Activist shares story of poverty

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

Author, activist and scholar Willie Baptist highlighted the serious challenges America faces in the fight against poverty and homelessness when he shared his personal experiences with poverty during a Monday discussion.

The Higgins Labor Studies Program cosponsored the talk, which was held in Geddes Hall.

In his introduction of Baptist, John Wessel-McCoy, an organizer for the Poverty Initiative and Poverty Scholars program at New York City’s Union Theological Seminary, said the program’s mission “came out of the great history of organizing what Willie Baptist embodies.”

(He Poverty Initiative) is dedicated to raising up generations of religious and community leaders committed to building a social movement to end poverty led by the poor,” Wessel-McCoy said. “We don’t want to make it kinder, gentler or slightly better. We want to end it.”

Wessel-McCoy said mobilizing the poor to fight systemic causes of poverty is crucial to American social progress and the elimination of the growing wealth gap.

“We have the productive capacity and means to lift the load of poverty, and the

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Engineers compete nationally

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

Fifteen aerospace engineering students traveled to Wichita, Kan., this weekend to test a remote-controlled model airplane they designed in the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Design/BUILD/Fly Competition.

Junior Greg Obee said each team in the competition submitted a report outlining the design of its plane, and then tested the plane against other teams’ aircraft in three “missions.”

This year, the three missions were a speed-based mission to complete as many laps of a course as possible in a set timeframe. Obee said, “Mission Two was to carry eight simulated passengers in the aircraft...

Then Mission Three was to carry two liters of water up to an altitude of 100 meters, and then drop it at 100 meters automatically.”

Junior Matthew Kudija said the competition was cut short due to dangerous weather before the Notre Dame team could complete all three missions.

“There was a tornado Saturday night that caused the competition to be cancelled (Sunday), a day early,” Kudija said. “We flew Mission One and successfully completed it. We flew Mission Two, and due to a power failure, landed off the runway and therefore did not receive a score for it. Then we were unable to reattempt Mission Two and to attempt Mission Three, because it was cancelled on Sunday.”

Despite not finishing the competition, Kudija said the Notre Dame team, comprised of aerospace engineering majors ranging from freshmen to seniors, fared well in the standings.

Out of 68 reports describing how the planes were designed, the Notre Dame team’s report tied for third place. He said its airplane was ranked 20th in mission performance when the competition was halted.

“Our plane was definitely one of the best flying planes there,” he said.

Bedard said some of the participants, although excited, feared judgment before the weekend’s training was quickly turned to assuredness as the event progressed, he said.

"Everybody was nervous... see POVERTY/page 5

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Army ROTC cadets take to the field for training

Sophomores and freshmen spend weekend running combat simulation drills at Culver Military Academy

By DAN BROMBACH
News Writer

For sophomores in Notre Dame’s ROTC program, the annual spring Notre Dame Field Training Exercise (NDFTX) leadership weekend is a formative and exciting opportunity to apply their extensive training outside the confines of the classroom.

Sophomore Pat Bedard said ROTC members applied their knowledge in a real-world environment at this weekend’s training exercises at the Culver Military Academy in Cul\u2026

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Fr. Kollman appointed CSC director

Observer Staff Report

Fr. Paul V. Kollman, associate professor of theology, has been appointed executive director of Notre Dame’s Center for Social Concerns (CSC), effective July 1, the University announced Monday in a press release.

Kollman succeeds Fr. Bill Lies, who was recently named vice president for mission engagement and church affairs. The CSC was designated a University institute under Lies’ leadership.

“Tired of people asking you to lead the Center for Social Concerns,” Kollman said in the press release. “I look forward to building on the vision of my predecessors, Center founder Fr. Don McNeill and Fr. Bill Lies, and working with the host of talented and committed colleagues who have made the Center a vibrant place of engaged scholarship and service learning. I’m confident that together we can deepen the Center’s role in bringing together education of mind and heart, a goal long central to the mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross and of Notre Dame,” Kollman, who spent this se... see CSC/page 3

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Amartya Sen, winner of the 1998 Nobel Prize in Economics, will deliver a lecture at the 18th Annu- al Rev. Theodore M. Hes- burgh, C.S.C., Lectures in Ethics and Public Policy from 3:30 to 7 p.m. at Leighton Concert Hall at the De- barton Performing Arts Center. Sen is known for his commitment to ad- dressing the challenges faced by the world’s poor- est people. The event is sold out.

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Offbeat

Northern Spanish town buries former mayor killed in 1936

MADRID — A Spanish mayor says she northern town held an official buri- al ceremony for one of her predecessors and three other townsfolk who were killed in an un- marked dump dating from the country’s civil war.

Pilar Perez, who presides over the town of Torrellas, says the bodies were buried at the town hall in the town’s cemetery.

Burglar arrested in show- er after champagne, meal

JOSHUA TREE, Calif. — Police say a naked burglar has been arrested while taking a shower after he sipped champagne and ate a meal in an eastern Cali- fornia family’s home.

Sen Bernardino County sheriff’s Sgt. Steve Wilson says 25-year-old Michael Calvert was arrested at gunpoint by deputies while he entered up the in the show- er Thursday night.

KC92 radio says that af- ter helping himself to a bottle of champagne and a meal, Calvert decided to take a shower in the Josh- ua Tree home.

The Mojave Desert community is 130 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

The homeowners called 911 after returning home at 8:10 p.m. and hearing someone in the shower.

Calvert was booked for burglary and is being held on $25,000 bail. He is expected to face charges of residential burglary.

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**Student founds Haitian non-profit**

By CHARITHA ISANAKA  
News Writer

When biology graduate student Victoria Lam traveled to Leogane, Haiti, through Notre Dame's Haiti program last year, she returned with an idea for a non-profit organization Swell Cause, to help Haitians start their own businesses.

"There is a perception of Haiti as being subsistent on aid," she said. "However, I was going there, it was obvious that the primary requests were not for food, clothes or money. Rather, people wanted jobs. I started Swell Cause because I saw the need for long-term development and employment."

Swell Cause aims "to provide the education, training, and support needed for Haitians to start sustainable, scalable businesses, which will not only provide jobs for the region, but will highlight Haitian goods, services and natural resources," Lam said.

Lam also believes a sustainable livelihood is the longest-lasting assistance a person can receive.

Starting a program that provides entrepreneurs, and management education seemed like a logical way to give people these tools to succeed," she said.

Swell Cause will provide basic training, accounting, management and business plan classes, as well as skill-building workshops, to Haitians trying to open businesses.

**A successful Haitian entrepreneur will mentor each aspiring business owner in his or her field of interest. Lam said participants would also receive capital, such as raw materials, space, marketing and facilitation of funding.**

Lam said she hopes to eventually develop curricula and workshops tailored to specific industries, such as tourism, hospitality and retail.

"I would like participants not only to have a formal education, but also additional skills that would help their business," she said.

Swell Cause receives support from social venture incubator Notre Dame's Fellow Irish Social Hub and the Law School's Community Development Project. Lam said Swell Cause also receives support from non-governmental organizations Swell Haiti and the Papazou Center for Handicapped Children.

Lam said she wants to create employment and economic stability in Jarmel, Haiti, by using surfing as a means of stimulating tourism and long-term development.

"We just had a Surf and Social Service event to introduce students to how surfing can be used as a means to lift people and communities up, and are currently trying to spread the word about our initiatives to gain some more momentum," Lam said.

Lam said she hopes to visit Haiti to better understand the community's needs and discuss how to decrease regional economic deficits.

"There may be glaring deficits in many areas of this country, but one thing they have overwhe|ling stock of is resilience," she said.

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**SMC students fundraise for cystic fibrosis research**

By JILLIAN BARWICK  
News Writer

For five senior marketing majors at Saint Mary’s, picking a charity for a marketing management class project was one of the easier tasks they have taken on this semester.

As part of the class, students must create a fundraising event for a charity of their choice. The group, composed of seniors Antonia Infante, Ashley Ward, Rachel Morgan, Liz Leeuw and Jessica Vravis, chose the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, because they have personal ties to the disease, which will allow them to use their multiple connections with the disease.

"My 18-year-old sister has cystic fibrosis," (CF), Leeuw said. "This is one of the reasons why we chose to raise money for CF and all of the families it affects."

Ward said the group chose to sell tickets to the South Bend Silver Hawks game scheduled for April 20 to target the South Bend community, especially children.

"I remember when I was younger and our school would have a night where all the kids and families would come to The Cove, a local gymnastics stadium, where the Silver Hawks play," said Ward. "It was always a really fun time for everyone." Ward said she babysits for a local two-year-old child with cystic fibrosis and the boy’s grandfather purchased 50 tickets for his business.

The group has sold more than 100 tickets in total, Infante said, and if they sell 100 more, a guest of their choosing may throw the first pitch at the game.

Vravis said the Silver Hawks made organizing the fundraisers easy.

I’m humbled and honored to be asked to lead the Center for Social Concerns."  
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**THE OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE Admissions is ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for the POSITION OF Admissions Counselor**

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As part of the Undergraduate Admissions staff, the Admissions Counselor is expected to make an important contribution to the recruitment and selection of the first-year class by managing relations with prospective applicants, their parents, high school personnel, and alumni in an assigned geographic territory.

Responsibilities include extensive planning, travel and communication within the geographic territory, assessment and evaluation of applications, and conducting group and individual information sessions. Additional responsibilities will be assigned by the Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Enrollment and the Director of Admissions.

Candidates should possess a Bachelor’s degree and strong familiarity with all aspects of academic and student life at Notre Dame. Essential qualities include strong communication and organizational skills, enthusiasm, diplomacy, and the willingness to work long hours, including numerous evenings and weekends.

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Afghanistan, mission history and world Christianity. He has particularly researched in eastern Africa, Nigeria, South Africa, Europe and the United States. He has published articles and reviews in several journals of theology, African studies and religious studies, and authored book chapters for the contemplation of Slaves and Catholic Origins in Eastern Africa.

"I am currently working on a book about the Catholic missio nary evangelization of eastern Africa and a study of the Catholic Charismatic Movement in Africa."

In addition to his commit ment to the CSC, Kollman serves as a fellow of three Notre Dame institutes: the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies.

A Cincinnati native and 1994 Notre Dame alumnus, Kollman earned a master’s degree in theology from the Catholic University of America and a doctorate degree from the University of Chicago Divinity School in 2001.
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Author lectures about women's dietary health

By CHRISTIN KLOSKI
News Writer

By dining in accordance with their menstrual cycles, women can feel satisfied with their bodies and their emotions. "Fertility, Cycles and Nutrition" author Marilyn Shannon said at a lecture Monday.

The lecture was part of Saint Mary's first official Food Week, which provides students tips on how to live a healthy lifestyle. The week's events focus on food choices, nutrition facts and sustainability.

Shannon said women who improve their overall health will also improve their menstrual cycles because irregularities, such as cramps, long cycles and premenstrual syndrome, are caused by poor diets.

Shannon said women must better their diets and take essential vitamins to make their cycles more regular. Adequate sleep, moderate exercise and proper weight gain or loss also contribute to healthy cycles, she said.

"Nutrition is the number one way to improve the body, but so is eating whole foods and taking vitamins," Shannon said.

Shannon said women who have no or little premenstrual syndrome take in more vegetables, dietary fiber, vitamins and reliable oils than other women. These reduce symptoms, but also improve a woman's health.

Shannon said there are 12 types women should follow for better nutrition, including eating plenty of whole plant foods, avoiding trans fats and drinking pure water instead of soft drinks and caffeinated beverages.

"When you go to the store, choose a variety of foods and change the routine," she said. "Pick something you usually eat and give it a try." Variations in the diet allow the body to obtain the essential vitamins found in different food groups, Shannon said. She said women must be confident in their dieting and follow the 80-20 rule. "If you improve your nutrition balance 80 percent of the time, but you can have 20 percent for a treat, that's the diet," she said. Shannon said self-care for better cycles and fertility makes a difference in women's lives.

"Improved nutrition is the natural way to start," she said.

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Get ‘Bully’ online

Like many highly intelligent, self-important members of society, I only lend an ear to the most noble and artistically highbrow forms of entertainment. But that needs to change, none of that’s true; well maybe just the self-important part.

Truth be told, I watch a lot of “South Park.” Like, a lot. “South Park.” And for non-fans of the show, any hippee can tell you that the show, for all its potty humor, can often hit the nail directly on the head of a tough social issue. Popular or not, the people at “South Park” are brave as can be and create some very deep things to say about some very important things.

Last week’s episode focused on bullying in grade schools, and more specifically on the attempts at schools and outside sources to combat bullying. Much of the show pokes fun at the new documentary, “Bully,” which is receiving a lot of buzz from both a content perspective as well as from a public relations perspective. The characters in the show could be seen as some very real children and families affected by bullying.

Hidden among the bathroom humor and some very clever shots is the message. “Instagram is selling out,” the loyal Facebook fan had exclaimed. “Facebook would pay that much money for Instagram because they like to make money. There are many reasons why those investors literally doubled their money. In fact, it’s one percent of Facebook’s current value,” the Facebook fan continued. “The investors there decided to make money for its work; I am not opposed to that. So I propose a compromise. Last year, CEO and co-founder Kevin Systrom joined the two-man Burbn team. Only after a short time of working together, they realized that Burbn as a product wasn’t possible. The idea was too complicated, but Systrom, who always had an eye for photography, decided the company could focus on the side photo component they had been developing. When Apple’s iPhone 4 came out, they found the perfect device to match their potential vision. Systrom would use their app to take a photo, make minor adjustments, add a note and share it. They renamed the app Instagram, as it was an instant hit.

When it was new, the app experienced tremendous success: 25,000 users in the first 24 hours. Now, Instagram has expanded to Android and iOS mobile operating systems and has a user base of over 40 million. As the deal was Facebook acquisition of Instagram was announced, many reacted in horror, surprise or confusion. “Instagram is selling out,” the loyal one shrieked through tears, “That’s way too much money.”

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Instagram: Nostalgia born to sell

On April 9, a seemingly insignificant photo application called Instagram announced it was being purchased by Facebook for a massive billion dollars. 18 months ago, Instagram didn’t exist. It was just an offshoot of an idea rattling around Kevin Systrom’s and Mike Krieger’s heads.

In Jan. 2010, Systrom was bold enough to show a mobile app named Burbn (after his drink of choice) to a couple of investors at a party. The concept was vague: a location-sharing app similar to foursquare, but with some odd photo-sharing functionality. The investors there decided to put $500,000 up, and Systrom began to search for a co-founder. He found a coding expert with a background in psychology, linguistics and philosophy. Mike Krieger joined the two-man Burbn team.

After only a short time of working together, they realized that Burbn as a product wasn’t possible. The idea was too complicated, but Systrom, who always had an eye for photography, decided the company could focus on the side photo component they had been developing. When Apple’s iPhone 4 came out, they found the perfect device to match their potential vision. Systrom would use their app to take a photo, make minor adjustments, add a note and share it. They renamed the app Instagram, as it was an instant hit.

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Beware of hidden ‘income’ when filing educational expenses

Tax time came as usual this spring. I am aware of the federal income tax, and the basics of how the tax structure operates — you make “x” amount of money, you pay “a” amount to the government, you make “y” amount of money, you pay “b,” and so on.

As a student, I was unaware, however, of how to factor scholarships into taxes. I file my taxes independently, as I am sure many students with complicated family situations do. I’ve held multiple part-time jobs during the past year, and was aware of the approximate amount I would be required to pay. To save money on tax preparation, I asked my boyfriend’s dad to help me file mine this year, since he is a Turbo Tax preparation software Turbo Tax to file on behalf of his family for years. After inputting all of my personal and W-2 information, we began to go through the series of questions to determine how much I owed the refunds for which I qualified — investments during the past year, whether I am a new home or car owner, family size and other questions of the like.

When we came to the part on scholarships and educational expenses, we looked to my 1099-T form from the Howdy financial aid portal. I typed in the amount of aid I received, subtracted the total amount paid to the University in tuition and then reported the balance of that amount as “income.”

The reported amount was high — I have a full-ride in scholarships, and received additional aid this past year with my summer study abroad. I am thankful for the scholarships, which pay my educational expenses — I can be thankful when I realized that I owe taxes on more than $10,000 of “income.”

After subtracting the costs of textbooks and a summer school class I took at Blinn, I was still paying almost $1,000 in taxes just on my scholarships, in addition to taxes on my income from my part-time jobs. I was shocked. I didn’t know where that money would come from — the only possibility was sacrificing the money I needed for rent during the summer.

I enlisted the help of my grandparents’ accountant to double-check things and make sure I hadn’t overlooked any education expenses. After digging through paperwork, he found a few expenses I had yet to report that lowered the amount I owed.

I was lucky to have family and friends who helped navigate the tax season, but I still learned much from the experience. Students with scholarships should be prepared to pay taxes on any funds not deemed “educational expenses.” If your scholarship — like mine — pays for room and board, that money is taxable. Educational expenses include costs of tuition, books, computers and equipment, but not room and board. Though your scholarship donor already paid taxes on this money when they earned it, it is taxed a second time when you receive it — kind of like an inheritance tax or a tax on gambling winnings.

Do not be caught off-guard or unprepared. Whatever scholarship you have, budget to save some of this amount during the year so that you’re ready when the tax season rolls around. I was caught with insufficient savings, due to insufficient planning and lack of awareness. Don’t make the same mistake.

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Guy Pearce’s “Lockout” isn’t a particularly good movie. The plot is a little confusing, with the kind of last-minute plot twist that manages to pull off the post-“Sixth Sense” Shyamalan paradox of the audience absolutely not seeing it coming, but also totally and completely not caring.

The acting, outside Pearce and one of the villains, is stiff at best. The special effects are at brief times impressive and visionary, but inevitably devolve into a video game-like blurriness and artifici-ality.

The characters, mostly as a result of the plot-by-“Mad Libs” and the Hayden Christensen-inspired acting performances, are mostly uninteresting, unsympathetic and undeveloped.

But come on. Is anybody who’s seen the trailer going to the theaters expecting “The Dark Knight?” No. Is Guy Pearce supposed to portray a man struggling with inner psychological issues, or some artsy junk like it’s a Colin Firth movie? No. Also, sidebar, no offense is meant to Colin Firth — great actor.

“Lockout” is a cheap thrill, a B-movie with low aspirations, little depth and lots of explosions. It’s not the greatest B-movie of all time (see: “Killer Klowns From Outer Space”) but it clearly knows the formula for success, and delivers on that formula.

The film is produced by Luc Besson, a man with a history of slick, commercially-minded films, which often trade substance for style. Besson also produced the 2008 Liam-Neeson-kicks-butt celebration, “Taken,” another example of a film that succeeds in spite of its lack of storytelling depth.

Much like “Taken,” Besson’s latest film places much of the burden on the shoulders of its leading man. And in this case, the leading man is more likeable, and equally as hard-core as Neeson in “Taken” (Mr. Neeson, please don’t come track me down and exact revenge for saying that). Pearce’s portrayal of Snow as a sarcastic, common-sense genius of covert combat is brilliant, and goes beyond the cliché notions of a character which everyone has seen a million times before.

It’s Pearce’s style and humor that make the film, not to mention his general awesomeness as a professional butt-kicker.

The real question about this film, though, is why Pearce, a star in highly-respected and successful films such as “L.A. Confidential,” “Memento,” and “The Count of Monte Cristo” is in it. It’s a question for which I don’t have an answer, but I believe Jim Craig would say there are about thirty thousand of them, all sitting in his New York bank account. Thank goodness he is in this movie, though, and hopefully somebody in Hollywood will give him a reward for saving “Lockout” from the unforgiving jaws of bland mediocrity.

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Scene Editor

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC), the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and the Institute for Educational Initiatives collaborated to bring the first-ever Chilean film festival to Notre Dame this week.

The event, officially titled “A Festival of Chilean Film,” begins Thursday at 6:30 p.m., with a discussion panel featuring three of the most prominent directors in Chilean cinema — Ignacio Agüero, Gonzalo Justiniano and Andrés Wood.

In addition to being decorated Chilean filmmakers, the three all received Holy Cross education as boys, attending St. George’s College in Santiago, Chile.

“The filmmakers will be here starting on Thursday to talk about their work, to talk about the lasting legacy of Chilean film, specifically in the post-1970s era, and how they’ve been instrumental in rebuilding the industry under a lot of kind of severe limitations within the country in terms of the restrictions,” Ted Barron, senior associate director at DPAC, said.

Barron refers to the political coup of the 1970s, in which army general Augusto Pinochet violently overthrew the democratically-elected government and brutally put down any dissenters, placing industries such as film in a position of what Andrés Wood once called a lasting restriction of “self-censorship.”

According to Barron, though the Performing Arts Center has featured series of films from around the world before, this is the first time it has focused so specifically on Latin America.

Steve Reifenberg, executive director of the Kellogg Institute, explained why Chile was an important place to start, especially for Notre Dame.

“The Kellogg Center, since it was founded 30 years ago, has had a long and deep association with Latin America, and a special relationship with Chile. In the 1980s, when there was a military government in Chile, many leading academics and policy makers came to Notre Dame and came to Kellogg, and ever since, we’ve had a really close relationship with Chile,” Reifenberg said.

After the discussion panel, the first film of the festival will screen Thursday at 9:30 p.m. Justiniano will introduce his film “b-happy,” which follows a teenage girl who must make hard choices to escape her troubled family, and finds solace in the form of poetry.

Friday will feature two films by Wood, the most internationally-acclaimed director of the group. His newest film, “Violeta Went to Heaven” will show at 6:30 p.m. The movie is a biography of Chilean singer and cultural icon Violeta Parra, and received the honor of the 2012 Sundance Film Festival World Cinema Jury Prize.

Immediately following will be perhaps the internationally-famous film in the Chilean industry, Wood’s “Machuca.” The film was one of the first in Chilean history to illustrate the events of Pinochet’s coup, and follows young school boys in the midst of the chaos. The movie was featured at the 2004 Cannes Film Festival.

Agüero, a documentary director, will introduce two of his films on Saturday evening. “100 Children Waiting for a Train” will screen at 6:30 p.m., followed by “Agustin’s Newspaper.” The first tells the story of children who are introduced to cinema for the first time, and the education that ensures.

The second takes a questioning look at the role of Chile’s oldest newspaper, which was pro-coup in the 1970s, in the dissemination of information to the people.

All the films are in Spanish, but have English subtitles or voiceovers. Reifenberg said the language gap, or a lack of knowledge about the history of the country, should not scare students away.

“The films are pretty different, but they touch on specific things to Chile, but they’re really universal themes of love and loss and hope. These are really wonderful stories,” he said. “These are not films that are putting big barriers to being able to enter in. They’re just great films, and students should take advantage.”

Tickets are $3 for each film, and the panel discussion is free.

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“You can’t live your life in the same pair of jeans that feel like you’re wearing pajamas.” Challenge accepted.

Mom. My mom chastised me with this comment while shopping for interviews suits over Easter break. She was tired of me complaining about how one blazer made my shoulders look big, how another pair of pants fit weirdly around my hips, and on and on when she, my grandmother, my sister and even the fitting room attendant disagreed.

I was not impressed though, not even with the capri chinos in a fantastic orange color. I didn’t want to grow up, to be forced out of my favorite jeans into a suit.

It’s okay though. I loved the color of those chino pants, so I found my favorite pair of jeans in almost that exact same color. And while I haven’t yet broken them into the pajama-like feeling of my other pair, I’m sure they’ll get there.

But this column is not about my struggle to join the real world, fashion-wise. This is a call for everyone to celebrate the denim in their lives.

Celebrate the versatility of jeans. Throw on a sweatshirt and flip flops for a super casual look, or don a nice blazer, top and boots to class the closet-staple up.

The story of American jeans begins a little less than 150 years ago. In 1873, Levi Strauss received a patent to make the first pair of riveted men’s work pants out of denim. And thus, the first pair of jeans was born. Only cowboys and other hard laborers wore jeans until about the 1950s, when the style became popular among teenagers. From then on, jeans were a staple of almost every American closet.


I’m not fashion-savvy enough or fashion history-savvy enough, however, to begin to discuss these changing trends in denim clothing. I have noticed, however, that while all types of jeans have passed in and out of fashion throughout the years, even our short 18 to 22 years of life, the idea of that favorite pair is eternal.

I’m talking about that special pair of jeans that make you feel better every time you put it on. Those jeans can make you feel invincible, sexy, anything. Whatever you need to make it through the day.

Rock those jeans. Find them in multiple colors or washes. Because everyone deserves to feel that way. You feel the cool denim on your legs as you slide them on, and you’re empowered. Look good, feel good. Maybe everyone around that party, bar or club is in a dress or skirt. Don’t worry, they’ll never look as good in your jeans as you do.

Now, there’s no problem if you prefer skirts or dresses, corduroys or chinos to jeans. I just want to take a second to celebrate jeans because too often people, male and female, are criticized because “all he or she wears is jeans.”

Embrace that. There’s nothing wrong with jeans, and there’s nothing wrong with you. And do as I did — enter a profession in which it is more than acceptable to wear jeans at least every Friday.

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MLB takes time to remember Robinson

Never has a nightmare felt so good.

On a day where every major league player donned Jackie Robinson’s famous No. 42, broadcasters and public announcers had an opportunity to really try to make sense of who was who. Who’s that warming up in the bullpen? Who’s that in the on-deck circle? Who’s that making the pitching change?

Jackie Robinson and Jackie Robinson and Jackie Robinson. He was everywhere on the field Sunday afternoon—just as he was everywhere in the news when he broke baseball’s color line in 1947. The ballplayer who had racked up a career .316 average and 586 career home runs, which he hit over 300. But no one really cares about his home runs. And if they do, it’s not the right stats. They remember the numerous death threats, the multitude of hate mail, the many flying cleats—but they also remember the one remarkable life he lived.

The celebration and tangible opened the door for two* black baseball players, first Hank Aaron and then Barry Bonds* to break Babe Ruth’s long-standing home run record. His footsteps allowed Matt Kemp, Prince Fielder and Brandon Phillips to sign huge deals with teams because there was a World Series and even the Tuskegee Airmen to Toronto. His family, his friends, the many flying cleats—threats, the multitude of hate mail, the many flying cleats—perhaps nothing could have seemed as right as when the Dodgers, Robinson’s old team, took the field Sunday on the West Coast. Vin Scully, the voice of the Dodgers, summed it up best during his broadcast: “Before Ellsbury. Before Kemp. Before Ichiro, Mo, and Thomas. Before Gwynn. Before Ozzie. Before Murray, and Carew. Before Frank. Before Ernie. Before Aaron. And Days. There was Jackie.”

Kemp, the current Los Angeles center fielder, tried his best to honor Robinson’s No. 42, going on a home run on his way to a 3-for-4 day at the plate. The Classic Red Sox uniforms, with blue lettering and red numbers, looked particularly good with No. 42 back on them.

The whole day was a success. Why do I say that? Because I saw how Youkilis may be feeling about it. Because people are talking about it. Because the Jackie Robinson Foundation is being helped.

Because people take time to remember him.

So next time you see retired number hanging on an outfield wall, from an upper deck balcony or on a flag rustling in the wind, note which one is everywhere, simply because one day is not enough.

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Associated Press

BOSTON — Kevin Youkilis’ teammates came to his defense Monday after Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine questioned his commitment to the game and then apologized to his third baseman.

Despite the fact that just 8.5 percent of major league rosters are made up of black players, “Jackie Robinson is being remembered everywhere, simply because he was the first,” said Matthew DeFranks, Associate Sports Editor. “All you can do is tell Youkilis to keep moving forward. The whole team is pulling for Youkilis. ‘He’s been a part of this organization for two years now. We’ve got this,’” Valentine said in the clubhouse. We’ve got this.

Youkilis, a career-low 258 last season, when he was limited to 112 games by several injuries. Going into this season, his ninth with the Red Sox, he was batting .249 with 129 homers and 550 RBIs.

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Valentine said that he doesn’t want Youkilis to think “I was jabbing at him.”

“I’d be surprised if Kevin didn’t know I was totally beh- ind him,” he said. “We’re big boys. I think he’ll get it. If not, I’ll talk to him a lot more.”

*Note: Unfortunately, this article contains an error. Jackie Robinson did not hit 586 career home runs. He hit 450 career home runs, as noted in the text. This error was made due to a misinterpretation of the information provided. The Observer regrets the error and the incorrect information it contains.

Sports Authority

MLB Valentine, Youkilis make up

Red Sox third baseman Kevin Youkilis, right, talks with manager Bobby Valentine during a spring training baseball game in Fort Myers, Fla., on March 27. Youkilis hit a career-low .258 last season, when he was limited to 112 games by several injuries. Going into this season, his ninth with the Red Sox, he was batting .249 with 129 homers and 550 RBIs.

Youkilis said in the interview before Boston’s 13-5 win on Sunday. “But (on Saturday) it seemed, you know, he’s seeing the ball well, got those two walks, got his on-base percentage up higher than his batting aver- age, which is always a good thing and I’ll move on from there.”

On Monday, Valentine said, “I should have been more spe- cific. Physical is about your swing, emotional is about not being happy when he doesn’t hit a home run.”

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“I go out and just play the game. It doesn’t matter one way or another. There’s things that happened over the years with a lot of different things in baseball,” he said. “For me it’s not an is- sue.”

Valentine said that he doesn’t want Youkilis to think “I was jabbing at him.”

“I’d be surprised if Kevin didn’t know I was totally beh- ind him,” he said. “We’re big boys. I think he’ll get it. If not, I’ll talk to him a lot more.”

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HOUSTON — Arron Afflalo scored 26 points, Ty Lawson had 25 and the Denver Nuggets continued their playoff push with a 105-102 victory over the fading Houston Rockets on Monday night.

At Harrington added 15 points and Andre Miller had 13 assists for the Nuggets, who swept back-to-back games with the Rockets, the team directly behind them in the Western Conference standings.

Denver began the night holding the No. 7 spot in the Western Conference, one game ahead of the Rockets, who have both been playing later Monday.

Goran Dragić and Chandler Parsons scored 21 points apiece for the Rockets, who have dropped four straight after a four-game road winning streak.

Denver led 75-74 after three quarters, and the fourth was tight all the way to the end.

The Nuggets took a 99-98 lead into the final 2 minutes, and Afflalo found Harrington with a wraparound pass for an easy layup with 1:19 left to make it 101-98. Parsons rattled off a jumper from the free-throw line, but with all the Nuggets standing on the baseline, Lawson hit a 3-pointer from the corner with 45 seconds left to silence the noisy crowd.

Patrick Patterson hit a short jumper, and Luis Scola had a chance to tie it but his runner in the lane rattled out with 6 seconds left. Afflalo, a 79 percent free-throw shooter, split two free throws with 6.9 seconds left. Afflalo missed his 24th game of the season.

But with Houston center Marcus Camby sidelined with a back injury, Denver got some easy baskets down low. Afflalo cut inside for consecutive layups to trim the deficit to 38-33 and force Rockies coach Kevin McHale to call a timeout.

The Rockets, meanwhile, went cold in the second quarter, missing 8 of their first 11 shots, including three 3-point attempts. Kyle Lowry hit a 3-pointer with 5:41 left in the first half, but Houston missed its next two shots and Lawson swished an answering 3 from 23 feet to give the Nuggets a 46-36 lead at the break. Afflalo then drove for another layup to tie it at 41-all.

Houston finished the half with a 10-3 burst, capped by Courtney Lee’s second 3-pointer, to lead 51-44. Despite the rally, Denver shot only 16 percent (16 of 45) in the first half.

The Nuggets made 9 of their first 14 shots out of the break. Harrington made two Js, and Afflalo scored in the lane to put Denver up 67-66. Lee swept in for a layup, and Houston moved back in front with 3:49 left in the quarter.

The teams swapped the lead five more times, and Denver took a one-point lead to start the final 12 minutes.

Rockets forward Luis Scola backs down Nuggets forward Kenneth Faried, center, during Denver’s 105-102 win at Houston on Monday.

Richard Hamilton scored 22 points to lead the Bulls, who played without stars Derrick Rose and Luol Deng. Rose was out with a sore right foot as he missed his 24th game of the season, and Deng sat out due to a sore right rib.

But after two straight games of clutch 3-pointers in the finals seconds to force overtime in wins against Miami and Detroit, the Bulls missed a third chance when Hamilton’s 3-pointer was blocked by James Singleton with 5:49 left and C.J. Watson missed in the final seconds.

The Bulls’ lead on Miami in the Eastern Conference dropped to 2 1/2 games with five games remaining. The Heat beat New Jersey earlier Monday night.

Rose injured his foot in Sunday’s win at Detroit, when he bounced back from a day-and-a-half from now”.

David West had 22 points and 10 rebounds, Danny Granger scored 19 points, Paul George had 18 and Roy Hibbert added 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Pacers, who solidified their grip on the No. 3 position in the Eastern Conference standings.

Indiana has won eight of nine games, but none of the other wins started this well. The Pacers generally have been stronger in the second half than in the first, but this time, they did the right things from the opening tip.

“I think the biggest thing is that we continue to build good habits,” West said. “We’re coming out and trying to make the right play every single time. I think that’s imperative for us. We continue the momentum we’re starting to build and hopefully, we’ll be playing some of our best ball a week-and-a-half from now.”

Indiana scored at least 100 points for the 10th time in 11 games.

“We’ve been trusting the pass,” George said. “Everybody’s been willing to share the ball, and we’ve been moving.”

Jose Barea had 14 points and nine assists and reserves Michael Beasley and Derrick Williams added 13 points each for Minnesota, which lost its 10th in a row. Kevin Love, one of the league’s top scorers and rebounders, sat out for the third consecutive game with a mild concussion and a neck strain.

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NBA

Lawson, Afflalo lead Nuggets past Rockets

Struggling Wizards take down first-place Bulls in Chicago; surging Pacers defeat Minnesota
Club Sports

Sailing team wins conference in blustery conditions

Men’s Ultimate-Tearful East Coast College Championship Notre Dame-B edges Michigan

Special to the Observer

This weekend, Notre Dame sailing captured the right to race in the championship for the first time in two years, qualifying for the College Sailing Conference, which counted as the quarterfinals for the national sailing championship. The top five teams would qualify for the national championships.

When the team arrived it was windy and wavy, which made for some challenging sailing. The team’s captain, Rick Power and Maddy Skorcz, started the weekend strong with a pair of first-place showings in their first set. Solid competition throughout the day had the Irish fighting for the fifth qualifying spot with UIC trading the lead with every set. At the end of the first day, Notre Dame was in sixth place, six points behind UIC. The Irish went into the qualifying meet and sailed out headed into another rainy and windy day. The second day, Notre Dame’s sailors battle the wind and sailors used the disk and found cutter junior Kelsey Taylor in the end zone.

In their final game of the day, the Irish played Purdue. The women struggled to secure the win in order to advance to the championship bracket. Playing Purdue. The second half, the women went out extremely hard and put down Purdue’s offense, winning 13-7. The win secured the women a spot in the semifinal against Michigan-B, finishing their season strong. The women’s team will next compete at the Great Lakes regional from April 28 to 29 in their most important tournament of the season.

Men’s Ultimate

Both the Notre Dame men’s and women’s ultimate franchises will host the Midwest Regional Ultimate Championships this weekend. Notre Dame-A will host and carry it into this qualifying meet. The team would bounce back, however, to take third place over Michigan-B, finishing second semifinal to Indiana-B to eliminate Notre Dame-A from championship contention.

The team would bounce back, however, to take third place over Michigan State-B. Junior captain Andromeda rompers and sophomore captain Jordan Lange led the entire team throughout the day. Increased pressure throughout the day. In their final game of the day, the Irish played the University of Kansas, Ohio State, and Michigan State. The women won 13-6 victory to win the championship.

The Irish team will return to action in the Midwest Regional Ultimate Championships on Friday with a game against Ohio State. Notre Dame-A will be playing your very best. The Irish are looking to make a statement in the Midwest Regional Ultimate Championships.

SMC Golf

Belles face conference foes in postseason qualifying tourney

By ANDREW CARDOZA

Today the Belles travel to Holland, Mich., for the NCAA D-II Western Regional, hoping to secure a spot in the national tournament.

The Belles closed out the spring season with a bang, finishing the season with a 294 team score of 660. The Belles were able to secure a 13-11 win, thus earning a place in the national championship.

The Belles face competitive play from conference rivals Ohio Northern, Hope College, and Trine. The Belles have seen most of their opponents throughout the season in tournament and conference play.

A huge boost to the Belles including Ohio Northern, Hope College, and Trine, which is one our top team goals. I expect nothing but a competitive appearance and a fantastic day of competition on the green."
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to a rough start when he was knocked out of the season opener against Duke after receiving a hit to the head, which also caused him to miss Notre Dame’s only loss of the season against Penn State. On April 1, the injury bug bit again when O’Connor suffered a sprained ankle against St. John’s, forcing him out through the week’s win over Providence. He said he is now recovered from both injuries.

In addition to the bother some injuries, O’Connor is also facing a decrease in statistical output from a year ago. After finishing in the top-20 in the nation in face-off percentage last season at 553, O’Connor is currently outside the top-50 in the country at 432 this year. But the lower production has not had an effect on his mindset.

“It’s kind of a team philos ophy not to worry about individual statistics,” he said. “I have noticed it, but it hasn’t dis couraged me at all. I try to see in other aspects that I’m help ing the team ... So I just try to make sure that every face-off is at least a 50-50 groundball, and try to contribute as much as I can within my ability.”

That ability has not just been taking face-offs, but scoring goals this year, as well. Af ter recording no points last season, O’Connor scored a critical goal off a face-off win with just over two minutes left in an 8-7 victory at Ohio State on March 21. He also added tallies against Rutgers and St. John’s.

“In high school, I scored a lot, but it’s defi nitely a good feeling to have that recognized [from a team standpoint ...] kind of contributing with a big goal against Ohio State – a big momentum swing – or a big goal against St. John’s to keep a run going,” he said.

While he has scored three goals off face-offs this year, O’Connor is still uti lized solely in face-off situa tions, and not in the settled offense. Though he is hopeful he can eventually evolve from a face-off specialist to an all around offensive or defensive contributor for the Irish in upcoming seasons, he is current ly focused on doing whatever is possible to help his team win the ultimate prize in May.

“I think that we could definitely win the national championship,” O’Connor said. “When we’re focused all week preparing to play a game, and we have ourselves to go up against the competition, we’re as good as anybody in the country.

“Where we get down is maybe after the first quarter. Against Rutgers, [we] got up to a 4-1 lead and then let up on the pedal a bit. We lose our focus, and that’s where we kind of let other teams get back into the game. But if we stayed focused 100 percent during the game, then we can compete with anybody.”

O’Connor’s next matchup is Villanova on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Associated Press

Zdeno Chara scored the tie breaking goal during 4-on-4 play, with less than 2 minutes left, and the reigning Stanley Cup champion Boston Bruins finally solved playoff rookie goalie Braden Holt by, beating the Washington Capital s 4-3 Monday night to take a 2-1 lead in the first-round series. Chara’s shot from the right circle appeared to get deflected on its way past Holby. The Bruins captain also had two assists.

Tim Thomas, the season’s playoff MVP, made 29 saves and ignored the taunting from fans who held up photos of President Barack Obama, reminding Bos ton’s goalie that he turned down a trip to the White House in January with his teammates.

Game 4 is Thursday in Wash ington. After that, the best-of seven Eastern Conference series shifts back to Boston for Game 5 on Saturday.

Brian Rolston, Rich Peverley and Daniel Paille also scored for the Bruins.

Alex Ovechkin, Alexander Se min and Brooks Laich got Wash ington’s goals. Laich scored on a breakaway with 6 minutes left to make it 3-3, but Chara came through with 1:53 remaining for second seeded Boston.

Holtby, who blocked 72 of 74 shots through the first two games, was good but not great Monday, making 25 saves.

The action was more free-flow ing than it had been in the series, and perhaps the teams are getting used to each other. The Bruins ranked second in the NHL during the regular season with 269 goals, and no team had more players with 20 goals than Boston’s 10. The Capitals have emphasized defense lately, but they still boast talented forwards such as Ovechkin, Semin and Nicklas Backstrom.

Game 1 went to overtime before Boston won 1-0, and Game 2 wasn’t decided until the second extra period, when Washington claimed a 2-1 victory. Two games and a whopping total of four goals.

There were four goals in 1½ periods Monday, and a lot more hit ting and fighting and penalties. After one prolonged skirmish involving a handful of players, Capitals defense man Karl Alzner made a fist and rotated it near his eye, as if to say to one of the Bruins, “Why are you being such a crybaby?”

Ovechkin attempted to set the tone right away, flattening defense man Dennis Seidenberg with a big, roar-inducing hit less than 30 seconds in. About 30 minutes later, Ovechkin was at it again, rattling Rolston, one of the five hits the Russian accumulated in the first period.

Nearly every save made by Holtby — especially snatches with his glove — drew raucous cheers from the red-clad fans in the arena.

The spectators tried to bother Thomas, mocking him by chant ing his name and showing signs that made reference to his deci sion to skip the trip to visit the president. Thomas, who was born in Michigan and went to the University of Vermont, said at the time he believes the federal gov ernment “has grown out of control.”

Chara is Boston’s best defen seman and it’s likely not a coin cidence that Washington went 1-0-1 on a power play with him in the penalty box for rough ing.

The Capitals capitalized 29 seconds into the 5-on-4 chance, with Laich corralling the puck, keeping it in the zone and drawing it to Semin, who made it 1-0 at 16:45 of the first period.

Ovechkin was credited with a secondary assist on the goal, the first of the series on a power play. Until then, Washington was 0 for 5, Boston 0 for 7.

The opening 20 minutes ended with a bit of a scrum several feet from the Bruin net. Nothing of the sort seen in the rowdy Flyers Penguins series, but there was some scrum between the two players began the second period off the ice: Washington’s Backstrom for cross-checking, and Boston’s Lucic for roughing.

With some 4-on-4 action, the teams produced two goals in 13 seconds.

The teams tied it at 1, with Peverley scoring off a slap shot from the left circle 33 seconds into the period.

It didn’t take long for Ovechkin to respond. Limited to zero goals — and only four shots on net — through the first two games, the two-time NHL MVP put Washington ahead 2-1 at 48 seconds. Laich lobbed a pass up ahead, and Ovechkin pounced, beating Seidenberg to the flabbergastin shot and one-timer in a shot under Thomas’ left leg.
**Armstrong**

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strength lies in her emotional stability on the course and not letting bad shots get to her. Holt said her competitive-ness has outweighed the struggles she had early. “Ashley is a fierce competitor and has spectacular on-course demeanor,” Holt said. “She has a great attitude and always gives 100 percent, so she is never out of it. Her competitive nature gets her through those tough rounds where not all of the shots are going her way, but she still comes out of it with a good score.”

Armstrong said her golf game is marked by pattern of behavior on the course. “I am a very superstitious player,” Armstrong said. “There isn’t necessarily anything I do before I tee off, but when I’m playing, I have to mark my ball on the right side of the Sharpie line on my ball, or else I will miss the putt. Also, on par-threes I have to use a broken tee, or else I feel like I won’t hit a good shot.”

With a fierce competitive-ness and superstitious na-ture in tow, Armstrong will lead the Irish into the Big East championship at the Re-union Resort and Golf Club in Orlando, Fla. starting Sun-day.

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**MLB**

Strasburg earns second win

Associated Press

Washington - Stephen Strasburg pitched six in-nings for his second win of the season, to lead the Washington Nationals to a 6-3 victory over the Hous-ton Astros on Monday.

Strasburg looked near-ly unhittable for five in-nings, allowing just three singles, but the Astros got to him in the sixth for two runs and three hits.

Strasburg (2-0) walked one and struck out five. He hasn’t allowed a home run in 50 1-3 innings — since Aug. 15, 2010. His ERA rose from 0.69 to 1.42.

Steve Lombardozzi had three singles and a two-run double in the sixth off Kyle Weiland (0-2) that gave Washington a 4-2 lead. Ryan Zimmerman followed with a two-run single.

Weiland started for the seventh time in his major league career and is win-less in five decisions.

In the sixth, Jordan Schafer and Jed Lowrie led off with singles. On the ninth pitch of his at-bat, J.D. Martinez walked to load the bases. Carlos Lee flied out to center fielder Rick An-kiel, but Schafer elected not to attempt scoring. Ankiel’s throw home was perfect.

After Strasburg struck out Travis Buck, Chris Johnson hit a two-run single to tie the score.

In the bottom of the sixth, Ankiel singled with one out, and with two outs, Rog-er Bernadina, batting for Strasburg walked. Desmond walked to load the bases, and Lombardozzi, who was starting because manag-er Davey Johnson wanted to rest Danny Espinosa, slapped a double to left, and Zimmerman followed with the two-run double.

Weiland pitched 2 2-3 in-nings, allowing six runs and 10 hits.

The Astros scored their final run in the eighth on a single to Travis Buck and a triple by Johnson — his third hit of the game. They batted 2 for 14 with runners in scoring position.

NOTES: Strasburg singled in the fourth inning. He’s now 2 for 31 as a major league hitter.

National’s RHP Chien-Ming Wang will throw a simulated game in Viera, Fla., on Wednesday, and if that goes well, he’ll pitch in a minor league game. Wang has been on the disabled list with a left hamstring injury. ... TV evangelist Joel Osteen threw out the first pitch. He’ll be conducting a service at Nationals Park on Apr. 28. ... The Astros have scored at least three runs in every game. ... Houston LHP Wandy Rodriguez (0-1, 2.38 ERA) is scheduled to throw against Nationals LHP Gio Gonzalez (0-0, 3.38 ERA) on Tuesday night.

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PROGRAM (March 21–April 9): Help will be offered if you show initiative. An old friend or lover will play a vital role in your life. Don’t be so hard on yourself. It happened a long time ago and it is a way of life that can change your life.  

TAROT (April 20–May 18): Keep things simple, or those around you want to make a big splash. Doing practical work now will have more meaning to some than what you want to do something special or make a mance. Structure will help you achieve your goals.  

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VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): Open up to people who have something to offer in return. An opportunity to travel or visit friends or relatives will broaden your horizons and give you more options for future advancement. Relaxation is a possibility.  

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): Get involved in a project that will help you feel good and be best. The changes you make now will influence the way someone treats you in the future. You will gain confidence and personal productivity if you take positive action.  

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): Self-scrutiny will take a key role in picking up money and personal gains. Think logically through the ordeal and determine if someone is dealing with you over the next few months.  

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): What you do for others will be a waste of time. Love issues will surface if you spend too much time helping others. Include the people you love most in your plans. The family that gluten-free eats together, stays together.  

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): There is plenty to learn from looking through an old diary. Check out how others react and what conflicts between friends, family or people you encounter in your community. Gather around people who are willing to join together as a small effort in you.  

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): Focus on home and family and making the most with what you have. Greater stability will be yours if you get together with a small budget that will help you reach your personal goals. Love improvement projects will pay off.  

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20): Don’t keep secrets from someone with whom you are personally involved. The more you tell, the easier it will be to get things done your way. Don’t let go for the way of a decision that last time to be made to advance.  

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THE MATING RITUAL

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LondonExpress LEE HAGGENJOS and ALEX GRISWOLD

We here at the London Express would like to issue a correction. Recently, St. John the Evangelist appeared in our comic. We accidentally used an image of St. James, Brother of Our Lord!
Junior Armstrong was awarded Big East Player of the Week on April 1, freshman Ashley Armstrong from March 28 to April 3, and graduate student Devereaux Peters with the No. 8 pick. Peters became Notre Dame as the 10th best player ever, ahead of Ring of Honor member Ruth Riley, who was drafted No. 5 by the Miami Sol in 2001 after winning the national championship. Peters and Novosel selected in draft women's basketball.

The Belles pitching staff, anchored by sophomore Callie Selner, allowed just five runs in the four games. Selner, who pitched the first three games, improved her record to 11-5 and lowered her ERA to a team-high 1.99. Meanwhile, the Thunder also rode a four-game winning streak into today’s competition following recent doubleheader sweeps of Hope and Alma.

The Belles have been formidable throughout the season, batting .336 and hitting 20 home runs, compared to just five homers for Saint Mary’s.

Additionally, their leading pitcher, junior Andi Gasco, holds a 14-2 record with a 1.49 ERA, striking out 109 batters in 108 innings pitched. Gasco is also a dual threat, as she leads the team with six home runs and is second with a .429 batting average.

Following the doubleheader with Trine, the Belles will play six-straight road games, starting Thursday with a doubleheader at MIAA foe Albion College at 3:30 p.m.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Peters and Novosel selected in draft women’s basketball.

The Minnesota Lynx drafted graduate student forward Devereaux Peters with the No. 3 overall pick in the WNBA draft Monday. The Washington Mystics drafted senior guard Natalie Novosel with the No. 8 pick.

Peters became Notre Dame as the 10th best player ever, ahead of Ring of Honor member Ruth Riley, who was drafted No. 5 by the Miami Sol in 2001 after winning the national championship. Peters scored 1,319 points, 17th all-time for the women’s basketball program. She became the first player in program history to ever record at least 1,000 points, 500 rebounds, 200 blocks, 200 steals and 200 assists in her career. In her final season, she averaged 11.9 points and 9.3 rebounds per game. She blocked 122 shots and协助ed on 88 baskets.

Novosel finished her career with 1,670 points and 144 free throws made (464) and free throws attempted (588). She scored 1,569 points, which ranks ninth all-time and shot 39.2 percent from behind the three-point line, which ranks fifth all-time in program history.

During her senior campaign, Novosel averaged 15.2 points and 4.1 rebounds per game. She shot 82.9% from the field and 41.1% from beyond the arc.

Novosel finished as a first-round Big East East member in the last two seasons. Stanford senior All-American Nnemkadi Ogwumike was selected with the No. 1 overall pick by the Los Angeles Sparks.