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Week encourages campus to reduce waste

Events echo last semester's initiative from eND Hunger campaign; incentives given to students to throw away less

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Beginning Monday, students presenting a clean tray at the dining halls will have a chance to win a 100 Flex point prize as part of Waste-Free Week.

A joint initiative by Food Services, the Office of Sustainability and Student Government's eND Hunger campaign, the Week seeks to raise awareness about campus food waste.

"While there is still waste on campus, I think the students are doing a great job with reducing the amount of food and liquids we are wasting," Food Services representative Elizabeth Davis said. "After seeing the results from the fall, I was so happy with how much we were able to decrease the level of waste."

Representatives will be stationed at the dish-collection lines 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Friday in North Dining Hall and all week in South Dining Hall. Students can join the "Clean Plate Club" and receive a ticket as entry to the Flex point raffle.

Davis said she hopes the Week will encourage students to further reduce their waste level, which fell last semester following Waste-Free Wednesdays, a similar initiative.

Last semester, dining hall waste fell from 6.27 ounces per meal to just 3.11 ounces per meal. Davis said measurements will be taken following Waste-Free Week to determine if waste had been reduced further.

"We will be conducting a 'Waste n Weigh' April 7th to see if we were able to

decrease that number," she said. "With No-Impact Week coming up April 2 to April 8, we wanted to start it off with not wasting as much food."

Davis said most food waste is a result of students unintentionally taking too much food at meals.

"It can be so easy to waste, especially when you come in super hungry and grab too much food or don't like what you ended up grabbing," she said.

As easy as it is to waste food, Davis said individual students being more conscientious can lead to significant waste-reduction.

"I think there is this misconception, whether it is with wasting food, water or energy, that it is difficult for one person to make an impact," she

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waste **FREE** week
Monday, March 28 - Friday, April 1, 2011

Clean Plate Club:
Show a clean tray and earn a chance to win 100 FLEX POINTS

Thursday, April 7:
"Waste n Weigh" to see if the waste in the dining hall has decreased even more

Dining hall waste last semester fell from 6.27 oz per meal to 3.11 oz per meal

Melissa Kaduck | The Observer

RACE FOR RESEARCH



Photo courtesy of Joseph Magro

Teams rode in the Midwest Collegiate Cycling Race this weekend. The 19-member Notre Dame team worked with the Ara Parseghian Foundation to raise money for Niemann-Pick Type C disease research.

Team cycles to support funds to find NPC cure

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

The Notre Dame cycling team sped across wide, flat courses Sunday in downtown South Bend, racing against other colleges in support of the Ara Parseghian Medical Foundation in its battle against Niemann-Pick Type C disease (NPC).

The Notre Dame cycling team hosted the Midwest Collegiate Cycling Race two years ago, though this year marked the first time it was a fundraising event,

sophomore cyclist and weekend coordinator Joseph Magro said. The idea to partner with the Foundation and raise money for its research began when news of Dean Crawford's Desert to Dome ride surfaced last summer. College of Science dean Gregory Crawford and his wife Renate rode 2,300 miles from Tucson to Notre Dame.

"After he arrived in South Bend, we met a number of times and brainstormed ways the Cycling Team could continue his fight against NPC," Magro said.

The Foundation was established in 1994 after legendary Notre

Dame football coach Ara Parseghian lost grandchildren to the disease. NPC is a genetic, neurodegenerative disorder that causes progressive deterioration of the nervous system in children, Magro said. No effective treatment for NPC has been discovered.

After deciding to tie a benefit function to the team's home race, Magro contacted the head of the Parseghian Foundation. Through pledges made by friends, family and faculty, the athletes' performance in the team trial and road race over the weekend raised

money to fund research and develop treatments for NPC.

"We represent not only ourselves but the University and the Parseghian Foundation, so when we ask for pledges we have to be as knowledgeable as possible," he said. "To prepare for our work with the Parseghians, all [Notre Dame] riders have spent time learning about both NPC and the Foundation."

Magro said team members felt lucky to have been given the opportunity to apply their skills

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University suspends program

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame suspended the remainder of its international program in Nagoya, Japan, in the wake of the country's March 11 earthquake, tsunami and subsequent nuclear crisis, the University announced Friday in a press release.

The Office of International Studies informed the two Notre Dame students participating in the Japanese study abroad program of the decision in a letter last week. The letter said the decision to cancel the program was "very difficult," but the suspension was necessary "due to the deteriorating environmental conditions around Tokyo and ongoing uncertainty about the stability of the nuclear power plant."

The program administrators said they regretted the necessity of interrupting the students' semester abroad, but that "safety and well-being are our top priorities," according to the press

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CORRECTIONS

In the Letter to the Editor “Looking forward to a tight topic at God Debate II” in the March 25 issue of The Observer, a quote was incorrectly attributed. The letter’s author, Mary Buechler, submitted the quote properly cited. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: Do you want to walk around the lakes?



Ali Rotella

freshman
Farley

“Depends on
who I’m
walking with.”



Chris Grant

freshman
Zahm

“I’m not
wearing
matching
socks.”



Claire LaRosa

freshman
Lewis

“I’m never
wearing
matching socks,
so yes.”



Erin Killmurray

freshman
Farley

“In general?”



Trey Hasking

freshman
Morrissey

“I’ll run.”

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com



ASHLEY DACY/The Observer

Siegfried residents sophomore Joey Sweede, left, and junior Tony Dang play football with other members of their dorm Friday evening on North Quad. Many students enjoyed the afternoon and evening outdoors because of warmer temperatures.

OFFBEAT

Wisconsin-based team wins Goldberg competition

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — A team from the University of Wisconsin-Stout that created a contraption capable of watering a plant in 135 easy steps has for the second straight year won Purdue University’s annual Rube Goldberg contest.

The plant-watering machine devised by the team from Menomonie, Wis., told the story of a deserted Louisiana estate where ghosts come to life with the full moon.

Captain Andrew Behnke of Loyal, Wis., said the team composed mostly of education and business majors developed a storyline that drove the steps for the handcrafted

machine.

The competition is named for the late cartoonist Rube Goldberg, known for his drawings of whimsical, complicated devices performing simple tasks.

Goldberg’s granddaughter, Jennifer George, attended Saturday’s competition and called it thrilling. She said, “I know my grandfather is here in spirit.”

Maine outdoes Pennsylvania with massive whoopie pie

SOUTH PORTLAND, Maine — They’ve made whoopie in Maine. A big whoopie pie.

In an effort to outdo Pennsylvania, a Maine radio station teamed up with a whoopie pie maker to create a massive one topping the

scales at 1,067 pounds Saturday.

State Reps. Paul Davis and Emily Cain, sponsors of a bill to declare the whoopie pie Maine’s official “treat,” were on hand as it was assembled at the Maine Mall in South Portland.

The idea was to outdo Pennsylvania, where people created a 250-pound whoopie pie in September at an annual festival in Lancaster County.

“We’re just stealing the title from them,” said Randi Kirshbaum, program director of WMGX, a radio station that teamed up with a business called Wicked Whoopies to make the huge treat.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Today and Tuesday the “Women Writers Festival Does Nonfiction” will be held in McKenna Hall, starting at 7:30 p.m. The event will feature two writers reading selections from their works each night. The event is free and open to the public.

The lecture, “Populism in the Andean Region: From Erosion to Breakdown of Democracy,” will be held Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center Room C103, starting at 12:30 p.m. Rene Antonio Mayorga, Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow, will give the lecture. The event is free and open to the public.

The first of three “Emotional Strategies Sessions” will be held Tuesday in Room 307 of St. Liam Hall from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. “Feel Better Fast” is the theme of Tuesday’s session, with other sessions focusing on stress, depression and anxiety. The sessions are free.

International Student Services and Activities will be hosting “A Sweet World” in the LaFortune Ballroom Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Desserts from around the world will be served, and attendees can also participate in various international activities. The event is free.

Jerry Greenfield, co-creator of Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream, will lecture Tuesday in Jordan Auditorium from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event is free, and free ice cream will be available after the talk while supplies last.

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

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	LOW 23	LOW 23	LOW 28	LOW 29	LOW 32	LOW 33

SMC receives \$10 million

By MONA RODRIGUEZ
News Writer

On Saturday, the Biology and Chemistry departments of Saint Mary's joined the College in "Celebrating the Education of Women in Science" in honor of the 150 years of science instruction at the College. The function was followed by an announcement made by Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney of a \$10 million gift for the renovation of the science building.

The day of celebration was open to the public, prospective Saint Mary's students interested in the sciences, alumnae, faculty and students. The morning began with 35 graduating seniors showcasing their senior comprehensive posters (comps) in the science building.

"Today was a way to show what we do here at Saint Mary's. Senior comps are something we do that most other schools don't, and I see it putting me at an advantage," Anne Lamb, a senior biology major, said. "When I interviewed for vet school at Ohio State, they were interested specifically in my comp."

Laura Powell, a senior biology major, titled her comp "Stress Indication: Behavioral, Hematological, and Hormonal Responses of Dogs in the Public Animal Shelter."

"I feel so much more confident about my research and findings because I was able to discuss my project with so many different people," Powell said. "It was great to get such positive feedback from faculty, students and parents, and to talk about a project I am so passionate about."

"Showing a comp was fulfilling and an account of all our hard work," senior Sharon Ehret said. "To take a step back and see what I've done — it's thanks to Saint Mary's for helping me get here."

Ehret researched the effects of circadian rhythms on bitter taste sensitivity.

A panel discussion titled "Life After Senior Comps" gave students an insight on different paths taken after graduation with a science degree from Saint Mary's and how Saint Mary's has prepared them for their futures.

"It was very encouraging to see the finished product of Saint Mary's," Abby Vrable, a senior biology major, said. "The people who spoke and the women I met today are women I envision myself being [like]."

Dr. Sharon A. Norton, director of Development for the Mathile Institute for the Advancement of Human Nutrition, gave the keynote lecture, "The Making of the Scientist."

"There's more to the making of a scientist than science," Norton said. "Empathy, vision,

courage, passion and stewardship are fundamental to the making of a scientist."

Norton encouraged students to believe empathy and objectivity can and should work together.

Senior biology major Ashley Cook finished with her classes last semester and came back for the day to showcase her comp, "Fish and Coral Surveying off the coast of Little Corn Island, Nicaragua," and to attend the day's events.

"I was inspired by all these people who have achieved all these great things. I hope that's me someday," Cook said. "It was a great networking day. I received great advice, and this has opened doors preparing for the future."

After months of keeping the big announcement a secret, President Carol Ann Mooney announced two special gifts to the college — \$1 million from alumna Jennifer Mathile Prikkel ('95) and \$9 million from Prikkel's parents, MaryAnn and Clayton Mathile.

"This is the largest single gift in the College's history, and the money has been donated specifically for science hall renovations," Mooney said.

"There's no better way to invest than in the education of women, especially here at Saint Mary's," Prikkel said.

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Business students compete in Chicago

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

The Notre Dame chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) will participate in a regional competition in Chicago today, its first as an official Student Activities Office (SAO) club, senior Caitlin Nichols, co-president of SIFE, said.

SIFE is an international, non-profit organization that works to mobilize college students to make a difference in their communities, while developing skills to help members become socially responsible business leaders.

Nichols said the team has been involved in seven different projects this year and will present four of those projects at the regional competition.

"Some of them are SIFE stand alone projects, such as raising awareness about the local Purple Porch Cop to the Notre Dame community, or the Global Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Luncheon, which raised awareness about several companies' CSR strategies," she said.

The club has also partnered with the Holy Half Marathon and Bengal Bouts

to assist in their fundraising strategies and spread awareness of the projects at the regional competition, Nichols said.

"We've had several meetings this month preparing our scripts that we are memorizing that tell the judges about our projects," she said. "We also have put together a PowerPoint to accompany our 24-minute presentation and an annual report summing up what we have done."

Nichols said the group is optimistic about their performance at this year's event, where they will compete against 80 other teams.

"Last year we received the Regional Champion and Rookie of the Year titles," she said. "We're really hoping to receive the Regional Champion title again."

If named regional champions, the group will move on to the national competition in May.

Students interested in joining Notre Dame's SIFE team may contact Nichols or co-president Lauren Sullivan.

"We are always looking for new members and new project ideas," Nichols said.

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The Notre Dame community is invited to a special Mass to pray for all those impacted by the tragedy in Japan

Monday, March 28, 5:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., will be the celebrant and homilist.

There will be a collection after Mass to benefit the relief efforts in Japan.

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Army cadets rough out field training exercises

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

Three Blackhawk helicopters descended on South Bend Airport Friday to transport the Army ROTC Fightin' Irish Battalion to Fort Custer in Michigan, where the cadets joined other ROTC battalions for a field training exercise (FTX).

Taking off in Blackhawks was an auspicious start to a very important weekend for the cadets in the battalion, according to senior cadet Christopher Bennet. Seniors handle the planning and organizing of the FTX and the juniors take part in the exercise, along with a few underclassmen.

For the junior cadets, the FTX was a big part of their preparation for the Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) they will be completing this summer at Fort Lewis, Wash.

"This weekend is a dress rehearsal for the thirty days the cadets will spend at Fort Lewis this summer," Lieutenant Colonel Jon Crist said.

According to Crist, the LDAC is an important factor in a cadet's national ranking and

eventual job when they enter the army as a second lieutenant.

While packing supplies for the weekend, juniors expressed enthusiasm about putting the skills they've learned into practice.

"It should be a lot of fun. It's good training for what we will actually be doing in the army," Saint Mary's junior Jane McNaughton said. "I'm looking forward to going to the FTX in helicopters instead of the minivans we usually use."

"I'm excited to get some much needed experience before this summer," junior Trevor Waliszewski, Sergeant Major in charge of all juniors and upperclassmen, said. "It will be a real life experience of what it takes to lead soldiers."

However, the cadets showed concern over the fact they won't have time for academics over the weekend.

"It's going to be a full weekend," junior Josh Sandler said. "I'm excited for the opportunity to apply the things we've been learning, but at the same time, our classes don't stop. In three words I'd describe it as worthwhile, but inconvenient."

The few underclassmen that



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Cadets rode in a Blackhawk helicopter Friday to Fort Custer, Mich., to complete field training exercises with other ROTC battalions.

participated are also training for the LDAC, but won't go through the course until they are juniors.

Meanwhile, seniors gained valuable experience planning and coordinating the types of drills they will be in charge of as second lieutenants, Bennet said.

Before departing, the cadets took many pictures in front of the Blackhawks and were

enthusiastic about the chance to ride in a helicopter, which for many of them was a first.

"We found out about the Blackhawks on Monday and I've been excited since then," sophomore Mike Dompierre said. "It's my first time riding in a helicopter."

The cadets almost had the opportunity to take a group picture with an unexpected visitor at the airport: former University of Florida football coach Urban Meyer, who was only able to take a few quick photos with individuals before leaving. Meyer attended the 2011 Coaches Clinic at the Loftus Sports Center Saturday.

The flight crew of each Blackhawk then briefed the cadets on helicopter safety procedures, Bennet said. This included the strange but serious requirement that if any cadet gets sick, they must pull the front of their shirt over their mouth, which prevents their fellow cadets and the helicopter from needing to be cleaned.

Once the cadets arrived at Fort Custer, they were joined by fellow students from Western Michigan, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Michigan State and Michigan.

All of the cadets were placed into units of about 10 cadets each, Bennet said. Working

with cadets from other schools, the juniors learned skills that should help them in their preparation for the LDAC this summer, where they will also be working in mixed units.

Over the course of the weekend, the cadets completed six simulated missions with their assigned units, he said. To ensure that all junior cadets had an opportunity to lead, each unit was composed of five or six junior cadets with underclassmen making up the rest of the unit.

The missions included move-to-contact drills in which cadets simulate a strategic rendezvous, ambush drills, land navigation drills in which cadets use a map, compass and protractor to navigate the woodland terrain and other standard tactical drills.

The cadres from each battalion evaluated cadets, he said. The criteria for evaluation were leadership, decision-making and operating under pressure. During the LDAC, cadets will be evaluated on the same criteria, as well as physical fitness and various military skills.

Between their own review and the evaluations of the cadres, the cadets received a good idea of what to work on for this summer. Senior Colin Raymond, who completed essentially the same FTX last year, said this experience is very helpful for getting an idea of how other schools prepare their cadets and seeing the relative strengths and weaknesses of the Fightin' Irish Battalion.

According to Raymond, it was also good for individuals to work on their weaknesses.

"Personally, I struggled with land navigation at night," Raymond said. "It was a good opportunity to get more practice at that."

Senior Alex Barbuto, the battalion's operations and training officer, or S3, took the lead in planning the exercise. He consulted last year's plan and incorporated suggestions and requirements from Crist and from Michigan State's Army ROTC, which was in charge of the weekend overall.

Barbuto and the other seniors then took the plan and addressed the logistical needs of the cadets from the Fightin' Irish Battalion that participated in the exercise.

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This weekend's field training exercises were a dress rehearsal for the 30 days cadets will spend at Fort Lewis, Wash., this summer when they will complete the Leader Development and Assessment Course.

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC PRAYER

Monday, March 28

7:00 pm

Hammes Student Lounge / Coleman-Morse Center

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(prayer service)
to the Precious Cross

Very Rev. Fr. Jim Karepin, O.P.
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Eparchy of Chicago and
Pastor of St. Michael Ukrainian Byzantine
Catholic Church, Mishawaka



Prayer From Around The World Series
Campus Ministry

Student leaders promote diversity conference

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

This Tuesday marks the start of Saint Mary's three-day Student Diversity Board's Diverse Student Leadership Conference (DSLSC).

"By attending the Diverse Student Leadership Conference events, students as well as other community members will have the opportunity to gain knowledge and awareness of various aspects of diversity," Kelly Reidenbach, chairperson of DSLSC, said. "Furthermore, they will be able to take the knowledge and skills gained from participation and apply them to aspects of daily life."

The week begins with opening keynote speaker Dr. Inge Auerbacher, a Holocaust survivor. Her speech, "Beyond the Yellow Star," will be presented in the Stapleton Lounge at 7 p.m.

According to Danae Jimenez, DSLSC co-chair, the DSLSC board has been working on planning this conference since the summer of 2010. Both she and Reidenbach are very excited about the event.

"I am extremely excited for this year's conference," Reidenbach said. "I have had the help of a great group of Saint Mary's students who put in a tremendous amount of time and hard work in order to insure that this conference will be the best it can possibly be."

On Wednesday, a variety of workshop sessions will begin at 9 a.m.

To kickoff Wednesday's events, assistant professor of political science and women's studies Sonalini Kaur Sapra will discuss a topic titled

"Gender and Environmental Justice: Local and Global Perspectives" in Earley conference room F of the Student Center.

The speech begins at 9 a.m., followed by the "Hue-man Being Project" by Betty Hoeffner, co-founder and president of Hey U.G.L.Y (Unique, Gifted, Lovable You), Inc. The next session, which begins at 10:45 a.m. will discuss the issues of gender in baseball, sexual orientation and race, and will feature such speakers as John Kovach, member of the advisory board and coach of Baseball For All, as well as representatives from the SMC Straight and Gay Alliance.

An Alumnae Panel will follow at 12:15 p.m. in Vander Vennet Theater.

Thursday's session begins at 9 a.m. in Earley conference room D of the Student Center with the speech "Cultures of Parenting: Class Dynamics

and the Family" by Mary Ann Kanieski, assistant professor of sociology.

The Conference concludes with keynote speaker Eric Alva, a Retired Staff Sergeant of the U.S. Marine Corps and a Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender and Questioning (LBGTQ) activist. His speech, "Ending 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,'" will take place at noon in Little Theater. This is the only event that requires a ticket for admittance.

Reidenbach says students will be visiting from as far away as California to attend the events.

The conference is free and open to everyone, and invitations have been sent to surrounding high schools.

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Kelly Reidenbach
DSLSC chairperson

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toward helping this cause.

“Like most ND students I think, giving back to the community is something that myself, and the rest of the team, value,” he said.

Magro said that on a personal level the races and their relation to research for NPC is very important to him.

“NPC has been called ‘children’s Alzheimer’s’ as it primarily affects kids,” he said. “Alzheimer’s has definitely touched my family, and any breakthrough in NPC research that could lead to a similar one for Alzheimer’s would be awesome.”

In addition to working with the Foundation, the cycling team has prepared for racing since early December. This home race, Magro said, is just one stop in the collegiate cycling calendar this year.

“We compete all across the Midwest throughout the spring with the goal of qualifying for the National Championships in early May,” he said. “Our advanced riders put in 15 hours or more a week on the bike.”

Dean Crawford opened the weekend’s three events in downtown South Bend, beginning with a team time trial. In the time trial, teams of four riders from each school covered a 10-mile course around Potato Creek State Park. Road Races dominated Saturday afternoon, ranging in length from 27 to 66 miles.

Sunday closed with the feature event, a short track race held in downtown South Bend. Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State, Purdue and Marian competed in the weekend’s events.

“The course is wide and flat as a pancake, which equals speed, so racing is exciting,” Magro said.

The most challenging part of preparing for this weekend was planning the event itself due to its complex interface of individuals working together, Magro said. Since last fall, race organizer Douglas Ansel communicated with the city of South Bend, Indiana, Notre Dame and police paramedics.

“We expected over 200 collegiate riders to compete throughout the weekend, and making sure everything ran without a hitch was no small task,” Magro said.

Though the weekend’s events have passed, anyone can continue to support the Parseghian

Foundation. Magro said the online process takes only a few minutes and continues the ND cycling team’s efforts.

“Simply visit parseghian.org and click the ‘donate now’ button on the main page. It will guide you through the pledge process,” Magro said. “Please be sure to note the gift is being made in honor of ND cycling.”

The weekend’s dedication to the Ara Parseghian Foundation is one of many examples of Notre Dame’s ties with the Parseghian Foundation. Last year, the Foundation established the \$2.5 million Michael, Marcia and Christa Parseghian Endowment for Excellence. It dedicated \$500,000 to support an annual scientific conference at Notre Dame.

Magro said he is hopeful for what might come from this bond.

“Actually, a Notre Dame professor made a large breakthrough in NPC research earlier in the week,” he said. “So it’s exciting to be a small part of what looks to be a large success to come.”

For the University’s students, this relationship allows another chance to give back to the community.

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Waste

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said. “Students are really making that shift to help reduce waste.”

Beth Simpson, chair of the eND Hunger campaign, said

on-campus waste-reduction offers students a way to contribute to the greater fight against hunger-related issues.

“In terms of tangible ways students can have an active impact on food insecurity and food justice, their own consumption is most basic,” Simpson said. “Just being conscious everyday of how much food we waste ... lesser waste on one end means resources can be better directed to people who don’t have the ability to waste food.”

An initiative of student body president Catherine Soler and vice president Andrew Bell, eND Hunger emphasizes student collaboration with community members to tackle the issue of hunger in the South Bend area. The initiative has been working through the West Side Food Security Council on a number of projects, including plans for a community nutrition center based around the existing farmer’s market.

“We’ve begun our initial survey phase, mainly conducting surveys among west side residents about the information they currently have about the farmer’s market, which we hope to expand to a year-round market,” Simpson said. “[The center] would likely involve a kitchen as well for education. That remains a big part of it.”

Currently, about 25 students are directly involved in one of eND Hunger’s five subcommittees, which focus on issues such as campus and community engagement, financing and research. Simpson said even if students aren’t directly working with the program, they still have the opportunity to contribute to hunger-prevention.

“Opportunities to impact hunger by means of food justice are not limited to the council or volunteering, but can be implemented through simple daily choices,” she said.

Despite originating as a Soler-Bell initiative, Simpson said eND Hunger would continue after the nearing student government turnover.

“Though it was started as a year-long initiative, the eND Hunger initiative is going to be lasting and we’re looking forward to progressing it into next year,” she said. “Our vision spans long into the future, and we’re still in the groundwork steps.”

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ATTENTION SENIORS!

Notre Dame’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring this spring!

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

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

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

Please Note: Applications will be accepted through April 30. Interviews will be scheduled in early May.

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Application Process: To apply, please visit <http://ND.jobs> and apply to job #11120.

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Japan

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release.

The Nagoya program operates in conjunction with the Center for Japanese Studies at Nanzan University, located roughly 250 miles southwest of Sendai, the coastal city nearest to the earthquake’s epicenter and the Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant in Fukushima.

The Notre Dame Alumni Association announced that a Mass for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami will be celebrated at 5:15 p.m. today in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. University president Fr. John Jenkins will preside and deliver the homily at the Mass, and the association will take a special collection for aid efforts in Japan by Catholic Relief Services.

The University announced it canceled its other Japanese program, based in Tokyo, for the remainder of the spring semester on March 18.

INSIDE COLUMN

I guess this is growing up...

April 23, 2011. A day that will live in infamy ... as the day my teenage dream died, otherwise known as my 20th birthday.

At this point, I'm feeling pretty ambivalent about leaving the carefree realm of teenagedom in 26 days. On the bright side, I will claim imminent victory over teen pregnancy, and I'll look back fondly on my teenage years with the perspective of a newly minted "young adult." On the other hand, I'll be almost two years removed from high school and one year closer to venturing out into the dreaded "real world," and I won't be able to blame my mistakes on teenage naivete.

Either way I look at it, the question remains: how can I make the most of my last month of being 19? I've been trying to think of things to do that only teenagers get away with, like driving my friends around town with only a learner's permit, sneaking out late at night, or trying to get into rated R movies before you're 17. Unfortunately, the novelty of these typical teenage shenanigans wore off once I turned 18 and became a "legal" adult who could do any of these things without fear of punishment by the police or my parents. I can't really understand why being a teenager was so much fun, other than experiencing the thrill of breaking my parents' rules, getting my driver's license and having virtually no worries besides getting into college (ah, those were the days). But at the same time, I'm having trouble finding anything exciting to look forward to in turning 20.

Sure, I'll be one year closer to celebrating the biggest birthday milestone of my life so far, and I can officially mark the end of my childhood (a bittersweet moment). I can also look forward to celebrating the big 2-0 with a Cubs game and an Arcade Fire concert over Easter break, both of which I'm pretty jazzed about. But turning 20 is like living in limbo between the worry-free days of adolescence and the daunting responsibilities of adulthood. Plus, you don't get any special privileges when you hit 20. Hence my ambivalence about commemorating the first two decades of my life.

Honestly, I'm scared to turn 20. When I was younger, I always thought 20 sounded old, almost old enough to get married and have kids. Now, on the brink of that ripe old age, all I want is to freeze time. I don't want to think about applying to medical school soon or living away from my parents in the real world. I also don't want to consider the fact that my college experience is nearly halfway over. I just want to relive my carefree high school summers again.

As I look at the half-empty glass of my life, I realize I have a lot to look forward to after I turn 20. I'll be spending my first full summer away from home while participating in an SSLP in Idaho. Best of all, in less than six months, I will be sipping sangria and tasting tapas while studying abroad in Toledo, Spain, and I can cavort around Europe for an entire semester.

In the meantime, I'll spend the next month embracing my carefree, slightly reckless teenage side in any way possible while keeping a positive outlook for my 21st year of living ... and the birthday celebration that will commemorate it.

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The fencing team psychologist has told us many times about the process of "going home" — closing your eyes and imagining yourself at the threshold of home, taking a few steps in and imagining where you are, taking in the details, the smells, and the sounds. Then you go into your room, opening the door realizing that this is your home. Then you fall on your bed, calm and relaxed.

The idea of "going home" is a common one. There is a sense of peace. I always smile when Notre Dame students, myself included, say, "Sure, I'll be over soon, I just have to run home for a second." Home is certainly not just where you grew up. It can be any place where, when you arrive, there is a sense of a burden falling off your shoulders. This place can also be as big as a city — driving on the highway and seeing the sign saying your city is 5 miles away — or an individ-



Alex Coccia

Shard of Glass

Going home

ual home, or as small a place as your own bed with the covers pulled over your face.

Taking in the feeling of your blankets or flipping your pillow to the cool side are all examples of going home.

We see literary examples of "going home." In Richard Lovelace's poem, "To Althea, from Prison," the speaker says, "Stone walls do not a prison make; / Nor iron bars a cage. / Minds innocent and quiet take / That for an hermitage; / If I have freedom in my love / And in my love am free, / Angels alone, that soar above, / Enjoy such liberty." For the speaker, home is being free in love and soul, not dependent on the physical location. The physical location of home — city, house, bed — can help to bring about a state of mind that can also be considered "home." Home is peace. For some people, the actual, physical home is not peaceful.

But for everyone, there is a mental home that provides a sanctuary, a place of repose. From there you can reload, repose, and respond.

When Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote his Letter from a Birmingham Jail he was certainly home, and like the speaker in Lovelace's poem, free in love and soul: "I can assure you that it

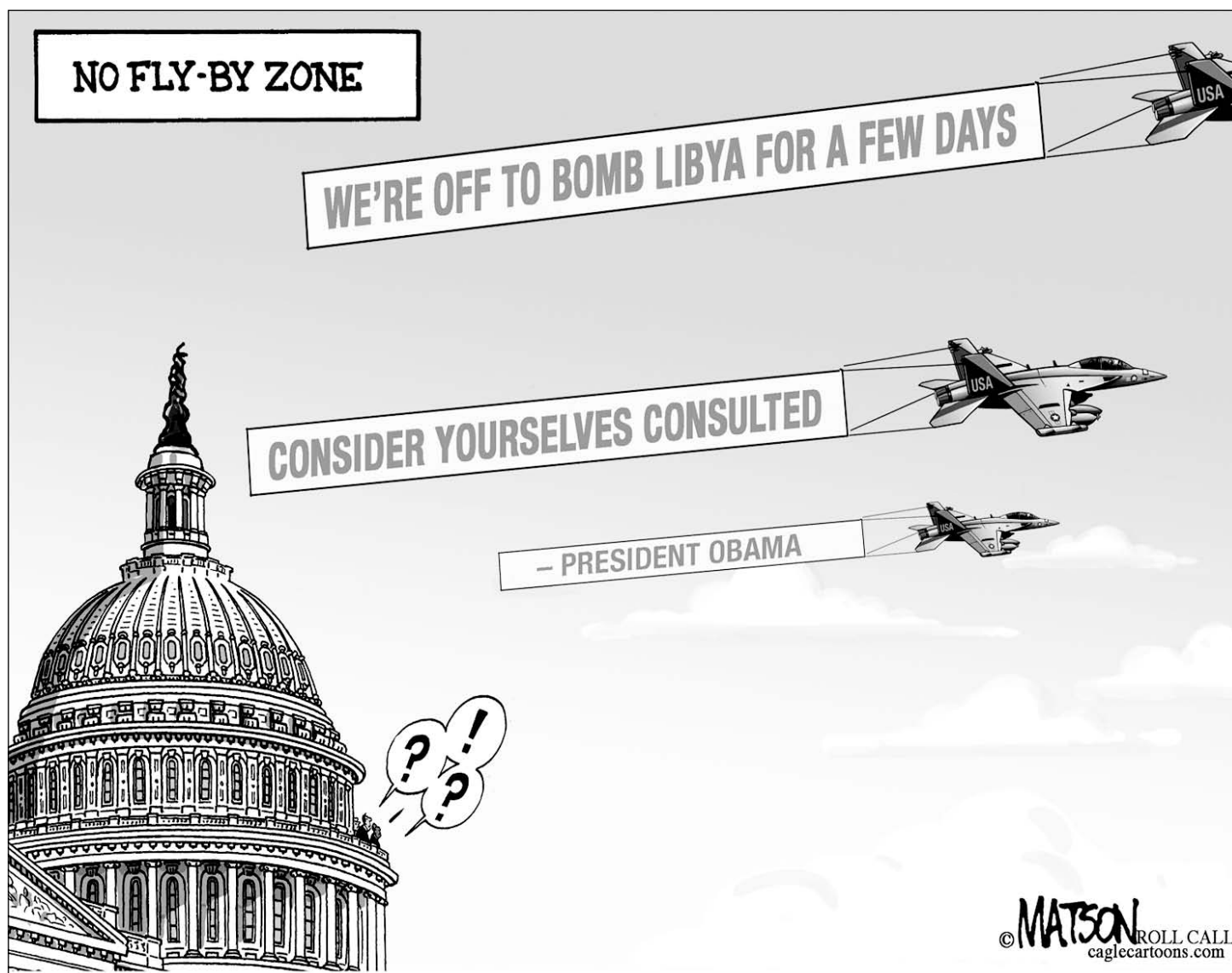
would have been much shorter if I had been writing from a comfortable desk, but what else can one do when he is alone in a narrow jail cell, other than write long letters, think long thoughts and pray long prayers?" Only at home could King have crafted such an eloquent and profound response to the violence and discrimination in Birmingham and the rest of the country. Prison bars did not confine.

The things in our lives that act as prison bars and stone walls have the power to both confine us, or be a place of refuge. The deciding factor is whether or not you are home in that place or in that endeavor. As the semester nears the end and exams and papers are due in all classes, it becomes even more important to go home. As studies become hard, go home. As problems arise, go home. Once home, it is a stepping off point to move forward calm and collected, with eager and keen mind, ready to face whatever lies ahead.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



POLL OF THE WEEK

Who do you think is going to win the NCAA men's championship?

Kentucky
Connecticut
VCU
Butler

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Hate no one; hate their vices, not themselves."

J. G. C. Brainard
U.S. lawyer, editor and poet

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A defense for college students

Not far removed from ND, I argued while I was there and continue to argue that the higher powers at ND have created a culture of drinking that are constantly putting the kids in tough situations.

Let's get this out of the way first: college kids are going to drink. College kids with big time football programs (tailgating), living in nowhere Indiana, have a stressful academic environment are even more likely to drink.

Because of stricter rules over the last 10 to 15 years, students who do decide to drink will typically do so off campus. Dorm parties are risky and can only have beer. Those who are above 21 prefer to not attend because of all the underage students there.

Because of the restrictions and fear of dorm parties students hit off-campus parties and, while drunk, have to either walk back through the cold or mean streets of South Bend or hope they get a cab, which are often in very high demand and short supply.

Their third option is driving when they shouldn't. Plenty of people I knew while there did it often (myself not excluded). We were just lucky to not get caught.

Some simple changes could really help this:

1. Alcohol free dorms students can choose to live in.
2. Revert back to the more lenient drinking rules to keep kids on campus.

3. A shuttle for students that circles the nearby neighborhood and downtown. We do this on game-day and plenty of other schools do it for students throughout the week or on weekends.

I love Notre Dame and my time there. I would be curious to know the amount of thefts, muggings, injuries, etc. that have occurred to intoxicated students off campus after the culture became more strict. It is also worth mentioning that students are forced to deal with South Bend police who, and this is no secret, have it out for ND students. The school needs to realize that the students drink, and they are doing more harm than good.

Jared Galvan
alumni
Pittsburgh, PA
Mar. 25

Where's the meat?

I'd like to begin by thanking the University Food Services for their steadfast dedication to Catholic teachings on abstinence and fasting. Typically, on Fridays in Lent abstinence from meat or other foods ought to be observed, and the dining halls have been very committed to following this custom by not serving any meat during this time. I would like to note, however, that March 25 is also recognized as a great feast day — the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

Canon law states:
“Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday” (Can. 1251, Code of Canon Law).

Therefore, we ought to celebrate Gabriel's

announcement to Mary of the Lord's coming and this celebration ought to take precedence over the penitential days of Lent! We ought to eat meat!

Now, obviously the dining halls did not serve meat on March 25, 2011, but I implore Food Services that the next time this beautiful feast occurs on a Friday in Lent, the good patrons of North and South Dining Halls be allowed to indulge in juicy steak sandwiches and delicious bowls of chili! It will be a great celebration of Mary's fiat and her willingness to relinquish control to the hand of God. Plus, it'll probably taste pretty good too!

James Baker
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A necessary evil

Despite Mr. Easley's right-wing rants in “Where idealism and realism don't intersect” (Mar. 24), I find there to be ample room for unions in 21st century America. Not only is there room for unions, but unfortunately (yes, unfortunately) they are necessary. Unions began as a way for workers to organize and fight for fair labor conditions during the turn of the industrial revolution. Over the years these unions have gotten away from their roots and do, as Mr. Easley describes at times, step over their boundaries and ask for too much. Unions have in themselves become greedy and at times corrupt. I know this from firsthand experience, having paid my dues and been a member of the Teamsters Union while working in a dairy manufacturing plant. Often the goals of union leaders were not representative of all union members and were overly aggressive. Sadly this attitude of unions is necessary.

Unions have become one of the necessary evils of the business world. They are at times corrupt and inefficient, but this attitude is necessary to offset business executives (private unions) and politicians (public unions) who are equally corrupt and greedy. Mr. Easley also suggests that the more prudent choice of action instead of collaborative unions would be to take private legal counsel to

fight for one's rights under labor laws. Does he realize this would entail a blue-collar worker hiring a low cost private attorney to fight against a team of highly paid corporate lawyers? This option is not even in the realm of possibility for the vast majority of workers who pay union dues on a pay-check by pay-check basis.

Unions have not been the downfall of American business. Corporate greed that is mostly concerned with profit margins has created the current state of American unions and defined the American business landscape in general. So while I agree that unions can be corrupt and inefficient, they are a necessary evil. Mr. Easley also misses on his final point where he speaks of the power being strictly within the individual. As outlined within the goals of our government in the Preamble of the Constitution, we must work to “promote the general welfare.” Until everyone from the CEOs down to the minimum wage factory workers start working together, American businesses will be dominated by greed and inefficiency.

Nick Walsh
junior
off campus
Mar. 24

UWIRE

Middle Eastern youth now fight for their political voice

The popular revolution surging throughout Libya has been under a spotlight in the U.S., as allied warplanes and cruise missiles have recently begun to aid anti-government rebels in their fight to remove dictator Muammar al-Qadaffi from power. But this incredible uprising is just one of many intensifying pro-democracy, anti-autocratic movements driven by young people across the Middle East.

Raquel Woodruff

Washington Square News

The revolt in Libya, the most censored country in the Middle East and North Africa according to the 2009 Freedom of the Press Index, is an illumination of the vigorously growing opposition fueled by youth who, through access to social media, have seen how the rest of the world lives and want it for themselves. They want the freedom to make their own choices and the freedom to have their own voices.

The immobilizing wall of silence was first broken in the Tunisia revolution. The popular uprising that ousted the nation's leader Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali was the first democratic revolt in the modern Arab world and a catalyst for the rest of the Middle East to press for reform in a region dominated by authoritative regimes. The oppressed citizens of other Arab and North African nations did indeed begin to

respond — several countries are currently fighting against the corruption and nepotism they have lived with their whole lives and are realizing that political freedom and economic reform comes from democracy.

Following their neighbors in Tunisia, in January protesters in Egypt demanded the overthrow of Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak and his regime. After weeks of popular protest and pressure, Mubarak resigned from office in February. A record number of voters turned out in Egypt approving constitutional amendments to secure a free and fair democratic system.

In Yemen last week, President Ali Abdullah Saleh, a determined U.S. ally in the fight against terrorism, declared a state of emergency and dismissed his cabinet after government-linked forces killed more than 40 unarmed protesters. On Monday, news came about of several top army commanders and one of Yemen's key tribal leaders having sided with the protesters.

And that's not it. Opposition leaders in Bahrain were arrested after troops disbanded thousands of protestors that were occupying the central square of Manama. The king called for a three-month state of emergency. In Saudi Arabia, Sunni Muslims sent troops to mollify the mainly Shiite upheaval in bor-

dering Bahrain. King Abdullah offered over \$100 billion in added benefits to citizens following relentless protests in Riyadh.

Let's take a look at Syria. Protesters set fire to a headquarters of the ruling Baath Party — a raging indication of dissent in one of the region's most authoritarian states. And now Libyan people pouring across Tunisia's border are being offered food and assistance from their neighbors.

It's obvious now that Libya is but one part of a remarkable wave of revolt in the Arab world. The Arab people, mainly the youth, are no longer sitting paralyzed under oppression, restricted by religious theocracies.

The U.S. should continue supporting the dissidents in Libya and the quest for freedom in future autocratic governments. Middle Eastern dictator-run governments are finally changing — an extraordinary step in the modern Arab world. And the United States being a part of it is a tremendous thing.

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Alana Lee's *Butterflies* sets up the possibility for a fantastic 90's style pop rivalry. If Rebecca Black initiated the whole awful auto-tuning trend, Lee is an equally talentless rival. The song features a rap verse from the same man featured on "Friday," so one can only assume he owns Ark Music Factory. What an admirable job. The best part of the song, however, is the stereotypical junior high setting for the music video. Note passing, popular girls stealing all the good guys and a teacher who begrudgingly respects Lee's profession of love in the middle of his class — it's just too good to be true. The song ends with a Ke\$ha-style talking and laughing bit where Alana Lee simply says butterflies about five times. It's not a gem of a song, but neither are many of Ark Music Factory's songs.

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style spotter



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As Dagny was walking to class, I couldn't help but notice this really cute outfit. Her dark skinny jeans and silver flats look great with her relaxed gray tunic and black details. Her brown crossover messenger bag is a perfect, comfortable size for books and materials, while her glasses complete the cool studying look. Dagny definitely knows how to mix and match her clothes and make a simple ensemble look good.

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The Classy Script



by Ankur Chawla

- 1 ☒ "We R Who We R" – Ke\$ha
- 2 ☒ "For the first time" – The Script
- 3 ☒ "Peacock" – Katy Perry
- 4 ☒ "Lemme Smang It" – Young Humma
- 5 ☒ "Friday" – Rebecca Black
- 6 ☒ "Rolling in the Deep" – Adele
- 7 ☒ "Princess Ke\$ha" – Ke\$ha
- 8 ☒ "The Dog Days are Over" – Florence and the Machine
- 9 ☒ "Marry Me" - Train
- 10 ☒ "Ignition (remix)" – R. Kelly
- 11 ☒ "September" – Daughtry
- 12 ☒ "Yeah!" - Usher

This playlist is a collection of the classiest songs imaginable. With plenty of alumni and prospective students on campus this week, be sure to have this playlist blasting out of your windows to show just how tasteful Domers can be.

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PGA TOUR

Laird overcomes slow start to win at Bay Hill

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — All that stood between Martin Laird and victory at Bay Hill were two putts from just inside 90 feet on the 18th hole, which didn't seem all that long considering what he already had been through Sunday.

First came a stunning collapse that took him from a three-shot lead to a three-shot deficit in a span of seven holes. He was three shots behind when he walked off the 14th green, two shots ahead as he headed to the 17th tee.

Laird knocked the first putt up to 3½ feet, then jabbed his fist when he rolled in the par putt to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

"That was a hell of a day," Laird said. "That was a tough fight out there. It was a battle out there, but you know, it makes it even sweeter at the end when I got this trophy."

In the toughest final round on the PGA Tour this year, Laird was strong at the end with two birdies and two clutch pars to close with a 3-over 75, the highest final round by a winner in the 33-year history at Bay Hill.

That two-putt par on the 18th was just enough for a one-shot victory over hard-luck Steve Marino, who lost three shots on two plugged lies in bunkers over the last four holes. Marino followed a double bogey on the par-3 17th with an all-or-nothing shot over the water at the flag to 8 feet on the last hole for birdie and a 72.

"You just cannot afford to (waste) shots in the final round — really, at any point in the tournament — if you want to win," Marino said after his third close call this year. "Unfortunately on 17, that's

exactly what I did. It came back to bite me."

Laird, a 28-year-old from Scotland who came to America to play college golf and never left, became the first European to win at Bay Hill. He now heads off to the Masters for the first major of the year, having felt like he just won one.

Considering all the calamity, it felt as though the U.S. Open have moved from June to March. No one in the last three groups broke par, and those six players were a combined 19-over par.

It was a day of survival.

For Laird, it turned out to be a remarkable revival.

When he pulled his approach from a fairway bunker into the water on No. 11 and made double bogey, he already was 5 over for the round. But while he lost the lead, he never lost hope.

"I never thought about not winning," Laird said. "When I saw I was three down, I didn't have a choice. I had to start playing some good golf. I had to make birdies. Steve was playing too good. That was really the focus. It was trying to get this trophy."

First came a handshake and congratulations from Palmer, the tournament host.

"It really doesn't get any better than to meet him coming off as the champion of his tournament," Laird said.

Laird needed some help from Marino, who played beautifully until the last four holes.

Marino went at the flag on the 15th, tucked right behind the bunker, and his ball plugged in the soft sand. He blasted out to 35 feet and made bogey. Then came the 17th, and a 6-iron that he thought was good all the way until the crowd groaned.

He blasted out over the green,

putted up the slope to 5 feet and missed the bogey putt.

"I played so well all day, and you know, one hiccup on 17 cost me the tournament," he said.

Justin Rose closed with a 68 and tied for third with David Toms and Marc Leishman, who needed to win to get into the Masters.

Tiger Woods, a six-time winner at Bay Hill, was poised for a second straight top 10 until he made bogey from the bunker on the 17th and hit his approach into the water on No. 18 for double bogey and a 72. In his final tournament before the Masters, Woods tied for 24th, seven shots behind. Phil Mickelson dropped three shots on the last five holes for a 73 to also finish in a tie for 24th.

Laird won for the second time in his PGA Tour career, and the record will show that he won for the first time in three tries when going into the final round atop the leaderboard.

But it wasn't that simple. Not even close.

Palmer prefers a stern test at his beloved Bay Hill, and that's what he got, especially in the afternoon when the wind picked up and the course dried out even more under a hot sun.

"The back-nine pins, they are all bogey and double-bogey pins — they are not birdie pins," Mickelson said when he finished. "The last eight holes are holes that you have to play 50 feet away if you're playing smart."

Laird finished at 8-under 280, the highest winning score since Ben Crenshaw shot 280 in 1993. Laird earned \$1.08 million, and a validation after tough playoff losses at The Barclays and in Las Vegas late last year.

Spencer Levin, who played in



Martin Laird waves to the crowd on the 18th green Sunday. Laird won the Arnold Palmer Invitational by one shot.

the final group and started two shots behind, shot 41 on the front nine and still was in the game toward the end. He wound up with a 76 and tied for sixth.

Laird got off to such a shaky start that it only took an hour for more players to have a chance than who started the final round. He made three bogeys to go out in 39 and was tied with Marino when he headed to the back nine.

Then came more twists than he was expecting.

"No one is going to take a 75 going into the last round of a tournament," Laird said. "but I

knew it was going to be this tough to win."

Woods played a solid round until his bogey-double bogey finish. Bay Hill completes a full year since his return from a sex scandal, with not much to show for it — no wins, only three top 10s on the PGA Tour and not once in serious contention on the back nine.

Next stop: Augusta National.

Such is the state of his game that the six-time Bay Hill winner called this a "very good week, and a week I needed to see."

"It's getting better every week I've played," he said.

ATP

Fish advances to semifinals of Sony Ericsson Open

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Mardy Fish might leave Key Biscayne as the top-ranked American in men's tennis, a prospect that leaves him unconvinced.

"I wouldn't be the No. 1 American really," said Fish, who beat No. 17 seed Richard Gasquet 6-4, 6-3 in the third round of the Sony Ericsson Open on Sunday.

Fish is ranked a career-best 15th, and if he wins two more rounds he'll overtake longtime friend Andy Roddick in the next rankings. Roddick lost his opening match Saturday and is expected to drop from eighth to about 15th, the lowest he has been ranked since 2002.

"I certainly wouldn't feel like the top-ranked American, considering what Andy has accomplished and what I've accomplished," Fish said. "His career

has quadrupled mine, at least."

Roddick is a five-time Grand Slam finalist who won the 2003 U.S. Open and finished that year ranked No. 1. Fish's record in major events is barely above .500, and he has made the top 20 in the year-end rankings only twice.

But at 29, Fish is in the best condition of his career. That showed against Gasquet in the midday sun on an 87-degree afternoon.

"Playing out there today, you can obviously see why you need to be fit to win these matches," Fish said.

Also advancing was No. 30-seeded John Isner, who won an all-American matchup against qualifier Alex Bogomolov Jr., 6-2, 7-6 (4). Bogomolov upset Roddick in the second round, giving Isner a less daunting path to the quarterfinals.

"I didn't want to think too much about it," Isner said. "A

lot of times when a draw sort of opens up, guys tend to maybe not play as well. So I'm not looking at the draw."

Juan Martin del Potro, gaining momentum in his comeback from a right wrist injury, earned his first win this year over a top-10 player by beating No. 4 Robin Soderling 6-3, 6-2. Del Potro, ranked 484th in February, will climb back into the top 45 after the tournament.

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Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade was hurting at halftime and spent much of the third quarter recovering in the Miami locker room.

LeBron James had 33 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists, Chris Bosh added 31 points and 12 rebounds, and the Heat beat the Houston Rockets 125-119 on Sunday for their eighth win in nine games.

Wade shook off a bruised tailbone and finished with 30 points and 11 rebounds for Miami, which had three players score 30 or more for the first time in the franchise's 23-year history.

Kevin Martin scored 29 points, Luis Scola added 28 and Kyle Lowry had 25 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for the Rockets. Chase Budinger scored 16 for Houston, which had a five-game winning streak snapped.

Wade sealed it with 33 seconds left, taking a handoff from James and making a left-handed layup while getting knocked into a row of court-side photographers for a 120-115 lead. The Heat never trailed in the fourth quarter, taking the lead for good when James Jones made three free throws with 9:22 remaining.

Miami's "Big Three" ensured that drought would

continue. Wade, James and Bosh combined to score 91 points in Miami's win over Philadelphia on Friday, and combined for 94 on Sunday.

Much like the 125-119 Heat win at Houston earlier this season, this was another track meet. Miami's 38 first-quarter points were its second-highest total of the season — and Houston's 37 points after 12 minutes were the third-most the Heat had given up this season.

It was 71-68 at the half, Miami's highest-scoring opening two quarters in more than five years.

The bigger concern was Wade, who bruised his tailbone after appearing to trip over teammate Juwan Howard's feet while trying to grab an offensive rebound midway through the second. He finished the half, but missed the first 7½ minutes of the third quarter while being tended to in the Miami locker room.

Martin had 11 points in the third quarter, nine of them coming in an 89-second span. He made a 3-pointer with 5:20 left in the period, slapping his hands and yelling that he got fouled.

The Heat closed the quarter on a 12-4 run over the final 3:17, capped by James blowing past Patrick Patterson for a dunk that knotted the game at 93 entering the fourth.

WOMEN'S ROWING

Irish take three races at regatta

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame and Indiana split six races Sunday in Indianapolis, denying Purdue and Eastern Michigan any victories. The Irish won the first and second varsity four races, and took the third varsity eight, while the Hoosiers were victorious in the first and second varsity eight races, as well as the novice eight.

Irish coach Martin Stone said the eight boats were never in rhythm, leading to the one-second loss to the Hoosiers by the first varsity boat and six-second loss by the second varsity boat.

"I think we just didn't race well in the middle part of the race," he said. "We had the lead at one point, but they pushed through us. We just never established a good rhythm."

Purdue and Eastern Michigan never seriously tested Notre Dame and Indiana in the main races. Stone said he expected the Hoosiers to present the biggest challenge.

"Indiana is very good — I give credit to them," he said. "Coming in, we expected [the Hoosiers] were going to be our biggest challenge, and they raced very well. They did all the things we needed to do."

Stone said he let his team know they need to improve, but admitted some positives on a day when Notre Dame won only one of the varsity



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The Irish, pictured rowing against Tulsa Oct. 29, won three of six races at a regatta in Indianapolis over the weekend.

eight races. The eight-man boats are considered the most prestigious piece in NCAA rowing.

"I told them I was disappointed, that we need to row faster and that we'll continue to train for our next race," Stone said. "Some things we need to do better, but there were also some bright spots."

Among the bright spots was Notre Dame's varsity four, which crossed the line at 7:56.0, 14 seconds faster than second-place Indiana. Having picked the same lineups for three weeks now, Stone said he now has the time to consider moving people.

"Selection takes time, and kids need to recover and rest," he said of the process of placing oarsmen. "Up to this point we haven't had the time to assess everyone. We also have kids coming back from injury, so there could be some changes."

Stone expressed confidence in his team's ability to recognize and correct mistakes.

"We're a good team and we have a good group of kids," he said. "They're smart, and they realize that we need to get better. We'll figure it out."

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles to play Bethel after pair of rainouts

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

The Belles return to action against No. 23 Bethel College today following two rainouts last week. The match will be their first conference game, and a win would bring their season record to 9-2.

"We've been working almost everyday since we've been back, and even though the conditions aren't always ideal, now is the time of the season to fine-tune everything," junior infielder Kate Mitchell said.

The Belles, who have not played since March 17, are ready to see how their practices have improved their level of play. Senior outfielder Hayley Bojorquez said she is eager to see how her team performs after the extra time to practice.

"A win against Bethel would reassure the confidence we have in this team and be a great start to our season at home," Bojorquez said. "We want to have a solid game regardless of the outcome, where we immediately fix our mistakes and capitalize on theirs."

Mitchell is eager to see the team's leadership shine through in conference play.

"Hayley is our lone senior this year and she's really been taking on the leadership role very well," Mitchell said. "Building off of that, we aren't just a one-woman team. Every player on our team has a role."

Bojorquez and Mitchell are both aiming to secure a conference championship for their team. A win against Bethel would be a solid start toward that goal.

"We're a good hitting team, we have the pitching and we have good defense," Mitchell said. "I think if we focus on our jobs individually and we stay pumped and energized as a team throughout the whole game, we'll do some big things."

Bojorquez said the team must remain focused throughout conference play, particularly against a tough opponent like Bethel.

"The key to winning this game is to stay focused mentally and not let Bethel's strengths consume us," Bojorquez said. "We're a strong team when we play our game and don't let outside forces affect us mentally."

The Belles take the field today at 5 p.m. against the Pilots.

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SOFTBALL

Irish overcome early deficit

By JACK YUSKO
Sports Writer

An early deficit did not faze Notre Dame, as Notre Dame's efficient offense helped the squad edge past Northern Illinois 4-1 on Friday.

Down one run in the first inning, the Irish (21-2) kept their calm and not only scored four runs off five hits, but also held the Huskies (10-12) scoreless after the first frame.

"The team, especially this year, has responded really well to being down early," senior catcher Lex Clay said. "Because it was so early in the game, I don't think the team really worried about it because we know that we've been a good hitting team."

Clay said that the team saw being down early as a challenge.

"We don't really pressure ourselves to get a lot of runs early because we know we're going to hit well and come back," Clay said. "I think we were anxious for the challenge to get back, that if they have one run, let's see how many we can score."

While the Irish did not hit particularly well, they performed efficiently. Clay had two Notre Dame's five hits, each of which produced an RBI.

However, team play was a major theme throughout the game, as Clay did not credit individual outstanding players, but



Irish junior outfielder Alexa Maldonado connects during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Northern Illinois Friday.

outstanding teamwork and cooperation.

"We didn't have a lot to work with that game. We only had five hits, but a lot of people did their jobs when asked, a lot of people participated," Clay said.

Notre Dame's other major strong point in this game was their ability to operate under pressure, not only while losing, but also with two outs on multiple occasions.

"We had a couple people who got on base with two outs and we had someone else hit them in," Clay said. "We had [senior outfielder] Brianna Jorgensberg score someone with a triple with two outs, then get hit in."

Great defense and outstanding

pitching kept the Huskies scoreless after the first inning, as sophomore Brittany O'Donnell kept the Huskies' hitters off-balance.

"One of our starting pictures, [senior] Jody Valdivia, came in and they got a few hits off of her," Clay said. "Brittany came in and struck out five batters. Another pitcher came in the next inning and struck out six. We had people playing really good defense. It was really a team effort, our win. Even though we didn't have many hits, everyone really participated."

The Irish next take the field when they face Western Michigan Tuesday at 6 p.m.

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MEN'S TENNIS

No. 25 Notre Dame defeats USF, Dayton

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The No. 25 Irish made quick work of two opponents Sunday, earning back-to-back victories over No. 50 South Florida and Dayton at home.

Notre Dame downed USF by a score of 6-1 with the only loss coming at No. 1 singles, where No. 73 Lucas Jovita defeated No. 58 Casey Watt 6-2, 7-6.

"Although Casey lost at No. 1, he showed a lot of courage by electing to play after an injury last week," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

Irish sophomore Spencer Talmadge and junior Niall Fitzgerald defeated Jamal Adderley and Jovita at No. 1 doubles, 8-3.

Senior Stephen Havens and junior Casey Watt defeated Roman Deridder and Yannick Yoshizawa by the same score.

Freshman Greg Andrews and senior Tyler Davis defeated Wael Kilani and Federico Sabogal 8-4 at No. 3 doubles.

"We jumped on them at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles and really never looked back, winning both," Bayliss said. "We made an adjustment at No. 1 when they handled our two-back formation better than we anticipated and got more aggressive and got into the net more on their serves."

Havens defeated Kilani 7-5, 7-5 at No. 2 singles, while senior Dan Stahl defeated Adderley 7-5, 6-3 at No. 3.

Andrews won easily at No. 4 singles against Yoshizawa, dropping only one game.

"In singles I certainly did not expect the domination we got from Greg Andrews

and Blas (Moros)," Bayliss said.

Moros, a sophomore, did not drop a game in his victory over Juan Carlos Acuna Gerard.

Fitzgerald was able to defeat Sabogal in the closest match of the day in three sets 6-2, 6-7, 1-0 at No. 5.

"We jumped on them at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles and really never looked back, winning both."

Bobby Bayliss
Irish coach

In the second match of the day the Irish easily defeated Dayton.

Senior David Anderson and Stahl topped Benton Benalcazar

and Andrew Hanley 8-0 at No. 1 doubles, while senior Matt Johnson and freshman Ryan Bandy defeated Alex Crum and Robert Salcedo 8-1 at No. 2 to clinch the doubles point.

Seniors Sean Tan and Bryan Kelly beat Sean Bandy and Sam Pecyna 8-1 at No. 3 doubles.

Davis earned a win at No. 4 singles over Crum 6-2, 6-1 to give the Irish an early 2-0 lead.

Moros was next off the court defeating Benalcazar 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2 singles.

Freshman Michael More

increased the Irish lead to 3-0 with a win at No. 5 singles,

Andrews rolled over Hanley, not dropping a game in his first appearance at the No. 1 position for the Irish.

Talmadge defeated Phillip Dresden 6-2, 6-0 to give the Irish a 6-0 lead, and Anderson defeated Pecyna 6-1, 6-2, to give the Irish the sweep.

Notre Dame will next travel to Ball State University to take on the Cardinals with first serve set for 2 p.m. in Muncie, Ind.

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out there. It was so impressive to watch him maintain his composure and perform on that level.”

Junior Reggie Bentley also performed strongly for the Irish in the foil, finishing in fifth place with a 16-7 record.

Senior sabre Avery Zuck just missed earning a gold medal of his own, falling in the championship bout by a single touch, 15-14. Zuck joined DeSmet as an All-American. Senior Barron Nydam, who finished with a 15-8 record, joined the two in the sabre.

Sophomore James Kaull and senior Brent Kelly both turned in solid performances in the men’s epee, finishing in 14th and 16th place respectively.

The women’s team competed over Saturday and Sunday. Hurley led the way with a 19-4 record while capturing her first NCAA individual gold in the epee and all-American honors.

“Courtney is an incredible fencer,” Zuck said. “She has

had success all over world, so we have come to expect this of her. She really deserved to win gold this weekend.”

Senior Ewa Nelip also competed in the epee, finishing with a 12-11 record.

With a 17-6 record, senior sabreist Eillen Hassett fenced her way to her first career top-four finish and a place as a first-team all-American. Sophomore Lian Osier also fenced sabre for Notre Dame, finishing in ninth place with a 12-11 record.

In the women’s foil, senior Haley Reese finished in eighth place with a 15-8 record, while freshman Rachel Beck rounded out the Notre Dame lineup with a 6-3 record, including the clinching win over Katherine Chou of Harvard. The freshman’s win — which closed out the championship — gave the Irish seniors the first national championship of their careers.

“Winning is unbelievable,” Zuck said. “After four years of being so close, with the goal just building up inside you, it was amazing to finally reach our goal this weekend.”

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MEN’S SWIMMING

Dyer becomes second Irish NCAA swimmer

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

Capping off his record-breaking first year on the Irish squad, freshman Frank Dyer competed in the NCAA Swimming Championships over the weekend, becoming only the second swimmer in Notre Dame’s history to do so.

Dyer, the first ever Irish freshman to qualify for the NCAA Championships, also recorded the highest ever finish for the Irish program in the meet when he placed 26th in the 200-meter freestyle. However, Dyer says that he doesn’t expect his new record to remain intact for any significant period of time.

“I am honored to be the highest [Irish] finisher at the meet,” Dyer said, “[However,] I know with the teammates that I have now and the incoming swimmers we have, 26th place will shortly be lowered to top eight at least.”

If Dyer’s prediction turns out to be accurate, he will most likely be the one to surpass his own previous best finish. In this year’s NCAA meet, Dyer swam the 100, 200 and 500-meter freestyles, placing 40th, 26th and 44th respectively overall. Dyer’s first swim of the Championships was the 500-meter freestyle, in which he recorded a time of 4:27.25. In February at the Big East Championships Dyer posted a time of 4:19.08 in the event, setting new records for Notre Dame and the conference as he became the 500-meter freestyle Big East Champion. Dyer, who was accompanied by his parents and coaches at the NCAA meet, says that he noticed the absence of his team’s support he received at the Big East meet.

“It was hard to go faster in the 500 after such an emotional event with my team behind me at Big East [Championships],” he said.

Despite any drop-off from previous performances, Dyer said he still found plenty to celebrate as he realized that his showing as a freshman signals a promising career at the NCAA Championships.

“I was very happy with my first NCAA meet,” Dyer said. “In my shorter distance events, I think I really set myself up nicely for NCAA meets in the future.”

More importantly for Dyer, the swimmer hopes that his performance at the NCAA Championships will serve as a model and learning experience for the entire Notre Dame team.

“My first season in college was for me to continue to keep doing what I had been doing to get to this point,” Dyer said. “But it was also an opportunity to see how much our team can improve. I want so badly for more members of our team to compete at the national level and I know we are just small steps away from it.”

Should more members of the Irish team be able to qualify for the NCAA Swimming Championships in the coming years, it would be a welcome sign for a Notre Dame program that has enjoyed considerable success recently under coach Tim Welsh. At the very least, it is likely Dyer will return much stronger in his sophomore year having gained both experience and motivation as he sets his sights on a national title.

“This meet was definitely an eye-opener,” Dyer said. “I have now seen the fastest, most competitive meet in college swimming and I want to put the work in to be as close to a national champion as I can be. Now, I’ll have to work on things in the off season to become a smarter, more focused swimmer in order to accomplish my goals.”

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BASEBALL

ND wins Georgetown series

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Sports Writers

Finally able to take to their home field for the first time all season, the Irish couldn’t have been happier — that is, until they won a three-game series against conference rival Georgetown to open Big East play.

The Irish (9-11-1, 2-1 Big East) snatched the first two games in the series by a combined total of two runs, while narrowly missing the sweep in Sunday afternoon’s 4-3 loss.

The Notre Dame bats got off to a fast start in Friday’s home opener, a 3-2 victory. The struggling Irish totaled eight hits, but it was senior right-hander Brian Dupra’s (2-2) stellar performance — no runs in 7.1 innings — that stole the show.

The scoring started early with sophomore second baseman Frank DeSico leading off the bottom of the first with a single to right field. The sophomore then proceeded to steal second and scored on a fielding error by Hoyas sophomore left fielder Paul Bello.

After Georgetown reliever Michael Seander walked two straight batters to load the bases in the bottom of the ninth of the 2-2 game, DeSico drew the game-winning walk to break Notre Dame’s four-game winless stretch.

The Irish were up 2-0 entering the seventh before a dropped fly ball by senior right fielder Herman Petzold put the leadoff man on base. The Hoyas (16-9, 1-2) then followed with consecutive extra-base hits — a RBI dou-

ble by sophomore shortstop Mike Garza and a RBI triple by junior right fielder Rand Ravnaas — to tie the game at 2-2.

Petzold added a two-out RBI single in the sixth, displaying the timely hitting that Irish coach Mik Aoki hopes the team can continue.

“[The offense] is a work-in-progress,” Aoki said. “It’s not where we would like it to be, but I know that the guys are working. Our offense just needs to take advantage of opportunities. Sometimes it’s just one timely hit that makes it all go.”

Offense was not much of a factor in Saturday afternoon’s 1-0 shutout win. Senior starter Cole Johnson (2-4) carried the Irish, only giving up five hits while striking out six in eight innings. Johnson has not received run support since the Irish’s 19-2 rout over Purdue Feb. 19 as the offense has only totaled seven runs in his last four starts combined.

Yet all the right-hander needed was the sole run — produced by a double by senior shortstop Mick Doyle in the fourth inning — as he masterfully pitched his way through the potent Georgetown offense on 106 pitches.

“I did a good job of competing and throwing strikes that led to a little contact but the defense played well,” Johnson said. “One run was enough. Today the pitching staff had to carry the offense but I guarantee somewhere down the road we will win a [high-scoring] game led by the offense.”

Freshman right-hander Dan Slania sealed the shutout with a seven-pitch scoreless ninth.

The Irish missed out on a sweep on Sunday, as a strike out by freshman center fielder Eric Jagielo with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning gave Georgetown a 4-3 win. Senior right hander Todd Miller (2-2) took the loss despite turning in a gritty 6.1 innings pitched, giving up four earned runs after being struck by a first-inning line drive on his pitching hand.


“That was a huge gut-check outing for [Miller],” Aoki said. “He gets smoked by that line drive on his pitching hand in the first inning and he guts it through ... He doesn’t say a word, he just goes out there and grinds, that was an absolute gut-check.”

The game was a back-and-forth affair, with a two-run single from Bello in the top of the seventh providing the go-ahead runs for Georgetown after Notre Dame had gone ahead 2-1 on a two-run home run from freshman first baseman Trey Mancini. Though the Irish put up a fight in their last at-bat, they could not get the timely hit to complete the sweep.

“They put four runs on the board with six hits. When it comes down to it, they got the timely hits,” Aoki said. “The guys just need to relax, I think we’re pressing a little bit in those situations.”

Notre Dame will send freshman left-hander Anthony McIver to the mound Monday in a make-up game against Illinois-Chicago at 5:35 p.m.

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assists, and senior forward Devereux Peters added 17 points and 13 rebounds. The Irish (28-7) outthrust the Sooners (23-11) on the glass, outrebounding Oklahoma 47 to 24.

“We got absolutely demoralized on the boards,” Sooners coach Sherri Coale said. “They were the better team. There’s no doubt about it.”

Mallory scored Notre Dame’s first nine points of the game, hitting consecutive 3-pointers to push the Irish out to an early lead. The Sooners remained within reach until a 21-2 Irish run gave the squad a 34-17 lead heading into the break.

Peters and junior guard Natalie Novosel combined for 11 points during the first-half run, as Notre Dame capitalized on 14 Oklahoma turnovers.

“I thought our defense was outstanding,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “I thought we did a really great job of guarding the 3-point line, which was one of our primary concerns. We wanted to be able to rebound and run, and we certainly did that. [Junior guard] Fraderica Miller may be the unsung hero of the game.”

Notre Dame’s bench outscored Oklahoma’s 16-2, as Miller’s 18 minutes proved to be the biggest of her career. Tasked with guarding Oklahoma’s leading scorer, senior guard Danielle Robinson, Miller held Robinson to 16 points, two below her season average.

“She brings great energy to our team,” McGraw said. “I think everybody gets a little bit excited watching the matchup. [Miller] was able to get out and really put some pressure on the ball-handler, which really keyed the rest of our

defense. I thought she was a huge key to the win.”

Diggins said the team played with an intensity that stemmed from last year’s loss to the Sooners in the same round.

“I’m not going to act like last year’s game wasn’t at the front of my mind the whole 40 minutes,” she said. “All I wanted to do was score and I wanted to set my teammates up in a position to do so.”

With the win, Notre Dame will play No. 1 seed Tennessee (33-2) Monday in the regional final.

It is the first time the Irish have played in the Elite Eight since 2001, Notre Dame’s first and only championship season.

The last time Notre Dame played Tennessee was in the 2008 NCAA tournament, when the Volunteers topped the Irish 74-64 in the regional semifinals on their way to the most recent of their eight national championships. Notre Dame is 0-20 against Tennessee all-time.

“We know the history between the two programs, with two hall of fame coaches,” Diggins said at a press conference in Dayton Sunday. “It’s going to be a great game. ... We’re obviously looking to break that [losing streak].”

Senior forward Becca Bruszewski, who injured her left knee during the Irish win, was not cleared for practice Sunday and will be a game-time decision, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

“We hope we can use her a little bit tomorrow but her knee’s pretty sore,” McGraw said. “Obviously we need her in there with her toughness. I think she’s going to want to play.”

Notre Dame and Tennessee are scheduled to tip off at 7 p.m. The game will be broadcast on ESPN.

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Crist

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team, and it’s not about one person.”

Rees echoed Crist’s sentiments.

“We understand that the best player’s going to play,” Rees said. “We want what’s best for the team, so we support each other 100 percent.”

Crist seemed to have the early advantage during practice, wearing the “helmet cam,” taking snaps first, and generally looking the most confident, collected and mistake-free. Rees was also mistake-free, but didn’t attempt any big plays, while Hendrix was inconsistent. It was Golson, however, who showed flashes of brilliance followed by freshman mistakes.

Golson made the play of the day during seven-on-seven drills, firing a 35-yard fade pass down the opposite sideline into his receiver’s hands and drawing applause from the 1,000 coaches gathered for the Notre Dame coaching clinic. On his very next snap, however, Golson misread the defense and threw an interception that was nowhere close to his intended receiver.

Rees said that despite his youth, he already sees himself as a mentor to the younger gunslingers.

“They come to me like I’ve been here a while, but it’s only my second spring,” he said. “It’s been a lot of fun working with those guys.”

Kelly’s second year of spring practice had a different feel, both to players and to the coach himself.

“We had to move so quickly in year one that we didn’t have the time to do the things we’re doing,” Kelly



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Early enrollee quarterback Everett Golson takes a practice repetition as offensive coordinator Charley Molnar watches.

said. “We’re drilling a lot deeper, we’re spending a lot more time with our players. That’s where we are. It’s the natural progression of being in year two.”

“It’s really like night and day,” Crist said. “It’s a great positive seeing we’ve come that far in this period of time and this spring it’s about taking it to the next level.”

Nowhere was the squad’s enthusiasm more evident than in the practice-ending three-on-three drills, which featured a game-like level of intensity.

“I want tough guys on the field, gentlemen off the field,” Kelly said. “We want toughness. We want guys that want to compete. We saw that today. We know where that line is. There weren’t guys taking their helmets off and throwing them at each other. Our guys know what that edge is and they’ve got to carry a little bit of edge when they play.”

The practice was not entirely positive, however. Sophomore running back Cameron Roberson went down with what appeared to

be a knee injury early in practice and had to be carted off the field.

“We didn’t like the way it looked, so they’re going to have to send him for an MRI,” Kelly said. “I never like hearing that news. We’ll know something probably on Monday.”

Roberson’s injury leaves the Irish with only two scholarship running backs, junior Cierre Wood and senior Jonas Gray.

Former Florida coach Urban Meyer was also present at practice as part of the coaching clinic. In an encouraging sign for the defensive line, Kelly said Meyer was impressed by some of the younger members of the defensive front.

“[Meyer]’s looking back going, ‘Boy, we would have loved to have had those guys [freshman Louis Nix and early enrollees Aaron Lynch and Ishaq Williams] at Florida,’” Kelly said. “That’s a good sign when you have those kinds of guys out on the field.”

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TRACK AND FIELD

Notre Dame participates in first outdoor event

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

In Notre Dame’s first outdoor competition of the season, the Irish participated in the Stanford Invitational, Alabama Relays and Arizona State Invitational over the weekend and had solid performances at each competition.

The Irish only sent the women’s and men’s 800-meter runners to the Stanford Invitational. The team’s trip west to Palo Alto, Calif. was highlighted by senior Jack Howard’s second-place finish in the first section with a time of 1:51.22 and Rebecca Tracy’s second-place finish in the women’s fourth section with a time of 2:09.32.

Senior Kevin Labus, who finished with a time of 1:51.60 and earned him a second-place finish in the third section of the 800-meter at the Stanford Invitational, said he sees good things ahead for the team’s outdoor season.

“I was happy with my race,” Labus said. “While fast times were not particularly important for this meet, I thought we competed very well against some great competition. We should shape up to have a good season.”

Notre Dame only sent multi-event athletes to the Alabama Relays. If their weekend per-

formance in Tuscaloosa, Ala. was a forerunner for the outdoor season, then the Irish are in for a successful season from their multi-event athletes.

Senior Justin Schneider finished in second place in the men’s decathlon with a total of 6,909 points. Junior Maddie Buttinger held her own and tallied 3,035 points in the heptathlon, which earned her a third place finish. Buttinger finished 303 points behind eventual winner Kaylon Eppinger of Alabama.

The Irish sprinters, throwers and jumpers competed at the Arizona State Invitational where their trip was highlighted by senior Denes Veres’ performance in the shot put. Veres came in first place with a 17.50-meter throw.

Senior Rudy Atang came in third place in the women’s shot put with a throw of 15.69 meters.

Other notable performances in Tempe, Ariz. were junior Doug Onuscheck’s fourth-place finish in the high jump with a 2.05 meter jump, senior Jasmine Williams’ fifth-place finish in the women’s triple jump with a leap of 11.43 meters and freshman Michelle Brown’s seventh-place finish in the women’s 200-meter dash with a time of 24.89.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish suffer close defeat

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

No. 17 Notre Dame returns to South Bend on the heels of another agonizing loss. The latest setback came Sunday at the hands of Hofstra in come-from-behind fashion,

Tied at six early in the second frame, a trio of Irish goals — including two just 17 seconds apart from senior captain Shaylyn Blaney — pushed the score to 9-6 in favor of Notre Dame (3-5). The score remained the same for the next 16 minutes of play until the Pride (4-5) began a streak of four unanswered goals to slip by Notre Dame 10-9.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne said the defeat frustrated her team, especially since Notre Dame has become familiar with the pain of a close loss. The Irish have also dropped one-goal decisions to Cornell and Stanford this season.

“This one hurts because we were winning with seven minutes left in the game and we let it slip away,” Coyne said. “That’s disappointing. Going in to halftime with a lead, just like against Cornell

last week, and losing is just very disappointing.”

Though different circumstances have toppled the Irish in each of their losses, Coyne said all close games require a certain confidence that her team hasn’t found yet.

“When push comes to shove at the end of the game, you have to want it,” she said. “You have to want the ball. I guess we’re just struggling to find that inner-confidence.”

Offensive inconsistency again plagued the Irish, as they dominated the Pride on draw controls 15-6 and outshot them 27-17, but went the last 20 minutes without a goal. Coyne said she would have liked to see her team be more calculating with their possessions.

“I wanted us to possess,” she said. “We don’t have to always be shooting. It’s just like in football — if the offense goes three and out every time, the defense is going to constantly be on the field. You have to give your defenders a break, and I think we could have handled our possessions better in order to do that”.

With a sub-par start to the season, Coyne said the team has to rely on the example set by senior captains Blaney and Jackie Doherty.

“Shaylyn and Jackie have been outstanding,” Coyne said. “I don’t feel like everyone is matching their intensity. It’s not like the kids don’t want it. I think it just comes down to an execution of the fundamentals. In general we did a lot of things well. On paper we’re better in a lot of areas, we just aren’t getting it done.”

With Big East play beginning on Friday, Coyne said her team hopes to turn its season around during a new season of sorts.

“We had a ton of alumni and parents here for the game and they all said the same things about conference play,” she said. “It’s a whole new ballgame. I feel like we can get a fresh start and a fresh perspective and turn this thing around.”

The Irish return to action on Friday as they host Rutgers at Arlotta Stadium. The game begins at 7 p.m.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish open Big East play with win over Rutgers



Irish senior Edison Parzanese carries the ball during Notre Dame's 8-7 win over Ohio State March 23.

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

The No. 3 Irish opened Big East play Sunday with an 8-3 victory over Rutgers, as Notre Dame shut down the Scarlet Knights in arguably the team's best overall performance of the season.

It only took 30 seconds for the Irish (6-0) to light up the scoreboard, as senior midfielder David Earl gave Notre Dame the early lead. The Scarlet Knights (5-3) were a man-up when they tied the game at one midway through the first quarter. A Rutgers penalty then opened the door for Notre Dame to regain the lead with a second Earl goal less than 20 seconds later.

Entering the second quarter with a 4-2 Irish lead, both Notre Dame and Rutgers were held scoreless for the next 15 minutes. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said the Scarlet Knights had possession of the ball for the majority of the quarter, but the Irish defense prevented Rutgers from scoring.

"They were content to play a lot of offense without putting pressure on us," Corrigan said. "What that means is that it's really hard to get the ball unless we were willing to go out and get the ball from them, and that's not how we play. When we did [have the ball], we had some good possessions that we didn't take advantage of, but we didn't have a lot of them."

Junior attack Nicholas Beattie and senior attack Colin Igoe helped the Irish pull away during the third quarter, giving the squad a 6-3 lead heading into the final quarter. Igoe and sophomore attack Ryan Foley tacked on two additional goals in the fourth quarter, sealing the 8-3 Irish victory.

"What makes us tough to beat is we have a lot of guys who can make plays," Earl said. "We definitely have standout players, but our team doesn't have guys who put up a lot of numbers. I think it's a strength for us that a lot of guys contribute and make plays because it makes it hard for other teams to prepare for us."

After playing a key role in an 8-7 win over Ohio State on Mar. 23, junior attack Sean Rogers once again led the Irish offensively, recording four total points on one goal and three assists. Corrigan said Rogers has discovered his

role as one of the many leaders on the Irish squad.

"Sean has really kind of become our quarterback, and I credit that to him," Corrigan said. "He's really done a nice job of making a variety of nice plays now. He's a good feeder, he cuts around the corners well, he has a good sense of the game and he does a nice job of recognizing when we want to be aggressive and when we want to lay off of the ball. He has really matured and improved during his years here."

Rogers emphasized the role of the team as a whole in scoring and said his teammates have worked together to make plays this season.

"The biggest difference is we're playing as a unit this year, and it just so happens that I've been put in a position to make plays," Rogers said. "Guys look to me at times, and it just so happens that I've been able to make some plays early on in the season."

Entering Sunday's game, Irish opponents had scored an average of 6.4 goals per game, but Notre Dame's defense stepped up and held the Scarlet Knights to just three. The Irish cleared the ball successfully in all 16 attempts.

"Our defense is really strong," Earl said. "We didn't make too many mistakes. Overall, we played four quarters [of] just consistent, good decision-making defense. It energizes us when we don't give up those goals."

The Irish picked up more ground balls than the Scarlet Knights [18-17], and they also won the turnover battle [12-15]. Corrigan said the performance by the Irish was reflective of their undefeated record for the first time this season.

"I thought it was probably our most complete game of the season," Corrigan said. "We played well in pretty much every aspect. We cleared the ball well. We played good offense and defense. We were opportunistic but pretty efficient offensively. We still need to finish the ball in some opportunities we get, but we're getting better."

The Irish return to action Saturday at 1 p.m. when they host Villanova at Arlotta Stadium.

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goalie Matt Di Girolamo.

Maday gave the Irish a 2-0 lead at the tail end of the second period. With time ticking down, Sheahan fed Maday at the left side of the Wildcat net. Maday moved the puck from skate to stick and lifted a backhand over Di Girolamo at 19:55 of the middle stanza.

"I saw Riley had the puck and I saw an opportunity to go to the net," Maday said. "[Sheahan] made a great pass and I was able to put it in."

Both goals came after prolonged bouts of New Hampshire attack, and Maday attributed his team's ability to bounce back to its cool demeanor.

"We recognize there's a lot of little plays on the ice and we can't get overexcited or down no matter what happens," Maday said.

From there, it was all about clamping down on defense. Even though Johnson was the star in net, he said his teammates' work on defense made his job easy.

"I have to credit [my teammates]," Johnson said. "They were unbelievable tonight with the back pressure."

New Hampshire's Mike Sislo cut Notre Dame's lead in half with a goal at 13:37 of the final period. The Wildcats had a golden opportunity to tie the score with a power play at 4:03 remaining in the third, but the Irish penalty kill rose to the challenge. A penalty to New Hampshire's Mike Beck with less than two minutes remaining prevented the Wildcats from taking advantage of an extra attacker in the final minutes, and Notre Dame held on for the win.

"[Notre Dame's defense was]



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Irish freshman forward Anders Lee looks for the puck during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over New Hampshire Sunday.

great all weekend," Sislo said. "Their whole team made it tough to get it on net and when we did [Johnson] did a great job of putting it in the corner or sucking it up."

The trip to the Frozen Four seems unlikely for a team that just last weekend was outscored by a combined score of 10-4 in two games against Miami (Ohio) and Michigan at the CCHA Championship at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

Jackson said he talked with Notre Dame sports psychologist Mick Franco over the week about how to properly prepare his exceptionally young team to play on the big stage.

"As I've said all season, especially the last half, it's been a work in progress with so many young guys," Jackson said. "How they prepare themselves to play, how they get ready."

Maday said he thought Notre Dame's struggles a week ago gave the team the wake-up call it needed.

"Losing two games at Joe Louis Arena was an eye opener," Maday said. "And I think

we realized we didn't want our season to end."

For Irish seniors Calle Ridderwall, Ben Ryan and Ryan Guentzel, the trip to the Frozen Four will be a matter of finishing what they started their freshman year. In 2008 — the only other time the Irish have advanced to the Frozen Four — they lost to Boston College in the national championship game.

"It's special, definitely," Ridderwall said. "Starting college with a Frozen Four and then staying until your senior year and being in the same position. It's definitely very exciting and I think if we keep our eyes on the prize we can do anything in the Frozen Four."

The Irish will have a week off before traveling to Saint Paul, Minn. to take on Minnesota-Duluth on April 7 with a spot in the national championship game on the line.

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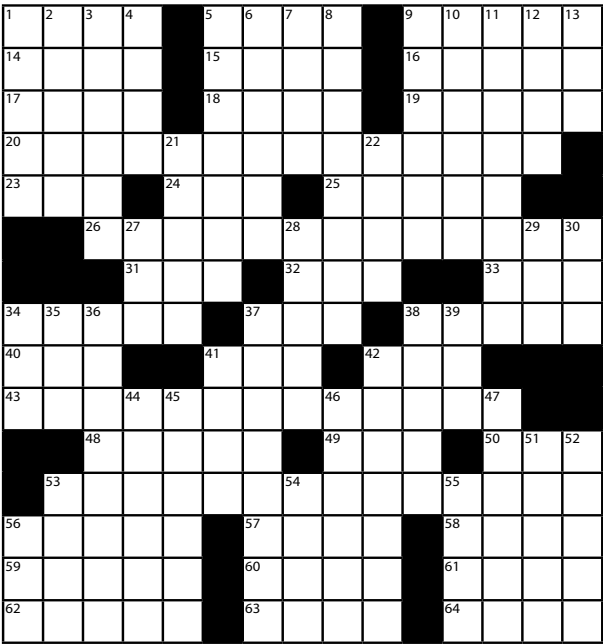
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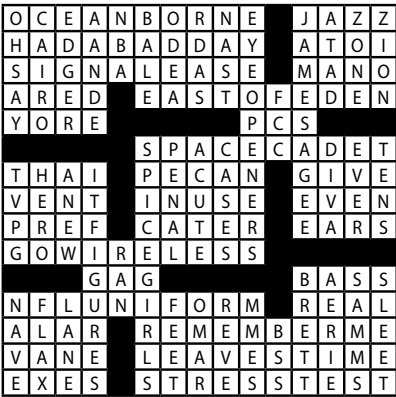
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Happy Birthday: Overreacting or overspending will be your downfall. As long as you stick to your budget, you will be fine. Discipline will be required and, if maintained, can lead to new beginnings that will set the stage for a prosperous year. There is no room for error when it comes to money. Your numbers are 6, 14, 24, 28, 32, 34, 45

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It's time to shake things up a little in order to stop stagnating. Be careful not to neglect to follow the rules or someone will point out your mistake. Speak from the heart -- truth is the only way to find out where you stand. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may feel at odds regarding what you should do for others. Don't get mixed up because you feel obligated or guilty about what's required. Give only what you feel comfortable with. No one will fault you for that. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be inclined to argue or take things the wrong way. Try putting your needs aside and focusing on pleasing the people you love. Now is not the time to be selfish, moody or difficult. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Give a little, take a little and plan your day around events that will give you insight into what is required to make life better. Simple financial changes can ease your stress and help you move toward a brighter future. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do something that counts. Volunteer your time to children or seniors who need a hand and you will feel satisfaction and get some worthwhile ideas on offering a service that will help you out financially. Don't limit the possibilities. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be drawn to troublemakers and must protect what you have and want to keep from those looking to take advantage of you. Indulgence and uncertainty will lead to problems with those who care about your well-being. Be honest with yourself and the people you love. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Explain your intentions and what you have done in the past that will help you turn an idea you have into a lucrative endeavor. The sky is the limit if you follow through. Networking will pay off and help you build confidence. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take better care of your physical well-being. Too much of anything can be a bad thing. Create a space to practice your hobbies or to build something that will help your financial situation. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You won't be seeing too clearly, especially when dealing with friends, relatives and neighbors. Take a step back and give everyone else a chance to voice his or her opinion. Don't let a last-minute change upset your plans. ★★

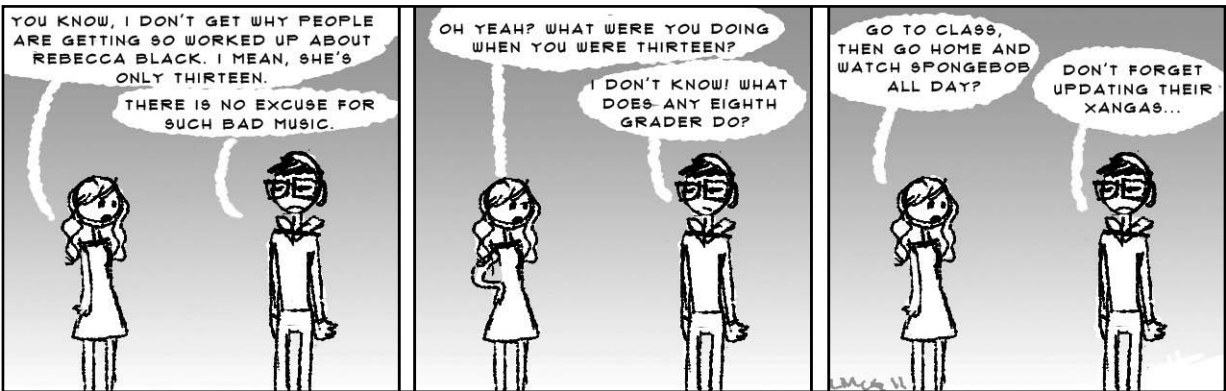
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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put personal and physical power behind whatever you do to help others but don't jeopardize your own well-being. Running out of steam will cause uncertainty. Make your contribution worthwhile. ★★★★★

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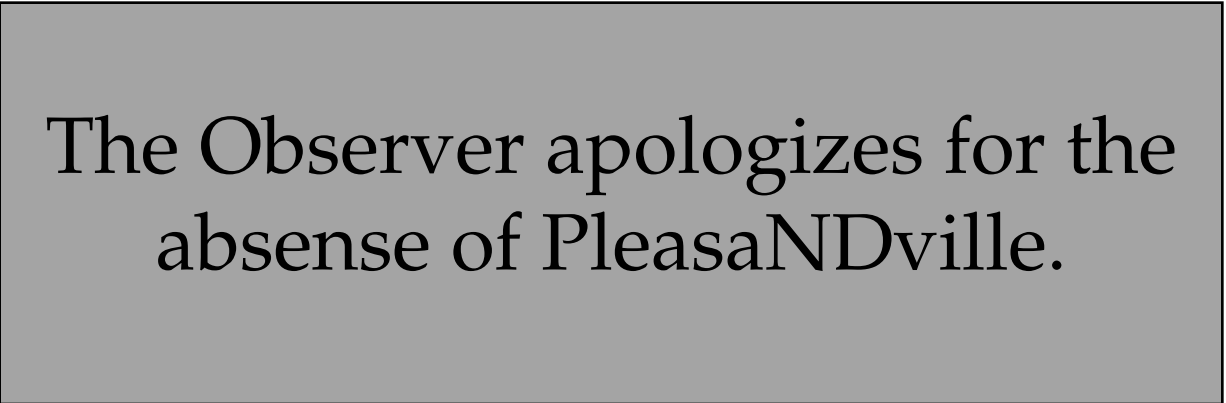
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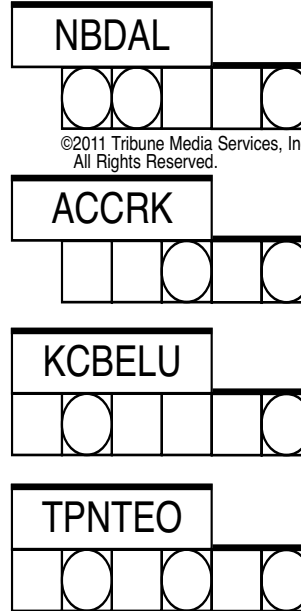
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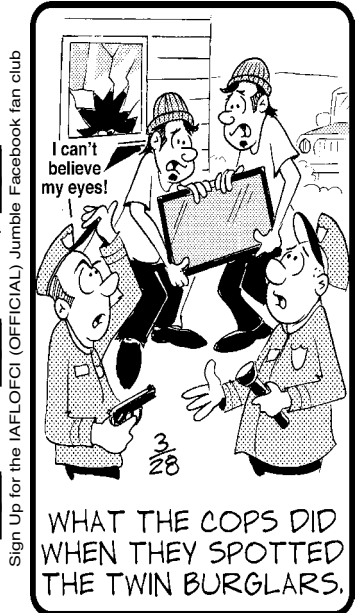
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FENCING

First in fencing

Irish claim program's eighth national title by passing Penn State

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

For some collegiate programs, winning championships ceases to be a goal and becomes an expectation. Notre Dame's fencing program is one of those programs — by winning their eighth national championship and third under Irish coach Janusz Bednarski Sunday, the Irish fencers fulfilled not a goal, but an expectation.

"We didn't just talk about winning a championship this year, we expected it," said senior sabreist Avery Zuck.

The Irish finished with 174 points, besting two-time defending champion Penn State by six points. The championship was Notre Dame's first since 2005. Freshman foilist Ariel DeSmet and junior epeeist Courtney Hurley won gold medals, which marked the first time the Irish captured both a men's and women's gold in the same year. While the Irish have talented rosters year in and year out, DeSmet said this year's team had a special feel.

"When I came in this year, being a freshman I didn't realize what we had,"



Notre Dame celebrates after it won the fencing national championship Sunday in Columbus, Ohio. The Irish topped defending champion Penn State by six points.

DeSmet said. "As the year continued and I began to see the talent on this team, I knew that we would really have a great shot to win it."

Zuck saw Notre Dame's breakthrough as a function of its senior-laden roster.

"This year we were stacked with seniors who have been

there before," he said. "We never panicked or got down on ourselves, but still understood how important every single bout is."

The tournament, held in Columbus, Ohio, began Thursday when the men took the stripe for the first two days of the competition.

Freshman Ariel DeSmet led the men's squad with an 18-5 record and a gold medal in the foil competition and earning first team all-American honors.

"Ariel is unbelievable," Zuck said "He left everything

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FOOTBALL

QB battle continues to heat up

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Editor

If there was one conclusion to be made from Saturday's practice inside the Loftus Sports Center, it was that the quarterback competition is far from settled. Junior Dayne Crist, freshmen Tommy Rees and Andrew Hendrix and early enrollee Everett Golson all participated equally in quarterback drills — just as Irish coach Brian Kelly drew it up.

"I've never scripted this way before. I'm scripting for four quarterbacks," Kelly said. "It's been pretty good overall. I like the four quarterbacks that we have. I wanted to work with four. We're working with four, and I think we're getting better every day."

Crist, the five-star recruit with the most experience, understands and appreciates his role — a role that is not well-defined.

"You don't come to college given things. We've all talked about it as a quarterback group," Crist said. "We're all going to push each other and make each other better. At the end of the day, it's our

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ND to face Tennessee for spot in Final Four



MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observer

Notre Dame reacts to its Sweet Sixteen 78-53 victory over Oklahoma Saturday.

By CHRIS MASOUD and LAURA MYERS
Sports Writers

DAYTON, Ohio — Revenge is regarded as a dish best served cold, but Brittany Mallory missed the memo.

The senior guard buried six 3-pointers and finished with a game-high 20 points, as Notre Dame rolled by Oklahoma 78-53 to advance to the regional finals of

the NCAA tournament. The Irish fell to the Sooners in overtime in the 2010 regional finals.

"In the first two rounds, I hadn't hit a three," Mallory said. "Coming in, I just had to forget about that and just say I'm going to keep shooting. I knew they would eventually fall."

Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins dished out a Notre Dame NCAA tournament record 12

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HOCKEY

Irish advance to Frozen Four

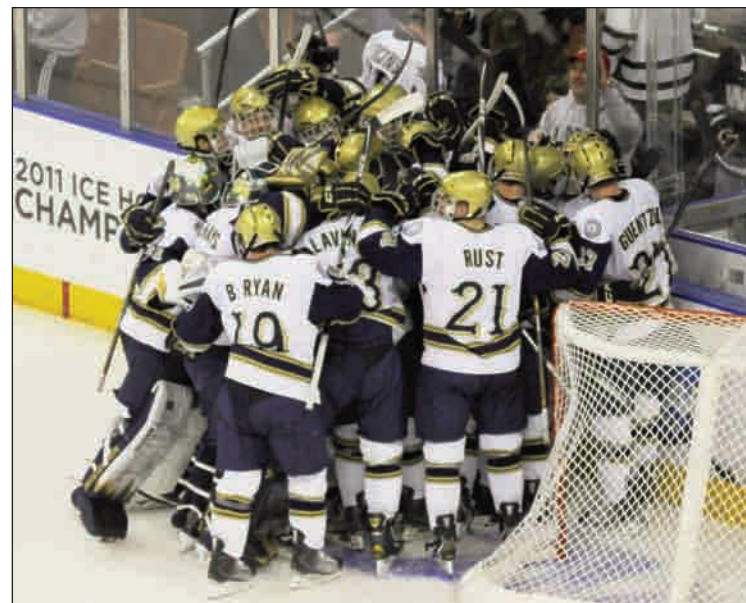
By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

MANCHESTER, N.H. — For just the second time in the program's 43-year history, Notre Dame will play on college hockey's biggest stage.

The Irish defeated New Hampshire 2-1 Sunday in the Northeast Regional final to advance to the 2011 Frozen Four and a date with Minnesota-Duluth in the national semifinals.

"We are thrilled to death," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "With this group, being so young ... I credit the leaders and the bond they created amongst themselves. It's an exciting opportunity and we're very much looking forward to it."

Freshman defenseman Stephen Johns and junior right wing Billy Maday lit the lamp for the Irish, both on assists from sophomore center Riley Sheahan, while sophomore netminder Mike Johnson buoyed Notre Dame with 37 saves. Johns, Maday and Johnson — along with freshman left wing Anders Lee — were named to the all-regional



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

The Irish storm the ice after their 2-1 win over New Hampshire Sunday, which sent them to the Frozen Four.

team, and Johnson was named the regional's most outstanding player.

"Michael's biggest challenge is he wants to do well so bad that he ends up thinking about it too much," Jackson said. "It's more about just getting into the game and stopping the puck. You don't think during the game, you just play, and

tonight he just played."

The Irish jumped out to a 1-0 lead at 7:26 of the opening period. After a flurry of New Hampshire pressure, the Irish countered the other way. Sheahan fed Johns at the left point, and the freshman fired a laser that beat New Hampshire

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