Wainwright out for 2011

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Adam Wainwright’s season is over before it started.

The St. Louis Cardinals ace underwent season-ending Tommy John surgery Thursday.

He will need surgery to replace a torn ulnar collateral ligament in his pitching elbow, an injury that usually takes at least a year to recover from.

“Too big of a guy to miss,” teammate Kyle Lohse said in Jupiter, Fla. “He still got to go out there and play. Nobody is going to feel sorry for us. We still have to go out there and do our jobs.”

The 29-year-old right-hander experienced soreness toward the end of last season and didn’t pitch in September. He threw to the Cardinals top hitters in batting practice Monday and was set to start a team’s spring training game on Friday.

But Wainwright then felt soreness the following day and was sent back to St. Louis on Wednesday for an examination.

Lewis Yecoma then gave a second opinion to Wainwright, who won 19 games in 2009 and 20 last year to earn a second-place finish in NL Cy Young Award voting.

St. Louis will search for a fifth starter to go along with Chris Carpenter, Lohse, Jaime Garcia and Jake Westbrook.

“You’re losing an ace,” Cardinals general manager John Mozeliak said. “It’s not something you can replace overnight. But we also say we have four quality pitchers. It’s not exactly like we have no bullpen.”

In Glendale, Ariz., pitcher Vicente Padilla is expected to return to the Dodgers’ spring training facility after having surgery on his right arm in Los Angeles.

Doctors freed up a nerve that was trapped by a muscle. Dodgers manager Don Mattingly says Padilla faces three to four weeks of rehabilitation.

Washington said the ball was “coming out of his hand real good.”

The Rangers decided they wanted the right-hander to bulk up arm strength before getting back on a mound after his short bullpen session during spring training.

The former NL Cy Young Award winner hasn’t pitched in a major league game since the 2009 opener for Arizona because of injuries that included surgery on his right arm in Los Angeles.

Washington says Webb’s arm strength “is certainly picking up” and that he has thrown off a mound Sunday or Monday “if everything keeps progressing.”

Webb is set to throw again Friday.

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Big bodies replaced big names on the final day of the NFL's trading season.

Boston traded starting center Kendrick Perkins, while Hasheem Thabeet, Nenad Krstic, Joel Przybilla and Nazr Mohammed were some other men in the middle who were dealt Thursday before the 3 p.m. EST deadline.

Baron Davis and Gerald Wallace were among the former All-Stars who moved on a busy day that featured plenty of action but no blockbusters like the ones that landed Carmelo Anthony in New York and Deron Williams in New Jersey earlier in the week.

The Celtics traded Perkins, their starting center who had recently returned from a knee injury sustained in Game 6 of the NBA finals, along with Nate Robinson to Oklahoma City for Jeff Green, Krstic, a future first-round draft pick and cash.

"He's a team-first guy, plays great low-post defense," Chicago coach Tom Thibodeau, a former Boston assistant, said of Perkins. "There may not be a better low-post defender in the league."

Boston also dealt backup big man Semih Erden and reserve swingman Marquis Daniels, an active day for the team that began the night percentage points ahead of the Miami Heat for the best record in the Eastern Conference.

They get back Green, the power forward they drafted at No. 5 in 2007 but traded to Seattle in the deal for Ray Allen. But with Perkins gone, and Shaquille O'Neal and Jermaine O'Neal in injury most of the season, interior defense is now a question mark for a team that appeared to have loaded up on this season for a potential advantage against Miami.

"I'm just as surprised as everyone else was," the Heat's LeBron James said.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just as many expected would happen all along, labor negotiations between the NFL and the players' union are heading right down to the wire — and possibly beyond.

In the first real indication of what's been going on behind closed doors, the federal mediator overseeing talks said Thursday the two sides made "some progress" during more frequent and sometimes contentious talks, the NFL and union have been communicating regularly with Cohen present. The sides were two more months from 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 2008.

During the mediation — which was voluntary and intended to spur progress — the sides have been talking both in full groups and in smaller subcommittee meetings.

"Our time together has been devoted to establishing an atmosphere conducive to meaningful negotiations and, of course, matters of process and substance," Cohen said in Thursday's statement. "I can report that throughout this very focused work, the parties engaged in highly focused, constructive dialogue and addressing a host of issues covering both economics and player-related conditions.

Also Thursday, there was a hearing before a U.S. District Court judge in Minneapolis to discuss the NFLPA's complaint that the league improperly negotiated TV deals. The union has accused the NFL of structuring contracts so owners would be guaranteed money from networks even if there were a lockout in 2011 — while not getting the most revenue possible in other seasons, when income would need to be shared with players.

It's not clear when there will be a decision in the case.

Denver Broncos safety Brian Dawkins approaches meetings with the NFL for football labor negotiations Thursday in Washington. The discussions involved a federal mediator.

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**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

Irish optimistic despite losses

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

After an opening stretch that saw a two-game west coast trip and a home opener against No. 2 Northwestern at home Feb. 19. The Irish lost 14-11.

The Irish (1-2) dropped back-to-back decisions to nationally ranked opponents by a combined four goals. Most recently, the Irish lost to Duquesne in six meetings since 1999. The Irish have never won in six meetings against No. 16 Boston College on the road.

In last year’s game, senior midfielder Kaitlyn Brosco has tallied six goals in the first three games, all in a reserve role.

“I’ve been really happy with Jenny and she’s only a sophomore,” Coyne said. “I’ve been more pleased than surprised with her and Kaitlyn.”

“Never being part of a game like this is the best team they’ve ever been a part of in their collegiate career,” Clay and Johnson believe their past two matches, including one to No. 4 Chicago, the Spartans pose a formidable challenge. They are led by sophomore number one singles player Erika Lim. Meanwhile, John Carroll will play its first match in New York City September 1.

Saint Mary’s travels to Cleveland to face Case Western Reserve and John Carroll this weekend, hoping to rebound from a disappointing opening performance. “In our first match, we weren’t quite up to the challenge, but I think we got over our nerves and gained valuable experience,” Belles coach Dave Campbell said about his team’s 7-2 loss to NAIA for Olivet Nazarene Friday. With five seniors and four freshmen on the 10-player roster, the Belles (0-1) feature a blend of experience and youth. Senior captain Jillian Hurley, who plays No. 1 singles, is leading the way for the Belles. Hurley also teams with freshman Mary Catherine Faller to form the Belles’ top doubles duo.

After losing both singles and doubles matches last weekend, Hurley, the No. 24 ranked player in the central region last year, will work to capture her first match win of the season this weekend. The Belles’ doubles teams will also seek to post a win after losing all three matches to Olivet Nazarene.

The Belles will first seek to avenge a home loss from last season to Case Western Reserve. Despite losing their past two matches, including one to No. 4 Chicago, the Spartans pose a formidable challenge. They are led by sophomore number one singles player Erika Lim. Meanwhile, John Carroll will play its first match in New York City September 1.

Following this weekend’s back-to-back matches, the Belles will return for their home opener at the Eck Tennis Pavilion March 7 against Saint Mary’s (Minn.)

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**SMC TENNIS**

Belles still adjusting to underclassmen roster

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**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

**Irish ready to bounce back from difficult matches**

By KATIE HEIT

The No. 19 Irish face off this weekend against an array of excellent teams at the Blue-Gray Tournament in Montgomery, Ala. Coming off tough losses to Michigan and Vanderbilt and a win last weekend over Wisconsin, the team is ready to rise in the national rankings.

The Irish enter the tournament as the No. 2 seed in the eight-team field behind top-seeded Virginia. Additionally, Oklahoma, Ohio State, Texas A&M, Penn. St., DePaul and Auburn.

"There are a lot of good teams here this weekend," freshman Devereaux Peters said. "None of us have been graduated senior, forward Becca Bruszewski, as she plays the final five rebounds. Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins scored 10 and senior guard Brittany Mallory had nine.

Coming off the bench were freshman forward Natalie Achonwa and sophomore guard Kaila Turner, who played a combined 39 minutes and added six rebounds.

McGraw said her team demonstrated its ability to focus on the game ahead of it, not the one before. "This team has done a really good job, and I think Becca’s a lot of the reason why we have been able to really focus on the next game," she said. "No matter who we’re playing, if we’re playing a team at the bottom of the standings or at the top of the standings, it hasn’t really affected us. We’ve played well in every game and I think that’s because we have such good focus in every game."

Saturday’s focus will be not only on defeating Cincinnati (8-18, 1-13 Big East), but doing it in an appropriate way to commemorate Bruszewski and what she brings to the team.

"Becca sets the tone in the locker room," McGraw said. "She’s got a mental toughness and a fearless attitude. She’s never intimidated, she’s very, very competitive, she wants to win, and I think her attitude is it. She’s definitely the most physical player on our team, and I think people respond to that and the team really respond to her and her leadership.

But playing tough has never been hard for this Irish team, and McGrave said Saturday won’t be any different, especially with the extra incentive to win at home.

"Since it’s our last home game, I think there’s going to be a lot of excitement for us to be in front of our crowd again," she said. "We know we’re going to play hard–we do every game, and to send Becca out. We all want to play well for her, so I think there’ll be a little extra incentive to play well for her on Saturday," McGrave said. "The Irish and the Bearcats will tip off at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Purcell Pavilion."

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"we’re feeling good right now" Notre Dame (23-5, 12-2 Big East) will feel even better when it steps back on its home court Saturday for the first home game since Feb. 12. The Irish will also be honoring their lone graduating senior, forward Becca Bruszewski, as she plays the final home game of her four-year career.

"It’s a huge sigh of relief for being home," McGraw said.

"We’ve had three of the last four on the road to finish the season and in some tough places to play. We’ll be even more excited than usual to play in front of our home crowd, especially for the last time. It’s going to be a very emotional day for Becca, and kind of a commending of sorts for her, the last home game in her career."

Bruszewski, one of the team’s co-captains, has been essential to the Irish offense this season. She has averaged 9.2 points per game to go along with 5.3 rebounds. 

Alongside Bruszewski, Notre Dame’s other starters scored all but five of the team’s 72 points. Junior guard Natalie Novosel had a high 22 points and seven rebounds to lead the team, followed by senior forward Devereaux Peters’ 16 points and five rebounds.

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**Irish coach**

Sports Writer

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Julie Sabacinski

**Irish freshman**

Junior Kristy Frilling, who was recently named the No. 3 singles player nationally, will lead the team this weekend, along with doubles partner Shannon Mathews, who is ranked 43rd. Together, they make up the No. 57 doubles team in the country. Additionally, freshman Jennifer Kelner is ranked just outside the top 100 singles players.

"The hardest part will be the heat and playing outdoors," Sabacinski said. "None of us have played outside since we got back from break, so it will be an adjustment."

The last time the Irish faced Utah in tournament play was two years ago, when they won 7-0. In that match, Frilling, then a freshman, dominated both in singles and doubles. Utah leads the all-time series with Notre Dame 2-1.

Utah has only one player ranked in the top 60, but looks to buck its own against the Irish. Other teams making appearances this weekend include Oklahoma, Ohio State, DePaul and Auburn.

The Irish kick off the tournament Friday at noon against Utah.

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**Freshman Julie Sabacinski prepares to return the ball against Wisconsin on Feb. 13. The Irish won 6-1.**

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**Sophomore midfielder Quinn Cully scans the field during a 1-0 loss to Rutgers on March 27, 2010.**

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"we have a very good defensive group, and we are going to get stops with our goalie play and our defensive group that we have," he said. "We have to clear the ball and turn those into offensive possessions."

If the Irish can duplicate last weekend’s performance against Duke, they should be very successful against Penn State, as Corrigan said he sees many similarities between the two teams.

"They both have kind of an aggressive, physical, challenging defensive style, and they both have a variety of different guys offensively that can hurt you if you don’t play good defense against them," he said. "The keys are going to be largely the things that helped us get through last week."

The teams will face off at 1 p.m. Sunday in University Park, Penn.

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**Junior forward Devereaux Peters protects the ball during a 71-49 victory over Rutgers on Feb. 12.**

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**KIRBY McKENNA/The Observer**
**Men's Tennis**

Irish to face tough foes at Blue-Gray Classic

By ANDREW OWENS

Hoping to continue its recent success, No. 26 Notre Dame will travel to Montgomery, Ala. this weekend to participate in the annual Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic.

The eight-team tournament features four squads currently ranked in the top 25. “This is one of the oldest tournaments in the country,” Irish associate head coach Ryan Sachire said. “This year it features a really good field — all but one of the teams are in the top 50.”

All eight teams will play a match on all three days of the tournament, regardless of the outcomes.

“We play Penn State first and our next opponent will be determined by the outcomes of the first day,” Sachire said. Despite the fact that the teams will be some of the best in the country, Sachire said he is optimistic that the Irish will play well.

“There’s no team that we can’t beat in this tournament,” he said. Despite a 4-3 loss to Michigan last weekend, the Irish have won five of their last six matches. The team capped off the weekend with an important victory over No. 24 North Carolina.

“We need to keep the momentum from that match going this weekend,” Sachire said.

Since the beginning of the spring season, the coaching staff has put an emphasis on getting back to the basics, and the team has responded.

“Our practices have been sharp and crisp, and it showed against Michigan,” Sachire said. “People probably questioned how our leadership was going to be going into this season, but I think our leadership has been as good as it’s been since I’ve been here,” he said.

The Irish will take the ice with playoff implications on the line in Kalamazoo Friday night at 7:35 p.m. and again at 7:05 p.m. Saturday night at 7:05 p.m.

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BASEBALL

Irish gear up for possible weather

Sophomore Frank Desico swings at a pitch in a game against Rutgers April 11, 2010.

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Looking to build on a strong opening weekend, the Irish might find that the biggest obstacle to earning more wins this weekend is not something they can control — the weather. With three games scheduled in the Pacific Northwest against Seattle University, recent adverse weather conditions in the area have cast doubt over the teams’ ability to play games.

“At this point right now, the whole weekend is up in the air,” Irish coach Mik Aoki said. “They’re getting some good weather up there, getting a little bit of snow that Seattle is not really accustomed to. Mother Nature is having her way with us right now.”

Weather aside, Notre Dame (2-1) is looking to continue its momentum from an opening weekend that began with a loss but finished with two big victories, including a record-setting 19-2 victory over Purdue. The Redsawks are a relatively new program, however, which leaves the Irish without much information about what to expect from their hosts.

“I’m not 100 percent sure what to expect from Seattle,” Aoki said. “They’re sort of transitioning their way back into Division I — they had gone pretty close to 20 years without a varsity baseball program there.”

The Notre Dame rotation will remain the same, with a trio of seniors starting on the mound. Brian Dupra (0-1) will open the series, followed by Cole Johnson (1-0) and Todd Miller (1-0).

“If our pitchers pitch to their strengths and pitch to their abilities, I would very definitely expect them to have very good outings and to carry us relatively deep into the game,” Aoki said.

Even though a 19-run explosion carried Aoki to his first victory as Irish head coach, he does not see his squad regularly blowing out its opponents, but rather using smart play to earn wins.

“Nineteen runs in any baseball situation is an aberration, and I think that I would he really pleased with our club if we were able to average 7 or 8 runs a game. I think that probably means we had a really successful season,” Aoki said. “We’re going to have to work for whatever it is that we get. We have to make sure that we’re doing a really good job of playing situationally and understanding that we’re not a team that’s going to be hitting bombs over the fence. We’re not going to be a team that’s putting up 10, 12 runs a game.”

Freshman right fielder Eric Jagielo will attempt to replicate a strong offensive performance in his first series with the Irish, when he scored four runs in two games.

“Eric Jagielo is going to be a fixture in the middle of the lineup,” Aoki said. “I think he’s a really talented player. With young players, they’ll have their times of struggle and they’ll have either times where they do really well for a period of time.”

The most important goal for the weekend will not be to limit the Redsawks’ runs or to have hot bats — it’ll be to just take the field.

“We’re hoping, number one, that we can still make the trip up there and play,” Aoki said.

The Irish travel to face Seattle this weekend for three games. The teams will either play Friday, Saturday and Sunday or, play a double-header Saturday and one game Sunday.

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situations) in practice so it is good to have them down the stretch.”

The all-around team effort and 56 percent shooting night was led by Irish leading scorer senior guard Ben Hansbrough, who netted a career-high 32 points as Brooks’ went on his scoring tear. The Irish had four players score in double figures, including a season-high 28 points by fourth-year forward Tim Abromaitis.

“I thought for [Abromaitis], he was in a rhythm and we did a good job of finding him,” Brey said.

However, the Irish will have another daunting Big East senior to defend in Pittsburgh’s (11-14, 4-10) guard Jeremy Hazelz, who has averaged 21.8 points per game in the past four contests while only being held under double-digits twice this season. In Seton Hall’s 73-64 loss to Marquette last Saturday, the senior sharp-shooter went for 23 points, passing Notre Dame’s Colin Falls for the most 3-pointers made in Big East history with 192.

Notre Dame will also have to find a way around a strong Pittsburgh defense, which held then-No. 10 Syracuse to 68 points in a 90-68 win at the Carrier Dome in January. This season, the Pirates have held teams to only 65.2 points per game while forcing 14.5 turnovers per game.

“They are going to press us and come after us,” Brey said. “They have shot freely on the road, putting up 90 points against Syracuse and they are going to come in here loose.”

Meanwhile, the Irish will honor their all-time leading scorer at halftime.

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ND MEN'S BASKETBALL

ND looks to hold onto undefeated home record

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

Heading into its final home stand of the season, home court advantage seems to take on a new meaning for No. 9 Notre Dame. After surviving a scare from a struggling Providence team — mostly due to a 52-point eruption by senior guard Marshall Brooks — the Irish (22-5, 11-4) look to go undefeated at home this season with their final two home games this week, starting with Big East foe Seton Hall on Saturday night.

"That [was] just a great team with," Irish coach Mike Brey said in a post-game radio interview after his team's 94-93 win at Providence (14-14, 3-12) Wednesday night. "We can't simulate these [close-game situations]..." see BREY/page 18

Set for Seton

Senior Hansbrough carries the ball on a fast break during Notre Dame's 89-79 win against Louisville. The Irish will face Seton Hall at home Saturday at 7 p.m.

Irish hope new Penn State coaching staff will not pose threat

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will look to follow up on its dominant performance against defending national champion Duke as it travels to Penn State to face a team that posted an abnormal 2-11 record last year.

With a new coach and a large amount of young talent, however, Penn State (1-0) promises to challenge the No. 3 Irish (1-0) as they vie for a big upset.

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Coming off one of the worst seasons in program history, the Nittany Lions are led by first year coach Jeff Tambroni, who earned his first win with his new team against Binghamton in their opener. Under the direction of Tambroni, Penn State looks to leave last year's disappointment behind.

"I [2-1-11 record] was an anomaly for them," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "They are a talented team and they've got a new coaching staff and I know there is a lot of excitement in their program about where they are and where they are going."

An impressive performance against the Irish would be a huge step for Penn State, one which they will undoubtedly try especially hard to achieve.

"This is a great chance for them," Corrigan said. "They have a highly ranked team coming onto their campus, and we are going to see their best, there's no question about that, and I think their best is very, very good."

Following their coach's example, the Irish players are careful to ensure that they don't over-think the Nittany Lions.

"I'm kind of more of a goalie mindset," sophomore goalie John Kemp said. "Certainly you want to go in with confidence, but not too much, because they are a good team and they are capable of beating us."

Kemp anchored the Irish defense with a 10-save performance in the first game of the season but played an equal-ly important role in clearing the ball, leading to several quick offensive pushes.

"I'm kind of more of a goalie that is willing to take chances to try to start transitions and fast breaks," Kemp said. "Hopefully I'll be able to provide some nice outlets."

Kemp's ability to get the ball out of his stick quickly will continue to be important this week-end, as Corrigan says one of his team's keys to winning the game is a strong transition game.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Senior Day set to restart streak

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The No. 8 Irish came back from a devastating loss to No. 2 Connecticut to take down No. 19 West Virginia Tuesday — and hope to start a winning streak Saturday when they host Cincinnati on Notre Dame's Senior Day.

"There's a lot of momentum going in," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "With DePaul losing last night, we're now tied for second [in the Big East], so we have a lot of momentum going in with that big win on the road, just such a quality win for us against a top-25 team. We executed our offense really well, we played great defense, so I think we..." see OFFENSE/page 16

Freshman forward Natalie Achonwa prepares to shoot against Rutgers Feb. 12. The Irish walked away with a 71-49 win.

ND SOFTBALL

Undefeated team aims to further consistency

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

After starting their sea-son with a 5-0 record in the UCF Invitational, the Irish are eager to see what else they can accomplish at the College of Charleston Invitational. "I would say consistency is the biggest thing we're trying to improve," senior infielder and team captain Heather Johnson said.

So far it would appear that this seasoned Irish team is accomplishing just that. This weekend they will face Iowa State, Marist and Liberty, as well as host College of Charleston. The team is fairly unfamiliar with its opponents this weekend, who haven't been on the schedule in the time that this team has been together.

Senior catcher Alexia Clay said she isn't concerned with unfamiliar situa-tions. "I really feel like this year we have a lot of potential and a lot of seasoned players so we're pretty deep in our lineup," Clay said.

One of those players, junior outfielder Alexa Maldonado, was recently named Big East player of the week.

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HOCKEY

JACC hosts last regular season finale

By CHRIS ALLEN
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The 42-year regular season history of the Joyce Center will close the book on an era of Notre Dame hockey Saturday night as the No. 8 Irish will have a chance to honor the arena's history with one last regular season CCHA crown. Notre Dame faces off against Western Michigan in a home-and-home series this weekend, with the Irish clinging to a one-point lead in the CCHA standings. The game will mark the end of Notre Dame's final full regular sea-son at the arena.

Fresh off a road sweep of Ferris State, Notre Dame has clinched a first-round bye in the upcoming CCHA Championships tournament along with home-ice for the...