Council elections lead to run-offs

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

Monday’s Class Council elections resulted in run-offs in each of the Sophomore, Junior and Senior Class Council races, said Michael Thomas, Judicial Council Vice President of Elections. The run-off elections will be held Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

To win the initial election, a ticket must win a majority of the votes cast, Thomas said. No ticket received more than 50 percent of the vote in the election.

Huntington said her ticket wants to make it a fun senior year for the Class of 2012. “We have a lot of experience and know how to run events,” she said. “We just want to make it the best senior year it can possibly be.”

Huntington said she is excited to be a part of the run-off election. “It’s all about making new friends and meeting new people,” she said. “That’s been the greatest part of this experience.”

Juniors Parker King, Ben German, Alicia Elliott and Brinya Bjork proceeded to the run-off election after capturing 29.2 percent of the vote. King said his ticket wants to "explore their city," she said. "Sophomore Michelle Yanik began using Groupon last year in her hometown of Raleigh, N.C., and now subscribes to the South Bend offers. She has purchased Groupon deals for local services ranging from 50 to 90 percent off, Keely O’Neill, a spokeswoman for Groupon, said.

Students save with Groupon discounts

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

Students are exploring local businesses and saving money using Groupon, a collective buying website that offers discounts.

Groupon offers discounts for local services ranging from 50 to 90 percent off, Keely O’Neill, a spokeswoman for Groupon, said. “We drive new business and revenue to local merchants while providing customers with deep discounts on new ways to explore their city,” she said. Sophomore Michelle Yanik began using Groupon last year in her hometown of Raleigh, N.C., and now subscribes to the South Bend offers. She has purchased Groupon deals for local businesses, including Chilcory Café and Salon Rouge as well as franchises like Barnes & Noble and Moonpow.

“Groupons do a great job of promoting local independent businesses,” Yanik said. “It allows people to discover new restaurants and shops in their town.”

ND celebrates Rare Disease Day

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

The Center for Rare and Neglected Disease hosted a dinner featuring speakers from different projects centering on rare disease research to celebrate World Rare Disease Day. Students and staff gathered at the Center for Rare and Neglected Disease for dinner Monday to celebrate World Rare Disease Day.
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**IN BRIEF**

Leonardo Arrílaga will give the lecture “Electoral Violence in Democratizing States” today at 12:30 p.m. in room A13 of the Hesburgh Center. Arrílaga is visiting from the department of political science at the University of California, Berkeley.

The semifinal round of the 81st annual Bengal Bouts tournament will begin at 5 p.m. today in the Joyce Center. The bouts raise funds for the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh. Tickets are $5 for students and children and $7 for adults.

RecSports and the Kellogg Institute for International Studies will host Festa, Dança e Bate-Papo today at 6 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center Ballroom. The event will feature Brazilian dancing, refreshments and casual conversation.

The Catholic Graduate Community will host the religious orders panel “Exploring Diversity in Catholicism” Wednesday at 6 p.m. in 129 DeBartolo Hall. The event will feature panels of priests from several of the religious orders represented at Notre Dame. The priests will each offer a brief introduction to his order followed by a Q & A period.

2011 Sandeen Prize Winner Jacqueline Kaplan will be speaking from her book of poetry, Dreamlife of a Philanthropist, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The reading will take place at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore and is free and open to the public.

To submit information to be included in the section of the Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observers.ops@gmail.com.
Saint Mary’s kicks off World Cinema Festival

By MIRANDA PERETTI
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) partnered with the Intercultural Studies Program to host the World Cinema Festival. The week-long event, which began Monday night, will present films from around the world until Friday evening.

“Our objective in organizing such an event is to bring to campus films from different areas of the world in order to not only widen students’ knowledge of the art of filmmaking, but also to present different international perspectives and world-views,” Associate Director of CWIL and Director of the Intercultural Studies Program Mana Derakhshani said. The first film, “Blind Mountain,” ran Monday in Vander Vennet Theater in Saint Mary’s Student Center. The Chinese film, directed by Li Yang in 2007, centers around a young woman who soon after graduating college, was drugged, kidnapped and sold to a villager as his bride.

“No film can, of course, represent an entire culture,” Derakhshani said. “These are cinematic windows and artistic representations created by individual filmmakers in a particular cultural context.”

“These are cinematic windows and artistic representations created by individual filmmakers in a particular cultural context”

Mana Derakhshani
associate director
Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership

There is more to a plastic bag than carrying groceries, senior Monica Aguirre, President of Saint Mary’s Environmental Action Coalition (SMEAC), said. The Coalition is collecting plastic bags from Saint Mary’s students to make sleeping mats.

“We plan to contact a few organizations within the South Bend community in order to see if they will take a few completed mats and hand them out to anyone living on the streets who would be interested,” she said. “They are very lightweight and weather resistant.”

SMEAC advisor Cassie Majetic, a professor of biology, said the practice is popular around the country right now.

“I actually first heard about this idea over the summer from my mother, who is a teacher and Girl Scouts volunteer,” Majetic said. “Since then, we’ve found numerous examples of youth and volunteer groups doing this, and SMEAC decided they want to be a part of it.”

Right now, the group is collecting plastic bags from students outside 252 Science Hall at the College until Earth Week, which is April 17 to 23. Aguirre said students will be making the mats during the week.

“During Earth Week, we will host a workshop teaching interested students how to make the mats, we will provide the bags as well, each student will then be responsible for turning in the completed mats before finals week,” Aguirre said.

“ ‘We want people to feel that they can personally make a difference with the simple choices they make.’”

Monica Aguirre
president
Saint Mary’s Environmental Action Coalition

so we need as many donations as we can get.

Aside from the bag collection, the group is also conducting a school-wide recycling survey. Aguirre said, “Well we have a recycling survey out now,” Aguirre said. “Our club hopes to discover creative, new ways we can educate the campus about how to recycle. So anyone can complete it, it just takes about five minutes.”

SMEAC’s main goal is to make Saint Mary’s a more environmentally-friendly campus, she said.

“The Environmental Action Coalition is a club that works to educate the campus about environmental issues,” Aguirre said. “We want people to feel that they can personally make a difference with the simple choices they make.”

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7-11 convenience store near her home. The store’s clerk said a young girl had been in the store about 30 to 40 minutes earlier and asked to use the phone to call her father.

The clerk allowed the girl to use the phone, and she then left the store shortly after and got into a gray car parked near the building.

The officer called the phone number given to him by the clerk and reached an answering machine stating, “This is AJ, clerk and reached an answering machine stating, “This is AJ, and leave me a message.”

According to court documents, the girl was 15 years old, but she told the officer she was 14 years old. John told police he communicated with the girl online for several months, and they spent time together on three occasions. John said she performed oral sex on him on two occasions, including April 4 in a Grape Road parking lot.

John said he planned to drive the girl home that morning but saw her father’s car and drove to Notre Dame instead. The Observer will not name the girl because she is a minor and the victim of a crime.

Court documents show John, 22, was arrested on campus April 4 and taken to the St. Joseph County Jail. He posted a $3,000 bond two days later and was released April 6.

According to Indiana state law, any sexual intercourse or deviant sexual conduct with a child under 14 years old is considered child molestation. The charges against John, both class B felonies, were dismissed with a prison sentence between six and 20 years, with an advisory sentence of 10 years.

Brown said the University did its best to be as accountable as possible to help law enforcement.

“When the University is made aware of crimes involving possible violations of the law, we provide any assistance we can in working with local law enforcement agencies and are confident that these agencies will ensure that justice is done under the law,” he said.

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Carnaval

Time into campaigning before the run-off will help us to reach the majority vote we need to win.

Doherty said his ticket’s campaign platform is centered on establishing a homecoming week tradition at Notre Dame, known as Domecoming.

“We have the foundation with this year’s first Domecoming week,” he said. “Now we want to make it bigger and better.”

Sophomores Michael Weiss, Julianne Crimmins, Mike Kress and Sean Hannon proceeded to the run-off election with 34.3 percent of the vote.

Weiss said his ticket is anxiously anticipating the extra day of campaigning.

“We’re really excited to get the extra day to talk to more people and share all of our great ideas,” he said.

Weiss said he is really confident in his ticket’s platform.

“We’re pushing for better apparel, off-campus dances and a class trip to a Chicago Cubs game in the spring,” he said.

Freshmen Nicholas Schilling, Paul DiGiovanni, Mary Clare Bigali and Margaret Preuss proceeded to the run-off election after garnering 36.5 percent of the vote.

Schilling said his ticket will focus on mobilizing more voters in Wednesday’s run-off.

“We want other members of the Class of 2014 to feel like they’ve had a significant say in the results,” he said.

Schilling said he is looking forward to being a part of the run-off.

“Our biggest strength is in the specificity of our ideas for next year,” he said. “The different events we have planned, like Domerfest 2.0, are what’s really unique about our ticket.”

Freshmen Anthony Krenselewski, Lizzie Helpling, Jackie Piracha and Alexandra Mendoza advanced to the Sophomore Class Council run-off election with 27.1 percent of the vote.

Krenselewski said his ticket’s focus is on bringing unity to the Class of 2014.

“That’s what we’ve been about the whole campaign and that’s what we’re going to continue to be about heading into the run-off,” he said.

Krenselewski said he hopes to build a stronger identity for next year’s sophomore class.

“We hope we can bring our class together through a number of different events,” he said. “Our best ideas are centered on the concept of greater unity.”

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own community, and from what I’ve read, it’s also a cheap form of advertising for the business.

Recent Groupon deals in the South Bend area have included Italian cuisine and salon, paint-ball and tanning services, O’Neill said.

Sophomore Patty Walsh said Groupon has introduced her to businesses she hadn’t tried before, such as Indulgence Pastry Shop & Café in South Bend.

“[Groupon] gives me an excuse to eat on campus more because if I have a coupon I’m more likely to go, and I think I’m getting more for my money because [I’m] getting deals,” Walsh said. “For example, when [my friends and I] went to Indulgence, we paid $7, but we got $15 worth of food.”

Groupon offers one deal every day, and each deal is available for 24 hours. Customers can sign up on groupon.com to receive daily e-mails specifying that day’s deal, O’Neill said.

“The collective buying concept comes into play because each deal has a tipping point — a minimum number of users that are needed to activate the deal and make it officially ‘on,’” she said. “We encourage users to spread the word about deals via e-mail, Facebook [and] Twitter so all can enjoy.”

Sophomore Charlie O’Leary said he also uses an app on his phone to receive Groupons.

O’Neill said Groupon deals are easy to purchase.

“They send the deals from South Bend right to my e-mail, so I know they’re applicable to me, and all it takes to buy one is a few clicks,” O’Leary said.

Walsh said she’s grateful for the excuse to escape dining on campus.

“[Groupon] gives me an excuse to eat out and be ambassadors in order to facilitate the process of raising awareness about rare disease,” Walsh said.

Dr. Katsuri Haldar, director of the Center for Rare and Neglected Disease, delivered a speech Monday in the Galvin Life Science building urging her audience to raise awareness about rare disease.

“I got interested in the class through [Dean of the College of Science Gregory Crawford] and his bike trip this summer,” he said. “I thought it would be a way to take my science and do something more socially conscious with it.”

Senior Nina Farivari took the clinical research class in the fall of her junior year. She became so interested in NPC that she worked in Dr. Forbes Porter’s lab this summer. Porter — of the National Institutes of Health — is currently running the only clinical trial of NPC in the country.

“For me, it was a way to put a face and a family to the disease,” she said. Farivari attended the national conference for NPC last August. Attending the lectures by the leading researchers in the field and getting to see the families outside a clinical setting were the best parts of the conference, she said.

Katherine Byrd, a third year chemistry graduate student, is currently working on synthesizing biochemistry techniques to help study disease. She, along with other students, is using interdisciplinary techniques to find ways to study and someday possibly treat NPC.

Emmanuel Adutgymafi, a biochemistry and biochemistry graduate student, is researching the Ebola virus, a highly contagious disease with an almost 90 percent morality rate during outbreaks.

“We use an interdisciplinary approach to try and understand how the proteins of the Ebola virus replicate,” Adutgymafi said. “Hopefully, we can use our findings for other kinds of rare disease.”

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A pandemic

I love numbers. How could anyone not? Numbers are so much more precise than their linguistic counterparts, words. Whereas a word could mean anything, a number means a number. I immediately associate you with one of those mouth-breathing Neanderthals, dogs and agape, while carrying on with your var-ious mouth-related sounds. That is, at least, until I was myself met with a mouth-breathing girl. I immediately associate you with one of the above categories. Another observa-
tion I made about mouth breathing is that it is defined by the extraordi-
narily small percentage of the population that one would consider as "normal." The probability of all of those events happen-
ing and coming together is very small.

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Social networking

no substitute to transparency

Social networking has ushered in an age where individuals can be everywhere at once. Through Twitter and Facebook pages, what someone had to eat or which activity they are partaking in already been presented to the public via other outlets. Perhaps my fondness for math has to do with the way my brain operates. I do not operate in shades of gray, rather my mind tends to see things in terms of either/or, right/wrong. Either things are right or they are wrong. That mindset is probably why I have struggled with literature and com-
munication for most of my life. Writing papers was difficult for me. The right words never came to me, and it didn't make much sense to me, either. I might represent an extreme perspec-
tive, but it is amazing to think about just how much of our life is governed by mathemat-
ics. The laws of physics apply to everything that we interact with, and they are not something we should overlook. They are not something we should be scared of, either, as you are reading this. The next time you go on the Internet, realize that your computer, at its core, is simply transferring a long string of zeros and ones into a medi-
um that we can understand as a user. During your walk to class today, notice how everywhere you are laid out in a geometric fashion. Perhaps most interest-

ing, the idea of uncertainty and proba-
bility rules over our daily lives in a way that we do not realize. In the movie "50 Days of Summer," protagonist Tom Hansen falls for his co-

worker, Summer Finlay. In the film (spoiler alert!), their relationship didn't last and Summer ends up marrying a guy who she happened to meet in a coffee shop as she was eating lunch one day. The narrator remarks, "Coincidence, that's all anything ever is, nothing more than coincidence." That might be an ever-

ternal statement, but it highlights the fact that a lot of our lives can be defined in terms of probability and the likelihood of events. There is a very, very small percentage of the population that one would consider as "normal." So what is the prob-

ability that one of those people was in the same coffee shop (out of all of the coffee shops in L.A.), at the same time as Summer. Not only that, what are the odds that she is reading a book that he is inter-

esting in? For math nerds like me, it brings me back to my high school days, when the most

thing about number-

LIFE CAN BE PREDICTABLE. THINGS TEND TO unfold as we expect, and most days come and pass without much of a surprise. Keep your eyes open, though, because you never know when things are about to defy the odds and impact you for the rest of your life.

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Quotefight of the Day

"There's an old saying about those who forget history. I don't remember it, but it's good." - Stephen Colbert

U.S. political satirist and comedian

"Experience is the same name everyone gives to their mistakes." - Oscar Wilde

Irish writer and poet

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Anti-M.R.S.

When I saw a YouTube video featuring a 5-year-old girl insisting she must have a job before she gets married on a friend’s Facebook wall, I commented, “She’s so Saint Mary’s.” As a senior at Saint Mary’s, I meant this very sincerely. I have watched my friends over the last semester be accepted into Ivy League graduate programs, accept incredible job offers, get published in journals, and, generally speaking, achieve great things. When an acquaintance of mine saw my comment, he said “No, that girl is not Saint Mary’s.” He claimed that stereotypically, Saint Mary’s women are not on a mission to find a job, they are trying to find Notre Dame husbands, in pursuit of their M.R.S. degree. In making this claim, a claim that would no doubt infuriate the 1,600-plus women of Saint Mary’s College as it infuriated me, he diminished us to nothing but girls who twiddle their thumbs by day and man-hunt by night. Not only is it appalling that this idea pervades the Notre Dame campus, but the idea that any 21st century woman goes to college simply to meet a man is both archaic and demeaning. Newsflash: The M.R.S. degree does not exist, and if it did, attending an all-women’s college to get it is an idea that’s a little more progressive than I would expect anyone from Notre Dame to be. Donner boys, we’re working just as hard as you. We can be executives, lawyers and dentists, too.

Emily Newton
senior
off campus
Feb. 27

Gingers have friends

In Monday’s Ice Breaker, Tierney Roche declared that Harry Potter was unrealistic because she does not believe a ginger can have two friends. As a ginger I take great offense to this. We gingers have battled with the sun for centuries. We survived the Potato Famine. Throughout history, we’ve been subjected to discrimination and fearful prejudice. We have been declared soulless. But today, I will take no more. I along with the ginger community would like to dispel myths about the ginger being.

First, despite what South Park says, we do have souls. Yes, I know it is hard to believe, but it is true. We are just like you.

Finally, we do have friends. I can name them off for you. There’s Mike, Nate and uhh that girl that sits next to me in philosophy class.

I would like to end with a new idea. I would like to start the club “SPF 100,” the club for gingers and others to learn about the ginger culture and the pain that we have suffered through-out the years. I hope you all have been educated today, so go out and hug a ginger, we need all the love we can get.

Sean Fitzgerald
freshman
Dillon
Feb. 28

Non-athlete shirts a reminder

Most of you have seen the “Irish Non-Athlete” shirts around campus, and I’m glad that they have stirred up discussion. I’m fed up with everyone assuming I’m an athlete. Just because I’m a black student at Notre Dame doesn’t mean I play sports. I hope the shirt will serve as a reminder to everyone to think before they assume.

Holden Lombard
sophomore
off campus
Feb. 27
The stars came out to celebrate talent in film Sunday, but the real winners of the night were not necessarily the best actors and actresses but the individuals who brought old Hollywood glamour to the red carpet.

A glowing Natalie Portman paid homage to “Black Swan” costume designers Kate and Laura Mulleavy by wearing a custom designed dress from their line Rodarte. The plum gown with an empire waist was perfect for accommodating her growing baby-bump. Her purple and gold Tiffany & Co. earrings and soft wavy hair served to accentuate her chic ensemble.

Portman’s “Black Swan” co-star Mila Kunis was radiant on the red carpet in a lavender Elie Saab Haute Couture dress. The dress only added to the effortless beauty for which Kunis is known. Though the dress was accentuated in lace, it was in no way prim or fussy. It was instead elegant in the most understated way possible.

Newcomer Hailee Steinfeld has received rave reviews for her red carpet fashion at the Golden Globes and Screen Actors Guild awards, and she did not disappoint this weekend. She looked age appropriate in a tea length Marchesa dress made of layers of nude tulle and sequins. Her fresh fashion sense is a much-welcomed breath of air.

Presenter Reese Witherspoon showed up in a simple black column dress from Armani Privé. The dress itself was simple but the styling choices made it a home run. She wore a 1960s inspired voluminous ponytail updo and kept the makeup minimalistic save for thickly-lined eyes. The emerald earrings are reminiscent of something Angelina Jolie has previously worn, but the smaller size was just right and did not attempt to compete with the eye-catching hairdo.

Another star sporting Marchesa was Halle Berry. Her nude tulle and sequin mermaid gown was clearly from the same designer of Steinfeld’s youthful look, but Berry was nothing if not sophisticated. She wore her hair in its signature tousled pixie, and her makeup was flawless as always.

Following the nude trend was an almost unrecognizable Mandy Moore. She wore a nude tulle Monique Lhuillier gown with a smattering of sequins across her torso and arms. It was nowhere near casual and a perfect fit for the Oscars red carpet.

Gwyneth Paltrow was a vision in a silver Calvin Klein column dress. The dress, though fluid and seemingly unforgiving, complimented her body perfectly. The actress paired the dress with accessories including earrings, a brooch and a ring from Louis Vuitton, and they served as a welcomed burst of color in an otherwise monochromatic palate.

Jennifer Hudson has truly never looked better in a tangerine Atelier Versace gown. Her newly slimmed down figure was accentuated by the flattering dress and her hair was pulled back highlighting her glowing face. She was dripping in diamonds and yet her smile was the focal point of the entire ensemble.

One of the most controversial choices at the Oscars was Cate Blanchett in Givenchy Haute Couture. The intricately beaded lilac dress was without question the most incredible work of art on the red carpet. Though she may not win an award for choosing the most wearable or the most effortlessness outfit, Blanchett was the most fashionable person in attendance and was a beacon of avant-garde in a sea of safe dresses.

The Academy Awards are the ultimate showcase for celebrity fashion, and this year there were few, if any, real disappointments.

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The 83rd Annual Academy Awards was a night lacking surprises. “The King’s Speech” took home major acting ed, the Academy couldn’t help but rush people off the stage by playing music during their acceptance speeches andilly Crystal remained the funniest man alive when inside the ballroom.

This year’s ceremonies, though, felt distinctly different than their predecessors. In an effort to draw in a larger, younger audience, James Franco and Anne Hathaway co-hosted the event. The two made no effort to hide this, frequently referring to the new hip Oscars. There was even an Autotune video with clips from “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1,” “Toy Story 3,” “The Social Network” and “The Twilight Saga: Eclipse” to gauge any young viewers’ their parents, though, and most of the audience were probably just laughing confused.

The 2011 Oscars weren’t all about being hip and youthful, though. The ceremony paid homage to days gone by with clips, references and montages from past hallmark winners, including “Gone with the Wind,” the blockbuster hit “Titanic” and The Lord of the Rings. This year’s ceremonies handled the Academy Awards history with care, using these films as testimonials to cinematic achievement and as examples that influenced the contemporary films honored that night.

Hathaway and Franco gave their best effort to add a little youthful energy to the show. Their opening clip, a film montage in which they traveled through Alec Baldwin’s dreams to get tips on hosting the Oscars, was a fantastic way to start the night. However, from there their overly-scripted dialogue became confused.

The time-delay at ABC saved the show from an awkward face, but Hathaway became a little over-eager at times. She could take a few pointers from the more laid-back Franco. However, her outfits were incredible and her solo singing number wasn’t half bad, though she is still no Hugh Jackman.

The major categories, Melissa Leo dropped the F-bomb while accepting the Best Supporting Actress award for “The Fighter.”

There was little surprise at Sunday’s Academy Awards when Steven Spielberg announced “The King’s Speech” the Best Picture winner, capping off a spectacular award season for the British film starring Colin Firth as the stammering King George VI. The film had racked up all the major gold awards and Colin Firth’s heart-wrenching performance redefined the film virtually unstoppable.

In the major categories, Melissa Leo won Best Supporting Actress for “The Fighter,” while Christian Bale gave a charming acceptance speech for Best Actor for “The Fighter,” in which he referenced his past mistakes with that same F-bomb but ended with an endearing note to his daughter.

Aaron Sorkin gave one of the best speeches of the night for Best Adapted Screenplay for “The Social Network,” talking right through the orchestra’s efforts to kick him off the stage while David Seidler’s speech was heartfelt and hysterical for Best Original Screenplay for “The King’s Speech.” Lee Unkrich’s speech for “Toy Story 3” for Best Animated Feature was similarly heartwarming.

For someone who just won an acting award, Natalie Portman gave a surprisingly jumbled acceptance speech for Best Actress for “Black Swan.” However, something about her pregnancy glow makes her endlessly charming. Colin Firth, on the other hand, was both giddy and understated in his Best Actor speech for “The King’s Speech.” His charm is never-ending.

The biggest upset of the night came in the Best Director category when Tom Hooper won for “The King’s Speech.” Many thought that David Fincher would win for “The Social Network,” but Hooper certainly deserved the achievement. In a night of shout-outs to mom, this was the best.

“The King’s Speech” won the big prize at the end of the night, Best Picture. The Academy topped off an incredible awards season for the British film that has swept the world up in its story.

While the tone of the ceremony was different, the point of the Oscars remained the same — honor films and those involved in them with a Hollywood extravaganza. Franco and Hathaway may have tried to draw in the younger audience, but their hosting was only good, not great. In fact, the numbers so far indicate that this year’s Oscar telecast is down in numbers from the last. If they really want to bring in the big numbers, maybe the Academy should just nominate the last Harry Potter film at next year’s awards.

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Why the ‘King’ was crowned with Oscar gold

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Blue Jays trade Klesa to Phoenix for Upshall, Lepisto

“Then a couple of hours drive. I’ve ever run home, hit a three-run, thinking it was a home run.”

“Loser James Hoey gave up a two-run drive.”

“First time I’ve ever seen Carl in a Boston uniform, so that was good.”

“Red Sox manager Terry Francona said: “It’s just two games into spring training.”

Losing debut for the Boston Red Sox manager Terry Francona, on his first coach with the Blue Jackets, Dave King, on his first year with a plus-10 rating.

Former Columbus center Greg Moore and center prospect Michael Chaput.

Both sides got what they wanted a couple of hours before the NHL trade deadline ended on Monday.

The Blue Jackets dealt their last original player, defense- man Rostislav Klesa, to the Coyotes for left wing Scottie Upshall and defenseeman Sami Leipple. Columbus also includ- ed minor-league forward Dane Byers, who was acquired from the New York Rangers in November.

“When Ed Jovanovski got injured, we felt very vulnerable on our blue line, especially in the defensive-matchup, penal- tity-killing role,” Coyotes GM Don Maloney said. “We searched for what we hoped was a top-four defenseman who could match up against good players. This deal really came up today and it was a case where we had to give to get.”

The Blue Jackets and Coyotes are both fighting for spots in the crowded Western Conference playoff race.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Phoenix Coyotes needed a big, stay-at-home defenseman to fill in while Ed Jovanovski is out with an injury. The Columbus Blue Jackets wanted more speed and financial flexi- bility.

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as senior walk-on Tom Kopko drove the lane and scored in the final minute. Time expired, only one phrase could be heard, yelled by students, fans and Brian Kelly alike — “We are ND. We are ND.”

In the last game of the season, the loudest game of the season, the loudest cheer explains why this Notre Dame team is the best we’ve seen in years. It was a night of 3-pointers and individual performances.

Fourth-year forward Tim Abromaitis tied the Joyce Center record for individual 3s in a game. He and Hansbrough each scored 30 for only the second time in school history. Hansbrough and senior forward Tyrone Nash each recorded double-doubles. But it was the team performance that once again shows the potential of this Irish squad.

All but six of Notre Dame’s 29 made shots came off assists. Four players scored in double-digits. Every single player on the Irish bench got playing time. I’ve said it many times throughout the season — this Notre Dame team is special because there isn’t just one star. True, Hansbrough has a record-breaking season with a match-up no eligibility remaining — Kopko — the three seniors have to thank these 12 guys behind me and the coaching staff.”

As for Kopko, the loudest cheers of the night did not come during his speech, but rather when he entered the game with one minute left, and managed to score on a drive for Notre Dame’s final points. As he picked himself up off the court and the ball dribbled through the net, the crowd cheered louder than it did for even Hansbrough’s record-breaking 3.

“First off, I have to thank these guys for getting me in at the end there,” Kopko said. “I have to thank these 12 guys, the coaching staff for giving me this opportunity, and coach Brey, thanks a lot.”

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Hansbrough’s 30 points, despite only hitting one field goal within the arc. “I don’t think [Villanova] really focused on shooters like some of the other teams do,” Abromaitis said. “Earlier in the year I would have paid a good amount of money to get a couple of those looks.”

Notre Dame (24-5, 13-4 Big East) put the Wildcats (21-9, 9-7) on their heels from the opening minutes, riding four 3s — in order, one from senior guard Carleton Scott. Abromaitis, Hansbrough and another from Abromaitis — inside the first four minutes to take a 14-4 lead.

“We came out here and hit a couple 3s in the first few minutes,” said senior forward Tyone Nash, who finished with 11 points and 11 rebounds. “We really came out and won the first four minutes of the first half. I think that’s really when we won the game right there.”

Scott ended the game with two from behind the arc, senior guard Scott Martin and freshman guard Eric Atkins added one apiece, and Notre Dame ended the night with a program-record 20 3s, shooting 62.5 percent from deep.

“I think that’s just part of our mental preparation, and people getting in the gym and working on their shots by themselves, and just seizing opportunity when it’s there,” Hansbrough said of the sky-high conversion rate. “We just shot incredible tonight.”

The record-setting performance carried Notre Dame to a few unique marks. The win assured the Irish will finish no lower than second in the final Big East regular season standings, with a chance at first place still standing. Resulting from that, Notre Dame will receive a double-bye in the Big East tournament, beginning the tournament in the quarterfinals. The Irish also ended their home schedule without a blemish, 19-0.

“One more thing — at the very start of the season, we talked about no matter who came in, we wanted to end the season undefeated at home,” Hansbrough said as he addressed the crowd after the game.

“For us to come out and do what’s that, that’s what makes it so emotional for me.”

The win also tied Nash and senior forward Tim Kopko — the three seniors have no eligibility remaining — each took a turn at the mic after the game amidst loud applause.

“All I want to say is thank you to the fans,” Nash said. “It’s been a long four years. But I couldn’t have done anything without these 12 guys behind me and the coaching staff.”

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**SPORTS**

**The Observer**
NEW YORK — This is the week hardly anyone expected to actually arrive: deadline time for the NFL and its players’ union.
The collective bargaining agreement expires Thursday night, and the owners could lock out the players. Even before that, though, the Players Association is likely to decertify to prevent a lockout and take its chances in court.
Both sides will resume meeting with a federal mediator Tuesday and probably Wednesday in Washington, seven recent sessions brought little progress. The 32 team owners have met in Washington and Thursday in nearby Chantilly, Va., and Tuesday they will be briefed on the status of negotiations before deciding on the next step.
Just ahead stands the unthinkable: a labor shutdown in America’s most prosperous and popular sport. “Everything is hypothetical right now,” new 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh said Monday. “I’m just optimistic we can get something done.”

If the league locks out the players, everything stops except the NFL draft on April 28-30 — and any interviews or workouts teams conduct with college players leading up to the draft. After that, teams can’t contact their picks, nor can they sign undrafted rookies.
Veterans also will be in limbo, with no offseason workouts (OTAs) or mini-camps held. The longer the impasse lasts, the more in jeopardy training camps, the preseason and — gasp! — the regular season become.
Dolphins quarterback Chad Henne already has plans for practicing with teammates. “We picked out a spot to work out at, and we’re trying to get guys back in town,” Henne said. “Normally our offseason program starts March 28, so we’re going to have everybody back March 28 … and hopefully a lot of guys will come back and we can work out and we can build some bonding and camaraderie.
The financial losses are almost incalculable, but would grow by tens of millions of dollars the longer the work stoppage lasts. The NFL is a $9 billion industry, but not when it comes to a halt. Should the union decertify, something it did in 1989, only to reform, individual players would seek a court injunction preventing a lockout. Players on every team approved decertification in votes during the season.

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The league filed an unfair labor practice charge against the union with the National Labor Relations Board in mid-February, saying the NFLPA “consistently has failed to confer in good faith” during negotiations for a new contract. The NFL claimed

Players and owners try to avoid lockout
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Men’s Track & Field

Suriando carries prep success into college

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

Irish junior Zac Suriando is no stranger to the level of success he is currently having on the track.

Suriando, who attended Shenendehowa High School in Clifton Park, N.Y., was a 10-time letter-winner between cross-country, track and field and soccer during his high school years. As a junior in high school he was on the national champion 4x400-meter relay team. He was responsible for three records during his time at Shenendehowa. He set high school records in the 800-meter, the indoor sprint medley relay and the outdoor sprint medley relay. He was also a seven-time conference and regional winner.

The junior said he started participating in track and field as a kid as a way to stay in shape for other sports, but he soon found out he had quite a knack for competitive running.

“I initially started running track in elementary school with my town’s club team because of some encouragement from my parents to give it a try,” Suriando said. “For a few years track was a way to stay in shape for soccer and basketball until freshmen year of high school when I started to realize it was the other way around and what I looked forward to was track season in the spring. By junior year, I had started running all three seasons with cross country and track and am still doing so now five years later.”

As a senior in high school he had his heart set on running for Duke, but family advice and a trip to South Bend swayed his decision.

“Entering my senior year I was set on going to Duke to continue my education, it wasn’t until my grandmother said something about how great of a school Notre Dame was that I looked into it,” Suriando said. “I arranged a visit with the team and after spending just two days on campus I knew it was where I wanted to be. Despite being here for a shutout loss to USC before fall break the campus had a great feel to it where I could see myself enjoying my four years while getting a top-notch education.”

Suriando was a member of the honors society in high school and maintains his commitment to academics here at Notre Dame.

“I struggled my freshmen year finding the balance between academics and athletics and paid the price on both ends. The key is being efficient with what time you have,” Suriando said. “You can’t stay up late half-working, half-watching TV and still expect to perform well at practice and in the classroom. And despite my Will to procrastinate, planning a week or so ahead has become the norm to keep things from becoming too hectic when traveling to meets on weekends.”

Suriando and the rest of the Irish track and field team will be in action at home this weekend in the Alex Wilson Invitational.

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the second half, Mallory attacked a DePaul guard and stole the ball, feeding it from the ground to junior Natalie Novosel, who gave it to Devereaux Peters for a layup.

The play came after a lull in the game and Notre Dame's first lead in four minutes — but was once again, it wasn't enough.

DePaul senior Felicia Chester made a layup with four seconds left and No. 7 Notre Dame 124-6, 13-3 Big East fell 76-69 in the final seconds to No. 11 DePaul (25-5, 13-3) Monday night at the McGrath Phillips Arena in Chicago.

Down 32-26 after halftime, Notre Dame scored the first seven points of the second half and 19 of the first 26 to open up a 58-49 lead over DePaul.

“We knew in the first half we weren’t really playing our game,” Mallory said.

But the Blue Demons fought back with a 12-0 run that spanned more than three minutes to take a 61-58 lead.

The Irish tied it at 61 with four minutes to play and the two teams sparred for the remaining time.

“I thought we made a valiant effort at the end of the game,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Chester led all players with 20 points on her own senior day, and celebrated with fans who rushed the court after the victory. DePaul junior Keisha Hampton came in right behind her with 17 points.

“I thought Hampton and Chester were too much for us defensively,” McGraw said.

Diggins led the Irish with 18 points, while Novosel had 17, Peters 15 and Mallory 10. Senior forward Becca Bruszewski had just six points after getting into foul trouble early, and she fouled out with 5:28 remaining in the game.

The Irish now have six days to think about the loss before they begin play in the Big East tournament Sunday in Hartford as the No. 2 seed.

“The season’s over, it’s done,” Mallory said. “We’ve got to move on.”

DePaul will be the No. 2 seed in the tournament, meaning the two teams could play each other again in the semi-final round on Monday.

“We’ll be ready,” McGraw said. “I can guarantee that.”

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had a positive influence on me.

Assets and Pressure

The small size of the golf team—usually just six to eight players—makes competing for Top Team GPA honors more difficult.

The team begins every semester with a meeting to set athletic and academic goals, and every semester the group resolves to win Top Team GPA honors. But members of the squad believe that this goal would be unattainable if it weren’t for the drive and strong work ethic of each individual Irish golfer.

“Having the highest GPA is something we are very proud of, and while it was a goal of ours at the beginning of the season, it’s more a product of our individual goals and motivation to be successful,” Conway said.

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Happy Birthday: Those you have done favor for in the past will make offers that allow you to put your skills to the test. You will be able to connect with people who can contribute to your life—both personally and professionally. Think outside the box this time. You may find a solutions to a 7, 14, 21, 28, 35, 42.

BRIEFS (March 21–April 19) Trend careful. Overworking will be your downfall. Being a patient observer may not be to your liking but it will open up some coming across as difficult, no-fun opportunities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take time to listen and help others. Making personal or professional changes based on what you learn and can offer will help you advance. Don’t let someone persuade you to do something that will not benefit you or a cause you believe in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Listen to others with more experience but don’t feel obligated to pay for the information. You will be doing someone a favor by helping them out, in return, they may have something to offer. A shared effort will bring the best results.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): You have a great interest in your financial status and should be able to come up with an original idea that can be used to accumulate great wealth. Knowing someone with either personal or professionally will help you lower your overhead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Think about your beliefs, your lifestyle and what motivates you. It may be better to alter the way you do things but don’t go everywhere in pursuit of some- one else in order to do so.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do everything in your power to be the best you can be. A misdemeanor, picking up skills or changing the way you handle your money will be a common denominator to your future success. Love is in the air.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don’t give in to someone putting reasonable demands on you. You have to be strong if you want equality. An alignment in the way you do things or your professional endeavors will contribute to your well-being.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don’t wait for someone else to tell you when things should be done or what you should do. Make up your own mind and follow your own path. You won’t be disappointed in the results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don’t let someone convince you or lack of understanding throw you off course. Remember what is that will put you happy in one moment and get lost in fanciful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There is no finer emotional feeling that may come from things happening in your life, especially categories. Remembering with a partner to make a better life plan will help you handle your money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen to good advice. You may not be the one who wants to hear it but it will help you make a better choice. Someone you don’t expect will be an impact on you. Realize the difference between you and another is a bad influence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A scant minute of changes may be enough or in the and it will be beneficial. Offering your services or knowledge will result in a favor or pass or being made. Don’t get pressure on anyone to let anyone pressure you.

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ENTRANCE
Senior moments

Notre Dame earns double-bye in Big East tournament with win

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

In his last home game wearing a Notre Dame uniform, senior guard Ben Hansbrough went out with a bang, and then another one, and another one, and another one, until he had tallied 30 points on 7-of-10 shooting from behind the arc.

Hansbrough’s seven 3s didn’t even lead the No. 8 Irish during their 93-72 victory over No. 19 Villanova Monday. That honor went to fourth-year forward Abromaitis who matched Hansbrough’s seven 3s on only 13 attempts.

“I was telling Abro, ‘Did you see 16 3s combined?’” Hansbrough said of the record-setting performance. “That’s a decent enough shooting night.” Abromaitis tallied 30 points in Notre Dame’s 93-72 victory over the Wildcats.

Hansbrough, Abromaitis score 30 points in rout at home on Senior Night

As the clock wound down on Notre Dame’s 21-point victory over Villanova Monday night to seal a perfect record at the Purcell Pavilion and clinch a double-bye in the Big East tournament, the loudest cheer of the night rang through the arena.

It wasn’t the cheer that rose up when the Irish broke Notre Dame’s single-game 3-point record. It wasn’t the cheer as Ben Hansbrough left the court for the last time in his Notre Dame career. It wasn’t even the cheer the echoing through the building for the Irish’s record-setting performance.

ND WOMEN’S GOLF

Squad impresses in the classroom and on the links

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The women’s golf team continued its winning ways last week, wrapping up the fall season with a No. 17 ranking. The squad also continued to impress in the classroom, finishing the fall semester with a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.534, the highest of any Notre Dame varsity team.

“It feels great to have compiled the highest team GPA for the fall semester, as it was our main academic goal for this year,” freshman Nicole Zhang said. “All of us on the team work really hard on both academics and golf, and it has paid off.”

The golf team has turned academic excellence into a habit, winning the Top Team GPA award twice since Susan Holt became named head coach in 2006. The squad has finished with the second highest GPA of all Irish varsity teams, and has never finished a semester lower than fourth in the standings. Members of the team have been named Big East Academic All-Stars 19 times during Holt’s tenure.

“The team performs very consistently in the classroom, and I think it is just the culture that has been created,” Holt said. “I am most proud of the accountability our players have for themselves and to each other to succeed in the classroom.”

While schoolwork is clearly a priority for the Irish, balancing the demands of challenging coursework with the golf course does not always come easy.

The golf team competes in both the fall and spring semesters, so there is no off season when the golfers can focus more energy on their classes. Tournaments are often held as far away as Florida and Hawaii.

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Senior Katie Conway agreed with Zhang’s assessment.

“Our biggest challenge is probably staying awake long from sunrise to sunset on the 36-hole days, and we have to make sure we go to bed early and get a lot of practice in,” Zhang said. “We try to do as much homework as we can before we leave for tournaments, but we usually hit the books when we are on the plane and in the car.”

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

ND falls to Blue Demons

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

CHICAGO — With just over a minute to play in the first half of Notre Dame’s final regular-season game, senior guard Brittany Mallory sprinted the length of the court after a fast-breaking DePaul guard, diving to knock the ball from her hands and out of bounds before she could make a shot.

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Senior Brenneman leads team by example

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