The Diversity Council of Notre Dame submitted a resolution to the administration Wednesday detailing recommendations for further actions benefiting the University's diverse community, compiled after four months of discussion.

Senior Luis Llanos, chair of the Diversity Council, said the importance of the resolution derives from the Council's unique ability to unite representatives of 29 clubs whose members mostly come from underrepresented groups.

"Last year, the Diversity Council came together and decided as a whole that it was important for us to really go in-depth and figure out what in our communities was going wrong and why people didn't feel at home here," he said. "We brought together the opinions of many of the communities on campus and started in April. We started with a lot of different points ... and we were almost going to send the resolution up in April, but then we decided to take the summer to really pinpoint what was wrong and what action steps Notre Dame could take to make students feel at home. This is what has come through."

The resolution supports three "recent changes to community life" made by the university and offers seven recommendations for further action under the office of Student Affairs, Auxiliary operations and the office of the Provost.

Llanos said the administration "has been very positive when it comes to community life and the diversity population on campus," and he hopes to continue the conversation about inclusion once they review the resolution.

"We're going to have to have meetings to explain these points more extensively and explain the process we went through, but past that, we're going to have to ... see P R I S O N  P A G E  5

Symposium addresses female prisoners

By H A L E I G H  E H M S E N  News Writer

Saint Mary’s hosted the Symposium on Women’s Incarceration on Tuesday to discuss how the current increase in female prisoners affects American society, according to Dr. Adrienne Lyles-Chockley, a lawyer and coordinator of the Justice Education program at Saint Mary’s.

“Saint Mary’s College is founded on four core values: learning, community, faith and spirituality, and justice. This event is designed to affirm each of these,” she said. “The symposium [provides] a context for talking about women’s incarceration.”

Fr. David Link, dean emeritus of the Notre Dame Law School, prison reform activist and chaplain, gives the keynote address Tuesday at the Saint Mary’s Symposium on Women’s Incarceration.

 Priests reflect on spiritual work with inmates

By R E B E C C A  O’N E I L  News Writer

During Tuesday’s Symposium on Women’s Incarceration at Saint Mary’s, two priests who have served as prison chaplains shared their experiences working with inmates.

Fr. Jim Bracke and Fr. Tom McNally closed the day-long event by offering a spiritual perspective on the “crisis of incarceration” — male or female, convicted or not convicted — and called attendees to action.

Bracke said he sees the inmates as his brothers. He said he adopted this term of endearment after realizing many of the former offenders were like him;
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**The Next Five Days:**

**Thursday**
- Zen Meditation
  Coleman-Morse Center
  6:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
  Held in the Meditation Room.

**Syria: Why it Matters to US**
- Hesburgh Chapel
  7:30 p.m.-9:15 p.m.
  Talk by aid worker Keren Rahmani.

**Friday**
- Soup and Substance on HIV/AIDS
  Geddes Hall
  12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
  Lunch and discussion in the Coffee House.

**Conscious Christmas**
- Badin Hall
  12 p.m.-1 p.m.
  Sale of Fair Trade goods from Nepal.

**Saturday**
- Transpose Show: “City Beat”
  South Dining Hall
  2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
  See Notre Dame’s dance collective.

- Holiday Gift Auction
  Robinson Center
  4 p.m.-6 p.m.
  $5 ticket includes auction, entertainment, and refreshments.

**Sunday**
- Classic Film: “It’s a Wonderful Life”
  DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
  3 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
  Free for ND students.

- Advent Lessons and Carols
  Basilica of the Sacred Heart
  7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
  With all Basilica choirs.

**Monday**
- Community Choir Rehearsal
  Coleman-Morse 329
  6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
  For Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

- Men’s Basketball
  Purcell Pavilion
  7 p.m.-9 p.m.
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**Four students dressed as reindeer celebrate the spirit of Christmas with the Santa Claus of St. Jude Parish in South Bend. The parish has been a staple of the South Bend community and enjoys the 65th anniversary of its founding Mass today.**

**Emily Kopetsky | The Observer**
ND and BYU open interreligious dialogue

By CATHERINE OWERS
News Writer

Notre Dame and Brigham Young University's football teams squared off Nov. 23, but Thursday, major professors from both schools will seek common ground between these religious institutions' parent faiths.

The conference, titled "Catholic and Mormons: A New Dialogue," is sponsored by the Rooney Center for American Democracy, the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism and the Center for the Study of Religion and Society at Notre Dame, and Religious Education and The Wheatley Institute at Brigham Young University.

David Campbell, director of the Rooney Center, said the idea for the conference originated when he was contacted by two professors at Brigham Young University.

"They asked whether or not Notre Dame might be interested in hosting a conference that would bring together scholars of Catholicism and scholars of Mormonism," he said. "Their thinking was that this is a sort of prophetic time to bring people who are experts in the two different religions together, partly because, as you may have encountered, some people have referred to this time as the 'Mormon moment.'

"That's a phrase that was used in Newsweek, and a lot of newspaper articles have referred to that because of Mitt Romney [a Mormon] running for the presidency. The Book of Mormon, the musical and just in general the rising prominence of Mormons in the country."

The conference will bring together social scientists, theologians, historians and sociologists, Campbell said.

"What we've done is pull together scholars from different disciplines, which itself makes this an unusual conference," he said. "I'm a political scientist, and I don't normally go to conferences where I'm on a panel with theologians. We are fortunate in that the lineup of speakers we have is really phenomenal. When we were first putting the conference together, I never even dreamed we would be able to get as many people together as we could."

Richard Bushman, professor emeritus at Columbia University and a well-known Mormon scholar, will give concluding remarks at the conference, Campbell said. Speakers from Notre Dame include professors Brad Gregory, Scott Appleby and Mark Noll, and the keynote speaker will be Terryl Givens of the University of Richmond, Campbell said.

Senior Eliza Nagle, who is writing a thesis examining Mormon marriage and Catholic marriage, said both faiths strongly emphasize the value of the family unit and evangelization.

"I think both faiths do appreciate learning about other faiths, as well," she said. "I think that's incredibly important in a religious tradition that you do have the capacity to open some kind of dialogue and communicate your faith well."

Nagle said she is looking forward to witnessing the variety speakers the conference will bring together.

"I've been reading these professors' books, so I'm excited to actually talk to them firsthand and ask them questions," she said.

The conference offers the opportunity for students to think about diversity from a religious perspective, Nagle said.

"I think religious diversity should be an important part of what it means to be a student at Notre Dame," she said. "Notre Dame is a very inclusive community, and we do appreciate and celebrate diversity of thought. I think this conference is a really great way to celebrate that we share a lot with other faiths."

Campbell said the conference aims to increase dialogue and collaboration between scholars of Mormonism and Catholicism.

"I'm hoping the conversation will be wide-ranging, in all the many ways that Catholics and Mormons both have things in common, but also highlight differences because they are also worth discussing," he said.

"We're hoping the scholars themselves will build bridges with one another, and perhaps there will be collaborations coming out of this conference among the participants."

"Beyond that, I hope that this is a step towards fostering better and deeper connections between Mormonism in general and Catholicism in general, beyond these particular scholars."
Assault

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[Brigham Young] game, so it was going to be a big weekend for peo- ple who enjoy playing sports (bullets, etc.),”Komos said. “So if you wanted to go buy a bottle of Malibu, you had this note and this message that hopefully got people to go to our Tumblr page (sent.tumblr.com) and interact.”

The project is part of Design for Society: Affecting Positive Change, an elective where stud- ents learn about the social model of design, or designing for a good cause. The class builds up a portfolio of visual communication and design and instructor for the course said.

In addition to designing projects for businesses, class members create social awareness campaigns cen- tering on a single issue, he said.

Sedlack said he and the class chose to focus on sexual assault awareness this semester after the number of sexual assault alert emails increased this fall and af- ter Christine Gebhardt, council of CASAP and director of the Gender Relations Center, suggested using “a new form of communication.”

“I like to keep the project as topi- cal as possible,” Sedlack said. “After the shootings in Newton we did a project on gun control, and after that awful incident where fried chicken was placed in the mailbox of two African American student organizations, we did a project on racism. … I don’t really know what the project will be until about a week before I assign it.”

Sedlack said that the council recognized that rectors collaborate in the pro- cess of choosing fresh, new ideas and plans.

In addition to tying tags around alcohol bottles, Komos and Swift put stickers in restrooms in bars, dorms, LaFortune Student Center and the football stadium and created a Tumblr page, Komos said. The campaign centers around four “rules” of consent and publicizes messages such as, “Nothing you’ve already done gives you permission to do the next thing,” and “True consent is especially difficult after a few shots of tequila,” she said.

“Our (campaign) is more on the preventative side, trying to get people aware of what sexual assault actually is and how to help people that have gone through it and how to avoid it happening to you or to your friends or to anyone that you’re with. That’s why I was drawn to this angle,” Komos said.

Senior Emily Hoffmann [Editor’s note: Hoffmann is a graphic design- er for The Observer.] said she and her project partner, senior Eileen Murphy, wanted to target younger women who went to dorm parties. For their campaign, “Write It On the Wall,” they hung clear posters in the women’s restrooms of male dorms. The posters con- tained a statistic on sexual assault, a list of resources and an invita- tion to write on the poster with a Sharpie, starting a written dialogue about sexual assault.

“The girl’s bathroom is kind of like that safe zone where it’s judged- ment-free, or it’s the place where you go if you’re in an uncomfort- able situation or you just want to get away from the party or you ac- tually have to go to the bathroom, and girls seem to always go in pairs,” Hoffmann said. “It seemed like a good avenue to start this dis- cussion about sexual assault.”

Komo said in the days since their campaign began, images on the Tumblr page had been shared several times, and friends had asked her for stickers for them- selves. She said she hoped the next phase of the project, which began Wednesday, would get the message to a younger audience.

“We’re going to finish making the stickers,” Komos said. “I have a lot of friends who are RA’s, and we’re going to take them to dorms and start putting them in dorm bathrooms to try to get the aware- ness more away from the over-21 crowd and more into the younger crowd that would also be suscept- ible to these decisions.”

Hoffmann said when she and Murphy checked the dorm rest- rooms Monday, most of the posters had been taken down, but the ones that were still up showed that a dia- logue had started.

“We took pictures of them, two of them in particular,” Hoffmann said. “There were about 20 different stories about either sexual assault that had happened to these girls or sexual assaults that had happened to friends of whoever was writing. There were definitely 20 different handwritings on the posters, some of them in response to others.”

“The most rewarding part was … some that said, ‘Thanks for do- ing this.”’

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Diversity

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what action steps we come up with in our unified approach,” he said. “We want to go to [the administra- tion] with these and say ‘how can we make sure the things we came up with are translated to the classroom and house and that rectors collaborate in the pro- cess of choosing fresh, new ideas and plans.”

In the resolution, the Council recommends under the Office of Student Affairs that a visible state- ment regarding the importance of student participation in the classroom and house and that rectors collaborate in the pro- cess of choosing fresh, new ideas and plans.

Under Auxiliary Operations, they recommend that Halal and Kosher foods be made available to students with dietary restrictions for reli- gious reasons.

Under the Office of the Provost, they recommend that mandatory in-services be held for faculty and staff to “aid in the better understand- ing of cultural differences and how these differences can influence and impact the class- room dynamic.” They also recommend that students be required to complete a course with a new “Cultural Enrichment” attribute that would be given to students that are enrolled in a Catholic institution and our com- mitment to society, and I think the big push has been our social justice component.”

“It’s even part of the Holy Cross charism of how we treat one an- other and the task of educating the heart, the head and the mind.”

Kate Zemek, vice chair of the Diversity Council, said the group views the resolution as a “unified effort” with the administration.

“There are other efforts in other parts of the university, but we’re all working toward the same goal,” she said. “We’re hoping that by giving this to the administration, by tell- ing the administration what this group of students represented by the Diversity Council wants, we can help them to work on them.”

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Prison

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for examining the interaction of issues including gender, race and poverty that underlie the crisis of incarceration, and for developing solutions to the crisis grounded in justice, equality, dignity and solidarity.”

Fr. David Link, a current chaplain in Northern Indiana prisons, said mass incarceration in the United States especially affects women.

“The overall rate of incarceration is going down slightly, while the rate of female incarceration is rising at an alarming rate,” Link said. “For several decades America has been waging a so-called war on crime. Nonetheless, many aspects of the crime cycle have been in fast-forward since the 1980’s, despite this so-called war on crime.”

Link said describing the issues within the criminal justice system and incarceration in military terms is a part of the problem.

“Strategies for winning are parallel to desperate tactics that we have used in military campaigns,” Link said. “Panicking, we have tried tactical maneuvers, such as ‘lock-em-up and throw away the key.’ Longer sentences, adding crimes to the list of felonies.

“Significantly these ineffective strategies have violated many constitutional rights. These tactics have wasted countless lives and cited exaggerated, negative public opinion about the prisoners of this curious war.”

It is important to recognize the people in jails and prisons suffer from a social sickness, he said.

“They’re not bad people,” Link said. “They’re good people who have made some disastrous mistakes in their lives. They have deviated from society for a wide range of reasons.

“We need to think about prison as an intensive care unit in a hospital because a lot of people need that level of care.”

Link’s Crime Peace Plan would oblige all lawyers to contribute to criminal defense either in defending criminals or paying into a fund that would support criminal defense as money is often seen as a factor in incarceration, he said.

“Justice is not always the child of truth, but of economics,” he said.

Link said he was ordained as a priest at the age of 71 after the passing of his wife.

Before his ordination, he was Dean Emeritus at Notre Dame Law School.

“Even if I were not a priest and was still practicing law, I would be promoting that Americans change their criminal justice system so that we can return to the origins of our legal professions,” Link said. “Our profession was never to be a profession of punishment, ours was to heal and make amends.”

Pat Hosea, a former prisoner, used her incarceration experience to talk about the issues female ex-offenders face upon their release from prison.

Hosea said she came from an abusive family.

“I found myself for a form of escapism,” Hosea said. “When I became a young adult, I turned to alcohol and drugs.”

Despite Hosea’s family situation and alcohol and drug abuse, God was always an important part of her life, she said.

“Through my life’s journey I would always call on God for help,” she said.

Hosea said she serves as a female ex-offender mentor through her church in the South Bend community.

“What I would like to do is make it better for each and every female who is in any correctional facility, simply because it’s not a good place to be,” Hosea said.

“Respect is not a part of the penitentiary.”

Patricia Marvel, assistant director, counselor and volunteer coordinator of St. Margaret’s House, said women face particular gender issues within the criminal justice system.

“Historically, women have been underrepresented at all levels of the criminal justice system,” Marvel said. “Until recently, research has focused on crime perpetrated by males with male offenders viewed as the norm.

Now, correctional programming for women was based on the profiles of males’ criminality and their paths to crime. Therefore the programs, the services, etc., failed to look at the options that would be gender responsive to the needs of women.”

Women then are drawn into crime to support their families, Marvel said.

“Among women, the most common path to crime is based on survival — survival of abuse, survival of poverty and survival of substance abuse,” she said.

Many gender issues continue to affect incarcerated females’ prospects for reintegration when they are released from prison, Marvel said.

“So we have housing, employment, health, transportation and family,” she said. “These are the factors that determine whether a person will succeed or fail as a law-abiding citizen. For some of our women, they decide that it may be easier to go back to prison.”

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Symposium

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in incarcerated became especially apparent to him after he met David, a drug addict in the recovery program of Westville Correctional Facility, he said.

“It meant so much to have someone on the outside come in,” Bracke said. “Not that I was anything, but just being a servant of the Lord, just being there was encouraging.”

After engaging in weekly meetings with Bracke, David wanted to be baptized, Bracke said. His therapeutic community witnessed as he was welcomed into the Catholic faith last spring, he said, and David was confirmed in November.

“Bracke’s mentor for the past 33 years of his priesthood, said he supports the Catholic Church’s stand on eradicating capital punishment.

“It was an incredible awakening for me to see talent, talent that unfortunately can’t be shared beyond the prison walls,” Bracke said.

Bracke said it was challenging for Darrel, a father of five, to miss his family in general, but also their birthdays, weddings and funerals.

“He felt a strong sense of guilt. As humans, we search for forgiveness and feeling,” Bracke said. “It was such a privilege to walk with Darrel. He was the picture of redemption.”

Bracke said it is the Church’s responsibility to step in and help inmates in the same situation as Darrel.

“It’s an overwhelming area to tackle and I think we’ve kind of been paralyzed,” he said. “I hope this season of Advent for all of us really get fire under the leaders. We need the Church, churches, all faiths — to really start coming together. It’s all about God and having the grace of the Holy Spirit to work through this.”

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Innovated Laziness

Henry Gens
News Writer

While frantically racking my brain for meaningful things to write about in this last-minute inside column, I happened to find something quite unexpected. It’s a particularly pertinent quotation from a book by Herman Melville about whales. The bit goes something (well, exactly) like this: “But, perhaps, to be true philosophe, we mortals should not be conscious of so living or so striving.” The sentiment is salient at times like these.

The funny thing is, I only have that locked away somewhere in the dark recesses of my mind because of another time I had procrastinated. I’m pretty sure I was putting off some chemistry problem set and decided to plod through a little “Moby Dick” instead (because it’s a “great American novel,” the title of which is probably a metaphor for my life). So now I have no idea of how to make a working battery, but I can potentially whip out some fine literature (and the last book, I’d imagine, is most properly pronounced in a refined drawl as “litchawchwah.”). Of course, not every deliberate deviation from the path of productivity is intellectual. I recently watched a movie about a tire rolling around a desert for an hour and a half. And while that movie was trying embarrassingly hard to wax philosophic, there’s really nothing I can say about it other than it was god-awful. If I were an academic movie critic I’d say something like, “It was a tired retread of metaphysical cinema doubtless familiar to the cognoscenti.” (But who actually writes like that?) If I’m going to be honest, I have to admit most of my procrastination manifests itself via indulgence in things far more akin to the latter example. I’m fairly certain there are no other movies about animated tires out there (thankfully), but that doesn’t preclude possibilities to procrastinate in the same vein. Do I really need to read yet another article about something that doesn’t directly affect me? Do I really need watch that video on Reddit or glance at the latest meme? Does anything said on SportsCenter matter?

Nope, these things are like empty calories. And they don’t even taste good. They’re unashamedly a waste of time, and I’m pretty sure that’s not what I’m going to remember in life. So my annual procrastination-related New Year’s resolution, made a month in advance this time, is not to stop procrastinating, but to do it better. Maybe instead of those myriad mundane diversions I get started on a book I’ve been meaning to read, or take the time to hang out with someone I haven’t seen in awhile. The work’s not getting done either way, but at least I’ll fondly remember why.

Thanksgiving’s over, but food for thought.

Fr. Kevin Nadolski
Faith Matters

Last week Pope Francis once again excited the world with his words, as he published “Evangelii Gaudium,” the first lengthy papal exhortation written exclusively by him. John Allen, the Vatican observer for the National Catholic Reporter called it the pope’s “I Have a Dream” text, referencing the epic work of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., perhaps the most famous religious leader in our nation’s history. It appears that the parallel to King’s nation-changing speech is no hyperbole. What the pope outlines in this text could very well alter the course of the church. To name just a few highlights, he challenges the church to be:

• Joyful
  • Focused especially on evangelizing and its missionary work — near and far
  • Dedicating its energies to helping the poor and those on the margins
  • Hospitable to all people, for all are welcome in the Church he is leading
  • Work against greed in all its forms, especially where economic structures threaten the dignity of the poor
  • Less intramural and more focused on what happens beyond the Church doors

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INnovation by the Vatican

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Faith Matters

Thanksgiving’s over, but food for thought.
Remembering Alan Sondej, class of ’74

Terrence Rogers

Guest Columnist

Editor’s note: This article originally appeared on the website of Notre Dame Magazine on March 18. The Observer will run this piece in a two-week special section starting today.

I was in my early 30s in 1989, tending to my latest career move, when my brother Casey had flown in from Hawaii to attend his high school reunion. Had he seen Alan? No, Casey had not, and no one at the reunion had known much about Alan. We had speculated on where he might be. It was interesting to do so, because Alan was such a unique individual, forever a member of our family Hall of Fame. I was certain he had flown away, doing what many of us would never consider doing and saw him standing at the bar. I asked if he wanted a beer, but he didn’t take long to see that was not what he was like inside. In fact, it was even as a freshman in high school. He was strong, played football and was about as muscular as anyone I’d ever seen. Casey told me stories of Alan’s feats as a weightlifter. He looked ferocious to a 10-year-old boy, but it didn’t take long to see that this was not what he was like inside. In fact, it was just that he wasn’t quite ready to share the secret of who he was. A smile would come over people’s faces when I asked about him. He evoked some kind of reaction, but then no one could say that they really knew him. It was as if they had wondered the same things about Alan that I had and had never figured it out, either.

One winter night I went to Corby’s and saw him standing at the bar. I recognized him immediately and approached him, re-introducing myself. I asked if he wanted a beer, but he said he wasn’t drinking, that he just liked to be out and talking to people. We had a long conversation about Casey, and why I’d left West Point and come to Notre Dame, and why he was still at Notre Dame so long after he’d graduated. I asked him about his notoriety. And he told me yes, he was still collecting money from time to time, but he was also speaking on campus about world hunger after he had traveled overseas and seen the problem firsthand.

At first, his goal had simply been to collect as much money as he could — about $25,000 thus far. Then Fr. Hesburgh became aware of him and opened Alan’s eyes to how he could make a much bigger impact. Fr. Hesburgh sent him to places like Bangladesh and Guatemala to help hunger relief efforts and to bring home the lessons of what he saw to solicitor larger donations from larger groups. He had been an intern at the Overseas Development Council in Washington, D.C., enabling him to travel the U.S. to speak on world hunger and how he could make a much bigger impact.

It struck me that night how easily he could warm up to someone he hadn’t seen in so long. He seemed as interested in what I was doing as I was in him, though he was clearly the unique one, and still an enigma to me.

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Gabe Griggs

Softening, Reconciling and Forgiving

My father and my mother have been instrumental in shaping who I am today. Remnants of the hours spent on 4H projects, always with attention for detail and an eye towards perfection, still exist in the meticulous proofreading of papers and emails. My mother always had high expectations for me, and she was often the external stimulus for achieving those expectations.

As a particular example, my mother took away my copy of Starcraft when I was in sixth grade. At the time, of course, was frustrated with her, and I’m sure that I let her know it. Shortly thereafter, a couple of things happened: I realized my mom had my best interests in mind, and I stopped arguing with her. I joke with my friends that my mother ruined video games for me because I do not play them anymore. But in reality, I am thankful my mother had the sternness to correct me and direct my attention towards more important pursuits. I am thankful, too, that she has always expected the best from me.

I am sure many of us have similar stories. We have all been corrected at some point in our life, only to realize the person correcting us really has our best interest at heart. Of course, as with most things, coming to this realization is a gradual process. And the next step in this process has been to fully understand and appreciate why this was in my best interest.

The anecdote about the computer game serves as a microcosm of my relationship with my parents and the process of coming to understand the goodness of the lifelong habits that they were promoting. While my mother often served — and still often serves — as the external stimulus, my father was a great cultivator of an internal sense of purpose. External stimulus is often necessary to spur us on, but in our greatest tasks, it will not be sufficient. It must be accompanied by an internal sense of purpose. For my father, I believe much of his own internal stimulus came from his acute sensitivity and his appreciation for life.

When everything we have is seen as a blessing, how can we not live joyfully and with purpose? My father knew from a young age that his time on this earth would be limited. I do not intend to downplay his struggles with that cross, but I also believe this cross was the source of his strength. He was so gentle because he knew such pain, so patient because he knew the value of time, so curious because he could appreciate the beauty of creation and such a loving father because he realized how much of a blessing three healthy children were.

This internal sense of purpose manifested itself in many different ways. Most importantly, however, it manifested itself in the everyday encounters. As an impatient child, I often regretted asking my father what he was doing on earth because he would take half an hour to explain it to me. One time, he was writing some code in Visual Basic. I asked him what he was doing and he spent an hour programming a calculator with me. I am very grateful for those sorts of encounters now, even though I could not appreciate them at the time. It was through these everyday encounters that my father passed down the handing down of wisdom from generation to generation. The Catholic Church has 2,000 years worth of wisdom to share with us. We have to be humble and open to receiving this wisdom in order to benefit from it.

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Mother knows best

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Warning: Full spoilers ahead for anyone who has avoided the Internet for the past 2 weeks.

Never thought I’d have to throw out a spoiler warning for “Family Guy,” but if last week’s episode is any indication, it’s easy to see that anything can change. During a panel at San Diego Comic Con this past summer, the producers of the beloved animated series announced that in their upcoming season, one of show’s characters would be killed off in order to “shake things up” in the series. And no, we’re not talking about Seamus the four-legged peg leg sea captain, or the infamous giant chicken, but rather a core member of the show – a member of the Griffin family.

When the news hit the Internet, fans speculated every logical possibility (it’s got to be Meg or Chris, right? I mean, what have they done lately?), but would have to wait 5 months before finally learning the answer. On November 24th, Brian Griffin, America’s beloved talking left-winged canine and the show’s voice of reason, was killed off from “Family Guy.” After being brutally run over by a car, Brian bids goodbye to his sobbing family on his veterinary deathbed by telling them, “You’ve given me a wonderful life. I love you all.” Quite the tear-jerking moment for a series that once featured a two-minute long vomiting scene. As promised by the producers, the show wasted no time in filling the void as Brian’s role was immediately passed on to a new dog, Vinny, voiced by “The Sopranos” Tony Sirico. By the end of the episode, it seemed that everything might as well have been back to normal for the Griffins.

What’s most surprising about this story isn’t the fact that Brian was killed off, but rather the uproarious reaction from the public. Series that have suffered from a declining relevance and popularity have occasionally pulled off similar stunts. Take Superman for example: when the fans stopped caring about America’s most iconic superhero, the writers decided the only way to draw in the public’s interest was to murder Superman in a very dramatic fashion (Sounds familiar, right?). The story of The Death of Superman jumped to the front of the headlines across the country and while hotheaded fans rioted over the news, the more solemn followers wore black armbands out of respect for their fallen hero. While Superman was brought back to life several issues later, the loss still hit the public like the loss of ... well, a beloved dog.

The public’s reaction to Brian’s death is, while not as extreme, certainly still something to note. A number of stations and websites made the story a leading headline, longtime fans cursed Seth MacFarlane’s name, and even a petition hit the Internet on the site “Change.org” with more than 125,000 signatures (the site’s fastest growing entertainment petition) to “bring back America’s dog.” It became abundantly clear that Brian was a fan favorite of the show.

The fact of the matter is, because a number of future episodes entitled with his name, that Brian will more than likely return to the show.

The death was a publicity stunt - as simple as that. Friends who I know stopped watching the series years ago asked me whether I had “heard what happened to Brian on ‘Family Guy’”. For the first time in years, people were finally talking about “Family Guy” again. The same show that was once brought back from the dead by popular demand, but lost the magic and humor that made it special over time. The same show that was critically voted number 5 on the list of top animated series/movies of all time, but later fell victim to bland jokes, storylines, and time fillers that include 4-minute cutaways to Conway Twitty performances and the entire music video to “Dancing in the Street” (no lie). “Family Guy” knew they needed to reignite their fandom, and dramatically did so.

If we can realize anything from this story, it’s the emotional impact that any fictional character can have on the public. Many of us grew up with Brian and the rest of the Griffins, and whether or not we realized it (as ridiculous as it sounds) he was important to us. Hopefully, like the resurrection of “Family Guy” itself, it won’t be long before Brian makes his triumphant return and the fans can, once again, have their dog back.

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Disney Stays Hot With ‘Frozen’

By CAELIN MILTKO
Scene Writer

When Disney announced the release of “The Princess and the Frog,” the Disney traditionalist in me wondered why anyone would try to restart a franchise that already had so many great movies. The Disney Princess franchise ended in 1998 with “Mulan” and my brain couldn’t comprehend how Disney expected to restart it and live up to expectations set by such classics as “Snow White,” “The Beauty and the Beast,” and “Cinderella.”

Now, four movies into the new Disney princesses, I have to admit I’m more attached to the new princesses than I am with those from the pre-1998 films. Tiana, the protagonist of “The Princess and the Frog,” has become a fan favorite, and I would argue that her character is more developed than that of some of the more classic princesses. However, the new princesses lack the same sense of fun and adventure that the original princesses had.

While the new princesses may not be as memorable as their predecessors, they do attempt to update the traditional Disney storyline. In “Frozen,” for example, the focus is on the relationship between the two sisters and not on any possible suitors they may have. If it relies a little too much on Disney clichés, I don’t mind too much. After all, the movie isn’t meant to make me reevaluate my entire life.

The singing in “Frozen” also distinguishes the movie from many of its counterparts, though not always positively. The actors sing all the songs in the movie, though Demi Lovato did release a single of the film’s best song, “Let It Snow.” Idina Menzel played the original Elphaba in the Broadway musical “Wicked” and shows off her impressive voice in the movie. While many of the songs in the movie fit well, occasionally they seem awkwardly placed, beginning with little to no warning and ending just as abruptly.

Even if the singing was a little heavy handed, “Frozen” does attempt to update the traditional Disney storyline. Just as the audience believes it is going to follow the conventional map of “true love” in movies, the story changes and an act of true love becomes something else entirely. I wouldn’t say that “Frozen” is Disney’s most brilliant movie ever, especially because part of me thinks “Tangled” is the best of the more recent Disney animated films. That said, I think it fits nicely into the family-friendly franchise.

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All in all, I enjoyed this movie — possibly more than the four year old I took with me to the theater. The focus of the movie is on the relationship between the two sisters and not on any possible suitors they may have. If it relies a little too much on Disney clichés, I don’t mind too much. After all, the movie isn’t meant to make me reevaluate my entire life.

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Feeling blue in the Big Apple

Frank Sinatra once crooned, “I want to be a part of it: New York, New York.” But if you’re a New York sports fan, the sports scene is probably the last thing you want to be a part of this year. The Yankees, Mets, Giants, Jets, and Rangers are all struggling, and the New York sports teams, known for their abundance, propensity for signing high-profile stars and general overrepresentation in media coverage, are collectively having their worst year in decades.

In fact, you’d have to go back to 1966, when the Jets were still in the AFL, Mickey Mantle was in the Yankees’ outfield, and the Nets, Devils and Islanders were still pipe dreams, to find the last time when sports in New York were this bad, as a Wall Street Journal article from last month pointed out.

At the tail end of a losing season, New York professional sports teams had a combined winning percentage of slightly above .500. Even worse, this dismal winning percentage doesn’t seem to include any teams that will have a legitimate shot at contending for league championships this season.

In fact, only one New York team, the New York Jets, posted a winning record this year — the Yankees, which is appropriately given their history as undoubtedly the biggest sports franchise. Unfortunately, the Yankees’ 85-77 mark was not even good enough to land them a spot in the playoffs, as the team’s strategy of signing big-name players got injured.

Even worse, the Yankees’ 85-77 mark was not only one of the worst marks in the majors, but it was the best. Only one team, the Mets, have actually overachieved, compared to some of the other teams.

The Mets’ 74-98 record in the last six years, the Giants have been New York’s most successful team this century, but Big Blue’s 12-20 mark this year has them feeling blue this year, as a porous offensive line, vulnerable defense and poor decisions from quarterback Eli Manning have put the team essentially out of playoff contention.

In contrast to the other teams I mention here, the Jets have actually overachieved, although that might not be saying much considering most projections had them left with two wins.

This season, however, has not quelled the constant quarterback controversies in the Jets’ camp, as rookie Geno Smith seems to love turnovers as much as former starter Mark Sanchez.

On the courts, the Nets and Knicks have set a new mark for underachievement. The Nets entered the season as a prime title contender, but the most expensive team in the NBA has seen most of its stars lost to injury and the rest struggling to establish team chemistry. At Madison Square Garden, Knicks’ coach Mike Woodson’s seat is hotter than a subway station in July, and star forward Carmelo Anthony recently referred to his teammates as “the laughingstock of the league.”

Hockey will never be the king of the New York sports scene, but fans looking for a respite on the ice won’t find much to cheer about. At .500, the Rangers might be the city’s only hope for a winning season.

But with Adongo showing he’s very athletic, he can run like he’s big, he’s strong, he’s a tireless worker. He’s a great pro,” Pagano said. “Even though he hasn’t played, he’s picked up a lot. Our coach Robert (Mathis) and the rest of the guys in the defensive room, have been tremendous working with him, and teaching him and bringing him along and helping his development to this point.”

Ohio State starts hot, holds off Maryland

LaQuinton Ross scored 17 of his 21 points in the first half, hitting his first four 3-point-ers, to lead No. 5 Ohio State to an 89-62 win over Maryland on Wednesday night in the ACC/ Big Ten Challenge.

Sam Thompson added 14 points, including four rim-rattling dunks, and Lenzelle Smith Jr. had 12. Aaron Craft created havoc on defense and chipped in with 10 points as the Buckeyes (7-0) controlled the game at both ends. Ex-Xaver guard Dez Wells had 18 points, former Michigan swingman Evan Smotzky scored 15 and Charles Mitchell added 12 points and 11 rebounds for Maryland (5-3), which had won four in a row after losing two of its first three.

The Terps have lost their last 13 road games against ranked opponents, while Ohio State has won its last 73 home games against unranked teams.

Both teams were coming off their best offensive games of the season. Maryland shot 62 percent from the field and had a season-best 26 assists, including six from freshman Reddy Peters, in an 89-62 win over Morgan State on Friday. The Buckeyes shot 69 percent — sixth best in school history — in a 99-60 win over North Florida on Saturday.

Continuing that strong shooting, the Buckeyes made 60 percent of their shots from the field in the opening half without missing a single 3-pointer in a 43-26 lead.

When they needed a bucket, they got it. When the Terrapins strung together a couple of baskets, the Buckeyes responded defensively and slammed the door.

Ross was the difference early, making those first four shots from behind the arc. After Maryland became more aware of him on the perimeter, Thompson scored on two high-flying, alley-oop dunks that shook the arena.

Behind Ross’ 12 points, the Buckeyes broke out to an 18-9 lead. The Terrapins regrouped to trade baskets and pull to 27-20 before Thompson had five points and Ross the other three in an 8-run spurt. With just 3:26 left, Ross drove in for a 35-26 lead heading into the final 90 seconds of the half. Ohio State ran off eight more points in a row.
NBA

Pacers edge Jazz to improve to 17-2

Associated Press

A game after he scored a career-high 43 points, nothing seemed to be going right for Paul George.

Fighting a cold, his chest was burning and he couldn’t seem to catch his breath. To make matters worse, his reliable shooting stroke was faltering.

“It was so hard to find my wind but I didn’t want to make any excuses. I tried to play through it and find a way to will us to a win tonight,” said George, who scored 19 points as the Indiana Pacers returned to their defensive ways in beating the Utah Jazz 95-86 on Wednesday.

George and Pacers primarily did it with defense as they usually do.

“We struggled but we stuck with what we do best,” said George, who had a key steal and dunk moments after the Jazz got within two points.

Lance Stephenson scored 15 points, Luis Scola had 14 and Roy Hibbert added 13 points to win in Utah for the first time since an 84-60 victory on Nov. 29, 2005. The Pacers were coming off their first back-to-back games of the season in which they allowed their opponent to reach 101 points — L.A. Clippers and Portland. But Indiana outscored the Jazz 27-19 in the fourth quarter and parlayed 14 Utah turnovers in 20 points.

“They pushed us off our spots,” Utah coach Tyrone Corbin said. “They put pressure on us a little bit and threw off our rhythm.”

Gordon Hayward’s 3-point cut the Indiana lead to 79-76 before the Pacers scored nine straight points, capped by West’s 20-foot jumper that just beat the shot clock, and never looked back.

UNC takes down No. 1 MSU

Associated Press

J.P. Tokoto had 12 points and a career-high 10 rebounds to lead North Carolina beat No. 1 Michigan State 79-65 Wednesday night, giving the Tar Heels another signature victory in their inconsistent season.

The Tar Heels (5-2) have been talented enough to defeat the top-ranked Spartans and then-No. 3 Louisville this season, but they’ve also lost to Belmont and UAB.

“You can’t tell in college basketball what’s going to happen,” North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. “At one point, we had three freshmen, a sophomore and a junior on the court.”

Michigan State (7-1) fell to an unranked nonconference team at home for the first time in more than a decade.

The Tar Heels took control early in the second half, got to a loose ball and threw it to Appling — while the Spartans player was standing out of bounds — and made three straight shots later in the half to help the Tar Heels pull away.

“Michigan State was really active,” Williams said. “He did a lot of things.”

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Winston case comes close

Associated Press

The quarterback also is the leading candidate for the Heisman Trophy, and many voters are waiting to see whether Winston will be charged with a rape that occurred before casting ballots. The deadline for Heisman ballots to be turned in is Dec. 9.

ESPN has previously reported that DNA belonging to Winston was found in the underwear of the accuser. A lawyer for Winston has suggested that the star quarterback and the accuser had consensual sex. But the family of the victim has accused the 19-year-old of rape.

Megg says he wanted to make sure prosecutors completed a thorough investigation before making a final decision. He has also said several times that it’s up to prosecutors to determine whether there is a “reasonable” chance of conviction.

The fact that Meggs has scheduled a news conference — as opposed to getting a warrant for Winston’s arrest — could be seen as a sign that he will not file charges.

Megg says he wanted to make sure the investigation was handled and that it took 11 months before prosecutors to determine whether there is a “reasonable” chance of conviction.

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If he looked at evidence we did, we feel confident he will find that Mr. Winston did nothing wrong,” Jansen said.

Patricia Carroll, the attorney representing the accuser, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The alleged sexual assault was first reported to police in December. The family has said the victim did not know the identity of her attacker until early January, when she identified him as Winston.

The family has been sharply critical of the way Tallahassee police have handled the case. The family says they pushed to have a J.P. sample taken from Winston only to be told by a police detective that it would alert Winston and make the case public. The family said Carroll was warned by police that Tallahassee is a “big football town, and the victim needs to look long and hard before proceeding against him because she will be raked over the coals and her life will be made miserable.”
Hockey

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FILLED ANDERS’ SPOTS WITH A LOT OF CHARACTER AND A LOT OF GIRT

With that type of reputation among his teammates, it wasn’t a surprise inside the team when Irish coach Jeff Jackson selected Costello to serve as team captain this season. But it has been different. In years past, Costello wasn’t shy about voicing his concerns to the officials during the game and trying to unnerve opponents with his pestering play. Now, as the captain, Costello has to serve as the team’s liaison to the officials — even though his 12 trips to the penalty box still leave the team.

I’ve had to choose my moments more,” Costello said. “Obviously, I play with a lot of emotion and can really watch that you don’t get out of control.”

Costello plays a loud game on the ice, but that doesn’t follow him into the locker room. With nine other senior leaders on the roster, Costello said he prefers to let other teammates handle the big speeches, and instead, let his play speak for itself.

“I’m mostly a lead-by-example kind of guy,” he said. “We have an older team, so we have a bunch of leaders on the team that cover talking in the locker room. I’ve always respected guys that lead by example, because they’re out there walking the walk, and that’s how I’ve tried to approach it.”

And in times like this, the Irish need their intense captain more than ever. Notre Dame will host Massachusetts for its last series before a four-week break, after managing just two wins in its last seven contests.

“When I first [was named captain], I was kind of concerned about what our standards and our culture of Notre Dame hockey are,” he said. “Especially in times like this, where we aren’t winning too many games, I’ve been trying to keep guys upbeat and still excited to play every weekend.”

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SPORTS

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Belles rally, fall short in conference opener

Despite giving a strong effort in the second half, the Belles were unable to overcome a strong opening period from Adrian, losing 80-70 on the road in what was the first conference matchup for both schools. The loss for the Belles (2-5, 0-1 MIAA) is the fourth in five games, while the victory for the Bulldogs (3-3, 1-0 MIAA) snaps a two-game losing streak.

The Belles had a number of strong offensive showings, with sophomore forward Eleni Shea scoring a team-high and career-high 17 points along with seven rebounds, while senior guard Shanlynn Bias added 17 points and a career-high eight boards. Sophomore forward Krista Knapp added 12 points while junior forward Ariana Paul chipped in with 11 points. Knapp and Paul were also strong presences on the boards as well, each player grabbing seven rebounds each.

Despite a 45-32 rebounding edge for the Bulldogs, the Belles were unable to capitalize on Adrian’s 15 turnovers, scoring only nine points off of Bulldog giveaways. By contrast, the Bulldogs forced 25 Bulldog turnovers and added 22 points as a result, proving to be the difference in the game.

The Belles were also limited offensively as they were held without a three-point shot for the entire game. Adrian hit on six attempts from beyond the arc.

Sophomore guard Antoinea McElroy, who came up with 17 points on eight of twenty shooting, led Adrian offensively, with the score tied 17-6 margin, and pulled out a 17-6 margin, and pulled within a point at 51-50. However, the Bulldogs would push their lead to 10 points in the final two minutes of the game, holding on to win by that same margin.

The Belles will resume play with a match-up at home against North Central on Saturday. The game begins at 3 p.m.

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The two teams that have out-rebounded Notre Dame have performed on opposite ends of the spectrum throughout the season. While Miami-Iowa had a positive rebounding margin of 7.5 heading into Tuesday’s matchup against Indiana University-Purdue Fort Wayne, against the Irish, the Red Hawks (1-4) have struggled to a rebounding deficit of 5.75 against non-Notre Dame foes after besting the Irish in the rebounding column by three in the opener.

With the departure of former Irish forward Jack Cooley, who took his 10.1 rebounds with him, Notre Dame’s struggles gathering misses have been no secret. Brey has spoken about the need for multiple players to contribute rebounding efforts in the absence of a single dominant force. Senior forward Garrick Sherman leads the charge with 6.9 rebounds-per-game this year, while junior guard/forward Pat Connaughton is not far behind with an average of 6.1. Sophomore forward Zach Auguste has added an average of 4.3 boards in games this year, while senior guard Eric Atkins and sophomore forward Austin Burgett round out the Irish players with rebounding averages above three, at 3.7 and 3.3, respectively. Freshman guard Demetrius Jackson is averaging 3.0 rebounds-per-game.

While Brey pinpointed his team’s ability to rebound consistently as an area with room for improvement, Notre Dame’s limited production off the bench came a bit more unexpectedly. In a lineup that can go 10 players deep, Notre Dame managed only seven points off the bench, an output that looks especially meager in comparison to Iowa’s 39.

“Theyir depth wore on us, there’s no question, not only in transition but on the backboard,” Brey said. “We kind of shortened our bench a little bit and it helped us with our offensive efficiency but fatigue maybe caught up to us a little bit at times. Iowa just has a style of play that’s hard to deal with. They are good offensively and have a lot of bodies.”

Brey turned to his bench more sparingly than he had in previous games this season and reaped fewer benefits when he did. In 15 minutes, Burgett recorded three points, had two assists, one steal and one rebound. Auguste played 13 minutes, scoring three points and gathering one rebound. No other player on Notre Dame’s bench managed more than a point.

Although some significant portion of the time doled out to players off the bench through the early stretch of the season came with the Irish holding comfortable leads, 11 players entered the action in the loss to Indiana State, nine of whom entered the action in the loss to Indiana State, nine of whom played significant and meaningful minutes. Notre Dame will return to action Saturday with a game against Delaware in the Purcell Pavilion.

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turns guarding her,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “They did just a great job defensively with a lot of help from their teammates. It was a good team defense on her.”

After several minutes of scoreless basketball, Penn State jumped out to an 8-3 lead in the first five minutes of the game, but the Irish (7-0) clawed back, and with 10:53 remaining in the first half, Loyd hit a free throw that gave Notre Dame an 18-17 lead the Irish would hold onto for the rest of the game.

The Irish pulled away from the Lady Lions in the last 10 minutes of the first half, stretching their lead to as many as 19 points, and entered halftime with a 42-28 advantage.

Penn State again looked overmatched when the teams returned from halftime. Senior forward Ariel Edwards opened the second period with a three-pointer, and 13 seconds later, Agrusa added an 11-2 run and led the Irish to an 88-60 victory.

“Senior Natalie Achonwa led the Irish on offense with 21 points and 10 rebounds in her fourth game since returning from a knee scope. “I think she’s still conditioning-wise not quite there,” McGraw said, adding that Achonwa appears to be playing at approximately 90 percent of full strength. Freshman forward Taya Reimer added 12 points and 10 rebounds, the third double-double of her young career.

“She made a huge difference in the game. I was so, so proud of her,” McGraw said. “It was her first big road test in front of a big crowd, a TV game, and she handled herself beautifully. Just an outstanding job in every way. I was really, really happy with her game. She’s the best sixth-man in basketball right now.”

Loyd and McBride also scored in the double digits for the Irish, adding 17 and 10 points, respectively. McGraw said she did not relish facing Penn State coach Coquese Washington, a former Notre Dame player and assistant coach.

“It was really hard to look down the sideline and see her there,” McGraw said. “I’m glad it’s over, and I’m glad we’re finished with it, and now we can move on and continue to help each other through the year.”

The Irish face a quick turnaround when they get back to campus, hosting UCLA at Purcell Pavilion at noon Saturday.

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Every player could contribute for the Irish, which means everyone will have to work hard to see game action. Irish coach Muffet McGraw will have plenty of options moving forward, and her experience should help her to dole out playing time well and avoid a cutthroat situation.

A wealth of talent therefore has no downside for the Irish. Against Penn State on Wednesday, fewer players on the Notre Dame bench saw action. Seven players scored, and four players posted double figures, but Loyd, Achonwa and McBride each played more than 30 minutes, which is more than they average. As the season goes on, however, the Irish should find a comfortable bench rotation.

So far this season, Notre Dame really has not been challenged. The smallest margin of victory for the Irish was 16 points in a 92-76 win over DePaul on Nov. 26. Now is the time for McGraw to test her own team and figure out who can play big minutes for Notre Dame.

The Irish will be tested by other teams this season, and they need to be ready.

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1. So far
2. Warders (Tower of London figures)
3. Like some footballs and boots
4. Hawaiian president
5. The only way to run away without leaving home, per Twyla Tharp
6. Units of sound
7. Crackers
8. One walking down an aisle, say
9. A local phrase
10. Closed, as a theater
11. Strays
12. Tourist attraction
13. First female space shuttle commander
14. Kind of screaming, for short

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Horoscope

**HOROSCOPE | EUGENIA LAST**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Tyra Banks, 40; Jay-Z, 44; Marisa Tomei, 49; Jeff Bridges, 64.

Happy Birthday: Concentrate on whatever will get you to the finish line and you will prosper. A chance to do something really important will cause your profile and enable you to make a difference in a cause or concern that interests you. Show empathy and tenacity and you will drive forward whatever you need to make things happen. Your numbers are 18, 25, 27, 34, 46, 62.

**ARIETE** (March 21–April 19): Take a break and clear your head regarding personal and professional situations that are costing you. Re-address whatever situation you face so you can make a change that will help you distance yourself from anyone causing you grief. Annual subscriptions for the newspapers and magazines you read, or romantic plans or focus on a creative endeavor that excites you. Your generosity with older friends or relatives will be appreciated and bring you unexpected benefits. Travel plans can be made. ***

**TARON** (April 20–May 20): Love, family and gatherings will lift your spirits. Make romantic plans or focus on a creative endeavor that excites you. Your generosity with older friends or relatives will be appreciated and bring you unexpected benefits. Travel plans can be made. ***

**GEMINI** (May 21–June 20): Make changes that will help a friend or support an organization you believe in. Trust in what you know and can do but don’t involve someone else in your plans. Do your own thing and refuse to let anyone dim your plans. ***

**CANCER** (June 21–July 22): Set your goals and head to the finish line. This can turn out to be a highly auspicious period for you with regard to love, money and contracts if you make decisions based on your personal needs. Take action and make things happen. ***

**LEON** (July 23–Aug. 22): Don’t let personal matters stand between you and your professional responsibilities. Get down to business and consider offers that have the potential to change your course in life. Embrace challenge but keep demands at arm’s length. ***

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): Socializing, networking or wheeling and dealing in order to get what you want should highlight your day. Do your research and make your choices based on facts and figures. You can win if you are pragmatic and well-informed. ***

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): Sit back and watch what others do and say. Avoid being pulled into something you really don’t want to be part of. Change can be good, but it must be based on your needs, not what everyone else wants. Unpleasant events are present. ***

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): Organization will lead to victory. An opportunity to work alongside someone you admire will help you grow personally and gain your interest in following through with your own goals. Love and romance are highlighted and travel plans look promising. ***

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): Check out the possibilities and consider ways to advance, but don’t step on someone else’s toes. You are likely to get into a debate if you are not mindful of others. Make personal changes at home and avoid discord. ***

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): Stop into the spotlight and make the alteration that will help you move forward. Your ability to get the show on the road will help you to step up and lead you abroad. A money deal will bring you good fortune and more opportunities. ***

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): False information is apparent. Speak on your own behalf. Don’t allow anyone into advantage of one. Do your research and know how you have acquired to the past. Scrimp and resnult in a project with profit. ***

**PISCES** (Feb. 19–March 20): Deals can be made and financial benefits put into place. Let your most loyal and true and exciting ventures that are based on your ideas and know how you have acquired to the past. Scrimp and resnult in a project with profit.***

Birthday Baby: You are astute, industrious and curious. You are open-minded and intense.
Digging deep

Loyd, McBride help hold Nittany Lions in check

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The No. 4 Irish held reigning Big Ten player of the year Mael Gilles to just seven points as Notre Dame beat No. 10 Penn State, 77-67, on Wednesday night.

The win at Penn State’s Bryce Jordan Center was Notre Dame’s first ever over the Lady Lions (5-2), who won the first five meetings between the two teams.

Lucas, a senior guard who was leading the Lady Lions with an average of 22 points a game heading into the contest, quickly racked up three fouls and didn’t score until the final minutes of the second half. She fouled out with 1:18 remaining in the game.

“(Sophomore guard) Jewell Loyd and [senior guard] Kayla McBride took

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL | ND 77, PENN STATE 67

Notre Dame relies on depth for early-season success

Irish sophomore guard Jewell Loyd, senior guard Kayla McBride and senior forward Natalie Achonwa may be the returning stars, but the story so far this year for No. 4 Notre Dame has emerged from the team’s quiet depth. Six players are averaging double-figure points per game: Loyd (17.2), McBride (15.5), freshman forward Taya Reimer (12.2), freshman guard Lindsay Allen (10.8), Achonwa (10.7) and sophomore guard Michaela Mayer (10.5). Junior guard Madison Cable (5.3) and senior forward Ariel Braker (4.7) make regular contributions, as well. The Irish (6-0) need only five players on the court at a time, and they can count on

ND STRUGGLES WITH BOARDS, BENCH

By JOSEPH MONARDO
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In its first ever ACC-Big Ten challenge, Notre Dame could not clinch a victory. Despite a powerful second-half comeback and consistent pressure on the home team, the Irish (5-2) fell to Iowa on Tuesday, 98-93.

The Irish did a lot of things right in the game, notably scoring 20 points off 12 Iowa turnovers while giving the ball away only seven times. But the visiting team found itself entrenched on the wrong end in two key categories, one of which was as surprising as the other was expected. The surprise area of difficulty came in the Hawkeyes’ advantage in bench scoring. As for the other, the oft-cited rebounding issues reared their head.

The Hawkeyes (8-1) out-rebounded Notre Dame, gathering 36 boards on their home court and the visitors’ 26. Iowa reined in 12 offensive rebounds to go along with its 24 on the defensive end. Notre Dame had 11 offensive rebounds of its own, but recorded only 15

boards, bench

rebounds on the defensive side.

It was the first time since the season-opening game against Miami (Ohio) on Nov. 8 that Notre Dame ended the game on the wrong side of the rebounding margin. The Irish equaled Indiana State’s 37 rebounds in their 83-70 loss to them on Nov. 17 and have come out atop the category in four contests.

Notre Dame has accumulated a rebounding advantage of 3.8 rebounds-per-game over its opponents, but the margin seems likely to be inflated by a trio of dominating performances in early-season play. Notre Dame outrebounded Stetson by 11, Santa Clara by 17 and Cornell by 16, but Santa Clara (2-4) is the only team of the three to have a positive rebounding margin on the season excluding the numbers against Notre Dame, and only then with an advantage of 0.6 rebounds-per-game. The Irish also outrebounded Army by 5, but the Black Knights (1-5) have a rebounding deficit of 6.4 rebounds-per-game against other opponents.

HOCKEY

Costello leads scrappy Irish

By JACK HEFFERON
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A captain is expected to lead his teammates in many ways, from the ice to the locker room. But that leadership usually doesn’t include leading the team in penalty minutes as well.

Irish senior left winger Jeff Costello, though, is not your usual captain.

A Milwaukee native, Costello came in as a member of one of Notre Dame’s largest freshman classes ever and has made a literal impact in every game since. When he’s on his game, Costello is an opponent’s worst nightmare, a power forward who can lay hits in open ice, carve out space in front of the crease and grind for pucks in the corners. His scrappy play often extends after the whistle, where he never hesitates to defend a teammate by diving into a scrum.

Costello may not play with the finesse of those who often don the “C” on their chest, but according to his Irish teammates, their captain is the unquestionable heart of the team.

“It’s nice to have someone else out there that you know for sure has your back, no matter what,” Irish senior defenceman Stephen Johns said. “[Costello] is probably the most intense guy I’ve ever played with. He

gets the guys going on the bench. He’s always chirping and telling guys what they need to do. He’s always positive during games. He’s a great captain, and he’s