Students aid youth in Honduras
By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Two groups of Saint Mary’s students traveled to Honduras over spring break to serve impoverished locals at a group home and orphanage surgery center.

Professor Karen Van Meter and social work Professor Leonard Sanchez took a group of students to El Hogar Diamante, a home for boys offering safe housing, education and training in a trade. While most of the boys are not homeless or orphaned, the home helps divert them from getting into dangerous situations they may otherwise be exposed to, Sanchez said.

“The Hogar takes on boys from around 12, even as young as seven, that have parents and homes of their own, but it gets them off the streets,” Sanchez said. “Many of them [would otherwise] find themselves living in the streets, bored, restless, panhandling.”

The students spent their mornings in Honduras doing service projects including painting rooms and cleaning service projects including mornings in Honduras doing physical labor. They also spent their afternoons doing recreational activities with the boys. Evenings offered students time to come together.

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Students journey to Holy Land
By TORI ROECK
News Writer

A group of 23 Notre Dame community members made a pilgrimage to Israel to explore biblical locations and examine their own faiths over spring break.

The group of students, coming from diverse faith and academic backgrounds, were led by Lewis Hall rector Layla Karst, Campus Ministry program manager Brett Perkins and theology graduate student Hannah Hemphill.

Karst said the pilgrimage allowed students to explore the origins of their faith through the connections the University has in Israel, especially Pantur, Notre Dame’s campus in the Holy Land.

“It was an effort, given Notre Dame’s resources in the area, to take advantage of them and give our students the opportunity to travel to the places where Christ lived and died to reflect on the mysteries of our faith together in a community and to particularly have that journey be during Lent,” Karst said.

Students visited Jerusalem’s Church of the Holy Sepulchre where Jesus was crucified and entombed, the site of the nativity in Bethlehem and the Mount of the Transfiguration.

A group of Notre Dame students making a pilgrimage to Israel stop and take an ice cream break while making a beach trip.

The group also saw the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River and the Dead Sea along with the cities of Capernaum and Nazareth.

For sophomore theology and Arabic studies major Jackie Bacon, visiting the Sea of Galilee was a highlight of the trip.

“I’ve never been to a more beautiful place,” Bacon said. Sophomore economics and Program of Liberal Studies major Pablo Muldoon said he enjoyed seeing the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount.

“It was incredibly green and there were flowers.”

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Aerospace chair dies at age 50
Observer Staff Report

John E. Renaud, professor and chair of aerospace and mechanical engineering at Notre Dame, died March 18 from cancer at his Michigan home. He was 50 years old.

A Mass of remembrance will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Friday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. A reception will be held at the Morris Inn following the service.

Renaud was a native of Rochester, N.Y. After he graduated from the University of Maine at Orono in 1982, Renaud worked for five years as a manufacturing systems design engineer in Rochester. He earned master’s and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1989 and 1992, respectively, before he joined the aerospace and mechanical engineering faculty at Notre Dame in 1992.

Renaud was serving as the chair of the department in 2008.

As a professor, Renaud

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Students celebrate postponed St. Patrick’s Day
By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

St. Patrick’s Day may have fallen during Notre Dame’s spring break this year, but students still managed to show their Irish spirit in celebration of the holiday Wednesday.

On the “unofficial” St. Patrick’s Day, students embraced the opportunity to celebrate the University’s historic Irish identity by dressing in green, celebrating off campus and taking advantage of the giveaways provided by the Student Union Board (SUB) and Walsh Hall throughout the day.

SUB and Walsh distributed shamrock-shaped sunglasses and other giveaways outside DeBartolo Hall and offered a free cookout on Fieldhouse Mall. SUB cultural arts program manager Jenna Donahue said students who found “golden nuggets” hidden around campus won prizes including a green iPod Shuffle and gift cards to Chipotle, Five Guys and Jamba Juice.

Donahue said the main goal of planning events for this week was to unite students in a celebration of the holiday while they were on campus.

“We came up with this idea in the fall when we realized we wouldn’t be able to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day during school, so we wanted to do it right when we came back from break,” Donahue said.

“Wednesday seemed like a good day for it because it breaks up the week, and more people are out and about because classes are generally shorter.”

Sophomore Erin Riley said she enjoyed the campus festivities.

“The free giveaways were awesome, especially the sunglasses and the food,” she said.

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Football

Freshmen Allie Hartnett, Melissa Stahl, Chelsea Beboer and Jane Berlent (left to right) celebrate in festive Irish-themed garb Wednesday.
**The Observer**

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** IF YOU COULD SWAP LIVES WITH ANYONE FOR A DAY, WHO WOULD IT BE?

- **Thomas Graff**
  - Freshman Dillon
  - "Charlie Sheen, so I could be..."
- **Claudia Anwell**
  - Grad off campus
  - "My cat. When I grow up I want to just be like her - lazy and spoiled."
- **Michael Turner**
  - Junior Knot
  - "Brian Kelly, because he's got the dream job."
- **Anel Terron**
  - Sophomore Welsh Family
  - "Kate Middleton."
- **Ian Herety**
  - Senior Alumni
  - "I like my life a lot, but I would be George Harrington with the Beatles in India during the late 60's."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com

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**IN BRIEF**

Today from 3 to 6 p.m. there is an opportunity to donate cash or Dollar Donors to the Women’s Care Center. Donations can be made in La Fortuna. All proceeds will go toward buying baby shower gifts for women who are clients of the Women’s Care Center.

The institute for Latino Studies is hosting a lecture titled “A Chicana in the Land of Dixie” given by Richard A. Lou, professor and chair of the Department of Art at the University of Memphis. The lecture will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. today at McKenna Hall in room 210-214.

Tonight from 6 to 7 p.m. in Washington Hall the Student Players’ first production of the musical “Dr. Horrible’s Sing-Along Blog” will take place. Tickets will be sold for $5 at the door.

A panel discussion titled “Revolution 101: A Discussion on Civil Resistance in the Middle East” will be held from 9 to 11 p.m. tonight at the Coleman-Morse Center. The discussion will be a concise review of the turmoil affecting Libya, Egypt, Tunisia and other countries in the Middle East.

The MSA Relay for Life bowling night will be held at Chippewa Bowl in South Bend, 224 W. Chippewa Avenue, from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. The $10 price donates $5 to Relay for Life and pays for two hours of bowling, shoes and one pizza per lane.

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

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would benefit from greater trickle-down benefits to the workers, and our community needs to know about it." "These proposals undermine living standards and public education, and our community needs to know about it," he said.

Wolfson said large tax cuts to the wealthy and promises of trickle-down benefits to the poor have not materialized in the past, and right-to-work legislation is unlikely to see another result.

Experiences of the past 30 years contradict this [argument]," Wolfson said. Wolfson wrote the Higgins Report in March with the help of Dan Graff, associate director of the Higgins Program, and English Professor Valerie Sayers. The report specifically criticizes the Chamber’s data analysis.

The data in the Chamber’s report only analyzed figures from 1977 and 2008, Wolfson said. The report also combined the information from all 22 states with right-to-work policies into one statistic, used an average national income and focused solely on differences in income growth rates between states with and without the legislation. Instead, Wolfson said, the report should have compared individual state’s growth rates before and after the legislation was passed.

In response, Wolfson and his colleagues compiled their own data from each successive year from the beginning of the right-to-work legislation in 1947 through 2009. If you take the Right to Work states as a whole, but look at the average rate of growth, you’ll see that after the state became Right to Work states, growth was 3.9 percent compared to 4.2 percent before the state became a Right to Work state,” Wolfson said.

Wolfson said the Chamber’s data is not incorrect, only slanted.

The numbers aren’t wrong, but [the Chamber] use[s] data selectively … The result is slanted for the result they want,” Wolfson said. “We want to balance it.”

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Summer Session registration opens

By JOHN CAMERON

Students hoping to make up for a dropped class or pursue a subject of interest outside their major can register for Notre Dame’s Summer Session beginning Wednesday.

This year there will be offering 177 traditional lecture or lab courses, as well as various special study and directed reading programs, said Chuck Harley, director of the Summer Session.

Hurley said summer courses outside of general requirements vary somewhat year to year at the discretion of the different academic departments.

“We offer almost the same amount every year, it’s a pretty standard allowance,” he said. "We go through a process in September and October where the departments and deans come up with the classes. Most of the classes are the same every year — Calc I & II, that sort of thing.”

Hurley said some of the Arts and Letters departments tend to offer greater course variety between the years.

“In the areas of history and sociology they’re pretty creative. For example, this year in history Scott Apelby is teaching a new class, ‘Catholics in 20th Century America,’” he said. "James Smith has a class, ‘Northern Ireland Troubles.’ There’s also a class in sociology that I know was offered two years ago — ‘The Sociology of Sport.’ That’s a popular class.”

Many of the students studying at Notre Dame over the summer take classes in theology, Hurley said.

“A lot of that has to do with us offering more theology courses than any other in summer, partly because they’re so popular, partly because there’s a graduate program over the summer,” he said. "Because Notre Dame is the most prestigious Catholic university in America, a lot of visiting students want to come here to take theology courses.”

Unlike classes during the regular school year, summer school courses are more flexible in accommodating a greater number of individual students, Hurley said.

“We have a few classes that fill up in the summer but it’s usually only 10 to 15 that get blocked out. The competition for seats isn’t as great in the summer,” he said. “We end up with well over 2,200 students in the summer — that’s a lot but it’s a far cry from school in school in order have during the year. We have more rooms we can move a class to if it fills up.”

Of these 2,200 summer enrollees, many are students from other universities, Hurley said.

“Other students who live in South Bend or Mishawaka who go to a wide variety of schools, Purdue, Indiana, Michigan State, or others in the area take classes here,” he said. “They know if they take classes at Notre Dame, they’ll transfer back to their home institution.”

Hurley said Notre Dame students often take courses in the summer to concentrate on a particular demanding subject.

“We see some students who want to take a specific course in the summer — maybe it’s a very challenging course in their major and they think if they take it with four other students it will be challenging but if they concentrate on it in the summer they’ll be able to do their best,” he said. “Others want to make up a class after they were ill or were struggling with it and dropped.”

Still other students, Hurley said, choose to attend summer school in order to stay close to the campus and their friends.

Others just want to be here for the very special and sacred nature of it,” he said. “Summer is a very different time on campus. It’s quiet and more serene, but at the same time it’s a lot of fun. I lived here the summer of ’92 with my buddies from Zahm Hall, and it was just a lot of fun to hang out with my friends for a summer.”

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Students and Faculty are encouraged to submit nomination letters for this year’s award!

Deadline: Monday, March 28

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SMC professor encourages preschool art exposure

By COURTNEY ECKERLE
News Writer

Exposing young children to art is about more than having something to hang on the fridge. Saint Mary’s art professor Kelly Harrington said.

Harrington was recently interviewed in the March issue of “Arts Everywhere” magazine article “Early STARTS: Preschoolers reap benefits from early exposure to art.”

In the article, Harrington, an adjunct lecturer and licensed K-12 art specialist, discusses the role of early exposure to art in overall brain development, calling it “absolutely vital to holistic education.”

Harrington says preschool-aged children appreciate art despite their limited ability to clearly articulate their thoughts about it. "Young children enjoy looking at works of art, but discussion should be kept to simple questions like ‘What do you see?’ and ‘Can you find something red?’” she said. “These questions can engage young children and stimulate higher order thinking skills which can, in turn, lead to creative problem-solving.”

While Harrington has not done research specifically on the subject of early art education, she speaks from personal experience working with this age group while developing art classes for Saint Mary’s.

“In general, preschoolers are at what is called the manipulative stage, the first of three stages of graphic representation that most children progress through,” she said. “They are mostly interested in mark-making and experiencing various tactile qualities like clay, paint, and cetera.”

Harrington said young students should be encouraged to create art because it allows them a unique opportunity for free expression.

“Children at this age are attracted to art-making because it is something they can control in their environment,” she said. “Children at this age should have exposure to and exploration of various media without focus on a predetermined solution.”

Harrington said many of her students at Saint Mary’s intend on teaching art. She says this work is important because of the greater impact art education has on childhood development and long-term success.

“The more preschool students are allowed to explore and make marks, the greater their visual vocabulary becomes, an increasingly important skill in our 21st century visual culture.”

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STUDENT SENATE

Group amends student government constitution

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Student Senate passed two amendments to the student government constitution at its meeting Wednesday. The first revises the method of fund allocation, and the second codifies the First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership (FUEL) organization in the Constitution.

Student Union treasurer Paul Baranay, a junior, said the first amendment, instead of having uncertainties about exactly how much we’ll receive from FMB, we’ll know at the beginning of spring semester how much we’ll receive,” Baranay said.

“By going through this change, we’re eliminating one cut from the CCC and they have the set number right away,” he said.

The second amendment, approved by Senate officially adds FUEL, an organization for freshmen interested in policy-making in student government, to the constitution.

“FUEL members can begin working with the freshmen on educating the freshmen in how student government works. Some of the exercises include reviewing the constitution and learning what the various student leaders on campus are responsible for. Following the training process, FUEL members can choose senate committees to begin working with,” Bevington said. “We’re trying to make this opportunity real,” Bevington said. “These FUEL-ers are a unique opportunity for free expression.”

Paul Baranay
Junior

“With this new amendment, instead of having uncertainties about exactly how much we’ll receive from FMB, we’ll know at the beginning of spring semester how much we’ll receive.”

Paul Baranay
Junior

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Incidentally, the date of SUB and Walsh’s plans coincided with an unofficial celebration that attracted over 4,500 student attendees on Facebook. Senior George Pinchcock created the popular online event advertising a campus-wide St. Patrick’s Day celebration after returning from winter break in January.

“St. Patrick’s Day has always been a big deal in my family and in my hometown of Philadelphia,” Pinchcock said. “I got the idea to have every- one celebrate on a class day when I thought about last year’s celebration and how I didn’t want to miss out on the fun because of spring break this year.”

Pinchcock said celebrating St. Patrick’s Day on a class day would add an ele- ment of thrill to the general enthusiasm for the holiday due to Notre Dame’s traditional Irish pride.

“Everyone here is naturally united around Irish things, so people get pumped up about this holiday,” Pinchcock said. “You could feel the electricity in the air last year, so I wanted everyone to be able to feel that again this year.”

Pinchcock began spreading the word in January about 500 of his Notre Dame friends through the Facebook event.

This event drew over 2,000 con- firmed attendees within a day of its cre- ation, he said. By the end of the week, 3,000 people planned to attend the event. Pinchcock invited the event to current Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross stu- dents after thousands of alumni and non Notre Dame students responded to the event invitation.

Although Pinchcock did not plan specific events for the day of the cele- bration, he said creating the Facebook event exposed him to a variety of dif- ferent concep- tions of what St. Patrick’s Day means.

“A lot of people haven’t been brought up celebrating St. Patrick’s Day like I have,” Pinchcock said. “For some peo- ple, it’s just a drinking holi- day, but for others, it’s some- thing really special.”

Senior Erica Severson embraced the chance to celebrate the holiday while at school.

“I celebrated by wearing green, eating a free brisk and drinking green beer,” she said. “It was a lot of fun.”

In anticipation of the “unofficial” hol- iday, a group of Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame students contacted the owners of Mulligan’s Bar and Grill in South Bend about the possibil- ity of hosting a St. Patrick’s-themed event.

“A few students approached us about a month ago and asked if we would host a St. Patrick’s Day party for them after spring break,” owner Sue Mulligan said. “We love Notre Dame and its students, so after they asked us, we said ‘Sure, why not?’”

Mulligan said the celebra- tion was similar to the bar’s actual St. Patrick’s Day event and featured a large outdoor tent, decorations, green beer, green Jello shots and give- aways.

The kitchen was also open for attendees until 2:30 a.m. Mulligan said.

“It was a blast, just like last week’s celebration,” Mulligan said. “Everyone had a great time.”

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taught undergraduate and graduate courses on design optimization and pursued research on fundamental design issues for aircraft, crash-absorbtent structures and human bone tissue, as well as on the general math- ematics associated with designing optimal designs.

As an internationally re-ognized expert in his disci- pline, Renaud was an associ- ate fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

During his career, Renaud served on the editorial advisory boards of Engineering Optimization and the Journal of Aircraft. He was also the associate editor of the Journal of Mechanical Design. He wrote and co- authored more than 65 arti- cles in leading journals in his field and held two U.S. patents.

Renaud is survived by his wife, sister, his nieces and nephew, his brother and his mother. In lieu of flowers, the family requests dona- tions be sent either to Pets Connect in South Bend, the Humane Society of St. Joseph County or the American Cancer Society.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION Group concludes term-end initiatives

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

The Student Government Association announced that progress was made in its dorm printer initiative and discussed the final stages of the LeMans Hall renovation.

“The printer has been pur- chased and will be arriving in the next week or so,” student body president senior Rachael Chesley said.

“It was a real accomplishment in the past couple months, and now we’re waiting on seeing the results of our hard work.”

Rachael Chesley
student body president

“We’ve accomplished a lot in these past couple months, and now we’re waiting on seeing the results of our hard work,” Chesley said.

“I can’t believe how fast this year is winding up. These initiatives are going to be, a great way to end the year.”

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for reflection and discussion.
Both Van Meter and Sanchez stressed the impor-
tance of forming relationships with the boys. To better understand what the boys come from, the students visit-
ed four of the boys’ homes and met their families, accompanied by the Hogar’s social workers.
Van Meter said the girls handled the home visits well despite the heartbreaking nature of the families’ living conditions.
“One of the boys’ mothers told us she never imagined that she would give up her chil-
dren,” Van Meter said. “She just couldn’t control her
sons.”
Karen van Meter
education professor
The other group, made up of six nursing students, spent the week at the Nuestros Vaqueros Hermanos orphan-
age located about two hours north of the Hogar. The stu-
dents spent their time assisting in surgeries and other medical procedures at the orphanage’s surgery center, built by the family of Trish Daly, a 2010 Saint Mary’s graduate.
Junior Molly Borg said the work provided invaluable practical experience.
“It was completely hands on,” Borg said. “I had never started an IV before and now I’ve done it. This [junior year] is the first year we do clinicals and the experience was great.”
The students spent much of their time working direct-
ly with patients before participat-
ing in surgical consulta-
tions and finally assisting in the actual surgeries.
“We did 60 surgeries in four days,” Borg said. “We worked where we were needed, but we also got to scrub in on sur-
geries we were interested in.”
Borg, who is interested in pediatrics, was able to scrub in on a young girl’s trigger thumb operation. She said the experience gave her insight into how children deal with surgery and how nurses can help them get through it.
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everywhere,” Muldoo-
said. “Just being there, you could visualize Jesus teaching on peace and love. It was incredible.”
In addition to visiting major biblical sites, the students were exposed to different sects of Christianity by attending services in the Syrian Orthodox, Charismatic Catholic and Armenian Apostolic traditions, Karst said.
Karst said the students gained a greater insight into the Israeli-Palestinian conflict of the Holy Land by meeting with several peace-builders working in the region, including a professor at the University of Bethlehem and a human rights
lawyer.
Despite the ongoing con-
cflict in the region and the recent uprisings in neighboring countries Egypt and Jordan, Muldoon said he did not fear for his safety even while in the volatile West Bank.
“The conception that you have from the media that the West Bank is full of extremists and terrorist
organizations … is not at all what you encounter on the day-to-day,” Muldoon said. “The people are very friendly and incredibly welcoming.”
Karst, having been to Israel twice before, agreed the media exaggerates its repu-
tation.
“The events that are reported are the exception or the dramatic events,” Karst said. “(However,) going in you always know that there is the possibility that you might have to change your plans for the day.”
Bacon said she never felt in danger, but admitted she was unnerved at the sight of the young armed mem-
ers of the Israeli guard who monitored the area.
“It was strange to see kids our age with big machine guns, but I did not feel unsafe ever,” Bacon said.
Despite the constant threat of security issues, Muldoon said the trip had a profound effect on his and his fellow travelers’
faiths.
“Having so much of a steady reflection on who God is and what He did for us impacted all of us,” Muldoon said.
Karst said the students developed a greater sense of Christ’s humanity and a sense of Christi-
nianity they could relate to.
“The students that said many times on the trip they were struck by the human-
ness of Christ and the humanness of our faith,” Karst said.
“Yet they went on the trip expecting to encounter the Jesus of 2000 years ago but instead they encoun-
tered more often the Jesus of today.”
Karst also said the trip made the story of Jesus real for the students.
“The places look a lot different 2000 years later than they would have then, and the communities that have been built up around these places proclaim the faith of 2000 years ago like it’s a very living place,” Karst said. “You get the sense that Jesus wasn’t just someone who lived 2000 years ago but that he’s someone who continues to be alive and work-
ing in the world today.”
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AT Attention seniors!

Notre Dame’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring this spring!
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Gaddafi armed forces roll back as rebels try to organize

Associated Press

BENGHAZI, Libya — NATO ships began patrolling off Libya’s coast Wednesday as airstrikes, missiles and energized rebels forced Muammar Gadhafi’s tanks to retreat from key positions in both the eastern and western cities, including one that was the hometown of army officers who tried to overthrow him in 1992.

Libya’s opposition took haphazard steps to form a government in the east, as they and the U.S.-led force protecting them girded for prolonged and costly fighting. Despite disorganization among the rebels, opposition leaders held over who would ultimately run the international operation — coalition airstrikes and missiles seemed to thwart Gadhafi’s efforts to rout his opponents, at least for now.

Anti-aircraft fire lit up the sky in Tripoli late Wednesday, and explosions could be heard.

Coalition aircraft hit a fuel depot in Tripoli, a senior government official told reporters in a late-night news conference. Deputy Foreign Minister Khadla Kaim at first denied reports that Gadhafi’s compound in Tripoli was hit earlier, then backtracked and said he had no information about that. Air strikes Wednesday were near Benghazi and Misrata, he said.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates acknowledged there is no clear end to the international military enforcement of the no-fly zone over Libya, but President Barack Obama said it “absolutely” will not lead to a U.S. land invasion.

From Ajdabiya in the east to Misrata in the west, the coalition’s targets included Libyan troops’ mechanized forces, mobile surface-to-air missile sites and lines of communications that supply “their beans and their bullets,” said Rear Adm. Gerard Hueber, a top U.S. officer in the campaign in Libya.

He asserted that Gadhafi’s air force has essentially been defeated, and said Libyan aircraft had attempted to fly over the previous 24 hours.

“Those aircraft have either been destroyed or rendered inoperable,” Hueber told Pentagon reporters by phone from the U.S. command ship in the Mediterranean Sea.

A doctor in Misrata said Gadhafi’s tanks fled after the airstrikes, giving a much-needed reprieve to the besieged coastal city, which is inaccessible to human rights monitors or journalists. The airstrikes struck the aviation academy and a vacant lot outside the central hospital, the doctor said.

“Today for the first time in a week, the bakeries opened their doors,” the doctor said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals if Gadhafi’s forces take Libya’s third-largest city, 125 miles (200 kilometers) southeast of Tripoli.

Not everyone, however, nor Gadhafi has mustered the force for an outright victory, raising concerns of a protracted conflict.

Gates said no one was ever under any illusion that the assault would last just two or three weeks. He had no answer when asked about a possible stalemate if Gadhafi hunkers down, and the coalition lacks U.S. authorization to target him.

Obama, when asked about an exit strategy during an interview with the Spanish-language net-
Anti-abortion laws advance

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dozens of bills are advancing through statehouses nationwide that would put an array of new obstacles — legal, financial and psychological — in the paths of women seeking abortions.

The tactics vary: mandatory sonograms and anti-abortion counseling, sweeping limits on insurance coverage, bans on abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. To abortion-rights activists, they add up to the biggest political threat since the Roe v. Wade decision of 1973 that legalized abortion nationwide.

“It’s just this total onslaught,” said Elizabeth Nash, who tracks state legislation for the Guttmacher Institute, a reproductive-health research organization that supports abortion rights.

What’s different this year is not the raw number of anti-abortion bills, but the fact that many of the toughest, most substantive measures have a good chance of passage due to gains by conservative Republicans in last year’s legislative and gubernatorial elections. On Tuesday, South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard signed into law a bill that would impose a longest-in-the nation waiting period of three days before women could have an abortion — and also require them to undergo counseling at pregnancy help centers that discourage abortions.

“We’re seeing an unprecedented level of bills that would have a serious impact on women’s access to abortion services that very possibly could become law,” said Rachel Sussman, senior policy analyst for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

On the other side, anti-abortion strategists such as Mary Spaulding Balch of the National Right to Life Committee have been scrambling to keep up with legislative developments: “Until the bills get on the governor’s desks, it’s premature to claim victory. But it’s moving faster than it has in previous years. ... We’re very pleased with the progress thus far.”

In a number of states, lawmakers are considering bills that would ban elective abortions after 20 or 21 weeks of pregnancy. These measures are modeled after a law approved last year in Nebraska that was based on the disputed premise that a fetus can feel pain after 20 weeks.

The Idaho Senate approved one such bill Wednesday, sending it to the House, while a similar bill won final legislative approval in the Kansas Senate. The same type of measure is pending in Oklahoma and Alabama.

Associated Press

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. (AP) — A U.S. soldier who pleaded guilty Wednesday to the murders of three Afghan civilians was sentenced to 24 years in prison after saying “the plan was to kill people” in a conspiracy with four fellow soldiers.

Military Judge Lt. Col. Kwasi Hawks said he initially intended to sentence Spc. Jeremy Morlock, of Wasilla, Alaska, to life in prison with possibility of parole but was bound by the plea deal.

The 22-year-old Morlock is a key figure in a war crimes probe that has raised some of the most serious criminal allegations to come from the war in Afghanistan. Army investigators accused him of taking a lead role in the killings of three unarmed civilians, all men in Kandahar province in January, February and May 2010.

His 24-year-old Wednesday came after he pleaded guilty to two counts of murder and one count each of conspiring to commit murder, obstructing justice and illegal drug use at his court martial at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, south of Seattle.

Morlock, the first of five soldiers from the 5th Stryker Brigade to be court-martialed in the case, will receive 352 days off of his sentence for time served and could be eligible for parole in about seven years, said his lead attorney, Frank Spinner. He will be honorably discharged as part of his sentence.

Under his plea deal, he has agreed to testify against his co-defendants.

Watching the sentencing, Spinner said he initially intended to sentence his fellow soldiers, but “the plan was to shoot people.”

Speaking to reporters after the sentencing, Spinner read a statement prepared by Morlock in which the soldier apologized for the pain he had caused his victims’ families and the people of Afghanistan and asked for forgiveness from his fellow soldiers.

Morlock speculated that “morals problems and discipline problems” in Morlock’s brigade created an environment that contributed to the killings — an argument the defense presented in court through the testimony of sociologist and war crimes expert Stjepan Mestrovic.

Morlock had told investigators the murder plot was led by Staff Sgt. Calvin Gibbs of Billings, Mont., who is also charged in the case. Gibbs maintains the killings were legitimate.

Other witnesses, including Morlock’s mother and his former hockey coach, talked about the devastating effect of his father’s death in a boating accident in 2007. Morlock said he joined the Army hoping to follow in the footsteps of his father, a retired paratrooper.

But, ultimately, Morlock admitted he and his fellow soldiers were his and his alone, Spinner said.

Responding to criticism that the sentences were too light for three murderers, Spinner pointed to Morlock, whom he described as “unfortunately the best hope for responsibility for his actions and testify against his co-defendants.”

“He realized coming into court today the ‘why’s’ were not that important. It’s taking responsibility,” Spinner said.

The plea deal had been in place for nearly two months, so the sentence “wasn’t really a surprise” to Morlock, Spinner told reporters.

Morlock told the judge that he and the other soldiers first began plotting to murder unarmed Afghans in late 2009, several weeks before the first killing took place. To make the killings appear justified, the soldiers planned to plant weapons near the bodies of the victims, including a child.

Army prosecutor Capt. Andre Leblanc characterized the crimes as acts of “unacceptable cruelty” by “a few extraordinar- ily misguided men.”

“We don’t do this. This is not how we’re trained. This is not the Army,” Leblanc said during his closing statement Wednesday.
INSIDE COLUMN

Best conference around

After the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament this weekend, a lot of media that have been writing a lot of columns and features for blogs and posts about a certain basketball tournament that didn't exactly live up to expectations.

But I'm not going to write about that. I'm going to tell you about a conference that is better than an ACC conference that sent an NCAA record nine teams to the tournament, and then sent nine teams to the Round of 32. It has five advancing to the Sweet Sixteen, two pulled upsets to get there, including a No. 7-seeded team defeating a No. 2. The four members of this conference that lost in the second round fell to No. 1- or No. 2-seeded teams, and the other one pulled a real fight on their way down.

The five teams are distributed between three brackets, which means four could advance to the Elite Eight. And while it's not likely, that could happen in the Final Four. Two have a legitimate chance. No other conference even has that possibility. What is this crazy powerful conference I'm talking about? Why, it's none other than the Big East.

Two have a legitimate chance. No. 16 teams to the tournament, and then all but one put up a real fight on their way down.

There was No. 9-seed Marquette, fighting back from a double-digit deficit in the second half before ultimately losing 70-69. There was No. 3 DePaul, facing No. 6 Penn State in University Park, fighting back from a double-digit deficit in the second half before ultimately losing 70-69. There was No. 7 Louisville, beating No. 2 Xavier in Cincinnati. Of course, there were No. 1 Connecticut and No. 2 Notre Dame, who we should have done by disposing of Purdue and Temple.

The Wednesday's announcement of all-American finalists. The list includes 40 players around the country. Ten are from the Big East, representing six different schools. Those are the Big East's players, and they've all been tumorated. There's a possibility that some seemingly great conference that had college basketball and high school ball haven't matched their hype, expectations or even talent levels during the NCAA tournament. The Big East is clearly not among that group.

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Senior Sports Writer

Where idealism and realism don’t intersect

Is there still room for unions in 21st century America?

Despite what the left-wingers, lifetime union members and supporters to Catholic social teaching will tell you, unionization is a crucial development of an industrializing civilization, a wage that America has passed for at least five decades now. Our great country of laws and lawsuslaws does a better job of protecting the working class than union bosses.

Don't get me wrong, the developing world still needs unions. Unionization is stifled in China, where workers are encouraged to not leave their jobs. And people in Europe and the U.S. have enjoyed for years. As a multinational religion, Catholicism is right to spread the message of unions to where they are needed, however to say that they've outlived their usefulness is still relevant in the developed world today.

If justice is what you are after, you have much greater rights as an individual than these days than as a collective. Unions are supposed to protect the "voice of the worker in the work place" however my voice rings just as loud with a trial lawyer and without the accounting union fees. I don't advocate everyone suing everyone to death. But unfortunately many people get away with these days and for better or for worse, that is the world we live in.

I have heard of "mob mentality"? Everyone thinks the same thing and is the world we live in.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Right awareness really?

GreenMan, I'm perplexed by some of your statements in "Nuclear catastroph, risk awareness" (Mar. 23).

First, yes, nuclear power and fossil fuels all provide risks to human health. But to say that "nothing about the wind or sun shines by its nature damaging to the human person" is clearly false. I hail from Tornado Alley, so I am quite aware of the wind's power to do damage. The U.S. has an average of 1200 tornadoes each year. We have an average of 80 deaths and 1500 injuries each year due to tornadoes. That's not many, but they are proof of the wind's ability to damage people. To say that wind doesn't harm people is a misconception.

My environmental chemistry textbook tells me that UV-B "causes human skin to sunburn and suntan, overexposure can lead to skin cancer, the most prevalent form of cancer." It goes on to say that higher amounts "adversely affect the human immune system." Malignant melanoma affects 120,000 Americans. Other, slower types of skin cancer affect 1 in 4 Americans. The eyes are also damaged by exposure to UV light.

Furthermore, you acknowledge that the construction of windmills sometimes involves workplace accidents. Solar panels have their own risks as well. Production of photovoltaic cells involves the use of cadmium, one of the worst heavy metals for health purposes. Lead and mercury are also used in the production of the panels. Please, Notre Dame, don't lash out at me. I know that solar panels are still far greener than fossil fuels. I'm just trying to ensure that GreenMan is not "risk-oholics himself."

I considered launching a large-scale defense of nuclear power here, or maybe a slightly less large-scale defense of not always preparing for the worst-case scenario, when the odds aren't as long, but instead I'll say this: I'm a science major. I theoretically like the idea of your commentary. However, environmentalists must be careful not to make ignorant or rash statements which then discount the weight of their ideas.

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Mar 22

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“Much speech is one thing, well-timed speech is another.”

Sophocles
Greek tragedian

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A person reveals his character by nothing so clearly as by the joke he resents.”

Georg Christoph Lichtenberg
German scientist and satirist
Kate Barrett

Appreciation for OIS

As an Arabic and Peace Studies double major, it goes without saying that I have an invested interest in the political climate throughout the Middle East. These are remarkable times, indeed, what the world is currently witnessing are revolutionary and it seems that we will lead to a drastically changed region, and with it, a new era of legitimacy to newly emerging political parties. These remarkable times, yes, but also extremely precarious. I was one of the 26 students accepted to study abroad at the American University in Cairo. This was a generous opportunity given the existing responsible methodology of these opportunities.”

In response to Mr. Stein’s short commentary titled “Tradition of East Lounge,” I look forward to the experiences I have encountered. LaFortune was built to provide a convenient and useful location for the students of campus to socialize and enjoy each other’s company, as well as provide a few services on campus so we do not have to travel off campus. If you treat LaFortune as your sole study space, you are being naive. Especially if you are one of the ridiculous souls that are traveling abroad to participate in the festivities that our own guilt, fear and shame so longs for us to follow. Our good news is that, like the Loves and LaFortune every day.

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anime to ‘INCEPTION’: 2011 Asian film festival and conference

By CLAIRE STEPHENS
Scene Writer

The Asian film Festival and Conference will show off the creativity of contemporary Asian filmmaking this weekend at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's Browning Cinema. Recently arrived from Japan will be including a tribute to internationally acclaimed director Satoshi Kon, who passed away last year. The festival will also feature an academic Panel of Notre Dame and stimulating professors to complement the film, and provide cultural and aesthetic context of recent Japanese animation.

The Kellogg Institute for International Studies and the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center are presenting this unique cultural event. It has also been made possible with the generous support of The Japan Foundation in part out of The Japan Foundation in New York and Notre Dame’s Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts. It is co-sponsored by the Center for Asian Studies, the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, the Office of International Student Services and Activities, the Kanef Center, and the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre.

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FRIDAY MARCH 25
6:30 p.m. “Kamui Gaiden”
Yoichii Sai, 2009
120 mins.

Starring Ken’ichi Matsuyama (“Death Note”), this Japanese jidai-geki period piece tells the story of a fugitive ninja known as Kamui. Fed up with the life of an assassin, Kamui attempts to escape his former masters, who now wish him dead. As he tries to forget his past and forge a peaceful new life in a seaside fishing village, Kamui’s past begins to catch up with him. Finally, he is forced to choose between his own escape and his responsibility to those who have become his adoptive family. Kamui Gaiden is based on the classic 1960s manga by Sanpei Shirato, which was also the inspiration for a late 60s anime series.

9:30 p.m. “Summer Wars”
Mamoru Hosoda, 2009
114 mins.

Directed by Mamoru Hosoda, who previously received accolades for his 2006 film, “The Girl Who Lept Through Time,” this film follows Kenji Koiso. Koiso’s upperclassman crush, Natsuki, has hired him to pose as her fiancé to please her very traditional family at her great-grandmother’s 90th birthday. While at the family’s country estate, Koiso, a math whiz, is caught up in a hacker’s plot to take control of OZ, a pervasive social network site, used for everything from everyday purchases to government affairs. As tensions rise within the family and in the outside world, it is up to Kenji and Natsuki to reunite the family and prevent the virtual world from wreaking havoc in the real world. “Summer Wars” was a blockbuster hit in Japan and has accumulated awards at film festivals around the world.

SATURDAY MARCH 26
12 - 3 p.m. ACADEMIC PANEL
“Lost Curious Cabinet of Kon Satoshi: Phantasm, Feminism, and Fear”
Lecture by Melek Oturabai, Assistant Professor, Program in World Literature, Simon Fraser University

“Connected Disconnect: Superflat, Parallax, and the Virtual Limits of a Post-Cartesian New Media”
Lecture by Jonathan Abel, Associate Professor of Comparative Literature and Japanese, Pennsylvania State University

“Shojo Desire”
Lecture by Margherita Long, Associate Professor of Japanese and Comparative Literature, University of California, Riverside

4 p.m. “Millenium Actress”
Satoshi Kon, 2001
87 mins.

The second feature-length animated film directed by the recently deceased Satoshi Kon follows the elderly actress Chiyoko Fujiwara. In the piece, Fujiwara recounts her life story during an interview with director Gen’ya Tachibana. Her memories and the stories of her career blend together to tell a timeless story of lost love and yearning.

6:30 p.m. “Paprika”
Satoshi Kon, 2006
90 mins.

Satoshi Kon’s last complete feature film released before his death, “Paprika,” was a major influence for the 2010 blockbuster hit “Inception.” It centers on the developers of the DC Mini, a device that enables the user to view and explore the dreams of others. When a prototype machine goes missing, doctors Atsuko Chiba and Konoka Tokita must work together with Detective Toshimi Kon to recover it. The protagonists realize that the theft is using the DC Mini to cause the dream and real worlds to bleed into each other and must embrace their own true personae and face their darkest dreams to triumph.

9 p.m. “The Sky Crawlers”
Mamoru Oshii, 2009
122 mins.

Mamoru Oshii directs this film adaptation of Hiroshi Mori’s series of novels of the same name. Occurring in an alternate Earth timeline, the film tells the story of a group of “children.” These “children” are perpetual teenagers who pilot fighter jets in WWII-style aerial dogfights for mysterious powers to entertain and placate the masses. Forced to face death on an everyday basis, the film explores how the “children” live their lives to the fullest while coming to grips with their own mysterious identities. Oshii, a prolific and decorated anime director, is best known for his work on the “Ghost in the Shell” franchise.
Thursday 3/24
ND Dance Off
Legends
10 p.m.
Free with ND/SMC/HCC ID

They’ve got rhythm, how ’bout you? The Irish Dancers, First Class Steppers, Project Fresh, Transpose and Troop ND are invading Legends to tear up the dance floor and compete for the title. Come support the teams as they display their unique talent and moves.

Friday 3/25
Glee Club Spring Concert
Leonton Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.
Tickets: $3 students, $5 regular

The Glee Club has performed all over the world, so be sure to catch this acclaimed group as they fill DPAC with their beautiful melodies. While the songs will range from sacred to secular, barbershop to Notre Dame, the talent from the boys will be consistent and harmonious. Begin your weekend on a good note at DPAC.

Saturday 3/26
“Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2”
101 DeBartolo Hall
8 and 10:30 p.m.
Tickets: $3

It’s never too early to get excited about the final installment of the Harry Potter movie series, arriving in theaters in July. Relive the agony, joy and friendship experienced by Harry, Ron and Hermoine in their search for Horcruxes. No matter how many times you’ve already seen it, the movie will still move you from start to finish.

Sunday 3/27
Met Opera: Lucia di Lammermoor
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
1 p.m.
Tickets: $16 students, $23 regular

Head down to DPAC for some culture to wrap up your weekend. Natalie Dessay stars as the heroine of Donizetti’s masterpiece, playing the innocent woman driven to madness in this tragic opera based off a novel by Sir Walter Scott.

By TROY MATHEW
Staff Writer

The last time the Strokes released an album, you were most likely celebrating recording studio in upstate New York. Their fragmented recording sessions top to bottom, in Hammond Jr.’s private Strokes rewrote and remade the album, keeping only one Chiccarelli, the band decided to scrap for “Angles” were also cause for delay. However, the kings of effortlessly cool, their unique talent and moves.

The creation of “Angles” was considerably more democratic. For the past three albums, lead singer Julian Casablancas was the primary songwriter. “Angles,” however, features songs written from a variety of sources. This quality is reflected in the album’s lack of cohesion. Some tracks are very reminiscent of Casablancas’ solo work on “Phrazes for the Young,” while other tracks, such as “Gratification” and “Taken for a Fool,” fit in easily with the band’s prior work. “Angles” is more a grab bag of songs than a focused effort on coherence. While this seemingly random assortment features some spectacular highlights, other tracks are underwhelming. “You’re So Right” is an example of experimentation gone wrong. The electro-processed vocals and screeching guitar make for what sounds like bad Radiohead. “Call Me Back,” the simplest track on the album, is, frankly, boring and doesn’t hold interest for its more upbeat companion tracks.

The Strokes are definitely minor. However, as an ardent Strokes fan, I hold this album to an impossibly standard. Considering the supreme talent of the five members and the five-year time period for the completion of “Angles,” anything less than mind-blowing perfection from the Strokes would be a disappointment.

All things considered, “Angles” makes for a hugely enjoyable musical experience. While going in a completely unexpected, ’80s hair-band direction, it doesn’t sacrifice any of the qualities that make the Strokes my favorite band.

The Observer
by TROY MATHEW

The Strokes
"Angles"
Strokes of Genius: ‘Angles’ goes 80s

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Bonds trial heats up as witness takes stand

Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO — A key government witness in the Barry Bonds perjury trial testified Wednesday that he saw the home run king’s personal trainer leave Bonds’ bedroom at spring training with a syringe in 2000.

Steve Hoskins said that while he was sifting through a book that a year earlier, Bonds had ordered him to research the benefits and side effects of a steroid after the slugger had undergone elbow surgery.

Hoskins was called after the government’s lead sports doping investigator, Jeff Novitzky, finished testifying on the third day of trial.

Hoskins testified that Bonds gave him a significant weight concern and he secretly recorded a conversation with Anderson about steroids so he could convince Bonds’ father, Bill, that his son was using the drugs.

Bobby Bonds, a former baseball star himself, was suffering from cancer in 2003. Hoskins said he made the recording in front of Bonds’ locker in March of that year. He said Bobby actually was genuine.

"That was the only way to paint him to him," Hoskins said.

Portions of that recording were played for the jury in federal court Wednesday afternoon.

At one point on the recording, Anderson is heard discussing what investigators believe are designer steroids he supplied to Bonds. Says Anderson: "But this whole thing is everything that I've been doing at this point, it's all unacceptable."

Soon after the material was played for the jury, Bonds’ attorney Allen Ruby went to work trying to erode Hoskins’ credibility. Ruby accused Hoskins of.plotting to extort Bonds after the player severed business ties with Hoskins during a March 27, 2003, meeting.

During cross examination, Ruby suggested the recording was not made in March — as Hoskins said — but was made after the business split, perhaps in April, because Hoskins and Anderson discuss Bonds’ slow start to the season.

Hoskins also said he secretly recorded conversations with Bonds’ doctor and business lawyer. Hoskins said his recording of Dr. Arthur Ting was made in late 2003 or 2004, in hopes of dissuading Bonds from using steroids.

"I was trying to tell Barry how bad the steroids and drugs actually were," Hoskins said. "I was trying to convey to him from Dr. Ting and others how bad they were." Hoskins denied he was planning to extort Bonds with the recording and that Hoskins and Bonds had partied ways as business partners by the time of that recording, too, and weren’t getting along.

"I wanted to help Barry then and would want to help Barry now," Hoskins noted, having since lost the recording of Ting.

Hoskins also said he recorded a spring 2003 conversation he had with Laura Enos, Bonds’ business lawyer, to protect himself. Enos was another friend of Bonds and Hoskins signed a document severing his business ties with Bonds.

"I was trying to tell Barry how bad the steroids and drugs actually were," Hoskins said. "I was trying to convey to him of what this side effects are and is it good or bad." Hoskins said Bonds told him to consult Ting, Bonds’ personal surgeon who is also scheduled to testify for the government.

The order came after Bonds had elbow surgery early that season, which caused him to miss seven weeks.

Bonds, the all-time major league leader in home runs and one of the sport’s top statistics, was never charged with performance-enhancing drugs.

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Hoskins said — but was done in March — as Ruby suggested the recording was not made in March.

Tuesday, Bonds’ lead attorney acknowledged that Bonds did indeed take steroids but claimed that Anderson misled him about what the substances were.

Hoskins also testified that he occasionally gave cash payments in the thousands of dollars to two women Bonds was dating during his playing days with the Giants.

Hoskins said he also paid Anderson on behalf of the player. Prosecutors allege that the trainer supplied Bonds with performance-enhancing drugs.

Baseball is worried about its image and the sport is on trial before the government.

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LPGA
Wie, world’s 14 best set for Kia invitation

Associated Press
INDUSTRY, Calif. — Michelle Wie has been too busy with finals at Stanford to have a practice round for the LPGA Tour’s light early schedule.

"For me, it didn’t seem so slow," said the 17-year-old pro prodigy. "I’ve been going to school," Wie said Wednesday, a day before the start of play in the Kia Classic.

"So, it’s been really busy for me," she said.

Wie won the Canadian Women’s Open last season for her second LPGA Tour title. She has played two of the first three events this year, finishing second last month in the season-opening event in Thailand and 40th the following week in Singapore.

"I worked really hard this off-season to get healthy and to get back," Wie said. "I think right now I’ve been working on everything. If I work on one thing, then I’ll have trouble with that."

The Kia endorser is playing in her home state. "He’s a really nice guy," said Creamer, coming off a second-place finish in Phoenix. "He’s a good player as well. It’s cool to intermix with other athletes."
Butler, Wisconsin prepare for Sweet 16 showdown

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Butler's Matt Howard took a stroll down Bourbon Street on Tuesday night, experiencing a strip of restaurants, bars and hangouts known for lavish parties and excess.

The senior forward knew within minutes that it wasn't his type of place.

Too much flash. Too crazy.

"It's not my personality, it's not what I like to do," Howard said. "For me, it's almost unnecessary. I'd rather stay away from that."

Howard, much like the Bulldogs, is more of a stoic, hard-working Midwesterner guy. And when eighth-seeded Butler faces fourth-seeded Wisconsin in the NCAA tournament regional semifinals on Thursday night, there will be a lot of that on the floor at New Orleans Arena.

It's worked for both programs. Wisconsin has become one of the most consistent teams in the country, making its fifth run to the round of 16 in the past 11 seasons. Butler is in the midst of a second straight deep run in March that included a trip to the national championship game last season, where the Bulldogs lost to Duke.

"They don't beat themselves so we're going to have to beat them," Wisconsin freshman Josh Gasser said. "That's a lot like how we play." Wisconsin (25-8) is the typical Big Ten team, with a suffocating defense and methodical offense that slowly wears opponents down. That's how the Badgers were able to slip past Kansas State in the second round with a 70-65 win, despite Jacob Pullen's 38 points.

Jon Leuer led Wisconsin with 19 points in the game, but it was sophomore Mike Bruesewitz who became the poster child of the Badgers' success. The 6-foot-6 forward scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds off the bench, with his bright red, curly hair flying all over the court.

After the game, Kansas State coach Frank Martin pulled Bruesewitz aside and asked if he had a brother he could recruit.

"He said 'I almost calmed a time out a couple times just to kiss you,'" Bruesewitz said.

Butler said compliments like that are the best he can receive.

"It means you must be doing something right," Bruesewitz said.

Wisconsin's methodical style has occasionally been the target of jokes, especially after the Badgers were bounced by Penn State in the Big Ten tournament by an unusually 36-33 score.

But count Butler coach Brad Stevens as a fan.

"I could sit up here and flatter them all day," Stevens said. "I'm telling you what — why wouldn't you want to play a way where everybody is completely unselfish?"

Later he added: "There's a reason they don't lose very often. The Badgers might have met their blue-collar match in Butler (25-9), a team that has been opportunistic and unfappable in narrow victories over Old Dominion and top-seeded Pittsburgh in the first two rounds of the tournament.

Howard, a 6-foot-8 senior, has been at the center of both victories, hitting a layup on a put-back to beat Old Dominion at the buzzer and then sinking the winning free throw against Pitt after a foul with less than a second remaining.

It would be easy to say Butler's been lucky. But after a two-year run of unprecedented success, it's obvious the Bulldogs are making their own luck. They're on an 11-game winning streak after losing four of five conference games in late January and early February.

Its definitely the character of the team — the combination of a lot of things," Butler senior Zach Hahn said. "Guys are willing and able to step up when it's their time. It's about putting the team above self."
Road back for Woods proves to be challenging

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A toddler sitting on his father’s shoulder behind the third green at Lake Nona and the silence of Wednesday morning with Tiger Woods playing a hole on the gallery laugh and caused Tiger Woods to break into a big smile.

“I hope you win, Tiger,” the boy said.

“Thank you,” Woods replied.

That’s usually not asking much of Woods after years of winning the Arnold Palmer Invitational. Woods is not as dominant at Bay Hill as other PGA Tour courses, although there is no ignoring his six victories, including two in 2003 when he played with hirndie puts on the last hole.

Those are distant memories.

Woods returns to Bay Hill with his Bay Hill Invitational program at a rate that not even he knows. He has gone 16 months without winning, and while his last competitive round was a 66 on the last day at Doral, he has yet to perform with something at stake.

In what week he starts turning around his fortunes? Woods gets off to a quick start, but not to a round of golf out, and neither will the tournament host.

“Obviously been watching his game, just like everyone else has,” Palmer said. “I feel like Tiger has a golf game that he can come to the surface any time. I don’t think there’s anything out there that he’s not capable of doing out there.”

“I think he’s capable of winning any time.”

But it’s not just Woods who seems to be fading as the next batch of young stars are thriving. Phil Mickelson has not won anywhere in the world since the Masters last year, and decided to enter the Arnold Palmer Invitational at the last minute.

They are the best two players in American generations. The sheer numbers support that. Woods and Mickelson have combined to win 122 times around the world and 18 majors, with Woods doing most of that damage.

Lately, however, their road to the Masters is rather bumpy.

For nearly two decades — dating to 1992 — Woods or Mickelson have won at least one tournament before Augusta National. Both are winless this year, and unless something changes in the next two weeks, this will be the second straight year that neither he PGA Tour victory before the Masters.

What’s alarming about Woods is that not only has he failed to win, he’s not even coming close. He has not finished closer than five shots from the lead since the U.S. Open at Merions in 1991.

He attributed that to what he calls the most dramatic swing of his career — greater than the change under Hank Haney after the ’09 Masters, and greater than when he went to Hank Haney in 1999.

“They are bigger changes, and it’s taken a little bit of time,” Woods said. “Then again, I’ve showed some good signs of late. The Sunday round at Doral was back to what I know I can do. And then I played well at Tavistock (a two-day TV exhibition), and I’ve had good practice sessions. So I’m really looking forward to hitting the fairway for most of the day.

“As the tournament continues, I’m going to try and tee it up and keep the drives right down the middle, and Woods looked down and shook his head with a smile.


That led to a conversation about athleticism, and Johnson is a model of the pure athlete starting to be seen more on tour.

“The thing is,” Woods said that day, “there are plenty of others just like him. They’re not coming. They’re here.”

Woods got on the tee later Wednesday and said about the first round Thursday. “I’ll definitely be hitting first from the fairway all day tomorrow with Dustin and Woodland in the group.”

“I’ll be the Corey Pavin of my group,” Woods said at his press conference. “Seriously. I just kind of put it out there in play and put it up on the green and try and make putts. Those guys will be bombing it out there past me. It’s a new game now. When I first got on tour, I was second longest. There was only one guy at that time, John Daly, that was over 300 yards.”

In that way, it’s only fitting.

When he was the reigning U.S. Amateur champion in 1996, Woods was paired with the defending champion in the U.S. Open at Oakland Hills. That was Pavin, and a USGA official with a sick sense of humor filled out that group with none other than Daly.
BRADENTON, Fla. — Sitting together at their lockers in the Pittsburgh clubhouse, Lyle Overbay and Matt Diaz stand out. They know it, too. “Because we’re the best-looking guys on the team, right?” Diaz jokes.

Well, let that be their little secret.

They do have the right look here, though. Because on a Pirates club full of youngsters, Overbay and Diaz are proving there’s still room for old Bucs.

That’s really behind some of the moves we made in the offseason,” general manager Neal Huntington said. “First off, these players have to perform. And if they perform, there are other things they can bring to our team. They have experienced — either secondhand or firsthand — some of the things we’re going through.”

Overbay and Diaz, the only players on Pittsburgh’s 40-man spring roster who were born in 1979 when the old Bucs, including Bob Nutting, were walking around, joined the starting rotation and the bullpen. The Pirates had traded away key veterans in the offseason, including Jeff Karstens and Kris Negron.

In particular, Diaz wants to bring that kind of stature to the Pirates. “It’s always good to have veterans like that,” McCutchen said. “A bunch of young guys like us, you need that.”

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“First off, they’ve done what we expected. Whether he’s on the field a lot or not, Diaz is certain his presence. “We’ll always have a voice,” he said.

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“The small things they can teach us,” he said. “They have been where we want to go, they’ve done what we want to do.”

Veras and Beimel might bring that kind of stature to the bullpen. The Pirates had a majors-worst 5.00 ERA last season and could benefit from a pair of relievers who have pitched in the playoffs. Both signed minor league deals with Pittsburgh in the offseason.

Veras spent parts of four seasons with the New York Yankees, where winning was expected. “He’s got presence out there,” new manager Clint Hurdle said.

Diaz begins this season as a platoon right fielder, sharing the spot with Garrett Jones. Whether he’s on the field a lot or not, Diaz is certain his pal Overbay and the other vets will help steer these Pirates.

“We’ll always have a voice,” he said.

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MLB

Overbay, Diaz provide leadership for young Pirates

Associated Press

Pirates first baseman Lyle Overbay attempts to apply the tag on Phillies second baseman Jimmy Rollins during the Pirates’ first spring training game March 4.

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men’s distance medley of junior Johnathan Shawel, freshman Patrick Feeney, graduate student Jack Howard and Rae additionally earned All-American honors at the NCAA indoor national championships with a fourth-place finish in the event.

For the men, second place was not quite good enough, Rae said.

“As a team we’d like to bounce back from a disappointing second place finish at Big East this past February,” Rae said. “I’d like to take the experience I gained from running at the indoor NCAA championships and be an All-American at the outdoor NCAA meet.”

Transitioning from indoor to outdoor is not as straightforward a task as it may seem.

“The main transition is the track size. Indoor tracks are usually 200-320 meters compared to outdoor tracks, which are 400 meters,” sprinter Feeney said. “The outdoor tracks are easier to run on because in events like the 400-meter you stay in your lane all the way, which is a lot easier.”

Additionally, wind, fluctuating temperatures and rain add unknown but often influential elements to competition. The outdoor season also includes more traveling, forcing each athlete to stay on top of his or her class workload.

This weekend marks the beginning of a season that is sure to be full of improvement for both men and women.

“Everyone has been working really hard at practice, and we have the opportunity this weekend to run some personal bests at a very competitive meet,” junior distance runner Rachel Vela said. “We hope to get some Big East as well as regional qualifying times.”

Both the Arizona State and Stanford Invitational kick off Friday with races throughout the day both Friday and Saturday.

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With a 5-2 victory over No. 4 Illinois on March 8, the Irish entered spring break with momentum and confidence. After winning an exhibition match against the U.S. National Junior Team, the squad dropped its first match in nearly two weeks when it visited No. 14 Kentucky.

Picking up wins at home is naturally crucial, and after these matches Notre Dame will only host one more weekend of matches before the Big East championships.

In the first match, Notre Dame will face a very familiar opponent — South Florida (10-5).

Although the Bulls have had trouble with consistent-
Oswalt hit by line drive as Phillies fall to Rays

Venable’s inside the park home run helps the Padres down the Reds; Silva pitches the Cubs to victory

Associated Press

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla—Knocked to the ground by a line drive to the neck, Roy Oswalt stayed down for nearly a minute. He rose to his feet and walked off the mound on his own.

That was a good sign for the Philadelphia Phillies. The team felt even better after X-rays revealed Manny Ramirez’s liner that hit Oswalt behind the right ear left nothing but a bruise the team says may not prevent him from making his next scheduled start.

“He’s all right. X-rays said he’s all right,” manager Charlie Manuel said Wednesday. “When he got up he was OK.”

The defending NL East champions said the 23-year-old right-hander did not lose consciousness and was not dazed before leaving in the fourth inning of a 4-1 loss to the Tampa Bay Rays.

Oswalt fell to the ground and remained there until Manuel and a trainer reached the mound to check on him. He eventually got up and walked to the visiting clubhouse in the right-field corner, receiving a standing ovation from some of the Rays, as well as an announced crowd of 6,613.

“Fortunately it was not driven in a manner that could have caused him to suffer some damage,” Rays manager Joe Maddon said. “Our guys were very concerned up on the dugout. I liked the fact our guys were applauding for him as he walked off the field as you never want to see that happen.”

Oswalt was taken for X-rays and left the ballpark without meeting with reporters. Manuel agreed with Maddon’s assessment that the ball was lucky the ball was not hit harder as it could have been.

“I knew it hit him on the side of the head, but Manny didn’t really hit the ball hard,” Manuel said. “He hit the ball OK, but he didn’t really crush it. It hit him (flush), I guess. It didn’t cut him or nothing, though.”

Evangelista homered leading off the fourth against Oswalt. Ramirez, who had a RBI double in the first, was the next batter.

Oswalt, making his fourth spring training appearance, struck out four while allowing three runs and four hits.

“Just kind of grinded and said he was all right,” Manuel said, adding that he wasn’t surprised Oswalt was able to get off the ground so quickly.

“What you’re supposed to do if you’re not hurting real bad,” Manuel said. “He felt it, and it hurt him. But he was OK. At the same time, you’ve still got to make sure he’s all right. He’s gotta come out of the game, and he’s gonna go to get it checked out.”

Luis Castillo was playing second base for Philadelphia at the time.

“He could get up and walk by his self,” Castillo said.

That’s good news.

James Shields pitched seven scoreless innings for Tampa Bay, allowing four hits, walking one and striking out four.


Oswalt struck out the side in the second, fanning Upton, Felipe Lopez and Kelly Shoppach.

Manuel said the Phillies will monitor Oswalt over the next few days.

“We’ll probably be real cautious with him for a couple of days to make sure he doesn’t have any concusion or something like that or no aftereffects or setbacks or whatever. And we’ll just go from there,” the manager said. “I said there’s a good chance he makes his next start.”

Padres 10, Reds 7

Will Venable hit an inside-the-park home run and a triple as the San Diego Padres beat the Cincinnati Reds Wednesday.

Dontrelle Willis, who is fighting for the final spot in the Reds’ bullpen, allowed five runs on three hits and three walks while recording only one out.

After missing his last start with a hip flexor, Stauffer earned the victory by limiting Cincinnati to two runs on six hits and a walk in six innings pitched. Stauffer struck out four.

Venable had a two-run triple in a six-run sixth inning.

Cincinnati’s Homer Bailey allowed four runs on nine hits and a walk in five innings.

Padres reliever Luke Gregerson also struggled, allowing five runs on four hits and a hit batter.

Angels 6, Sox 2

Matt Kemp hit his fifth home run of the spring Wednesday and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Chicago White Sox.

Kemp hit a three-run shot off of White Sox starter John Danks in the fourth inning to give his team a two-run lead. He also hit a two-run homer against Chicago on Sunday.

Ted Lilly allowed two runs on six hits over six innings pitched. He struck out five and walked none.

Danks gave up four runs, three of which were earned, over 5 1-3 innings. He gave up six hits and walked three, striking out four.

Carlos Quentin hit a solo homer for the White Sox. He has 10 hits in his last 13 at-bats.

Cubs 3, Athletics 1

Carlos Silva had his best performance of a difficult spring, leading the Chicago Cubs over the Oakland Athletics Wednesday.

The right-hander came in with a 15.88 ERA, but allowed one run and three hits in six innings. He also had three strikeouts in what should be his last appearance before manager Mike Quade finalizes his pitching staff.

Silva, competing for the fifth spot in the rotation, had allowed 20 earned runs in six innings this spring.

Oakland starter Gio Gonzalez went 5 2-3 innings, allowing two earned runs on four hits and three walks. He gave up four hits and Alfonso Soriano had RBI singles in the first inning.

Braves 4, Marlins 3

Atlanta’s Brandon Hicks hit a tying solo home run with two outs in the ninth and the Braves and Florida Marlins played 11 innings before calling it a tie.

Tim Hudson pitched six solid innings for Atlanta and rookie first baseman Freddie Freeman homered and singled.

Hudson, National League comeback player of the year last season, allowed one run, gave up four hits, struck out four and walked two.

Florida took the lead in the seventh on a two-run double by Dewayne Wise off reliever Chad Gaudin. Wise also doubled leading off the game as he became the only run against Hudson.

Marlins starter Ricky Nolasco worked five innings. He allowed seven hits and three runs in the third. He struck out three and walked none.

Astros 10, Pirates 6

Hunter Pence homered for the first time this spring and had three hits before leaving in the fifth inning with a cut that required stitches, and the Houston Astros beat the Pittsburgh Pirates Wednesday.

Pence got four stitches to close a cut on his left shin. He expects to play Thursday.

Pence is hitting .385 and is third on the team with eight RBIs. Against left-hander Brian Burre, he hit a two-run homer in the second.

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Events Cancelled

Weather postpones games

ND baseball and softball, SMC softball and tennis all cancelled

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“I made the decision with our groundskeeper,” Sullivan said. “Our field is basically underwater, and the tarp had blown off. Half of the tarp blew off last night so that whole area is soaked. Coming off a spring break tournament in which they showed early prowess from both the batter’s box and the pitcher’s mound, the Belles will now have to wait until Saturday, when they host North Park, to begin their home campaign. The slated opponent for the rained-out games was Goshen, a team that would have provided Saint Mary’s with an early season test and an opportunity to improve against a non-conference foe.

SMC Tennis

Snowy conditions in the Grand Rapids area last night prevented Aquinas College from making the trek to the Eck Tennis Pavilion for their match against Saint Mary’s, resulting in the postponement of the match.

According to Belles coach Dale Campbell, both teams will try to reschedule the contest, but no specific date or time of a make-up match are available.

The Belles (5-4) were hoping to build on momentum gained from three wins in an Orlando spring break tournament. The Belles’ upcoming weekend does not feature any matches, and the team will use that time to prepare for the start of its conference slate of matches in the MIAA. The Belles’ tennis competes next Tuesday, March 29 at 4 p.m. against MIAA opponent Albion College.

ND Women’s Tennis

Irish travel to Atlanta to take on Ga. Tech

The No. 17 Irish will face No. 20 Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Ga., today in a match-up where the two strong teams will battle to improve their records.

Both Notre Dame (9-2) and Georgia Tech (7-5) have squads that are loaded with talent. On the other hand, both have suffered several losses this season, setting them back from their goals of making a strong push for the NCAA championships.

“Georgia Tech is a good team,” junior Kristy Frilling said. “It’s a very important match for us and coming out with a win will really help the team, especially in leading up to the end of the season.”

The Irish bounced back from losses to the University of South Florida and No. 4 Duke with a win over No. 19 Tennessee.

Notre Dame has faced a similar slew of top-notch opponents, and their record reflects it as well. The Irish have only six regular season matchups remaining before they hit the Big East championships and the NCAA championships. Of those remaining matchups, only Georgia Tech and Northwestern are in the top 25.

The Irish believe they are hitting their records.

“Georgia Tech has a very talented team,” sophomore Chrissie McFallan said. “We are really excited to play Georgia Tech especially after coming off our win against Tennessee.”

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“The Irish last played Sunday against Gonzaga — a 3-3 tie — at the Irish Classic in San Antonio. Notre Dame still plans on hosting Big East foe Georgetown in a three-game series this weekend starting Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Softball

Notre Dame’s home opener was cancelled thanks to days of rain which left Melissa Cook Stadium field in unplayable conditions. The Irish (16-6) were set to take on Eastern Michigan (7-4) in a double-header that the program

“hope to reschedule in April. After returning from a promising but ultimately disappointing trip to California in which the Irish went 4-4, the team is ready to begin conference play in preparation for a run in the post-season.”

Barring further disagreeable weather conditions, the Irish will play their first home game this season against Northern Illinois University Friday at 5 p.m.

SMC Softball

The first pitch of the home portion of the Belles’ schedule was postponed from its Wednesday afternoon time due to inclement weather and poor field conditions.

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[Junior linebacker] Danny Spond really looked, to me, athletically fit.

Offensive coordinator Charley Molnar also heaped some praise on the young tight end, who caught 27 passes for 352 yards and two touchdowns last season and believe have the ability to run this offense. We want to be able to evaluate all the things that they do.

The coaching staff will have a new tool at their disposal to evaluate the signal callers — the Helmet Cam.

The new technology, which places a camera on a player’s helmet to track his eyes, debuted at Wednesday’s practice.

To make this a real competition, we’ve got to look at every area of their decision-making, and what the Helmet Cam allows us to do is track the eyes of the quarterback through his progressions,” Kelly said. “If he’s staring down a particular receiver, you’re going to see that. If he’s moving away from that, through his progression, you’re going to see that.”

Rudolph, who is wearing a knee brace as he recovers from his ruptured patellar tendon suffered in October, was the first to sport the Helmet Cam.

“He didn’t know it was on him,” Kelly said. “He didn’t feel it.”

The Irish will hit the practice field for the second time this spring Friday morning at 8 a.m.

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CELEBRITIES ON THIS DAY: Ben Rappaport, 25; Kurt Russell, 50; Caroleen Kramer, 52; Claudia Klein, 78

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: This can be a year of progress if you are ready to make the changes that will enable you to complete unfinished financial and personal matters. There is a bright side to messy futures but first you must be willing to give up some of the hopes you have already tried to nurture. Make your money work more efficiently for you. Your numbers are 7, 13, 22, 23, 37, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The positive when dealing with anyone you are involved with financially. You may need to make important decisions and put your money at risk to be sure you know where you stand and what needs to be done. Get everything out in the open so you are free to move forward fearlessly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone will prevail if you or someone you are dealing with isn't honest regarding details and long-term plans. Keeping secrets will not solve problems. Go ahead and explain or your situation will spin out of control.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a close look at what you have to offer and how you can deploy your best assets. Refining your actions take over. Withholding information will quickly jeopardize your position and could ruin a good deal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Problems are inevitable and must be handled immediately. Give your usual careful attention and time to turning a negative into a positive. Resolving because you are a typical or will only make matters worse.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't try to entice or entice someone to help you. Focus on why you can offer others without getting an equal benefit. And how you can make the most of whatever you do. Consider your next steps with care and critical thinking.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The honest with others and yourself. Problems will arise if you don't try to keep up or get your money. Don't try to do a project that you aren't able to complete. Doing the work and saving money will improve someone who can change your fate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Succoring yourself with people who motivate you and you will accomplish more. Loyalty will make any partnership more work with more efficiency. Delegate as responsibilities. Love is in the stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make plans to socialize and put a little romance into your life. The people you connect with will help you to solve more immediate or your own personal or with the people who mean the most to you. Consider your next steps with care.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Bring any change you can that will help you feel more connected to your own personal or with the people who mean the most to you. Consider your next steps with care.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Why don't reveal too much about you are going to personal. But if you are coming with someone from your past, make sure that development and good is doing the best you can do to keep a balance without revealing too much. Current matters before you decide to take on another.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Too much, too fast will end up cutting you. Don't let no one involve themselves with the history of the past. Keep making sure that all the way you need them is what is needed for the information that might stimulate you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make change based on what you see and hear, first hand. Be led by someone to help you and cross their personal or. Keep everything you have to do and open so you need heard is what is needed for the information that might stimulate you.

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4. First
10. Muscle car feature
14. What (not) to be Classy?
15. Jacked response to a mood
17. Empty container
19. 73rd law known as
20. Exposed
23. "I'm impressed"
29. See 25-Down
34. Company concerned with automobile history
40. Opposite of 33-Down
42. Bob, e.g.
43. Indian city now known as
45. Miami
47. 37th law known as
49. Days before
50. Ypsi
52. Actress
54. What dirt may come out in
56. Social gathering for auction participants
22. "Cozy rooms for playing"
25. Tax collector, e.g.
26. Dr. (or)
27. "You must be joking"
29. Food made from fermented beans
31. "_...hope!"
32. Dratted, with "up"

DOWN
1. Poof
2. Shoot before a snap
3. "Commercial for a private school"
4. Henry Clay's historic Kentucky estate
5. The End of the Affair, actor, 1969
6. Playing pieces
7. "Start... now!"
8. Need (a), as a bomb
9. Mr.
10. Radioactive element of
12. Showroom
13. Kitchen window seats
19. "Expose oneself to a former U.S. president"
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**Football**

So it begins

Team optimistic as spring practices commence season

By ANDREW OWENS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Irish returned to the practice field Wednesday for the first time in nearly three months and, even amidst the absence of junior receiver Michael Floyd, still felt the momentum gained during the four-game winning streak that closed out the 2010 season.

Irish coach Brian Kelly said he was pleased with what he saw in the morning practice, especially with the progression of a few specific players.

"[Sophomore tight end Tyler] Eifert moves so well down the field," Kelly said. "[Freshman linebacker Prince] Shembo on the perimeter playing at the drop can reroute receivers so much better in space."

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**Men's Tennis**

No. 21 Irish to host USF, Dayton

By ANDREW OWENS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

With only a little over a month until the Big East championships, the No. 21 Irish find themselves at a crossroads in their chase for another berth in the NCAA tournament. The team will continue action this weekend as it hosts Dayton and conference foe South Florida.

Notre Dame (10-8) has competed at a high level for much of the season, but at times has had trouble finishing strongly against some of the tougher opponents.

"We need to work hard and compete hard this weekend," Irish associate head coach Ryan Sachire said.

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**Men's Swimming & Diving**

Freshman Dyer to swim at NCAA championships

By MATTHEW ROBISON
SPORTS WRITER

Today, freshman Frank Dyer will do something that has only been done once in the history of the program: represent the Irish in the NCAA championships. Dyer will face the best in the country in Minneapolis over the next three days as the final collegiate swimming event of the year gets underway.

The coach Tim Welsh is proud of Dyer's achievement, and he believes it is a sign of things to come for Notre Dame. "It's an important step for us," Welsh said. "We want to define ourselves as a national program."

Despite two top-15 finishes in the 1-meter event at the NCAA Zone diving championships by seniors Eric Lex, the Big East diver of the year, and Wesley Villafior and a ninth-place finish by Lex in the 3-meter event, no Irish divers earned bids to the NCAA championships.

Dyer had an outstanding freshman campaign for Notre Dame and will compete in the 100-meter, 200-meter and 500-meter freestyle events. Dyer qualified to swim the 500 with an NCAA qualifying time and earned a spot in the 100 and 200-meter events with NCAA B-cut times during the regular season.

"Frank has all the tools," Welsh said. "He works hard. He's a good competitor, and he's learned a lot. He's just done a great job here."

At the Shamrock Invitational in Rolfs Aquatic Center, Dyer had one of his finest performances of the season. He finished the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 1:37.62 to earn a spot in that event at the championships. He then went on to win the 100-meter freestyle and led the 200-meter freestyle relay team to a victory. The 400-meter freestyle relay team, of which Dyer was a part, earned silver that day as well.

Dyer also had impressive showings in those events at the Hawkeye Invitational Dec. 3-5 in Iowa City, at Michigan State Jan. 21 and at Cleveland State Jan. 14.

Welsh hopes that Dyer's showing means promising things for next year's championships.

"Our hope is that [Dyer] has some teammates with him next year so that we can have a full presence at the championships," Welsh said.

The NCAA championships get underway today and go through Saturday in Minneapolis, Minn.

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**Men's Lacrosse**

Irish use late rally to top OSU

By MEGAN GOLDEN
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In their first game in over ten days, the No. 3 Irish brought just enough energy to their home turf Wednesday to withstand No. 20 Ohio State's furious rally in the fourth quarter and escape with an 8-7 victory.

The Buckeyes [5-4] scored first, but they quickly exchanged a pair of goals with the Irish [5-0], and the score was tied at two just ten minutes into the game. The Irish went on a run to close out the first half and take a 5-2 lead into halftime, with goals from junior attack Sean Rogers, senior

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**ND Track & Field**

Squad begins outdoor season on the road

By MEGAN FINNERAN
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The Irish will leave the confines of the indoor Loftus Sports Center and embrace the outdoor track season this weekend, traveling to Alabama, Arizona and Stanford for various events.

Distance runners with a chance to qualify for the NCAA regionals in May will compete in the Stanford Invitational Friday and Saturday.

"In order to qualify we need to run a time that places us in the top-48 in the region, and getting