Single ticket creates unique circumstance

By SAM STRYKER
News Editor

Last night’s midnight deadline for any potential write-in candidates for the student body presidential election came and went with no approved candidates stepping forward. As a result, juniors Brett Rocheleau and Katie Rose will run unopposed — something unprecedented in student government.

Students will be presented with the option of voting for Rocheleau and Rose or abstaining when ballots open at 7 a.m. Wednesday. An abstention signifies a presence, not a vote, according to the Judicial Council.

Rocheleau said though other members of student government may have had interest in running, they all agreed on the goal to continue the control of this year’s administration.

Rocheleau currently serves as student body vice president with student body president Pat McCormick, who declined to comment for election.

It is quite possible Rocheleau and Rose are indeed the best candidates. But how can the student body know this according to your presence.

Rocheleau and Rose want to install better lighting on campus and increase blue light phones off campus. They plan to work with Notre Dame Security Police and the Department of Campus Technologies.

Without competition, we can’t know. That is why we, the student body, deserve a choice.

It would send the message that as the student body, we deserve a choice.

Rocheleau and Rose said several people within student government expressed interest in running for president or vice president, but all agreed on a united vision for student government in the next year.

Just like that, the decision was made for the student body, not by the student body. Even if the majority of the student body is behind the vision student government sets out to achieve, students should get the opportunity to vote for whom they think will best represent and promote this vision.

Furthermore, it is hard to believe such unanimous agreement about student government’s approach and priorities exists amongst all members. If, however, agreement truly is pervasive, this suggests a herd-like mentality not conducive to innovation and forward progress. If disagreement exists, what is going on behind the scenes to suppress the opposition? Either way, these questions point to a potentially detrimental backdrop from which the president and vice president hopefuls will enter office.

And yet, whether we like it or not, Rocheleau and Rose will represent the student body come April 1, with the goal to develop a mobile safety app for smartphones.

The pair wants to bring a specialty grocery store — such as Trader Joe’s or Whole Foods Market — to Eddy Street Commons, and to pass on Wednesday’s election, they endorse abstaining.

Choose to demand a choice.
Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com

IN BRIEF

Eduardo Posada Carbo will give a lecture titled “Church, Elections and Democratization in Colombia, 1950-1910” today at 12:30 p.m. in Room C103 of the Hesburgh Center.

Dr. Abdolrahim Gavahi will give a lecture titled “Men of God — Symbols of Love and Compassion: The story of Ismael Dubli, a Contemporary Muslim Religious Healer” today at 4:30 p.m. at McKenna Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Have dinner with the Notre Dame baseball team today at 6 p.m. at Club Naimoli inside the Joyce Center. Tickets can be purchased at UND.com. Dinner will be provided by Famous Dave’s.

Purchase Valentine’s Day flowers from the Pasquerrilla West Flower Sale from today to 10 p.m. at the LaFortune Student Center. The cost is $1 per flower. All proceeds benefit the Fr. Jim Karaffa Business Academy for Women.

Dalia Landau and Khader Al-Kalak will give a presentation titled “Open House: The Story of A Grassroots Model for Promoting Reconciliation in Israel/Palestine” today at 7:30 p.m. at the McKenna Hall auditorium.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, email detailed information about an event to observers.nd@gmail.com.

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### Today's Weather Report

#### OffBeat

**Montana man fined for instigating goring police chase**

BUFFALO, Mont. — A Butte woman told officers he instigated a police chase because he always wanted to try it, found out it’ll cost him $1,000 fine to go with his tire damage.

The Montana Standard in Butte reports 55-year-old John C. Hughes pleaded guilty Thursday in City Court to reckless driving while eluding a peace officer.

The chase began in the pre-dawn hours Thursday when officers reported a man followed a patrol car for seven blocks before pulling his SUV around and taking off at speeds of up to 70 mph. Officers say Hughes was traveling faster than 100 mph on the interstate before officers laid out a spike strip to flatten his tires.

When asked why he started the chase, Hughes said, “I just always wanted to do that,” according to the police report.

**Chicago college offers class on Occupy movement**

CHICAGO — A Chicago college is offering a class on the Occupy movement.

Thirty-two undergraduates are enrolled at Roosevelt University’s “Occupy Everywhere” class. It’s a three-credit political science course that looks at the movement that started last summer near New York City’s Wall Street and spread nationwide.

The Chicago Sun-Times reports students’ assignments include reading the movement’s newspaper and attending Occupy Chicago’s general assembly meetings held near Roosevelt’s downtown campus.

Leaders from the Chicago movement may present guest lectures.

Professor Jeff Edwards studies social movements. He says the Occupy movement has been unfolding before students and the class is a good opportunity for them. He says they are reading a range of analysis on the movement concerned with corporate greed and the division of wealth.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

### Question of the Day: What was your favorite Super Bowl commercial?

- **Anastasia Hansen**
  - Sophomore
  - “The OK Go & Chevy Sonic music video”

- **Ben Hubery**
  - Junior Dillon
  - “I didn’t watch.”

- **Carl Brinker**
  - Junior Knott
  - “Hyundai Chevelah Chase”

- **Conor Hawes**
  - Junior Dillon
  - “The Ferris Bueller Honda CR-V commercial”

- **Jon Repine**
  - Senior Alumni
  - “Oikos Greek Yogurt”

- **Kirsten Groody**
  - Junior Welsh Family
  - “The Here Weege dog”
College renovates Le Mans Hall

By NICOLE TOCZAUER

News Writer

Members of College Life Council (CLC) discussed updates in campus safety, and the proposed GLBTQ student group during their meeting Monday.

Senior body vice president Brett Rocheleau said NDSP Officers Keri Kei Shihtai and University police helped expand the crime-tracking devices available to students.

Shihtai said NDSP has subscribed to CrimeReports.com, a website that allows students to access up to date information on local crimes. Shihtai said students are made aware of what's going on around campus through accounts on the website to receive email updates.

"It's important for us to be aware of what's going on around us. Not only by paying attention, looking and listening, but by knowing what types of crimes to look out for," she said. "This is a user-friendly way for students to know about the info collected by police officers which is then distributed to CrimeReports.com, a website the community can use.

"With all the other renovations, there's no reason to change centers and when certain bathrooms will be unavailable. There are also floor plans and schedules of when certain bathrooms will be unavailable posted throughout all halls of Le Mans, He said.

Hambling said students have been cooperative with the project so far, and that it is important to remember that the renovations are a positive change for all students.

"As a member of Core, I can attest they will serve unique spheres at Notre Dame. "Core only has eight members," Hambling said. "AllianceND is committed to the service in the South Bend community and has already-partnered with local groups," Lienhoop said. "It could partner with local high schools to offer positive role models there as well. They would improve student engagement, as well as give the gay community, he said.

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Election

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Coming into this election, there were a lot of different candidates inside student government that were very interested in running, but this time, there weren’t different visions,” Rocheleau said. “So instead of having four tickets basically saying the same thing, we decided to stay unified as student government and push together.”

Other potential candidates were ultimately more interested in addressing specific concerns, Rocheleau said. “With us running, they saw that they could really focus on the issues they truly have at heart,” he said.

Senior Ben Noe, director of internal affairs for student government, agreed to speak for this story based on his perspective as a Notre Dame student, rather than as someone within student government. “As people who are a part of student government, we have a variety of potential explanations as to the lack of competition this year,” he said. “Speaking as a student, not as a person in student government, there are several reasons why there could be only one ticket right now,” Noe said. “It just may be a non-competitive year, people may be really accepting of continuing the vision Pat laid out … and this transferred into Brett and Katie’s campaign.”

Rocheleau said he believes Notre Dame students support the work the administration has done this year. “They saw what we did in the past year, and they wanted to keep student government and the vision where it was, and didn’t want to bring in a different perspective or change.”

Though the Rocheleau-Rose ticket was the only official petition to be approved, Rocheleau said they did not know what they formed a ticket. “We went about this thinking it was going to be like last year,” he said. “We knew this whole process of being competitive is what makes student government thrive.”

Rocheleau said he faced competition in last year’s student body presidential elections, which featured five tickets. He said he and Rose wanted to bring a similar spirit to this year’s elections.

“I would hate for that to be lost in this year’s campaign, and that is why we’re going about it as if it was extremely competitive,” he said. “We want to hear the voices of the student body.”

Though he may be the only candidate running for student body president, Rocheleau said he is open to the opinion of the student body.

“It’s not just two people running unopposed. It’s a vast majority of student government, of different sectors,” he said. “We have the petition for student government on our team; we have a lot of people who are a part of student government on our team.”

“We’re bringing different perspectives as well.”

Looking forward to the next year, Rocheleau said he believes little change needs to be made to how student government is currently run. “Obviously, every year when you look at it, there are different things you see, but there is nothing drastic that needs to be changed,” he said. Rocheleau said he does not believe the student body is apathetic to what student government does, nor do they perceive it as meaningless. “I think they perceive student government to be strong,” he said. “I think they see what we have been working on in the past year and they want more of the same. I think they are happy with what we are doing.”

Noe said as a student, he believes the showing in this year’s election displays Notre Dame students understand what has been achieved this year in student government. “I think it speaks to the fact that students are generally in support of and in favor of what we have done this year,” he said.

Sophomore Cait Ogren, vice president of elections with the Judicial Council, said this year’s situation is unusual, but the Judicial Council advertised the election to the student body in the same way as in previous years. “In past years, we did the same where there was an information session for all people interested before Christmas break and after Christmas break,” she said. “I hold office hours every week where people can ask questions, the petitions were available. It was the same protocol, just a unique year.”

Ogren said the fact that both candidates come from inside student government is not unusual. “Usually most candidates are involved in student government in some aspect, so you don’t have any indication of whether those people are running themselves, whether they are getting information for future years, or information for other people, so we can never really know who is intending to run until petitions come in,” she said.

Though the same protocol is used every election for notifying the student body, Ogren said every year yields different results. “It completely depends on the year, the students, the interest, it’s just beyond our control,” she said. “We never know what we’re going to get until petitions come rolling in.”

Ultimately, Noe said he believes the circumstances of this year’s election are unique.

“I’m not sure this is going to become a trend in future years,” he said.

The faculty adviser for Judicial Council declined to comment, and the director of student activities for programming could not be reached by press time.

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Man accused of killing homeless faces new charges

Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. — A former student accused of killing four homeless men was charged Monday with two new counts of first-degree murder, stabilizing the deaths of his high school friend’s mother and older brother.

Riccoal Ocampo, 23, was charged Monday with four counts of first-degree murder, including one of 53-year-old Raquel Estrada and her son, 34-year-old Juan Herrera, in the family’s rented home in a quiet Yorba Linda cul-de-sac in October.

Charges were dropped against Estrada’s son Edward Herrera, former schoolmate of Ocampo, who was freed after more than three months in jail.

Orange County District At
torney Tony Rackauckas said authorities had evidence linking Ocampo to the murders of Juan Herrera on an item of clothing found during a search of his family’s home last month, when Ocampo was charged with the homeless murders.

Police said they killed were all angry victims but he couldn’t limit it to that,” Rackauckas told reporters. “He’s just a monstrous serial killer.”

The slender, bearded Ocampo appeared briefly in court Monday morning on charges of murdering four homeless men before being released until March 16. He will also be arraigned his arraignment until March

The killings led police to fan out and ask people to seek shelter indoors.

Ocampo’s attorney Randall Longwich said the new murder charges didn’t fit with the understanding of his client, who was mainly concerned on Monday with being allowed to leave the jail to see his family. His younger brother and sister sobbed after seeing him shackled in a caged area of the courtroom.

“I’m shocked as to these charges,” said Longwich, who declined to comment on the details until he had reviewed the evidence.

Estrada and her son were stabbed to death in their home in October, and Herr
era, 24, was arrested shortly afterward. Police found large amounts of blood smeared inside the house and a black ski mask, black hat, wallet and sunglasses on the kitchen ta
il, according to a copy of the search warrant affidavit.

Police seized numerous items from the home, including multiple cell phones and a notebook containing several sorrowful writings from Herrera’s room, court papers showed.

Authorities have charged Herr
era’s behavior suspicious that night because he was hanging around with a friend but did not want to stop and check on his family when police warned the area after street after the murders, prosecutors said.

In addition, authorities said a video surveillance tape from a drug store near the spot where a 911 call was made from a pay phone, reporting loud noises coming from the home, showed a person who resembled Herr
era was wearing similar-looking shoes.

Rackauckas said Herrera is still considered to be suspi
cious, but the newly discovered DNA evidence changed the way authorities viewed the case and they no longer felt they had suf
cient evidence to detain him.

Herrera’s attorney Huy Nguyen declined to comment on the details of the case, cit
ing the ongoing investigation. He declined to say whether his client was cooperating with in
evigators.

Senate develops online security plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A develop
ing Senate bill that would bol
er the government’s ability to regulate the computer-security of companies that run critical industries, strong opposition from businesses that say it goes too far and security experts who worry that it will have even more teeth.

Lawmakers will weigh in the days ahead is intended to ensure that computer systems running core industries are not compromised. Essential parts of the country’s infrastructure are protected from hackers, terrorists or oth
er criminals. The Department of Homeland Security and other agencies from businesses, would select which companies to regulate; the agency would have the power to require better computer security, according to officials who described the bill. They spoke on condition of anonymity because lawmakers have not finalized all the details.

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dined to boost cybersecurity against the constant attacks that the government says put corporate and personal computer
systems at risk. Companies and some security

Authorities are increasingly concerned that the nation’s critical infrastructure is not protected against cyberattacks, and the control that the inner workings of water, electrical, nuclear or other essential services.

That was the case with the Stuxnet computer worm, which targeted Iran’s nuclear pro
gram in 2010, infecting laptops at the Isfahan nuclear power plant.

As much as 85 percent of America’s critical infrastructure is owned and operated by private companies.

The emerging proposal isn’t sitting well with those who be
lieve it gives Homeland Security too much power and those who think it’s too watered down to achieve real security improve
ments.

One issue under debate is how broadly the new law would limit the industries that would be subject to regulation.

The summary of the bill re
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Critics suggest that such limi
its may make it too difficult for the government to regulate those who need it.

There are sharp disagree
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From actress to inspiration

While lounging around my friend’s house the other night, we decided to check Netflix’s Instant Queue out of pure boredom. We had just watched “A Clockwork Orange” and needed something slightly less vexing or cerebral as an antidote to a lazy night in.

Much to our delight, we landed on “The Wonder Years.” If any of you haven’t had the pleasure of watching this fine blast to the past, I suggest you log onto Netflix immediately and watch an episode. It’s the perfect mixture of fictional adolescent trials and tribulations and a nostalgic retrospective on the Vietnam War era.

The show features protagonist Kevin Arnold, a teenager growing up in the nameless American suburbs during the war, along with his family, his nerdy yet endearing best friend Sam and his friend-turned-love interest Winnie Cooper.

While watching this episode in which Kevin and Winnie get into a quarrel, my friends and I began discussing where the actors are now. We were all impressed by the fact that Danica McKellar, who portrayed Winnie, had since become a mathematician and published three New York Times bestsellers pandered to adolescent girls about the merits of succeeding in math.

Focused on her math career, McKellar has recently appeared in episodes of “Gilmore Girls,” and has recently appeared in episodes of “Gilmore Girls” and “Doc.” She has also released four romantic comedy novels including “Texas Management,” “Lap Dance,” “Marry Me,” and “Lovely Little Lie.”

McKellar is one of the few people with the araki patr@nd.edu

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Quote of the day

“Why runners are more funner”

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Weekly Poll

Which was the best Super Bowl commercial?

Pepsi — King’s Court

Budweiser — Dog Strikes Back

Vote by 5 p.m. Thursday at ndsmcobserver.com

Why runners are more funner

As anyone who has seen the “Race for Rabies” episode of "The Office" can attest, runners are a funny bunch. Through SSLP, I spent my last summer living in aurtle community of ski huts, mountain bikers, white-water rafters and yes, runners. At one point during the summer, I recall seeing an entire family — mother, father, son and daughter — all in running clothes and all in matching Five Finger shoes. Granted, I was in a Wal-Mart at the time, but still — in no other sport do people willingly wear shoes that make them appear to have gorilla feet.

Whether a competitive racer or a recreational jogger, you are guaran- teed to find something that interests you in the world of running. For exam- ple, the “Runyon 5k” in New York, N.Y., features a course entirely inside Yankee Stadium, winding up and down aisles, ramps and stairs and circling around the baseball diamond. The “Man vs. Horse Marathon” in Llanwr- tyd Wells, Wales (yeah, I don’t know how to pronounce that, either) pits man against beast in a 22-mile race over rough terrain. In 25 years, man has beaten horse only two times, but over 500 runners still attempt the contest every year.

Two North Carolina undergrads dreamed up a dare that became the annual “Krispy Kreme Challenge,” where runners have one hour to run two miles, consume a box of Krispy Kreme donuts, then run the two miles back to the start. The “Freeze Yer Gizzard” run takes place in one of the coldest cities in America — surpris- ingly, not South Bend, but International Falls, Minn. Held in mid-January, the race typically falls on one of the coldest days of the year with temperatures dip- ping into the low negative 50s. Hundred- s of people run the “Impossible 5k” each year in Woodstock, Ga. … or do they? The race begins at 1:50 a.m., ensuring that participants are running at the exact moment Daylight Savings Time begins. A runner can complete the course in 25 minutes, finishing at 1:15 A.M., making this the only race in the world where runners can have negative finishing times.

Though the Holy Half Marathon doesn’t feature Speedo-clad Santas, humans pursuing costumed zombies or leaps over live electrical wires (all real races), it is still plenty of fun. Holy Half Marathons in the years past have featured race bags filled with gummy bears, mile-markers decorated with Holy Cows, runners dressed as Clifford the Big Red Dog and even a marriage proposal. There are plenty of new feat- ures adding to the spirit of this year’s race, as well.

We are hoping to have all dorms sponsor either an aid or entertainment station, so get together with your room- mates, hall council and dorm commis- sioners to decide if you will be passing out Gatorade or performing to Gaga. There’s also a support system — all runners who raise $50 will receive a limited edition “Holy Half Heroes” t-shirt, and every $10 above $50 gives a runner another chance to enter a drawing for fabulous prizes from elite athletes and famed Notre Dame football coaches.

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Edward Knauf

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Class of 1981

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

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1. “Labyrinth”
David Bowie never looked so good. In this ‘80s fantasy movie you’ve likely never seen, Bowie stars as the Goblin King of a giant labyrinth created by master “Muppets”-man Jim Henson. Sarah (Jennifer Connelly), charged with the task of babysitting her insufferable little brother Toby, accidentally wishes him into the captivity of the Goblin King. She only has 13 hours to navigate the labyrinth and rescue her brother. It sounds cheesy (it was the ’80s, so it was), but Henson’s puppet mastery extends to the many creatures of the Labyrinth. Plus, Bowie is the best-singing villain outside a Disney movie, ever.

2. “Blue Mountain State”
This TV show from Spike is not for the easily offended. The series is about a fictional university, Blue Mountain State, and its football team, the Mountain Goats. Every college stereotype is present, from the dumb jocks to the wild partying to the hazing of fraternities. The humor can verge on lewd sometimes, but it’s not bad enough to turn you off from the whole show. The Goats may be a little dimwitted, but they are amusing and sometimes loveable. Check out all three seasons of this show on Netflix Instant.

3. “White Chicks”
Although it aired in theaters in 2004, “White Chicks” is one of those forever-quotable comedies that never gets old. Shawn and Marlon Wayans star as Kevin and Marcus Coleman, two FBI agents who undergo drastic transformations to protect hotel heiresses from a kidnapping plot. The two brothers disguise themselves as the female socialites and, through-out their undercover mission, are faced with crazy mishaps and laughable situations. From awkward dates to shopping with girlfriends, Kevin and Marcus are willing to do anything to get the approval of their mistrusting boss and to save the Wilson sisters. An afternoon watching “White Chicks” will certainly be a very entertaining one.

4. “Jackie Brown”
Though it is probably Quentin Tarantino’s least discussed film, his third directorial effort, “Jackie Brown,” is a worthwhile entry in the Tarantino collection. Coming on the heels of “Reservoir Dogs” and “Pulp Fiction,” the film maintains the same distinct feel as those two modern classics, though it is based on the novel “Rum Punch” by Elmore Leonard. Pam Grier stars alongside Samuel L. Jackson and Robert De Niro.

5. “The Wonder Years”
As a now 30-something protagonist, an earnest Kevin tells his story of his hey-day growing up in the suburbs in the late ‘60s and early ‘70s. “The Wonder Years” features everyday life at once alluring and mysterious, as different as the viewers realistic look at what it was like to grow up during the Vietnam War era.

“The Grey”
By NEIL MATHIESON
Scene Writer

The wilderness is a paradox for man. From a photograph or plane window, its visceral beauty is calming. Its stillness is reassuring. But for those that must survive in it, or despite it, its character is a more fatalistic one.

In “The Grey,” Liam Neeson (“Schindler’s List”) plays Ottway, a security guard for an oil company in Alaska. He spends his days alone with only his rifle for companionship protecting the men from vicious Arctic wolves. Once married Ottway has escaped society to try and find serenity at the end of the earth.

However, still haunted by his past, Ottway has become a depressed recluse. Much like his surroundings, he is cold and isolated. Enveloped by this cloud of indifference, he begins to question whether life is still worth living. After his plane crashes in the middle of nowhere, Ottway must use his wits and expertise to lead a group of survivors. He must bring them through not only the bitter Arctic landscape, but a pack of unusually savage wolves that are hunting them as well.

At age 60, Neeson’s resurgence as an action star is a peculiar one. Ever since “Taken,” audiences have largely embraced his new persona. Neeson’s rugged masculinity features coupled with that firm baritone Irish accent give him an incredibly affirming nature. He gains our trust immediately and, therefore, our fondness. This natural likability allows for the action that follows to become ever more meaningful.

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But the emphasis on the wolves that attack the men, like demons in the night, is more prominent than the journey itself. The wolves provide plenty of startling moments and you find yourself solely waiting for the next one. This makes ‘The Grey’ more reminiscent of an animal attack film like “Jaws” or “Cujo.”

However, there is another element to “The Grey” one would not expect. The film painstakingly attempts to develop a heartbreaking sentimentality to it. Poetic narration by Neeson throughout the film is a testament to this. As Ottway deals with his own suicidal struggles, he begins to reflect on motivations for both living and dying. He is not the only one, though, because as the men come to terms with the rampant death that surrounds them, they also begin study such philosophical deliberations. The conclusions are sometimes sharp, but largely overshadowed by the violent wolf attacks that take up most of the viewer’s focus.

Other than Neeson, the other characters are forgettable and serve more as wolf bait than anything else. Another issue is that anyone who has ridden a plane knows that when it crashes, there is a GPS on board that allows him or her to immediately pinpoint its whereabouts. So the decision of the men to simply march south in search of rescue rather than staying with the wreckage was tough to swallow.

Joe Carnahan does stupendous work, however, giving the film its own feel and visual style. The filming of the plane crash was tremendous, executed with hair-raising brilliance. ‘The Grey’ radiates its own gritty exterior, aggressively catching one’s attention in its web.

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SPO T S A U T H O R I T Y

For this week, I’ve been grant ed the position of Dictator of Sports, free to cut and change whatever I please and right the wrongs that plague the sports world. Sports D i c t a t o r sounds a litt le harsh to me, but I want a ti t le that says “same power, but with more responsibility,” like Prince F i l d e r rounding the bases.

I settle on High Chancellor of Sports, which has a nice, regal, Eng l ish sound to it. It’s also what I’m called in Oxford, England, we’ll start there: FOX’s Super Bowl Sunday coverage be gan at 9 a.m. with a high-profile soccer match from the English Premiership between Chelsea and Manchester United. The two elite teams poured in goals in a battle of a sizable TV audience for an exciting 3-3 tie. As High Chancellor, I decree that this be come a weekly tradition.

The 30 a.m. timeslot (4 p.m. across the pond) could be the NFL’s version of Monday Night Football, with a featured match up among the game’s best teams rounding out the around the world.

This could also limit the overe xposure of NFL games shows to one hour, cutting out the bloated hyped-up pitching and gimmicks that haunt my constituents’ Sun - day mornings. We just witnessed this hype machine at its worst, when the flimsy Pro Bowl is the only event breaking up two weeks of repetitive guesswork and hot air before the Super Bowl.

Football is not a sport that supports an all-star game, and I, your Fearless Leader, am sending the Pro Bowl to Siberia. Instead, I’m inviting all of the league’s premier players to be invited to the Super Bowl host city for a week of sports competitions and bragging rights.

Combine Day will feature Devin Hester, Chris Johnson and the NFL’s fastest in a winner - take all 100-yard dash. The NFL’s Draft Press and Wonderlic test titles would also be fought for in front of a live audience downtown I’ve got No. 1 seed Ryan Fitzpatrick covering the spread against No. 16 Vince Young in the Youngster. Did I mention sports gambling is legal in Nevada and Hawaii?

Other days would feature the AFC/NFC, 3-on-3 basketball game, 7-on-7 football tourna-ment and an unline vs. D-line hot dog eating contest, to boot. These events would spice up the coverage of the week, and would be another attraction for the Super Bowl host. Plus, it gives the league’s all-stars an excuse to come party with A-list celebrities, leading to more Kraft/Kind red carpet weddings (I give the people what they want).

Attending to the other sports, I’ll move the three-point line in college and high school football back two more feet, so that it’s not the near-automatic shot it is now. Also, I’ll institute a new NBA rule that sets travelling at three steps, as opposed to the current five.

The NFL’s current alignment makes no sense, so I’ll move the Dallas Cowboys back to Winnipeg, Washington, D.C. and Tampa Bay currently play in the same five-team division I’m sending the Jets to the Northwest, Colorado to the Pacific, Dallas to the Central and Nashville to the Southeast. This will cut down on travel, make much more sense and create an incredibly fun Canada-Min ne sota rival.

Last week, then-Sports King Donnie Farmer introduced a “Cigar Rule”, which decreed that any “sport” that can be played while chewing gum or packing a lip full of tobacco, baseball, I’m looking at you.

Also, a few quick fixes: the BCS gets a plus-one playoff, with the 16 teams from the semifinals falling on Jan. 1. NASCAR’s 10-race playoff system shall include a road course (Indianapolis) and a short track (Bristol), re - doing a all-around driver.

Finally, season ticket holders of any team will lock in ticket price for the next few seasons for as long as they buy their tickets, retroactive im mediately. So, if your family has been at every Notre Dame football home game since 1960, you’re guaranteed your same season tickets for $25 apiece.

Well, my term is up, but it’s been an honor and a privilege to serve you. God bless you, and God bless the world of sports.

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Coughlin plans to return in 2012

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Tom Coughlin is looking forward to the parade and a couple weeks off to reflect on the Giants’ second championship in five seasons. Then he will begin preparations for defending another title.

The 65-year-old coach sees no reason to retire now.

“I mean, it’s what I do,” Coughlin said Monday morn ing days after New York beat the New England Patri ots 21-17 in the Super Bowl. “So I’m not really given it a whole lot of consideration. (Just coach) as long as an.

Coughlin could b e around for a while after a secon d title as a head coach.

“I don’t fish, I don’t golf,” he said. “I’m all about the sport, my family, my friends.

“Just know how I always make those great decisions and I’m going to continue doing that. I’m just watching our guys all the time, just finding a way to get a victory. That’s the only thing that’s important, is the team finding a way to get a victory.

“Giants head coach Tom Coughlin holds the Vince Lombardi Trophy during a news conference one day after New York won the Super Bowl.

Many associated the imp ortance of the catch with the one David Tyree made against his helmet in New York’s winning drive four years ago.

Coughlin added, “Heart - warming doesn’t quite cover this, what you go through and what your feelings are. When you are looking down the side streets, and there’s people forever down those side streets, and they’re all there because they are taking ownership of their team.

Before he skipped town with the rest of the team, quarterback Eli Manning got the keys to the car he won for his second Super Bowl MVP award.

Manning, who led a game - winning 89 - yard drive that culminated in Ahmad Bradshaw’s uncontested touch down run with 57 seconds to play, spent the evening with family and friends. Like most Giants, he had little sleep.

Coughlin quipped he had 15 minutes of rest.

Manning said his brother, Peyton, congratulated him on his performance and the title. They also talked foot ball, with Peyton asking Eli if he saw the middle line backer on his touchdown pass to Victor Cruz.

Eli said no.

Manning, whose future with the Colts was also up in the air, was looking for a second Super Bowl.

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Eli Manning didn’t want to hear anything about brag - ing rights over his brother with two championships.

“This isn’t about bragging rights,” Eli said. “This is a lot bigger. This is about, an organization be ing named world champions, and that was the ultimate goal. That’s the only thing that’s important. The team finding a way to get a victory. That’s the only thing I care about and Peyton and I both know that’s what the goal is every year. It’s not about anything else.

Mara said everyone in the organization enjoyed giving them selves after the game.

“One thing that struck me just watching our guys all week was they have great camaraderie,” Mara said. “ ‘Everybody’ got along really well, and just great spirit. Rivalries are fun, but it’s a team that I’ve been around. It really was a special group.”

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Love suspended next two games for stomp

In the second round, the Irish fell to Purdue, 21-18. Freshman Casey Leary and Smith lost the men’s doubles, 6-3, while freshman Liz Quinn and Devoe lost the women’s doubles, 6-2. Junior Stefan Hoge defeated his opponent 6-0 but Wanzek suffered a tough 6-1 loss in women’s singles. The Irish ended on a strong note though, as freshmen Elle Harding and Matt Hing won the mixed doubles, 6-3.

The Irish prevailed in their final match, 30-8 over Bowling Green. Hoge and Kielb swept the men’s doubles, winning 6-0, and Harding and Liz took women’s doubles, 6-2. Hing played men’s singles, securing his match at 6-0, and Rush won the women’s singles, 6-3. To finish up the win Neils and Quinn took home mixed doubles with a 6-0 victory. The final tally was 30-8, as Notre Dame dominated Bowling Green.

Men’s Volleyball


Bowling

The Irish traveled to Cincinnati this weekend for the annual American Heartland Conference Tournament. The team bowed particularly well this weekend, showing steady improvement as the freshmen mature and the veterans continue to put up solid numbers under the coaching of Dan Dews Sr. The team finished 18 out of 36 (10th out of 21 “A” Teams) and took down a few scholarship teams in head-to-head play. Michael Murray averaged 189 for the tournament on a very difficult pattern (field average was 172.8) to finish 25th in total pin fall.

The Irish head to Indianapolis in two weeks for the Hoosier Classic, the largest bowling tournament in the Midwest.

NBA

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Kevin Love posts up on Rockets forward Luis Scola during Minnesota’s 100-91 win Feb. 4 in Minneapolis.
Women’s hockey sweeps; No. 7 women’s water polo captures three wins; tennis splits

Special to The Observer

Women’s Ice Hockey

The Irish got their two-game series against Northwestern off to an impressive start by besting the Wildcats 9-1 on Saturday. Sophomore Madison Schneeman started the Irish off with an unassisted goal early in the first period. Sophomore Meaghan Ayers tipped in a second off of a shot from freshman Suzanne Fitzpatrick. Senior Brinya Bjork served a two-minute penalty, but the Irish had no problem on the penalty kill. Sophomore Kayla Maple made it 3-0 with two minutes left in the period with help from juniors Mara Catlaw and Veronica Ryan. The Irish continued to capitalize on their lead with the support of a large home crowd in the second period. Freshman Tori White put the puck in the net to make it 7-0. But with only eight seconds left in the period, Northwestern caught the Irish off guard, scoring its only goal of the game.

It didn’t take long for freshman Kelsey Osinski to respond with a goal assisted by Catlaw and Fitzpatrick in the third period. The Irish scored once more on the power play with an unassisted goal from Schneeman. Although senior goalie Elissa Cmunt did not see much action, she was able to help keep the team focused. Notre Dame came out on top with a final score of 9-1.

On Sunday, the Irish continued to dominate Northwestern, coming out on top with a score of 8-1. Osinski scored the first goal of the game off of an assist from senior Krstin Hepburn. Ayers netted her second goal of the series, unassisted, only five minutes into the game. Covington scored three goals for the Irish off of an assist from freshman Mary Salvi. Catlaw finished up the scoring in the first period with an assist by Bjork.

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The Irish defeated the Wildcats again, with a final score of 8-1. The Irish look forward to a busy weekend, with the next game against the University of Wisconsin-Madison Badgers.

Women’s Water Polo

No. 7 Notre Dame opened its 2012 season with a solid 3-1 record after the Michigan State Invitational this weekend. The Irish’s first match of the weekend was an overtime game against the Michigan State Invitational. On Saturday, the Irish defeated No. 2 Michigan. With three goals from senior Maisie O’Malley and a goal each from seniors Erin Gibson and Kasie Ahern, the Irish started strong, finishing the first half only down 7-5.

In the second half, however, the Irish struggled to keep up their momentum. Michigan scored several goals off Irish ejections, and Notre Dame was not able to respond, finishing the game with a 16-5 loss.

The Irish bounced back in their second game of the tournament against Ohio State. The first half was strong offensively, with senior Erin Gibson scoring four goals and freshman Kathleen Schiavenza tallying two to contribute to a 9-2 lead. The Irish maintained their lead in the second half and finished the game with a 13-6 win. Showcasing their depth, Notre Dame’s 15 goals were scored by nine different players. Along with Gibson and Schiavenza, O’Malley, senior Colleen Middleton, juniors Addie Austgen and Victoria Anglin, sophomores Anastasia Hansen and Rachael Glenister and freshman Ellen Dowling each contributed a goal.

The Irish then played their third game of the tournament Saturday against Michigan State. After a scoreless first quarter, the Irish picked up their offensive play with Ahern scoring three goals and O’Malley scoring two. Middleton and Anglin also contributed a goal each. Senior goalkeeper Kelly Gilchrist and senior defender Middleton anchored the defense to secure a 7-4 victory over the Spartans.

In its last game of the tournament, the squad played Eastern Michigan University. Utilizing their speed and counter-attack opportunities, the Irish got off to a quick lead in the first half with a score of 8-0. The Irish were led offensively by Erin.

Gibson with three goals and O’Malley, Middleton and Alex Whelan each scored two. Senior Allisa Ott, sophomores Anastasia Hansen, Rachael Glenister, Schiavenza and Dowling each added a goal as well. With nine players scoring and three different goalies taking turns in the net, the Irish finished with a 13-6 victory that was a true team effort.

Tennis

Notre Dame split four matches this weekend, dropping the opening pair to Western Michigan and Purdue then rallying to defeat Bowling Green and Grand Valley.

Against Western Michigan, freshman Drew Neils and sophomore Shane Hannon lost the men’s doubles set 6-2. Freshman Ed Kielb won men’s singles 6-2 and sophomore Elina Devine lost the women’s doubles set 6-2. Freshman Tori White put the puck in the net to make it 7-0. But with only eight seconds left in the period, Northwestern caught the Irish off guard, scoring its only goal of the game.

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The Irish defeated the Wildcats again, with a final score of 8-1. The Irish look forward to a busy weekend, with the next game against the University of Wisconsin-Madison Badgers.
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man, it was tough not playing much, but we have really good group of guys, especially the guys in my class and the seniors now that were sophomores then.

“They really helped me in giv- ing me confidence to come back and play back, and I could still be a part of the team when I was out.”

With the injury behind him, Calabrese took to the ice last season and led all Irish defenses in points with 18 as the team went on a run to the Frozen Four. This season, Calabrese has tallied 15 points with a handful of series to play. He again leads all Notre Dame defensemen in both assists and points.

Calabrese said he has grown more comfortable with the pro- gram of Irish coach Jeff Jackson from season-to-season.

“You know, as you move through here and you mature, you can relate with [Jackson] a little more,” he said. “He’s a tough coach and he does give you confidence when it’s need- ed. Throughout my time here, as I’ve gotten older, he’s given me a little more leeway and he’s not as strict with some aspects of my game as he was when I got here.”

“Defense is still really impor- tant to him so we try and take care of the defensive end of things and let offense take care of itself.”

As a player with the reputa- tion of a defender who can con- tribute on the offensive end, Calabrese has been paired fre- quently with reigning CCHA De- fensive Defenseman of the Year and senior captain Sean Lorenz on the blue line. Calabrese said the pairing has given him more confidence to contribute to the offensive attack.

“Sean’s a great guy to play with,” he said. “I definitely like being out there with him be- cause it gives me a little confi- dence to know that there’s such a great defensive player back there if I do want to jump in the rush or whatever. He helps me out a little with the defen- sive aspect, and I can take more risks.”

As one of the more tenured members of the Irish roster, Cala- brrese will help lead the Irish in a crucial home-and-home series with No. 6/5 Ferris State, the CCHA leaders. In a series that will go a long way toward determining who will hang a regular season CCHA champi- onship banner, Calabrese said the key will be confidence.

“You’ve got to be really disci- plined here at the end of the sea- son,” he said. “Teams are play- ing their best hockey. You’ve got to stay out of the box and play smart hockey. It’s going to be important for us to take advan- tage of special teams and play Ferris State tough.”

Calabrese and the rest of the Irish will hit the rink Friday at 7:05 p.m. at Compton Family Ice Arena.
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Hitting the road

No. 2 Irish travel to take on nation’s second-best rebounding team in Syracuse

By KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

As No. 2 Notre Dame takes on Syracuse tonight, the focus will be on one aspect of the game the Irish have struggled with all season — rebounding. The Orange (15-9, 4-6 Big East) are tied with No. 1 Baylor — the team that handed Notre Dame its first and only loss this season — for second in the NCAA in rebounds per game with 47.7. They also lead the Big East in both rebounds per game and offensive boards per game with 21.3, and boast four of the top 20 rebounders in the league.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she is concerned about Syracuse’s proficiency on the boards, especially after her team recorded just 31 total rebounds in its 90-70 victory over DePaul on Sunday.

“We’re really worried about [rebounding] because we did not rebound well in the last game against DePaul and rebounding has not been one of our strengths, so that is number one on our list of keys for the game,” she said. “That is something we really need to concentrate on.”

Meanwhile, the Orange are coming off a two-game winning streak, topping Providence and South Florida.

Senior forward Iasia Hemingway recorded back-to-back 24-point performances in the two contests, which earned her Big East Player of the Week. McGraw said she will experiment with different defensive approaches to face the versatile forward.

“I think we’re going to put a couple of different people on her, try a couple different looks,” she said. “She has the ability to control the tempo.”

Men’s Tennis

Notre Dame to face unique challenge against Wildcats

By WALKER CAREY
Sports Writer

The Irish return to action at Northwestern tonight for what Irish coach Bobby Bayliss anticipates will be a unique challenge.

“(Northwestern) is a really good team in a very competitive conference,” Bayliss said. “Its lineup is very balanced. We have to be sharp at every position because there will be a test at every spot.”

Bayliss said he attributes much of the Wildcats’ successes to their head coach, Arvid Swan, who is in his fifth season at Northwestern (5-0). Swan has had a noticeable effect on the program, and in 2009 leading the Wildcats to their first NCAA tournament appearance since 2005.

“(Northwestern) has a really good coach in Arvid Swan,” Bayliss said. “(Swan) was a very good player at Michigan in the late nineties and has done a remarkable job in turning around the program at Northwestern. I believe this could be the year that (Northwestern) really becomes a big factor in the Big Ten.”

The Irish split a pair of away matches this past weekend, winning at Wake Forest on Friday and losing at Duke on Sunday. Despite the split, Bayliss said he believes his squad made a solid improvement in at least one area of the game — doubles play.

“Our doubles play was much better on both Friday and Sunday,” he said. “We were able to win four of the six doubles matches on the weekend, which was pretty encouraging. It was also encouraging to see that we fought hard and played pretty well in the matches we did lose.”

Men’s Swimming

Overholt leads Irish into Big East trials

By JONATHAN WARREN
Sports Writer

With the Big East Championship less than two weeks away, junior Kevin Overholt said this time of year brings back fond memories of last year’s Big East Championship and 200-yard freestyles at last times in the 50-yard, 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle events.

“Getting into a position to swim personal best times again this year has not been easy for Overholt, though he has managed to improve in spite of a shoulder injury,” Overholt said.

“This season has been pretty difficult,” Overholt said. “I had to struggle with tendinitis in my shoulder. To be able to get a personal best in the [50-yard, 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle] this season has been really great. I’m definitely looking forward to getting even better times.”

Overholt said his college swimming career has been

Hockey

Calabrese battles injury, adversity

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

Calabrese, a name typically associated with Notre Dame football, is quickly becoming an Irish hockey star. The defenseman has struggled with a major setback early in his career.

It has not always been easy for the Illinois native, who suffered a massive setback early in his career. In October of his freshman year, seeing action in just his third college game, Calabrese suffered a debilitating leg injury against Miami (OH) and missed the remainder of the slate. The defenseman said he relied on his teammates to get him through the injury.

“I have great teammates here,” Calabrese said. “When I broke my ankle as a freshman I was able to watch the game and take it one shift at a time. I was able to learn a lot from the games and the tape I was able to watch.”

Calabrese said he has been inspired by Calabrese’s ability to battle through adversity and emerge stronger as a result.

“I’ve been able to bounce back and improve each season,” Calabrese said. “I’ve learned a lot from my injuries, and I’m trying to make the most of this opportunity.”

Irish senior guard Natalie Novosel drives on DePaul during Notre Dame’s 90-70 victory over the Blue Demons on Sunday in the Purcell Pavilion. Novosel and the Irish face Syracuse tonight.