Grad families seek cheaper healthcare

University works toward better plan, dependents of graduate students lack adequate coverage

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Associate News Editor

For some Notre Dame community members, a minor infection or fever can be a major source of anxiety.

Angela Campbell, a Canadian citizen whose husband is a graduate student in political science, has lived without health insurance since the couple arrived at Notre Dame five years ago.

Campbell was recently sick for six weeks, and put off medical care for as long as possible.

"I just kept saying, 'I just have to get better, I don't want to go to the doctor,'" she said. "In the event that something really bad would happen, I would probably just get in my car and drive [nine hours] to Canada."

Notre Dame's health insurance premium for spouses of students is over $4,000, and Campbell doesn't qualify for state healthcare.

The cost for insuring a spouse and all children this year under the University's

Schmuuhl selected to political office

Mayor-elect Pete Buttigieg selects '05 grad as Dem. party chairman

By ADRIANNA PRATT
Associate News Editor

One eighth grade morning, Mike Schmuuhl, '05, woke up, got dressed and headed to Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend to catch a glimpse of what his academic, athletic and social future might hold.

Little did he realize that his day spent shadowing the life of a high school freshman would lead to a career 14 years later.

Pete Buttigieg, now the mayor-elect of South Bend, greeted Schmuuhl at the door to give him a tour. The rest ... is history.

Schmuuhl was selected as the Democratic party chairman for Indiana's 2nd District Sunday after managing winning campaigns for Buttigieg this year and U.S. Rep. Joe Donnelly last year.

"I think we're a great team and we're very invested in the future of South Bend, and we see SCHMUHL/page 6
Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. The program is designed to foster cultural understanding and promote peace and security in the region.

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**NEWS**

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**Undertones to release holiday CD**

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

The Undertones — an a cappella group of Notre Dame’s Glee Club — will spread holiday cheer with the release of their first Christmas album, “Under the Mistletones.”

Saturday’s concert at the Hammes Bookstore will serve as both a performance and a release concert for their new album, “Under the Mistletones.”

“We really found a great dynamic throughout our Colorado tour, and we have really learned a lot from all of his experience,” said Baxter, who is a finalist on NBC’s ‘The Sing Off,’ "Urban Method," is featured as a process,” Baxter said. "His group, Tony Huerta.

"It has been awesome to be able to work with Tony [Huerta] throughout the entire production process," Baxter said. "His group, "Urban Method," is featured as a finalist on NBC’s "The Sing Off," and we have really learned a lot from all of his experience."

If fans walk away from the concert wanting to hear more from the Undertones, Baxter said the group will continue with their usual holiday traditions as the end of the semester approaches.

"We will begin caroling as part of the Glee Club in the coming weeks and the Undertones Christmas concert will be on Friday, Dec. 9," he said. "We will also be performing songs from "Under the Mistletones" when we tour through Florida in January."

Baxter said the group is excited to share their holiday song renditions with a larger audience, and said the album will serve as lasting evidence of the group’s hard work.

"Whether it is leaving a tour stop or eventually leaving the University, our Christmas album is a neat way to continue sharing our music after we leave," he said.

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**SMC book fair to benefit students, community**

By BRIDGET FEENEY
News Writer

Buy a book today, and help a student in the future.

By purchasing a book from the third annual Usborne Book Fair at Saint Mary’s college, students, faculty, staff and community members can give back to the community in an indirect way. All proceeds from the books purchased benefit the Learning Tree — an educational resource center on campus.

"We will get 50 percent of all profits from the Fair to use towards the purchase of new books for the Learning Tree," Director of the Learning Tree Jayne Fogle said. "For example, if the Book Fair makes $100, I will get to select $50 worth of free books from Usborne. It’s a wonderful opportunity and we really appreciate people’s help with this."

Once the Tree acquires the free books, they are added to its library.

"The Learning Tree’s library has received over hundreds of books through Usborne," Fogle said. "It’s been a nice thing to have each year.

Fogle said education majors devising units and lesson plans for their student teaching are the primary users of the library’s books. However, faculty and students from all areas of study are able to check the books out.

"These books are not solely for education majors," Fogle said. "They don’t have to be used just in the classroom. We have a lot of multicultural books, too. Anyone from Saint Mary’s can check out a book and use them for homework, presentations or other projects."

By purchasing a book, however, customers benefit, too. The books included in the fair cover a variety of genres suited for preschool all the way to the high school level. These books are better quality than most other books," she said. "There will be some history, science, cookbooks and activity books. We have a lot of neat art books, too. There are some really fun books for sale."

Prices range from $5 to $20, plus tax.

While the books are diverse and fairly affordable, Fogle said her primary goal for the Fair is to provide a fun outlet for the community to purchase Christmas gifts.

"When I first asked [an Usborne representative] about doing a fundraiser at Saint Mary’s, I was trying to think of fun things that people could do for Christmas gifts," she said.

Fogle said she expects the event to be an enjoyable one this year because of the Fair’s success in the past.

"A lot of people look forward to it every year. I have gotten emails saying people are excited to come back and buy some new books."

Customers can purchase books at the Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

Contact Bridget Feeney at bfeene01@saintmarys.edu

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**Mary’s on Thursday. The fair opens from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.**

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Keynote address by Gov. Chris Christie

NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE

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For many years, New Jersey has boasted some of the highest statewide graduation rates in the country.

Gov. Chris Christie isn’t satisfied. He is advancing an ambitious campaign to ensure that every child in the state has a chance to succeed.

LET’S IMAGINE TOGETHER.

This keynote is free and open to the public, but tickets are required for admission. The Notre Dame Law School will issue tickets, one per person, on the day of the event, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Overflow viewing locations will be available at the Law School, and the event can also be viewed live via forum.nd.edu.

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surance is almost impossible. The Campbell's situation is not unique for graduate student families, but all within the United States. The University's high premiums for dependents, and finding alternative health care coverage, many graduate stu-
dent families must resort to paying out of pocket for routine medical care.

Greg Sterling, Dean of the Graduate School, said the Uni -
viersity has been working for a long time to find a better solution for these families. This is an issue that keeps me up at night, I feel terrible about it. And there's nobody who doesn't want to help in the cen -
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lenge is the cost," Sterling said. "It's not a situation that people say, well, 'the University has money. Well, the University does have money, but it's all commit-
ted. And so you make choices. But the costs, he said, are staggering—up to several mil -
dollars each year. "It would take several mil -
dions dollars per year. It's not just for one year, it is ev -
every year," he said.

Since becoming Dean in 2008, Sterling has been addressing two main priorities for graduate stu-
dents—stipends, which have gone up, and their health insurance. Health insurance for the indi-
vidual student has be-
come more affordable.

Healthcare affordability for the families of graduate stu-
dents, however, has been an is-

sue since University Health De-
ctor Ann Kleva came to Notre Dame in 1994. "This is just been a very sens-
tive issue for all the years that she's been here, the cost of family health," she said. "Health insur-
ance for any family today is very, very expensive—especially when you're on a limited income."

Campbell said healthcare issues are almost a fact of life within the University Village community, Notre Dame's stu-
dent housing complex. "Everyone, every one of my neighbors has major issues with health insurance or they're un-
insured," Campbell said.

"What she said really scares me, the prospect of needing health insurance or they're un-
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Why are the premiums so high?

"We have a pretty good network of people who help us with that... they do with others, that's fortunate," Elliott said. "[But] at least the way I understand it, it shouldn't be that complicated... I think we could do better."

"Graduate Student Union (GSU) said every time someone asks about healthcare for graduate students, insur-
ance for dependents is at the top of his list. "It could literally be a life or death issue for someone," Rund said. "There's this extra special obligation I feel to fight for insur-
ance for dependents."

The question many graduate students have is: why can't Notre Dame be as comprehensive a plan as the GSU recommends. "It's like the amount of resources, and China eventu-
ally ran out of money and pulled back. "The huge expenses of war and conflict are enormous costs. We have never had to expand further, she said. "The huge expenses of war and conflict are enormous costs. "When we look at the logsics, this often led to an over-stretch of forces. But right now, there are no new Wellness Center that will be phased in next year and eventually require the Uni-
versity is going against its Catholic background that promotes family life. Klee has participated in protests outside the Main Building the past few years and helped coordinate a petition to the administration in the spring of 2010. "Doing the numbers it is ex -
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Sterling said a significant amount of the University budget has been dedicated to healthcare for dependents in recent years, and much of that money has contributed to the rise in student stipends—some-
thing that is beneficial for every student. "Even within the Catholic faith, Sterling said, some students say it's the family's responsibility to provide healthcare for families, while others think it's the University's respons-
ibility, to make healthcare for families more affordable."

Some graduate schools of com-
parable universities offer much lower premium rates for fami-
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Professor discusses state of China

By AB HOVERMAN

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James Foster, C.S.C.

He trained as a medical doctor in an emergency room in inner city Chicago. He works to help Notre Dame’s aspiring physicians to reach their dreams. He is a professor educating minds and hearts on campus.

What can you be?

Come and see...

Fr. James Foster, C.S.C., is a Holy Cross priest. He is a medical doctor, an in-residence priest in Knott Hall, and a professor at Notre Dame, so that like our Founders, Blessed Basil Moreau, he might draw others to share in the work of educating minds and hearts and to make God known, loved and served by all.

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stomach to buy. More people

need apartments. The demand

has driven up monthly rents.

and apartment-home builders

are rushing to cash in.

That said, the overall home

market remains depressed.

Builders are still struggling.

They broke ground on a se-

sonally adjusted annual rate

of 628,000 homes last month,

the government said Thurs-

day. That’s barely half the pace

they’ve surged 63 per-

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More apartment building

won’t add enough jobs to reduce

unemployment or hasten an end

to the housing crisis. Still, it’s

contributed to the overall econ-

omy’s growth for two straight

quarters. And many economists

expect apartment construction
to grow for at least the next 12

months, as long as the economy

avoids another recession.

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Nicole Stelle Garnett

co-chair

Forum committee

“Does the Law Impede

innovation.”

Christie

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a hold agenda for education

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the status quo and ensure

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- No Child Left Behind

- “Race to the Top”

Second Panel-

- Confront the legal issues

- Race that face schools everyday

Gov. Chris Christie

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- Room 1170 Notre Dame Law School

“Does the Law Impede Educational

Innovation?”

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Christie...
Treatise on marshmallows

It's over, just like that. We 2,000 seniors have walked into Notre Dame Stadium 26 times as students and, after this weekend, will never do so again. Those 27 Saturdays will go down as the greatest 27 Saturdays of our lives. And they're gone.

Really, there is only one aspect of Saturday's finality we can look forward to without a heavy tinge of sadness — Marshmallows, they aren't just for hot chocolate anymore. They are for peltting your friends, acquaintances and complete strangers.

We thus proceed to the first inquiry. Stadium ushers, state police and all figures of authority insist throwing marshmallows is foolish for the following reasons:

Objection 1. It would seem when marshmallows are combined with pennies, they become lethal projectiles.

Obj. 2. Further, it would seem when marshmallows are combined with rain and middling temperatures, they become an adhesive akin to three tons of super glue-covered duct tape.

Obj. 3. It would seem bringing outside food or drink into Notre Dame Stadium is not only frowned upon, but also illegal.

On the contrary, the student section belongs to the students and the traditions they uphold. And to tradition belong good times and winning, as have been maintained before. Therefore, the student section belongs to good times and winning.

I answer that, tradition is an objective matter, determined by the masses, privy to change as the masses see fit. Though tradition is an evolving matter, some traditions are not meant to ever depart. Winning is one such tradition. Another is the art of the marshmallow throw. As long as the student body enjoys throwing little balls of corn syrup, sugar and artificial flavoring, they shall be allowed to do so.

Reply to Objection 1. The students throwing the marshmallows attend Notre Dame, and, for the most part, Notre Dame students are an intelligent group. They are not prone to wasting money. When they do, it is on three pairs of differently-colored UGG boots or drink specials at Kildare’s or Brothers, not by throwing laundry money into marshmallows. Furthermore, Notre Dame students are not a vengeful group of citizens. To think these 2,000 seniors would intentionally, knowingly, consciously inflict harm on those who endured the last four years alongside them is wholly foolish thinking. These students stood beside each other through 10 home losses, including defeats at the hands of Syracuse, USC, Navy, Connecticut, Tulsa, South Florida and USC again. These students sat beside each other watching another 10 losses on the road, including follies at the feet of USC, Michigan, the “Little Giants” of Michigan State and Navy. These students are not intending to hurt each other. Rather, these students are intending to celebrate four years together, in a childish, light-hearted manner.

Reply to Obj. 2. Forecasts predict only a few showers. Even if the clouds were to open a la the South Florida hurricane, a cement-to-shoe goo would only add to the carefree nature of this tradition.

Reply to Obj. 3. The North Face makes bulky jackets for a reason, as do Columbia and Patagonia. Their reason is to protect you from the harsh cold of northern Indiana winters. Adding bags of marshmallows to the jacket’s original layers will only add to the insulation value of the garment, as well as hide said marshmallows from any intrusive ushers.

Conclusion: After four years of mediocrity, after four years of lasting memories, after four years of good times, it is time for the 2,000 seniors to act like the snow is falling while the Irish lose to Syracuse, and throw some snow-colored marshmallows. It is time for a marshmallow fight. Students, seniors and mates of the Class of 2012, let us insist on throwing marshmallows. It is foolish for all these reasons, and it is right for all these reasons.

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Don't fear the unknown

Mr. Anderson (“Extraterrestrial intelligence,” Nov. 17).

While I appreciate your concern for the continued survival of humanity as we know it, your fear of extraterrestrial life and the unknown is contrary to everything humanity has ever worked for. To start, the SETI is designed to look for extraterrestrial life, not contact it. Do agree that even if we did successfully contact alien life, the probability their intellectual level or moral values being close to ours is pretty low. However, if our technology allowed us to make the initial contact, do you really believe they’d have such advanced technology to be able to warp from light-years away to end us? I’m also skeptical at the use a few billion humans would be to a civilization that has mastered the use of hyper-speed. And if there’s anything Call of Duty has taught me, it’s that we’re more than willing to blow ourselves up in defense before we let anyone tell us what to do.

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off-campus
Nov. 17

TWITTER POISED TO BECOME TOP DOG

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As we matured and went on to middle school and high school, social networking evolved with us. Leading the pack was MySpace, the world of MySpace was the only place to be seen. If you didn’t have the right pictures, the right quotes, the coolest celebrity’s photo under the “role models” section, you were a loser.

Myspace was a gateway drug into the world of social media. Toward the end of high school, when we became wiser and “too mature” for Myspace, the Facebook era began. It is not news that Facebook has taken over the world. With over 800 million users today, Facebook has become a tool for both social and professional networking. Despite that, Facebook is past its prime.

Twitter, although it has been around since 2006, will soon become the tool to use. The CEO of Twitter, Dick Costolo, reported in September that more than 100 million users were now active on Twitter. Still 75 percent less than Facebook, Twitter will soon become the new Facebook and Facebook will become the new Myspace. According to Mashable.com, with 7.3 billion people on Earth there are 230 million tweets a day, 8,900 per second.

Unlike Facebook, Twitter gives people direct access to celebrities. While not everyone is obsessed with following a certain famous person’s every move, millions of people are. The top five followed people (Lady Gaga, Justin Bieber, Katy Perry, Kim Kardashian and Barack Obama) tweet daily on their whereabouts and appearances. It is estimated that 11 million fans desperately desired communication in 140 characters or less.

If you own the iPhone, a Twitter account is coming your way shortly. The 200 million plus people who own iPhones, according to CNN, will be forced to share via Twitter if they have a habit of constantly posting photos, videos and links. The iOS 5 software, released in early October includes Twitter integration. After taking a picture, listening to a song or using any of the iPhone features, a Twitter button is ready to be tapped for instant upload. Facebook, available for download on any iPhone, will not be able to survive the fierce competition Twitter is bringing. With Apple endorsing it, there is no doubt that Twitter’s popularity will dramatically increase.

We have been through a lot with Facebook, but sadly its time has ended. Soon liking comments and stalking profiles will be a thing of the past. With the quick rise of Facebook the world will not be as dangerous as Facebook. Although there are still ways to see people getting through Facebook, Twitter is a more condensed, savoy way to social network.

If you aren’t quite ready to say goodbye to Facebook, treat it like a pet and pass it around. You can download it quickly then post your first tweet.

This article originally ran in the Nov. 17 edition of The Arizona Daily Wildcat, the newspaper serving The University of Arizona.

Caroline Nachazel
The Arizona Daily Wildcat
Nov. 17

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NOTRE DAME HOCKEY BLISS

With my beloved Chicago Bulls locked out for the considerable future, I now have a new winter sport to follow. Instead of rooting for Notre Dame basketball, I went to three Fighting Irish hockey games in the past week, and I couldn’t have enjoyed them more.

Notre Dame Hockey is pure, unadulterated bliss. After tolerating NBC’s policy of airing commercials with brief interludes of football for the past few years, it is wonderful to watch shift after shift go by without interruption. Notre Dame also plays a beautiful style of controlled, unselfish hockey that keeps fans on edge, waiting for an opponent to drift out of position for just a moment. This is magnified on Irish powerplays, which have been exceptional. Watching their powerplay is like watching Michael Floyd in single coverage—a mix of anticipation, possibility and awe.

The Irish Hockey team is also really good. It started the week ranked fourth in the nation, and during its 3-2 win over No. 10 Western Michigan on Tuesday night, there were a couple moments of brilliance to justify that place. The team’s talent, though, doesn’t take away from the excitement of each game. I love our football team’s recent streak of wins, but the lack of drama in recent blowouts can cause me to lose focus. Hockey, compared to football, features much more unpredictability. Last weekend, Alaska almost stole a win by playing conservatively, blocking a lot of shots and getting a little lucky. The third period was a frenetic 6-on-5 overload payoff play from the Alaskan goalie before the game-winning goal finally came from 40 seconds from the finish. The new arena also positions the student body against the glass behind the opposing goalie, perfect for a fan stupid enough to think of his or her cheering allies the game (like me).

Despite our excellent hockey team, the attendance is good, but not great. I wish I had attended more games during my first three years here, especially with free admission. The team plays a very good Boston College team this Friday, and I’m sure they would love some more support.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kaurisch
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UWIRE

Twitter poised to become top dog

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There’s more than one way to go green. Plan an ensemble around this “Go Irish” color, and you’ll make more than just the Boston College fans green with envy.

By FELICIA CAPONIGRI
Scene Writer

Fashion, as we know, takes many forms. There are so many styles, labels, designers and trends to make us run mad. There is, however, one universal element of fashion — it is a non-verbal, visual language. No matter what you wear, your clothes communicate what is important to you and what you hold most dear. Here at Notre Dame, there’s one activity that drives our tradition more than any other — football. While we may be saying farewell to tailgates, pep rallies and cheers until next season, there’s no reason we can’t carry football’s importance to us on our sleeves, literally. What though the odds be great or small, wearing plaid in memory of the Irish Guard, gold pants in honor of our awesome players and military jackets inspired by our band can win over all. So, let’s cheer for old Notre Dame and wake up the fashionista’s echoes cheering her name, while our loyal style-setting spirits go fashionably marching onward to our own life’s victories.

Elbow Patches

In the early years of football, circa 1900, the only upper-body protection was elbow patches. Although our football players have upped the padding, the original has become a fashion classic. Move over upcoming finals, you’re ready to make your own tackle.

Referee

Call your own shots in an outfit inspired by a referee’s uniform. No one will contest your calls.

Football Jerseys, 1982

The football jersey has evolved over time. The different phases involved decorative stripes on the arms, as well as the classic number on the jersey. Work a jersey-inspired sweater with an unexpected fringe skirt, and you’ll make college a whole new playing field.

Numbered football jersey, 1957

Sophomore Margeaux Prinster models jersey inspiration. Forever 21: Brown Fringe Skirt - $19.80, Sweater - $27.80, Burgundy Lace Top - $17.80

Jersey

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Blue and Gold
Make the Fighting Irish’s colors an inspiration for your daily study look. In an outfit like this, how could you not take your own academic game to the next level?

Irish Guard Plaid
The Irish Guard makes us swoon. Wear a plaid skirt, and if you’re feeling adventurous, add a black fur hat. In this look, the crowds will part just for you.

Cheerleader Spirit
Who says cheerleading can’t be done off the field? A pleated miniskirt gives a cheerleader’s extra kick to your everyday ensemble.

Gold Pants
Who says only football players can flatter their figures with metallic on the bottom? In gold pants, you’ll have all eyes on your own academic plays.

Gold Helmets
Who says only the players are worthy of iconic headgear? Gild yourself in a metallic beanie and a gold scarf.

Marching Band
Lapels, gold buttons and a military-inspired cut? You don’t have to play an instrument to rock this look.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY
Defending the BCS

Sam Gans
Sports Writer

"It is designed to ensure that the two top-rated teams in the country meet in the national championship game. The Bowl Championship Series (BCS) describes itself this way.

And whether you like the BCS or not, that quote is 100 percent accurate.

Yes, you may debate whether those two are the two most talented teams, but you can say without a doubt, unlike any other sport in America, the two teams in the championship game in college football are the two teams that persevered and kept on throughout the season. They were the ones who were the most consistent at the beginning, middle and end.

And personally, I think that’s the true definition of “best.” Not the most talented team, but the team that doesn’t show up every week, not the one who gets hot or plays well at the end, but the team who performs at the highest level throughout the entire season. Games in September are just as important as ones in November and the national championship could have been in January.

That’s the one thing the BCS does—it makes every game count. Every game. And it’s what we as fans have to take into account for a fair season so great. Every game is a de facto playoff game, when you have to play against a weak MAC school or the top two teams in the country when the case has been made up LSU and Alabama just a few weeks ago. The same cannot be said for college basketball. When Bel...
Astros will move to American League as part of team sale

Associated Press

HOUSTON — New Astros owner Jim Crane is promising plenty of changes in addition to the club’s move to the American League.

Baseball owners unanimously approved the long-delayed sale of the team from Drayton McLane to Crane on Thursday, a transaction that requires the franchise to move from the NL Central to the AL West in 2013.

As part of the Astros’ agreement to switch leagues, the sale price was cut from $680 million to $615 million, a person at the owners meetings in Milwaukee told The Associated Press. Crane said at a late-afternoon news conference at Minute Maid Park that the reported money totals were “fairly accurate.” He said the transaction will be completed on Tuesday.

“From soup to nuts, we’ll sit down with all the executives, ask them what they think we’re doing right, ask them what they think we’re doing wrong,” he said, “and we’ll make some very, very quick adjustments.”

Crane originally wanted the Astros to stay in the National League, where the franchise has competed since its inception in 1962. But Major League Baseball saw an opportunity to balance the leagues, putting 15 teams in each, and forced Crane and his new team to take the deal.

“It became evident that the move to the AL was an issue,” Crane said. “We had a transaction that was done in May, and with that transaction, that changed over time. It was made very clear to us that anybody who owns the team would be moving to the American League.”

The Astros will be the first team to switch leagues since Milwaukee moved to the National League after the 1997 season. Houstonians drew criticism from fans on local radio talk-in shows.

Eddie Fuller, 47, of Houston, an Astros fan who was having lunch at a sports bar on Thursday, says he’ll miss the NL style of play.

“I just like National League baseball better,” Fuller said. “Just take a look at the playoffs, and all the switches you have to make. You have to watch your pitching, you have to watch your bench. I like the way the game has to be managed a lot better.”

Other fans saw positive aspects of the move, starting with a natural geographic division rivalry with the Texas Rangers.

“That replaces — and maybe more than replaces — a rivalry with somebody like the Cardinals,” said Mark Leyerle, who was born in Dallas but has lived in Houston for 25 years.

Crane said he’s already received letters from season-ticket holders saying they won’t be renewing. He thinks the completion of the sale will restore some confidence in the product.

“We’re not going to try to look back, we’re going to try to look forward,” Crane said. “When we get the team turned around and we start winning, hopefully that will be in the rear-view mirror.”
Woods ends drought as U.S. takes early lead

MELBOURNE, Australia — Tiger Woods ended his birdie drought at the wind-swept Presidents Cup on Friday with a curling downhill putt that could have gone off the green if it hadn’t hit the center of the hole.

Woods, trying to make up for a 7-and-6 foursomes loss with Steve Stricker on Thursday in which they failed to make a birdie, saw an easier effort on the first hole of his fourballs match Friday lip out, enabling Jason Day and Aaron Baddeley to halve the hole.

Woods' birdie on the fourth, complete with an exaggerated downward fist pump, gave him and Dustin Johnson a 1-up lead.

The Americans took a 4-2 points lead into Friday after winning three foursomes matches and halving two Thursday.

Phil Mickelson and Jim Furyk, who won their opening foursomes match, were 2-up over Adam Scott and K.T. Kim after four holes, as the Americans led in four of six matches and the Internationals in one.

Players fought strong, gusting wind from the north to northwest, a direction that always toughens the composite layout at Royal Melbourne.

“On a scale of 1 to 10, I’d give it an 11 today,” International captain Greg Norman said about the conditions as the groups teed off.

The greens became increasingly fast, and Bubba Watson witnessed it firsthand on the fourth hole — a group ahead of Woods. Watson’s watched his 20-foot curling birdie putt go past the hole, nearly stop, then continue to roll off the green and into a hollow, about 60 to 70 feet away from him.

Ernie Els and Ryo Ishikawa won the hole when Simpson missed a 3-footer for par, but the Americans led 1-up when Watson birdied the sixth. Matt Kuchar and Stricker led Y.E. Yang and Robert Allenby by the same score after Kuchar birdied the par-3 third.

Yang hit his approach into the third, then ran quickly up the hill to the green to mark his ball before the wind and hard green combined to send it back down into a hollow.

Hunter Mahan and David Toms, who combined for a foursomes win Thursday, were 1-down to the South African pair of Retief Goosen and Masters champion Charl Schwartzel. Goosen birdied the par-5 second for the early International lead.

Bill Haas and Nick Watney were all square with the International’s Geoff Ogilvy and K.J. Choi after three holes.

There was a chance of thunderstorms later Friday afternoon, so officials moved up the start time Friday by two hours.

The Americans are trying to win the Presidents Cup for the fourth straight time. The Internationals have only won once in eight tournaments — at Royal Melbourne in 1998.

There are five foursomes and five fourballs matches scheduled Saturday, and 12 singles matches Sunday. There are 34 points awarded, with a team needing 17½ to take the trophy.

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Solidarity Sunday
November 20, 2011

The Spirit of Inclusion...

“We value gay and lesbian members of this community as we value all members of this community. “We consciously create an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth in which none are strangers and all may flourish”. “We prize the uniqueness of all persons as God’s creatures.”

~adopted by the Officers of the University on August 27, 1997

Solidarity Coffee House • Thursday, November 17
Hospitality Room – South Dining Hall • 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Copies of the entire statement of the Spirit of Inclusion will be available following all Masses on November 19 and November 20, 2011.
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mississippi State's great start wasn't fooling one person — Bulldogs coach Rick Stansbury.

The Bulldogs hit 10 of their 13 shots from the field in taking a 22-point lead and they hung on for a 69-60 victory over No. 19 Texas A&M on Thursday night in the semifinals of the 2K Sports Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer.

“That was a little bit of fool's gold, making five 3s like that,” Stansbury said. “Texas A&M is a good basketball team and I knew we weren't going to maintain that kind of shooting. But I did like our defense, we were pushing them out and we controlled the flow at both ends.”

The Bulldogs (3-1) will play No. 15 Arizona in Friday night's championship game at Madison Square Garden. The Wildcats (4-0) beat St. John's 81-72.

Dee Bost had 20 points for Mississippi State and although the senior guard didn't score in the big run in the first half, he hit a big 3-pointer with 3:36 to play.

Dee Bost was hard for us to contain,” Texas A&M coach Billy Kennedy said. “He's not just a good player, he's a good four-year player.”

Elston Turner had 13 points for Texas A&M and David Loubeau added 11.

Mississippi State used a 15-0 run to take a 31-9 lead with 10:11 left in the first half. The Bulldogs couldn't keep up the torrid shooting and the Aggies were able to close within single digits twice in the first half, the last time on a drive by Turner with 29 seconds left that made it 41-32.

Mississippi State finished the half 12 for 28, including 5 of 8 from 3-point range, and the Aggies, after starting 3 of 14 from the field, shot 42.9 percent for the half (12 of 28).

“We were able to contain Dee Bost within single digits, that's pretty much how we played,” Harris said.

Because those positions involve contact, you'll see a different team. We don't know for sure there's a problem, such as distance running, with some symptoms associated with CTE.

The researchers studying chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) found CTE in more than 100 retired NFL players. The goal is to find differences in the athletes who have CTE and those who don't.

For now, the only way to confirm Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy is by examining brains after death. The Boston University center that has analyzed the brains of more than 70 former athletes is starting a three-year study of living patients.

“The Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy at BU's School of Medicine also will recruit 50 retired elite athletes from non-contact sports as a comparison group, co-director Robert Stern told The Associated Press on Thursday.”

The first subject completed the two days of extensive testing Wednesday and Thursday.

Until CTE can be diagnosed during life, it's impossible to develop treatments or to determine how to prevent it, Stern said.

“We need answers on this disease really quickly,” he said.

“Khris is an all-conference defensive player and we need him, but defensively that's no excuse for how we played,” Harris said.

“Defense is team-oriented. We miss Khris and we can't wait to get him back. When he comes back you'll see a different team. This isn't how we play.”

Subjects are flown into Boston for a wide variety of tests. On the first day, they spend a total of about two hours in scanners at Brigham and Women's Hospital for different kinds of neuro-imaging. The second day takes place at BU's medical school and includes a spinal tap, a lengthy psychiatric interview, neuro- logical and behavioral testing and blood work.

“The NFL players must be offensive and defensive linemen, linebackers or defensive backs because those positions involve the most repeated brain trauma. The subjects are between the ages of 40 and 69 and suffer from some symptoms associated with CTE. They all had long football careers to ensure an extensive history of blows to the head. Multiple concussions are not a requirement — partly because players may not even know they had a concussion, and partly because the evidence suggests CTE can occur simply through play after play of knocks to the head.

The NFL and the players' union are helping the center to contact former players. Stern said the initial response had been positive.

“There's a sense that former players want to be able to do something to not only potentially help themselves but also to help get research moving quickly to help others in the future,” he said.

The athletes in the comparison group will include retired college athletes and perhaps high school players among others, recruited through college alumni associations and sports leagues.

“You'd be surprised at how many former players reach out and say we don't know for sure there's not a problem,” Stern said, such as distance running, with the notion of the head at every step.
SMC BASKETBALL

Belles to continue non-conference slate

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

After upsetting No. 25 Wheaton 66-63 in their season opener, the Belles look to carry that momentum on the road this weekend’s Manchester Tip-off Tournament.

By creating turnovers and outrebounding their opponent, the Belles were able to take 26 more shots than the Thunder and claim the victory. Tuesday night’s win over Wheaton was especially satisfying as it marked the first game since the 2008-09 season that Saint Mary’s defeated a ranked opponent on its home court.

However, the Belles’ challenging nonconference schedule does not stop with Wheaton. They will face off against tournament host Manchester, who is coming off a close, hard-fought loss to Calvin, on Friday night.

“We’ve got a very tough non-conference schedule and that was done by me on purpose to prepare us for conference.”

Jenn Henley
Belles Coach

The tournament begins Friday when the Belles take on Manchester at 8 p.m., followed by the consolation and championship games Saturday.

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SMC SWIMMING & DIVING

SMC looks to maintain momentum at invite

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary’s will compete in the Wabash Invitational in Crawfordsville, Ind., on Friday and Saturday.

The Belles (1-3, 0-2 MIAA) enter the competition fresh off their first win of the season Saturday, a 152-50 victory over Defiance College at home. The dual meet win marked the first for Saint Mary’s since the 2008-09 season.

The Belles are currently winless in MIAA play, and no conference opponents will be participating in the meet. Competitions on both days will begin at 4 p.m.
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“This has been something that we want to do every time,” Brown said.
“The history, here’s the tradition,” she said. “I think each season is different. you take it one year at a time. We talked about winning the Big East championship from the beginning of the season and here it is already. Sometimes you don’t realize how the season goes by really fast, but this weekend is why we’ve been putting in the effort all year.”

Notre Dame takes on the Orange at 11 a.m. today in the Al McGuire Center at host-school Marquette.

Should the Irish defeat Syracuse, they would face the winner of a match between No. 1 Louisville and No. 8 Pittsburgh at 2 p.m. on Saturday. ESPN will televise the championship match, which begins at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

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with great motivation and enthusiasm, and I think that we are strongly prepared.”

Although the team does return many underclassmen, it will look for several freshmen to play greater roles on the team. This increased reliance on freshmen stems from several Notre Dame freshmen, including senior Courtney Hurley, senior Gerek Meinhardt and sophomore Ariel DeSmet, forging this season in an attempt to qualify for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

“Although we are losing several top fencers to the Olympics, we have many young fencers who would like to prove that they are as equally skilled as their older teammates,” Bednarski said. “There is a real chance for these fencers to show their skills and step in to compete.”

Thus far, some of the underclassmen competitors have shown themselves to be quite talented, with Irish fencers ranking up several honors last weekend at the United States Fencing Association’s North American Cup in Austin, Texas. Among other achievements, freshman Race Imboden finished first in the men’s foil competition and freshman Lee Kiefer took the women’s foil title.

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Hartford, Novosel, Diggins, Mallory and sophomore guard Kayla McHugh each contributed 10 or more points.

“I was really pleased with our start tonight. Brittany [Mallory] went off on a great start with those threes,” McGraw said. “Natalie [Novosel] didn’t miss a shot in the first half. Her and Brittany were both perfect from the field, and then Sky lar shot extremely well. Going into halftime, I felt really good about the way we were shooting the ball.”

The Irish broke the record for most steals in a WNIT with 69 steals in four games. Maryland held the previous record with 58 steals in four games.

“What they want to defend,” McGraw said. “I think they get annoyed sometimes when we take the press off. There is never a drop off when the bench comes in either. We want the defense to create some easy baskets for us, and we were able to do a little bit that tonight.”

Thursday’s blowout was a visible reminder for the Irish of the importance of a strong defense.


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The Irish take the Bears’ home court 2 p.m. on Sunday. The game will be televised on CBS Sports Network.

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Bednarski was pleased with last weekend’s results and said the event allowed several younger fencers to emerge as potential standouts.

“Individual competitions give fencers the chance to show how they can later be strong fencers for the team,” Bednarski said. “It will be interesting to see how they can get experience from these competitions, which will help us in later team competitions.”

The Garret Open commences at 8 a.m. on Saturday when the women’s team competes and continues into Sunday, when the men’s team begins play.

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is coming off a 5-0 shellacking at the hands of crosstown rival Boston University on Sunday. Despite the loss, Irish coach Jeff Jackson expects the Eagles will be ready.

“[Boston College is a] very good hockey team and they’re going to come in here angry after their game Sunday against [Boston University],” Jackson said. “We have to be prepared for that, too.”

Jerry York, who has the most wins among all active college hockey coaches, directs the Eagles. Boston College features first team all-Hockey East junior defenseman Brian Dumoulin and senior captain and defenseman Tommy Cross. Despite losing four of their top five scorers from last season, the Eagles currently have six players who have 10 points or more through 12 games, including junior forward Chris Kreider, who leads the team with eight goals and 16 points.

“[Boston College is] very skilled, very talented,” Jackson said. “They have talent on the back end, they have talent upfront. They’re explosive. They have one of the best lines in college hockey. They’re just a very fast and skilled hockey team. They do a great job of recruiting to their strengths speed and skill. That’s not a bad strength to have.”

Jackson has not yet announced who will start for the Irish in net. After sophomore goaltender Steven Summerhays came in to relieve junior Mike Johnson against Alaska last weekend and led the Irish to a sweep, Jackson put Johnson back in for the win over the Broncos on Tuesday. Jackson indicated he will need to evaluate game tape and performance in practice this week to decide.

Along with the natural excitement a matchup between two top-five teams generates, there will be additional attention at the Compton Family Ice Arena tonight as the building receives its official dedication.

“We’ve been looking forward to this for a while,” Johnson said. “The dedication game is going to be really exciting for us to finally meet all the donors and the people that made this place possible. So it’s going to be a really exciting weekend, and I think the game’s going to be exciting as well.”

The Irish and Eagles face off tonight at 7:35 p.m. at the Compton Family Ice Arena.

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guy for us,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “He’s going to play whether he’s starting or coming off the bench. Certainly you saw by the minutes the other night and how he got going that he’s going to be a key guy for us.”

Sophomore point guard Eric Atkins missed Wednesday’s victory due to an illness, and Brey said after the game his status is unknown for Friday. Junior forward Joey Brooks, who also has been under the weather, left the game but should not miss any additional time.

“I’m really just getting my legs under me, starting to play basketball the way I always did,” Grant said. “I love to pass the ball. I feel like … Whatever I have to do for my team to get the win, I can do it.”

Notre Dame will take the court without senior forward Tim Abromaitis against Delaware State in the fourth and final game of his suspension. Hornets freshman guard Tahj Tate is averaging 18.5 points and nine assists per game to lead Delaware State (1-1). The Hornets lost 70-52 to Georgia Tech on Monday.

The Irish and Hornets will tip-off at 9 p.m. on Friday at the Purcell Pavilion.

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Freshman

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Crossword

Across
1 Biblot
11 Overweight
15 It really stinks
16 1997 Home Run
17 One-way flights?
18 Not again
19 1973 Nobel Peace Prize winner
20 Singular
21 Has to repeat, maybe
22 Get the best of
24 Rodrigo’s thinker
25 Germany’s University of Duisburg
26 Wore
28 Like dejected uranium
30 Lao
31 House party?

Down
1 Beef producer?
2 Home of Daniel Webster
3 “bm”
4 Reviewer of books
5 Before
6 Abbr.
7 Abbr.
8 “You said it!”

Clammy Handshake

The London Express

I heard Obama’s trying to reinstate the draft.

That’s a rumor, Ron!

Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Will Shortz

Eugenia Last

Celebrities born on this day:
Rachel McAdams, 1st; Dylan Walsh, 49; Danny DeVito, 67; Martin Scorcese, 69

Happy Birthday: Keep things simple, to the point and on target, and you will reach your goal. Don’t allow overwrought matters to stand in your way. Your focus must remain on what will help you achieve your objectives. Most situations in the office will be problematic. Mediation is the key to success. You will gain a new perspective. You will understand others. You will have a new perspective. You will understand others.

ARIES (March 21–April 19): Socialize and have fun, but most of all, enjoy the company of someone special. Love is highlighted, along with being at your very best physically, mentally and emotionally. Spread a little joy around and reduce your inhibitions. 

TAURUS (April 20–May 20): Don’t look for trouble. Meditating will only bring you grief. Put your energy into what you can achieve on your own. Explore, develop and pursue ideas and plans you want to present in the future. Hard work will pay off. 

GEMINI (May 21–June 21): Stick close to home, and do the people you care about. Spending time at your place could work wonders for your health and your family. Love is on the cards, and the reality of what you stand in a relationship will be revealed. 

CANCER (June 22–July 22): What can you do for others will help you in your spiritual growth and your chances of taking a better position. Your actions will prove to be critical and can help you. 

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22): Your charm and diplomacy will bring you good fortune. How you handle the people you work with and for will determine what you can expect in the future. Nonverbal gifts are your key and help you to satisfy your job with enthusiasm. 

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): Your anxiety will be easy to detect. Being open will result in some difficulties. But it will also help you in a spending problem that has been slowing you down. Face the music, take care of your responsibilities and prepare to move on. 

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): Go where the action is. What you do for others or offer in knowledge and experience will bring you the same in return. Sharing and collaborating will help you pursue your goals and accomplish them. 

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): Don’t let your heart rule your head, especially when dealing with people who are trying to impress you. Do your best to display your skills and ideas rather than your emotions and ideas. Tough-minded will be what it counts in the end.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): Don’t allow anger to stop your progress. Get talking. Taking action is the only way to make progress. 

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): Push your situation and look back over your personal papers. You may wonder if this has been a productive change that can help you achieve your goals. 

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): Don’t believe everything you hear. Find out firsthand and test it to what extent it’s true. You may find that someone else has had the same problem for many years. 

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20): Someone from your past will play a role in your future. Reach out and ask for help. A partnership, job or collaboration can develop due to a kind person that recognizes you with a partnership in a similar endeavor.

Birthday Bats: You are an intense, resourceful and natural leader.
Familiar foe

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

On Oct. 23, 2010, Notre Dame met top-ranked and defending national champion Boston College at the Joyce Center. With a roster featuring 12 freshmen, the No. 17 Irish had more questions than answers about their future. But when the Irish ended the Eagles’ 16-game unbeaten streak with a 2-1 win, they realized very quickly the potential they had.

“When we look back last year, when we played Boston College, that was sort of our turning point as a team,” Irish junior center Riley Sheahan said. “That’s where we came together.”

Coming off a Frozen Four appearance last season, the expectations will be a bit different when No. 4 Notre Dame (8-2-2, 6-1-2-0 CCHA) faces No. 3 Boston College (9-3-0, 7-2-0 Hockey East) tonight at the Compton Family Ice Arena. The Irish enter the matchup riding a three-game win streak and eight-game unbeaten streak after defeating No. 10 Western Michigan 3-2 on Tuesday.

“Everything is coming together,” Sheahan said. “We’re still not at our peak yet and that’s almost a good thing to know, that we have spots of improvement. We have a great group of guys and everything in the locker room. It’s always a fun time.”

The Irish look to continue generating that enthusiasm on the ice in front of an already sold-out crowd against the reeling Eagles.

For the Irish and will feature individual competitions in the epees, foil and saber. Notre Dame will compete against several top teams from around the nation, including Penn State, the team the Irish defeated to win the NCAA championships last spring.

In this year’s Big East tourney, Notre Dame has scored in double-digits in the last three games. Against Penn State, the team the Irish beat, its defense of its national championship this weekend when it travels to State College, Penn., to compete in the Garret Open at Penn State.

The Garret Open marks the first NCAA event of the season for the Irish and will feature individual competitions in the epees, foil and saber. Notre Dame will compete against several top teams from around the nation, including Penn State, the team the Irish beat.

Northern Kentucky’s Freshman guard-forward Pat Connaughton paced the Irish with 24 points in 33 minutes and is playing a large role for Notre Dame much sooner than many expected.

“Pat really built on his performance against Detroit and he’s getting very comfortable being a key contributor to our team and he’s definitely growing every day,” Bednarski said.

JUNIOR CENTER RILEY SHEAHAN moves in on the Bearkats defender during Notre Dame’s 74-41 victory Wednesday.

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