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ND installs new video system at practice fields

University eliminates use of scissor lifts to film football practices, investigations into Declan Sullivan's death continue

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Editor

Notre Dame began installation Tuesday of a remote video system for its football practice fields, which will eliminate the need for elevated scissor lifts to film practices, according to a University press release.

Declan Sullivan, a Notre Dame junior, died Oct. 27 after the scissor lift from which he was filming football practice fell. He was a student videographer for the football team.

"I said in the days after Declan's death that we would do everything in our power to make changes to ensure that such an accident does not happen again

— here or elsewhere," University President Fr. John Jenkins said in the press release. "This system is at the forefront in a completely new and innovative way."

The University expects the new video system to be in operation at the LaBar Practice Complex when the football team begins spring practice March 23, according to the press release.

The system, designed by XOS Digital, will be the first of its kind and include four Panasonic cameras mounted on 50-foot poles, the press release stated. Three of the poles will stand at the south ends of the three practice fields, with the fourth pole at the north end of field No. 1.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said student videogra-

phers would still manually film from the permanent towers and work to edit and produce films.

Brown said Notre Dame began to work with XOS on the new video system in the weeks following Sullivan's death. The Florida company has installed several systems in Notre Dame facilities in the past 10 years.

"In looking for a way to improve safety in the weeks after the accident, Athletic Department officials asked the experts at XOS Digital about any ideas they might have, particularly in regard to somehow trying to mount a camera on top of a pole that would eliminate the need for hydraulic scissor lifts,"

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A construction crew raises one of the 50-foot poles for the new remote video system at LaBar Practice Complex Tuesday.

Freshmen participate in merit scholarship program

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

Two years ago, two Notre Dame graduates made a large gift to the University with the intention of creating an undergraduate scholars program. This academic year, 25 freshmen became the first group of students to enter the University's first merit-based scholarship program.

Mark and Stacey Yusko, classes of '85 and '86 respectively, donated \$35 million in 2009 to create the Hesburgh-Yusko Scholarship Program.

The program selects 25 freshmen from each incoming class who demonstrate the characteristics of academic excellence, strong moral character, leadership potential and a sincere commitment to service, Mark Yusko said.

The scholars receive \$25,000 toward their tuition each year, making the program Notre Dame's first form of merit-based aid. They also receive funding for four summers of enrichment programs.

Each of the four summers, beginning prior to the student's freshman year, has a different theme: wilderness

leadership, social justice, global inquiry and professional adventure.

Yusko said the summer experiences are more than an educational program.

"It is designed to take raw material and give it the tools and resources to develop into what we think are the platforms to become transformational leaders," he said.

This idea of transformational leaders is central to the program, Yusko said.

"One of the important things about the program is that it is not a reward for past achievement, it is an investment in

potential," he said. "We want people who have true leadership character, a real passion for leading."

Yusko said his idea for the program came from similar programs at other schools, such as the Morehead-Cain Scholars Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The formation of the Morehead Scholarships allowed UNC to attract the best students in the country by offering them such an incredible opportunity, Yusko said,

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Green to reflect Irish landscape

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

Current construction at Notre Dame's Irish Green, which includes the addition of a new entrance inspired by Irish landscapes, will conclude in the coming weeks, University Architect Doug Marsh said.

The new entrance to Irish Green at the intersection of Angela Boulevard and Eddy Street will have stones and plantings based on natural Irish landscapes, Marsh said. Other additions include a seating wall and a new sign.

"The setting of the Irish Green gives us the opportunity to introduce some beautiful natural materials unique to campus such as the Chilton limestone that comprises the new seating wall and monument sign signifying the Irish Green," Marsh said.

The University began making both structural and landscaping changes to Irish Green last semester, Marsh said, such as adding more trees and benches.

"These enhancements were originally planned at the out-

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Mendoza achieves top school ranking

By MEGAN DOYLE
Associate News Editor

Banners hang above the lobby of the Mendoza College of Business that read, "We are number one. It's a responsibility."

After Bloomberg BusinessWeek's March 3 announcement of Mendoza as the No. 1 undergraduate business school in the nation for the second consecutive year, Mendoza Dean Carolyn Woo said this message holds true.

"We really reinforce the message that you need to win with ethics," Woo said.

"We are most proud of the fact that a Catholic school that stands on this message is also recognized as the best business education. ... This is a tremendous blessing for us to stand for our mission, to be a witness on behalf of the mission."

The ranking was part of BusinessWeek's sixth annual survey of "The Best Undergraduate Business Schools."

After Notre Dame, BusinessWeek listed the University of Virginia, Emory University, the University of Pennsylvania

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHERE WOULD YOU TAKE A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT?

				
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<i>“I would take a prospective student to the gauntlet.”</i>	<i>“To the Notre Dame Stadium.”</i>	<i>“To the dining hall so they can have fro-yo and then to the grotto.”</i>	<i>“242 Siegfried Hall at 11:55 via the parietals door.”</i>	<i>“I would take them to a football game.”</i>

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NICOLE TOCZAUER/The Observer

Students play frisbee and enjoy the start of spring on North Quad March 8. With the arrival of spring, students prepare for warmer weather, Spring Break and NCAA March Madness.

OFFBEAT

Scientists: Oldest wild bird in US is new mother

HONOLULU — The oldest known wild bird in the U.S. is a new mother. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist spotted the Laysan albatross that’s at least 60 years old a few weeks ago. It was with a chick at Midway Atoll, a remote wildlife refuge 1,300 miles northwest of Honolulu.

A U.S. Geological Survey scientist first banded the seabird as she incubated an egg in 1956. She was estimated to be at least 5 years old at the time. The albatross has since worn out five bird bands.

Bruce Peterjohn, the chief of the North

American Bird Banding Program, said the albatross is the oldest wild bird documented by the 90-year-old bird banding program, which is run by the U.S. Geological Survey, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and Canada.

“She looks great,” Peterjohn said in a news release Tuesday. “To know that she can still successfully raise young at age 60-plus, that is beyond words.”

Woman trying to pet moose in Alaska park gets kick

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Don’t mess with the moose.

That’s the warning police in Anchorage,

Alaska, are repeating after one of the animals kicked a woman in the chest and shoulder at a city park. She was checked by medics Monday afternoon and didn’t have to go to a hospital.

The Anchorage Daily News reports the moose had been in Town Square Park most of the day feeding on trees. The woman in her 20s was attacked when she tried to pet it.

Police spokeswoman Anita Shell says the moose is not a threat unless provoked, so people need to give it space.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The physics colloquium “Spin-Orbit Qubit in a Nanowire” will be held today at 4 p.m. in 118 Nieuwland Science Hall. Dr. Sergey Frolov from the Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands will head the colloquium.

Guest lecturer Heather K. Hunt will present a seminar on “Optoelectronics: Making a Material Difference” today at 4:15 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall, Room 13. Hunt is a postdoctoral scholar in the Mork Family Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science at the University of Southern California.

Professor Wai Chee Dimock will present the lecture “Literature as Public Humanities” at 5 p.m. today in the Eck Center Auditorium. This speech is the last day of the 2010-2011 Annual Ward-Phillips Lecture Series: “American Literature and the World.”







Dhiru Thadani will give the lecture “Urbanism: A Perspective Solution to the Global Crisis” today at 5 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall. A book signing of Thadani’s work The Language of Towns and Cities will follow the lecture in the Bond Hall Gallery.

The Class of 2013 will present the “Modern Stations of the Cross” tonight from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Sorin Hall. the event celebrates Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Refreshments will be served following the event.

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

CORRECTIONS

A March 7 article, “Steiner lectures on sustainable farming,” misstated lecturer Jerry Steiner’s view on the impact of corn ethanol production. Steiner said corn ethanol production does reduce the amount of corn produced for food, but not to the extent claimed by its critics. The Observer regrets this error.

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Saint Mary's announces class election results

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's announced class board election results Monday for the 2011-12 term.

Maggie DePaola and Noelle Radko won class of 2012 president and vice president,

Torrie Thompson and Heidi Etzel will lead the class of 2013, and Elliot Miller and Rachael Bridgman won the positions of president and vice president for the class of 2014.

DePaola and Radko said they have high hopes for their senior year.

"We really want to unite our class and make this last year a memorable one," DePaola said.

Radko said her experience on this year's junior class board would help her to continue representing the class of 2012.

"Being on the board for the past three years [has] made me extremely passionate about the class of 2012, and the mark we hope to leave, not only on Saint Mary's, but on the South Bend community as well," Radko said.

Radko said she and DePaola would prioritize building on already existing events for the senior class, rather than creating new events.

"A very successful Senior Dads' weekend is definitely our top priority," Radko said. "We are currently planning Junior Moms' Weekend, so we feel comfortable to accept this challenge. We also want to make our Senior Week affordable, highly interactive and unified."

The pair said they also hope to see more student feedback from the class of 2012.

"[DePaola] and I also plan to increase student input in senior activities, as we hope to make our final year at Saint Mary's our best," Radko said.

As leaders of the junior class board, Thompson and Etzel said they hope to increase involvement and foster relationships both on Saint Mary's campus and between the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities, they said.

"We hope to build on the

foundation that was begun during the past school year," Etzel said. "We are introducing new activities such as our Notre Dame Boy Basket Auction and Class Picnic."

The pair said they also look forward to leading the junior class in previously held activities. "In addition to these new ideas, we are excited to plan the traditional Junior Formal and Junior Moms' Weekend," Etzel said. "With our class board, we hope that our plans for this year will make it the best yet at Saint Mary's."

Etzel said they would like to leave a memorable impact on the class of 2013.

"We ran for president and vice president of our class because we love being involved in the Saint Mary's community," Etzel said. "With our involvement, we hope to create strong bonds and sustain lasting friendships among our classmates while acting as a positive influence within the Saint Mary's College community."

As leaders of next year's sophomore class, Miller and Bridgman said they hope to plan laid-back and frequent activities.

"[Miller and I want] to encourage more students to voice their opinions about hot topics at Saint Mary's and plan more fun, informal events," Bridgman said.

Miller said they are ready to jump in and begin planning things such as Sophomore Parents' Weekend and Sophomore Formal.

"[Bridgman] and I have so many ideas," Miller said. "We are both very enthusiastic about planning events for our classmates."

Miller said she wants to generate pride for their class and the College.

"As president of Saint Mary's Class of 2014, I hope to represent and lead my classmates in such a way that encourages each woman to love [Saint Mary's] as much as I do," she said.

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CCAC discusses zoning law



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Student body vice president elect Brett Rocheleau, left, and student body president Catherine Soler discuss South Bend zoning laws at Tuesday's CCAC meeting.

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

A large number of students are currently renting off-campus residences against zoning laws, said Director of South Bend Code Enforcement Catherine Toppel at Tuesday's Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) meeting.

A 2004 zoning bill required all owners seeking to rent a residence to more than two unrelated people had to come before a committee for approval, City Council Member Ann Puzzello said. Many homes were grandfathered into exemption.

"I've been working on it in my office, all of these houses being used illegally, potentially hundreds that have too many students," Toppel said. "None of these houses have been grandfathered, these are just people blatantly skirting the law ... there's been one landlord in particular that has just been a huge problem."

Puzzello said records are often insufficient in identifying which houses have been grandfathered into the system. She is currently working on a bill to ensure consistent record keeping.

"If you go over to the building department they might say they have no information on a property, which doesn't mean it wasn't grandfathered, it just means there's no documentation," she said. "My bill is to make a definite documentation part that is required, so if a house is grandfathered to put students

in it, there has to be documentation."

Toppel said her office is prepared to pursue legal action against offending property owners.

"I'm moving forward with violation notices and ticketing procedures, and those will eventually go to court," she said.

Student body president Catherine Soler said she is concerned about students who already signed leases for the 2011-2012 without knowing a home's zoning laws.

"I think at this point everyone for next year has already signed their leases," she said. "I'd be interested to know what the timeline would be for kicking people out of their leases."

Toppel said the offending residences would have to be resolved by the beginning of the next school year.

University Associate Vice President for Public Affairs Tim Sexton said it is important for students to ask landlords the right questions and to use other resources available to them.

"There's resources out there, it's whether kids are really taking the time to look," Sexton said.

Soler said the beND Good Neighbor Guide distributed this year is one source of information available to students facing leasing problems.

"[The Good Neighbor Guide] is available on [the student government] website, and

we've also got the leasing fair," she said.

Local landlord Mark Kramer said the zoning problems were another indication that a designated area for off-campus student housing could help alleviate some of the difficulties arising from the student presence in South Bend.

"The reality of it is, for the students, [moving off campus] is a right of passage," he said. "Wouldn't it make sense to

have one designated area that won't be disturbing to the neighbors, that you could build nice houses that would be up to code and could be a gated area where the students feel safe?"

Local attorney and Notre Dame graduate Dick

Nussbaum said it was an interesting point but would likely meet resistance in the community.

"You've raised the issue and I think it needs to be discussed ... I think the forum for it is the Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Organization," he said. "In all frankness, you're not going to have a welcoming forum for it."

Several members said there was no available location for such a project, but Kramer said renovating some areas of the city through such a project could benefit both students and South Bend residents.

"These houses are sources of problems for students and problems for the neighborhood. They're vacant, they're graffitied and they're sources of crime," he said. "The Northeast neighborhood is going to be the winner as well. It seems to me that [housing developers and city residents] could work in harmony."

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set of the [Irish Green] project,” Marsh said, “but have been incrementally designed in response to how we saw this new campus open space used by the Notre Dame and broader South Bend communities.”

Marsh said Irish Green was meant to be a versatile space.

“The Irish Green dedicates a tremendous amount of open space ... that is open for all to enjoy for a variety of occasions or purposes,” Marsh said, “such for special campus events like [football] Game Day or a concert on the lawn, for a campus walk, for a place to picnic or read a book, or for just travelling through on

the way to Eddy Street Commons.”

Marsh said he hopes the current construction will allow Irish Green to become a greater connection between Notre Dame’s campus and the South Bend community.

“From large expanses of lawn to shaded walks and sitting areas, the Irish Green serves as both a destination as well as place of transition from campus-to-community and community-to-campus,” Marsh said. “Once completed, the work currently underway will underscore both of these purposes and will continue to do so, especially as the landscape grows and matures in the years ahead.”

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Mendoza

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and Cornell University in the top five business schools.

According to a University press release, Mendoza ranked in the top spot due to the school’s 98 percent placement rate three months after graduation. Notre Dame also received the highest rate of student satisfaction.

“Where we stand out is really the students’ experience, the quality of the teaching, the outreach of the alumni and the extraordinary placement office,” Woo said. “The goal is not to optimize our performance on the rankings. We just want our students to be very successful.”

In the past two years, Woo said the college introduced a new course called “Foresight for Business and Society” as a requirement for all juniors in the business school. The course looks at future trends in business and their implications for industry.

“It differentiates our students from the other business schools when they go interviewing [for jobs],” she said. “The way they talk, the topics they can shed light on, the way they can describe their interests are all at a different level.”

While the college excelled in several areas of the BusinessWeek survey, Woo said Mendoza struggles with over enrollment and a high student-to-faculty ratio. The current ratio is almost 20 students to one Mendoza faculty member, while most private schools strive for an eight-to-one ratio.

Mendoza’s ideal enrollment is roughly 550 students per class year, Woo said, but the most recently

enrolled sophomore class is around 640 students.

“Our enrollment is going through the roof,” she said. “Right now the next step is really brainstorming about undergraduate enrollment, what is the right size.”

Currently, Notre Dame freshmen can select any college and major. This year, Mendoza students were informed they might not always be able to pursue their preference inside the college.

Woo said the finance major is capped at 250 students, but 290 current sophomores indicated finance as their first choice. The college will evaluate all these students using an algorithm based on academic standing, and they will then select 250 students to fill the finance major. The other 40 students will need to choose another business major.

“We are right now brainstorming about what we need to do,” Woo said. “I think strategically for the University of Notre Dame, having more distribution across the colleges and across majors is a healthier development than having a big concentration or cluster around one or two majors.”

Woo said the University has not reached a conclusion about how to solve the problem.

“Despite the fact that we are completely overenrolled, every year we graduate, including the graduate program, over 1,000 students,” she said. “And so the idea of the impact of having over 1,000 students go into industry and carry this message of integrity and common good as a basis for success really gives me a lot of satisfaction.”

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group plans for freshmen

By **MEGAN DOYLE**
Associate News Editor

The Council of Representatives (COR) looked to the upcoming year and planned for the incoming freshmen class during its meeting Tuesday.

The representatives discussed the future of the First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership (FUEL) program as it concludes its first year.

FUEL director Ricky Bevington said FUEL is an improvement on the previous program, Freshmen Leadership Experience (FLEX).

“This year FUEL had a different focus,” Bevington said. “FUEL educates freshmen about different branches of student government. The group is about 50 students, and then they are integrated in Senate committees.”

Bevington said FLEX taught students about campus leadership but did not integrate them enough into actual student government projects and positions. FLEX ran for two years before FUEL replaced it for the 2010-11 academic year.

Student body president Catherine Soler said many in the inaugural FUEL group will serve in student government positions, such as hall senator or president.

FUEL members learned about student government organization and initiatives before they were integrated into Senate committees.

Bevington said these freshmen were able to contribute more fully and learn more about the workings of student government policy than previous FLEX participants.

“FUEL can help people know about different student government positions,” Bevington said. “But also it can help them find where they fit best inside student government.”

Bevington said the current leaders would present an amendment to the Student Union Constitution to keep the FUEL program running.

Council members also analyzed the freshman experience at “College HAS Issues.” Soler said student government and administration has been working to better educate freshmen about sexual assault and alcohol.

Junior class president James Ward said freshmen might be more engaged in a smaller

presentation than the large “College HAS Issues” talk during freshman orientation.

“I think this could more effectively come through the dorm and hall staff rather than a big meeting,” he said. “Even if an RA sat down one-on-one with freshmen, it would be a lot more comfortable.”

Freshman class president Heather Eaton agreed that a better environment for the talk was needed.

“I think the program itself was fine,” she said. “But I think if it was just in the basement of the dorms it would be more effective.”

Judicial Council brought its future plans before COR as well. Judicial Council president Marcelo Perez nominated junior Susanna Sullivan as Judicial Council president for the upcoming year.

Sullivan served as the vice president of peer advocacy on the Judicial Council this year and advised on many cases that have appeared before the Office of Residence Life and Housing, Perez said.

“She is a well-rounded person all around, and she has my full support,” Perez said.

The representatives approved Sullivan, and she will begin in her position on April 1.

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The Core Council for GLBT & Questioning Students

Seeks new undergraduate student members for 2011-2012

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Applications are available on the Core Council Website:

corecouncil.nd.edu

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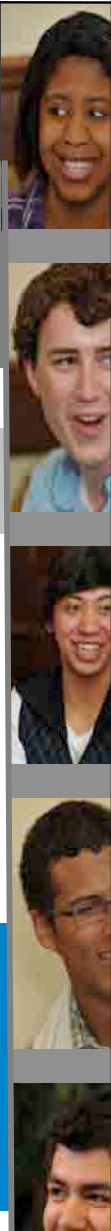
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- HELP IMPLEMENT CAMPUS-WIDE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING, SUPPORT AND OUTREACH.

Thanks Laura and Sam ... It’s been great.



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Brown said.

Brown said XOS presented a proposal for the new system in January. Tuesday began the process of installing the cameras, which Brown said are the size of television broadcast cameras, on top of the poles and raising the poles to full height.

The cameras will remain on top of the poles in temperature-controlled units, the press release stated. A fiber-optic network will transmit video to a control room in the Guglielmino Athletic Complex for members of the athletics video services department to edit and produce for players and coaches.

“In bringing its tremendous technology expertise to the table, XOS has worked hand in hand with our football program to form a partnership that now provides a new method of obtaining video materials that our coaches and players utilize,” Notre Dame Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick said in the press release.

Both Notre Dame and the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration (IOSHA)

are conducting ongoing investigations into the Oct. 27 accident.

IOSHA’s investigation is still in progress, said Stephanie McFarland, spokesperson for the Indiana Department of Labor.

“Everything is progressing along the investigative line and there is nothing new to report at this time,” McFarland said. “They’re going to go into the organization and they’re going to essentially look at anything and everything within the scope of the law that they’re allowed to look at in relation to the incident.”

IOSHA investigations result in safety orders when appropriate, McFarland said. These orders reveal findings and inform institutions of citations or fines.

McFarland said she is unable to say when IOSHA’s investigation at Notre Dame will be complete.

“The law does not state anything specific to how quickly an investigation should be concluded,” she said. “They just take as long as they need to do [investigations] properly.”

Brown said Notre Dame also does not currently have additional information to release on its own investigation.

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves is overseeing the University’s internal investigation,

“We are committed to memorializing Declan’s zest for life and presence at Notre Dame in a meaningful and lasting way.”

**Fr. John Jenkins
University President**



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Poles for Notre Dame’s new remote video system stand in the endzones at LaBar Practice Complex Tuesday. The new system eliminates the need for scissor lifts to film football practice.

tion, Brown said. This role includes coordinating University personnel and outside experts involved in the investigation.

The University appointed Peter Likins, former president of the University of Arizona and Lehigh University, to conduct the external review of Notre Dame’s internal investigation.

Likins told The Observer in November that his role would include assessing the University’s investigation results.

In addition to creating the

remote video system, the press release stated that XOS will contribute to the Declan Drumm Sullivan Memorial Fund established by the Sullivan family.

“We appreciate this wonderful contribution by XOS to the Sullivan family’s memorial fund,” Swarbrick said. “Our staff remembers Declan fondly, and our prayers remain with his family and friends.”

Notre Dame officials are working with the Sullivan family to determine how the University

can honor Sullivan’s legacy, the press release stated.

“We are committed to memorializing Declan’s zest for life and presence at Notre Dame in a meaningful and lasting way,” Jenkins said. “Our conversations with his family members will shape Notre Dame’s memorials of Declan in a manner that give authentic and proper tribute to their son and brother.”

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Scholars

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and he wanted to see a similar effect at Notre Dame.

“One of the things I believed was we were still missing a cohort of great students, particularly great leaders, and great Catholic leaders who were being wooed away by Harvard, Yale, Princeton,” he said.

As the program grows, scholars can be nominated either by their high schools or Notre Dame’s early action admissions committee. However, Yusko hopes high schools will provide the majority of nominations in the future.

Based on the first class of Hesburgh-Yusko scholars, Yusko said he sees the program as a success.

“The class we brought in last year, we got half that class directly away from other schools where they were headed,” he said.

Freshman Kate Squiers, a Hesburgh-Yusko scholar, said she had not chosen a college when she received the scholarship offer, and it had a huge impact on her decision.

Squiers, who was involved in fine arts and service in high

school, will be traveling to Pune, India for eight weeks this summer.

She will attend classes for two of those weeks, and then, based on her interests, will be placed with an NGO for the remaining six.

Morgan Benson, another freshman Hesburgh-Yusko scholar, is looking forward to spending the summer in Lesotho, Africa, at a home for children who are malnourished or affected by HIV or Tuberculosis.

For their wilderness immersion last summer, both Benson and Squiers traveled to

Washington and spent three weeks sea kayaking and mountaineering.

“We all went by ourselves. It’s supposed to be an introspective, independent experience,” Squiers said. “You were with a group of

eight to 10 people, but no one from Notre Dame.”

While last summer’s adventure had to be organized through the program, Benson said the scholars had a great deal of freedom in choosing their destinations for this summer.

“This year they basically told us to write a grant proposal based on our interests

and where we’d like to go and what we wanted to do, and then we had interviews to talk about our options,” she said.

The scholars do not have many requirements at Notre Dame, Squiers said. One is enrolling in a one-and-a-half credit weekly seminar, in which they listen to a speaker or discuss current news.

Each Hesburgh-Yusko scholar also participates in weekly service.

Freshman Ben Finan said he satisfies this requirement by working with the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley.

“It’s a community organization, they’ve been trying to reach out to college students and get involved here and I’ve been helping facilitate that,” Finan said.

Benson works with Timmy Foundation for her service requirement. Squiers became involved with Campus Ministry and Archangels, a South Bend organization that mentors teenagers.

Finan, who hopes to spend this summer at Seeds of Peace, a diversity camp in Maine, said he has enjoyed his experience in the program so far, mostly due to the other scholars.

“It’s fostered a lot of friendships because it brings 25 people together who aren’t necessarily the same personality-wise, but who are all strong people and good leaders,” he said. “It’s really a great group of people to be around.”

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ND prof researches Irish mental health

Special to The Observer

Though exposure to any type of violence can cause anti-social behavior in children, a new study from the University of Notre Dame shows that political tension and sectarian violence causes additional mental health problems in children by creating insecurity about their neighborhoods and communities. The study was published recently in the Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology.

Notre Dame Psychology Professor Mark Cummings and colleagues studied the effects on children of sectarian violence between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland. The longitudinal study, which took three years to complete, examined 18 families (695 mothers and children) from working class neighborhoods in Belfast. Results showed heightened aggression and violence, revenge-seeking and insecure attachment in children who experienced this political violence, as well as elevated levels of depression, withdrawal, sleep disorders, fear and panic because of feeling nervous and threatened by people.

“Though exposure to both sectarian and non-sectarian violence are related to anti-social behavior, the emotional insecurity caused by politically-motivated community violence was more powerful than we had expected,”

according to Cummings, co-founder of Notre Dame’s Center for Children and Families and faculty fellow at Notre Dame’s Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

Non-sectarian violence is “ordinary crime” that may be found in any community, regardless of political context, and is not specifically indicated between ethnic, religious or cultural groups.

Though the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement was reached in 1998, providing some inter-community cooperation, many neighborhoods and schools in Belfast remain highly segregated; a large percentage of adolescents in Belfast have experienced violence within their community, which reflects a social and psychological legacy of “The Troubles.”

Understanding and addressing the effects of political strife on communities, families and children is critical for any likelihood of sustained peace, according to Cummings, and this study has promise for building a foundation for how to intervene more effectively and prevent problems.

“The children growing up today will have to take the peace process forward in the years to come. For this reason, ameliorating children’s insecurity about sectarian tensions and violence over the long term should be seen as an important goal if lasting peace is to be achieved,” Cummings said.



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INSIDE COLUMN

‘Squatters’ displays diversity

Before I begin, here is a caveat. My idea for what would eventually become this column began about a month ago at Reckers at 2 a.m. on a Wednesday night. It was an essay on diversity for Contemporary Topics, and, never one to take a Contemporary Topics assignment lightly, I bet my friends that I could finish it in the fifteen minutes it took them to finish their food. The instance that I wrote about, however, I still find quite interesting and quite indicative of a certain part of the Notre Dame experience.

The genesis of my paper had been about a month before this fated Reckers trip when, having left my seat on the couch in my room to use the vending machine downstairs, I returned to find a fellow freshman audaciously planted in the seat I had occupied just moments before. I, of course, asserted that I had called “fives” on the seat, which I foolishly assumed was universally understood as meaning that I had that seat saved for five minutes. I always thought it was a well-known fact that everybody said “fives.” Apparently this was not the case as my geographically diverse group of friends told me that there was no such word as “fives” and then preceded to rattle off a list of possible substitutes that made my head spin.

While we eventually ascertained upon taking a spontaneous survey of anyone in Carroll Hall awake at 1 a.m. on a Monday night that “fives” was acceptable on the east coast, we learned that “seat check” was the thing to say in California, while the Midwest consisted of everything from “scoobies” to “quack-quack-seat-back” (don’t ask me how either of those two make any sense). In Ecuador, apparently there is some mysterious ritual involving the removal of one’s shoe.

While this might seem somewhat trite or, some might say, downright stupid, I feel it is an interesting snapshot into our experience of diversity at Notre Dame. I will be the first to admit that we are not the most diverse campus in the world, but there are instances like the one above that make you appreciate the different types of people around you. Diversity, or the lack thereof, is a buzzword that is often bandied about as some sort of goal, and in some sense it is. My experience, however, has been enriched by hearing all the different ways one can save a seat. Maybe this does not “count” as diversity, but it is an example of a phenomenon that has helped to make my experience of Notre Dame. I hope it speaks to someone as much as it did my Contemporary Topics teacher.

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New college degrees

Recently there’s been a lot of furor over the MRS and MR degrees, owing to a shocking expose by a SMC chick who revealed that neither of them were actual degrees. I have taken upon myself to provide a short, non-exhaustive list of other degrees that don’t exist but probably ought to.

Brooks Smith

Humanity’s
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The ABC (Anything But Class) Degree — Given to the graduating senior who has skipped class the most times in their college career.

The Rudy-gree — An award given to the student or students who have watched the movie “Rudy,” starring Sean Astin in the title role, the most times out of the senior class. Honorable mentions are given as follows: A Dork Award is given to those who have surpassed their classmates in repeat viewings of any movie from the Lord Of The Rings trilogy, which features Sean Astin as Frodo’s faithful sidekick Samwise Gamgee; and a Goon Award is given to those who have watched “Goonies” most out of anybody, which features Sean Astin as Mikey.

The Radian — Awarded to the science professor who has been most pedantic and nitpicky about units and significant digits. Also awarded to the undergraduate science major(s) who constantly raise their hand in science classes to ask question about — or correct the professor’s mistakes with — units and significant digits.

The Bachelor Degree — Awarded to the most eligible bachelor in the graduating class, for being so fine.

The Athlete’s Degree — Awarded to all athletes who manage to graduate, for their success in neither flunking out nor attempting to go pro as an undergraduate, like Jimmy Clausen.

The BS Degree — Not to be confused with the Bachelor of Science degree (what an apt name, right?), this degree goes to the graduating senior who has prevaricated the most about his or her alcohol abuse, academic excellence, sexual exploits and/or prowess or any of said experiences which took place in high school and are therefore unverifiable. Awarded by a jury of his/her peers.

The MIB Degree — When you open your diploma, you will find a blank sheet of paper. Do not panic or mention this sheet of paper to friends, family or Father Jenkins. Simply walk over to the Hesburgh Library and mention to the security guards at the front desk that you need to see Father Hesburgh about your degree. You will be escorted to the 13th floor and shown into Father Hesburgh’s office.

Father Hesburgh will be in one of those brown, tall-backed swivel chairs, looking out over campus and puffing on a stogie with his back to you. He will rotate slowly, shift the cigar to one side of his mouth, plant his hands firmly on the desk, and stand to greet you.

After the preliminary pleasantries, he will tell you that you have been specially selected to join the Men In Black. He will explain that, far from being a private Catholic university, Notre Dame is actually an extraterrestrial missile defense site. He will tell you that the Dome conceals a mounted array of 16 anti-positronic lasers which make up the entirety of North America’s alien invasion defense (and a bunch of other awesome facts.)

If you choose to accept, you will team up with wisecracking partner Will Smith and go on a number of wacky and harrowing adventures. If you decline, Father Hesburgh will flash you with one of those blinking red lights and then politely

escort you out of his office, while telling you an entertaining story about some hijinks he used to get up to with Martin Luther King, Jr. Your regular diploma will arrive in the mail in four to six weeks.

The ABC (Always Been Crunk) Degree — Given to the graduating senior who has been, by popular acclamation, most often sloppily drunk over the course of their time at Notre Dame.

The Athlete Degree — Not to be confused with the similarly named Athlete’s Degree, this one goes to the male or female who has hooked up with the most athletes during their college tenure.

The 98 Degrees — A boy band from the late nineties and early oughts, not an actual college degree. If you see this on your diploma, something has gone seriously wrong.

The Tardy-gree — Awarded to that one kid who always showed up to class ten minutes late with a cup of coffee and took their sweet time unpacking while the professor and everyone else in the class shot them dirty looks that went completely over their head.

The Lagree — My roommate’s last name, also not an actual college degree. If you see this on your diploma, could you take out the trash for once? Jerk.

The MS Degree — Awarded to the most eligible bachelorette in the graduating class, for being so fine.

Feel free to make up your own degrees. I myself will spend the rest of the semester going full-throttle for the ABC.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



POLL OF THE WEEK

What are your plans for Spring Break?

I'm going home
Somewhere warm and sunny with friends
Going on a service trip
Other

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

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Convinced myself, I seek not to convince.”

Edgar Allan Poe
U.S. author and poet

We must face reality

I am writing this piece on behalf of the taxpayers across this country that are caught in the middle of the debate over public sector union compensation. We are in very tough economic times, and workers, both in the private and public sectors, have had to make sacrifices in their personal and family budgets. It is evident that while taxpayers have had to make adjustments in their budgets, some public sector union bosses think they should be immune from necessary fiscal austerity measures. To be clear, I am directing my argument to the leaders of the public sector unions, not necessarily the rank and file.

Public sector benefits have been ballooning for decades with no regard for the taxpayers that have to pay for salary increases well above the rate of inflation and lavish health and pension benefits. The day of reckoning is here for many states. Pension and health benefit systems are nearly bankrupt and, due to the harsh

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economic times, most state governments realize that it is not feasible to tax their way out of the problem.

Governors like Scott Walker among others have proposed necessary and prudent measures to lay groundwork for sound state finances in the future. The public sector unions, not understanding the structural problems that are plaguing state budgets, have stood in opposition. Walker and other governors, such as Chris Christie of New Jersey, have put forth a simple message: Public sector unions must contribute more to their health care and pension benefits if they expect those benefits to actually be there in the future.

The public sector, on average, pays considerably less than the private sector toward their health and retirement benefits. If we are to have any sense of fiscal sanity, public sector workers need to sacrifice and bring their benefit contributions into line with reality, i.e. the private sector, which cannot pass the buck onto taxpayers.

To put more of a burden on taxpayers in

these economic times, with taxes too high already, would be irresponsible and would not make states any better off. Benefit costs will continue to balloon if the system remains unchanged, and states will tax their citizens out of hope for future prosperity.

With respect to collective bargaining, several governors have or have proposed placing caps on the rate of salary increase for public workers. Rates of salary increase for public workers have been unsustainably high in many states, further crushing taxpayers in their state and local taxes.

Collective bargaining procedures have been heavily in favor of the unions, with the taxpayer not having a seat at the table. Walker's plan would cap the rate of salary increase at the level of inflation, only to be overridden by voter approval. It makes sense that the people who foot the bill for public sector salary increases finally have an opportunity to have their voices heard.

By making tough choices now, jobs will

be saved and created. In Wisconsin, upwards of 10,000 public workers could be laid off if the wages and benefits systems are not reformed. So public sector jobs will be saved if Walker's plan is enacted.

I am not arguing that reforming public sector wages and benefits are the only problems that states have in their budgets, but in many cases they are a serious problem. Each state must face this concrete reality of crushing debt head on or risk financial collapse. Unlike the federal government, states cannot print money, so the matter is even more urgent. Sacrifice will not be easy or enjoyable, but it must be done so that future generations as well as current generations can attain prosperity.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Necessary dialogue

Thank you, Shea Streeter, for starting the conversation on sexual assault at Notre Dame ("Necessary conversations," Mar. 7). As a man this issue affects me differently than it does women. Nevertheless, this is an issue with which I have a close personal relationship and have had many conversations about. I have two friends from home who have been victims of rape/sexual assault and, quite frankly, the conversations I've had with them are very different from the ones "College HAS Issues" tells us we ought to have.

We learn freshman year that the man is eternally at fault, regardless of the situation — easy for our women to accept, but not as easy for the men. While this is not always spelled out as explicitly, it seems quite often to be the tacit assumption. Now, don't get me wrong, there are guys here who are guilty as you charge them, but I'm not sure such a blanket approach is the most appropriate one. Nearly all talks I had following that seminar revolved around one question: "What if she says yes?"

Tradition says that if the female is drunk, then the man should know better, and I wholeheartedly agree. I despise the kind of man who would force himself on a woman who clearly objects. The question, though, is should he be a criminal, especially if he's drunk too? The oft given response to my question is that alcohol is not an excuse. And yet, this strikes me as quite the double standard. Is alcohol not the same basis by which the victim's consent is dismissed?

I am not narrow-minded enough to believe that all rape and sexual assault cases proceed in this fashion, but I think that this specific case is especially relevant to college students. Now it is important to recognize the dichotomy between the situation I describe here, and one where the female clearly says, "No." Unfortunately, with alcohol added to the mix, figuring out which situation is which can become nearly impossible. It's a difficult situation no matter how you look at it, but in fairness to us males, I think it's important to consider the following. Sexual assault is defined as any unwanted sexual contact. Is it sexual assault if it's consensual by night but a mistake in the morning?

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Defacing the University

Disclaimer: I want to make it clear that I am not addressing this letter to all of the residents of Zahm House. I have several friends in Zahm and am sure that most residents are generally good guys. This is to, as our rector Br. Jerome said, "a few rotten apples."

We get it. Zahm has a very interesting reputation on campus and a few of you try very hard to maintain it. Also, I understand your disappointment and anger in your team's loss to Knott in the interhall hockey championship and our alleged possession of your prized moose bust (I would like to stress "alleged," as I have no knowledge of the whereabouts of the moose).

However, as I left for class this morning, I was disgusted to see a number of spraypainted red "Z"s on the outside of Knott. The line was crossed. You have not only disrespected all of the residents of Knott, but also (as Knott is the property of Notre Dame) everyone who attends or works for the University. It is my home and the home of my closest friends at school.

Although Knott is neither very asthetically pleasing (despite my love for Reagan-era architecture) nor historically significant, I equate its defacement with that of any other building on campus.

Furthermore, the vandalism creates more work for the maintenance staff that tries so hard to keep our campus clean, safe and beautiful. I hope that the guilty parties will 'fess up, but I doubt that anyone capable of such shortsighted and disrespectful acts would possess the integrity to own up to their wrongs.

I guess you can keep the bun runs, but to whoever did this, please grow up.

Peace,

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PILLARS posters, FYI

Hi, PILLARS.

You didn't have a contact email on your website, so I'm forced to write a letter to The Observer. Inefficient, I know. But it says on your website that "Education is Golden," so I thought I'd do a little educating while I'm at it. I want to address your most current poster campaign — the one where you compare the percentage alcohol in Listerine and Rubbing Alcohol to Everclear, and then list a bunch of terrible things that will happen if you drink Listerine. There are some problems with it.

Let's be brief:

Problem No. 1: Listerine isn't made for human consumption.

Problem No. 2: Rubbing alcohol isn't made for human consumption.

Do you know what eucalyptol, menthol, methyl salicylate and thymol are? I didn't either, but the Listerine website was really informative. Those fine chemicals are the active ingredients of Listerine, and also the reason why you shouldn't drink it. Because they're poisonous.

There's a similar issue with rubbing alcohol. On the poster, you don't specify what kind of rubbing alcohol you're referring

to. Let's assume for a minute it's isopropyl alcohol. Now, isopropyl alcohol isn't ethyl alcohol, which is what you drink. The chemical difference is important — isopropyl alcohol is poisonous. And even if the rubbing alcohol in question was 70 percent ethanol, the makers are specially required by the FDA to add chemicals to it to MAKE IT poisonous.

It's like you're trying to say we shouldn't drink orange juice because it has ingredients in common with orange scented Lysol, and drinking cleaning products kills. The symptoms listed on your poster aren't caused by the alcohol in these products, they're caused by the additives — additives that were specifically added to prevent people from drinking them! That's the whole point!

I appreciate your mission, PILLARS, but this is just nonsensical. Have some respect for the intelligence of your audience.

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To Zahm, with love

Dear Citizens of Zahm House,

Thank you for redecorating the outside of our dorm. Mod Quad is not known for its lavish exteriors, so your splashes of paint are a welcome addition. Please pick up your trash next time: We found a spray paint can under one of our trees. We would appreciate it if you sent an angry version of one of Santa's reindeer to come and pick it up. Speaking of antlered vermin (not you, Carroll), if our collection of stuffed animals happened to have increased by one this weekend, we would require more minerals to ensure its safe return into the wild. However, if said animal were to contract any number of biblical-related plagues, the little

guy may not make it back to see its family (Bambi, anyone?) I hear he has a hard time doing anything well on ice.

XOXOXO,
Concerned Citizens of Knott Hall

P.S. We ain't even mad; y u mad tho?

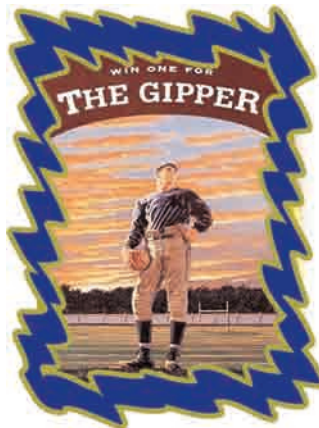
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THIS ONE'S FOR THE KIDS: notre dame children's books

By MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL
Scene Writer

Sunshine spreads across Notre Dame campus. Temperatures approach 50 degrees. This can only mean one thing: spring is arriving. And with the arrival of spring comes one of Notre Dame's oldest traditions — ring by spring. Loving and devoted sons of Notre Dame will fill the Grotto, the lakes and the Lyons Arch with the shine of diamonds as they prepare to spend the rest of their lives with their beloved Notre Dame or Saint Mary's sweethearts. For those couples who choose to have children, they will undoubtedly want to share with their kids the magic of the place which brought them together (and no, not just Domerfest). No words will ever adequately describe the aura and magic of Notre Dame, especially on a football Saturday, but for those who want to simultaneously help their children read and foster a love of all things Irish, Hammes Bookstore stocks many options. From coloring books to A-to-Z manuals, there's something for kids of all ages and reading levels. Here are a few standouts.



"Win One For The Gipper: America's Favorite Football Hero" by Kathy-Jo Wardin

No self-respecting Notre Dame fan can get away with allowing their children to grow up ignorant of the legend of George Gipp — or Knute Rockne for that matter. This book chronicles the life of George Gipp as he traveled from Michigan to become one of the greatest college football players of all time. Wardin does not simply highlight the dominance of Irish football under Rockne, however. Through her focus on Gipp and his life, she also manages to insert morals for young readers to take away: self-sacrifice and perseverance.

The Gipper's story has touched the hearts of all Notre Dame students and alumni, and "Win One" captures that spirit. From moving lines ("This is the day, and you are that team") to bright, emotive illustrations, no child can walk away from this book without a profound admiration for Gipp and Rockne's impassioned speech firmly planted in his or her mind.



"My First Notre Dame Words: GO IRISH" by Connie MacNamara

Although it's unlikely that any children could master "leprechaun" as their first word, this book can help impress upon them important images from Notre Dame's campus and history during memory development. And who knows, maybe they will manage "blue and gold" as first words.



"Notre Dame Fighting Irish 123: My First Counting Book" by Brad M. Epstein

There is no need for a Notre Dame education to wait until a student can read. Numbers are an integral part of future Domers' lives, if only so they can be sure to go up for the correct number of push-ups after a touchdown. Start with one thunderous stadium, only to move on to the important numbers from Irish football history — the Four Horsemen and seven Heisman trophies. Soon enough, your child will be one of those thousands of loyal fans cheering for Notre Dame.

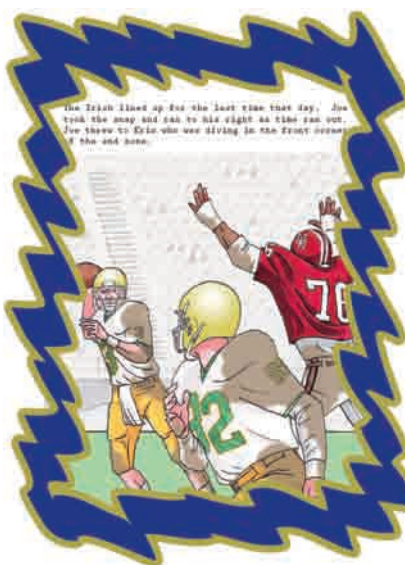
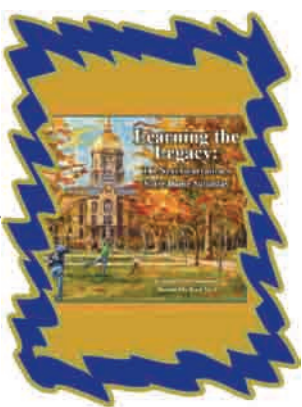
"Learning the Legacy: The Next Generation's Notre Dame Saturday" by Kristen Lefere Johnstone

No doubt you and your family will take at least one trip to Notre Dame for a football game and maybe a reunion with some college friends. Johnstone's A-to-Z guide to football Saturdays can help introduce children to the wonder and chaos they will experience on campus during those magical days. Tradition constitutes a huge part of the lives of Domers past and present, and it is never too early to begin a child's education.

From the lore of the green jerseys to the 1812 Overture, George Gipp to the Leprechaun, future Domers will seem like seasoned veterans when they arrive on campus for their first Notre Dame football game. Then they, too, will become part of the magic of game day because:

Y is for Youngsters here for their first game — like you.

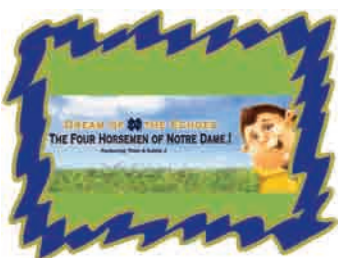
And for your parents dreaming you'll be Domers one day too.



"The Chicken Soup Game: 1979 Cotton Bowl, Notre Dame Fighting Irish vs. Houston Cougars" by Paul Kostolansky

This story not only details a historic game in Irish history, but also imbues in children an appreciation of hard work and dedication. After a foreword by Joe Unis, the 8-3 Irish take the field in Texas against a 9-2 Houston team. Freezing temperatures stunt the game and halftime finds the Irish down 20-12. Quarterback Joe Montana almost doesn't make it out for the third quarter, but feels inspired after a bowl of chicken soup, as prescribed by the team doctor. Montana makes it back onto the field and cements his legacy as "The Comeback Kid."

Kostolansky's story puts a whole new spin on the old wife's tale detailing the benefits of chicken soup. Montana and his team's story teaches children the importance of never giving up and chasing dreams, important traits for Domers and non-Domers alike.



"Dream of the Echoes: The Four Horsemen of Notre Dame" by Brandon Crouch and Frank Corrigan

Theo and his trusty dog, Eddie J, narrate and guide this rhyming story of Theo's dream of the October game that solidified the national fame of the Four Horsemen of Notre Dame. After waking up in 1924, Theo and Eddie J find them-

selves at Notre Dame's game listening to The Rock give his opening speech, encouraging and exciting his players in a frenzy of motion:

Believe in your talents. / Be pure and be true. / Let all your gifts shine, / Up, down, and through.

Theo's description of the game and all its excitement can whip up a frenzy of Irish enthusiasm in any young reader.

The dialogue is quick, the rhyming neat and the pictures attention-grabbing. Crouch and Corrigan, both Domers, drive home the beauty and excellence of Irish football, leaving all readers itching to take to the field and emulate their new heroes.

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'Goodbye Lullaby'

doesn't disappoint



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Scene Writer

Preceded by the release of the now top 100 Billboard single "What The Hell," Avril Lavigne's new album "Goodbye Lullaby," released March 8, is her first album since the 2007 release of "The Best Damn Thing."

The album starts with "Black Star," (produced by Lavigne's ex-husband Deryck Whibley), a simplistic piano piece. Poignant and inspirational, the song revolves around piano, pure and almost childlike vocals and pleasant harmonies.

Immediately following this moving piece is the fun and fast-paced "What The Hell." An upbeat and very summery song, it takes on almost a bubblegum-pop rock sound. Cheerful and catchy, the song can easily get stuck in your head and has gained popularity on the radio. Much like "Girlfriend," it is a very singable, roll-your-car-windows-down song with fairly good vocals on Lavigne's part. Different from much of her other hits and the rest of the songs on the album, "What The Hell" utilizes a bubbly techno background.

Though more pop than rock, "What The Hell" is definitely the most popular single of the album.

Characteristic of Lavigne's attitude, the lyrics talk about disregard for serious emotions, carefree partying and messing around; a song for both the high school and college crowd.

"What The Hell" is the only song of its kind on the album, though. The rest of the album takes a mellower, acoustic-sounding style with simple, airy vocals and more love-themed lyrics. "Push" continues in a somewhat upbeat, fighting-for-love type of song making good use of chorus. "Smile" sounds more like Lavigne's characteristically aggressive attitude with a smattering of cursing and in-your-face vocals. The song becomes more of a happy, acoustic love song by the chorus however, matching the themes of most of the rest of the album.

Lavigne's musical style varies throughout the album. "Stop Standing There" uses a chipper set of snap/clap beats, though the vocals are less impressive, and "Not Enough" has a noticeably acoustic focus with dramatic piano and background beats. "Wish You Were Here" and "I Love You" are both slower-paced, the latter with gentler sounds, airy harmonies and a swelling refrain.

The second half of the album consists of many songs the Canadian

singer/songwriter wrote on her own (in contrast with the co-written tracks at the beginning of the album). "Everybody Hurts" resembles "Black Star" in its more universal message, while "4 Real" and "Darlin'" are more bittersweet, emotional soft rock. "Remember When" comes third from the end, and is, both vocally and musically, the most impressive of the love songs. Much like the other songs it has a piano and acoustic focus with a refrain that becomes dramatic, emotional and more rock-like, with a vocal climax.

Seemingly the ending song of the album, "Goodbye" sounds very appropriate for a stirring album closer: repetitive airy vocals and symphonic instrumentals. It is pleasant and simple over all, and is appropriately named. There is an entire minute of silence at the end of the track before the extended edition of "Alice" begins.

For some reason, one of the best songs of the album is the hidden track at the end. "Alice" begins dramatically, with haunting heavy beats. The song establishes a fantasy, wonderland theme. It shows Lavigne's most powerful and varying vocals on the album, and is an empowering "can't stop me now"

track.

"Goodbye Lullaby" contains simple, pure, clean and childlike vocals from Lavigne. The style is generally consistent: acoustic-based pop and medium-to-calm paced love songs with some rocker chick attitude mixed in. Mellower and more quietly emotional than some of her other hits, "Goodbye Lullaby" resembles "Keep Holding On" more than "Sk8r Boi" and shows the controversial, tattooed Lavigne's more dramatic side.

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'Goodbye Lullaby'

Label: RCA Records

Best Tracks: "Black Star,"
"Alice," "What the Hell"



'PAUL'

MOVIE PREVIEW

By **ANKUR CHAWLA**
Scene Writer

The duo from "Hot Fuzz" and "Shawn of the Dead" team up again for the sci-fi comedy "Paul." Simon Pegg and Nick Frost play the roles of the two geeks on a pilgrimage to the home of alien conspiracy theorists — Area 51. Joining those two on screen are Seth Rogen, Sigourney Weaver, Jason Bateman and SNL cast members Kristen Wiig and Bill Hader.

While in America's UFO heartland, Graeme Willy (Pegg) and Clive Gollings (Frost) meet an alien, Paul (voiced by Rogen), who has been hanging out at the military base. Wanting out of the base, Paul hitches a ride with Graeme and Clive and hilarity ensues.

Chased by federal agents, Willie and Clive accidentally kidnap a young woman and hatch a muddled (at best) plan to get Paul back to his mothership.



Meanwhile, the two nerds and little alien have quite the adventures, reminiscent of "Harold and Kumar go to White Castle," except instead of burgers Paul chows down on a live bird.

The star-studded cast and proven pair of Pegg and Frost make "Paul" a sure bet for a movie over Spring Break. Directed by Greg Mottola ("Superbad"), Paul is undoubtedly going to be a

must-see comedy. For more about "Paul" check out the trailer and more at www.whatispaul.com

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Huskies defeat Blue Demons in first round of tournament

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hard to believe Connecticut had gone six years since its last victory at the Big East tournament.

Kemba Walker and the Huskies stopped that skid against an over-matched opponent.

The star guard scored 26 points and UConn won a Big East tournament game for the first time since 2005, beating DePaul 97-71 on Tuesday in the opener of a conference showcase loaded with NCAA contenders.

“We had a nice bounce-back game,” Huskies coach Jim Calhoun said. “We’re happy to get a win. It’s been a while.”

Jeremy Lamb, playing on a sore knee, had 17 of his 19 points in the first half for the 21st-ranked Huskies (22-9), who got back on track after losing four of their final five regular-season games. No. 9 seed UConn advanced to play Wednesday against No. 22 Georgetown, the No. 8 seed at Madison Square Garden.

UConn beat the Hoyas 78-70 at home on Feb. 16 in the only meeting between the teams this season.

The Huskies had lost six straight Big East tournament games since beating Georgetown in the 2005 quarterfinals, a surprising streak of futility for a school that has won two national championships and six Big East tourney titles under Calhoun, its

Hall of Fame coach.

The slide included that classic, six-overtime loss in the 2009 quarterfinals to Syracuse, which handed the Huskies four of those six consecutive defeats.

Alex Oriakhi, left out of the starting lineup following a recent slump, had 13 points and 19 rebounds for UConn, which held a 46-22 edge on the glass against the undersized Blue Demons.

“I just think we look different when he’s rebounding, blocking shots and playing defense like that,” Calhoun said. “He’s been struggling and I keep telling him, ‘It’s simple, go get the basketball.’ It’s never that simple, but it gets in your head. And today he went and got the basketball — a lot.”

Oriakhi tied a school record for rebounds in a Big East tournament game. Travis Knight also grabbed 19 boards against Seton Hall in 1996.

“I definitely wanted to make it up to my teammates and help Kemba out, and I just went after the basketball,” said Oriakhi, a 6-foot-9, 240-pound sophomore.

The Big East is expected to set a record by sending at least 10 of its 16 members, including Connecticut, to the NCAA tournament, expanded this year from 65 to 68 teams. The number could reach 11 if Marquette gets off the bubble and into the field.

“I don’t think there’s much of a question the Big East should have 11 teams in,” DePaul coach Oliver

Purnell said. “As I’ve observed college basketball the last 25 years, it’s the deepest league I’ve seen.”

Lamb’s big first half helped the Huskies build a 45-28 lead at the break, but they got sloppy with the ball against DePaul’s full-court trap after halftime and finished with a season-high 20 turnovers.

The 16th-seeded Blue Demons (7-24) twice cut the deficit to seven midway through the second half, but Walker and his young teammates held off DePaul and won going away.

Walker, a first-team all-Big East selection and a contender for national player of the year, scored 19 points in the second half and left to a warm hand with 2:26 remaining. He also had seven rebounds and five assists.

“Our style of play is to get up and down. That’s what we do,” Walker said.

Brandon Young scored 20 points to lead the Blue Demons, who lost their last six games following their lone conference win of the season at Providence on Feb. 17.

DePaul closed its first campaign under Purnell with 18 losses in 19 games against Big East opponents and heads back to Chicago after a brief postseason trip to Manhattan.

“We’re building a foundation, obviously. Some of our young players did well for freshmen, but



Connecticut guard Kemba Walker goes for a lay-in during the Huskies’ opening round victory, Thursday, in New York.

they’re hungry to be better. We need them to be better,” Purnell said. “We’ve got basic offensive and defensive systems in, so we’re not starting from scratch as we get the group ready for next year. Experience starts to be our friend instead of inexperience being our enemy.”

The Blue Demons have won only two regular-season conference games in the past three years, though they did pull off an upset of Cincinnati as a No. 16 seed in the first round of the 2009

Big East tournament.

Jeremiah Kelly had 15 points on 5-of-10 shooting from 3-point range and Moses Morgan added 14 off the bench for DePaul, which played its final four games without leading scorer Cleveland Melvin. The 6-foot-8 freshman forward sprained his left thumb in a loss at St. John’s last month.

Five players reached double figures for Connecticut, which set a season high for points. Jamal Coombs-McDaniel and Shabazz Napier each scored 11.

NBA

NBA plans to institute new concussion policy

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The NBA is consulting with an independent neurologist and may establish a league-wide policy for handling concussions by next season, The Associated Press has learned.

NBA spokesman Tim Frank confirmed the discussions Tuesday.

“The NBA Team Physicians Society has been studying the issue of concussion management for several years and each team follows its own treatment and return-to-play protocols,” he said. “In addition, the league is working with a consulting neurologist concerning the possible adoption of a league-wide protocol.”

The move would bring the NBA more in line with both the

NHL and the NFL. In just the last four weeks, six NBA players have missed games because of concussions or concussion-like symptoms.

Most recently, New Orleans point guard Chris Paul was taken off the floor on a stretcher on Sunday night after diving and hitting his forehead on Cleveland guard Ramon Sessions’ right shoulder. He was diagnosed with a concussion.

“Concussions are something that I don’t think we really realize how serious they are because they’re kind of rare in our game. They happen more often in football, hockey, other sports like that,” said Bucks guard Keyon Dooling, a vice president of the NBA players’ union executive committee along with Paul.

“Our brain is our most power-

ful muscle, and if you’ve got anything off-kilter with that, it can be problematic,” Dooling said recently.

The NBA and the players’ union say they are tracking the number of head hits. Frank declined to name the neurologist involved with the league, but said they’ve been working on the issue extensively this season.

Basketball doesn’t draw the same level of concern as in other sports such as hockey and football because there aren’t as many violent head hits and fewer concussions.

“They seem to be really rare, but I did have one as a player,” Pistons president Joe Dumars said. “I can’t recall any of our guys over the years getting a concussion, but if it was to come up, we would absolutely exer-

cise caution.”

Hornets coach Monty Williams is dealing with Paul’s injury after two of his own as a player while Clippers coach Vinny Del Negro believes the league has to balance player safety with how the game is played.

“They’re trying to do different things with rules in terms of respect of the game and flagrant fouls and things to protect guys,” Del Negro said. “There’s a fine line there. The game is an instinct game. You want to react.

“There’s going to be physical contact, it’s part of it. There’s going to be collisions in the air and depending on how guys land and how vicious they are, you want to protect that.”

Players on Tuesday night said they would embrace a league-wide initiative in the interest of

their safety.

While the league has been working on policy, including a lengthy medical meeting during the All-Star break, Atlanta’s Al Horford believes Paul’s injury will have a bigger effect on players’ views of concussions now.

“That opened a lot of people’s eyes,” he said.

Horford’s teammate, Jamal Crawford, said players often can’t think in their own best interests.

“As athletes, you want to be out there. Your competitive nature takes over. You don’t want to come out of the game. So sometimes you need somebody who knows more about it to step in and say, ‘No, you’re not,’” Crawford said. “That doesn’t need to be (the player’s) call, because it can have long-term effects.”

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Eric: Guess who's got pictures of Cory running naked through the sprinkler?
Cory: Eric, I was four.
Eric: You were twelve.
Cory: It was ... refreshing.

NHL

Contra scores late as Senators stun Devils

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The New Jersey Devils have been winning so many close games in their frantic run toward the playoffs that sooner or later they were bound to come up on the short end of one of them.

The surprise though was that it was the Ottawa Senators — the team with the NHL's worst record entering action on Tuesday night — that got the best of the league's hottest team.

Erik Condra scored his second goal of the game with 2:13 to play and the Senators defeated New Jersey 2-1, handing the Devils only their third regulation loss (20-3-2) in 25 games.

"We have been fortunate in the last so many games, and we've pulled them off all the time," Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur said.

Fourteen of New Jersey's last 16 games had been decided by a goal, including 10 of the last 12 wins.

"Not that we were due, but when you don't put goals on the board, sometimes, a lucky bounce, like the last goal, it's going to happen. It's definitely disappointing," Brodeur added.

Coupled with eighth-place Buffalo's loss to Pittsburgh, the Devils remain in 12th place in the Eastern Conference, eight points out of a playoff berth with 16 games to play.

"That was a tough one, a tough one to take," said Brian Rolston, who set up the Devils' goal by Patrik Elias early in the third period, tying the game at 1. "They played well and we didn't play good enough. We let it slip. But we'll get back to it next game."

The Devils were their own worst enemies, failing to capitalize on two two-man advantages in the second period while trailing 1-0. The first one lasted 16 seconds and the second 72 seconds.

"We had our chances five-on-three," Devils coach Jacques Lemaire said. "You have to be sharp and you have to be able to make the right play and get a goal there, especially when you get two and we didn't. I think it's the result, this loss."

Elias had a goal disallowed for an obvious high stick on the second two-man advantage.

Condra's fourth career goal was set up by Jason Spezza, who got the puck into the Devils' zone following a turnover and then stalked back and forth near the blue line waiting for a teammate to do something.

It turned out to be Condra. He came off the bench and skated hard down the middle of the ice. Spezza sent a pass toward the goal that deflected off Devils' defenseman Andy Greene and went to the rookie, who deflected it past Brodeur, who had 19 saves.

NBA

76ers continue win streak



Sixers forward Thaddeus Young shoots over Indiana forward Danny Granger in the first half of Philadelphia's 110-100 win Tuesday in Indianapolis. AP

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Quietly, the Philadelphia 76ers have gone on a tear.

Andre Iguodala, coming off back-to-back triple-doubles, finished with 16 points and 10 assists to help Philadelphia beat the Indiana Pacers 110-100 Tuesday night. Thaddeus Young scored 18 points, Jrue Holiday scored 16 and Jodie Meeks added 15 for the 76ers, who have won seven of eight.

"We're just starting to find ourselves," Iguodala said. "Guys are starting to get comfortable. I know where Elton's going to be, I know where Jodie's going to be, and I know where I'm going to be. We're all just feeling each other out. It's coming together."

Iguodala also shut down Indiana's leading scorer. Danny Granger entered the game averaging 21 points, but he finished with 11 on 4 for 11 shooting.

Iguodala has averaged 14.8 points, 8.4 assists and 7.9 rebounds the past eight games.

"I don't know what player out there is going to bring the defense he brings, the unselfishness he brings, and the ability to score that he brings," Philadelphia forward Elton Brand said. "He can see the court. If he's not scoring the ball, he's seeing other guys, and he's putting us in easy positions to knock the shots down."

Philadelphia shot 51 percent and forced Indiana into 20 turnovers. All five 76ers starters scored at least 12 points, and seven players scored in double figures.

Tyler Hansbrough led Indiana with 26 points, one short of his career high. He shot made 11 of 14 shots as a reserve.

"Hansbrough was unbelievable," Philadelphia coach Doug Collins said. "That guy is a really, really good player. He's really good."

Roy Hibbert scored 13 points, and rookie Paul George had a season-high 10 rebounds for Indiana.

The Pacers started off 7-1 under interim coach Frank Vogel, but now have lost four straight and six of seven.

"Our guys have to do better," Vogel said. "They understand it, I understand it. We're not getting it done defensively and not moving the ball enough."

Indiana trailed by 21 points in the second half, but a pair of free throws by Hansbrough cut Philadelphia's lead to 86-76 early in the fourth quarter.

The 76ers extended their lead to 96-80 on a layup by

Holiday, but Indiana rallied, and a jumper by Hansbrough cut Philadelphia's lead to 100-91 with 2:42 left.

The Pacers trailed 100-93 and had the ball. Indiana's A.J. Price missed a 3-pointer, but Hibbert rebounded. He looked for a teammate, but threw the ball right to Holiday, and Meeks hit a 3-pointer at the other end to push the lead back to 10 points.

"It was that kind of night," George said. "It seemed like they were hitting about everything. Offensively, we just didn't have it going."

The 76ers jumped out to a 22-9 lead in the first quarter, and shot 59 percent in the first half to lead 65-53 at the break. Brand said the team was aware that Indiana was five games behind them in the Eastern Conference playoff race.

"We didn't want to be lackadaisical," he said. "We wanted to make this game more important to us than to them, and we came out and did that."

The Pacers sabotaged their efforts to come back early in the second half with turnovers. Philadelphia's Spencer Hawes hit back-to-back baskets, then Holiday dunked an alley-oop pass from Iguodala to give the 76ers a 77-58 lead and force the Pacers to call a timeout. Indiana rallied late in the quarter and trailed 84-70 at the end of the period, but Philadelphia finished strong in the final minutes.

"We're riding high right now," Brand said. "We're playing very well. Against the good teams, we're playing well, even if we lose. We feel like we can beat just about any team."

Notes: Indiana F Jeff Foster sat out with a sore back. ... Indiana G Dahntay Jones was called for a flagrant 1 foul in the second quarter when he made contact with Evan Turner as Turner drove to the hoop. ... Philadelphia shot 60 percent in the first quarter. ... Granger has shot 34 percent from the field during Indiana's losing streak.



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NBA

Love ties record with 51 consecutive double-doubles



Kevin Love grabs his 10th rebound in Timberwolves' Feb. 25 game against New Orleans to attain his 45th consecutive double-double.

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The down-trodden Timberwolves faithful rose to their feet and roared like they rarely have done all season, saluting Kevin Love for being one of the few reasons to keep coming to Target Center during another long, miserable basketball winter in Minnesota.

Love raised his hand and thanked the crowd, who delivered a standing ovation Monday night when he recorded his 51st consecutive double-double, which ties him with Moses Malone for the longest such streak since the NBA and ABA merged in 1976.

Through another season filled with losing — the Timberwolves have lost a

Western Conference-worst 50 games this season — watching Love try to keep his historic streak going has become the primary draw for this struggling franchise.

One more double-double against Indiana on Wednesday night and he will surpass Malone, who had 51 over two seasons in 1978-79.

“It’s a heck of an accomplishment to be that consistent and put up the kind of numbers he’s been putting up,” Timberwolves coach Kurt Rambis said Wednesday. “It’s very, very difficult to do that kind of thing so it’s nice to be rewarded with that standing ovation.”

Love’s streak started on Nov. 22 against Oklahoma City and has endured despite opponents doing everything in

their power to keep him in check. He’s had guards crashing the boards behind him, centers trying to knock a potential rebound out of bounds rather than let him get it and forwards take it to him on the defensive end to try and wear him down.

“Amazing. Amazing. Amazing,” Dallas All-Star Dirk Nowitzki said after watching Love put up 23 points and 17 rebounds in the Mavericks’ 108-105 victory on Monday. “Fifty-one in a row is unbelievable. He just has a great knack for the ball. He’s got great hands. He’s got a low center of gravity. He’s a beast out there. He’s going to be fun to watch for a long time.”

There have been some close calls — 12 points and 12 rebounds at Dallas on Dec. 1,

12 points and 10 boards at the Clippers on Dec. 20 and a 10-point, 10-rebound squeaker against Memphis on Feb. 2.

But for the most part, Love has been posting no-doubters all season long. He had 37 points and 23 rebounds against Golden State on Feb. 27, 31 and 21 against the Thunder on Jan. 26 and 43 and 17 at Denver on Dec. 18.

He has 11 games with at least 20 points and 20 rebounds, including a 31-point, 31-rebound game against the Knicks that came before the streak started.

“It’s a joke he’s doing it so easy,” Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. “Unless he gets hurt I don’t see anyone stopping it anytime soon.”

Love missed practice on Tuesday to get an MRI on his left knee after falling and banging it on the floor against the Mavericks. The tests showed just a bruise and the team listed him as day-to-day.

In other words, the Pacers shouldn’t get their hopes up.

“I’d be jumping for joy if we were winning and everybody was playing great including myself,” Love said after the loss to the Mavericks dropped the Wolves to 15-50 this season. “I’m just going out there and playing hard and it is just kind of happening for me. But it is kind of an afterthought because we aren’t winning.”

The Timberwolves have won just 11 times during Love’s incredible streak, and Lakers coach Phil Jackson tweaked the young All-Star before a game last week.

“He’s a guy that really goes after rebounds, gets all the missed free throws and the ones at the end of quarters,” Jackson said with plenty of

sarcasm. “He gets a lot of numbers. It’s quite significant.”

Yet most coaches in the NBA speak in glowing references about Love, whose production is based largely on effort, guile and instincts and little on athletic ability.

“You just don’t see that today and that’s what’s remarkable about it and is so gratifying to me; that there is a guy that is kind of old school,” Charlotte coach Paul Silas said. “Rebounding is important. Everybody today is about scoring and that kind of thing. But rebounding is something unusual.”

Love’s doing them both, averaging 20.9 points and 15.8 rebounds per game.

“You’re not going to stop his streak,” Kobe Bryant said. “The ball just doesn’t bounce his way for 48 minutes, that will stop it. But if the ball’s somewhere around him, he’s going to get it.”

If he does it again on Wednesday night, perhaps there will be another standing ovation, another impressive reception, another wave to the crowd that has embraced him like no other Timberwolves player since Kevin Garnett.

Love just wishes those cheers were coming for wins, not numbers.

“It felt great to have the crowd on their feet, such a great ovation,” Love said. “It’s one of those moments where you pinch yourself to see if it’s real.”

“The Target Center, all the fans, the Twin Cities, all of Minnesota have been great all year. They’ve had our backs. I can’t imagine what it’s going to be like when we really start winning and turn that corner.”

MLB

Dontrelle Willis pitches two perfect innings as Reds win

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Dontrelle Willis continues to make a case for a spot in the Cincinnati Reds’ bullpen.

Willis pitched two perfect innings, striking out three, and Drew Stubbs hit a three-run homer and the Reds defeated the Kansas City Royals 5-2 Tuesday.

Willis, the 2003 National League rookie of the year, has made only three relief appearances in 192 games in the majors.

The Reds have openings for left-handed relievers and Willis hopes to get one of the spots.

He has allowed two hits in five scoreless innings in three spring training outings.

In his past two outings, he has been perfect in four innings against the Royals and Seattle Mariners.

“We keep our fingers crossed that he keeps performing the way he’s performing and enjoying it while he’s doing it,” Giants manager Dusty Baker said.

Willis won 22 games for the Florida Marlins in 2005, but has won only three games in the majors the past three years. He was with Detroit and Arizona in 2010 and signed a minor league contract in December with the Reds.

The Royals could not get the ball out of the infield in Willis’ two innings. Willis fielded two comebackers and covered first on an Irving Falu bunt.

“He made some excellent plays,” Baker said. “Man, he beat that runner to first base. He’s an athlete. I didn’t think he had a chance on that bunt.”

Baker was equally impressed with Willis’ pitching.

“He was throwing his breaking ball for strikes at will,” Baker said. “When you do that, you’re going to be tough especially on left-handers. His command is getting better and better, better than I can remember it. It’s real good. His breaking ball is better, I can tell you that. That’s a good sign when you

see that.

“He’s a guy who can get out righties and lefties out. He’s been a guy who has been in championship ball games. He’s a guy that brings energy and life on the field and off the field as well.”

Royals right-hander Kyle Davies pitched three shutout innings. He got out of a first-inning jam after giving up singles to Stubbs and Edgar Renteria and both advanced on a wild pitch.

“From there on I had to bear down,” Davies said. “I thought I made some pretty good pitches to get out of it.”

Davies recovered by striking out Joey Votto and Scott Rolan and retiring Jay Bruce on a fly to center.

The Royals took a 2-0 lead in the third when Billy Butler hit a two-run homer.

Royals rookie left-hander Danny Duffy walked Chris Valaika and Ryan Hanigan in the fourth before giving up a home run to Drew Stubbs.

“I need to stop nibbling and pitch with conviction,” Duffy said. “I’m nibbling too

much.”

Reds starter Travis Wood gave up two runs and five hits in three innings, while striking out two and walking two.

“My pitches were working pretty well,” Wood said. “Butler just got the head of the bat on the ball. Having some success last year, knocks out some of the nerves. I probably put a lot of pressure on my self last year.”

Notes: Wilson Betemit, who had been held out of the first 10 Royals games with an elbow injury lingering from winter ball, went 0 for 4 and

struck out twice as the DH in his spring training debut. ... Reds RHP Edinson Volquez, who has had visa problems, has been scratched from a Wednesday start against San Diego. ... The Royals re-assigned four non-roster players to minor league camp: RHPs Patrick Keating and Gaby Hernandez, 2B Johnny Giavotella and C Ryan Eigsti. The Royals have 59 players in camp. ... SS Alcides Escobar, who did not play the past two days after suffering an infection on his right arm from a bug bite, returned to the Royals lineup and went 2 for 2.

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MEN’S TENNIS

Doubles teams lead Notre Dame to victory

By KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Solid play from the doubles teams led the No. 24 Irish to defeat the No. 4 Illini at the Eck Tennis Pavilion Tuesday.

The Irish opened the match strong with wins at both No. 2 and No. 3 doubles.

Irish senior Stephen Havens and junior Casey Watt took down Illinois senior Connor Roth and sophomore Stephen Hoh 8-2 at No. 2 doubles. Irish senior Tyler Davis and freshman Greg Andrews defeated sophomore Bruno Abdelnour and red-shirt freshman Brian Alden by the same score at No. 3 doubles.

Irish junior Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Spencer Talmadge did not finish their match at No. 1 since the doubles point was already decided, but were leading seniors Abe Souza and Johnny Hamui 5-4 when play stopped.

“By beginning singles play with a 1-0 lead it means that if we split the singles we will win. This takes a lot of pressure off our guys to start singles,” Irish coach Bob Bayliss said.

Sophomore Blas Moros came out ahead of Roth 6-0, 6-1 at No. 6 singles to give the Irish a 2-0 lead.

Irish senior Dan Stahl defeated No. 65 Souza 6-4, 6-1 at No. 3 singles.

Illini junior Roy Kalmanovich put Illinois on the board when he defeated No. 124 Havens 6-4, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

Hoh got Illinois’ second point by defeating Andrews at No. 4 singles in three sets, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Fitzgerald had a tough fight at No. 5 singles, winning the first set in a tiebreak 7-6, then dropping the second set 6-3. He rebounded to win the third 6-1, earning the point for Notre Dame.

No. 64 Watt also pulled out a three-set win at No. 1 over No. 62 Hamui. He won the first set in a tiebreaker 7-6, then dropped the second 6-4, before coming back to win the third 6-2.

“Winning at the top positions can be very difficult for anyone,” Bayliss said. “Match after match you are going to face the other teams’ best players. Given the strength of our schedule that means our guys are going to play many



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No. 1 spot Casey Watt rips a backhand during his 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 loss to Texas A&M’s Austin Karji Mar. 4.

of the best college players in the country.”

This was Watt’s second straight No. 1 singles win after he defeated Joshua

Graves of Northwestern on Sunday.

The Irish will travel to Boca Raton, Fla. to play at the U.S. National Junior

Team, before hitting the road again to face Kentucky.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish return from break to take on Ohio State

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The last time the No. 13 Irish took the field, it was Feb. 27 and there was still snow on the ground. Thursday, a fresh Notre Dame squad will take on regional rival Ohio State in their first game in nine days.

“It was great to have a break and focus on things that needed improvement,” Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. “We also had a couple of off days to give some players with injuries some time to recover.”

In their last game, postponed a day because of weather, Notre Dame pulled out a come-from-behind victory over Duquesne, 12-10 in Pittsburgh. Six Irish players scored in the win, led by senior midfielder Shaylyn Blaney’s three goals and three assists.

During the layoff, both Blaney and senior defender Jackie Doherty were named to the watch list for the Tewaaraton Trophy, college lacrosse’s premier individual award. Both preseason All-Big East selections, the pair has been instrumental in helping the Irish to a 2-2 start. Blaney is second on the team in assists while Doherty leads the Irish in draw controls and turnovers caused.

The Buckeyes (3-3) defeated Canisius in their last game by dominating the Griffins, 23-7. Ohio State, a 1-2 road team, is led by junior midfielder Alayna Markwordt’s team-high 19 goals and 10 assists. The Buckeye defense has been instrumental this season, allowing nearly 16 goals per game in losses and five goals

per game in wins.

“We need to handle their high defensive pressure and shut down Markwordt,” Coyne said. “I just want the girls to execute the game plan.”

This game will mark the 16th meeting between the Irish and the regional rival Buckeyes, with Notre Dame holding a 9-6 edge.

“We’re both huge athletic schools and recently, we’ve been very successful,” Coyne said. “They always bring their best game and it’s nice to face a quality opponent.”

Sophomore midfielder Jenny Granger leads the Irish with 10 goals while junior attack Maggie Tamasitis has tallied a team-high 10 assists. They share the team lead in points with 14 apiece. Sophomore goalkeeper Ellie Hilling has had a solid season so far, allowing fewer than 11 goals a game while saving 44 percent of the shots she has faced.

After playing three road games and one home game in the Loftus Center, the Irish were scheduled to finally play in Arlotta Stadium, the home to both the men’s and women’s lacrosse teams. Impending inclement weather, however, has pushed the game indoors into the Loftus Center.

“It’s disappointing but we still hope people show up,” Coyne said. “We play better with a good crowd and hope they can be loud and rowdy.”

The showdown with the Buckeyes is slated for a 4 p.m. start on Thursday in the Loftus Sports Center.

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last four outings. He is the fourth Irish player to take home the award, preceded by Pat Garrity, Troy Murphy (who won the award twice) and Luke Harangody.

Irish coach Mike Brey was selected as Big East Coach of the Year by his conference peers on the after a season that has vaulted him into the discussion for national Coach of the Year. After losing three-time All-American Luke Harangody and four-year starting point guard

Tory Jackson to graduation after the 2009-2010 campaign, Brey’s squad far exceeded expectations by recording a 25-5 season. Brey also earned the award in 2007 and 2008 and is only the third active coach to have received the award multiple times, joining Syracuse’s Jim Boeheim and Connecticut’s Jim Calhoun in that category.

The selections mark the third time the Irish have taken home both the conference Player and Coach of the Year awards; Notre Dame most recently did so in 2008 with Harangody and Brey.

Senior forward Tim

Abromaitis was honored for the second consecutive year as the Big East Scholar Athlete of the Year, becoming the third player in league history to win the award in back-to-back campaigns. Abromaitis was recently named to his second consecutive first-team Academic All-America honors; he was also named to the all-conference third team over the weekend.

Hansbrough, Brey, and Abromaitis will return to action Thursday night in the Big East tournament against the winner of tonight’s clash between Cincinnati and South Florida.

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double-team her, but we just didn’t get down there in time and she was a little too much for us in the post.”

Moore, who was named the tournament’s most outstanding player after the game, finished with 22 points on 9-of-20 shooting while playing all 40 minutes for Huskies coach Geno Auriemma.

“She [Moore] hit some real daggers on us in the second half,” McGraw said of the senior’s 12-point second half performance.

Notre Dame trailed by one heading into the half and Auriemma said it was the Huskies who felt fortunate to see the score at 32-31.

“To go up one after the way we played in the first half, I was shocked,” Auriemma said. “Shocked.”

After an early Huskies’ run to start the second half, the Irish cut the Connecticut lead back to one, but the back-to-back national champions responded with a stretch of their own.

Freshman guard Bria Hartley

and Dolson each scored four points before Moore capped off an 11-0 run with a 3-pointer from the corner. While the Irish threatened the Huskies later in the half, they were never able to overcome the 12-point deficit.

Irish sophomore guard Skylar Diggins said the loss to Connecticut was a difficult way for Notre Dame to end the Big East season.

“Obviously losing period frustrates us because of how hard we work to get to this level,” Diggins said after scoring 14 points in a 5-of-16 shooting effort. “We work very hard. I think this team had the mindset that we were going to win it. I think we didn’t play not to lose, we played to win tonight and that’s the difference.”

The Irish stormed out of the gate with a four-point lead to start the game, led by senior forward Becca Bruszewski. Bruszewski, a game-time decision after being listed as doubtful with a rib injury following Notre Dame’s 71-67 semifinals victory over DePaul, fought through the pain and made an impact early, scoring six of Notre Dame’s first eight points. After picking up two personal fouls quickly in the first-half though, Bruszewski sat out

the final five minutes leading to halftime.

Just as she did against DePaul, Irish freshman forward Natalie Achonwa played a critical role for Notre Dame. Achonwa carried her solid semifinals performance into the contest against the Huskies, scoring eight points on 4-of-4 shooting and grabbing four rebounds in 14 first-half minutes.

“I thought she had a great tournament,” McGraw said of her freshman forward. “I thought she could’ve been on the all-tournament team because she just did so many great things for us off the bench. You could see she wasn’t intimidated. Overall I was really pleased with the way she played.”

Achonwa finished the game with a double-double, recording 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Diggins said Notre Dame’s focus is now on the NCAA tournament.

“We know this ends our second season,” she said. “We’re starting the tournament and we’ll see where we’re at on Monday. We can’t do anything but learn from it and move on.”

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MEN’S GOLF

No. 26 Notre Dame kicks off season against Yale



Junior Max Scodro tees off during the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic Sept. 27.

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After a fun and competitive weekend at the Alumni Matches in Scottsdale, Ariz., the Irish will open their intercollegiate spring season in Greensboro, Ga., Monday on the Great Waters Course at Reynolds Plantation against Yale University. The No. 26 Irish head south into the matchup with the unranked Bulldogs with high expectations.

“Yale should be a good test for us,” Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. “We’ve recruited against them a fair amount the last few years, and with us being ranked, they’ll be extra motivated to add something to their season. It will be good to get our feet on the ground in Georgia.”

Though the match is early in the season and not in conference play, it will be important for another reason. Notre Dame squad stays in Georgia next week for the Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational, which begins March 19 at Forest Heights Country Club in Statesboro. The 15-team meet will give the Irish an opportunity to compete against some of the top out-of-conference teams in the country.

“I would consider Schenkel to be in the top

five top best collegiate tournaments this year,” Kubinski said. “It will feature three top ten teams in LSU, Auburn and Florida. It’s a great field.”

The Irish are scrambling to get chances to get on the course in the hopes of competing against teams from the SEC and ACC, who have been practicing outside all year.

Even with the limited practice, Kubinski said he felt the Irish are a team to look out for. The Irish top five of junior Tom Usher, sophomore Paul McNamara, junior Max Scodro, freshman Niall Platt and junior Chris Walker will have to put in legwork for the Irish to excel against the best teams in the country.

“This tournament will be a great litmus test for where our season is at this point,” Kubinski said. “This is the real deal.”

Notre Dame has played only one other tournament this spring, going 2-1 at TPC Match Play in Tampa, Fla., Feb. 11-12, but the schedule ramps up on Monday. The Irish will be in action every weekend through the middle of April.

The Notre Dame vs. Yale Challenge Cup begins March 14 in Statesboro, Ga.

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SMC GOLF

Belles anticipate spring season

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After practicing their fundamentals on indoor turf all winter long, the Belles are eager to begin the season outdoors as they head into the George Fox Invitational.

Looking forward to her final spring season with the Belles, senior co-captain Mary Kate Boyce emphasized the importance of the roles of every team member in bringing success to the program.

“Each member of our team needs to step up. It is a combined effort that needs to be put in day-in and day-out,” Boyce said. “Whether it is challenging teammates to perform better or comforting them after a tough round or tough week, we each have a duty to help our entire team improve every day, both on the course and off.”

Belles coach Mark

Hamilton said he expects the Belles’ two senior captains to take the initiative on and off the course and lead their teammates by example.

“We have a relatively young team, so I’m looking for them to lead the younger players and show them the way we go about things in the spring and the NCAA Championship,” he said. “It’ll be good on the course as far as seeing what their scores are and off the course as far as their demeanor and practice habits.”

George Fox University and the College of Saint Benedict will also be competing at the Invitational. Hamilton said he expects the competition in Phoenix, Ariz., to be a good test for this young Belles squad.

“The team shot a 310 on their first day, and that’s very good. That’s lower than we’ve shot all fall,” he said. “They’re a good team, and I expect the competition to be really high.”

The Belles worked hard all winter on improving their short game, an area that may determine their success.

“We’ve been chipping and putting, and that’s really one of our main focuses,” Hamilton said. “We want to have our short game at a high level right away. It takes a lot of time to work on, but you still have to play well right away.”

Boyce said she and fellow senior and co-captain Rosie O’Connor have high hopes for their last season with the Belles.

“I am pretty excited for our spring season,” Boyce said. “[Rosie and I] would love nothing more than to win the whole thing in May. We have a really talented team this year and we know it’s possible.”

The Belles begin competing in the George Fox Invitational on Friday, March 18.

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“There are 300 teams in the country, and only nine are automatic qualifiers, so it’s a very impressive accomplishment.”

That time was good for the ninth-best seed time in the NCAA entry, but up against the best teams in the country, the Irish will have to run even faster if they want to bring home a national title.

“If they want to win a national championship, they’ve got to win the race, and it won’t be easy,” Piane

said. “Oregon is terrific, Arizona’s great, and they’re going to be tough to beat. John’s going to have go out in 2:53.5. Pat will need another 48 [seconds]. Jack will need to run a 1:47.8, and we’ll need another sub-four mile out of Jeremy.”

While that may be a tall task, Coach Piane believes that the experience of his older runners will be apparent, and that the younger runners will learn on the fly.

“Jeremy’s run in a bunch of big meets, and Jack ran at nationals last year, so they should help us there. For John Shawel and Pat

Feeney, this will definitely be great for them. You can only learn from experiences like this,” he said.

While the DMR will be the only Notre Dame team to run this weekend, they were not the only qualifier for the Irish. Rae also qualified for the men’s mile run, but he will forgo that race to focus on anchoring the relay.

“We didn’t enter Jeremy in the mile, we’re just going to run the guys fresh,” Piane said. “That will give us the best chance to succeed.”

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goals. We need to fix up the areas that we were kind of loose on,” Ridgway said. “When we’re playing defense, we communicate our roles. We have a number of words we have to use, and if that vernacular breaks down, then there’s a little bit of confusion of the roles we’re supposed to be playing at that certain point.”

Senior long-stick midfielder and co-captain Andrew Irving said there is always room for improving the team’s communication.

“We’ve been one of the best teams in the country because of communication; everyone buys into it, and everyone knows our signs and our calls,” he said. “It’s definitely something to work on. You can never have too much communication. We have to

continue to talk.”

Irving said the team is confident in their ability to win games — as long as they realize the games are not over until the final buzzer sounds.

“I think we’re a very confident team this year,” he said. “We learned from last year that we don’t win a game in the first quarter, and it takes four quarters and sometimes even overtime to win a game.”

The Pioneers have a number of Canadian players on their roster, which contributes to a significantly different playing style than what Notre Dame is used to facing.

“They’re usually more one-handed, and they’re comfortable doing things with their backs to the net that other players aren’t comfortable doing,” Ridgway said.

The offense has had many scoring opportunities, but Irving said the Irish look to improve the location of their shots on goal in Denver.

“We’ve been one of the best teams in the country because of communication; everyone buys into it.”

Andrew Irving
Irish captain

“Our offense has gotten a lot of good looks at the cage in the first three games,” Irving said. “It’s a question of really bearing down and shooting at the right place and putting the ball in the net. We took a lot of shots, and we missed the cage, and that’s the final piece.”

Despite recording victories against three talented opponents, Ridgway said the Irish were not resting on their undefeated record. He said the team has high hopes for something greater than last season, and they are not finished fighting for their goal.

“I think everyone’s pretty happy being 3-0, especially because of the win this weekend without [senior midfielder] Zach [Brenneman]. It shows guys can step up and score,” Ridgway said. “We can’t get complacent; we were here last year, and we lost. Everyone has the same goal, and that is to win. It’s just a matter of staying hungry throughout the whole season because it’s a long season.”

The Irish take the field in Denver at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Third strike

No. 7 ND falls to No. 1 UConn 73-64

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HARTFORD, Conn. — The third time was not the charm for the No. 7 Irish Tuesday as they dropped the Big East championship game to No. 1 Connecticut 73-64 in front of more than 10,000 fans at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn.

The Irish (26-7, 13-3 Big East) kept up with the Huskies (32-1, 16-0) in the first half and led by as many as seven. Connecticut, however, remained unfazed due to the strong play of senior forward Maya Moore and freshman center Stefanie Dolson.

The Irish had no answer in the low post for Dolson, who finished with 24 points and nine rebounds. The freshman was named to the all-tournament team.

"Dolson really hurt us again," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We thought we were going to

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Irish sophomore guard Skylar Diggins and freshman forward Natalie Achonwa look for the rebound during Notre Dame's 73-64 loss to Connecticut Tuesday.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish earn top honors for Big East

Observer Staff Report

No. 4 Notre Dame earned some recognition from the most competitive conference in the country Tuesday when it picked up three major awards at the Big East's annual awards ceremony at Madison Square Garden.

Senior guard Ben Hansbrough was named Big East Player of the Year on the heels of his unanimous selection to the first-team all-conference squad Sunday. Hansbrough was the only unanimous selection to the all-league top-five and finished as the third-highest scorer in the conference, averaging 20.7 points in his conference matchups. Hansbrough closed the season on a particularly strong note, pouring in 20 points or more in each of his last four

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame faces tough matchups with renewed focus

By MATT ROBISON
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While some students may be heading to warmer climates to soak up the sun during spring break, the No. 14 Irish will be heading to Tampa, Fla., for work, not play. It will be no easy vacation as Notre Dame (8-5) will face South Florida, No. 3 Duke, and No. 18 Tennessee over three days.

The Irish fell to No. 7

Baylor this weekend, but sophomore Chrissie McGaffigan said the team has a new focus and will set its sights directly on the challenges ahead, rather than hearkening back to the loss.

"We play three top teams and we are looking forward to some very good tennis," McGaffigan said. "We are training hard and fine-tuning our games so we will be prepared to play."

Duke (10-2) will likely be

the toughest task for the Irish as they come in with their only losses to No. 2 Florida, one in a home matchup and the other in the National Indoors in Charlottesville, Va.

Tennessee (7-3) enters the event with all three of their losses coming in the National Indoors and South Florida (3-7) will be playing at home.

Junior Kristy Frilling said the Irish are confident that the trip will leave them with

the spark they need to advance into the rest of their schedule.

"Coming out with three wins would really boost team confidence especially coming into the latter part of the season," Frilling said.

So far, the Irish have not played outside of the Eck Tennis Center at Notre Dame this season, and the trip to a warmer climate will offer an opportunity to play outdoors.

"It'll be tough because it's

a lot of matches in a short span of time," Frilling said. "But it's also good because we're finally getting to the outdoor season and I think we are definitely more of an outdoor team."

Notre Dame's first match is Tuesday at 11 a.m. against South Florida. The Irish will then face Duke March 17 at noon and Tennessee March 19 at 10 a.m.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish look to extend win streak

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Although the No. 3 Irish had some fans on the edge of their seats due to their defensive miscommunication last weekend, they remain confident in their ability to work together and adjust to any challenges that obstruct their vision of a national title.

Senior defenseman Kevin Ridgway pointed to communication as a key for the Irish (3-0) to rebound from their defensive struggles and extend their winning streak against No. 14 Denver (3-1) Saturday.

"We were a little loose on our communication this weekend, which led to little spurts of the other team scoring

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Sophomore midfielder Pat Cotter carries the ball past a Drexel defender during an 11-7 Notre Dame win March 6.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Distance relay team to compete at Nationals

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Championships are often the products of months of hard work, but this weekend, the Irish will be trying to claim titles in the space of just ten minutes.

The NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships will take place this weekend in College Station, Tex., and one Notre Dame relay team will be making the trip. The Distance Medley Relay (DMR) of junior Johnathan Shawel, freshman Patrick Feeney, graduate student Jack Howard and sopho-

more Jeremy Rae will be the only Irish representatives in Texas, but they hope to come home with the ultimate collegiate prize.

The team waited until the last minute to earn their berth in the championships, qualifying at the Alex Wilson Invitational last weekend. All four runners posted impressive splits, and their time of 9 minutes, 31.99 seconds was good enough for an automatic NCAA qualification.

"It's a really big deal," Irish coach Joe Piane said.

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