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Senior fund honors former classmate
Class of 2012 chooses to dedicate money to Declan Drumm Sullivan Memorial Fund

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Based on overwhelming support from the senior class, the Class of 2012 Legacy Fund decided to dedicate the money it raises to the Declan Drumm Sullivan Memorial Fund, co-chairs of the Senior Legacy Fund Sylvia Banda and Tommy Montalbano said.

Declan Sullivan, a member of the Class of 2012, died last October after a video tower from which he was filming football practice fell. He was double-majoring in市场营销 and Film, Television and Theatre, and was a videographer for the football team.

The Memorial Fund will sponsor a scholarship for a student with demonstrated financial need whose interests align with Sullivan’s, Montalbano said. “It is intended for students who are not only in financial need, but who have demonstrated the traits that made Declan original, whether [it be] an interest in filmmaking, service to underprivileged youth, creative writing or other passions,” he said.

Traditionally, the Legacy Fund committee has solicited suggestions for what to do with the fund from students, resulting in a narrowed-down list for students to vote on. This year, however, the high volume of initial responses suggesting the Memorial Fund negated the need for a follow-up survey, Banda said. “That was the runaway winner, so as a committee we decided that this was going to be the [Memorial] Fund,” she said. “We thought this was a unique year so we decided to just announce it.”

The Legacy fund will begin

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Professor named as consultant

Law professor Richard Garnett, recently named a consultant to the United States Council of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, said the appointment is an opportunity to help protect religious freedom in America.

“I am deeply committed, as a citizen and as a scholar, to the importance — indeed, the centrality — of religious freedom,” he said. “The opportunity to assist the Catholic bishops of the Unit-

Students find companions in pets

By EMMASUS
News Writer

When alumni laud the friendships forged at Notre Dame, they usually are referring to their classmates. Some students, however, find extra companionship in dorm or house pets.

Senior Mike Rose said he and his housemates off campus.

While his dog during his freshman year, but an ongoing lesson in responsibility.

“Having a pet during my time at Notre Dame has been a fantastic and memorable experience,” he said. “Not only is she more loyal than my roommates, but her daily care stimulates my skills of discipline and careful responsibility during these formative years of my life.”

While du Lac restricts students to “non-carnivorous fish in an aquarium less than 30 gallons,” some off-campus students use their newfound freedom to house a four-legged pet.

Senior Mike Rose said the demands of his dog, Sammy, have forced him to establish a caretaking routine with his housemates.

“I live at a house with my friends on the soccer team and a black lab named Sammy,” Rose said. “He has a pretty set schedule, which he reminds us of constantly, but between housemates, we are all able to split most of the duties.”

While busy students’ schedules may not cater to dog ownership, Rose said friends and family have been willing to share the responsibilities when necessary.

“We are able to have people take care of Sammy if we are out of town for a team trip or for any other reason, because pretty much anyone that meets him loves him,” he said.

Senior Alyssa Suppenfield said the companionship of her cat Mango outweighs the added responsibility and expense.

“During breaks, I always have to think about who can look after her,” she said. “I take care of everything concerning her.”

Senior Mike Rose relaxes with his dog Sammy, who lives with Rose and his housemates off campus.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: **WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT THE VICTORIA’S SECRET FASHION SHOW?**

Jake Mueller  
**sophomore** 
**Morrissey**  
"The music."

Nick Conrad  
**sophomore** 
**Morrissey**  
"... Her."

Austin Bruen  
**sophomore** 
**Morrissey**  
"The girls' personalities."

Jacob Stanton  
**sophomore** 
**Alumni**  
"We didn't have TV on the farm I grew up on..."

Jack Trunzo  
**sophomore** 
**Kough**  
"Watching it with my AR."

Alex Schoemann  
**sophomore** 
**Kough**  
"We don't have that in Canada."

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**OFFBEAT**

Man wins $1 million lottery for second time in 3 years

ATLANTA, GA — A man in Atlanta has hauled in a million-dollar lottery payday for the second time in just three years.

Debra Kinney, 50, recently won a $1 million dollar prize playing the instant game Super Millions. In 2008, Kinney also won $1 million playing another instant game.

Kinney is a single father of three, who set aside part of his original lottery winnings to establish a college education fund for his children.

Kinney says he purchased the winning lottery ticket when he headed out to grab some over-the-counter medications to help him cope with a head cold. "I was just out and stopped for cold medicine," Mr Kinney told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "I sat in the car with the ticket, and when I saw the matching numbers, I knew," he explained.

The odds of Kinney winning the lottery were one in 5,040,000 but there are no exact calculations of the odds for winning a million dollar lottery twice.

**Man accidentally donates life savings hidden in suit**

MOLINE, IL — There’s a cynical old saying that no good deed goes un-punished.” That adage has proved true for an elderly Illinois man who accidently gave away his entire life savings when making a clothing donation.

The 80-year-old man, who didn’t trust banks, had kept his life savings of $13,000 sewn inside the lining of one of his suits. He is currently appealing for the money’s return so that he can care for his wife, who has Stage 4 cancer.

“We’re hoping it’s still there and we can find it for them,” Engelbert said. “It’s their life savings. It’s important.”

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**IN BRIEF**

There will be a workshop titled, “Meaningful Teaching Experiences: Partnering with the Community” today from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. in Geddes Hall. The workshop focuses on teaching-based collaborations between Notre Dame students, faculty and staff, and the local community.

At 4:30 p.m. today there will be a lecture by Joseph H.H. Weiler, European Union Jean Monnet Chaired Professor at NYU School of Law titled, “Freedom from Religion.” The lecture will be held in the Eck Hall of Law in Room 1130.

The Summer Service Learning Program will be holding an information session today from 5 to 6 p.m. about the eight-week service-learning course. The session will be held in the Coffee House in Geddes Hall.

James Loewen, author of the national bestseller, “Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your High School History Textbook Got Wrong,” will be speaking today at 6:30 p.m. in Room 101 in DeBartolo Hall. This talk is part of the Student Union Board’s Ideas and Issues series.

There will be a lecture titled, "7 p.m. titled, “The Household of Divinity: Mary and the Season of Advent,” sponsored by Professor Timothy P. O’Malley in the Andrews Auditorium in Geddes Hall.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, email detailed information about an event to obnews.nd@gmail.com.
College celebrates season with Madrigal dinner

By ANNA BOARINI

Saint Mary’s Music Department will usher in the Christmas season this weekend with its 39th annual Madrigal dinner, a medieval-themed feast and musical performance.

Junior Toni Marsteller, who has never participated in the Madrigal dinner before, said she decided to take part simply for the fun of it. “I’m an acting major, so I read the script and realized how funny it was,” she said. “I’m really excited, but I’m also a little nervous. I hope everyone enjoys the show.”

Corbett’s Jester conveys with Junior Sophie Korson’s character, the Cook, to play tricks on the Wench.

K o r s o n , who has never participated in the Madrigal dinner before, said she decided to take part simply for the fun of it. “I like dressing up and getting into character,” she said. “The show really helps set the tone for the Christmas season.”

Senior Lauren Murphy, a member of the Women’s Choir performing at the dinner, said the performance helps spread the Christmas cheer around campus. “I like dressing up and getting into character,” she said. “The show really helps set the tone for the Christmas season.”

Over her nearly three decades at the helm of the Madrigal, Wenk said the tradition has evolved significantly. “Before my time, they actually stopped the show and did an opera right in the middle of the show,” she said. “Now, the major changes was to change from a co-ed to an all-women’s choir, about seven or eight years ago, to better represent Saint Mary’s College.”

Menk said she is amazed by the transformative effect the show has on Regina Hall, where it is presented. “The girls look so beautiful in their dresses and the room looks amazing,” she said. “By the time we’re done with it, it’s amazing to think it’s just a dorm lounge.”

The Madrigal dinner will be celebrated Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

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Professor discusses PPACA ethics

By JESSICA STOLLER-CONRAD
News Writer

The federal mandate requiring group health plans cover preventative healthcare — including contraceptives — has ethical implications for religiously affiliated employers such as Notre Dame, law professor O. Carter Snead said at his Tuesday lecture, "Understanding the PPACA Contraceptive Mandate."

"As a matter of moral teaching, the Church opposes the use of artificial contraception," Snead said. "A religious concern that has been raised ... is Catholic institutions objecting to the mandatory without cost-sharing of contraception and sterilization."

While the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) is vague when describing which procedures require employer coverage, the Health Resources and Services Administration later specified that all FDA-approved contraceptives and sterilization procedures were included, Snead said.

"Snead said additional ethical challenges apply to the coverage of contraceptive drugs with "abortion-inducing properties," acting as contraceptives with the potential of terminating pregnancy.

While certain exemptions exist, they are too narrow to apply to many institutions, including Notre Dame, Snead said.

"There is an exemption for certain kinds of entities [such as religious organizations] that would not be bound by this mandate," he said. "Narrow restrictions] eliminated virtually every Catholic institution in America from this exemption except for Churches proper and religious orders."

Snead said some influential progressive Catholics supported the PPACA but were predominately opposed to the narrowness of the exemptions.

"Catholic progressive leaders] showed near-unanimous opposition to the narrowness of the mandate exemption," he said.

The mandate drew attention on campus when University President Rev. John Jenkins publicly requested Notre Dame be exempted from the contraception measure, Snead said.

Snead read an excerpt from Jenkins' request letter highlighting the University's dilemma.

"The regulation would compel Notre Dame to pay for contraception and sterilization in violation of the Church's social teaching, or to discontinue employee and student health-care plans, in violation of the Church's social teaching, thus putting us in an impossible position," the letter stated.

Because this mandate is already law, it would have to be overturned or changed in order to lessen the exemption regulations, Snead said.

The positive sign ... is that there is bipartisan opposition to the regulations," he said.

Snead said the complexity of the issue lies in the disparity between how the two sides approach the nature of contraception.

"Supporters believe that contraception is a matter of public health, but religious conscientious objections are a private matter," Snead said.

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Law professor O. Carter Snead discussed the effects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act during a lecture Tuesday.

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ed, States, and the Church more generally, in understanding, processing, and teaching about this freedom, is an honor."

The committee aims to “ad- dress students’ growing threats to religious liberty in our society so that the Church’s mission may advance and the Church be the right of believers of any religious persuasion to be who they are,” Bishop William Lori, chair of the committee, said in a press release. He said while he understands the importance of educating Catholics about the centrality of religious freedom, "it is crucial citizens understand that religious freedom is a basic right, he said."

"There is also the important need to help not only Catholics, but all Americans, understand that religious freedom is not just a matter of "speaking one’s mind," he said. "It is not a ‘liberal’ or ‘conservative’ concern, but a human right and human freedom for all, not just Catholics, and not just Americans," he said.

Garnett said some people underestimate the level of religious persecution in the modern world. "In many places, Christians suffer outright persecution, and I think the bishops want to re- mind Catholics of the need to pray for and support these victims of persecution," Garnett said.

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assistant director
Notre Dame Annual Giving Program

"We take pride in our work with the USC Challenge," he said. "It is very closely connected to my own scholarly work, and to the mission of the University."

Garnett said the subcommittee will approach the issue of religious freedom as a matter of faith and international perspective.

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taking donations from seniors in January. While graduating seniors are automatically entered into the 2012 football season ticket lottery, they must make a donation to the fund during the 2012 calendar year to be entered into the 2013 season lottery, Montalbano said.

"Dorms and the rate of seniors who donate to the Senior Legacy Fund before graduation typically hovers between 35 and 40 percent," he said. "In January, the year’s committee hopes initiatives such as the ‘USC Challenge’ will increase participation.

"We partnered with the SC class senior class gift group and this year we have really ever had better participation rates; they are at their highest at the end of their school year wins this competition,” Banda said. "The seniors want to win it. We’re a trophy we’re having made that will travel from school to school.

The committee also created Facebook and Twitter pages for the 2012 Legacy Fund. On Facebook, Montalbano said the group holds weekly drawings where students who “like” the page can win gift cards to local businesses.

We’re trying to raise attention about the senior gift, encourage students to donate and recruit volunteers," he said.

The page also posts videos, photos and a “bucket list” of activities every senior should do before they graduate.

In addition, Montalbano said donors who give over $20 will receive a pint glass featuring the Notre Dame monogram as a reward.

Although the Legacy fund is directed at the senior class, assistant director of the Notre Dame Annual Giving Program Tim Ponisciak said anyone is welcome to donate. Seniors are also free to donate to another fund at the University of their choosing.

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“The Observer is not technically student government in the constitution, it is a Student Union,” he said. “Hopefully when we make Senate a body that is really representative of the Student Union, we can create a model of what this more productive discussion can be.”

The reformed Senate will create a number of new chairs for existing COR members in an effort to capture the opinions of students unrepresented by hall senators, Noe said.

The four class presidents, the off-campus president, the Club Coordination Council president, and, for now, the Student Union Board manager and the Student Union treasurer [will have votes], although there’s some talk about changing that within the Student Union, he said.

Parliamentarian Michael Mesi said the new format of Senate meetings will no longer include committee updates, which can be time consuming.

“The chairmen of the Senate committees will no longer be in Senate meetings so there will no longer be updates from each committee, leaving more time for discussion between senators on current issues,” Mesi said.

Committee chairs without voting rights, as well as members of COR not receiving a seat in the new Senate, will be able to speak at Senate meetings on relevant topics, Mesi said.

“For example, when the topic being discussed in Senate is related to social concerns, the Social Concerns committee chair can come and present and have speaking rights,” he said.

While the measure still requires Senate approval, Noe said it has been reviewed and modified by a number of student government groups already.

“I wrote up a rough draft resolution that I took to the subcommittee for constitution reform. We discussed it there, made recommendations and changes, checking with [the student body president, vice president and chief of staff] throughout,” he said. “Then the oversight committee approved it and policy board voted to put it on the Senate agenda.”

Noe said the feedback thus far has been encouraging.

“The feedback’s been positive… People are in the mindset that this will create a more cohesive Student Union,” he said. “The fact that Student Senate will be representative of every organization and be the highest group within student government, I think is a good thing, and I know COR members are excited to be engaged in policy issues.”

While he was confident Senate will approve the measure, Mesi said the reform can be modified within Senate if necessary.

“If there are objections, senators can make the changes to this resolution itself and they can still pass it themselves,” Mesi said.

McCormick said he hopes the resolution will improve efficiency while adhering to student government’s intended purpose.

“At the end of the day, we’re trying to cut through red tape that has been strung together over the course of years and years while retaining the original mission,” he said. “[That mission is for] the Student Union to advance the highest hopes of what Notre Dame students have for what this University can become.”

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Wednesday, November 30
4:30 P.M., ECK SCHOOL OF LAW, ROOM 1130

FREEDOM FROM RELIGION
A lecture by
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her, so it is a good practice in responsibility. This means food, litter, toys and vet bills, which can be pricey. Overall though, you get a little pal that loves you, which is really great.”

Rose said he also enjoys the sense of companionship he gets from having a pet in the house.

“One of the benefits of having the dog around is that there’s always someone at the house to entertain you or play with you even if all of the housemates are gone,” he said.

Junior Shannon Hughes said she wishes on-campus students had more freedom with regard to housing pets.

“Having pets around just makes everyone feel happier”, Hughes said. “I wish the rules were more lenient regarding pets in the dorms, but I understand how difficulties might arise with pets larger than fish.”

Rose suggested that small, caged animals might be a reasonable option for students if du Lac were modified.

“ND should open their policy up for animals, even though it would be tough to monitor,” he said. “I don’t think anyone is ready for dogs or cats in the dorms yet, but even smaller, less care-intensive animals would be good for students because it teaches them a lot of responsibility, and they are fun to play with. Could you imagine gerbil balls running through the dorms? It could be hilarious.”

While some residence halls have adopted dogs, Hughes, a Walsh Hall resident, said campus could do with a few more.

“We don’t have a dog in Walsh, but if we did ever get one, I think it will get more than enough love,” she said. “There are so many people in the dorm, and I think there would be more than enough people willing and happy to care for a dog.”

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**Inside Column**

**Waffle Home**

The yellow squares and black holes of waffles clearly mark Waffle House. My restaurant and now appear vividly in my mind as I crave the All-Star Breakfast. For me, Waffle House has recently become a main subject of my homesickness. When I tire of dining hall food, I turn to Culver’s or Penn Station, but nothing can serve as a worthy substitute for Waffle House. I am an Atlanta native, and proud of it. I am proud of Coca-Cola, Chick-fil-a, Outkast, T.I. and countless other great things to come out of my home state. I wouldn’t necessarily include Waffle House as a source of Georgia pride, though. One of my roommates, a Philadelphia native, told me that he ate at a Waffle House once, and that it was “disgusting.” “Squeezed not?” was my immediate reaction. Well, maybe it is, but we love it anyway. This is why I wouldn’t hold Wa-Ho up as a prime example of Georgia’s greatness, because while it is, and what it isn’t very impressive on the surface.

But behind overwhelming furnishing and some question of questionable cleanliness of each restaurant in the now somewhat national chain lie a veritable southern experience and some delicious food. The centerpiece of the Waffle House experience is undoubtedly the All Star, a breakfast platter that never fails to disappoint. From under the weight of its economic iniquity, the All Star, a breakfast platter that never fails to disappoint, can be reached at dsportie@nd.edu

With every great fortune there is a crime.

—Honore de Balzac, French realist novelist

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**Memory**

In death — as in life — Nixon finds his way into everything. When I was a boy, my father showed me Star Trek VI. The Undiscovered Country — a film in which Kirk and Spock see the Klingon Empire, their historical enemy, collapse under the weight of its economic ineptitude. Fighting hardliners on both sides, our heroes negotiate an end to galactic cold war and bring two very different cultures to understand one another for the first time.

The 1991 release of this film was not an accident: By the end of the year, the Soviet Union would have collapsed under the weight of its economic ineptitude. At the time, of course, I did not know this. I knew only that Kirk, whose son David had been murdered by Klingons, should have been the last person to extend to them the hand of friendship. When Kirk himself noted as much, Spock quipped that “there is an old Vulcan proverb: only Nixon could go to China.”

At the time, of course, I had no idea who Nixon was, was much what it meant for him to go to China. I learned the latter only decades later when, during one of my accidental midnight sojourns into the depths of Wikipedia, I stumbled across Nixon in China, the 1987 opera by John Adams that recounts the 1972 visit by Nixon as though the latter were not a president at diplomatic but rather Oedipus at the crossroads.

One wonders what will be remembered in 1,000 years. Men will doubtless have forgotten who Mao Tse-Tung and Chou En-lai were, who Richard Milhous Nixon was, even what the People’s Republic of China and the United States of America were. But perhaps they will still stage Nixon in China and teach their sons and daughters its long dead language. English, just so they can understand what it tries to convey. We watch Oedipus the King to understand not ancient Greek epistemology but rather the interplay of freedom and fate — just as we watch Nixon in China to understand not the geopolitics of the Cold War but rather what it means to be a man so deeply flayed that he cannot recognize his own heroism.

In art, as in all things, we seek the universal. We are driven to challenge everything — every expression and proverb, every instinct and custom — in seeking what is true and not just here and now but everywhere and forever. We are, in this, both blessed and cursed. We can transcend any limitation — only to find that there are always more limitations to transcend. For we can be satisfied with no finite thing.

Oedipus the King and Nixon in China captivate us because they offer knowledge beyond that of Athens in 429 B.C. and America in A.D. 1987. They offer to us knowledge of who we really are and the need for them?

Nixon in China ends, as I do, in uncertainty. As he stares alone into the night as though into the dark forever of his own death, Chou asks himself just one question: “How much of what we did was good?” Each of us, in the end, should remember to ask himself the same question. Nixon, it seems, could not bring himself to do so until it was too late. If he is to find his way even into our memory, let us at least learn from his failure. Let that be his legacy.

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**Quote of the Day**

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—Honore de Balzac, French realist novelist

Eddie Lizard

British comedian

“Who is the illegal alien in America?”

The National Rifle Association says, ‘Guns don’t kill people, People do.’ But I think the gun helps.

—Eddie Izzard, British comedian

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
***Wrong message***

Members of the Occupy Student Debt Campaign unveiled their plan for raising student debt woes this Monday in Zuc- cotti Park. Their plan calls for students to sign a debtors’ pledge to stop making payments on their student loans after one million people have signed the pledge.

The board of editors in a system that openly invites profiting on the part of lenders. Education is a right and a public good, and it should be properly funded and not necessarily those of The Observer.

**Editorial Cartoon**

**THE DAILY COUGAR**

**Terry FitzGibbons**

**Guest Columnist**

"That is the last time I let you guys talk me into shopping on Black Friday!"
WHAT HISTORY BOOKS DON'T TELL US

MARY CLAIRE O’DONNELL
Scene Writer

We trusted them. We listened to them for years. We put our education in their hands. And they lied to us. That's right, I'm talking about our history teachers. That's what James Loewen believes, and what he will talk about today. Loewen, a sociologist, is the author of a number of books on the subject, best known for his book "Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong." As this year is the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, Loewen will center his talk around this era in American history and the issues that have been over-looked in typical textbooks.

Loewen said he will draw from research he did for his latest book, "The Confederate and Neo-Confederate Reader," a look at the reasons behind the secession of the southern states in the early 1860s. "Last December was the sesquicentennial of when the first state, South Carolina, quit the Union," Loewen told The Observer. "In [my book] is why, why South Carolina, why each of the 11 states left the Union. This is information that even though it’s totally clear in 1860, it’s totally murky today."

In his talk, Loewen will clear the muddy waters and bring to light some truths about the Civil War that are important and relevant today. In his studies and experiences, he found that an overreliance on textbooks has hurt history students of all ages. "In this day, when we have the web, there’s no excuse, either in high school or college, for just relying on the textbooks," he said. "Now, back in 1970, when you’re thinking about a small town in Indiana that hardly has a library, then maybe there’s an excuse to have a 900 or 1,000 page history textbook.”

Times have changed though, according to Loewen, and now those small towns have access to the Internet and all sorts of primary historical documents. These primary documents are hugely important to really learning history and unlocking the secrets that aren’t revealed in our textbooks, he said. Loewen hit upon this problem at Tougaloo College, a historically black college in Mississippi, where he taught for eight years. "I had an experience, which I will talk about at my talk, an interesting experience my first year teaching, that blew my mind," he said. "It convinced me that my students had been lied to, and in fact they lied to me… the fact that history can be used against you, that was taught to me in Mississippi!"

But it wasn’t just Mississippi that had been lying to its students. Loewen encountered the same problem when he moved to Vermont and began teaching at the University of Vermont there. And so he spent two years at the Smithsonian Institute surveying leading historians and discovering more lies and misinformation. With his books, he calls on students to challenge, not blindly follow, textbooks and seek the real historical truth. And for his talk today, Loewen wants to try and test his ideas. "I think I am going to be able to demonstrate in the room that most Notre Dame students have been lied to," Loewen stated. "We'll see if I can."

Have you been lied to? Come find out.

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TROY MATHEW
Scene Writer

In "Immortals," director Tarsem Singh uses a mixture of real set and CGI work to create a visually stunning film. Oh, and apparently there’s a plot too. "Immortals" tells the story of Theseus, a mortal man chosen by Zeus to lead the fight against the ruthless King Hyperion. Hyperion (Mickey Rourke) scourcs the Greek countryside in order to find the Epirus Bow, a legendary and all-powerful weapon. Once Hyperion has the bow, he can unleash the Tatars and wreak worldwide havoc. Theseus (Henry Cavill) uses the help of a gifted Virgin Oracle (Freida Pinto) to thwart Hyperion’s plan.

If the plot sounds convoluted, it’s because it is. The producers of "Immortals" were the same behind "300," and the films have drawn comparisons due to their undeniable similarities. "300," however, is ultimately more successful because of its streamlined plot. In "Immortals," Hyperion searches for the Virgin Oracle in order to get the Epirus Bow, in order to release the Titans and achieve worldwide destruction. The plot loses focus in parts, and isn’t as captivating as the climactic final battle in "300." The plot of "Immortals" drags, and could definitely benefit from paring down its 110 minutes.

Despite his character’s narrative shortcomings, Rourke is fantastic in "Immortals." His gruff demeanor and bullying figure are perfect for the malicious Hyperion. Hyperion is power-hungry and not afraid to castrate or behead a few hundred people to get to the top. Rourke commands nearly every scene he appears in. However, because the audience is dreading seeing another one of the disgustingly violent punishments he inflicts on those who displease him.

Speaking of violence, "Immortals" has plenty. Several scenes in the movie are nauseating, even for the most desensitized audience members. The battle scenes feature a lot of stylized violence, similar to "300," which means blood splatters in spectacular slow motion and every bone-crunch is audible.

The special effects in "Immortals" are what audiences came to see. The landscape and battle scenes are visually stunning, and do their best to distract audiences from the sub-par plot. Nevertheless, the plot keeps getting in the way. The film takes too long to get to the climactic final battle because the characters spend a frustrating amount of time discussing fate, mortality and the burden of seeing the future. This discussion would be fine if it was well-written and significant, but it’s not. Instead, this dialogue detracts from what everyone wants — special effects and people getting their skulls crushed.

"Immortals" is not bad because it’s a campy, special-effect-laden gore-fest. It’s bad because it pretends that it’s not. Despite big names like Frie-da Pinto of "Slumdog Millionaire" fame, the characters just don’t resonate and don’t hold interest when there’s no bloody action.

Despite its pretense and weak plot. "Immortals" is a solid addition to the Greek-mythology film cannon, due entirely to its special effects. "300" fanatics will love "Immortals," but anyone else who thinks they can stomach the violence should save their money and watch it when it’s out on DVD. Don’t go into it expecting profound dialogue, but do go into it anticipating some Mickey Rourke-induced nausea.

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On campus

What: James Loewen, author of “Lies My Teacher Told Me”
Where: Deibarto101
When: Wednesday, Nov. 30, 6:30 p.m.
How Much: Free
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"Immortals"
Starring: Mickey Rourke, Henry Cavill, Freida Pinto

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If you want good advice, go to the expert.

For the latest installment in the Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) department’s Talks Lecture Series, television producers Antonia Ellis and Kevin Fortson will be at Notre Dame today to present their lecture, “Producing Successful Television Shows — Studio and Producer Perspectives.”

Both Ellis and Fortson have plenty of experience to share with successful television shows, with experience from “Sex and the City,” “Royal Pains,” “America’s Best Dance Crew,” “Pretty Little Liars,” and “The Bachelor.”

Ellis has been the producer of “Sex & the City,” “Royal Pains,” and “Men In Trees.” She was also co-producer of “The Corner,” which won an Emmy for Best Mini-Series. She was a production executive and head of post-production at DreamWorks SKG Television, and before that was associate producer on “Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman.”

Prior to relocating to New York City from Los Angeles, Ellis was a producer on a television sitcom pilot for DreamWorks/ABC called “Immedi ately,” and a reality series produced at DreamWorks SKG Television as a Production Executive and as the Head of Post Production.

Ellis has also produced feature films and is developing a web series. She co-created, wrote and produced an independent children’s film, “The Adventures of Cinderella’s Daughter.” She has also written an historical feature film, “My Clara,” about the true story of Clara Wieck and Robert Schumann. She is developing the feature-length “The Dinner Party,” where she worked as a disc jockey and producer and hosted her own morning show.

Meanwhile, Fortson is senior vice president of production for Warner Horizon, the Warner Bros. division for lower-budget scripted and reality series for cable and broadcast TV.

Currently, he produces scripted and reality series. He oversees the hit reality franchise “The Bachelor,” which includes “The Bachelorette” and “Bachelor Pad” — “The Voice,” “Rizzoli & Isles,” “Pretty Little Liars,” “The Lying Game” and “Bandy Jack Presents America’s Best Dance Crew.”

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Prior to his current position, Fortson was senior vice president of operations and studio facilities for Warner Bros. Before that, he spent 11 years at Telepictures Productions, most recently as senior vice president of production and also was vice president, chief operating office and executive in charge of production at Investigative News Group, in New York.

The two producers have years of experience and want to share their knowledge with budding film and television producers, so don’t miss out if you are interested.

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On campus
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As a whole, this magical new world, which is alluded to more than explained, keeps the novel from becoming a stale repeat of every fantasy or crime novel ever written. The blend of styles, along with the fast pace of the story telling, keeps readers from focusing on any one single cliché in the book long enough for it to become an issue.

As far as stories go, this is a good one. It is filled with action and mystery, with enough twists, turns and unique characters to keep readers fascinated on every page. There is real emotional development with the characters, a point lost in many fantasy and crime novels.

The hook is not perfect, though. There is a certain level of weird that one must get over to get lost in this novel. All the magic, the terminology, names and little details are just a bit weird — that’s the only word for it.

Polansky’s writing style, while well-developed and appropriately paced for this novel, rubbed me the wrong way at times. Maybe it’s my delicate sensibilities, but every time I read the “f” word in a book, it comes off wrong in my head, and I lose the pace of the story for a little bit.

If you’re not into wizards and magic, this isn’t for you. If you’re not into books, I can’t help you. Wait for the movie.

But if you’re looking for an engaging read, and mystery and fantasy are your slices of pie, this novel is right up your alley.

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“Low Town” by Daniel Polansky

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Meyer needs to adapt to a different style of football in the Big 10, one that is much less speed-and-skill-oriented. Judging from Meyer's track record, adapting should not be a problem if he can find the passion.

He already has a dual-threat quarterback that should thrive in his system in freshman Braxton Miller, and that's a key start for Meyer. But what if he decides a year or two from now the stress is too much, he has heard the "balance" he took a year off to find, the sanctions are too much, the fans are too impatient, the weather in the mid-west and west is not what he came to expect in the SEC?

Would he dare step away from a $40-million contract to contract the tradition-rich school he has dreamt of coaching — one that has already proven its willingness to cede unlimited power to a football coach?

With Meyer, you simply never know what move he will make next. His commitment is always strong — sometimes it lies with football and sometimes with family. This week, he made his latest decision.

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The views expressed in the Sports Authority column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

NFL

Winless Colts make changes

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Curtis Painter and Larry Coyer are out in Indianapolis, and it could be the start of the changes for the winless Colts. Coach Jim Caldwell broke up a normally quiet Tuesday by announcing that Coyer had been fired as defensive coordinator and that Dan Orlovsky would replace Painter at quarterback when the Colts play at New England on Sunday.

After all, this was the first big-time football coaching opportunity to open up since Meyer’s departure from Florida, and he could not resist the opportunity.

It was smarting Meyer who wrote away the drool he’d had for $40 million a contract to any one of the top teams in the SEC.

So what kind of results should we expect from Meyer in the change of scenery?

It will be difficult for him to be the same Meyer when he was in Gainesville, when he won two national championships in six seasons in the nation’s toughest conference.

Sparano’s pending sanctions with the NCAA won’t do him any favors, but he is a good enough coach and program-builder to overcome whatever obstacles are thrown his way — if he really wants to take on that challenge.

When the NCAA decides the missteps made by the Buckeyes were egregious enough to warrant a punishment similar to that of USC, if Meyer faces sanctions, positions on the Illini side for a bowl ban for a couple seasons, even the mega-recruit himself himself will find it easy to leave the nation’s top talent to Columbus.

On top of that, Meyer has a more difficult location to sell to recruits and to personal reasons, before becoming a commentator has now seen his Bortz Pave-popular soap opera come full circle as he is now running the show at Ohio State (rumor has it University president Gordon Gee has his fingers crossed he won’t fire him).

So how legitimate is it for Florida fans to be enraged by the situation in Meyer’s tune? You decide.

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On Monday night, Bill Polian told listeners on his weekly radio show that changes were coming. "The message isn’t getting across as clearly as it should be," Polian said as he talked about the defense. "We probably have to make some changes there and when you’re in the position we are, you should probably be making changes."

Caldwell acknowledged there was a communication gap between the pipe-smoking, 68-year-old Coyer and his players.

"The defense is ranked 29th overall and 31st against the pass. But it’s not just the defense struggling."

Painter’s quarterback rating of 66.6 is the second-lowest among all qualified NFL starters. Only Jacksonville rookie Blaine Gabbert (62.2) has a lower mark. Still, it’s unclear if Painter anticipated that a change was coming after throwing eight interceptions and one TD in his last five games.

"I think coming out of this past game we were able to move the ball and score some points, so I think we have a little bit of confidence," he said Monday. "We just have to have a little bit of patience when we’re going to do all on the sides of the ball, and it won’t be a big scoring shoot-out."

Now, it’s Orlovsky’s job.

The seven-year NFL veteran has appeared in three games this season. He’s started seven career games, all with the 0-16 Detroit Lions in 2008. Orlovsky is 14 of 21 for 122 yards with no touchdowns or interceptions this season.

What can be accomplished by making these moves so late in the season?

"Obviously, it’s going to be very, very difficult to say you’re going to see a wholesale change (on defense)," Caldwell said. "But I do think that you’re going to see effort, hustle and good, sound principles and practices, and football in the way in which we know how to play. We just expect to be better in all areas. Now that we’re going to take, I said, it’s going to take us a little time."

The season has been full of twists and turns for Indy, most involving Manning’s absence.

Caldwell was a defensive assistant for two years in Tampa Bay and in Denver from 2000-06 before joining the Colts in 2009. In his first season with Indy, the Colts tanked in the NFL in scoring defense (19.2 points per game). But the defense has gotten progressively worse each of the last two seasons.

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Caldwell started the first three games before sustaining a season-ending concussion late in Week 3. Painter replaced Collins in that loss, then played well in his first two games, prompting NFL Network analysts Corky McMillan to give him four straight quarterback ratings below 5.10.

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Lions’ Suh suspended two games for stomping incident

Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Ndamukong Suh is going back to the NFL, this time hoping for some leniency.

The league suspended Detroit’s All-Pro defensive tackle without pay for two games on Tuesday, punishing the second-year player for roughing up a Green Bay Packers offensive lineman after the whistle last week.

Suh promptly appealed his suspension, hoping his stomp doesn’t keep him away from his playoff-hopeful teammates when they need him most.

Ndamukong Suh will miss a road game at the Saints and a home matchup vs. the Vikings for stomping on a Packers player’s arm on Thanksgiving.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Suh’s hearing will be with Art Shell, an appointed appeal officer who is paid by the league and NFLPA.

As of late Tuesday afternoon, the hearing hadn’t been scheduled, but the league has said it will expeditively the procedure to give Suh and Lions an answer before Sunday’s game at New Orleans.

If Suh doesn’t win the appeal, he’ll play against the Saints or in the Dec. 11 home game against Minnesota. He would return Dec. 12 ahead of a road game against Oakland.

Suh is barred from practice and the team’s facility while suspended. He did not return messages left with his agent.

“As a player, you have to accept it says to him the last two days and I think he is in a different spot,” Lions coach Jim Schwartz said Tuesday. “I think his No. 1 thing is, he didn’t want to be a distraction for the team. He wanted the team to be able to focus on the Saints and he wants to be accountable for his actions.”

Earlier this season, the reigning NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year requested a meeting with Commissioner Roger Goodell to discuss his play after he drew several penalties and another fine. Suh said he had a better understanding of the rules after that meeting four weeks ago.

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Lions offensive linemen Dominic Raiola and Rob Sims refused to answer questions about Suh after Tuesday’s practice. Vanden Bosch, though, believes everyone in the locker room supports Suh, who he spoke with on Tuesday.

“He didn’t want to be a distraction for the team,” Vanden Bosch said. “It was an unfortunate situation. When you’re on the field, a lot of things happen when you’re playing with so much emotion in such a physical game. It’s difficult to look at the grand scheme of things when you’re in the heat of the moment.

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Dietrich-Smith’s helmet toward the turf while separating himself from the Packers player on the ground.

It might have hurt Suh’s case when he conceded defeat during his postgame news conference, insisting he didn’t intentionally step on his opponent.

After the Lions criticized his conduct Friday, Suh issued an apology to his teammates, organization and fans — not to Dietrich-Smith — as some around the league said his latest outburst proved he was the NFL’s dirtiest player.

“I’ll let him speak for himself when he gets that opportunity, but I’ve had a lot of conversations with him the last two days and I think he is in a different spot,” Lions coach Jim Schwartz said Tuesday. “I think his No. 1 thing is, he didn’t want to be a distraction for the team. He wanted the team to be able to focus on the Saints and he wants to be accountable for his actions.”

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Dietrich-Smith wasn’t available to reporters in Green Bay on Tuesday, but other Packers players heard of the suspension. Linebacker Desmond Bishop said Suh “probably deserved it.”

“Fortunately, we’ve never been in a situation like that,” he said. “We just worry about ourselves and what we do as a group, and I think we have enough intelligence, definitely, as a team, and enough character, guys not doing any dumb things to put the team in jeopardy. That’s for other teams to worry about.”

Suh has already been fined three times for roughing up quarterbacks and another time for unsportsmanlike conduct. He leads the league with nine personal fouls since 2010, according to STATS LLC — two more times than teammate Cliff Avril and three more than Philadelphia’s Jason Babin, San Francisco’s Dashon Goldson and Denver’s D.J. Williams.

Suh grabbed Cincinnati quarterback Andy Dalton and threw him to the turf after he had gotten rid of the ball in a pre-season game this year. He was docked twice last year for showing Chicago’s Jay Cutler high in the back and for twisting Cleveland’s Jake Delhomme’s face mask and slamming him to the ground. He also was fined $5,000 during Week 9 in the 2010 season for unsportsmanlike conduct.
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars are headed in a completely new direction. And Los Angeles doesn’t appear to be the destination.

Team owner Wayne Weaver fired longtime coach Jack Del Rio on Tuesday after a 3-8 start and agreed to sell the Jaguars to ill-ill businessman Shahid Khan. Weaver named defensive coordinator Mel Tucker the interim coach and gave general manager Gene Smith a three-year contract extension, putting him in charge of the coaching search.

The moves marked the most significant changes for the small-market franchise since its inception in 1993.

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Forbes reported the sale is expected to be worth $760 million. Weaver, who will turn 77 in January, had been looking for an “exit strategy” for years, wanting to sell the Jaguars and keep it in Jacksonville. The Jaguars didn’t win the AFC South record, including 1-2 in two playoff games following the 2007 season. The team stubbed to a 5-11 finish the following season, and Weaver overhauled the roster but decided to keep Del Rio.

“Exit strategy” was regarded as his mentor,” Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish said of Bellamy. “It’s a pity for us,” Villas-Boas said. “We had a good chance to do well in the Premier League and a very good chance to progress at home but Liverpool were far superior.”

Andy Carroll wasted a glorious chance to put Liverpool ahead, blasting a 22-minute penalty straight at Chelsea goalkeeper Ross Turnbull after Alex was penalized for handling the ball in his own box.

Rodriguez made no mistake from close range just before the hour, tapping home at the far post after running onto a inch-perfect cross by Bellamy, who had broken the offside trap on the right wing.

Bellamy was again the provider five minutes later when he swung a great free kick from the left that was glanced in by England international Gary Cahill.

It was an emotional night for Bellamy, who returned to the Liv- erpool team two days after missing its 1-1 draw with Manchester City in the Premier League because he was too upset to play following the death of former Wales teammate Gary Speed on Sunday.

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Giants extend management's contract

Associated Press

SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

SAN FRANCISCO — Brian Sabean’s office is connected to the San Francisco Giants’ clubhouse, only a matter of feet from where manager Bruce Bochy prepares for games. The close proximity makes for regular meetings, before first pitch and often well into the night after the final out.

CEO Larry Baer is committed to maintaining that continuity with his club, and took a step Tuesday by giving both the general manager and manager contract extensions taking them through the 2013 season with club options for 2014.

They work exceptionally well together. That’s a key relationship,” Baer said. “I strongly believe Brian and Bruce are the best at their craft in the game, and their track record shows that.

The 55-year-old Sabean is the longest-tenured GM in baseball and has said he would like to stay put in San Francisco for the rest of his career. He became the Giants’ GM in 1996 after three years in player personnel. He was in the Yankees organization from 1985-92 as a scout, scouting director and player development director.

Sabean has a busy stretch ahead before spring training begins in February. On Wednesday, his wife, Amanda, is scheduled to give birth to the couple’s second son — the sixth son for Sabean. Then, baseball’s winter meetings begin next week in Dallas.

The top priority is upgrading the offense while leaving enough payroll flexibility to lock up star pitchers Tim Lincecum and Matt Cain for what Sabean hopes is the long haul.

“Anything we’re going to do has to fit into a certain price point and give us enough flexibility to do other things,” Sabean said. “Pitching is our gold standard and we’ll do all that we can to take care of that commodity first.”

Bochy Evans, the team’s vice president of baseball operations and Sabean’s right-hand man, said there have been preliminary conversations with the pitchers’ representatives that he categorized as “an exchange of ideas and numbers.” Evans said he expects Lincecum, the two-time NL Cy Young Award winner, to be open to a long-term deal beyond two years.

“I don’t know how productive it is to get into specifics,” Evans said. “I don’t think he’s closed off to anything short or long, per se. I think he’s very comfortable with short, but don’t think he’s closed off to anything long. I think he’s still open to that.”

Sabean hired the 56-year-old Bochy away from the rival San Diego Padres in 2007 to replace Felipe Alou.

“I think we have a mutual respect. We listen to each other, Brian for me is always available,” Bochy said. “We communicate on so many things — having the players up, coming in so much during the course of the season. We stay in the same building. There’s never any kind of distance or separation.”

Yet there wasn’t immediate success when Bochy arrived, and both men received harsh criticism along the way for moves they made and those they didn’t.

That all changed when they led the club to an improbable World Series championship in 2010 with a band of “castoffs and misfits” as Bochy called them.

Baer had expected to get deals done during the offseason to keep both men around for the near future. Sabean and Bochy were instrumental in the team’s World Series title, the best in franchise since moving West in 1958.

“I don’t take anything for granted. I’m thankful for their re-committed,” Bochy said.

The Giants went 76-76 for second place this month and then missed the playoffs this year, when they dealt with devastating season-ending injuries to 2010 NL Rookie of the Year catcher Buster Posey and second baseman Freddy Sanchez.

Baer recently assumed top decision-making duties from outgoing managing partner Bill Neukom, saying, “Brian has seen the operation through all sorts of environments.”

“This included the challenging days with home run king Barry Bonds and the move from Candlestick Park to the waterfront spot at 12-year-old AT&T Park.

“I don’t take the extension lightly,” Sabean said. “Baseball’s a tough game to succeed in. I’m really thankful that I’m one of the original employees of the ownership group and as the ownership group has changed or morphed, they recognized our commitment and hard work.”

All-Star shugger Pablo Sandoval is still deciding whether to spend a short stint in his native Venezuela, where Nationals catcher Wilson Ramos was abducted earlier this month and then rescued.

“I don’t think he’s closed off to anything short or long, per se. I think he’s very comfortable with short, but don’t think he’s closed off to anything long,” Sabean said. “I strongly believe Brian and Bruce are the best at their craft in the game, and their track record shows that. That’s a key relationship.”

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thereby improve their chances of qualifying for the Olympics.

Top fencers began the process of qualifying at the 2010 World Championships and will follow a regimented schedule of competition until point standings close and zone-qualifying events begin in April.

“The rules for qualifying are complicated, but one can be sure that, in order to get enough points to be a qualifier, they need to compete in a main competition as possible,” Bednarski said.

“The fences will be competing the whole year, basically up to the Olympic Games.”

Even with their individual accomplishments, Notre Dame fencers will face long odds to qualify for an Olympic berth. National teams that qualify for the Olympics are only able to bring three fencers for each team event and individual events likewise only permit a maximum of three fencers from a given country. With such limitations in place, the possibility of fencers from Ireland, Germany, Russia and Iran qualifying remains wide open.

Although several important competitions remain, the five Irish fencers striving for the Olympics have found success in national competitions through the Pan American Games, Senior World Championships and the Olympics in the fall. Imboden and Meinhardt racking up a 13th Senior World Championships, third Olympic gold medal. Fellow 2010 graduate Kelley Hurley will try for a spot on the roster as well, along with high school senior Lee Kiefer, who has signed a letter of intent with Notre Dame.

Bednarski said successful international showings by Notre Dame fencers simply validate the program.

“Every year, we have fencers who are in the position to fight for the national team,” Bednarski said.

While the loss of several top fencers will hamper this year’s Irish team, Bednarski said he feels it will also provide many opportunities for younger fencers to grow and develop.

“This season is a chance for the younger fencers to show their competitive strength and get more starts,” Bednarski said.

“The long-term will, it will benefit them because they will get to speed up their progress this year. We may be now the underdog team, but we are still an underdog who can bite.”

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chose the 400m freestyle relay team.

Entering the pool with the Irish behind by 10 seconds, Reaney managed to close the gap with a 50.90 second run, the fastest of the race, which was enough to earn the victory for the Irish.

“I just buried my head and dug down and started to pull as much water as I could and I ended up catching her,” Reaney said. “It was awesome.”

Reaney said her focus now is on finishing the season as strongly as she started it and hopefully making the NCAA tournament. Looking even further ahead, Reaney has made the time commitment to hope to compete in the Olympic trial in the 100m breaststroke, and said she hopes to qualify for trials in more events.

“Right now I’m just focusing on this summer and obviously making NCAA’s and hopefully making the Olympic team,” Reaney said. “That would be really awesome, to represent Notre Dame at the national level.”

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Senior epee Courtney Hurley duals with her opponent at the ND Duals on Jan. 23 at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

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year, that was a great game. [It was] two offensive teams that are really good with the ball. It all starts with [red-shirt senior center Robert] Sacre, and he really both- ered us posting up in the middle of the lane and de- fending him down low.

Brey said he is concerned with the way his inexperi- enced frontcourt will hold up against the seven-foot centers.

(It’s a) huge challenge for [the frontcourt],” he said. “It goes to the senior thing and post position and driv- ing you deep, balls screaming and rolling down your lane. It’s a great challenge for all three of them. [Junior forwards Mike Broghammer, Jack Cooley and Tom Knight] to be ready. It’s the first big challenge for them.

Outside of Sacre, the Bull- dogs have several offensive weapons that can pace Gon- zaga.

[Junior forward Elias] Harris does it from all over the place,” he said. “[We will] try to slow them down, be- cause they’re good with the ball, they can pass it, they can score it. [Fresh- man guard Kevin Pangos] obviously has gotten on runs in their building and it’s a tough atmosphere for us.”

Jackson also said Rust’s production was some- thing he expected at the beginning of the year.

“He’s prepared to prac- tice every day. I’m proud of him,” Jackson said. “He’s one of them [that can be a secondary scor- er].”

Jackson said, “These are guys that are work- ing hard, they just need to be in situations where they can score a goal and take advantage of it. There’s a number of guys that I feel can con- tribute offensively.”

Rust has begun to make a name of his own.

“[Rust] just has to be aggressive as I wanted to be,” Rust said. “I’ve been solid this year, averaging a point a game (10-3-3, 7-2-3-0 CCHA).”

T.J. and Anders both have great vision and play- making ability,” Jackson said. “[Rust] just has to be at the right place at the right time. He shouldn’t feel like he needs to pass it all the time, especially if he’s in good scoring areas.”

While some may think Rust is playing with talents such as Tynan and Lee detracts from Rust’s opportunities, he said it helps him out.

“[Rust] has begun to make a name of his own,” Rust said. “I felt a little success because they’re always going to be there making plays. I’ll be able to take my chances.”

Rust’s four-game streak came during one of the most daunting stretches of Gonzaga’s schedule, a gauntlet that featured four top-15 opponents in eight days — with three of them on the road. Rust said the success against the tough competition was due to his ability to make the small plays.

“It’s all about working hard, making the little plays, getting pucks out of the offensive zone, get- ting pucks into the offen- sive zone, making shots,” Rust said.

Rust, whose brother at- tended and played hockey at Michigan, decided to come to Gonzaga in part to escape his brother’s shadow.

“I had to make my own path,” Rust said. “I’ve been in his shadow in my life. Throughout my life, I’ve been compared to him.”

With his recent streak, Rust has begun to make a name of his own.

“It’s all about working hard, getting into those dirty spots for rebounds and de- flections.”

Rust will try to extend his goal streak this week- end when the Irish welcome Northeastern (4-7-2, 3-7-2 Hockey East) to the Compton Family Ice Arena.

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prove on the defensive side of the ball, the Belles’ offense has been solid this year, averaging just under 73 points per game.

“I’m real happy where our off- ense is at,” Hanley said. “I think we can score at any given time on the ice, and we have on the floor, at the end of the day we have to play defense and that’s where we have been struggling lately for the whole entire game.”

The matchup with Trine is just the beginning of the Belles’ conference season, but Hanley said the Belles know their road to success needs to start imme- diately.

“We need to build upon where we were at last year in the conference,” Hanley said. “We were picked third and that’s almost what we were not inter- ested in third. We obviously want to win it and that’s going to get started tonight.”

The Belles will travel to An- gola, Ind. to square off with Trine tonight at 7:00 p.m.
Crossword
Across
1 Hanging open
6 Cousin of an ax
10 Near Eastern city
14 Doesn't have a second to lose?
15 Boutique fixture
17 Exhibited perfect braking
19 Native Nebraskaan
20 Followers of rush
21 For me? You shouldn't have...
22 Nicest room on a ship, probably
27 Toward the back
28 E.T.A. for red-eyes
29 Here, to Henri
32 Footwear
35 Also additive?
37 "Heaven's to Betsy?"

Down
1 N.A.A.C.P. part
2 Must, strongly
3 Something to be thrown for
4 Top-ten fare
5 Medium capacity?
6 Contribute to the mix
7 Impurity
8 Eastern state?
9 That, in Tijuana
10 "... they're yet?"
11 Handys in the hood?
12 Unwanted spots
13 Kind of terrier
14 Slows down traffic, say?
15 Sign by store, often
20 1,000-foot-deep lake that straddles a state line
21 Many miles away
25 Game with a maximum score of 180
29 Apple offering
30 Zoo keeper
31 Neocole product
32 Over the ___
33 Burden
34 Number of people in a room
35 Medium thing in the Bible
36 Friendly introduction?

Across 38 Cashier's error, as suggested by 17, 20, 47, and 59-Across?
39 Henry who made a Fortune?
40 Baby taking a bow?
43 Reframed
44 Baton Rouge sch.
45 Peace grp. since 1948
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54 Frigidaire competitor
66 Bambler
67 Reunion, e.g.
68 Blair Hogg
69 Strongly praised
64 Goose bumps-producing, maybe

Will Shortz

Horoscope
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Anna Faris, 33; Don Cheadle, 47; Andrew McCarthy, 49; Hinna Monzel, 56.

Happy Birthday: Don't overspend your boundaries. You have to keep things in perspective and do only what you can afford. Going over budget is something that will not only bring you a sense of financial strain, but also a loss of respect and admiration from those who trust you to be responsible and do what's right. Your numbers are 1, 3, 7, 11, 17, 25, 33, 41, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Look good, go on. Don't let the little things bother you. It's how you perform and what you do to make things better that will count in the end. Use your head, think matters through and avoid arguing with anyone you work alongside. ********

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your receptiveness to information offered will make a difference. Informational discussions will pay off, a contract or settlement will close in the way you do things. Don't overcommit. Consider what's being offered, cut your losses and move forward. ********

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Look for a partnership that will enhance what you have to offer. An opportunity to promote something you have done in the past will pay off now. Make a commitment that will indicate your future. ********

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Don't make changes that are premature. Look for opportunities, but don't jeopardize what you already have. Take particular care not to lose a partnership that means a lot to you. Offer your services if it will suit the deal. ********

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do whatever it takes to get things going. Staying in control will allow you to run the operation smoothly as well as make things happen. You're not among the most creative, but you have other attributes. ********

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Work on self-improvement, not trying to change others. A chance to get together with someone special will open a window of opportunity. Don't forget to keep your options open in case you want everything done your way. Use your composure. ********

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Problems at home will leave you up in the air and uncertainty. Make plans to do anything that cuts your waiting. Take the initiative, do your share and make a difference to the outcome. If you don't pitch in, you won't have a say. ********

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can argue, or you can get things done. Expect a friend or relative to make your life difficult if you try to avoid responsibilities. Romance is highlighted, and doing something nice for someone special will have its benefits. ********

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You'll need knowledge and experience to avoid making the same mistake again. Getting together with people from your past will stir up emotions in an area of your life where you need to stay away from. ********

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Secure your assets and money in your holdings. Making changes to your home, investments or contracts will pay off. Love is in the air, and taking time to nurture a relationship will ensure greater personal stability. ********

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Say what's on your mind. Someone may try to take advantage of you, but your counterspells will make it clear that you are only willing to do so much. Set your standards and stick to them. ********

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can be practical and still offer something unique. Change comes to you and such a thing can take one of the most unexpected forms. Other lives find what they do. Demonstrate, rather than talk, about your plans. ********

Birthday Baby: You are outgoing, inventive and resilient. You see, you accomplish.

Clammy Handshake

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Barack Hussein Obama has 18 letters. 18 = 6 + 6 + 6. And 666 is the number of the Devil!
Coincidence?!?!

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**Hockey**

**Sure signs of ‘Rust’**

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
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It wasn’t the prettiest goal in the world. But it counted. Sophomore right wing Bryan Rust’s overtime winner with 1.1 seconds remaining against Boston College on Nov. 18 trickled into the net after sneaking past Eagles junior goalie Parker Milner. Since then, Rust has been riding a four-game goal streak.

“That was the spark,” Rust said. “I had to get one lucky one in order to start the streak. Hopefully, I can keep it going into Christmas break and hopefully, afterwards too.”

Rust and Irish coach Jeff Jackson attribute the streak to an uptick in confidence. He’s starting to play the way I expected him to play,” Jackson said. “Once he got that softy against Boston College at a key point in the game, he got a little confidence. He’s starting to play the way I expected him to play at the start of the season.”

**ND Women’s Swimming**

Reaney makes waves in freshman season

By SCOTT FRANO
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Mere months into her Notre Dame swimming career, freshmen Emma Reaney is garnering national attention.

Reaney was named the Big East Women’s Swimming and Diving Athlete of the Week for the week of Nov. 8 after a terrific performance in a 188-112 loss at Louisville.

The Walsh Hall resident won three individual events and anchored the 400m freestyle relay team to victory. The Lawrence, Kan., native said she was overjoyed and surprised by the honor.

“The whole thing was surprising in itself, getting a best time so early in the season,” Reaney said. “Obviously it feels really great and it’s such an honor. It was kind of surprising actually, so early in the season. It was great.”

The Walsh Hall resident was the only freshman in the field for her wins in the 100m breaststroke and 200m breaststroke. Reaney credited her teammates and coaches for her seamless transition into the collegiate swimming world, saying they have made the adjustment to college much easier for her.

“They’re my 20 best friends here,” Reaney said. “They’ve been there through all the transition stages and everything. Swimming is stressful and going to practice you know you’re going to be in pain for the whole time, but you know there’re there with all your best friends. We get along weirdly well for how many girls there are. The coaches will beg you to help. They’ll do anything they can to help you improve and make sure you’re doing well in college.”

**Fencing**

Roster takes hit due to Olympics schedule

By BRIAN HARTNETT
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For Notre Dame, competing on a national stage is nothing new, as the Irish claimed the NCAA Championship last spring. This year, however, five members of the team will seek to showcase their talents in a different way as they pursue a spot for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

“All of our fencers who have a chance to qualify for the Olympics from their national and international point standings are taking the year off because of conflicts between the NCAA and Olympic schedules,” Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said.

For the Irish, this means the loss of several top fencers, including senior foilist Ge-rek Meinhardt, senior epeeist Ewa Niel, sophomore foilist Ariel DeSmet and freshman foilist Race Imboden. These fencers are currently forging a year fencing at Notre Dame to compete in a series of World Cup competitions as they seek to boost their rankings and

**Men’s Basketball**

Irish hit the road to face Gonzaga

By ANDREW OWENS
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The Irish face Gonzaga in their first true road game of the season today after snapping their two-game losing streak Sunday against Bryant.

Notre Dame (5-2) and No. 18 Gonzaga (4-0) will compete in the second half of a home-and-home series, the first of which the Irish claimed at Purcell Pavilion. 83-79, in 2010.

“[Gonzaga is] such a talented offensive team,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “You think about our game last