Mendoza earns No. 1 ranking once again

Bloomberg Businessweek names College of Business top undergraduate program for third consecutive year

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

Move over, Notre Dame football. There’s a new Fighting Irish dynasty in town.

For the third consecutive year, Notre Dame’s Mendoza College of Business was named the top undergraduate business school in the country by Bloomberg Businessweek magazine.

University President Fr. John Jenkins commended the College for its focus on academic excellence and social responsibility.

“To achieve the No. 1 ranking even once is outstanding, but three straight years is truly remarkable,” he said. “The high academic standards of our faculty and students in combination with our particular focus on using business to impact the greater good is what makes Mendoza stand out.”

Roger Huang, interim dean of Mendoza, said he attributes the school’s continued excellence to the unique “Notre Dame spirit.”

“I think [the Notre Dame spirit] is the ‘secret sauce’ we have here,” he said. “It’s the spirit that faculty has for helping students, the spirit of career services and student services at the University level and students to travel to Uganda to promote youth sports

By MARISA IATI
Associate News Editor

Twelve Notre Dame students will travel to Uganda for two weeks in May to share their athletic passion and talents with the country’s youth.

Kevin Dugan, manager of youth and community programs for the athletic department, said the trip, co-sponsored by the Institute for Educational Initiatives and the athletic department, is focused both on educational research and promotion of youth athletics.

“The purpose of the whole effort is to work with the Catholic Church and the [Ugandan] Ministry of Education and Sports to share ideas on how sport can be used as a platform for positive social impact,” Dugan said.

Students will visit the towns of Fort Portal, Masaka, Jinja and Kampala to promote physical education and youth sports ministry programs, run a sports camp and discuss potential research of sports’ impact on children, Dugan said.

The effort comes in the wake of advocacy organization Invisible Children’s “Kony 2012” campaign. The movement calls for the arrest of Joseph Kony, the head of a Ugandan rebel group who ruthlessly recruits child soldiers.

The film that accompanies the campaign, which went viral this month, received international backlash from critics who publicly claimed the video oversimplifies a complex issue.

Lecture to discuss autism awareness

By LEILA GREEN
News Writer

Alison Singer, founder and president of the Autism Science Foundation, will give a lecture at the third annual Autism Conference tonight on current scientific research regarding autism.

Junior Brooke Conti, president of the Special Friends Club, which co-sponsors the event, said she hopes this event will help dispel common myths about autism.

“It is not a very well characterized disorder,” she said. “Hearing a professional would be helpful to clarify any misconceptions.”

Conti said Singer will present current developments within the scientific research community, as well as the importance of autism awareness. She said Singer will also discuss the relationship...
**Questi on of the Day:** What musical artist would you like to see perform at Legends?

- **Faith Mayfield**: freshman, Farley “Coldplay because I’m obsessed with their song ‘Paradise.’”
- **Nicole McMillan**: sophomore, Farley “Lady Antebellum because they have a wide variety of music.”
- **Peter Tenerelli**: senior, Sorin “The Jimi Hendrix Experience. Boom.”
- **Will Holmes**: sophomore, Sorin “The Killers are one of my favorite bands. Or Muse or Modest Mouse would be good.”
- **Luis Ibarra**: junior, Knott “Mike Snow would be an awesome email on the scale, private show.”
- **Ben Rollin**: senior, Sorin “Mustadon because ND needs more metal.”

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**Dan Brombach**

The Notre Dame women’s basketball team celebrates its 73-62 win against Cal in the NCAA tournament Wednesday. The top-ranked team now advances to the Sweet Sixteen for the 10th time in program history.

**Offbeat**

Honolulu judge puts man in chokehold for ruckus

HONOLULU — It got personal for a judge in Honolulu when he put a man in a chokehold for jumping onto his bench and breaking a flagpole bearing the state flag’s authorities said.

District Judge Lono Lee knocked down Steven Michael Hauge and restrained him Monday after the man caused a ruckus in Lee’s courtroom. Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Toni Schwartz told the Honolulu Star-Advertiser Hauge was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, obstruction of government operations and fourth-degree criminal property damage. Tsusha said Hauge allegedly broke the flag’s staff while swinging it. Hauge couldn’t be reached for comment Wednesday at Oahu Community Correctional Center, where he was being held on $1,500 bail.

New Zealand runs out of unique spread

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — It’s a sticky black sandwich spread that much of New Zealand adores, though detractors liken it to axle grease. And when it runs out, it’s Marmageddon.

The manufacturer of Marmite says its supplies of the yeast-extract product ran out this week, four months after earthquakes forced it to close the only factory that made New Zealand’s version.

Some are calling the crisis “Marmageddon.” Others are auctioning their supplies of Marmite online. Even the country’s leader sounds concerned.

“I’m going to have to go this I’m afraid I have a very small amount in my office and once that runs out I’m obviously aware that supplies are very short,” Prime Minister John Key told television station TV3 on Tuesday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**In Brief**

MECHA will sponsor a discussion on cultural identity and dorm life entitled “Home Under the Dome? - Race Relations in Housing” today from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the LaFayette Ballroom.

Alison Singer, Founder and President of the Autism Science Foundation, will be speaking at the Third Annual Autism Conference, “Autism, Science, and Public Policy,” today at 6:30 p.m. in Room 105 of Jordan Hall.

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be screening the film titled “OS7 117: Cairo, Nest of Spies,” starring Jean Dujardin and directed by Michel Hazanavicius, Academy Award Winners for their film “The Artist,” today at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema. Tickets are $3 for students.

The Hub and the CUSE will sponsor a symposium by 10 student-chosen professors entitled “ND Thinks Big: Ten Speakers, Ten Minutes, Ten Big Ideas.” Each speaker will discuss their current research. The event will take place today at 7 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

The Not-So-Royal Shake-speare Company will be performing “The Tempest” and “Andromi-cus” today and Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Mainstage Auditorium of Washington Hall. Tickets are $2 for students and are available at the door.

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

**Today’s Weather**

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Students perform service in Guatemala through the non-profit organization HANDS, founded by three Notre Dame alumni. Summer programs are available for students again this year.

By CHARITHA ISANAKA
News Writer

HANDS, a non-profit organization founded by three Notre Dame alumni from different Central American countries, seeks to reduce poverty levels in Central America by partnering with local organizations and coordinating volunteer programs there, co-founder Mariana Diaz said.

Diaz, a 2008 Notre Dame alumnus, said the organization’s diverse array of volunteer opportunities sets it apart from other non-profits.

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Since its foundation in 2009, HANDS has mobilized over 200 local and international volunteers, formed partnerships with over 20 organizations and supported over 15 projects, according to the organization’s website.

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Gavin Ferlic, a member of the Student Government and the student body president, said the housing ordinance is officially enforceable, and that makes it enforceable and positive for both students and community members.

“It’s been difficult for code to enforce the ordinance,” he said. “We need to revamp it in a way that makes it enforceable and positive for both students and community members. Maybe part of that is a database, finding a way to create a database that database and to create an efficient [enforcement] process.”

Committee members also discussed the upcoming ComUniversity Day. Planning for March 31 has been the product of a coordinated effort between South Bend’s residents and its universities to deepen community relations.

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Student Senate discussed both the potential reopening of the Notre Dame Bike Shop and the March 5 town hall meeting was addressed discrimination at its Wednesday meeting.

Jacqualyn Zupancic, vice president of the Student Body Association, said that the new constitution would be finalized next week.

"They didn't advertise because they were a little bit afraid that if they advertised, they wouldn't be able to meet the high-tech standards," said Jacqualyn Zupancic, Student body vice president and SGA president. "Several people said the shop previously existed in the garages of the Telecommunications Building."

Student body president Pat McCormick said student government plans to introduce a gancassion resolution between the Student Senate and Express support for reopening the bike shop.

"They said one of the most surprising things was how many of the stories involved authority," said Scanlan.

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"There is a lot of potential," said Scanlan, who said we're probably going to have to work together with some sort of collaboratively with other departments on campus in order to resurrect the bike shop.

Student body president Nicholas Gans said she expects her group to express support for the March 5 town hall meeting.

"This is great for young people," said Gans. "It's important that we get this constitution approved and we're also working because we have a new structure," she said.

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Conti said part of the Special Friends Club’s mission is to educate campus about autism research and support. Students involved in the club work with people with autism from the South Bend and surrounding communities and form close bonds with them, Conti said.

Throughout the year, Conti said students spend time socializing, doing homework or assisting with therapy with the people they are paired with once a week. Conti said the time students put into helping their “special friends” makes a big difference in their lives. “(Autism) is a social disorder,” she said. “The more that you interact with a person really helps them. Even if they’re different, they’re not that different.”

The conference will take place Thursday in Jordan Hall of Science room 105 at 7 p.m.

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ways they go out of their way to help students, the spirit of Mendo- zano is about hard work and the spirit of alumni and friends of Notre Dame for the College.”

These intangible qualities of the College’s undergraduate business program do not directly fac- tor into Businessweek’s ranking system, which includes sur- veys of se- nior business majors and e m p l o y e r s , median start- ing salaries for graduates, the number of alumni sent to top MBA pro- grams from each school and a calculation of academic quality.

Of the 142 undergraduate business programs included in Businessweek’s 2012 rankings, Mendoza ranked No. 1 based on student surveys and No. 2 according to recruiter surveys. Huang said he believes that “secret sauce,” combined with the mission statements of both Mendoza and Notre Dame, pro- vides the real key to the suc- cess of the un- dergraduate business pro- gram.

“Our mission statement is to educate students to be good academically, prepare them for professions and hold them accountable for what they do.”

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“Being No. 1 is a responsibility because we are in the limelight.”

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ethics, corporate social respon- sibility, sustainability and so- cial entrepreneurship,” he said. “We’ve been teaching that for- ever as part of our mission and our views of our position here.”

Although the College ap- preciates being recognized for its excellence, Huang said maintaining the No. 1 rank- ing comes second to doing the “right thing.”

“We’ll keep doing whatever it is that we believe is the right thing to do for our students, the College and the Univer- sity, even if it has a negative impact on our ranking,” he said.

With in- creased na- tional at- tention on Mendoza’s undergrau- ate business program comes increased student interest and enrollment, but Huang said the College is equipped to handle short-term spikes in those ar- eas.

“In the short run, I think we’ll be able to accommodate the in- creased enrollment demands set by the ranking,” he said. “But if enrollment increases unbalanced, we might need to ad- dress more p e r m a n e n t i o n s t e m solutions by working to- gether with the University as a whole.”

At the same time, national recognition of Mendoza’s standard of excellence also places a sense of responsibility on the College, Huang said.

“Being No. 1 is a responsibility because we are in the limel- ight,” he said. “It’s an oppor- tunity to show the world who we are and what we stand for, which is that you can be good professionally and academical- ly while being true to your val- ues and traditions at the same time.”

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To show these different perspectives, students covered the Howard Hall tunnel in pictures and images re- presenting diversity on cam- pus.

Nugent asked campus groups such as the Asian American Association, the Black Student Association and CORE council to submit artwork and photos as a way to showcase the differences the campus holds.

People have different ideas of what diversity is,” she said. “Some people think that Notre Dame is not very diverse campus. The pictures can help show how diverse and vibrant campus really is.”

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Nugent said 750 students signed a banner that read, “We are fighting for inclu- sion” and 600 participants received a bandana to com- memorate the event.

Nugent said signing the banner showed solidarity with diverse groups on cam- pus and promoted a spirit of inclusion.

“We have minorities on campus that have beautiful things they contribute and we want there to be a sense of inclusion,” she said.

Nugent said after the event the banner will be used as a backdrop for the opening night of Race Monologues and then will be donated to a multicultural campus group.

“We really want the ban- ner to be a way to give back to the community,” she said. Nugent said the event was a success and hopes the cre- ativity of the event can help promote discourse.

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Students signed a banner in support of inclusion at the Howard Tunnel of Love event Wednesday.

Photo courtesy of Bridget Nugent

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**Scientists find heart attack lead**

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Too often, people pass a cardiac checkup only to collapse with a heart attack days later. Now scientists have found a clue that one day may help doctors determine if a heart attack is imminently, in hopes of preventing it.

Most heart attacks happen when fatty deposits in an artery burst open, and a blood clot then forms to seal off. If the clot is too big, it blocks off blood flow and kills heart muscle.

**The big surprise:** The cells in the heart patients were grossly deformed. "Rick cells," is how Topol describes them.

"The study couldn't tell which of these abnormal cells first appeared — and that's key," said Wake Forest's Little. "It's not clear how many heart attacks happen too suddenly for any warning period."

But Topol theorizes there are three stages to a break apart gradually and may shed these cells for up to weeks before the heart attack. He cites autopsy studies that found people's arteries healed several plaque ruptures before the fatal one.

The team found that 935,000 people in the U.S. have a heart attack every year, according to government figures. Doctors can tell who's at risk:

But there's no way to tell when a heart attack is imminent. Tests can spot that an artery is narrowing, or if a heart attack is under way or already has damaged the heart muscle. They can't tell if the plaque inside arteries is poised to rupture.

So it's not that uncommon for someone to suffer a heart attack shortly after passing a stress test or being told that their chest pain was nothing to worry about.

Wednesday's study, funded by the National Institutes of Health, investigated cells shed from the endothelium, or the lining of blood vessels, into the bloodstream. They're called "circulating endothelial cells."
Obama, Republicans debate energy policy

Associated Press

MALJAMAR, N.M. —36 Wooing a nation of increasingly anxious motorists, President Barack Obama and Republican rivals are all but guaranteeing that their candidates will side with the candidate who promises to do the most to reduce gas prices, while also addressing the country’s energy woes.

Obama has repeatedly argued that drilling for new oil will not solve the nation’s energy woes or reduce gas prices. He accuses Republicans of wanting to “have a magic wand” to return to the days of cheaper gas, and on Wednesday, he mocked them for having a “lack of imagination” about alternative energy.

“You’ll think that everybody would be supportive of solar energy,” Obama said from the Copper Mountain Solar 1 facility in Nevada, the largest plant of its kind in the country, with nearly 1 million solar panels.

“Yet if some politicians had the will, their way, there won’t be any more public investment in solar energy,” Obama continued. “There will be no new jobs.”

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Earlier in the week, the federal agency opened a civil rights investigation into the shooting, and in Florida, Seminole County State Attorney Norm Wolfinger said a grand jury will meet April 10 to consider evidence in the case.

Tracy Martin said he and his son’s mother found out about the march after arriving in New York, New York, where they have done interviews about the case. They got in touch with the organizers to say they would attend and speak to the crowd.

“The timing of the teen’s parents being in the city when the march was happening was “incredible,” said one of the organizers, Daniel Maree, who hosted the case earlier this week.

“I was outraged and wanted to do something about it,” Maree said.

In recent days, information surrounding the teen’s death has been coming out, including the fact that his father filed a harassment report with his family’s lawyer of a conversation he had with his girlfriend in the moments before his death.
WASHINGTON — The Republican establishment started to coalesce around Mitt Romney in earnest on Wednesday, with Jeb Bush and other leading Republicans pressuring Rick Santorum to leave the race after a thumping in the Illinois primary.

But what should have been a triumphant day, Romney found himself having to defend his conservative credentials anew after one of his own top advisers, Eric Fehrstrom, remarked that “everything changes” for the fall campaign. “It’s almost like an Etch A Sketch,” he said. “You can kind of shake it up and we start all over again.”

The former Massachusetts governor slammed Santorum in a statement released Wednesday, noting that Santorum has endorsed Bush, the son of the first GOP president, and that “the policies and the positions are not the same.”

“Now is the time for Republican candidates ‘for a hard-fought, thoughtful debate and primary season,’” he said in a written statement. He congratulated the other Republican candidates “for a hard-fought, thoughtful debate and primary season.”

His backing comes amid fresh criticism that Romney hinders his principles to fit with political goals. Democrats pounced, and by day’s end his GOP opponents were waving the draw, shake and erase toys at campaign events in Louisiana.

Bush said in Arkansas that criticism that Romney molds his principles to fit with political goals. “I’m running as a conservative Republican. I was a conservative governor. I will be president as a conservative Republican nominee — hopefully, nominally at that point. The policy positions will be the same.”

It all nearly overshadowed the endorsement from Bush, the son of one president and the brother of another. He had stayed out of the race for months, and some party elders publicly had urged him to run in a third try, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. His decision, he said, was to seize on the remark.

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Romney made one quick public appearance in Maryland on Wednesday ahead of the April 3 primary there. He planned to spend much of Thursday personally courting members of Congress and other officials in Washington.

But the Etch A Sketch remark threatened to dog him.

It happened early Wednesday on CNN when Fehrstrom was asked if the extended primary fight “might force the governor to reconsider.” He said Bush’s bid for the nomination was “a good idea.”

Fehrstrom responded: “I think you hit a reset button for the general election.”

At the same time, campaign finance reports released Tuesday showed the Romney campaign, supported by political strategist Karl Rove and his political action committee, has 563 delegates in the overall count maintained by The Associated Press, out of 1,144 needed to win the party nod. Santorum has 263 delegates, Newt Gingrich 135 and Ron Paul 50.

Hours after Bush weighed in, Bob Dole, the former Senate majority leader and a longtime Romney supporter, suggested that Santorum must decide soon whether to stay in or surrender his bid for the nomination.

“Rick, I think, he’s got a real problem,” Dole, who became the GOP nominee in 1996 on his third try, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. “He’s got a position where he’s got to take a hard look at it.”

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Fehrstrom responded: “I think you hit a reset button for the fall campaign. Everything changes. It’s almost like an Etch A Sketch. You can kind of shake it up and we start all over again.”

He added, “I didn’t back away from the comment when asked to clarify it. He said only that the general election is “a different race, with different candidates, and the main issue now becomes” exclusively President Barack Obama.

It didn’t take long for the Democratic National Committee and Romney’s Republican rivals to seize on the remark.

In Louisiana, Santorum branded an Etch A Sketch and told voters he is a candidate who stands “firmly on the rocks of freedom, not on the sands of an Etch A Sketch toy.”

Gingrich stood on stage elsewhere in the state and explained to his audience just what the toys were. “Gov. Romney’s staff, they don’t even have the decency to wait until they get the nomination to explain to us how they’ll sell us out,” he said. “I think having an Etch A Sketch as your campaign model raises every doubt about where we’re going.”

Louisiana holds its primary Saturday. Santorum is favored in the state, though Romney’s allies are airing TV ads there even though the South has proven less hospitable to Romney.

Beyond Saturday, polls show Romney has the advantage heading toward Maryland’s April 3 primary.

For his part, Obama on Wednesday headed to Nevada, New Mexico and Oklahoma on a trip aimed at answering critics of his energy policies, sure to be a key issue in the fall campaign. His first stop was a plant in Nevada that uses solar panels to power homes, part of an effort to highlight his program to expand renewable energy sources.

Associated Press

WALL STREET — U.S. stocks closed mixed Wednesday after a quiet trading day that left the indexes little changed.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 45.57 points, or 0.3 percent, at 13,124.62. It had been up 20 shortly after the opening bell. The Dow had its biggest loss in two weeks on Tuesday, falling 68.94 points.

The Standard & Poor’s 500 index closed down 2.63 points, or 0.2 percent, at 1,402.89. The Nasdaq composite average closed up 1.17 at 3,075.32.

Dowelt-Packard led the Dow lower, sliding 2.2 percent after saying it would combine its printer and PC divisions to save money and improve efficiency. HP is coping with declining sales of PCs and printer ink as smartphones, tablets and electronic document-sharing gain popularity.

Earlier Wednesday, the National Association of Realtors released a mixed report about the state of the housing market. Sales of previously occupied homes dipped last month, but the sales pace for the winter was the best in five years, NAR said. Housing has been dragging on the economic recovery, an oversupply of homes has depressed construction and other trades in many parts of the country. Without strongly positive or negative news to move the market, stocks meandered sideways for most of the day. John Manley, chief equity strategist for Wells Fargo Advantage Funds, said the lack of market-moving events is generally good for stocks.

Traders are increasingly confident that the risks hanging over the market from Europe, oil prices and China will blow over, he said.

“If it hasn’t happened today, that means it might not happen tomorrow,” Manley said. “My guess is, no news means a slight upward bias to the market.”

Stocks closed lower on Tuesday after two reports signaled an economic slowdown in China. Supercharged growth in China over the past three years has helped sustain the global economic recovery. The Dow had its biggest loss since March 6.

In a research report Wednesday, Goldman Sachs analysts urged investors to dump bonds and put money into stocks. The report argued that the weak economic growth in the United States and Europe is not universal, and that the 2000s could be the strongest period for world growth between 1980 and 2050.

Associated Press

U.S. markets change little in slow day

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Romney gathers among GOP establishment

Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney addresses an audience during a campaign stop at an American Legion Post in Arbutus, Md., on Wednesday.
BEIRUT — The gunmen in eastern Syria, wielding grenade launchers and assault rifles, announced on the Internet they were forming the “God is Great” Brigade and joining the country’s rebellion. They swore allegiance to the Free Syrian Army and vowed to topple President Bashar Assad.

But unlike many other rebel bands, they wrapped their proclamation in hard-line Islamic language, declaring their fight to be a “jihad,” or holy war, and urging others to do the same.

“To our fellow revolutionaries, don’t be afraid to declare jihad in the path of God. Seek victory from the One God. God is the greatest champion,” the brigade’s spokesman said in the January video. “Instead of fighting for a faction, fight for your nation, and instead of fighting for your nation, fight for God.”

As Syria’s uprising evolves into an armed insurgency, parts of the movement are taking on overt religious overtones. Islamic movements in and out of the country are vying to gain influence over the revolt in hopes of gathering power if Assad falls.

The Islamists’ role complicates choices for the United States and other nations who say they want to help the opposition without empowering radicals; a string of anti-regime suicide bombings have raised fears of al-Qaida involvement.

The groups diverge from violent jihad movements to political moderates like the Muslim Brotherhood, which has already used the Arab Spring revolutions to vault to power in Tunisia and Egypt elections.

Their growing influence is seeding divisions within an already fractured opposition. A week ago, several prominent figures quit the Syrian National Council, the body of exiles that has tried to emerge as the opposition’s political leadership. They complained the fundamentalist Brotherhood dominates the group.

The council is “a liberal front for the Muslim Brotherhood,” said Kamal Labwani, a veteran secular dissident, who broke away. He said the Brotherhood was trying to build allegiances on the ground in Syria.

“Once we wake up to find an armed militia ... controlling the country through their weapons,” Labwani said.

The U.S. has rejected sending arms to rebels, fearing a sectarian civil war. U.S. officials also warn that al-Qaida’s militants in Iraq are infiltrating Syria — worried heightened by attacks in Damascus and Aleppo using al-Qaida’s signature tactic, suicide bombings.

An Islamic militant group, the Al-Nusra Front, on Tuesday claimed responsibility for a double suicide bombing that killed 27 people in Damascus over the weekend. The group appears to be a front for al-Qaida’s Iraq branch, said a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss matters of intelligence.

Judging the extent of Islamist influence in Syria’s uprising is difficult, in part because Syria has largely prevented journalists from reporting on the conflict.

Opposition activists are reluctant to talk about any Islamist role because Assad’s regime depicts their movement as solely a campaign by terrorists and Islamic radicals. Such rhetoric is highly effective in scaring religious minorities and moderate Sunnis away from supporting the uprising.

But activists acknowledge Islamists could have appeal for an opposition bloodied by Assad’s brutal campaign against the uprising, which the U.N. says has left more than 8,000 dead.

“Repression breeds extremism,” said Omar, a student activist in Damascus. “People left on their own will resort to anything and anyone to help them.” He gave only his first name for fear of reprisals.”

Additional rebels swear allegiance to uprising
INSIDE COLUMN

It’s baseball season

Last Friday, I witnessed the basketball team lose early in the NCAA tournament in a disappointing last minute loss. After the game, one of the sportswriters summed it up best: “Well, it’s baseball season.” I couldn’t agree more. It’s finally baseball season.

It’s the time of year when people on the coasts trade in their footballs for their mitts and baseballs, when SportsCenter’s Top 10 features different catches, double plays, and homeruns and when movies like “The Rookie,” “A League of Their Own,” “Field of Dreams,” and my personal favorite, “The Sandlot” seem less ridiculous as choices to watch.

Ever since I can remember, baseball has been a constant in my house. From the days of T-ball and Little League, my springs and summers were spent at softball games and practices watching my brothers play weekend head- ers and night games. We went to morning swim team practice and hung around for hours professionals最重要包括打棒球的头头和夜场的比赛。我们曾在早上参加游泳队的训练，并在专业人士面前顽固地徘徊。我们曾在早上参加游泳队的训练，并在专业人士面前顽固地徘徊。我们曾在早上参加游泳队的训练，并在专业人士面前顽固地徘徊。我们曾在早上参加游泳队的训练，并在专业人士面前顽固地徘徊。

The game of baseball itself is not just a sport; it’s a culture. Baseball games have a unique atmosphere that is unlike any other event. It’s the time of year when you can see fireworks above the stadium, hear the crowd cheering, and smell the hot dogs and peanuts. Baseball games are an experience that everyone should try at least once in their lifetime.

And although I will be in Cincinnati for the summer, I am already preparing to love that I would be working in a city with some farmer’s sunburn and watching fireworks. It’s an atmosphere you don’t best moments frequently don’t even in- love for the sport, more often than not the of those you came with. And despite my football game, but settle down enough to together and cheer just as loudly as a innings, where the crowd can still come at a baseball game. It has its own sense love everything about the atmosphere 21 years, I have yet to find a bad seat. I behind home plate at the Metrodome, in I have for that week and the sport. And from the upper decks of Wrigley to behind home plate at the Metrodome, in 21 years, I have yet to find a bad seat. I love everything about the atmosphere at a baseball game. It has its own sense of excitement stretched out over nine innings, where the crowd can still come together and cheer just as loudly as a football game, but settle down enough for you to actually enjoy the company of those you came with. And despite my love for the sport, more often than not the best moments frequently don’t even in- clude the actual game. There’s the beach balls thrown around between innings, the different variations of team rally caps, the rain delay and the celebrity seventh inning stretch and the postgame fireworks. It’s an atmosphere you don’t get at any other sport.

This is why, in the middle of class today, my day was made when I realized that I would be working in a city with a professional team this summer. The thought of sitting in the bleachers, drink- ing a lemon ice while getting an awe- some farmer’s sunburn and watching an actual professional game thrilled me. And although I will be in Cincinnati for the summer, I am already preparing to love that I would be working in a city with some farmer’s sunburn and watching fireworks.

The random walk to the Final Four

The market stock can seem so er- ratic. One day it’s up and analysts are screaming “buy, buy, buy!” The next day it’s down and the only “bye-ers” left are the washed up members of N’Sync. There’s a theory in finance that stock prices follow a “random walk,” which means that changes in price have the same distri- butions for every stock and all changes are independent of one another. Basi- cally, this means we cannot predict a stock’s future movement based on the fact that it was up or down in the past. If the random walk hypothesis was true, a portfolio of stocks chosen by monkeys throwing darts at stock names would perform just as well as the best analysts on Wall Street. Besides stocks, there are other things that seem to follow a random walk: the movement of molecules in gases, the spread of certain genes through populations, some Notre Dame students coming home from the Backer on a Saturday night or maybe even the NCAA basketball tournament. The ups and downs in the tournament last weekend got me thinking: What if the tournament is not completely random? But, the stock market isn’t completely random either. If it was, it would be impossible to make money consistently by only buying stocks. Critics of the random walk theory believe that stock prices do maintain trends over time. These critics believe the market is not totally efficient and that it is possible to outperform the market by buying and selling at the right time. There are three different levels of market efficiency: strong, semi-strong, and weak. The example of the random walk bracket is a test for strong form market efficiency, which states that all information in a market (including insider information) is accounted for, and weak form only states that past prices are included in the present stock price, so past performance can- not be used to predict future prices. Since the tournament is not a strong form bracket didn’t outperform the national bracket, I decided to test a weak form bracket. Weak form efficiency says that analysis of information publicly available about a company could be helpful in predicting the future move- ment of the company’s stock. I used a team’s seed in the tournament as pub- lic information that would predict a team’s performance in the first round of games, assuming that the seed reflected some sort of fundamental analysis. I automatically advanced the 1, 2, and 3 seeds from each region in the first round and used a coin flip to determine the rest of the games. The weak form brackets picked an average of 21 winners in the first round. Not bad, when compared to the national average of 22.

As it turns out, next year, instead of watching ESPN and trying to outsmart the rest of your bracket pool, you might be better off digging a quarter out of the couch cushions and asking good old George Washington to decide.

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As you can see, it’s beginning to stick to cars and roads... we’re expecting accumulations of 4 to 6 inches with drifts up to one foot in places...

Quote of the day

“Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.”

Doug Larson
American journalist

Weekly Poll

What are you giving up for Lent?

Huddle candy
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Super Smooth Brothers
Naps

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

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Over spring break I watched "Game Change," HBO’s recently aired political drama based on the 2008 presidential campaign and the selection of Sarah Palin as John McCain’s running mate. It essentially presents Palin as an uninformed and poorly-vetted politician, to say the least. Pick- ing her as McCain’s running mate was done in an attempt at making a bold move to energize the party and had little to do with her qualifications for the job. The movie goes so far as to strongly question the former Alaska governor’s mental stability at various points during the campaign (apparently a nutritional plan grounded on Diet Dr. Pepper and thousands of J&J’s information cards do this to a person).

Steve Schmidt, the senior campaign strategist for McCain and a prominent character in the film, has described watching the film as being like an out of body experience. Nicole Wallace, another former senior adviser, said the scenes depicted in the movie were “true enough” to make her “squirm.” As for McCain and Palin, both have said that they have no intentions of watching “Game Change” and claim it is based off of false reports.

Personally, I’m tempted to believe that the reality of the campaign lied somewhere in between the two sides’ accounts. On the one hand, I don’t see a whole lot of incentive for former McCain-Palin aides to tell embittered tales about their former bosses, making everyone look bad by doing so. With this in mind, one might believe that the events of the film are accurate.

Then again, I also find it hard to believe that an elected official would be so poorly-vetted that her advisors over- looked the fact that she was lacking an elementary understanding of U.S. history, among other things. So I’d guess the film-makers took some liberties in exaggerating Palin’s unpreparedness for the situation.

Altogether the film was entertaining. Yet once it was over I felt more embar- rassed than anything. No, I didn’t vote in the 2008 election, but as an American citizen it made me think: Is that what presidential elections have come to? Obviously the McCain-Palin ticket ultimately lost the election, this conversation remains relevant. Americans allowed a seemingly ill-equipped individual to come within close to being vice president. It’s crazy to think that we came that close to putting an overwhelmed person in the second highest position in the executive branch and a heartbeat away from tak- ing over the presidency. Based off the movie’s account, she never should have come close in the first place.

Again, one is perfectly entitled to accept or reject parts of the movie that seem embellished or outright false. But if the events acted out in the film are even half true, it all amounts to an alarming wake-up call for me as a voter. While the office of the vice president is often just a formality, it could (or could not) lead the country if the facts are true.

With the potential GOP vice presiden- tial candidate still out there waiting to be selected, this wake-up call comes at a particularly fitting time. The inter- mittent chatter on cable news about how high the VP candidate’s running mate will be interesting largely because many believe that the VP will be a more exciting selection in the presidential campaign. Senator Marco Rubio and Governor Bobby Jindal both seem to be interesting options, especially since so many Republicans were clamoring for them that fall before the White House. Whether you align with them ideologically or not, at least each seems to be better informed policy expert and a capable leader if called upon.

So for Palins sake, the Republican candidate this fall may not be the number one issue at hand, it certainly is an important one. If “Game Change” effectively points this out to all voters, whether they loved the film or not, then perhaps for many the film wasn’t as thought provoking as it was for me. In any case, consider me awake now to the potential powers of the vice presidency and the implications that the position might have for the country in a moment of great need.

John Sandberg is a sophomore column- ist for The Observer. The views expres- sed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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**Save swing night**

I hear grave tidings. Swing Night at Legends has been downgraded to a Thursday and could stand a chance to be eliminated entirely next semester due to last semester’s attendance. I express the opinion that last semester was a fluke. Swing Night has always been an easy free way for the students here to experience swing dancing and has always been a blast since I have been here. A Thursday nightclub event does not do it justice, for it drives away the people who have class and work on Friday. This night is supposed to be available for everyone, not just dirbards, who will come no matter when it is. We have to get this night back to the weekend, but we can only do that by showing up to this one TONIGHT. I call for the suspension of work and sleep for just one meas- urable hour from 12 to 1. Use this time to come to Legends and show that a swing night is necessary, and, furthermore, that it is impos- sible to be contained on a Thursday. The night is ours for the claiming.

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**Why we love the underdog**

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By CHRISTOPHER COLLUM  Scene Writer

Bruce Springsteen is an artist who certainly needs no introduction. Over the course of a 40-year career, he has released 17 studio albums which have sold over 120 million copies world-wide, received 21 Grammy awards and played thousands of shows both with and without his famous “heart-stopping, pants-dropping, house-rocking, earth-quaking, boot-shaking, vagina-taking, love-makin’, legendary E-Street Band,” as Springsteen has come to refer to the group.

“Wrecking Ball” is the first album Springsteen has put out since the death of saxophonist Clarence Clemons last June. Clemons, known as the “Big Man,” a nickname immortalized in crowd favorite “Tenth Avenue Freeze-Out,” was Springsteen’s sidekick and an integral part of not only the band’s live show but their on-record performances as well.

Springsteen addresses Clemons’ death directly in the liner notes for “Wrecking Ball,” which contain an excerpt from the eulogy Springsteen delivered at Clemons’ funeral: “Clarence… wasn’t just the Big Man. He leaves when the Big Man? Too [expletive] big to die and love and dream big. How big was he? Big and he made me feel and think and laugh and tears of glory have been turned into parking lots,” because “Hard times come, hard times go” — the last line a refrain repeated for almost two minutes on the album, making this song sure to be a highlight of the band’s live shows on their upcoming tour.

And so the track suggests, “Wrecking Ball” is a very political album — perhaps Springsteen’s most political ever. “Death to My Hometown,” a raucous number reminiscent of the cameо Springsteen did on Boston Celtic punks the Dropkick Murphys’ cover of “The Only One” last year, describes the damage the Great Recession has done to a particular community. “No cannonballs did fly/No rifles cut us down/No canister shells did blast our town/But just as sure as the hand of God/They brought death to my hometown,” he sings. Elsewhere, “Jack of all Trades” depicts a character forced to work multiple, working-class jobs because of the poor economy. “Rant and Rave” takes the form of a quasi-spiritual album-ender excellent song. It includes a rap verse performed by Michelle Moore, who sings about solidarity and closes the album on a hopeful note. The highlights of the album, however, are the two songs Springsteen fans have heard in different forms before this release. Title track “Wrecking Ball” is easily one of the best songs Springsteen has recorded since the E-Street Band’s first breakup in 1989. First performed at the series of concerts the band did to close out Giants Stadium in their native New Jersey before it was torn down, the song is a roaring anthem, and the centerpiece of the album.

A song that originally functioned as a semi-humorous ode to life in New Jersey from the stadium’s point of view is transformed in this context into an impassioned plea to all people “Hold tight on your anger/and don’t fall to your fear,” when “All our little victories and glories/have been turned into parking lots,” because “Hard times come, hard times go” — the last line a refrain repeated for almost two minutes on the album, making this song sure to be a highlight of the band’s live shows on their upcoming tour.

“Land of Hope and Dreams,” which originally appeared on “Live in New York City,” features what will be the final two saxophone solos from Clarence Clemons. The song in this form is even more powerful, nowhere than the live version. Featuring electronic drums, a prominent mandolin riff, and one of Springsteen’s best vocal performances in the past two decades, it is similar to the best Springsteen songs, a transcendent experience. This experience is pushed over the top when Clemons’ wailing sax comes in just before the four-minute mark.

Lyrically, “Wrecking Ball” shows Springsteen at the angriest level he has been in quite a while. However, through this anger there is always hope, and he is careful to always point this out. Musically, the album sounds noticeably different than “Working on a Dream,” his last release, in part because he switched producers for the first time in 10 years — Brendan O’Brien is replaced by Rob Aniello. Aniello’s fresh perspective benefits Springsteen’s sound greatly. Most prominently, he makes greater use of electronic sounds, from the programmed handclaps in “We Take Care of Our Own” to the pulsating electronic drums in “Land of Hope and Dreams.”

“Wrecking Ball” is Springsteen at his finest. While it may not quite stand with such classic albums of his as “Born to Run” and “Born in the USA,” very few albums from any artist’s catalog do. Forty years into his career, Springsteen has created an album that is full of life and as relevant as anything as he has ever done and has managed to push all the emotional buttons from rage to hope and healing along the way. There’s a reason that he will be remembered as one the greatest rock songwriters of all time and “Wrecking Ball” does nothing but further his claim to a piece of that title. Contact Christopher Collum at collum@nd.edu

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Bruce Springsteen
“Wrecking Ball”

Record Label: Columbia Records
Best Tracks: “Land of Hope and Dreams,” “Wrecking Ball,” “We Are Alive”
By NEIL MATHIESON
Scene Writer

Houses are scary. They crack, creek and contort our imaginations to believe that something is going bump in the night. In “Silent House,” something really is going bump in the night. This American re-do of a Uruguayan horror film stars the lesser-known Elizabeth Olsen as Sarah, who while helping her father clear out their old summer house is terrorized by some nefarious intruder.

Olsen’s responsibilities as an actress in “Silent House” are daunting to say the least. The movie moves briskly at an 85-minute run time but it’s edited to look as if it is all happening within one continuous shot.

Therefore, Olsen is on screen for the entirety of the film and spends most of it hushed as a strange intruder stalks her. She is left with only facial expressions, screams and my personal favorite, screams where no noise comes out.

The camera follows her closely while simultaneously being egregiously fixated on her cleavage. Olsen does a commendable job but the film hangs together by such weak threads that it doesn’t do her performance proper justice.

The cinematic decision of using a continuous shot throughout “Silent House” is often a useful gambit that establishes a hair-raising atmosphere of suspense. One of the older and more notable examples includes Alfred Hitchcock’s Rope.

“Silent House” even gets a little avant-garde in its later stages but causes more confusion than it does intrigue. Most importantly, however, “Silent House” isn’t frightening. In fact, it’s far less frightening than its trailer. There were no screams from the gallery and it appeared that after an hour the viewers’ iPhones became more fascinating than what was on screen.

Unfortunately, I cannot disagree with them. In “Silent House” the camera shakes incessantly and the dim lighting causes the audience to strain their eyes in an attempt to make sense of what they are seeing. However, when the image is finally revealed to us the payoff is furiously underwhelming and we feel as if we have been strung along for nothing. In a word we were cheated.

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“Silent House”
Directed by: Chris Kentis and Laura Lau
Starring: Elizabeth Olsen, Adam Trese, Eric Sheffer Stevens

“OSS 117: Cairo, Nest of Spies”
Where: DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
When: 7 p.m.
How Much: $3 for students

“OSS 117: Cairo, Nest of Spies” is a comedic spy thriller about a spy who gets captured by the Gestapo.

Glee Club Spring Concert
Where: DPAC
When: 8 p.m.
How Much: $3 for students

The Glee Club brings their unique style and energy to the stage once again in this annual spring concert. The performance will include a wide variety of music, including choral, folk, spiritual and popular pieces.

SUB Concert
Where: Stepan Center
When: Doors open at 7:30 p.m.
How Much: $15

The 90s pop group Third Eye Blind and underground rapper Hoodie Allen are bringing their talents to South Bend this weekend, in what promises to be a fun show. Tickets went on sale Wednesday morning at the LaFortune box office. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 8 p.m. Don’t miss the SUB concert of the year!

Violinist Rachel Lee and pianist Daniel Schlosberg
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SPORTS

Chris Allen
Sports Editor

In sports, out with the new and in with the old

Suddenly, everything old is new again in the sports world. Put your talk of rising stars to the side. Forget Blake Griffin, Ricky Rubio and John Wall and let’s light up the court. Forget about Bryce Harper, Steve Motts and the future—let’s talk about the old guard. Last week, football fans took their season finale.

In the Bronx, left-handed first pitcher Andy Pettitte came out of a six-year retirement to sign with the New York Yankees. Reports out of ESPN say that Pettitte, 49, was the first choice for the veteran. He had signed with the club before leaving it, and then went on to pursue the American League East title with the Houston Astros. Pettitte did just that, leading the Astros to their first AL West title in over a decade. Pettitte is a nine-time All-Star and was a member of the New York Yankees’ 2009 World Series championship team. He is also a three-time World Series champion and won a gold medal in the 2000 Sydney Games as part of the United States men’s Olympic tennis team.

Pettitte made his return to the majors after sitting out last season. He signed a one-year contract with the Yankees, and so far this season he is 6-4 with a 3.27 ERA in 12 starts. Pettitte has thrown a no-hitter in his career and is one of the most respected pitchers in Major League Baseball.

In the tennis world, Venus Williams serves to Kimiko Date-Krumm, of Japan, during their match at the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Florida, on Wednesday. Williams won the match 2-0. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

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OKLAHOMA CITY — After winning five NBA titles with the Los Angeles Lakers, Derek Fisher chose the West-leading Oklahoma City Thunder as the team where he wants to go for No. 6.

Fisher signed to be the Thunder for the remainder of the season on Wednesday, not quite a week after he was traded to Houston by the Lakers and subsequently bought out of his contract instead of playing with the Rockets.

He picked jersey No. 37, the same number his father wore and how to play right away and perhaps be able to maintain his streak of consecutive games played.

More importantly, he wants to continue his run of postseason success.

“Right now, they sit on top of the Western Conference and I’m just hopeful that the things that I do, the things that I’ve always brought to every team I’ve ever played on, can be the right mix to help these guys continue to do whatever it is that they’re already doing,” Fisher said before the game.

The Thunder lost their backup point guard, Eric Maynor, to a season-ending knee injury in January but hadn’t made any moves to add a position. All-Star Russell Westbrook has been taking on extra minutes as he now reviews all turnovers just as he now reviews all turnovers, and also to allow a player to return for six games.

That would be a significant alteration, also suggesting expanding the overtime format used in the postseason — both sides must have an offensive possession if the receiving team kicks a field goal to start the extra period — to the regular season.

That rule, instituted in 2010, has yet to become a factor in the playoffs.

And a player hurt in pregame or early in the schedule could be designated as able to return from injured reserve after six weeks and play after eight weeks rather than sit out the entire season.

That would be a significant change, the previous rule was a player placed on IR must miss four games. In 1993, that was changed to the entire season because teams tended to put promising prospects on the list rather than having to release them.

Until 1990, IR players had to sit out six games.

The league's competition committee, prompted by the Buffalo Bills, will propose having the booth official make all decisions on replay reviews. He also would be allowed to review all turnovers just as he now reviews all turnovers.

“We have a lot of confidence in the group that we have in place, obviously, to be where we are right now,” Presti said. “We know we can improve … We feel like Derek’s someone that can help enhance where we are currently.”

Two-time scoring champion Kevin Durant endorsed Fisher's arrival even before he had officially signed and envisioned him as a mentor to the young team who's still able to hit clutch shots and defend. He was hesitant to look forward and assess Fisher's impact on the Thunder's championship hopes.
Knicks win fifth-straight game

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Amar’e Stoudemire had 21 points and nine rebounds to lead the New York Knicks to their fifth straight victory, 82-79 over the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night.

Jeremy Lin scored 18 points and Carmelo Anthony had 10 to help the Knicks pull within three games of the Atlantic Division leaders.

Elton Brand had 12 points and 12 rebounds for the Sixers. True Holiday scored 16.

The game ended with thousands of New York fans chanting, “Let’s go Knicks!” They had reason to celebrate after Stoudemire hit a pair of big buckets down the stretch to clinch the win.

Each team was backed by a heavyuweight A-list supporter: Co-owner Will Smith rooted on the Sixers and Spike Lee sat adjacent to the Knicks bench.

This could be a crushing week for the Sixers with Boston set to visit on Friday. The Celtics are only a game back for the division lead and an automatic top-four seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

The Sixers shook off a miserable start and a double-digit hole to make a run at the Knicks in the fourth. Lou Williams, perforce to make a run at the Knicks, completed a double-digit lead and a double-digit lead for 10 from the line.

The Sixers never led and trailed by as many as 12 points when they finally found a groove in the third. Thaddeus Young’s dunk pulled them within two and Iguodala buried a 3-pointer from the corner — only his third basket — for a 49-48 lead.

Derek Fisher — signed just before the game after he bought out his contract with Houston — followed a few possessions with a 3-pointer from the left side for his first basket with the Thunder during a 12-2 response that restored the cushion to 100-81 with 6.13 left.

Chris Paul finished with 13 points and 10 assists, and Nick Young scored 12 points in his second start with the Clippers after coming over in a trade with Washington. Los Angeles fell to 11-12 on the road this season, having lost six of its last eight.

A night after getting out-scored 50-20 in the paint in a loss at Utah, the Thunder used a hefty advantage in the paint to pull out to a 66-50 lead after a high-scoring first half.

Los Angeles eliminated one double-digit lead before Oklahoma City pulled away again with a 16-4 run midway through the second quarter that carried over to the third. The Clippers went 3-of-11 from behind the arc in the third and were outscored 30-16 scoring edge in the paint.

Durant, Howard and Williams combined for 34 from inside the arc. From 3-point range but only 10 for 33 from the field.

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For good measure, Iguodala bought out of his contract with the Sixers and scored 20 points.

Durant finished with 29 points and nine rebounds, Russell Westbrook added 20 and the Thunder got 18 off the bench.

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Goodell suspends Saints’ Payton for 2012 season

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GOODELL SUSPENDS SAINTS’ PAYTON FOR 2012 SEASON

ORLANDO, Fla. — From the freeway on the par-5 sixth hole at Doral, Tiger Woods looked back toward the tee box in time to see Tiger Woods stop suddenly and look toward the fairway. “That’s going on?” LaCava said, peering in the sun.

He could see Woods flexing his biceps. Woods then put his head down and looked toward the ball, which was well up in the middle of the fairway.

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The concern didn’t lastlong.

Turns out it was a camera click that made Woods flinch. “I guess one of the so-called professional photographers that do the back of the camera, it’s in the middle of my downswing,” Woods said. “I stopped it, and then I just let it go. The ball hit the ground and hooked the club, rubbering his lower back and stretching. Standing over a year ago, I would go to the putting green and let go of the driver before finishing his swing, although the ball wound up in the middle of the

I am speechless. Sean Payton is a great man, coach, and mentor. I need to hear an explanation for this punishment.

The Saints now must decide who will coach the team in Payton’s place — his suspension begins April 1 — and who will make roster moves while Loomis is out. They will appoint an immediate word from the Saints, but two candidates to take over as coach are defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo and offensive coordinator Pete Carmichael Jr. Spagnuolo has NFL head coaching experience, but has never been a head coach in the league, although he has been with the club since 2008. When the NFL first made its investigation public on March 2, Williams admitted and apologized for — running the program while in charge of the Saints’ defense. He was hired in January by the St. Louis head coach Jeff Fisher and his sister was shown that email by NFL investigators, he acknowledged “being involved in the Saints’ involvement in the bounty scheme.”

“If we have that level of need, that level of desire to win, it could certainly happen again,” Goodell said. “It could,” Woods said. “But treatment afterwards always gets you right back to where it should be. And that’s one of the reasons I think I’ll go play golf again, because I think I have a better understanding than before, but not to that extent,” Woods said.

That was the message Woods preached Wednesday on the eve of the Arnold Palmer Invitation-

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Woods ready to take on field at Arnold Palmer Invite

PALMERS WELCOME WOODS

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**Men's Swimming**

Bass Dyer to compete in championships

**Observer Staff Report**

Many spring sports have just begun their season, but for one team, the next few days lead to the 2012 NCAA Championships, which is four weeks away. After spending months preparing for the NCAA championships and now two members of the team will travel to the Westmont Pool Complex at Greensboro Aquatic Center in Federal Way, Wash., to compete among the nation's top swimmers.

This year marks the first time in program history that Notre Dame sends two swimmers to the championships. Junior Bill Bass will compete in the 200-yard individual medley and 100- and 200-yard butterfly. Sophomore Frank Dyer will compete in the 100-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle.

For his first career trip to the NCAs, Bass stands ranked in three events. His qualifying time in the 100-yard individual medley puts him in a tie for 13th place entering the preliminaries at 1:44.81. He also holds the 24th best time in the 200-yard individual medley and the 26th best in the 100-yard butterfly.

Dyer stands ranked third nationally in the 200-yard freestyle. With only 200 yards of distance, his qualifying time of 1:33.71 is a 1.9 second improvement behind Louisville's Joao De Lucca's 1:33.44, the number one swimmer entering the event. His qualifying time in the 500-yard freestyle puts him at third place entering the prelims with a time of 4:18.50. His two events make him the first Notre Dame swimmer to qualify for multiple races in the NCAs. Dyer also holds a national ranking in the 100-yard freestyle, in which he has the 21st best time.

Bass and Dyer have not competed since Feb. 18, when the Irish won the Big East title. Bass won Most Outstanding Swimmer at the Big East Championships as well.

The swimmers hope to continue taking high standings, following the lead set by freshman Nick Nemetz, who placed 12th in the NCAA zone div. one championships March 9.

Competition begins today at 2 p.m. with the 200-yard freestyle trials. The afternoon will hold trials for the 500-yard freestyle, 200-yard individual medley, 50-yard freestyle, and 200-yard medley relay, with finals following later in the evening.

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**SPorts**

**Jets finally land Tebow**

The Jets signed Drew Stanton to replace Tim Tebow last week to be their quarterback, which officially ended Tebow's time in New York.

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Tim Tebow is coming to New York. Really.

After a big false start, the quarterback who turned the Denver Broncos from an also-ran into a playoff team last season and became the NFL's most talked-about player — for a fourth- and sixth-round draft pick.

Now, Tebowmania is open on Broadway.

Eight hours after initially agreeing to a deal, the teams completed the trade that was hung up when the Jets apparently balked at repaying the Denver Broncos from an also-ran into a playoff team last season and became the NFL's most talked-about player — for a fourth- and sixth-round draft pick.

Despite ultimately pulling off the deal for Tebow, it's just another bizarre moment in a year that got down on San Francisco as coach and his resignation remains to be seen. The Jets appear to be committed to him financially as their starter for at least the next two years, but a restless fan base that got down on Sanchez as he struggled last season could call for Tebow to take over at the first sign of trouble.

Two minutes after the Jets initially posted the trade on its Facebook page, there were 874 “likes,” 366 comments and 247 shares. Most of the comments ran along the lines of: “I might cry” and “Life is not welcome here, another terrible decision.”

The Jets certainly will have lots of explaining to do. Where was the misunder- standing? Who didn’t read the fine print? Why did the Jets announce the trade on its Sunday radio broadcast before it was completely done?

Despite, they got headlines and were the talk of sports radio — even on a day when the New Orleans Saints received unprecedented punishment from the NFL for a bounty system that rocked the football world. Head coach Sean Payton was suspended without pay for next season. Team president and general manager Gregg Williams, now with St. Louis, was suspended indefinitely.

But even all that couldn't overshadow another embarrassing episode for an franchise that has had to explain the fine print of several mistakes in recent years.

The Jets are hoping Tebow can help change all that.

Tebow led the Broncos to the playoffs last season — along the way beating Sanchez and the Jets, who missed the postseason. But Denver executive John Elway believed Manning gave the team a better chance at winning a championship now.

The time was right for Sanchez as coach and his resignation remains to be seen. The Jets appear to be committed to him financially as their starter for at least the next two years, but a restless fan base that got down on Sanchez as he struggled last season could call for Tebow to take over at the first sign of trouble.

The effect Tebow’s presence will have on Sanchez remains to be seen. The Jets appear to be committed to him financially as their starter for at least the next two years, but a restless fan base that got down on Sanchez as he struggled last season could call for Tebow to take over at the first sign of trouble.

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at No. 6 for freshman Katherine Will but Sanders was able to get even the singles count with a 6-2, 7-6 (4) victory at No. 4, giving the Irish a 2-1 lead overall. The Irish won three matches in rapid succession. Louterback attributed the series of highlight plays to the players’ confidence in their abilities.

“I thought [DeSico] was big. He got that RBI that put us up and end up putting us up for good — that was a big one,” Aoki said. “We had some opportunities with two outs to get some RBIs, which we hadn’t converted, and him getting a hit through the infield I thought was a really, really big moment in the game.”

DeSico attributed his performance to his typical attitude and help from his teammates.

“I just played like I try to play every day,” DeSico said. “I come out here and try to do as best I can. Give a hundred percent and I have confidence in the guys that they’re going to do the same. We’ve been playing really well, so there’s not much more I can say.”

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Notre Dame was one of five schools to qualify the maximum 12 fencers for the event, joining St. John’s, Princeton, Harvard and Ohio State. It is the fifth consecutive year the Irish have qualified the maximum number. However, one of the fencers on the team failed to do so, it won the 2005 national championship. Bednarski said this example to show his team that having greater numbers does not guarantee success.

“I think our performance in 2005 really shows that any team can take it, regardless of the number of fencers on the squad,” Bednarski said. “This year, I think Penn State really fits in that category, having only qualified 11 fencers. They’re extremely dangerous, but it’s always a big fight with them. It’s a very natural rivalry for us.”

Bednarski said Ohio State, while competing at home, is another team that could spoil Notre Dame’s chances to repeat, along with the Ivy League duo of Harvard and Princeton. But the greatest competition may come from the Red Storm, who field an extremely talented and experienced team, Bednarski said.

“They’ve got many good teams there, but St. John’s really stands out,” he said. “It’s a team that’s really built for this type of competition.”

In the end, how far the Irish go will be determined by how just the squad. Young fencers grow up, Bednarski said. The team has spent an entire year maturing, but there is no substitute for the crucible of championship competition.

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spurned a likely first-round selection in the NFL Draft to rejoin for his senior season. Teo’s head a defense that re- turns six starters from last season, who finished third in the nation, lost heavy- loss in the secondary, including the graduation of cornerbacks Gary Gray and Robert Blanton and safety Harri- son Smith.

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Springing into action

**BASEBALL**

Veerkamp allows single run in win over IPFW

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

When Irish junior pitcher Patrick Veerkamp hit visiting IPFW's leadoff man with a pitch, the second baseman doubled and gave up a single in the Mastodons' third at-bat, it looked like Notre Dame was in for a rough night on the mound. But the right-hander soon regained control of his pitches and the game, putting the Irish back on track for an 8-1 victory.

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The Irish (12-7) tied the game in the second inning when IPFW junior pitcher Daniel Tursell walked freshman shortstop Jason McMurray, then gave up consecutive singles to freshman left fielder Conor Biggio and junior second baseman Frank DeSico. DeSico gave the Irish lead back on track for an 8-1 victory.

Men's Lacrosse

Irish capture road victory

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

Three days after a triple-overtime victory over Denver, No. 6 Notre Dame extended its winning streak to four games with an 8-7 win at Ohio State on Wednesday. After opening the season with three consecutive wins, the Buckeyes (3-5) have now lost five straight.

The Irish were for the most part plagued with errors in what turned out to be a very quick contest. Notre Dame began the singles portion with a quick loss, but then found an offensive rhythm and a defensive rhythm, holding the Buckeyes to just a single goal in the final quarter.

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