**Professor addresses turmoil in Libya**

An anti-Gadhafi rebel runs away as smoke rises following an air strike by Libyan warplanes near a checkpoint of the anti-Libyan Leader Moammar Gadhafi rebels, in the oil town of Ras Lanouf, eastern Libya, Monday.

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer


David Cortright, director of policy studies at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, said the rapid action was necessary to protect unarmed civilians from being attacked. The Security Council, he said, referred to the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

The ICC called for a report in preparation of legal action, established an arms embargo, banned travel, froze financial assets and created an immediate list of sanctions targets, he said. These, along with other features, will facilitate future decisions on the occurrence of events rather than the passage of time.

"The Criminal Court is now gathering evidence against Gadhafi for perpetrating mass murder," Cortright said. "The ruling elite has attacked defenseless civilians, though we now see the situation descending into what may possibly be the beginning of a civil war."

Col. Moammar Gadhafi seized control of Libya in September of 1969 in a bloodless coup, according to The New York Times. Since then, he has built his regime through family and tribal alliances with the support of oil revenues.

According to The New York Times, since then, tension between the government and international bodies has escalated in the case of human rights violations.

**Local man acquitted in shooting**

A South Bend man was recently found not guilty of criminal recklessness for shooting a Notre Dame student in the arm in 2009.

The man was charged with one count of criminal recklessness, a class D felony, in Feb. 2009, according to court documents. The two-year legal battle ended last week when the man was acquitted on Mar. 1.

The man fired his handgun through the closed front door of his home on Feb. 24, 2009, because he believed someone was breaking into the house. He said he acted in self-defense, according to court documents.

The shot hit a 23-year-old Notre Dame student in the arm as she stood outside the home. Court documents report she was trying to enter the home because she mistakenly believed it to be her own house.

The woman was treated at a local hospital and told police she was intoxicated at the time she was shot.

**Morris Inn serves students and public alike**

On-campus hotel caters to University events; director discusses challenges of running the 57-year-old inn

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Notre Dame is sometimes referred to as a "Catholic Disney World" and, appropriately, it has its own hotel — the 57-year-old Morris Inn. Director William J. Beirne said the on-campus hotel works differently than others, as it is primarily focused on the guest experience.

"The biggest challenge, I would like to say, is it is more about the hospitality," he said. "It is not as much about the business as some other hotels can be."

Beirne said maintaining a presence in the lodging market is also a challenge for the hotel.

"Trying to maintain your fair share within the marketplace is crucial," he said. "Guest satisfaction helps your marketing effort and your occupancy."

Beirne, who has served in his position for 13 years, said the hotel serves a variety of guests, ranging from conference attendees and alumni to general visitors and parents of prospective students.

"It’s really just a great mix of people from around the world," he said.

At the time the Inn was built, the area was lacking in lodging options, Beirne said. He said the University saw an opportunity to house guests on campus.

"From speaking to Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, The Morris Inn was the window to the world for the University," Beirne said.

"When this hotel was built in 1953, there probably weren’t a lot of hotels around, so they probably felt they could control their own destiny. This gave them an opportunity to welcome people from all over the world. Would
QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH EXTINCT ANIMAL WOULD YOU WANT TO BRING BACK TO LIFE?

**Andy Foley**
Senior

*The longnecks.*

**Beth Mikolajczyk**
Junior

*The wild ass.*

**Carolyn Christian**
Junior

*I want to cuddle with a wooly mammoth.*

**Christina Link**
Junior

*The dodo bird.*

**Joe Cannova**
Junior

*The velociraptor, for obvious reasons.*

**Mike Hur**
Junior

*Saber-toothed tiger.*

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com

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**OFFBEAT**

**Virginia firefighter accused of taking drunken joyride**

HAMILTON — Authorities in Virginia say a volunteer firefighter is accused of taking a fire truck on a drunken joyride and nearly crashing into a deputy’s patrol car.

The Loudoun County Sheriff’s office says a press release that 27-year-old Sean Richard Swanson, a volunteer firefighter in Hamilton, was speeding down a road early Saturday morning in the fire truck.

The sheriff’s office says four other volunteer firefighters who also had been drinking were in the truck with Swanson.

The release says a deputy had to veer into a ditch to avoid hitting the truck.

The deputy turned around and pulled over the truck.

Swanson was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and unauthorised use of a vehicle.

A phone message left at a stationing was for Swanson was not immediately returned Sunday.

**Ferret owners want their pets legalized in California**

California’s ferret owners are tired of being criminals.

They live in the only U.S. state besides Hawaii that bans residents from keeping ferrets as pets, forcing an untold number of Californians to keep their beloved weasels hidden from the public.

But these renegade ferret lovers have no plans to abandon their furry friends. Instead, they’re ramping up their campaign to persuade lawmakers, wildlife regulators and the public that it’s time to overturned a ban that hasn’t been in place for nearly 80 years.

There is no reason the ownership of the domesticated ferret should be illegal in California,” said Pat Wright, who leads the California Fish and Game Commission. “These guys are part of our human family. The pet-human bond is a strong one, and you’re stepping on it.”

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Landscapers keep winter weather at bay

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Snow is a reality that students at Notre Dame have to live with, but it is one landscaping services actually has to deal with. Manager of landscaping services Pat McCaulsin and his team of 33 groundskeepers are responsible for keeping all 1,250 acres of Notre Dame safe and clean during the winter months.

“Starting Dec. 1, we break into three shifts,” McCaulsin said. “The first shift works from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the second shift of five guys work from 3:30 to 11 and the final shift of three guys works from 2 a.m. to 10 a.m.”

When the weather gets really bad, the groundskeepers work in two 12-hour shifts, from 2 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. They are also all on call 24 hours a day and seven days a week all winter long, McCaulsin said.

In keeping campus clean, McCaulsin and his team utilize different equipment depending on what area they are removing snow from. The groundskeepers use two-and-a-half-ton trucks to plow and spread salt on the large parking lots. They also have four one-ton trucks to clear the smaller parking lots. Four pickup trucks are in service cleaning off areas too small for the one-ton truck, McCaulsin said.

“We have seven bobcats with brooms that sweep walkways, as well as spread salt and liquid ice melter,” McCaulsin said. “There’s also a pickup that spreads [liquid ice melter].”

Along with the equipment, there are two groundskeepers charged with keeping the stairwells and handicapped ramps clean. They do this with manual labor.

Basically the job landscaping services is tasked with is to keep campus open and running as usual, even when the weather gets in the way.

“With the diversity of campus, the people not used to the snow, when we have over one inch we are at full scale operations,” McCaulsin said. “Our goal is to have everything done at least once before 7 a.m.”

The hardest part of landscaping’s job is that they have no control over the snow when it’s falling. The groundskeepers refer to the snow that stops and then starts again as the “five o’clock curse.”

“The most disheartening part of the job is when it snows and snows,” groundskeeper Matt Brazo said. “You just can’t keep up.”

McCaulsin said what makes this job worth it is his staff.

“They are dedicated and have a sense of loyalty to their jobs,” he said. “Notre Dame takes priority in the winter.”

Brazo said the best part of the job for him is the pride in keeping campus up and running, even in bad weather.

Groundskeeper Terron Phillips said working with McCaulsin makes the job worth it, as well as the recognition the landscaping crew receives.

“The recognition and praise we receive for what we do is the best part of the job,” Phillips said. “I’ve been here 16 years, and we’ve gotten the most recognition this year for our work.”

When the winter season is done, the landscaping crew is still hard at work. In the spring, especially the month of May, their biggest job is preparing campus for commencement, McCaulsin said.

They also mow the grass, trim shrubs and trees and plant flowerbeds at all the new construction projects and dorm renovations.

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**CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL**

Doyle discusses split of Office of ResLife

By MELISSA FLANAGAN

Vice president for Student Affairs Fr. Tom Doyle attended Monday’s Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting to discuss the forthcoming split of the Office of Residence Life and Housing into two offices, the Office of Residence Life and the Housing Office.

The split, effective June 1, will separate the Division of Student Affairs into five main sections, each headed by a different leader who will be responsible for different aspects of the division, Doyle said.

One subdivision will focus on the University’s mission and integration, and its associate vice president will oversee Campus Ministry and the Career Center.

“The second, under the direction of an associate vice president for Residential Life, will supervise the community of rectors and the Housing Office,” Doyle said.

The third, under Fr. Tom Doyle’s direction as vice president for Student Affairs, will oversee student outreach programs such as alcohol and drug education, the Gender Relations Center, multicultural student programs and services, and the University Counseling Center.

“Those sections are all related to not only student services, but to students who have special concerns,” Doyle said.

Last, the director of Finance & Operations will also be in charge of University Health Services.

“I think our dorms are the fundamental building blocks of community here,” Doyle said. “They are the primary way we deliver our mission, our chief ideas of our operation.”

Doyle aims to call greater attention not only to the dorm structures and potential renovations or modifications, but also to those who staff each hall.

“I want to bring both the building and the individuals who lead those buildings into one mind and one heart,” he said.

The associate vice president who will head the student development subdivision will direct the facilities and programming aspects of student activities, as well as the Office of Residence Life.

Doyle said the unusual decision to group organizations such as student government with those students being disciplined by ResLife is prompted by the desire to use the former aspect of it for the latter.

“One group on the student activities side is motivated in a positive direction, while the others have stumbled along the way,” he said. “The question is how do we help reclaim them, how do we use that as a moment of reflection.”

The associate vice president who will concentrate on student services will oversee student outreach programs such as alcohol and drug education, the Gender Relations Center, multicultural student programs and services and the University Counseling Center.

“These sections are all related to not only student services, but to students who have special concerns,” Doyle said.

“I want someone with a business mind to be thinking about health services and insurance and such,” Doyle said.

According to Doyle, integration is the organizing principle around the design and modification of the Division of Student Affairs.

“We need to be sure that your heart and your mind are being engaged simultaneously,” he said. “We need to make sure all these parts of you that are essential as human beings have a chance to grow and develop and flourish.”

Although the manifestation of any benefits from the reconstruction of Student Affairs will not be seen for many years, Doyle hopes to see a greater retention of both hall rectors and seniors on campus in the future.

“I think you’ll find a little more stability in the dorms, hopefully a greater example of collegiality,” he said.

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**RCLC receives summer grant**

University President Emeritus Fr. Edward Malloy speaks at the RCLC’s 10th anniversary celebration. The Center recently received a grant for a six-week summer Shakespeare program.

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**By EMILY SCHRANK**

A six-week intensive summer Shakespeare program for inner-city youth will be funded by a grant given to the Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC) by Better World Books, a for-profit social venture founded by three Notre Dame graduates.

The Literacy and Education in Action Program (LEAP) grant totaled $10,000.

“These grants establish our brand promise — that with every book sold at Better World Books, we support literacy and education in Action Program (LEAP) grants,” said the RCLC.

“Have to do well to serve the community,” Doyle said. “This is the organizing principle around the design and modification of the Division of Student Affairs.”

“Better World Books has a long history with the Robinson Center. It’s local to our warehouse — almost right in our backyard — and they do a lot of great work in the community,” Murphy said. “We were the first NPLP that we ever supported and they have a multitude of very good programs.”

Jennifer Knapp Beudert, manager of the RCLC, said the summer Shakespeare program will serve 20 to 25 children between the ages of 10 and 17.

“They will receive instruction in the essentials of theatre through a variety of workshops,” she said. “Students will spend the morning participating in these workshops and then rehearse for ‘Romeo and Juliet,’ which is the focal work of the whole program, in the afternoon.”

Knapp Beudert said the student ensemble would lead tutelage of “Romeo and Juliet,” including the process of designing posters, sets and costumes.

“Through this summer Shakespeare initiative, RCLC is addressing the need for a safe summer and after-school environment for youth while recognizing the positive educational assets that are gained by theatre studies,” she said.

According to Knapp Beudert, the RCLC has also offered Shakespeare camps during the past two summers.

“With the award of this grant from Better World Books, we will now be able to offer summer Shakespeare for the third year in a row, so that the Robinson Shakespeare Company will remain active year-round,” she said.

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College to announce Woman of the Year recipient

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

To recognize and honor the influence and work of a female faculty member, staff member or administrator, Student Academic Council (SAC) will host a reception and dinner today, Laura Smith, student body president and president of SAC, said. This is an annual event held by the SAC.

“Women Honoring Women is a way for students to recognize any female faculty, staff, or administrator that has made a lasting impact on their education here at Saint Mary’s,” Smith said. “This year’s event, Student Academic Council will be hosting a reception and dinner to honor all of the women who were nominated by students, as well announce this year’s Woman of the Year.”

The Council has been accepting nominations throughout the semester from students, and Smith said this year had a higher number of faculty and staff were recommended.

“We received a number of terrific nominations which made it very difficult for the Women Honoring Women Committee to choose the recipients of this year’s award, but that is just another testament to the fact that we are blessed to have such a supportive and enriching learning community here at Saint Mary’s,” Smith said.

According to Smith, SAC seeks out all students in January that asked for nominations and details about the number of the College community the student was promoting.

“The questions included some back story on the nominee and how this nominee directly affected the experience of the student,” Smith said.

SAC then has a committee that reviews all of the nominations in order to choose a recipient for Women of the Year.

“After discussion, a private ballot was cast, and the Woman of the Year was selected,” Smith said.

“This year, our committee chose to invite all of the individuals who were nominated to attend the dinner as honorees. Each application is so strong that we felt it was important to recognize each of the individuals. The dinner is held every March as part of Women’s History Month,” Smith said.

Because Saint Mary’s is a private liberal arts college, Smith said the award was given for special importance to Women of the Year.

“One of the key propositions is to empower, to inspire, bring in the minds of the students as individuals, and as women,” Smith said.

“Therefore, it seems fit that we recognize the very women that we as Saint Mary’s students aspire to be. It is empowering and refreshing to see these women succeed on a daily basis, not only in academics, but in mind and spirit.”

Smith also said these women are not just recognized for what they provide for students, but also for their individual accomplishments as well.

Most importantly, the women are being recognized because they have demonstrated a high degree of dedication to their career at Saint Mary’s, and through their actions, have committed themselves to the advancement of women’s achievements.”

Smith said. The dinner and reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.

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grew until it violently erupted in several Libyan cities in February’s “Day of Rage.”

“What’s happened is not directly connected to what’s happened in Egypt, except that initially the people who protested against Gadhafi were inspired by the revolutionaries in Egypt,” Cortright said. “A broad wave of nonviolent democratic movement across the region has deteriorated to violence.

Though rebel movements initially formed together as an antigovernment opponent in Benghazi, The New York Times said, unrest has spread uncontrollably and unpredictably. As of now, several rebel groups have surfaced in the eastern half of Libya, leaving refugees to survive or escape to Tunisia. “Most recently we’ve seen it turn into a civil war. The rebels resisting are arming themselves, and the regime is intervening with massive military force and air strikes,” Cortright said. “The next step, Cortright said, “is to maintain the political legitimacy of the operation. We should only move forward with U.N. Security Council approval and if we can, the support of the Arab League.

Look at the international security implications,” he said. “Whatever happens in Libya will influence how the other democratic rebellions unfold.

The U.S. should not intervene on the ground with troops, he said. Imposing a no-fly zone and aiding refugees with humanitarian efforts are of primary importance.

Cortright said a no-fly zone would communicate to other nations the isolation of the Gadhafi regime. These sanctions increase motivation for senior command and military to join the rebels, Cortright said. Ultimately, this would destroy the regime.

Beyond U.N.-supported actions, what happens in Libya will depend on the nature of the conflict.

“We don’t know yet who the rebels are. They need to make clear their intentions and tell us what they are fighting for here,” he said. “We need to know if they’re fighting for human rights and democracy.”

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the same thing happen today? I’m not quite so sure.”

Beirne said Notre Dame controls The Morris Inn.

“I’m an employee of the University and The Morris Inn is the University’s business, he said. “It’s a self-operated hotel, so Notre Dame has 100 percent ownership and control of it.”

Like many University employees on campus, Beirne said the warm staff is what separates the hotel from other lodging options in the local area.

“It is the hospitality of the employees themselves that is special. That is the key,” he said. “People genuinely like working here, and those are the people that make Notre Dame. That hospitality comes to every person who walks through the door.”

Beirne said interaction with guests is the most rewarding experience for those Inn employees.

“It really is fun. It is exciting to plan for a big weekend and event, and it is even more fun when everyone knows what makes a difference, he said. “As a hotel director, Beirne said he wears a lot of hats on the job. He said it is important that the hotel employee successful is training on the job.

“I think it is a great career. There is a lot to learn. As a hotel director as they call it here, you get to use a lot of your skills,” Beirne said. “You get to use human resource skills, marketing skills, accounting skills, marketing skills, food and beverage skills.”

Beirne said though the hotel does employ some students, their jobs usually involve many different tasks.

“We don’t have as many as other places. We use them more in a support role as opposed to a permanent position because we have a student’s schedule,” Beirne said. “It is kind of interesting that way.”

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Members of the Organization for the International Migration call a man from Bangladesh during a repatriation process in a refugee camp at the Tunisia-Libyan border in Ras Ajdir, Tunisia, Monday. Libyan rebels who are against Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi ride on an armed truck near Ras Lanuf, eastern Libya, Monday. Libyan rebels who are against Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi ride on an armed truck near Ras Lanuf, eastern Libya, Monday.
Collective bargaining benefits all workers

Both union and non-union workers must come together and send the message that collective bargaining isn’t just a human right, but is necessary to grow the middle class and create good jobs. Workers have to stop blaming each other for the economic hardships. Weakened collective bargaining rights of the public sector is not the answer; strengthening public sector rights is. Unions are the only legal representation for workers to have their fair share of the wealth, which comes from the profits of the goods and services that they produce. As the percentage of the workforce that is unionized continues to fall, real wages are decreasing, the middle class is shrinking, and the wealth gap continues to expand. Unions are the last group of organized people consistently hacking the average person. They are fighting for the rights of the working class, recognizing that workers are not commodities; they are people with voices that should be heard, and they have the right to bargain collectively.

As Pope John Paul II wrote in “Laborem Exercens,” unions “are indeed a mouthpiece for the struggle for social justice, for the just rights of working people in accordance with their individual professions.”

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Sunday March 13, 7 p.m. Where will you be? For one will be glued to a TV somewhere in SoCal anxiously awaiting the announcement of ND’s NCAA tournament seeding. That’s right, the GreenMan is obsessed with something other than the environment — college basketball. Since I’ve been finding myself checking ESPN.com more than my email, I thought an examination of the green aspects of March Madness might be an appropriate topic for this column.

I’d like to start by pointing out that some of the NCAA Selection Committee’s principles are actually inherently green. Specifically, one of the key principles for slotting teams in the bracket is that an effort must be made to place higher-ranked teams in “geographically compatible” locations for the first two rounds of the tournament. This not only makes it easier for high-seeded teams’ fans to attend games, but also allows them to reduce their environmental impact because less distance traveled means lower emissions. The committee will also grant geographic preference to a team regardless of seed, by looking at where a team has been placed in the previous five years or trying to avoid moving a team out of its natural geographic region an inordinate number of times.

Given these two conditions for geographic preference, Notre Dame should without a doubt be placed close to home this year. For one thing, we ought to be very high on the seed list (though several other regional teams are up there with us to compete for the same spots — Ohio State, Pitt and Purdue). Second, let’s review ND’s first-round sites from the last five years: New Orleans, Denver and who could forget (though we might want to) Spokane. It’s high time we were close to home.

But now Notre Dame looks poised to claim a 2-seed in Chicago, which is where “Bracketology” expert Joe Lunardi currently predicts we’ll go. However, it’s not outside the realm of possibility that, probably pending a Big East tournament title, we could make a very serious case for earning a 1-seed, which would put us in Cleveland.

All due respect to Cleveland, but I hope we’re in Chicago. Why? Two words: mass transit. Those of us coming back to the Bend early from break can hop on the train to Chicago for $11 each way to see the Irish play on Friday and Sunday. You can’t say the same for Cleveland, which is a three and half hour drive away. This drive is about six times as carbon-intensive as taking the train to Chicago, according to TerraPass’s carbon footprint calculator. And then there’s also the fact that approximately 75 percent of our student body is from “a suburb of Chicago” (figure unconfirmed), which means we could have a great turnout with people who are already within 40 miles of the arena.

But, regardless of whether we start in Chicago or Cleveland, we’ll definitely have to fly to follow the team to Houston for the Final Four. When this happens, as an eco-conscious fan, I will most likely assuage the guilt of my protest and keep the bill from being passed within his state, the bill will likely pass within the Wisconsin Senate, given the Republican majority. This could cause a domino effect of similar legislation throughout the country.

Public schools have faced continuous budget cuts since the turn of the millennium — from elementary schools to universities. If Walker’s bill is passed, it will not only hurt Wisconsin teachers, but it will also discourage working for public schools nationwide. While he’s dead set on inverting in education, Wisconsin is demonstrating that America has other priorities. For the well-being of the public sector, all measures should be taken to prevent Walker’s bill from being passed.

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Scene Picks:
New movie trailers you don’t want to miss

‘Arthur’ starring Russell Brand, Helen Mirren and Jennifer Garner; In theaters April 8

By COURTNEY COX
Assistant Scene Editor

Arthur, the remake of the 1980s film of the same name, has big shoes to fill. The trailer gives every impression that this film will be just as successful as the original.
Russell Brand stars as a bizzare heir with childish hobbies (like driving around the Batmobile in a genuine Batman costume). He is offered the decision between marrying a straight-laced American (Jennifer Garner — the epitome of straight-laced typecasting) and losing all of his inheritance.
He originally does not want to marry her because they have nothing in common. But he goes off to New York with her anyway because he realizes he cannot live without the money.
He ultimately meets a woman who operates on the same spontaneous wavelength that he does and (surprise) they presumably fall in love.
The story is a bit cliché, but the best part of the trailer is Brand’s relationship with his Butler played by Helen Mirren. The two have a mentoring relationship that seemingly gives the story heart.
The trailer is filled with typical Brand humor, meaning he is really just humorous because he’s saying everything in an almost unbelievable British accent. Ultimately the trailer seems to show that the film will be just as laughable as the original.

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‘Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides’ starring Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz and Ian McShane; In theaters May 20

By CLAIRE STEPHENS
Scene Writer

Long shots of beautiful, dangerous, tropical places flash on the screen back to back. Close-up shots of ships. Medium shots of characters with quizzical or awed expressions on their faces. Voice over narration giving you the newest adventure of always-colorful Jack Sparrow. Captain Jack Sparrow, that is. A predictable next installment or an entirely new “Pirates?” Of course Johnny Depp, an older Geoffrey Rush, the crew and other familiars from past movies of the trilogy are attending. But now with the striking absence of Kiera Knightley or Orlando Bloom, Will and Elizabeth are replaced with a notorious pirate legend and his daughter, played by Penelope Cruz. (A serious love interest for Jack?)

Instead of the Kraken, Davy Jones, the undead fishy crew and the world’s end, expect to see Black Beard, seductive mermaids, zombies (really) and the Fountain of Youth. However, there are still the same promises of sword fights, open sea dangers, navigating through island jungles, hilarious and character-istic outbursts from Jack and a hot leading lady. A promising summer movie — after all, who doesn’t want to watch a Disney movie about pirates before hitting the beach?

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‘Something Borrowed’ starring Ginnifer Goodwin, Kate Hudson and Colin Egglesfield; In theaters May 6

By ADRIANA PRATT
Assistant Scene Editor

It’s the most wonderful time of the year: chick-flick season! Catch a last glimpse of hope before finals commence by seeing “Something Borrowed,” a romantic comedy about two frenemies and their intertwining romances. The film, starring Ginnifer Goodwin, Kate Hudson, John Krasinski and Colin Egglesfield, promises to be entertaining, lighthearted and a sweet dose of eye candy — all that’s necessary for a quality rom-com.

The trailer highlights the affection and underlying tension between diva Darcy (Hudson) and her bff Rachel (Goodwin). Darcy clearly gets everything she wants, often at the expense of good-girl Rachel, including the love of Rachel’s life, Dex (Egglesfield). Turns out Dex might be just as in love with Rachel, but he’s already gone too far with Darcy to turn back — or has he?
One night leads to a little too intimate of an encounter between Rachel and Dex and suddenly everything is turned upside down.

Enter Ethan (Krasinski), the cute tells-it-like-it-is confident who holds Rachel accountable for what she wants. Judging by the trailer, it also looks like he could be the perfect catalyst to bring Darcy back down to earth. Could a possible romantic switch-up be in the works? Hit theaters May 6 to find out.

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**‘Sucker Punch’ starring Emily Browning, Vanessa Hudgens and Abbie Cornish; In theaters March 25**

By KEVIN NOONAN

Scene Writer


These trailers implied a plot, gave glimpses of story but also hinted that the characters were more than set pieces in the films, and they used music to illustrate the tone and mood of the movie. The question then becomes, how does the trailer for “Sucker Punch” match up to the high level of marketing shown by these previous films? The answer is simple: It doesn’t. The imagery is confusing and the plot it tries to present is all over the place and, if it’s plainly obvious in the trailer you can’t act, it doesn’t give much inspiration for the full-length film.

To top it all off, there’s Carla Gugino (Art Gold’s female agent nemesis in “Entourage”) trying to pull off some sort of Russian accent. And frankly, it just sounds irritating.

Recommendation? Wait for somebody else to see it first and ask them before investing any money in a ticket, because this one just looks dumb.

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**‘Thor’ starring Chris Hemsworth, Anthony Hopkins and Natalie Portman; In theaters May 6**

By MARY CLAIRE O’DONNELL

Scene Writer

“Thor” does not seem to be doing anything that other super or mythical hero movies have not done before. The monsters appear recycled, the story mundane and much of the acting subpar. In fact, this actually seems like a Norse remake of “Clash of the Titans.” It has all the ingredients. The attractive male lead must fight to save mankind. The attractive male lead tries to win the affection of the attractive female lead on his quest. Ultimately, the hero finds himself successful on both counts.

And yet, despite the formulaic nature of the movie and despite its similarities to the epic flop that was “Clash of the Titans,” the trailer draws its viewers in and doesn’t let go. Maybe it’s the 3-D nature of the film. Maybe it’s Natalie Portman’s superior acting skills to Gemma Arterton. Maybe it’s Chris Hemsworth’s silky blond tresses.

Whatever it is, director Kenneth Branagh effectively captures the attention of audiences with his entertaining trailer. He depicts enough action and violence to ensure the male clientele, while showing off enough of Hemsworth’s abs and the growing love story to melt the hearts of females. Thor and his hammer may be formulaic, but they are intoxicating.

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**‘Water for Elephants’ starring Robert Pattinson, Reese Witherspoon and Christoph Waltz; In theaters April 22**

By JORDAN GAMBLE

Scene Editor

A love story about the sun-browned Edward Cullen and a Marlene-Dietrich-y Reese Witherspoon, all set in a circus? Sure looks like an intriguing setup. The trailer for “Water for Elephants” also has period clothing, a tingly music-box score, fore-shadowings of “the worst circus disaster” and an elephant. Those ingredients right there make for a good preview without spilling out the whole movie, although anyone who has read the book by Sara Gruen probably already knows the plot anyway. The final shot of Robert Pattinson, Witherspoon and the elephant in a rocking railroad car has the exact right amount of eye-candy and mystery. Here’s to hoping the film lives up to the mood of the previews.

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Men’s volleyball gains national ranking

Cyclers battle sleet, hail in Ohio State road races; Equestrian team qualifies two riders for regionals,

Hornets’ Chris Paul sits out Bulls game; return unknown

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Texas Tech coach Knight fired in third season

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Pat Knight sat in the Texas Tech locker room and lauded his bosses for the way they let him go after three disappointing seasons.

It was, after all, different from the way his famous father was ousted at Indiana more than a decade ago.

“It’s not an ugly situation,” Knight said. “I mean, we left on good terms. I’m glad it ended that way, especially after being part of the deal at Indiana. That was tough. But this is different. It’s business.”

Texas Tech fired Knight on Monday, ending a disappointing tenure for a coach who for a decade lead the Red Raiders to the NCAA tournament after taking over for his father in February 2008. He will coach the Red Raiders at this week’s Big 12 tournament and then step down.

Knight said he was glad his dismissal came before the tournament because of all the potentially negative media a coach can endure as the nights of a firing count down.

“I’m not just negative toward us,” Knight said. “It’s not good, even for the guy that’s following... that’s why I just told him, when they told me, ‘You’re not going to get another year.’ It’s just get it out there now. It worked out for the best.”

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After taking over for his father, Pat Knight was 50-60 in his three seasons at the helm of the Red Raiders.

City, Mo., play No. 6 seed Missouri on Wednesday night.

Beard said Knight’s possibly firing was never discussed with the players.

“I can honestly tell you there hasn’t been a lot of sitting around wondering what’s going to happen,” Beard said. “Pat has been a great leader since he took over, and especially this year during a tough season. He’s been a real backbone through this. It’s been business as usual until now.”

Edwards prefers to remain in New York

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Braylon Edwards has been a star for the New York Jets, and he wants to keep it that way.

Edwards, a free agent, emphasized Monday that he wants to stay with the team, and said he believed the interest was mutual.

“If they give me the opportunity, I definitely want to come back,” Edwards said as he left a Manhattan courthouse after a brief appearance in a drunken-driving case; he denies the charges.

“Anytime, any time, I love being a Jet.”

Edwards had 53 catches for 949 yards and seven touchdowns in his first full season with the Jets after they traded him for him in October 2009. He made a key catch to set up the Jets’ game-winning field goal over the Indianapolis Colts in the final minute of this year’s AFC wild card playoff game.

Free agents have been in limbo this season as the NFL and the players’ union try to negotiate a new contract. Teams and players are waiting to see what a new agreement might look like.

Edwards, 28, said he’s spoken recently to Jets coach Rex Ryan and general manager Mike Tennenbaum, conversations he described as just catching up.

“The interest is there on their side. The interest is there on my side,” said Edwards, who came to court sporting a dark blue-gray suit with a snappy red shirt, white collar, crimson-and-white striped tie and red-and-white polka-dotted pocket square. “We’re working on it.”

Edwards also is waiting to see what happens in his drunken-driving case.

Police said they pulled Edwards over in Manhattan around 5 a.m. Sept. 21 because his luxury SUV’s windows were too dark. Officers said his blood-alcohol level was twice the legal limit.

He denies driving drunk.

He’s challenging the basis for stopping him, the reliability of the test and other aspects of the case. He said he plans to fight the ticket.

A judge didn’t rule Monday on any of Edwards’ arguments. He’s due back in court May 16.

When arrested, Edwards was on probation after pleading no contest to misdemeanor aggravated disorderly conduct in a dust-up outside a Cleveland nightclub.
Huskies advance to finals

NCAA BASKETBALL

Huskies freshman guard Bria Hartley drives by Rutgers sophomore guard Erica Wheeler in UConn’s 75-51 semifinals win Monday.

rose leads Chicago to win over Hornets

CHICAGO — Derrick Rose scored 24 points, and the Chicago Bulls beat New Orleans 95-86 on Monday night with Hornets star Chris Paul sidelined by a concussion.

The four-time All-Star watched from the sideline after colliding with Cleveland’s Ramon Sessions in Sunday’s win and remains day to day. Without him, the Hornets put up a fight against the Central division leaders but were shut out over the final 3:15.

Coming off wins at Orlando and Miami, the Bulls didn’t exhaunt until Rose hit two free throws with 35 seconds remaining there were made it 83-77 and sent them to their 10th win in 12 games.

Carlos Boozer added 19 points and nine rebounds, and Ronnie Brewer and Luol Deng scored 10.

Jarrett Jack, starting in Paul’s place, led the Hornets with 23 points, and Marco Belinelli scored 17. David West had 14 points and 11 rebounds, but New Orleans shot just 36.3 percent.

Alone in second place after one-point win over Miami on Sunday that gave them sole possession of second place in the Eastern Conference and a three-game lead over the Heat, the Bulls had a tough time pulling this one out. They were leading 75-65 early in the fourth after Rose nailed a 3. But the Hornets didn’t score again.

They got a jumper by Jack and a pair of baskets by Willie Green after a timeout to pull within four midway through the quarter. Jack tied it at 77 on a layup with 3:15 left, but the Hornets didn’t score again.

A driving Rose crashed to the floor as his layup got blocked by West, but Noah fouled while converting the put-back pumping his fist after the ball went in to give the Bulls a 79-77 lead with three minutes left. He missed the free throw, but Deng hit two less than a minute later to make it a four-point game.

The teams then kept trading baskets before Rose’s free throws with 35 seconds made it a six-point game.

Auntie Joanne stole the ball from Jack, leading to two free throws by Kyle Korver with 25 seconds left that made it 85-77.

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skill-based game,” she said of lacrosse in the U.S. “There’s a lot more focus on stick work. It took some time to adjust, but I really enjoy the style of play.”

Luckily, Newall could rely on her wealth of experience playing a sport that enjoys much popularity in private schools in England.

“I’ve been playing lacrosse since I was 11 years old,” Newall said. “It’s really big in boarding schools, and I went to an all-girls boarding school.”

Newall has used her experience to work her way into the Irish regular rotation, starting all four games for Notre Dame (2-2) while snapping up two ground balls. The team will be back in action Thursday, as Newall and her team-mates prepare for their season debut at Charlotte Stadium versus Ohio State.
Senior Geary’s leadership shines outside of pool

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

Many important victories in sports today end with a trip to Disney World, but senior diver Nathan Geary’s fantastic career as a student-athlete began with a trip to the Magic Kingdom.

This year’s Big East champion from the 3-meter board, Geary is also the Vice-President of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) and has participated in a number of leadership opportunities during his time at Notre Dame, dating back to his first year of college.

“After freshman year, I was selected to go to a leadership camp at Disney,” Geary said. “and I was the sole athlete selected from Notre Dame to go to this, so after that it was like the fast track to leadership.”

Irish Coach Tim Welsh, who nominated Geary as the University’s representative for the forum, says he recognized the leadership in his freshman diver three years ago.

“Nathan is a very outgoing, gregarious person very interested in the University, very interested in the team,” Welsh said. “I thought that he had the personal skills and the interest and the discipline to do a good job with it.”

Following his first conference, Geary developed an enthusiasm for leadership and for the cause of the student-athlete. After being a member of the Rosenthal Leadership Academy at Notre Dame during his sophomore year, Geary joined SAAC as a Sophomore Director.

“I really liked the political side of athletics,” Geary said. “I felt like I was pretty involved in some of the meetings and with some of the issues we were dealing with and I was put my name in for vice president.”

Geary was elected by last year’s SAAC officers, and his duties this year have included attending officer meetings, presiding over student-athlete meetings, and working closely with the Student Union Board (SUB) to put together information sessions for the student-athletes.

“The mission of SAAC is to make the student-athlete’s experience all that it should be,” Geary said. “If there are problems that we see where student athletes are disadvantaged, we want to correct those.”

One of Geary’s main achievements as vice president was coordinating a SUB committee on career initiatives that put the student-athletes through a “career boot camp,” which focused on transitioning into life after college and securing a job.

“That was a huge commitment,” Geary said. “It was something where I had to work with the SUB committee, talk about who we wanted to get there, what we wanted to be said — and then featuring the six people [speakers], meeting with the Career Center. It ended up being really successful.

Geary understands from experience how difficult the life of a student-athlete can be, but he also realizes how rewarding the experience is.

“The time commitment is the most difficult thing about being a student athlete,” Geary said. “The time demands are brutal, but it is so worth it. I wouldn’t have changed anything I’ve done.”

As he prepares for the upcoming NCAA Zone Diving tournament, Geary knows that he would have to deliver at a career-best performance in order to advance to the NCAA championships. Still, as someone who has experienced success in many different realms of life, Geary said he would be satisfied as long as at least one of his teammates performs well enough to qualify.

“Hopefully we’ll place really well,” Geary said. “But if you have the chance that I don’t make it, it’s not going to be the end of the world for me.”

It certainly will be no tragedy for Geary if his season does indeed end with the conclusion of the Zone tournament on March 13. A paramount example of success as a student-athlete, Geary has enjoyed a great career and has already been accepted to three law schools. The FSU major awaits decisions from seven other schools. His coach simplified how successful Geary has been in just a short sentence.

“He’s done it all,” he said.

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**Johns**

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Jackson said Johns has performed just as he was expected to be.

“His everything we expected him to be, and he’s had his ups and downs at times, but let me tell you, when he has physical edge to his game, he definitely keeps everybody’s head up on the opposition.” Jackson said. “People know when he’s on the ice. That’s a nice asset to have, something we really haven’t had since I’ve been here.”

The freshman’s role as the Irish enforcer has not come without growing pains, as he spent much of the early going in the penalty box for powerful but undisciplined penalties. Jackson said making more disciplined hits has been a big improvement in Johns’ game.

“I think a big part of his game is learning to be under more control. It’s got to pick his spots to play physical.” Jackson said. “We’ve talked about where on the ice that’s effective and where it’s not. Big open-ice hits are tough to make as a defenseman, because if you mishit one, he’s about to go on one. He has to look at opportunities. But if he’s got a guy in a position against the wall where he can hit them and use the wall as leverage.”

Johns agreed that he needed to adjust his hitting technique in order to stay on the ice while maintaining the physical nature of his play.

“Beginning of the year was a little bit of a struggle with all the penalty minutes, lately it’s been a little easier trying to pick my spots. Johns said. “I do hit a guy, I stay low and keep my elbows in, which was a problem early in the year. It has a lot to do with momentum, one thing I need to learn is when I can bring five days for the Irish, as they lost 5-2 to No. 18 Texas A&M on Friday before defeating No. 60 Northwestern, 6-1, on Sunday. On the other side, it will be the fourth match in five days for the Illini, who played a doubleheader Friday, as well as a match Sunday.

“We’re ready to go,” Sachire said when asked about any fatigue his team might be experiencing. “No one is overly tired. It’s our fourth match in five days for Illinois, so it will be just as difficult for them.”

Because this match is in the middle of the spring season, Sachire did not expect fatigue to be a factor.

“Both teams will be fine,” he said. “By this time all the teams are conditioned and ready to go.”

The match between the ranked teams will be played tonight at 5 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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matches, all of which went the maximum three sets.

Senior Whitney Benz and Dan Stahl, freshman Greg Andrews and junior Samuel Kentor kicked off the first set of their singles match before dropping to have to give Illinois the victory. The other singles player, junior Casey Wei was able to save a set loss to win the second. He eventually was defeated in the third.

The match will be the third in the Irish-Illini series in the nation with the last being in 2002. The meet was on the Notre Dame campus.

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**DePaul**

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67 victory over DePaul.

With 10 seconds remaining, the Irish were able to inbound the puck with near a minute to play, before the Blue Demons fouled Mallory to get the line, hit both shots and sealed the deal for Notre Dame. No. 9 DePaul (27-6, 13-3) fell behind 9-0 to start the game, but at that point Hampton sparked their offense. She scored 31 in the game, only a week after netting 17 against a big hitter eliminating out.

“Hampton, wow, can she really play,” McGraw said. “She did an outstanding job — we couldn’t stop her. Luckily we had enough scoring on the other side to win the game.”

Now that the Irish have faced their (Blue) Demons, the next and greatest challenge for this squad is knocking off an arch-rival — No. 1 Connecticut (31-1, 16-0). With their 75-51 semi-final victory over Rutgers, the three-time defending Big East champion Huskies now hold the distinction of being the Big East tournament and 68 consecutive games overall in the conference. Arguably the closest Connecticut has been to losing a game in 10 years.

“Tonight’s game, played at the XL Center, is regarded as a home game for Connecticut by the NCAA because they played six regular season games in the arena,” Jackson said.

“In the second game we didn’t maintain that focus,” Diggins said. “You need to do that for 40 minutes against a team like that. We watched the film over and over.”

In one of the biggest games in program history, the Irish will look to end those streaks and add an achievement of their own to the record books as the school’s first ever Big East tournament championship. The teams square off on Saturday at 7 p.m. in Hartford, Conn.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Slaying the demons
Irish defeat DePaul to advance to finals

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. — Irish senior Becca Brunewski fouted out on Feb. 28 with under six minutes to play against DePaul, and freshman Natalie Achonwa stepped in against an imposing Blue Demon frontcourt in junior Keisha Hampton and senior Felicia Chester. The two set the tone down the stretch and knocked off Notre Dame, 70-69.

Fast-forward one week: The teams are locked in a close battle once again, this time with a berth in the Big East championship game on the line. Brunewski was again forced to depart in the final minutes, now with a rib injury. Achonwa stepped into duty in her absence for the second time, but on this occasion she and her teammates avenged last week’s defeat with a strong effort down the stretch to capture a 71-67 semifinals victory Monday. The Irish will face UConn tonight in the Big East Finals.

HOCKEY

Johns brings physicality

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

Throughout the 2010-11 season and a run to a second-place finish in the CCHA, the message to opposing forwards from the Notre Dame blue line has been clear: Stephen Johns is going to hit you, and he’s going to hit you hard. Johns, a freshman defenseman from Middlesex, England, finally set foot on campus for an unofficial visit, her choice became clear. Echoing the sentiments of many an Irish athletic recruit, she says she found Notre Dame irresistible.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles win second in succession

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

Fresh off their first win of the season at John Carroll last week, the Belles opened their home MIAA schedule with an 8-1 win over St. Mary’s (Minn.).

The key for the Belles (2-2) is to defeat top opponents. No. 1 doubles match, prevailing in a tiebreaker 9-8 (7-3).

Freshman Margaret Boden and senior Mary Therese Lee had similar success in a late tiebreaker, winning 9-8 (7-2) at No. 3 doubles.

WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Newall uses experience from across the pond to excel

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

Unlike the rest of her classmates on the lacrosse team, junior Kate Newall took quite a while to decide to play for Notre Dame. Her decision hinged more on geography than anything else.

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