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ND, SMC collaborate to 'Take Back the Night'

Community members unite in solidarity against sexual violence, promote healing during national event

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY and
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News Writers

Members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities joined together for the first time Thursday as a "point of light" in the Take Back the Night (TBTN) campaign against sexual violence.

Elizabeth Moriarty, assistant director of the Notre Dame Gender Relations Center (GRC), and Connie Adams, assistant director of the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO), said the event

is an opportunity for students and faculty to take a stand against all forms of sexual violence.

"The primary aim of the event is to offer a space for survivors of sexual assault to have a voice, to shine their light into the darkness of violence," Adams said. "It is critical for all members of our community to support those impacted by violence and to have a presence showing our commitment to prevent this violence from happening in our community."

Take Back the Night (TBTN) began in Philadelphia in 1975 to unite people against

abuse, sexual assault and rape. The event spread to thousands of universities and crisis centers around the country.

Moriarty said Notre Dame held the event in years past, but this year the University will co-host TBTN with Saint Mary's. The Take Back the Night Foundation requested Notre Dame and Saint Mary's joint event as one of its "10 Points of Light" last fall.

"This is our first year as a 'point of light,' but we've observed Take Back the Night the past few years,"

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ASHLEY DACY / The Observer

Students pray for victims of sexual assault during a candlelight vigil at the Grotto as part of Take Back the Night Thursday evening.

Students celebrate London wedding in royal fashion



English patriots set up camp in front of Westminster Abbey in London in the hopes of witnessing part of the royal wedding.

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Editor

Freshman Kate Fox will sport a "Team Kate" t-shirt Friday morning as Kate Middleton and Prince William tie the knot at Westminster Abbey in London.

Fox said she and her friends will watch the wedding as it is broadcasted from London at 5 a.m. eastern time Friday morning.

"We are going to get up and get tea and cookies for crumpets and watch [the wedding] here in my room," Fox said. "Fox said her mother sent

her the "Team Kate" t-shirt for Kate Middleton and a book about the royal couple before the wedding.

"My mom really likes Princess Diana," she said. "And I have always really liked her too. She especially did so much with AIDS and helped a lot of people. I think she was amazing, and obviously her boys are very cute too."

Fox said her enthusiasm for the royal wedding motivated her friends to make plans to wake up early as well.

"I've gotten my friends into it," she said. "I overheard my roommate telling her mom

we were going to watch it. They were all making fun of me, but now they are into it."

Senior Anne Reser said she would also sip tea and enjoy breakfast while watching the wedding ceremony with friends.

A royal wedding is a historic moment, Reser said.

"My mom watched [Princess] Diana get married," she said.

However, Reser said her interest is more on the ceremony itself rather than the royal family.

"I am just really interested

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NDSP investigating reported sexual battery

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is encouraging students with any information about the sexual battery reported near Saint Mary's Lake late Wednesday evening to contact investigators immediately, NDSP director Phil Johnson said.

"We are trying to reach out to anyone who may have been walking around Saint Mary's Lake, the area of the Grotto, Holy Cross Hill, anywhere around the lake, between about 9:30 p.m. and a little bit after 10 p.m. on Wednesday evening," Johnson said.

Johnson said students with any

information regarding the sexual assault should contact Capt. David Dosmann at (574) 631-8430.

NDSP is currently investigating a sexual battery reported to campus police after a Saint Mary's student was assaulted on the path between Holy Cross Hill and Holy Cross Drive. Police reported the suspects were two white males approximately 5'10" who were wearing dark clothing.

Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students were informed of the incident late Wednesday via email.

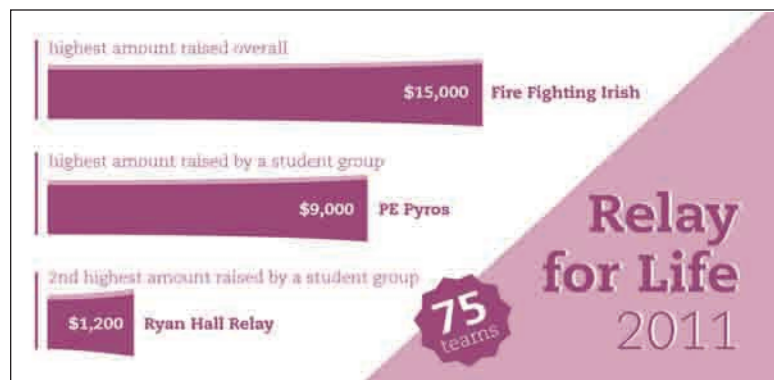
"[The assault] continues to be actively investigated," Johnson said.

Campus to relay for cure

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

About 75 teams of students, faculty and staff will last from sunset to sunrise in Notre Dame Stadium during Notre Dame's seventh annual Relay for Life, which supports the American Cancer Society (ACS) and will offer free food and a variety of events from 6 p.m. until 9 a.m. Saturday.

"Support of the 2011 event plays an important role in furthering the American Cancer Society's mission of eliminating cancer through research, education, advocacy and patient services," said



BRANDON KEELEAN / Observer Graphic

Lori Chaney, Notre Dame's Relay for Life fundraising coordinator. "Our current goals are to help improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their families,

as well as to reduce cancer mortality by 50 percent and incidence by 25 percent by 2015."

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU GOING TO THE FISHER REGATTA OR MUDDY SUNDAY?



Jenny Li

junior
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“Muddy
Sunday.”



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junior
off-campus

“Fisher
Regatta.”



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junior
Dillon

“Muddy
Sunday.”



Jeff Steimle

senior
Keenan

“Muddy
Sunday.”



Kyndrea Head

junior
Farley

“Both.”



Gabe Pham

senior
Morrissey

“Neither —
Once as a
freshman was
good enough.”

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com



SARAH O’CONNOR/The Observer

Notre Dame men’s basketball coach Mike Brey watches Bookstore Basketball games Tuesday night. There are currently eight teams left in the tournament.

OFFBEAT

DUI suspect picks up fast food before arrest

NORTH ROYALTON, Ohio — Police in Ohio say a woman insisted on picking up some fast food before she allowed an officer to charge her with drunken driving.

The Plain Dealer newspaper of Cleveland reports police in suburban North Royalton got a call about a car weaving and going off a road at a little after 1 a.m. earlier this month. A patrolman tracked the vehicle to the drive-thru of a Taco Bell restaurant and pulled up alongside.

The police report says the driver had sunglasses on and her speech was slurred. She was ordered to get out of the line, but first she proceeded to the second win-

dow to grab her order.

Lucy Brown steals coveted canine title

DES MOINES, Iowa — Iowa bulldog Lucy Brown’s slobber, sloth and bloodshot eyes helped the precocious pup grab the greatest crown a drooling canine can ever dream of.

The 3-year-old from Johnston, with a squat stance and slobber to spare, bested 49 dogs Monday to be named this year’s “Beautiful Bulldog” for the Drake Relays in Iowa.

“She just thinks that the world goes around her. You know, Queen Lucy,” said Nancy Brown, Lucy’s owner, adding that the royal crown befits her beloved dog. “This is over the top.”

Lucy Brown will make a series of public appearances and serve as the mascot for the 102nd Drake Relays, the prestigious track and field meet that starts Thursday at Drake Stadium.

Officials use the term “beautiful” loosely for the tongue-in-cheek pageant, now in its 32nd year. Judges really are looking for the most adorably hideous bulldogs they can find, and perennially 50 of them show up to strut their stuff.

“They’re looking for that bulldog that is patient, that folks can come by and they can pet him and not get disruptive,” said master of ceremonies Dolph Pulliam.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

There will be a **Bike Fest** today from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. in front of the **Rockne Memorial Gymnasium** on **South Quad**. The purpose is to raise awareness of biking at Notre Dame and to prepare bikes for the summer.

The seventh annual **Notre Dame Relay for Life: Fightin’ Irish, Fightin’ Cancer** to benefit the **American Cancer Society** will take place at **Notre Dame Stadium** today at 6:30 p.m. until tomorrow at 9 a.m. Activities will include a silent auction, Zumba, chair massages, fireworks and games.

PEMCO will present its revue, “**Bring Me a Dream**” today at 7:30 p.m. in the **Washington Hall Lab Theatre**. Tickets are \$3. There will also be a performance tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the **Washington Hall Lab Theatre**.

Students from the **FTT 31006 Directing: Process** class will present **original plays and published dramatic literature** today at 7:30 p.m. in the **Philbin Studio Theatre** of the **DeBartolo Performing Arts Center**. The event is **free but ticketed**. Call 574-631-2800 for tickets.

The **Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra** will present its **spring concert** today from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the **DeBartolo Performing Arts Center**. The concert will feature Mahler’s “Symphony no. 1” and Debussy’s “Prelude to Afternoon of a Faun.” Ticket prices range from \$3 to \$6 and can be purchased at performingarts.nd.edu

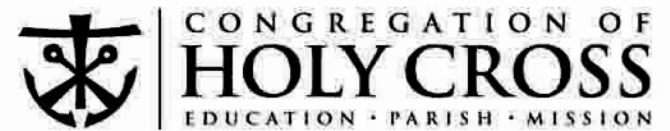
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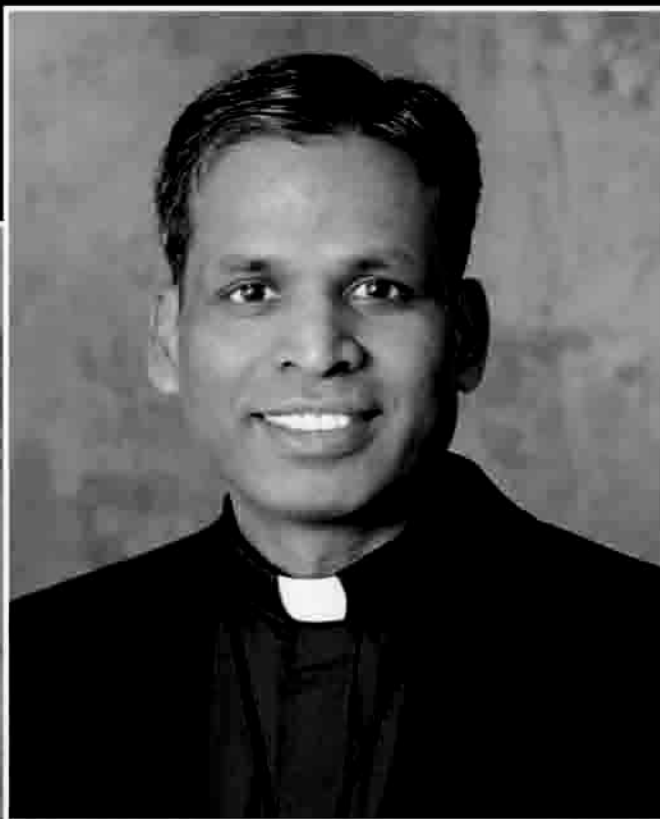
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Professor reflects on freedom conflict in Syria



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Syrian protestors storm the Syrian embassy in Cairo, Egypt, during a protest against the ongoing violence in Syria Tuesday.

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

Conflict in Syria continues to intensify as peaceful protesters campaigning for freedom face excessive violence from president Bashar al-Assad's dictatorial regime, said Emad Shahin, professor of religion, conflict and peacebuilding at the Kroc Institute.

"These peaceful demonstrators were met by a crackdown on the part of Assad's regime," Shahin said. "The police applied very oppressive and brutal measures against them ranging from detentions, arrests, torture and of course firing live ammunition and bullets against them in order to quell them."

Shahin said Syrian dissenters have similar goals as those of revolutionaries from neighboring countries, especially achieving freedom of expression through the media and freedom of assembly through political party formation.

"Their demands are very universal in essence and very similar in a large extent to the demands that were raised by the Tunisian protestors, the Egyptian protestors, the Bahraini protestors," Shahin said.

Hundreds of protesters have been killed since uprisings began over a month ago, and the government continues to employ inhumane methods of suppressing demonstrations, Shahin said.

"Some of the video clips that were taken by cell phones and so on show, of course, a very savage treatment of the protesters, even after they have been pacified and arrested," Shahin said. "[There are] shots of militia jumping over dead bodies and kicking them in the face and hitting them with the butt of machine guns."

Shahin said the purpose of the Syrian government's brutal response to recent uprisings is to maintain the strength of the regime in light of the recent defeats of ruling parties in similar countries.

"The government realizes, given the example of Tunisia and Egypt and so on, that ...

responding to the demands of the protesters will weaken the grip of the government over power," Shahin said. "If they give freedom of expression and so on and so forth, that will expose the government and increase its vulnerability."

Sectarian conflict between the Alawites, Syria's ruling minority, and the majority Sunni Muslims has caused problems in Syria in the past, he said.

"This is a major cleavage in society," Shahin said.

But Shahin said this religious tension is not an issue for the protesters.

"In essence, it's about democracy and freedom," Shahin said. "It's not about sects."

Shahin said Assad's government has no plans to heed protesters' demands.

"There isn't much in terms of reform that this regime can offer because it is ideologically bankrupt," Shahin said. "They will cling to power until the last breath."

Despite continued acts of violence on the part of Assad's regime, Shahin said dissenters should remain peaceful.

"Of course my hope is that this conflict remains nonviolent, at least on the part of the protesters and demonstrators," Shahin said. "I know the state and the regime have been very violent and have been very brutal, but this should not be met by a counter violence from the protesters."

Shahin said nonviolent demonstration will advance the cause of the protesters further than violence would.

"This will increase the legitimacy of their demands," Shahin said. "This will also increase ... international support for the movement, and will finally delegitimize the regime."

Shahin said the conflict in Syria will be resolved as long as protesters rely on peaceful measures to achieve their goals.

"The cost, of course, will be very high ... because the regime is brutal," Shahin said. "But in the long run ... the peaceful protesters will win the day."

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Sorin hosts kickball tourney

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Just weeks before graduation, seniors have the opportunity to remember former classmate Kevin Healey this weekend. Healey lost his battle with osteosarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer, two years ago.

The men of Sorin College will honor Healey Sunday with the first memorial Kick It for Kevin kickball tournament.

Senior Javi Zubizarreta, a close friend of Healey's, said the idea for the tournament began when Healey's father contacted him a few months ago.

"He asked us to organize a tournament here at Notre Dame and to make it an ongoing event in honor of Kevin and in support of pediatric cancer research," he said.

The tournament is also an event for Kick-It, an organization based in Healey's hometown of Cleveland, Ohio, that organizes kickball tournaments to raise money for children's cancer research.

"Kevin's family has worked with [Kick-It] in the past to organize tournaments in the community and to help raise money," Zubizarreta said. "His family has raised about \$6,000 through kickball tournaments so far."

All proceeds from Kick-It tournaments benefit CureSearch for Children's Cancer, an organization that funds the world's largest pediatric cancer research collaborative, the Children's Oncology Group.

Despite the efforts of these organizations, Zubizarreta said pediatric research is largely underfunded, contrary to popular belief.

"These fundraising efforts really are very needed," he said. "There's so much more that needs to be done to help the patients and their families."

Sorin vice president Max Maier said the tournament will operate in a round-robin style format in which each team is guaranteed to play at least three games. The winning team, as well as the best-dressed and best-named teams, will receive a trophy, he said.

"You can show up pretty much anytime and still play, and you can sign up that day too," Maier said. "We allotted time so you can do both Muddy Sunday and the tournament."

Although Healey arrived at Notre Dame in the midst of his chemotherapy treatment, Zubizarreta said his classmates would never have known Healey was fighting cancer if they were not already aware of his illness.

"He just had this amazing fight, this amazing spirit while he was here," he said. "He never wanted to talk about his sickness or have any preferential treatment. He just carried on like any other student, going to class-

es, doing well."

Zubizarreta said the tournament is especially meaningful for graduating seniors who knew and were close with Healey.

"It's a way to come together and support a cause Kevin was passionate about and to support him in a way he would enjoy, one last time before we all go our separate ways," he said.

Maier said Sorin doesn't have any goals for the tournament this year besides publicizing the event to students.

"We want people to know about it and remember it for next year when it comes up again," he said. "We really hope to make it an annual event."

Kick It for Kevin will take place Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m. at Stepan Fields.

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Kingston highlights annual SMC Tostal

By KRISTEN RICE
News Writer

The Saint Mary’s student body enjoyed a week of food, fun and games during SMC Tostal in celebration of the end of the academic year, which culminated with a concert by singer Sean Kingston Thursday.

“The concert was actually a lot of fun,” senior Laura Arnold said. “It’s a great way to have the end of the year kind of come to a close.”

Kingston entertained students with hit songs, including “Eenie Meenie” and “Fire Burning.” He tweeted about his arrival in South Bend Thursday morning, and sophomore Alex Sassano retweeted Kingston’s message on her Twitter profile.

“I started my day off listening to Sean Kingston’s songs,” she said.

Some students were so enthusiastic about Kingston’s performance that they staked out seats in the O’Laughlin Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. even though the concert did not begin until 7:30 p.m.

“I just wanted to make sure that I could see everything, specifically Sean Kingston,” sophomore Julie Novak said.

Junior Katie Greenspon expressed her excitement prior to the concert.

“I’ve gone to SMC Tostal

every single year to see the special guest they bring,” she said. “I got myself a new pair of sunglasses and a t-shirt to go with them, and I’m really excited. It’s going to be the best night.”

A comedy show entertained the crowd until Kingston’s performance began at 9 p.m. Students cheered and sang along as he performed his hits, but the biggest crowd-pleaser was “Letting Go (Dutty Love),” which features Nicki Minaj in the recorded version.

Overall, students were pleased with Kingston’s performance.

“It’s a great way to end the night, and now I can get some sleep and watch the royal wedding first thing tomorrow morning,” senior Kelly Daly said.

Although SMC Tostal week was accompanied by several days of inclement weather, this did not prevent students from enjoying the planned festivities indoors, including a carnival that offered free food, sunglasses and games.

“They had a waffle thing that you can cover with whatever you want. It’s delicious,” sophomore Paige Edmonds said. “This was a great study break after a week full of homework, exams and papers.”

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Conference tackles body image

By KATIE CARLISLE
News Writer

Students presented research and engaged in dialogue about female body image Thursday during the third annual Bold Beauty Conference at Saint Mary’s College, but one of the most interesting exhibits at the conference involved popular high-fashion dolls.

“Barbies on Parade” displayed several Barbie dolls dressed as stereotypes of women today, such as Jersey Shore Barbie and Homewrecker Barbie. Student conference coordinator Hannah Fischer said the exhibit is a major draw for the conference.

“‘Barbies on Parade’ has gotten really popular, so that’s our pull,” Fischer said.

But the primary event of the conference involved a lecture by senior Christina Grasso, who discussed the misconceptions surrounding eating disorders and her personal struggle with the issue.

“I believe it is imperative to address this topic because people really need to hear the truth,” Grasso said. “[Eating disorders] are such a stereotyped issue, and we rarely get accurate information because it is such a sensitive topic. But I am able to overcome this hardship and spread awareness for others.”

The conference, which

took place in the Student Center conference rooms, included projects about female body image, including an exhibit called “The Price of Beauty,” which displayed beauty products and their prices.

The idea for the student-run conference stemmed from assistant professor of communications Terri Russ’s Female Beauty class, which is only open to juniors and seniors, student conference coordinator Molly Gahagan said.

“The course is only open to certain students because you need to be mature to take the class and be able to talk about sensitive subjects and argue your opinions,” Gahagan said.

Fischer said her participation in the Female Beauty course allowed her to take a proactive role in planning the conference, which allows students to present their own research while running the conference themselves.

“Molly [Gahagan] and I are alums of the Female Beauty class, so we were asked to help run the conference,” Fischer said. “It gives us a

chance to work on the other side of event planning.”

Fischer said she thought the greatest achievement of the conference was giving students the chance to share their projects.

“Students have a chance to work on a project all semester so it’s interesting to watch them interact with the people attending the conference,” Fischer said. “It gives you a chance to see what students can really do.”

In addition to providing an arena for sharing research and facilitating discussion, Gahagan

said one of the primary goals of the conference is simply becoming more aware of the issues surrounding female body image.

“The issues in the conference are really important because they bring a lot to your attention,” she said. “I think the most important thing is just becoming more aware.”

Fischer agreed that awareness about female body image is an important factor in young women’s decisions.

“Be aware of how you’re being pulled in different directions and all the effects media has on you,” she said. “You should always know why you’re making the decisions you make.”

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in really big displays of wedding pageantry,” she said. “I’m not necessarily interested in the royal family... I am really excited to see the dress and then the kiss on the balcony.”

In order to see all the morning’s events, Saint Mary’s senior Sarah Mayer said she plans to wake up at 4:30 a.m. Friday to watch the wedding despite her early classes.

“It’s questionable if I will be in my class,” she said, “But I will say that the royal wedding takes precedence over my 9 a.m. class.”

Mayer’s love affair with the monarchy began when she was a little girl. She said her mother’s love for Princess Diana spurred her fascination with royalty.

“I have always wanted to marry Prince Harry,” she said. “I have just grown up around news about the royal family.”

Mayer said she follows

news about the wedding and the royal couple through People magazine and Twitter updates.

“If I was there right now I would probably need a restraining order because I would be so excited,” she said.

The royal family represents more than just a fancy wedding, Mayer said.

“I think the royal family stands for a certain level of classiness,” she said. “[The wedding] is so much bigger than themselves, so much bigger than just William getting married. America’s great, but we don’t have those thousands of years of history, and a certain degree of that history is in their blood in England.”

English Professor Mary Smyth grew up in London and said she remembered Princess Diana’s wedding to Prince Charles when she was a teenager.

“The country absolutely closed down,” she said. “They closed down roads everywhere. We were all at street parties.”

While she was unsure if she would wake up early enough to view the entire ceremony, Smyth said she was excited to see Middleton’s wedding dress in the highlights from the morning pageantry.

The Friday wedding of Middleton and Prince William is a bright spot during a difficult time for England, a respite from the tumult in the royal family and the economic downturn, she said.

“People in England really, really do love the royal family,” she said. “And the family has had a really rough time over the last 15 years. This wedding [occurs] at really a rough point in British history... especially with the economic collapse that has been as bad [in England] as here in the United States, in Indiana and Michigan. This wedding is a cause for celebration.”

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Moriarty said. “This was simply a great opportunity to be in solidarity with other campuses across the nation.”

Saint Mary’s BAVO, established in April 2010, will co-host TBTN with Notre Dame for the first time this year. Adams said making the event a collaborative effort between Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame was a logical action.

“A strong component of Take Back the Night is solidarity,” she said. “Because the communities of Saint Mary’s College and the University of Notre Dame are deeply intertwined, it is logical and beneficial for us to stand together to support survivors of violence and demonstrate that violence is not one of our community values.”

Moriarty said the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s communities have been especially affected by sexual assault and abuse.

“Institutionally, we have wounds. There are sides of Notre Dame that aren’t so flattering, but to heal they must be opened,” she said.

The TBTN events began at 7 p.m. with a walk from Lake Marian on Saint Mary’s campus to the Grotto at Notre Dame for a candlelight vigil. Following the vigil, TBTN committee planners led a march around Notre Dame’s campus.

“This is definitely not a silent march,” Saint Mary’s junior and BAVO student worker Cat Cleary said. “We’re going to be loud and visible in order to raise awareness of this issue.”

After the march, the group shared personal stories in a “Speak Out” session to break the silence surrounding violence suffered by members in the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s communities.

“A lot of the people are survivors or friends of those affected by sexual violence. For some people it’s the first time they tell their stories,” Notre Dame senior Mariah McGrogan said. “It’s an intimate and sacred time.”

Student musical groups Harmonia, Halftime and

Bellacapella performed at the closing reception as participants celebrated the event, Moriarty said.

“I think [the event] is important because these crimes are often shrouded in silence,” Moriarty said. “[Victims’] voices are taken away and they don’t know how to speak to anyone, even themselves. It’s an opportunity to give a voice to the silent and know they are not alone.”

The TBTN events allow for different points of entry in the healing process because experiences with sexual assault and rape are varied and personal, Cleary said.

“[Survivors and allies] have different questions, struggles and pains. They might deal with religious questions and might not want to go to the Grotto, so they’ll march,” she said. “Others want that religious healing, making Grotto the ideal place.”

Adams said raising awareness and promoting action to end violence is essential, and the community is responsible for initiating change and supporting survivors.

“While dialogue has increased surrounding the issues of sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking this academic year, these issues have impacted and continue to impact college campuses across the country,” Adams said.

“We live in a society where violence is an epidemic.”

Cleary said she believes TBTN will have a lasting impact on both campuses because it unites men and women — allies and survivors — in breaking the silence and creating a community of healing.

“I want people to know they aren’t alone in their suffering,” Moriarty said. “There are people who have experienced what you have experienced, and even if they haven’t, there are people who want to help you. There are opportunities for healing, and you don’t have to go it alone.”

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Relay

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The Fire Fighting Irish, comprised of members of the Notre Dame Fire Department (NDFD), was the top fundraising team. They sold 2,500 T-shirts, sweatshirts, baseball caps and knit caps with the NDFD logo, team captain Mary Weigle said. The apparel sales earned more than \$15,000 for ACS.

“We’ve been doing [the apparel sales] now for about five years, and over the years it has grown,” Weigle said. “We started out just selling T-shirts to people who would walk into the firehouse. Before you knew it, we were mailing them all over the place.”

The top student fundraising team, the Pasquerilla East Pyros, sold 130 themed T-shirts to raise money, captain Katie Marshall said. Team members submitted the names of people for whom they wanted to relay and the names were written in a spiral on the backs of the shirts. Each shirt also bears the image of an eternal flame as a symbol for the team.

“Since we’re the Pyros, we thought [the image of the eternal flame] was fitting,” Marshall said.

About 50 members of the Pasquerilla East Pyros emailed their friends and families to ask for donations, Marshall said. The email solicitations and the T-shirt sales earned more than \$9,000 for ACS.

Megan Hrdlicka, captain of the second-highest student fundraising team, Ryan Hall Relay, said her

team raised money by wrapping gifts at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore at the end of the fall semester, collecting money at Ryan Hall masses and organizing several bake sales. The team earned approximately \$1,200 through these fundraisers, she said.

“I think this year our goals were to expand Ryan’s presence at Relay, have a strong showing [and] kind of establish our place in the event as a dorm,” Hrdlicka said.

Team Book ‘Em is holding its first annual Jail ‘n Bail fundraiser today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Notre Dame Security Police Lt. George Heeter said. The team is comprised of members from the Notre Dame Security Police, McKenna Hall, the Hesburgh Library, the Morris Inn and the Bookstore.

Students, faculty and staff can arrange for uniformed police and security officers to “arrest” someone and take him or her to a fake jail in Notre Dame Stadium, Heeter said. All proceeds from the \$25 arrest fees support Relay for Life.

“We actually pick the person up, put the cuffs on them and take them to the stadium jail,” Heeter said. “They have to stay there for a maximum of a half hour. If they don’t want to go to jail, they can purchase a ‘get out of jail free’ card for a minimum of \$5.”

Heeter said he is excited about the generosity of the Jail ‘n Bail participants.

“To get 20 people at \$25 dollars per person, that’s over \$500,” he said. “I’m thankful people are willing to participate and spend their hard-earned money for such a good cause.”

Marshall said the part of Relay for Life she is most looking forward to is the Luminaria Ceremony.

“It’s this really great part of the event where we honor all the people that we know who have had cancer,” she said. “Generally, they have the bagpipes [play], and it’s a very beautiful moment.”

Hrdlicka said she is excited about the support she received from the members of her dorm.

“Relay for Life is a very personal cause for me,” she said. “It’s going to be neat to have everyone at the event to represent our dorm.”

Weigle said Relay for Life holds special significance for her.

“The gentleman I’m dating is a cancer survivor and he was asked to walk a lap, so that’s probably going to be a good point for me the day of the event,” she said. “I’m also looking forward to everybody supporting people who have had cancer and continually trying to strive to find a cure.”

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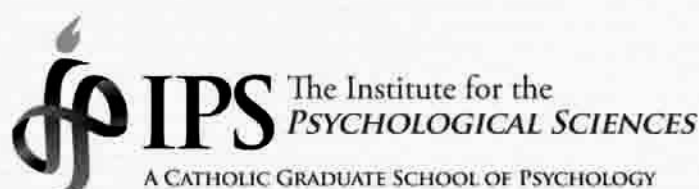


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‘Birther’ bill angers blacks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Shortly after President Barack Obama declared himself an American-born citizen with papers to prove it, Baratunde Thurston declared himself a disgusted black man.

“I find it hard to summarize in mere words the amount of pain and rage this incident has caused,” Thurston said.

“This” would be the nation’s first black president standing in the White House, blue power suit and all, going on TV to debunk, in more detail than before, the persistent, he-ain’t-really-an-American rumors fanned anew by Donald Trump, the developer and might-be presidential candidate.

Many African-Americans responded to Wednesday’s scene with a large sigh. The rumors and the controversy had a particular, troubling resonance for them: They’ve seen, heard, lived, the legitimacy of black people being called into question so many times before that, they said, they weren’t shocked to see it happen to Obama over something as simple as a birth certificate.

But they were sad about it, too, seeing what they felt was a high-level manifestation of the idea that when a black person accomplishes something great there must be something wrong.

“The stress of feeling constantly called into question, constantly under surveil-

lance, has emotional and physical consequences for us,” said Imani Perry, a professor at Princeton University’s Center for African American Studies. “It also puts us in the position of not being able to be constituents, with respect to our politicians, because we feel we have to constantly protect the president. ... You see people attacking him, and he’s the president, what happens to those of us who are not the president?”

This week, black people struggled to deal with what many of them perceived as a racially motivated dis of Obama at the hands of Trump and the “birther” movement. Fleeting thoughts about boycotting Trump’s hotels and casinos, or pressuring advertisers to pull away from Trump’s “Celebrity Apprentice” reality TV show bounced around Facebook and Twitter, the barbershops, the suites and the corner.

Much of it was just a notion, however. At the end of the day, many blacks said they remained at a loss for how best to process the falsehood that just won’t die.

Obama said he had “watched with bemusement” as people kept alive for two years the idea that he might have been born outside the United States and therefore wasn’t eligible to sit in the White House. “I’ve been puzzled at the degree to which this thing just kept on going,” Obama said. He added that he understood the copy of the official birth certificate he produced still wouldn’t silence all believers in this “silliness.”

Ellis Cose, author of an upcoming book that explores anger and race, said there is a sense that Obama has become the lightning rod for a general longing among certain whites to “take America back to a time when people like Obama could not be president.” For blacks, that’s “clearly an aggravation,” Cose said.

“A lot of folks are amused, and a lot of folks are upset about this,” Cose said. “In addition to uncertainty about the economy and America’s place in the world, a lot of people who grew up in confidence that America was a very white country are having that reality shaken.”

Trump, who may or may not seek the Republican presidential nomination, stepped up to a microphone in New Hampshire within minutes of Obama’s appearance to claim credit for forcing the president’s hand. He said he still wanted to scrutinize the birth certificate to make sure it’s legit.

Trump also wants to eyeball Obama’s college grades, in search of bogusness around the bachelor’s and law degrees the president got from Columbia and Harvard respectively. Trump said he’d “heard” Obama was a poor student unworthy of an Ivy League education, but offered no real proof. Obama’s senior adviser, Valerie Jarrett, said Thursday that the president will not release his transcripts.

“We know this is nonsense,” Jarrett said on radio host Joe Madison’s Sirius/XM talk show.

JAPAN

Buddhists remember victims of tsunami



A Buddhist monk prays for victims of the March 11 earthquake at a memorial service in Soma Thursday.

Associated Press

SOMA, Japan — Buddhist priests burned incense and chanted Thursday for Japan’s tsunami victims, marking the 49th day since the disaster and closing the period when the dead were believed to be wandering restlessly through destroyed hometowns.

About 1,200 mourners filled a hall to overflowing, with many standing outside a gate, for a ceremony organized by 170 priests in the northeastern town of Soma, where much of the coast remains buried in mountains of debris from the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

Many carried framed photographs of lost loved ones, and wept. Some clutched wooden tablets containing Buddhist names assigned to the dead to help them find their way into their next phase of existence.

“There are so many still missing. There are people lost at the bottom of the sea who will never be found. But this is the day they become Buddhas. We pray for them all, and for all sentient beings,” Buddhist priest Kojin Sato said.

Overall, the quake and tsunami is believed to have killed nearly 26,000 people, though only about 14,500 bodies have been found. Many likely were swept out to sea and will never be found.

Kiyoshi Sakurai fears that will be the case with his elder brother, missing since the disaster.

“It’s very difficult because we couldn’t have a proper funeral. But this gives us some feeling of closure,” Sakurai said, clutching a blurry photo of his brother.

“It was comforting to have so many priests come to pray for our relatives. Maybe someday my brother will be found. Maybe not. But he has at least had this,” he said.

Many Japanese share Buddhist beliefs with the native Japanese religion of Shinto, which worships spirits in nature and dead ancestors. Virtually all rites related to death are Buddhist, and in many Japanese schools of Buddhist thought, the dead

wander near their homes for 49 days before heading into their next stage of existence on the 50th day.

The Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists, was visiting Japan on Thursday and scheduled to join in another memorial in Tokyo later this week. Spokesmen for the religious leader said he had altered his schedule to be in Japan for the 49th day since the disaster.

Seven weeks after the magnitude-9.0 earthquake and tsunami struck, some 130,000 people are still living in about 2,500 shelters. The government has promised to build 30,000 temporary homes for them by the end of May and another 70,000 after that.

The head of the American Red Cross, wrapping up a four-day visit to Japan, said the \$187 million it received in donations and pledges for Japanese tsunami relief is buying essential household appliances such as rice cookers for people living in temporary housing.

Gail McGovern said she had difficulty to processing the “miles and miles” of devastation she saw along Japan’s northeastern coast.

“The [power of the] ocean was just furious. Everything we saw was strewn in small pieces,” she said in an interview with The Associated Press in Tokyo. “When you start walking around, you can see a doll or a kid’s bicycle or a teacup. It just strikes home that this is so personal.”

In Soma, Sato said that said local temples invited anyone to come to the ceremony and told the bereaved not to worry about dressing in black, since many people had lost their formal clothes. The priest added that instead of the usual gifts passed out after funerals, the bereaved were given bags with bottles of water, tea and soap — things that they might need in shelters or temporary housing.

The ceremony closed with a silent procession before an altar. The only sound was chanting and occasional weeping.



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INSIDE COLUMN

Major decisions

Congratulations. You’ve just declared your major! Other than DARTing, that was the highlight of this past week for me.

Wednesday afternoon: I finally walked into Flanner and nervously asked where I was supposed to go. Pressing the button to the elevator, stepping in and going up, up, up. I walk out and see it’s the wrong floor. Whoops. Let’s try again. Back into the elevator. I look at the buttons and can’t help but imagine how annoyed the people in that tiny metal box with me would be if I slid my hands down the row and cried, “It’s a Christmas tree!” like Buddy the Elf... Mature. I resist the temptation and reach the correct floor.

Walk around until you find the right door. Sit down, fill out the paper work and you’re good to go! It’s exciting — you feel like you have some sort of direction in life, a set of goals to work toward, whether it be a senior thesis, pursuing research or just learning something you love. Even as an itty-bitty freshman (but not for long now!), you’re headed somewhere. Looking at the classes you realize this is what you’ll specialize in. But what if you change your mind? What if you change it again after that? This may happen, but regardless of how many paths you start down and never see to the end, you end up getting somewhere. It seems to just all work out.

Though I’ve finally declared my major — and I’m extremely excited about it — I realize there is so much more outside of all of the majors, minors and supplements that go down on a transcript. In interviews I’ve had for articles I’ve written this past year, especially in those concerning academia, I’ve heard again and again: “Do something you love.” In one interview with Dean Page, I recall the following advice: 1) to “sit quietly and discern what is really important at the very deepest levels of one’s existence;” 2) to “solicit honest feedback from trusted mentors;” and 3) to “realize that a decision need not be seen as irreversible.”

Granted, I’m speaking with extremely little experience, but Notre Dame students: As you go out this summer, think about these things. When you look for a job or internship, see if it’s something that you are truly satisfied doing, or if it’s something that could lead you to that point. This is you, out in the field, a training ground of sorts. Test the waters and see how you react. If you have an enlightening experience, have the courage to act on it, whether it leads you to continue what you’re doing or if it takes you down a different path.

For graduating students: You’ve gone through the paces. You’ve earned your degree and are setting out for a job. Congratulations! Still, there’s so much more learning to do.

Looking to my mentors, parents and those wiser than myself, I’ve been able to see that even if you take a complete 180 in terms of where you’re headed, it might be right for you. An engineer might reevaluate his life and decide to become a photographer. True. Or he may continue as an engineer and love his job. Also true.

As important as majors are in molding the path you take, I think it’s more about the experiences you gain in studying the subject and working with mentors who inspire you.

Summertime is coming, so I’d encourage everyone reading this to consider where you are currently positioned and how you feel about where you might be going. Honestly, I know this is just my opinion, but be bold. This is another opportunity to figure out what you want to do.

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So I’m walking down the street in downtown South Bend to the bus stop following an interview for a part-time job this summer. Now you’re probably thinking that I’m a sophomore looking to find some way to supplement my income so I can “get down on Friday” during the school year as the immensely talented Rachel Black sings since a. I’m using the bus and don’t have a car and b. I’m getting a summer job. However, I am neither of those things. I’m just looking for a way to make some money to help pay off the debt I got senior year. In a lot of ways, I truly do not understand how I got here.

I choose a good liberal arts college, studied hard, and scored a good GPA. I have extracurricular activities, fabulous references, and have held various jobs. Why don’t I have people begging for me to work for their company? Is it possible I’m meant for other opportunities rather than having a job this summer? Maybe just maybe I’ll win the lottery, decide to take a trip to London meet Prince Harry then we fall madly in love. I pull a Kate Middleton, become a princess and I can

Randi Beem

Guest
Columnist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Campus safety

Dear Administration,
In light of recent efforts to ensure the safety of students on the local campuses, I feel as though Wednesday night’s events were not handled well at all. I did not know specific details about what transpired that evening. However, when I heard from Twitter and Facebook that there was some sort of attack on campus and to “be safe” when out that evening, I felt as though that raised quite a cause for concern. After calling NDSP to inquire about my fellow students’ and my personal safety, I was met with answers like: “not able to discuss at this time” and “call the Administration Office tomorrow morning.” I mean, I live a stone’s throw from Fisher Grad

live off of his millions, get a title and get these loans out of my hair. Highly unlikely — but I can dream. If that doesn’t work then maybe I’ll join the Air Force and there will be a Royal Air Force Ball with the United States Air Force. At this ball, Harry spots me from across the room, brings me a vodka cranberry (my favorite) and asks me to dance to “Walking on Broken Glass” by Annie Lennox, a Backer favorite.

This scenario is also highly unlikely, a. because I wouldn’t pass the fitness test to enter the Air Force since I cannot even run to the Grotto from Holy Cross Hall and b. growing up in rural Indiana, my dad tried to have me shoot a deer and I promptly dropped the gun, cried “What if the deer has children?” and sulked in the car, so I feel like fighting humans would be even harder on my psyche.

Or am I destined to wait for my life to be fabulous until I’m in my thirties like the ladies of Sex and the City? Do I just have to live with the Payless shoes until I reach the age of thirty-five and then I get to buy Manolo Blahnik stilettos and have a real people career? This question leads me to another: do your twenties just stink and feel restless until you reach your thirties when you’re in a

more comfortable place in life? Also, is there any way we can speed up this process, much like Adam Sandler did in the highly underrated film Click, and fast-forward or possibly rewind to a time when we’re a lot happier and uncertainty isn’t the name of the game?

On the opposite end of this dilemma, despite being preoccupied with this concept of wanting to get rid of loans, I also feel compelled, like I’m sure many of us do, to find a career that makes me happy and helps me feel like I’m serving the larger community and God as well. So in closing here, I am at this crossroads of getting a job or applying to graduate or law school. However, I have to hope that, as Robert Frost declared, taking the road less traveled makes all the difference and that picking a path on this crossroads hopefully makes a difference in my bank account, community, security of mind and shoe collection.

Happy job hunting ... and Prince hunting.

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Tommy Reagan
senior
off campus
April 28

Just say no to...

Dating. And S.B. 292. What do they have in common? They both loosen the guns. There are currently four gun bills making their way through the Indiana House, and Senate Bill 292 (S.B. 292) is one of them. The bill proposes a general gun law for the state of Indiana, prohibiting any local government from regulating possession of firearms. What this bill fails to recognize is that every town has their own dilemma concerning guns; passing this bill would leave certain towns powerless to protect their populace and punish gun-related crimes.

Criminals take advantage of people’s decency, knowing that good people will obey the law. They cannot be negotiated with, not even by law-abiding gun owners. Although many of us are not citizens of Indiana, this bill, if passed, puts us in the crosshairs. If you want to take a stand and keep South Bend gun-free, visit saynoto292.com or stop by South Dining Hall on April 28th from 6-8 p.m. to sign postcards to send to our state governor.

Jules Kim
senior
Knott Hall
April 28

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Life is something that happens when you can’t get to sleep.”

Fran Lebowitz
U.S. writer and humorist

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We would accomplish many more things if we did not think of them as impossible.”

Vince Lombardi
U.S. football coach

Seniors, be fierce

With graduation looming, seniors hear all manner of advice and well wishes which ultimately are forgotten as the years pass. My commencement speaker, a university president, was so boring and uninspiring that he truly fit into the stereotypical caricature of an esoteric intellectual. Sadly, nothing of note remains with me today other than the memory of a chuckle because several of my classmates either stood naked under their gowns or hid bottles of Champaign. The late humorist Art Buchwald masterfully set a goal for each graduation speech, to leave a feeling rather than a thought — everyone should remember that they laughed during commencement.

Gary Caruso

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Comments*

Using such sage graduation guidance, I suggest that seniors simply be “fierce” during commencement and recognize their fierce factor throughout their lives. No, it is not the effeminate trade-marked fierceness of noted fashion designer and Project Runway winner Christian Siriano — “not that there’s anything wrong with that” to quote the iconic “Outing” episode from Seinfeld that masterfully juxtaposed the extremes of homophobia with political correctness. My half-naked classmates clutched their immature fierceness that day and carried it throughout life. Beware graduating seniors that your own personal fierce factor begins at commencement.

Seniors will learn like all of us before

them and those who will follow — that each living day forges an evolving fierce factor wisdom which neither demands harshness nor inflexibility. We certainly are not born into this world as insightful as Yoda, but learn to feel the secrets of our universe that institutions unfortunately tend to deny and limit during our existence. Being fierce is being open to change.

We know not from where we come, but my life experiences taught me to remain open-minded and willing to change all things. With that philosophy I reason that we have lived before, known each other before, are in fact reincarnated into this world now and will again reincarnate somehow into the next realm to continue our journey of learning lessons. For me, Heaven and Hell are also myths of ancient writers. Segments of our early Church may have expressed similar thought, but they hardly are mentioned possibilities in today’s Catholic dogma. Ironically, my religious and community experiences at Notre Dame helped open my mind for such a rationale.

I entered Notre Dame certain in my beliefs as a Vietnam War-supporting, conservative-thinking small town kid until late my freshman year when I witnessed my fellow Kent State students gunned down by fellow Americans during an anti-war demonstration. It was my type of soul-shaking event like the awakening urge for freedom sweeping from within the souls of thousands throughout Syria today. My first serious life-moment

thought, “It could have been me lying dead.”

Still a teenager at the time, I understood war. It now explained why my father, a World War II veteran, shied away from his memories of horrors, carnage and senseless annihilation while fighting as a teenager. His fierce factor demanded he revert to civility by suppressing those years of his life when he should have laughed with classmates and only fretted over tests or homework deadlines. Instead, he buried his comrades.

A fierce person remains open-minded while still standing on principle. Too many of today’s politicians are so one-dimensional that they tip over whenever the wind changes direction. Notre Dame alumnus and U.S. Congressman Joe Donnelly represents the district containing Notre Dame’s campus. He is fierce while standing on principle but also works for the general good through consensus and compromise. Conversely, Notre Dame alumnus and Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell is not fierce when he panders as a pro-life politician but refused to stay the execution of a woman convicted of murder who tested with an IQ of about 72. McDonnell reneged all pro-life principles when he put to death an actual life held only in his hands.

To be fierce is to be free of hidden truths and pandering. Church history is rife with silly notions merely enacted for human, earthly reasons still held untouchable today. Consider marriage

for priests...a rule ignored in 580 by Pope Pelagius II but promoted as an absolute ban in 1022 by Pope Benedict VIII so the church could acquire a priest’s property upon his death. In 1074, Pope Gregory VII strengthened the policy when he decreed that anyone ordained must first pledge celibacy. For today’s hierarchy to refuse even a discussion of such a long-held, man-made edict sadly contributes to the decline of our congregation.

Lyrics of the Jefferson Airplane song, “Volunteers,” succinctly identify the struggles for individuality each graduating class and each generation face. Today, when it seems like our current generation got “sold” in slavery to greed, the words still ring true.

“Ain’t it amazing all the people I meet. Got a revolution; got to revolution. One generation got old. One generation got soul. This generation got no destination to hold.”

The fierce factor demands that seniors’ day-in and day-out living find a destination to hold — which they will. Best of luck soon-to-be fierce fellow alumni.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Correcting inaccurate information

It was with surprise, and then sadness, that I read Michael Martin’s letter to the editor on April 20, followed by Eddie Guilbeau’s commentary on Mr. Martin’s letter, both of which state and allude to inaccurate information that could be hurtful to, and reflect poorly on, those directly involved with the tragedies mentioned.

The women’s swim team bus accident in January 1992 (not 1991) that claimed the lives of two of my teammates and left me temporarily paralyzed was devastating, and something none of us will ever forget. Prior to our leaving Northwestern to return to Notre Dame, I can state beyond a doubt, and contrary to the two letters to The Observer, that no phone call was made to the University inquiring about the weather conditions in regard to our travel home. No one who was directly involved sensed obvious danger, as it was only raining when we left Chicago. To insinuate that our coaches did not feel they could make a decision to preserve our personal

safety is insulting to three highly respected individuals.

Living with tragedy in our lives is not easy, but it is comforting to have had the Notre Dame family lift us up in our healing. I have prayed for the families of my teammates every day since January 1992. Over the past 19 years, I have added names to my prayer list, including the family of Declan Sullivan. Notre Dame is a community of faith that unites in prayer, especially in the face of tragedy. I firmly believe the University has and will continue to take the steps necessary to ensure the well-being of all those within the Notre Dame family. May we all continue to do our part in strengthening our community in prayer.

Haley Scott DeMaria
alumnus
class of 1995
Annapolis, MD
April 28

Poor Fredo

I don’t like to knock our esteemed cartoonists. I know I have no chance of doing better. However, I saw something in PleasaNDville yesterday that truly offended me. Freddy Corleone is not Michael’s younger brother. Fredo is older than him, the middle child between Sonny and Michael. This is not just a minor detail; after Michael becomes the Godfather, Fredo feels betrayed, as if he was passed over. Freddy becomes involved in an assassination plot against Michael, who discovers his brother’s treachery and eventually has him killed at the end of the film. If you’re going to make a reference to important cultural figures, get the facts right.

Tom Reilly
junior
Knott Hall
April 28

Celebrating a life

My friend Olivia’s birthday is today. She’s beautiful, energetic, talented and extremely smart. Throughout our friendship, she has pushed me to my greatest potential, encouraging me to be the best person I can academically, athletically, socially and spiritually. She was the one who introduced me to my relationship with Jesus Christ, and I could never thank her enough for that. Livi is an extremely important part of my life. Unfortunately, Olivia died almost five years ago. She was crossing the street on a rainy day and someone hit her. It was the end of my freshman year. She was 16.

This year at Notre Dame, we have been faced with many challenges. We have lost peers and friends. I did not personally know Lizzy, Declan or Sean, nor do I know who they were close to. I do, however, know all too well the pain that comes with the death of a loved one. I remember the summer after Livi’s accident begging God to take the hurt away. All I wanted to know was if the pain would ever subside. To those who knew the three

who passed on this year: It gets better. I am still sad, still angry and still don’t understand why God took my best friend when she was so young. But now, on what would have been her 21st birthday, I can smile and not cry when I talk about her. I can celebrate her life instead of mourning her death. To you on campus who feel a loss, any loss, you are not alone. Today, I’m remembering a friend, feeling her loss, but also rejoicing in the fact that she came into my life at all. She has made me a better person, she changed who I am for the better, and I look forward to the day when she meets me at the gates of Heaven. Until then, I continue to look to her for guidance and support. I celebrate her birthday today because that’s what she would want me to do: celebrate life and live every day to the fullest.

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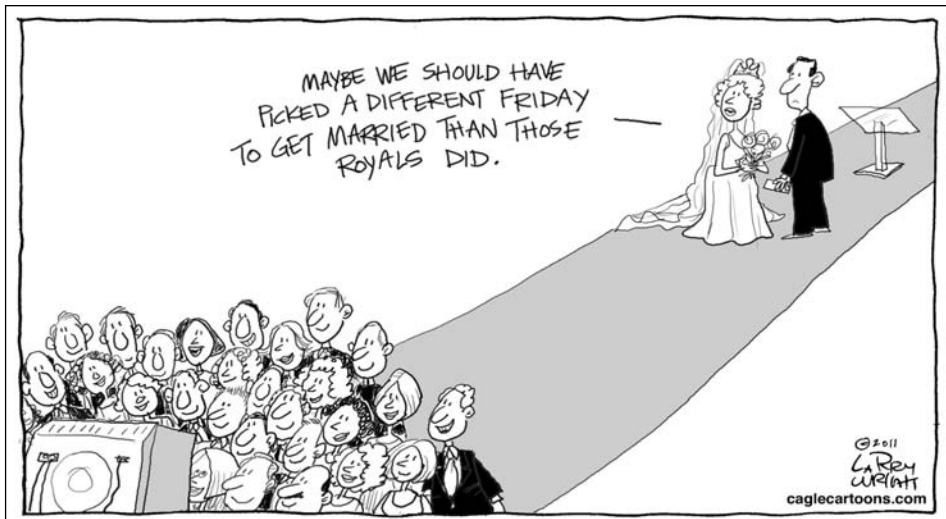




Photo essay by Nicole Toczauer

It's back. If you haven't heard by now, or seen the tank tops to match, this Sunday is the day "YOU GOTTA REGATTA!" Celebrating its 25th year of competition, Sunday's Fisher Regatta will have teams rowing, racing, splashing and facing off as they speed across the cold waters of Saint Mary's Lake.

Born in 1986, the Fisher Regatta has proudly hosted the crazy, ingenious, bizarre and humorous watercraft creations of Notre Dame students.

This year, with 41 boats entered, the first commemorative \$10 "YOU GOTTA REGATTA" tank top, music and a feast of bratwurst and hotdogs fit to serve more than 1,000 people, Sunday's regatta is expected to draw a huge crowd. Still, it's the sportsmanship and competitive spirit that will have fans cheering on the banks of Saint Mary's

Lake.

Granted, how many boats will actually float is questionable, but this is Notre Dame. Buoyancy — optional, Winning — necessary.

Rules: Boats must be homemade or assembled from scavenged objects and materials. With a history of crewmembers abandoning ship and leaping onto other boats mid-race, crews must remain on their boats and cannot intentionally sink another team's craft. Each race sets two teams head-to-head, narrowing the competition to an elite handful of crews that race against one another at the end of the day.

Race commissioner and Fisher sophomore Kevin Bell said Fisher has come out in full force to

take on the dominant defending champion O'Neill Hall.

"O'Neill has a boat that a mechanical engineer made as a design project and it's ridiculously fast," he said. "But we've gone up from our usual dorm total of two boats to six or seven for this year."

The Fisher fleet boasts two canoes, a barge, a gondola and other ship-like contraptions, including a raft of inflatable turtles. In assembling their armada, Fisher teams dismantled old lofts, gathered donations and bought supplies at local home improvement stores.

Fisher freshman Brett Ubl said his modified canoe is built from insulation foam donated to the team by a roofing

contractor. Though he and his crew are improvising, their method seems to be working.

"We might make this into a gondola and have the one and only Joe Padgi serenade all of the people on beautiful Saint Mary's Lake," he said. "Hopefully it'll float us."

Beyond the nails, screwdrivers, saws, blood, sweat and tears that go into making a boat worthy of the Fisher Regatta, tactics play an important role come race day. Solidity, craftsmanship and flags go a long way in intimidating other teams. Beyond appearance, a lightweight crew is key to a team's success. Then you just row until you can't row any more.

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Armed with candy, representatives of Fisher Hall have stationed themselves in front of the dining halls and DeBartolo Hall all week to pelt passersby with sweets in promotion of the event. So don't be surprised if your daily rush to class is interrupted by a Snickers bar to the head.





By **CLAIRE STEPHENS**
Scene Writer

“Skilled or Learned, Join our Army.” This first motto of Project Fresh was coined less than a decade ago, when a group of friends got together to learn and teach each other how to break-dance. In just the past three years, the club has grown from 10 members to over 50 active participants, and now refers to themselves as the “PFresh Nation.”

Today marks the 3rd Annual Project Fresh Show, entitled “Resonance.” Project Fresh, as well as dance groups all over campus, will be performing in Stepan Center starting at 7p.m.

The beginning and end of the show this year will have freestyles in the crowd with a live DJ. Kyle Higdon, choreographer for three of the dances in the PFRESH set, is hoping for a participatory crowd.

“The Project Fresh Show is a very interactive event with a club atmosphere,” Higdon said. “We want the crowd to feel involved and we encourage a rowdy audience yelling for their favorite group. It energizes us on stage.”

A competitive format shapes the show this year. The competition is open to all student clubs, with half of the proceeds will go to the Boys and Girls Club of South Bend and the other half going to the winning group’s charity of choice.

While the show is first and foremost a show for charity, it also raises awareness of the diverse dance groups on campus and gives them the opportunity to showcase all of their hard work. Natasha Bergstedt, co-president of the club, explained that the show has changed from simply exhibition pieces by performing clubs to a competition to make the charity aspect a more defining and inclusive theme.

“This decision was made based on the knowledge that there are many talented dancers in the ND community who do not have the time to be in a performing arts club. We hope that having more clubs involved will help to introduce the audience to other dance styles they may not be aware of around campus.”

Some of the groups performing tonight are FASO, TransPose, TroopND, Notre Dame Pom Squad, Ballet Folklorico, KPop, Hawaii Club, Dance Co. and First Class Steppers.

Project Fresh also represents great diversity in both its members and its styles of dance. The club hopes to educate the Notre Dame, Holy Cross, Saint Mary’s, and South Bend

Community of the various dance styles of hip-hop including breakdancing, krumping, popping, locking, waving and more.

Throughout the year, members of the group have come to love Project Fresh. Carrie Ko, the 2011-2012 treasurer, has found lasting friendships among the diversity of the group.

“Pfresh is my life and I am proud to belong to the family.”

Project Fresh is open to all Notre Dame and St. Mary’s students, as well as some alumni guest performers and choreographers. Danielle Gies, next year’s PFun Committee chair, is choreographing an exhibition piece with Hunter Speese, next year’s Project Fresh Show Committee Chair. Gies encourages dance lovers to join.

“Project Fresh is one of the best clubs on campus. Anyone can join, no matter what their skill level. The only requirement is that you want to dance!”

The club has performed in cultural and fine arts events across campus this year including Asian Allure, Black Images, Fiestang and Latin Expressions, as well as Seoul’d Out, Digitize and The Shirt Unveiling.

Kaitlin “Fiasco” Tiechman, a student at St. Mary’s in the club, has enjoyed her time with Project Fresh, saying, “Pfresh is a great way to relax, dance and forget what’s troubling you. Hip-hop saved my life.”

Those attending have high expectations of the Pfresh Nation, and can expect it to be a great show by all performers. Phil Diamond, a Notre Dame junior, had only positive things to say about the group.

“Pfresh is the greatest invention since the Cinnabon.”

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On campus

What: 3rd Annual Project Fresh Show — “Resonance”
Where: Stepan Center
When: Friday, April 29th 7p.m., doors open at 6:30p.m.
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Learn more: pfresh@nd.edu



By **ANKUR CHAWLA**
Scene Writer

The fifth installment of the “Fast and the Furious” franchise is set to release in theaters this Friday, and will undoubtedly have all of the action and thrill that made the series famous. Vin Diesel and Paul Walker reunite to lead returning cast members from each of the previous installments, including Chris “Ludacris” Bridges.

As usual, “Fast Five” is about high stakes races featuring former cop Brian O’Conner (Walker) and ex-con Dom Toretto (Diesel). After Brian and Mia Toretto (Jordana Brewster) broke

Dom out of custody, they dodged the authorities and wound up in Rio de Janeiro. In order to gain their freedom, they must pull one last job and assemble their elite team of top racers to confront the corrupt businessman who wants them dead.

Aside from



the businessman, hard-nosed federal agent Luke Hobbs (Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson) has been assigned to track down Dom and Brian, and launches an all-out assault with his

strike team to capture the duo. Though Hobbs never misses his target, he quickly learns that he’s not the only one after them and must be fast in order to gun them down first.

As usual, “Fast Five” will be an explosive movie with an abundance of action and ‘furiously’ fast cars. Those who enjoyed the first four installments will not be disappointed. Following the recipe of any good movie (The Rock + Ludacris = epic) there is little chance for “Fast Five” to be anything short of amazing.

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NFL

Panthers select Cam Newton with first pick

Associated Press

Cam Newton provided one of the few predictable moments, so far, in a bizarre NFL offseason.

While the league's labor dispute played out in the courts, the Heisman Trophy winner was selected No. 1, as expected, in Thursday night's NFL draft, taken by the Carolina Panthers.

Moments before the Auburn quarterback's name was called by Roger Goodell, frustrated fans showered the NFL commissioner with chants of "We want football. We want football."

Goodell responded with a smile, saying, "I hear you. So do I."

Newton led Auburn to an undefeated season and its first national championship since 1957. Carolina was 2-14 last year, using four quarterbacks, two of them rookies.

"Man, it's a great feeling to be up here," said Newton, the third straight quarterback taken first overall. "It's a great feeling to be a Carolina Panther."

Things got a little more surreal when Texas A&M linebacker Von Miller became the second pick, selected by Denver. Miller, a plaintiff in the antitrust lawsuit players filed to block the lockout, strode across the stage with tears in his eyes and hugged Goodell.

"I didn't have a clue about what would happen," Miller said, referring to winding up with the Broncos.

It was a strange opening for what normally is a festive occasion. In this offseason of labor strife, the league's first work stoppage since 1987 temporarily ends Friday. The 32 teams will resume business in compliance with U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson's order to lift the lockout.

But the lockout could be back in place if the NFL wins an appeal. If that happens, Newton, Miller and all the players chosen Thursday night would be thrown back into a labor limbo.

For now, they will be allowed to report to their teams, meet coaches and get playbooks. Contract

negotiations are uncertain until the league announces its rules for the 2011 season — rules that might be in force for only a short time if an appeal is granted.

The draft was never in danger of being held because it was protected under the old collective bargaining agreement that expired in March.

Buffalo selected Alabama nose tackle Marcell Dareus, who gave Goodell an even bigger hug. Of course, Dareus weighs 308 pounds, about 70 more than Miller — and at least 100 more than Goodell.

Cincinnati, perhaps calling the bluff of quarterback Carson Palmer, who is demanding a trade, instead took the top receiver in this crop, A.J. Green of Georgia.

Arizona, also in need of a quarterback, selected the top cornerback available, Patrick Peterson of LSU.

The labor strife caused speculation not many trades would be made Thursday. But just six picks



Cam Newton poses with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell after being drafted by the Carolina Panthers with the No. 1 overall pick.

in, Atlanta cut a massive deal with Cleveland and moved up from No. 27 to grab Alabama receiver Julio Jones — the fifth Southeastern Conference player in the first six.

The Browns received the Falcons' first-rounder, second- and fourth-rounders, plus their first pick and fourth-rounder in 2012.

NFL

NFL players to return to work on Friday

Associated Press

Finally, the NFL is getting back to football.

Five days after a federal judge declared the lockout was illegal and nearly seven weeks after it began, the NFL said players can talk with coaches, work out at team headquarters and look at their playbooks.

The NFL said all of that can begin Friday, when it is also expected to release detailed guidelines for free agency, trades and other roster moves in the absence of a collective bargaining agreement.

"That's great news," said linebacker Joe Mays, one of 10 Denver Broncos players who showed up at the team's headquarters Thursday. "It's something we've been trying to do, get back to work."

Fans, too, are desperate for a football fix.

On Thursday night, fans at the NFL Draft in New York roundly booed NFL commissioner Roger Goodell when he first appeared on the stage and repeatedly chanted: "We want football."

Goodell acknowledged the fans,

saying "I hear you."

The promise of football was a welcome step forward on a day members of the Tennessee Titans showed up to find two armed security guards at their locked-up facility, no sign of their new coach. New players in particular will benefit from the new guidelines.

"These rookies, there's a lot going on for them," New York Giants center Shaun O'Hara said. "So any info they can get, any things they can study, is good. If the lockout happens again, they'll have plenty to study from their teams."

That's certainly what the NFL wants.

The league has asked the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis to restore the lockout as soon as possible. The court is considered a friendlier venue for businesses than the federal courts in Minnesota.

The NFL wants an immediate stay of U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson's decision on Monday to lift the 45-day lockout so it can argue that it should be overturned altogether. The players were told to respond to the league's motion for a stay by mid-

day Friday, and the NFL's reply to that is due on Monday morning.

Michael Gans, the appeals court clerk, said a three-judge panel for the appeal had not been set.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said he feared the fight could last for a while.

"I think the litigation, unfortunately, could go on for some period of time," he told the NFL Network. He said he was looking forward to the next round of court-ordered talks on May 16.

"I think that it's important to get back to that," he said. "That's the type of thing that should happen — real bargaining across the table."

Goodell, who penned an opinion piece in the Wall Street Journal this week suggesting Nelson's ruling could "endanger" the league if it is upheld on appeal, conceded the legal fight was weighing on him.

"It's frustrating," he said. "We have so much potential. Our game is in such a great place."

At least now, four days after Nelson lifted the lockout, there are guidelines to follow.

Mandatory minicamps and voluntary offseason practices can

begin under rules of the collective bargaining agreement that expired March 11. Team-supervised workouts will count toward bonuses in player contracts, and players can also work out on their own at team facilities if they have health insurance in place.

The Detroit Lions already have scheduled organized team activities for Wednesday, and Cleveland Browns linebacker Scott Fujita said his team is ready to get to work.

"I consider us one of the organizations that will legitimately do the right thing with all this," Fujita said. "Guys who choose to report right away just have to be flexible & realize that if a stay is granted from the appellate court, then we're locked out again."

The league also will arrange for substance abuse and steroid programs to resume, and players can participate in team-sponsored community and charity functions.

Agent Angelo Wright said he has told players under contract not to worry about visiting headquarters this weekend out of fairness to the teams so they can focus on the draft. He said they should plan to show up on Monday, and said he'd

start calling team executives about unsigned players as soon as Sunday night.

Agent Drew Rosenhaus said he'd like for signings and trades to take place during the draft, which runs through Saturday.

"I've been calling teams, and I've been told they've been advised by the NFL to hold off on signings or trades until further notice," Rosenhaus said.

Attorneys for the players said the decision to lift the lockout "is in full, immediate force."

"It is our view that the NFL and the clubs will be in contempt of court if they do not comply with the order," lawyers James Quinn and Jeffrey Kessler wrote in a memo to players.

Quinn, in a tersely worded letter to NFL attorney Gregg Levy, said the players were tired of waiting and even accused the league of "granting itself a temporary stay" of Nelson's order when doors didn't open right away for football activities.

"I guess if you're a billionaire, you can tell a judge no," said Green Bay Packers cornerback Charles Woodson, who was at a charity event in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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WOMEN'S ROWING

Irish return to Big East championships, seek eighth title

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

The Irish head to the Big East championship this weekend, a tournament the squad has won the past seven consecutive years, in the hopes that history is on their side.

Yet to Irish coach Martin Stone the past is anything but a guarantee of success.

"It doesn't really matter how many we've won [because] each year is different," Stone said. "So you just try to win the one in that given year. I'm not a big believer that we defend anything that we've already won. We're just trying to win this year — the 2011 Big East championship — and that's pretty much all that matters right now."

Despite the reign of dominance, the Irish are not the favorite heading into this year's championship, according to Stone. Though that distinction

belongs to Louisville, the Irish coach says he will not change his expectations.

"A successful weekend would be to win [the championship]," Stone said. "Whether it's by one point or it's by 15 points, to win, that would be successful in our eyes."

Stone acknowledges that the task will not be an easy one, with a number of fierce competitors in addition to the Cardinals.

"I think Georgetown is pretty good — they're covering every event," he said. "I think Syracuse is showing some speed, Rutgers is doing well — I think everybody's doing well. Everybody has a chance to go faster and do well."

Notre Dame enters the event coming off a strong performance at the Lake Natoma Invitational in Sacramento, Calif. Apr. 16 and 17, at which the Irish placed second in Group B. The success at Lake Natoma catapulted Notre Dame

into the CRCA/USRowing Coaches Poll for the first time all season, coming in at No. 20. In addition, the varsity four boat, consisting of freshmen Christina Dines, Courtney Gaberino, Teresa Rubinger and Kiersten DeHaven and junior Ching-Ting Hwang, earned Big East Crew of the Week honors.

In the wake of a memorable week, the Irish are now focused solely on the upcoming Big East championship and winning another conference title at all costs.

"We're just going to try to score as many points as we can in each event and see how it plays out," Stone said. "We want to win every event that we can, but [we'll take] as many points as we can get in each event."

The Big East championship will take place Sunday in West Windsor, N.J.

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The Irish compete against Tulsa October 29, when they won both the varsity eight and varsity four.

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NEW YORK — Brett Gardner led off the Yankees' six-run fifth inning with a homer for their first hit of the game, and Nick Swisher homered and had four RBIs in New York's 12-3 rout of the Chicago White Sox on Thursday night.

CC Sabathia pitched seven sharp innings to beat a familiar foe and help New York gain a split of the four-game series. Swisher hit his first homer in 76 at-bats this season and he, Nunez and Gardner scored three runs apiece. Every Yankees starter except Nunez had at least one RBI.

Curtis Granderson tripled, Alex Rodriguez and Nunez each hit a double, and Swisher broke an 0-for-19 slump with a single in the fifth. New York sent nine batters to the plate before making an out in the inning.

The White Sox never awoke from their hitting slumber in this series but won the first two games thanks to solid starting pitching. Chicago heads home after a 3-8 road trip in which it scored more than three runs in only one game.

With Derek Jeter getting a planned day off and Mark Teixeira out with a sore shoulder, the Yankees struggled against Edwin Jackson (2-3) through the first four innings. But they did score twice in the third when Jackson walked four and threw a wild pitch as a light drizzle fell at Yankee Stadium. Robinson Cano, moved to third from fifth in the lineup, hit a sacrifice fly for a 2-0 lead.

Sabathia (2-1) improved to 17-4 against the White Sox in 30 career starts, a team he faced often with Cleveland in the AL Central. He is just one of two pitchers in big league history that has at least 25 starts and four or fewer losses against Chicago, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

No. 5 seed Texas Roadhouse takes on No. 4 seed Pizzeria Siegfried-The Delivery Boys Thursday at the Bookstore courts. Pizzeria Siegfried took down Texas Roadhouse 21-17.

Delivery

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4 seed Pizzeria Siegfried-The Delivery Boys used cohesive team play to grind out a 21-17 victory over No. 5 Texas Roadhouse.

Pizzeria Siegfried started with the ball and immediately went to work on the Texas Roadhouse defense with an offense based on picks and constant movement. Behind that gameplan, they jumped out to an 11-9 lead at halftime.

"We made the shots we had to make in the first half, and we just wanted to keep grinding it out all game," Pizzeria Siegfried junior forward Andrew Nelligan said.

In the second half the game stayed tight, with both teams trading baskets and fouls. Texas Roadhouse, a group of players from Holy Cross' varsity

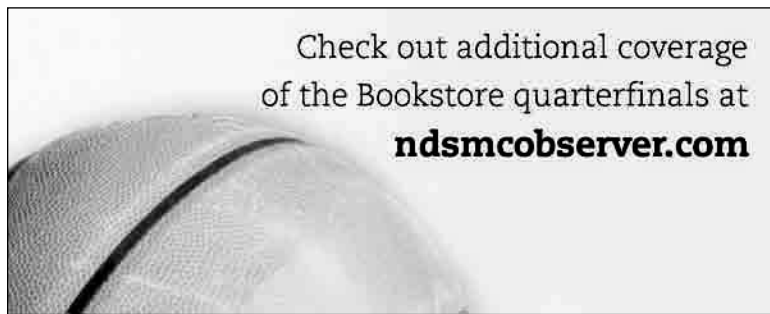
basketball team, used the superior size of 6' 8" junior forwards Taylor Williams and captain Adam Onderdonk to pound the ball inside on offense and keep the opposition outside on defense. The tandem was able to control much of the action on the boards.

Pizzeria Siegfried managed to maintain their lead though, largely due to the play of senior Kevin Kelly, who had a game-high eight points. Senior Dave Rudy was fouled on his way to the basket and went to the line

with the score at 20-17 in favor of Pizzeria Siegfried. The foul shot was a little bit to the left, but the rain-soaked rim gave Pizzeria Siegfried a friendly bounce and the victory.

"I just wanted to make it. I thought I missed it when it left my hand, but we got a lucky bounce," Rudy said. "We've been playing together for a while now, and it's an honor to be in the Final Four."

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Tribute

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program legend.

"With regard to the tribute to Chuck Lennon, I think the honor is an absolute no-brainer," Aoki said. "The guy, to me, is Mr. Notre Dame. He has been loyal to this baseball program in every way, shape or form in terms of just giving everything of himself. He embodies everything that Notre Dame aspires to be. He cares about other people, and cares about education. To honor a guy like that who's given 50 years of service to this university is something important for us today given that he was a baseball player."

On the field, Notre Dame (14-20-1, 5-9 Big East) will face a crucial test as it aims to make the field for the Big East tournament with a few wins over the Pirates (19-19, 6-9), who sit just above the Irish in the conference standings. Seton Hall is currently eighth and Notre Dame 10th in the 12-team league. Only the top eight teams at season's end qualify for the conference tournament in Clearwater, Fla. Aoki said the series, as well as

upcoming series against bubble teams Rutgers, Louisville and South Florida will be crucial for postseason seeding.

"Clearly, our outcomes to this point in the season makes this a really important series," he said. "This one, Rutgers, South Florida, Louisville, all big series for us. We still control our own destiny, which is something we've talked about. When it gets down to it, if we have it in control, that's the way that you want it."

Notre Dame's struggling offense will have to rebound from a poor series against St. Johns, and it will have to do so against Seton Hall Friday starter Joe DiRocco. The right-hander is 5-0 with a 1.64 ERA in 10 starts this season. Aoki said Seton Hall is constructed similarly to his squad, with strong pitching.

"It's going to come down to a matter of who pitches a little better, who defends a little better, and who gets those timely hits a little bit better. Certainly with the way that DiRocco has pitched — and not only DiRocco, really their whole staff, they pitch really well."

The series will start Friday at 6:35 p.m. and conclude at 11:05 a.m. Sunday.

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NFL

Colts claim Castonzo with 22nd overall pick

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Bill Polian knew Peyton Manning needed a bodyguard.

Anthony Castonzo was willing to take the job.

Now, the tandem could be working together for the rest of Manning's NFL career. The Colts selected the 6-foot-7, 311-pound Boston College alum with the 22nd overall pick, making Castonzo the new heir apparent at left tackle.

"You've got to be excited about it," Castonzo said,

moments after he jumped in the air with his family in Illinois. "I get to play with one of the best quarterbacks in the league. You couldn't ask for any more than that."

Actually, that's only part of the job, rookie.

Castonzo is expected to protect the blind side for the league's most durable quarterback and a four-time MVP that the Colts cannot afford to lose to injury. Team officials believe Castonzo can solidify an offensive line that has spent most of the past two seasons playing musical chairs.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Notre Dame to fight for tournament berth

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

Despite the disappointments of the 2011 season, the Irish still find themselves poised to return to the Big East tournament. With two regular season games remaining, Notre Dame (7-8, 4-2 Big East) hopes to string together multiple victories for the first time this year.

The Irish will face Louisville (10-6, 3-4) Friday and Cincinnati (2-13, 0-7) Sunday, and need to claim at least one victory in order to secure a spot in the tournament. Meanwhile the Cardinals will need a victory over the Irish in their final game of the season and a Notre Dame loss Sunday in order to earn a tournament bid.

Irish senior midfielder and co-captain Jackie Doherty said she is determined not to finish her collegiate career this weekend.

“I’m not ready to play my last game at Cincinnati,” she said.

Thanks to an upset win over No. 16 Georgetown (8-6, 6-1) on senior day last weekend, Doherty said the Irish will enter Friday’s contest still riding high.

“We’re definitely still feeling good about it,” Doherty said of the win over the Hoyas. “It’s nice to know that we fought hard against a good team and came out on top. Being at home, we couldn’t have asked for a better scenario.”

After topping Louisville in a close 11-9 contest last season, the Irish know to expect a tough game from the Cardinals. However, Doherty said Notre Dame can win by a larger margin if it executes.

“They are definitely a good team,” she said of Louisville.

“They are very athletic and they are one of the top scoring teams in the league. If we play like we can play and execute our game plan I expect a more significant win than last year.”

Sunday’s matchup pits a Notre Dame program that is accustomed to winning against the Bearcats, who have struggled in Big East play. According to Doherty, the Irish want to enter the Big East Tournament on a roll, which will require focusing on underdog Cincinnati.

“Obviously we want to respect every team, especially now knowing that we have to win at least one game this weekend to play in the tournament,” Doherty said. “We also want to finish with a winning streak. We played [Cincinnati] in the fall and came away with a pretty significant win. It is tough to play a team that’s not

the same caliber just because of that fear of not taking them seriously.”

Though the Irish have not performed as expected this year, Doherty said lower expectations

from opponents might aid the team during the postseason.

“I think this season has been disappointing with all the talent we have — even more than last year — and having a losing season,” she said. “It could also be a huge weapon, though, in the tournament. We’ll be playing teams we’ve already seen and they might think they can beat us easily. We’ll be ready if we didn’t get it the first time.”

Notre Dame will face off at Louisville Friday at 5 p.m., and at Cincinnati Sunday at noon.

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Sophomore Chrissie McGaffigan prepares to serve during a 6-1 Irish win over DePaul April 23. Notre Dame will compete in the NCAA championships this weekend.

Singles

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matches play out to determine the winner of the doubles point, and then six singles points are earned individually.

If that is the case today the Irish will be forced to adapt, which could pose a challenge as doubles play has been a strong point for Notre Dame all season. It allows the Irish to get into a rhythm and to

build a lead going into the more significant singles portion of the match. However, Mathews said that the team is prepared to generate momentum regardless of the structure of the match.

“We know they will be geared up to play us after their first round win,” Mathews said. “We want to come out with strong intensity from the beginning.”

Georgetown finished the season 7-2 in the Big East and 11-8 overall, earning the No. 8

seed in the tournament. They took down the Bearcats with four victories in singles play.

Competition will get underway tomorrow at 9 a.m. at the Eck Tennis Center. After the Irish square off against the Hoyas, Louisville will face Marquette, DePaul will take on Rutgers, and South Florida will face Syracuse, to determine who will advance to the semifinals Saturday.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles prep for tournament

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

The cards are on the table for No. 4 Saint Mary’s after a successful regular season, its best since 2008. Now, the senior-laden squad will head to Kalamazoo, Mich., for the MIAA tournament in search of three more wins.

First up for the Belles (12-7, 5-3 MIAA) will be No. 5 Calvin. In a hard-fought regular season showdown, Saint Mary’s beat the Knights (8-9, 5-3) 5-4. The Belles took an early lead in that match by winning two of three doubles

matches, and a late 6-2, 7-5 victory by senior Mary Therese Lee earned the decisive point for the team.

In the upcoming first-round match of the tournament, Belles coach Dale Campbell believes early momentum in doubles play may again decide the victor.

“Opening up strong in doubles play is very important for us,” Campbell said. “We lost two close doubles matches last week against [No. 3] Kalamazoo, and we feel like that set the tone for that loss.”

In the end though, the Belles coach said this pairing will likely

be the most even-matched contest of the tournament and may once again come down to the last set.

“I expect us to play Calvin tight again,” Campbell said. “There were lots of close matches last time, and I think it will come down to the last match again.”

If Saint Mary’s beats the Knights, it could be headed for a matchup against MIAA Regular Season Champion No. 1 Albion. In their conference opener in March, the Belles lost 7-2 to the Britons (11-2, 8-0), winning only one singles and one doubles match. Albion ran the table in conference competition, establishing itself as a national power with several non-conference victories.

While Saint Mary’s has struggled against top competition this year, finishing 0-3 against the top three MIAA teams, Campbell believes his squad has the ability to beat anyone.

“I expect us to come out and play hard, and be very hungry against those top teams,” he said. “It will take a lot of believing in ourselves and just executing what we know we have to do.”

As the last chance at a tournament championship and an NCAA berth for Saint Mary’s core of five seniors, Campbell expects his players to approach their matches with a sense of urgency and to leave everything on the court.

“We’re really looking forward to the competition at this tournament,” he said. “We have a great group of seniors that know what’s at stake. We had a much better regular season this year, and we feel confident heading into the tournament. We’re hoping to reach some new territory this time around.”

The Belles’ tournament weekend will begin Friday in Kalamazoo, Mich., at 9 a.m.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish host three games on senior weekend



By JACK YUSKO
Sports Writer

Coming off a pair of big victories against South Florida Wednesday, highlighted by a no-hitter from freshman pitcher Laura Winters, the No. 22 Irish have no intention of slowing down. The team now returns to South Bend for senior weekend to play a three-game series against Big East opponent St. John's.

"We've been playing tremendously," sophomore pitcher Brittany O'Donnell said. "I think the team is peaking at the right time of year."

Notre Dame's two most recent Big East victories in Tampa put its Big East record at 11-1. With three more conference wins up for grabs, the team is focused and informed about what to expect from its upcoming opponents.

"After playing these teams

year after year our coaches have compiled very detailed scouting reports," freshman outfielder Lauren Stuhr said. "We know what to expect with each team we face. When we have had practice, we've been taking a lot of reps to make sure our fundamentals are perfect."

The Irish (35-8) have played some of their best softball of the season lately, with stellar pitching complementing prolific hitting. Yet the team understands that while the Red Storm (19-26) may not have the strongest record, they have six Big East wins and should not be underestimated.

"We know that St. John's is a competitive team with a strong hitting line up," O'Donnell said. "We are preparing by taking it upon ourselves to put in the extra practice time, which really makes a difference."

With senior weekend ceremonies and the season drawing to a close, Stuhr says the team

is happy to be returning to Melissa Cook Stadium.

"I think there is a big advantage for us to be playing at home, especially this weekend," Stuhr said. "It just feels comfortable playing in our own stadium with our own fans."

As the season wraps up and the Big East tournament draws near, it is crucial that the team maintains its high standard of play in order to secure both national and conference rankings.

"If we focus on our game and continue to do the things we have been doing we should come out with three wins this weekend," Stuhr said.

The Irish face St. John's in a three-game series at home this weekend, with a doubleheader Saturday at noon and 2 p.m. and the final game Sunday at 11 a.m.

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DeBot

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Dame defeated Mesa State, the No. 1 seed from the West region, 27-20. The Irish started sluggishly, falling behind 20-7 at halftime, but rebounded to hold the Mavericks scoreless in the second half.

Sophomore Ashley Okonta, senior Theresa Yerkes, senior Kayla Bishop, sophomore Megan Scheitlin and DeBot all scored for the Irish in the win.

"We know we are capable of playing at a high level," Bishop said. "All the practicing paid off and we played with a lot of heart."

Two days later, Notre Dame took down Shippensburg, the top seed from the Mid-Atlantic region, 23-15 to earn a berth in the Final Four. In the win over the Raiders, junior Christina Konkey scored twice while Okonta added a tally of her own.

"We started down in both of those games, so we had to work a little bit harder to win," sophomore Veronica Ryan said.

Notre Dame's next opponent, Stonehill, topped Winona State 35-7 before dispatching UNC-Charlotte 37-7 to reach the Final Four.

"They're a strong team and they play quickly," DeBot said. "We need to be strong on defense and attack really hard."

What makes Notre Dame's Final Four run all the more impressive is that it comes in the team's first season in existence, a season that began with a struggle to even have enough players.

"I was worried we wouldn't have enough people to field a team," Bishop said. "Coach [Kate Daley] has done a great job. As the season went on, my expectations slowly rose."

Other members of the team echoed Bishop's sentiment.

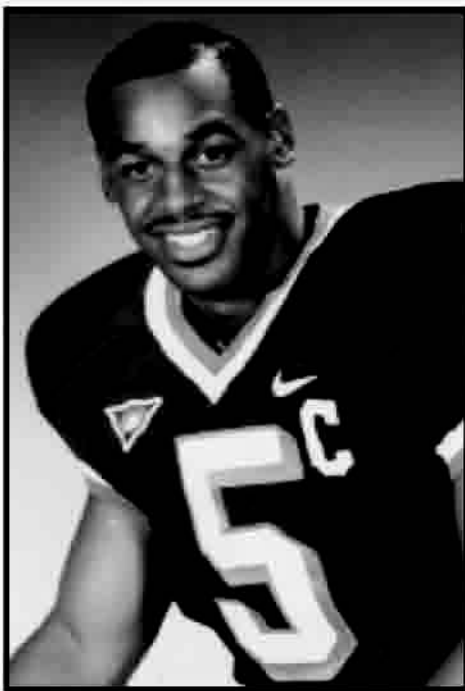
"We have an amazing coach. We would not be anywhere without her," Ryan said. "We have a great group of girls."

The Irish take on Stonehill Saturday in Pittsburgh at 11:45 a.m.

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SMC GOLF

Belles look to claim tournament lead

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

After beginning their title defense in the first round of the MIAA NCAA qualifier, the Belles look to rally from behind and finish strong in the final two rounds this weekend.

Two weeks ago, the Belles took to the course at The Medalist Golf Club in Marshall, Mich., for the opening round of the qualifier. The team collectively finished in second place with a score of 333, which put them 12 shots behind the leader, No. 18 Olivet. The Comets took full advantage of playing on their home course, with all four of their scorers shooting under 83. Now the Belles return to their home course, Blackthorn Golf Club, looking to regain control of the tournament.

“Playing at home is great,” Belles senior captain Mary Kate Boyce said. “Everything is familiar, so there are fewer adjustments that need to be made. Additionally, not having to stay in a hotel is nice because you get a better sleep and are more relaxed for the round. We really hope to use this to our advantage.”

In addition to the many benefits of playing on a familiar course, Saint Mary’s also has the experience of playing from behind before. At last year’s qualifier the Belles shot the same opening round score of 333, which left them several strokes behind Olivet. Upon returning home for the final two rounds, the Belles rallied together and ended up winning the tournament by 12 strokes.

Boyce believes last year’s come-from-behind victory taught the team an important lesson that should help them succeed now.

“Everyone wants to go out there and win,” she said. “We want it very bad, but we’ve kept in mind that we need to enjoy our time on the course as well. That will ultimately help us win.”

The Belles also have the benefit of an extra two weeks of preparation and practice. The squad has also been able to practice shots from the tee to the green, despite the bad weather.

Belles coach Mark Hamilton, who has also helped the team prepare mentally as well.

“He has been working to help us sharpen our skills and keep us positive,” Boyce said. “It’s easy to get frustrated with the weather or poor performance, but he has kept us focused on improvement and enjoying our time.”

The Belles look to rally behind their game-changers to eat into Olivet’s lead. Boyce looks to lead the charge, the reigning MIAA MVP. Other sparks for the team could come from junior Natalie Matuszak and senior captain Rosie O’Connor, Saint Mary’s lowest scorers in the first round.

Boyce said in the end concentration and composure will be the difference between disappointment and a third-straight NCAA appearance.

“A win will come to the team who can focus on each shot,” Boyce said. “While it’s difficult to do, we need to take it one shot at a time. If we do that, we’ve done our best and that’s all we can do. We don’t want to leave anything to chance.”

The second round of the MIAA NCAA qualifier will begin Saturday, and the tournament will continue into the final round Sunday. The Belles tee-off at 1 p.m.

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NBA

Hawks advance past Orlando



Magic guard Jameer Nelson pressures Hawks center Jason Collins during Atlanta’s 84-81 win Thursday.

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson gave the Hawks a more expected offensive spark. His biggest play, though, was getting a hand on a missed shot.

Johnson scored 23 points and came up with a huge offensive rebound, leading Atlanta to an 84-81 victory in Game 6 on Thursday night, knocking the Orlando Magic out of the playoffs.

The Hawks, who won the series 4-2, advanced to the second round for the third straight year, this time against top-seeded Chicago.

Orlando, which routed Atlanta a year ago in the most lopsided four-game sweep in NBA history, heads into an uncertain off-season after its earliest playoff ouster since 2007.

With Atlanta clinging to a one-point lead and the clock running down, Marvin Williams missed a

clinging 3-pointer. But Johnson swatted the rebound to Jamal Crawford, who was fouled and made both free throws with 8.2 seconds left.

“I just wanted to make a play,” said Johnson, who bounced back from a dismal 5-point effort in Game 5. “The play was a pick-and-roll for Al (Horford) and Jamal, but we didn’t come up with what we wanted. I just crashed the glass and tried to somehow get a hand on it. I did.”

The Magic had two chances to force overtime. J.J. Redick missed an open 3, then Jason Richardson had a desperation shot from the corner blocked by Josh Smith.

Redick came off a screen for a clear view of the basket, a play that couldn’t have been drawn up any better. The shot rimmed out, though it went out of bounds off an Atlanta player to provide the Magic with one

more shot. After his team called another timeout, Redick walked to the bench with his hands on his head.

That would be their last chance to extend the series. Orlando inbounded from the baseline to Richardson, but he didn’t have much room to work in the corner. Smith extended a hand to finish off the Magic.

Hedo Turkoglu kicked the ball off the scoreboard hanging above the court in frustration as streamers fell from the ceiling, the sellout crowd celebrating the series winner.

The Magic was beaten off the glass 38-31, giving up 14 boards at the offensive end.

“The biggest thing was the rebounding,” Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said. “It’s sort of fitting we couldn’t get a rebound on the last stop.”

Next up for Atlanta: the Bulls. Game 1 is Monday night in Chicago.

But the Hawks will take a little time to celebrate this win, which is especially sweet after the way they played in last year’s second-round blowout.

“When you lose to a team by an average of 25 points a game, you’re looking for redemption,” Crawford said. “We were up to the challenge.”

After not having much of an impact in Orlando’s 25-point win in Game 5, Dwight Howard led the Magic with 25 points and 15 rebounds. But, falling into a familiar pattern from the first four games, the big center didn’t get much help from his teammates.

Crawford scored 19 points, including consecutive 3s that gave Atlanta its biggest lead, 71-59, with just over 9 minutes left. The Magic fought back with an 8-0 spurt, and Ryan Anderson had a chance to give the Magic their first lead since the opening minutes with an open look from outside the stripe.

SMC SOFTBALL

Belles split doubleheader

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

The Belles took the first game of their Thursday doubleheader 5-4 in walk-off fashion before dropping the second game 6-0 to conference opponent Hope.

Saint Mary’s (15-12, 4-6 MIAA) trailed Hope (23-12, 11-3) for most of game one before making a comeback in the final two innings, capturing the decision with a walk off RBI off the bat of freshman infielder Kelli Spurlock. The victory marked the fourth straight for the Belles in a streak dating back to April 12. After having five of their last six doubleheaders postponed during that stretch, the Belles made the most of their chance to return to action.

“It was kind of a relief [playing]. It was awesome to get back out there even though it was kind of off and on raining a little bit,” Belles senior captain and outfielder Hayley Bojorquez said. “We were grateful to be on the field playing, and so I think that’s why we came out for the first game and just did not give up, because we were so excited to be there.”

After their exciting win in the day’s first game, the Belles experienced a letdown in game two. Bojorquez said her team’s main problem in the second game was its inability to drive in runners.

“[We struggled in] stringing hits together, which we still were able to do in the second game [a little bit],” she said. “However, we left eight runners on base in total. So we were hitting the ball, but we were leaving runners on base, and so clearly that is a problem.”

Despite the disappointing loss in the second leg of the doubleheader, Saint Mary’s managed to keep its hopes of qualifying for the conference tournament alive. The Belles currently occupy the sixth spot in MIAA rankings, with only the top four teams playing in the postseason.

“Basically, our game plan right now is to just win the next six games that we have ahead of us,” Bojorquez said. “We want to go out with the same attitudes and mentality that we did the first game today and bring that into our next six games because we don’t want our season to end.”

The Belles face another conference opponent this afternoon with Olivet (12-19, 2-10) slated to travel to Saint Mary’s. The games will be important for Saint Mary’s to record a pair conference wins against a team near the bottom of the conference rankings. In order to take both games, the Belles will have to perform well behind the plate, especially with runners in scoring position, Bojorquez said.

“We need to keep up our hitting because that is always going to be clutch for us,” she said. “Pitching is important but we know that we have a solid defense to back up our pitching if we need it. We need to keep up our offense not only to string along those hits but also to capitalize on those situations that we didn’t necessarily [capitalize on] in the second game today ... It’s going to be key for us to get those runners in, any way we need to.”

The first pitch of the Belles’ penultimate home doubleheader of the season will be thrown out today at 3:30 p.m.

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that they can feed it to anyone they want at any time. Communication is obviously key with that, knowing who's able to go and who's able to slide, especially because they have so many talented guys. Defense is definitely the key to this game for us." In order to prepare the Irish for Syracuse's talented offense, Notre Dame's second team has been scrimmaging against the Irish defense, mimicking Syracuse's offensive style.

"Our backups have tried to emulate what they're going to do," Kemp said. "They have set offenses but they kind of have a freelance offense. Their offensive guys kind of have a leeway with what they want to do."

On the offensive side of the ball, the Irish are looking to play aggressively and score early. Syracuse senior goalie John Galloway has been recognized as one of the top goalies in the country, and Kemp says that the Irish must take advantage of his tendency to move around the field.

"He's very active, willing to take chances, and he passes to outlet men. He's willing to take chances to pick off passes and come out for ground balls. He's not much of a sit-back and save-the-ball goalie. He likes to stay active and play a bigger role than a goalie normally tries to play," Kemp said. "He's a goalie that's a lot different than your prototypical goalie. He's obviously had success this year, and I look forward to playing against him."

Despite such widespread talent on both teams' rosters, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he thinks the outcome of the game will depend on team play.

"There are going to be a lot of great individual players in the game, but I think it will come down to which team plays better," he said. "There will be good matchups all over the field, but it will come down to which team plays together."

Corrigan said for the Irish this will ultimately come down to playing smart.

"The thing we have to do is keep them out of their transitional game. They're very, very dangerous when things are not set up," Corrigan said. "We have to be smart offensively, take good shots, not have bad turnovers, clear the ball well and not get in foul trouble."

Earlier in the season, Syracuse was ranked ahead of Notre Dame, and the Irish were anticipating a road game against the top team in the country. Corrigan said the team has gotten itself in a great position a few weeks before postseason play begins.

"We're playing not only two of the best teams in the country but two of the more renown programs in the country," the Irish coach said. "I don't think I'm going to have to keep the guys motivated. They've been doing great, working hard every day. We're in a great spot and it's because of how hard they've worked."

Kemp said there is a high energy level in the locker room heading into the matchup at Syracuse.

"There's a lot of excitement. Going over to the Dome is going to be really exciting, and the atmosphere will be awesome. They are expecting about 15,000 people," he said. "I am happy and excited for the opportunity to play them."

The Irish will take on the Orangemen Saturday in Syracuse, New York, at 7 p.m.

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NFL

Texans pick up Watt with 11th pick

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston defensive coordinator Wade Phillips says his renovation of the Texans' defense begins with the draft.

The Texans took Wisconsin defensive end J.J. Watt with the 11th overall pick Thursday night, and Phillips said the team won't stop there as they try to bolster a unit that ranked 30th in yards allowed last season.

"We still need some more defensive players," Phillips said. "What's best for the team is what's best for me, I don't mean that. I think it's clear that we need a lot of defense in this draft."

Phillips is hoping that the 6-foot-5, 290-pound Watt develops into a solid complement for Mario Williams, the No. 1 overall pick in 2006 and Houston's all-time sacks leader.

Watt made 43 tackles behind the line of scrimmage, including 11 ½ sacks, in 26 games at

Wisconsin. A former tight end, Watt transferred there after playing one season at Central Michigan. He entered the draft after two seasons with the Badgers.

Watt knows, as a first-round pick, that he'll be expected to contribute immediately.

"No one has higher expectations for me than I do," Watt said in a conference call on Thursday night. "I am going to come in and give it everything I have, and at the end of the day, I hope it helps the team win football games because, that is what it's all about."

Houston ranked last in pass defense last season, allowing 267.5 passing yards per game. The Texans ranked 23rd in both interceptions (13) and sacks (30) in 2010, and Phillips replaced Frank Bush as defensive coordinator.

The Texans have taken a defensive player with their first overall pick in seven of the past eight drafts.



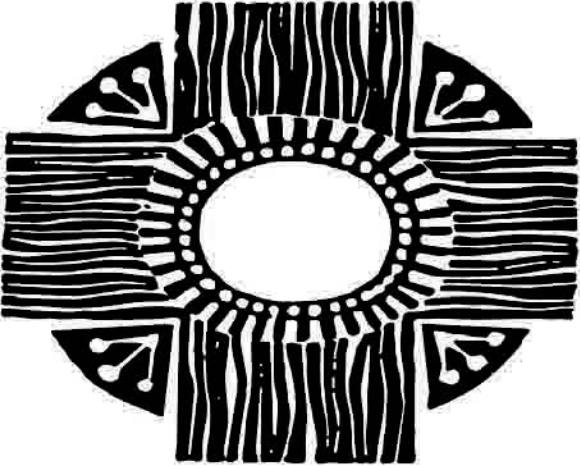
Wisconsin defensive tackle J.J. Watt rushes the pocket during a 20-19 win over Arizona State Sept. 18, 2010.

Houston passed up the chance to take Nebraska cornerback Prince Amukamara to shore up the secondary. Phillips said the

Texans were also eyeing Missouri defensive end Aldon Smith, who was taken by San Francisco at No. 7.


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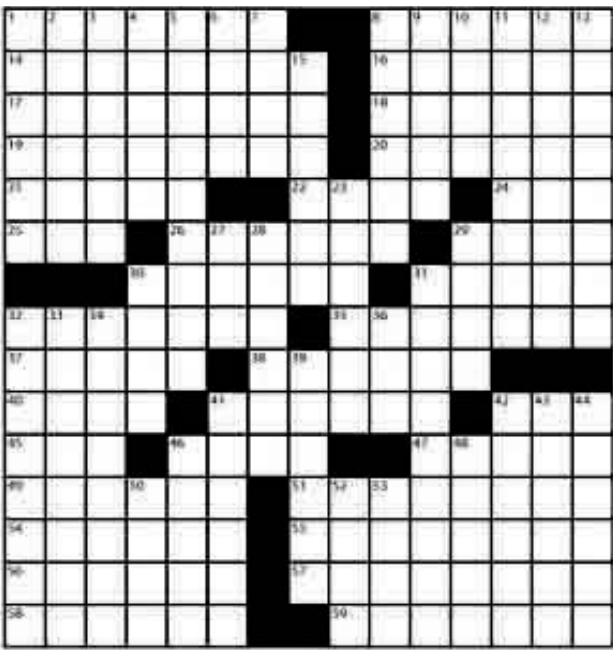
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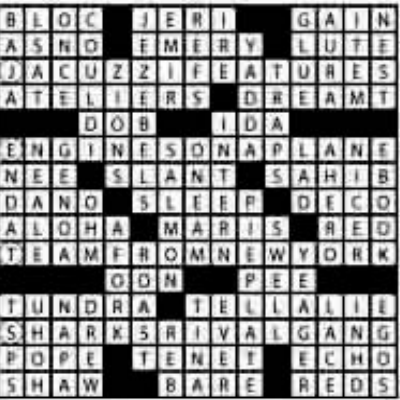
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You aren't being told everything you need to know. Find out exactly what's expected of you or you will waste time doing things that aren't necessary. A romantic relationship can go either way. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make contact with people you have something in common with. You will accomplish a lot more if you work within a group. Travel if it will help you take care of something that's important to you. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Set your sights on progress and accomplishment and you will reach your goals. Emotional issues can be dealt with if you are honest about the way you feel. Children and seniors are likely to play an important decision-making role. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep it simple, especially when dealing with friends and family. The less said, the better. Don't count on getting along with everybody you encounter. It will be best to keep an open mind but a practical outlook. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let money matters or contracts confuse you. Nothing is too difficult to figure out if you apply your experience and knowledge. Stop running from someone only interested in making your life better. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look for any help you can get that will allow you to be more creative and productive in a job that needs your attention. Paying more attention to detail will pay off and allow you more time to spend at home or with someone you love. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't limit what you can do because someone is trying to put restrictions on you. Rise above the criticism or demands and follow your intuition. Love should be high on your to-do list. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Find out all you need to know about someone you must deal with to get ahead. Changes at home will turn out well if you are honest about what you want and what you are willing to give. Expect to hear news about an old friend. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Problems will surface at home if you aren't careful what you say to friends, relatives or neighbors. Expect to face some backlash regarding a story you share about a friend or past associate. It's best to say little and do a lot for best results. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Rely on your past experience to help you make the right choices now. If you act impulsively, you will make a costly personal mistake that will deplete your bank account as well. Stick to what and who you know. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You've got lots to think about, especially with regard to where you live and how you cover your expenses. Help will be offered from a reliable source but, before you accept, find out what's expected in return. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional matters will escalate if you don't take care of them immediately. Partnerships will be plentiful but choosing the right one will not be easy. Complete whatever needs to be done. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are a dreamer, an inventor and an emotionally sensitive individual. You look at the future with optimism and welcome anything that is unique.

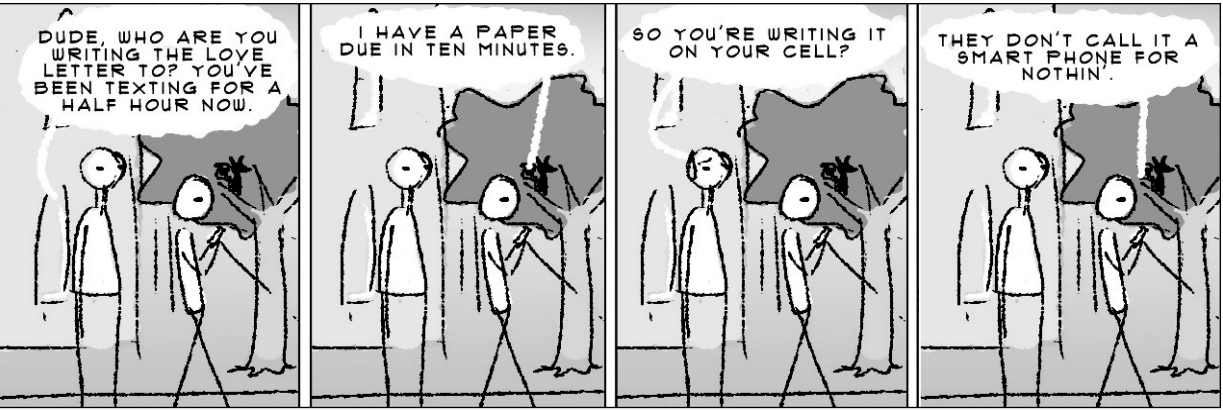
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MEN'S LACROSSE

Dome to Dome

Matchup to feature Big East's best

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

Nine Tewaaraton Trophy nominees will take the field Saturday for the matchup the top-ranked Irish have been awaiting all season, as they travel to the Carrier Dome to take on No. 4 Syracuse.

Six of those Tewaaraton Trophy nominees, fighting for player of the year honors, belong to Syracuse (12-1, 4-0 Big East), which features a high-energy offense that averages upwards of 10 goals per game. Irish sophomore goalie John Kemp said he believes containing the Orangemen's midfielders and limiting their transition game will be critical for the Irish (10-0, 5-0) in the game.

"They pretty much have six guys that can go to the goal whenever they want — they're confident," Kemp said. "We need to have good ball pressure at all times, and we need to be aware

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GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

Junior midfielder Max Pfeifer advances the ball during Notre Dame's 7-6 win over Georgetown April 10. The squad travels to Syracuse in a matchup of the conference's top two teams.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

ND earns semifinals berth

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

Entering its debut year as a club sport at Notre Dame, the women's rugby team was searching for an identity. One viewing of "Remember the Titans" later, the squad found it.

Prior to each game, the players relive a scene from the movie, referring to themselves as "mobile, agile, hostile" and to pain as "french bread." This unification of sorts has helped guide the Irish all the way to the Final Four this weekend in Pittsburgh.

"We're really excited, this is an amazing opportunity," junior Margot DeBot said. "We feel very prepared and we are just grateful to play this weekend."

In the round of 16, Notre

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

No. 1 Saturdays in America battle elements en route to victory

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

Much like the rain that poured down throughout the game, the offense of No. 1 Saturdays in America was driving and relentless in its 21-13 win over No. 8 The Firm.

The game was competitive from the opening whistle, as it did not take long for the two teams to begin trash talking and arguing throughout the game. That did not take away

from the level of play though, as both teams put on a show with two unique offensive styles.

The older Saturdays in America played with poise and scored by hitting mid-range jumpers and finding open cutters for easy layups. The Firm, on the other hand, preferred to attack from long range, shooting from well beyond the arc. Their shots were off in the first half though, and they found themselves trailing 11-6 at halftime.

"We thought we were going to be able to use our speed to our advantage," Firm sophomore captain Steve Conway said. "But with the rain, we weren't able to do that, and we decided to lean on the outside shot."

In the second half the rain fell even harder, forming puddles on the court and soaking the ball. The game got a little rough after the break, and hard fouls, rain-soaked collisions and a dislocated shoulder were all evidence of the high stakes of the quarterfinals.

Saturdays in America continued to pull away behind the offensive leadership of graduate student Alex Klupchak and law student Brendan Bush, who finished with eight and six points, respectively. However, the Firm remained in contention thanks to the unbelievable shooting of Conway, who in one memorable sequence made two wild fade-aways from five feet behind the three-point line.

In symbolic fashion, Saturdays in America scored

the final point on a perfectly executed alley-oop to claim the victory and advance.

"It was tough playing out here, but we kept fighting until the end," Saturdays in America senior Aaron Nichols said. "We're looking forward to the Final Four."

Pizzeria Siegfried-The Delivery Boys 21, Texas Roadhouse 17

In a rainy matchup between two evenly matched teams, No.

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BASEBALL

Program legend to be honored

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The Irish will honor a Notre Dame baseball legend while trying to keep pace in the Big East standings as they host Seton Hall for a three-game weekend series at Frank Eck Stadium.

During Friday night's opener, Notre Dame will honor the career of Alumni Association executive director Chuck Lennon, a former monogram winner in baseball. Lennon will retire in June from his post in the Alumni Association after 30 years. Irish coach Mik Aoki said the event, which will include post-game fireworks, represents a special opportunity for his team to honor a

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JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Senior pitcher Todd Miller delivers a pitch against West Virginia during Notre Dame's 8-1 loss April 17.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Top-seeded Irish to take on Hoyas

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

After Georgetown took down Cincinnati 4-1 in the first round of the Big East Tournament, No. 24 Notre Dame, the tournament's top seed, will face the Hoyas in the quarterfinals in pursuit of its fourth straight conference title.

The Irish enter this year's tournament as the top seed for the 15th time in the past 16 seasons, but this year they also have the good fortune of home-court advantage. The 2011 Big East championships are taking place at Notre Dame's own

Courtney Tennis Center, and Irish junior Shannon Mathews said that the team cherishes the opportunity to capture its 11th overall conference title on its home courts.

"We are all really excited to be hosting the Big East tournament and to have the opportunity to play on our courts in front of our families and friends," Mathews said.

In Thursday's first round matchup between the Hoyas and the Bearcats, the singles portion was played first, a different situation than regular season matches. Traditionally, the doubles

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