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Campus reacts to hate crime

By SAM STRYKER News Editor

Two acts of racial harassment were committed against black student groups between Feb. 14 and 20 in the LaFortune Student Center.

According to a statement emailed to the student body Friday, fried chicken parts were placed in the mailboxes of the Black Students Association (BSA) and African Student Association (ASA). The Office of Student Affairs is now working with the two student organizations to present the incidents to the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) for investigation.

Vice president for Student Affairs Fr. Thomas Doyle, vice president and associate provost Don Pope-Davis and chair of the Black Students Association Brittany Suggs signed the joint statement.

"These acts of harassment are a clear violation of University policy, unacceptable in every way, and will not be tolerated on our campus," the statement said.

Iris Outlaw, director of Multicultural Students Programs and Services (MSPS), said these incidents reflect the need to report discrimination at Notre Dame.

"Discriminatory harassment is a serious matter and depending on the severity can lead to dismissal," she said.

Suggs said most of campus, not just minority groups, responded strongly to the two incidents.

"Whether or not the acts were intended by the offender as harmless pranks, or as ... harassment or hate crimes, ... the greater Notre Dame community perspective by known parties that has developed around the issue is one of sheer disgust and sadness, along with shock and confusion," she said. In addition to occurring during Black History Month, Suggs said she was troubled the incidents perpetuate harmful stereotypes. "In the black community, we aim to embrace our similarities while, most importantly, celebrating our differences. Hence, the frustration is obvious," she said. "Just because the mailboxes had the words 'black' and 'African' in the labels, the [perpetrators] assumed that these groups were one in the same, which is far from the case."

Jenkins converses with White House

Obama administration values University President's counsel on HHS issue

By SARAH MERVOSH Managing Editor

Before President Obama publicly announced each decision regarding the contraception mandate, a Holy Cross priest in South Bend received a phone call.

University President Fr. John Jenkins heard from the White House prior to the original contraception mandate announcement in January and before the subsequent accommodation announcement earlier this month, University Spokesman Dennis Brown said.

"[Jenkins] appreciates the dialogue he's had with the White House and will continue to keep the lines of communication open," Brown said. Since he invited Obama to

Since he invited Obama to speak at Notre Dame's commencement ceremony in 2009, Jenkins has been criticized for initiating dialogue with an administration that takes a prochoice stance on abortion.

Now, as tensions between the Obama administration and Catholic leaders across the country rise over another right-to-life issue, Jenkins has engaged in a give-and-take conversation with the White House in an attempt to tackle unresolved issues with the contraception mandate.

The current version of the mandate requires insurance

companies [] rather than religiously-affiliated employers [] to pay for contraception for employees. The Obama administration said self-insured employers, like Notre Dame, would be included in the exemption, but has not released specifics as to how this will work.

Brown said Jenkins welcomes conversations with the White House because respectful dialogue is the only path to resolving disagre-



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Basketball event connects cadets



Angela Ferreira, coordinator of the event.

"All ROTC branches the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force [were] represented," she said. "The teams play through

'Lunch' promotes discussion



Photos by MATT CASHORE/ University of Notre Dame

President Barack Obama and University President Father John Jenkins talk at Notre Dame's 2009 commencement. The presidents stressed the importance of dialogue about controversial issues.

ASA vice president Chris Moore said finding a fried chicken strip

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GRACE KENESEY/ The Observer

Senior JP McCabe of Notre Dame's Navy ROTC goes for a layup in this weekend's ROTC invitational basketball tournament.

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI News Writer

The 26th annual Flyin' Irish Basketball Invitational brought service men and women from across the country together for a weekend of friendly competition. Organized and staffed by members of Notre Dame's Air Force ROTC program, the Invitational serves as the largest ROTC sporting event in the nation, with all teams guaranteed a substantial number of games, according to junior their brackets so that everyone is guaranteed at least three games."

Teams from universities across the country, including Michigan State and Texas A&M, traveled to South Bend for the weekend to compete, Ferreira said.

"Many of the teams are local, but Texas A&M comes in every year and almost always wins," she said. "We have four teams from the Notre Dame Air Force ROTC, two ND Navy ROTC teams, one Tri-Mil team with ND Army/Navy/Marines and one cross-town team from Trine [University] who is in our same detachment."

Ferriera said the event connects students who will

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By NICOLE MICHELS News Writer

Students and faculty gathered Friday to engage in feeding their minds and their stomachs.

"The Professors for Lunch Series" kicked off last week to discuss "The Unintended Reformation: How a Religious Revolution Secularized Society" — the latest book of Brad Gegory, professor of Early Modern European History.

The event was the first in the Series, an initiative inspired by Political Science

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A student takes a picture of Matt Costa during his performance at Legends on Saturday night. Costa is a singer-songwriter from California. In 2006, Costa contributed to the soundtrack "Sing-A-Longs and Lullabies for the Film Curious George."

OFFBEAT

Marine wins slot machine jackpot, credits good karma LAS VEGAS — Marine Cpl. Alexander Degenhardt is

crediting karma for landing a \$2.9 million progressive slot jackpot in Las Vegas.

They asked me if I was

with the Marines and go through with the bone marrow donation, which is expected to occur in the next six months after extensive testing.

He and several fellow Marines had flown to Las Vegas from Washington, D.C., where he's stationed, for a week of training at Nellis Air Force Base. He said he decided to kill a couple of hours before the return

losing his exotic reptile collection worth \$49,000 after police found dozens of venomous lizards and snakes in his home.

Fifty-one-year-old Walter Kidd of Hendersonville pleaded guilty Friday to 30 misdemeanor charges of possessing endangered animals and failing to properly label containers of poisonous snakes.

Police seized the reptiles in August after Kidd was bitten by an exotic venomous snake and rushed to a hospital. Officers said his mobile home was packed with snakes in plastic containers.

As part of the Lynch lecture series, the Department of Physics will host the lecture "The Accelerating Universe" in Room 101 of the

The lecture, "How Do We **Connect Person to Person**, Without Technology? Storytelling and the Lakota Oral Tradition," will be held in the Eck Visitor Center auditorum from 7 to 9:30 p.m. tonight. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the Denny Moore Award for Excellence in Journalism, named after the University's late Associate Vice President for Public Affairs. Candidates must be seniors and may be nominated by faculty, staff or fellow students. The deadline is Friday, March 2.

A knock-out tournament, which is projected to set a world record, will take place in the Joyce Center immediately following the men's basketball game Friday.

encouraged. Letters to the Editor must be signed and

Questions regarding Observer policies should be directed

Degenhardt was accepted as a bone marrow donor to an anonymous patient only a couple of days before hitting the jackpot Sunday at the Bellagio, the Las Vegas Sun reported.

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sure I wanted to go through with it because it's kind of painful, but what's a little pain if it will save someone's life?" Degenhardt said. "I look at this jackpot as kind of good karma for that." Degenhardt, 26, said he plans to continue his career

flight by playing the penny slot, which takes bets from 40 cents to \$2, at the Bellagio. He landed the jackpot about 10 minutes later.

Man will lose his expensive collection of exotic reptiles

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. – A North Carolina man is

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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



SMC Hypatia Day encourages learning in math & science

By TAYLOR COUILLARD-RODAK News Writer

DNA extractions, Fibonacci numbers and bouncy ball polymers were the main attractions of Saint Mary's 21st annual Hypatia Day on Saturday.

The event, named for the first female mathematician and scientist recorded in history Hypatia of Alexandria is aimed to inspire local seventh grade girls to study math, science and engineering.

The event

to get them involved in do- continue their math and sci-

ing fun math and science activities led by all of our student clubs," Kristin Jeh-ring, mathematics professor and director of Hypatia Day,

"The event is for the

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Kristin Jehring

SMC mathematics

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said. To qualify for participation, Jehring said students

apply for the event after their teachers nominate them. seventh graders to get "We send out materials them involved in doing to the math fun math and science and science activities led by all of teachers to the schools in the greater Michigan area," she said. "They nominate a stucouple dents that they

think would and benefit is for the seventh graders should be encouraged to

ence education."

students This year, 95 were selected.

The students, along with their parents, started the day with a welcome from Jehring and a keynote address by Abby Weppler, local meteorologist for WSBT-TV. From there, students from various clubs lead hands-on activities for the girls, Jehring said.

"The chemistry club [lead an activity with] bouncy balls to learn about polymers," she said.

In addition, the Biology Club worked with the girls on extracting DNA from strawberries and learning about dissection to experiencing working in the lab.

The Nursing Club taught students how to perform Triage and basic CPR, the Engineering Club built bridges with K'Nex and the Math Club showed students how to manipulate a JAVA program. "[The students received]

a taste of programming and how seeing little changes will affect the system," Jehring said. "[They also played] with math theory, Fibonacci numbers and sequences to [observe] patterns."

While the girls conducted experiparments,

ents attended lectures by mathematics professor Mary Connolly, Director of Admissions Kristin McAndrew and financial aid counselor Lonnie Kizer.

The lectures featured information about college affordability, classes women should take in high school to prepare them for college and why a life in science or math is a good option, Jehring

said.

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tivities offered by the event, Jehring said the most excit-

ing aspect of the event was the participation.

"[The seventh graders] get involved, and they're actively doing things in these sessions," she said.

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Interrace: Post-Series Discussion with Playing with Fire Developers

Tobias Blake **Oliver** Jenkins

Dinner and Discussion Wednesday, February 29th 5;30pm - 7pm Coleman-Morse Student Lounge

Please R.S.V.P. to MSPS by Monday, February 27th at msps@nd.edu (subject: Interrace) or call (574) 631-6841

GRACE KENESEY/ The Observer

Matt Abeling takes a shot in his team's game at the 26th Flyin' Irish Basketball Invitational last weekend.

ROTC

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work in the same field after graduation.

We have boards set up [at the event] for seniors that have lists of people vho know which b type they will have, like intelligence or analysis, so they can meet some of the people they'll end up working with," she said. "The juniors have just finished field training as well, so they have the opportunity to reunite with people they met there." Additionally, Ferriera said the event provides an outlet for students to meet others whom they may not normally interact with. "We don't have a lot of chances to interact with other detachments now, but we're all going to be in the Air Force or Army or whatever branch together after this," she said.

sity's Air Force ROTC program, made the eight-hour trip to Notre Dame and enjoyed the interactive atmosphere.

"It was my first time at the Invitational, and it was a lot of fun playing a lot of basketball," he said. "It really makes the ROTC experience something beyond

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Colton Kennelly, a freshman from Iowa State and a member of the univer-

drill and marching all the time."

Kennelly's team lost to the ND Tri-Mil team in the semifinals Sunday, but he said the merit of the event was beyond winning or losing.

"It was fun to bond with some of the guys, work on our teamwork and just have a good time," he said. Sunday's championship men's game featured the Notre Dame Tri-Mil team against Texas A&M, with A&M pulling away in the overtime win.

Additionally, the Notre Dame women's Air Force team fell to Marquette's Navy team in the women's bracket final.

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EDUCATION REFORM-MONGERING: A PRACTITIONER'S PERSPECTIVE

Address by Michael Flanagan

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Crime

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in the club's mailbox initially did not prompt him to view the incident as a hate crime.

Given that Africans aren't typically stereotyped as being as fond of fried chicken like society tends to depicts black Americans, and that this appeared to be an isolated incident, none of us really thought of it was racial intimidation but rather a a sign of disrespect [and] impoliteness," he said. "As we now know, this was regrettably not the case."

In addition to the investigation, student leaders, staff and faculty are developing a "com-prehensive response" to the specific incidents that occurred, as well as unreported occasions of intolerance, the statement said. This response will take "various forms.'

'We seek to use it as a means to educate our community and create awareness of the fact that, even at this point in our national history, hatred and bigotry continue to exist and must be combated," the statement said

Suggs said the BSA has developed a three-step plan of action with the ASA and MSPS. The first step is to address the situation in the black community; second, to address the incident with campus administration and third, to increase awareness and evoke action among the Notre Dame community.

"A critical component to this proposal includes urging the administrative officials in the Provost Office through formal letters and petitions to establish a cultural competency requirement that spans a semester beyond the current two-day presentation, which only serves to begin a conversation in regards to diversity," she said. "This component should be a top priority to the University.³

In the immediate future, Suggs said there are plans to host a campus-wide town hall meeting titled "A Call to Action in

Regards to the Discriminatory Incident." The meeting is scheduled for March 5 in the Andrews Auditorium of Geddes Hall.

"The purpose for the town hall meeting will not only serve as a campus-wide opportunity to discuss the incident and other related cases, but also to serve as productive means of understanding the various perspectives of the student body concerning such incidents and formulating a concrete plan of action," she said.

Though immediate action has been taken to address the situation, Suggs said she does not view the incident as a "quickfix." Rather, she said this is an opportunity to bring necessary change to the University community.

"The plans of action proposed will require a great deal of revision, time and patience in the interest of bringing about effective implementation that will make for a sustainable modification in the campus climate and culture of Our Lady's University," she said. "With campus-wide interest, action and support, we can work, jointly, to bring about these changes that are long overdue and have been swept under the rug too many times before."

Moore said he hopes the campus engages in dialogue on the subject of race at Notre Dame, rather than responding with anger.

"I believe that many students, faculty and administrators would like to see Notre Dame as a campus that embraces all of its students," he said. "The reality, however, is that overall experience and quality of campus life for many students is unfortunately shaped by their minority status on campus ∏ be it racial, ethnic or religious.

"Without actual dialogue regarding the subject, we cannot make progress as a community to ensure that inclusiveness is materialized for all."

Anyone with information on these incidents is asked to contact NDSP at 574-631-5555.

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per day, Pino said they decided

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The talks, Pino said, feature

a group meal before a ques-

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Morgan Pino, senior and un-

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Professor Vincent Munoz's desire to build the intellectual life for students on campus.

"Notre Dame students are fantastically smart, but it seemed to me that we should offer them more to encourage their intellectual life beyond the classroom," Munoz said. "We do a fantastic job of providing ath-

letic activity beyond the classroom, and ND stuare *"These opportunities"* known for for discussion are an athexcellent chance to prowbroaden our minds and but I expose ourselves to the don't think incredible breadth of they're knowledge that is being shared by our professors." known for their intellectual curiosity. I think Laura Taylor there, but the cul-

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Senior Laura Taylor, a participant in the talk hosted by Gregory, said the convenience of the talks gave the alreadyattractive event extra allure.

"I was very excited about the event because it offered a ton of students from all majors the opportunity to witness a lecture from one of Notre Dame's most renowned professors," Taylor said. "Even better, it was offered at lunch a much more convenient time of day for most students ... and it was held at

an easily accessible location." gov-Student ernment's Neal Ravindra, director of academic affairs, helped to coordinate further logistics of the event and helped attract students.

"Originally [Pino] and Professor Munoz reached out to us and asked if we wanted to help promote the event and get students to come," Ravin-

dra said. "We mainly helped to hammer out details and to direct logistical things like advertising."

Ravindra said student government representatives are excited about the series, and would love to see it continue in the future.

"We are very glad for the op-portunity to provide students with this cross-disciplinary experience and to see them pursue learning outside of the classroom that's not necessarily going to be for anything other than their intellectual development," he said.

Ravindra said the events were planned around three specific goals outlined by Munoz to nurture, help and create.

"Our goals are to nurture undergraduate intellectual life beyond the classroom, to help create an interdisciplinary intellectual community among

the faculty and between faculty and students and to create a forum for learning for the entire Notre Dame community, while recognizing and celebrating outstanding faculty achievements," Ravindra said.

Taylor said she plans to attend more lunches because she appreciated the opportunity to engage intellectually with faculty and students from diverse disciplines. Also, she is excited by its potential to have a positive impact on the Notre Dame community.

"The atmosphere at Notre Dame is definitely one centered on academic performance; this is wonderful, but it allows students to get too wrapped up in their specialized courses of study," Taylor said. "These opportunities for discussion are an excellent chance to broaden our minds and expose ourselves to the incredible breadth of knowledge that is being shared by our professors.'

Freshmen Matt Hing of Dillon Hall and Kendra Reiser of Pangborn Hall also attended the event, and said that they enjoyed the chance to hear one of Notre Dame's prominent professors discuss his work.

"Professor Gregory is an engaging professor in class, so I wanted to hear him outside [of class]," Hing said.

echoed Resier Hing's thoughts.

"I wanted to attend the event because I wanted to learn more about how religion can play a stronger role in the institution that we have," Reiser said.

Munoz said judging from the feedback of the first event, he envisions holding this event more frequently.

"I think we've hit upon a good idea," Munoz said. "We're doing it to make life at Notre Dame more interesting for the students. The focus is on creating an event that would resonate with the students, what would be intellectually engaging for them. We want to not only cater to their interests, but elevate them."

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Progress in settlement talks delays trial

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A judge has delayed the federal trial over the nation's worst offshore oil disaster by a week, saying Sunday that BP PLC was making some progress in settlement talks with a committee overseeing scores of lawsuits, according to people



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Two people close to the case told The Associated Press that the decision was made Sunday during a conference call between parties in the Gulf of Mexico oil spill case and U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the call.

They said the judge told those on the call that BP and the Plaintiffs' Steering Com-mittee were "making some progress" in their settlement talks. The steering committee is overseeing lawsuits filed by individuals and businesses following the explosion on the Deepwater Horizon rig on April 20, 2010, in the Gulf. The blast killed 11 workers and led to 206 million gallons of oil spewing from the



U.S. Coast Guard fire boat response crews spray water on the burning remnants of BP's Deepwater Horizon offshore oil rig on April 21. 2010.

blown-out well, soiling miles of coastline.

However, the judge did not mention the status of settlement talks between other parties, nor did he mention any figures being discussed, according to the people close to the case.

The brief order issued by Barbier on Sunday said only that the delay was granted "for reasons of judicial efficiency and to allow the parties to make further progress in their settlement discussions." Among other things, the trial that is now set to begin March 5 is meant to determine the penalties that need to be paid by BP and other companies involved in the oil spill. Billions of dollars are at stake.

BP and the Plaintiffs Steering Committee confirmed in a joint news release that the trial had been delayed. It said the oil giant and the PSC were working to reach an agreement that would "fairly compensate people and businesses affected by the Deepwater Horizon accident and oil spill."

There can be no assurance that these discussions will lead to a settlement agreement," the joint statement said.

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ments.

"He has emphasized over the past three years that you can't change society unless you persuade people, and you can't persuade them unless you engage them in a respectful way," Brown said. "So you don't shun the person you want to persuade [] perhaps especially when that person is our president."

Nick Papas, a White House spokesman, said the Obama administration appreciates its relationship with Jenkins.

"We deeply value Fr. Jenkins' advice and counsel," he said. "The White House also benefits from a number of Notre Dame alums who play an integral role in our Administration."

The spokesmen for the White House and Notre Dame declined to share specifics about the nature and extent of Jenkins' relationship with the White House, citing those conversations as private.

"It would be imprudent for us to get into an detail on these private conversations," Brown said.

Sometimes, part of the conversation has meant pushing back.

When Obama responded to opposition from religious groups earlier this month and announced a modification that put responsibility for funding contraception onto insurance companies, Jenkins released a statement saying the accommodation was a "welcome step toward recognizing the freedom of religious institutions."

But when the White House included Jenkins' statement in a blog post of statements from organizations supportive of Obama's accommodation, including Planned Parenthood, Notre Dame asked for Jenkins' statement to be removed.

'We asked the White House to remove it from their blog because, while he viewed the 'accommodation' ... as a step in the right direction, he believes there is much still to be done and was not offering the same support as others who were cited," Brown said.

Jenkins previously spoke out against the original proposal for the contraception mandate.

When the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) opened the original rule up for comment, Jenkins sent a letter to HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius in September asking that Notre Dame and other religious institutions be exempt from provid-



MATT CASHORE/ University of Notre Dame

President Barack Obama acknowledges the reaction from the assembled crowd at Notre Dame's 2009 commencement.

ing contraceptive services.

This would compel Notre Dame to either pay for contraception and sterilization in violation of the Church's moral teaching, or to discontinue our employee and student health care plans in violation of the Church's social teaching," Jenkins wrote. "It's an impossible position."

Jenkins has since worked with the Obama administration to resolve this "impos-

sible position." In addition, he has been in conversation with Church leaders at a national and local level.

"He also has been in regular conversation with Cardinal [Timothy] Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Bishop Kevin Rhoades from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as we work together in a united effort on this issue," Brown said. Brown said the University

plans to discuss specifics as to how the contraception mandate will affect Notre Dame in the near future. In the mean time, Jenkins will remain in communication with the White House, he said.

"There will continue to be engagement with the administration [] on this and other issues," Brown said.

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Court to debate extension of Statute

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Corporations and human rights groups are squaring off in a Supreme Court fight over whether foreign victims of war crimes, killings and other atrocities can haul multinational companies into American courts and try to prove they were complicit in the abuses and should pay damages.

The rights groups say a 223-year-old law gives foreigners such as Nigerianborn Charles Wiwa the right to try to hold businesses accountable for the roles they play in atrocities. Energy and mining companies have been among the most frequent targets of these lawsuits in recent years following efforts by the military in Indonesia, Nigeria and elsewhere to clamp down on protests against oil and gas exploration and development.

The justices will hear arguments Tuesday over the oil giant Royal Dutch Shell, be held liable for anything each of the Alien Tort ute and a 20-year-old law that allows victims of torture to pursue civil lawsuits against the responsible individuals. The Alien Tort Statute lay unused for most of American history until rights lawyers dusted it off beginning in the late 1970s. Lawsuits have been brought against individuals who allegedly took part in abuses and, more recently, against companies that do business in places where abuses occur and in the United States. The corporations have a lot of money and are very attractive targets," said Northwestern University law professor Eugene Kontorovich, an expert in inter-national law. "The idea is that they were in bed with



Charles Wiwa, 44, a Nigerian refugee, is one of the plaintiffs in the case charging Shell for their complicity in the government's torture.

the countries."

But the federal appeals court in New York stopped a class-action suit against saying Tort Stat

can seek accountability.

"Nigeria gets so much money from oil. There is no way the company will courts in Nigeria,

Gambling couple loses thousands in casinos

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — As lost weekends go, this one was a doozy.

The woman and her longtime boyfriend, regular Atlantic City gamblers, lost \$100,000 in two days in early January. She lost her job, and they now owe \$205,000 to five Atlantic City casinos, with no realistic prospects of paying it back.

She picked up the tele-phone and called her host, John Conklin, Resorts' vice president of player development, whose job it is to keep gamblers happy - and coming back.

"This is more than I can handle," she told him. "I'm in over my head. All of my real estate is underwater. I don't know what I'm going to do."

Conklin was concerned.

"She sounded desperate," he recalled. "I could hear it in her voice

hands-on sessions like those Wexler gives, to much more passive efforts like having brochures about where to get help for a gambling addiction available on the casino floor, or handling out pens with the toll-free number of a help line printed on them.

While most casinos have adopted some form of responsible gambling policy, it can be a delicate balance in an industry whose very business model relies on gamblers risking and losing money. The casino industry has two main motivations in dealing with problem gam-blers, said Alan Feldman, a vice president at MGM Resorts International, and chairman of the National Center for Responsible Gaming.

There is a strong belief among many of the casino executives that there is a moral obligation to do this," But there's also said. a strong business reason: Problem gamblers make for lousy customers. By their very nature, they will turn into bad debt. "For them to hit bottom, they have to cause a lot of pain along the way, to themselves, their families and to companies," he said. "It serves no purpose in any business to have customers who can't pay their bills." The center developed a training program called Emerge, which has become the standard among casinos belonging to the American Gaming Association, the industry's main trade group. Different casinos use it differently, but the aim is the same: to intervene when there is a problem, Feldman said.

the Alien ute does not allow suits against corporations.

Business interests argue that the legal tactic also will discourage investment in developing countries and they point out that they uniformly condemn human rights violations.

Wiwa, 44, fled Nigeria in 1996 following a crackdown on protests against Shell's oil operations in the Niger Delta. Wiwa and other natives of the oil-rich Ogoni region claim Shell was eager to stop protests in the area and was complicit in Nigerian government actions that included fatal shootings, rapes, beatings, arrests and property destruction.

He said an American court is the only place the Ogonis said. He now lives in Chicago, having been allowed into the United States as a political refugee.

In the most notorious incident of the crackdown, Nigeria's military dictatorship hanged author Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other activists, sparking international outrage.

In 2009, Shell paid \$15.5 million to settle a separate lawsuit filed in New York under the Alien Tort Statute and alleging that the oil giant was complicit in the executions of Saro-Wiwa and the others. The company did not admit it did anything wrong. Shell's Nigerian subsidiary ended its operations in the Ogoni region in 1993, although a pipeline still passes through the area.

He gave her the phone number of Arnie Wexler, the former head of New Jersey's Council on Compulsive Gambling and himself a former gambling addict. Wexler helped get the woman and her boyfriend into a program for gambling addicts, promised to help her work out some sort of arrangement with the casinos, and just let her know she was not alone, that there are thousands like her.

Wexler travels the country giving training sessions to casino employees on how to spot potential compulsive gamblers and what to do if they encounter any.

The casino industry's efforts to spot problem gamblers and intervene with them range from intense,

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INSIDE COLUMN

Draft day

With spring training underway, pitchers are working off the rust in their shoulders, hitters are stepping back into the batter's box and new faces populate the baseball fields in their respective

major league parks across the country, preparing for opening day. At the same time, fantasy baseball managers are re-evaluating strategy, combing through stats and preparing for draft day.

For the millions who will take over the helm of a fantasy team this season,

Joseph Monardo

Sports Writer

draft day represents the most important day of the fantasy schedule. The selection day brings with it the opportunity to manage a new team, to start from scratch as the long road to the championship begins. So why in the world would anyone prefer a keeper league to a fresh start?

For anyone unfamiliar with fantasy baseball, the premise is simple enough: Participants take on the role of manager in a league and personally draft a team from the list of Major League Baseball players. Each player's stats count towards the fantasy teams that own him. Each fantasy team has one catcher, one first baseman and one of every other position in the field, as well as a number of pitchers.

In a keeper league, managers retain a set number of players on their team (e.g. no more than four) from the previous season rather than starting anew. The teams then draft from the remaining players, which are not kept by any of the teams. Not only does this process detract from the excitement of draft day, but it detracts from the excitement of the entire season.

Of the two leagues that I am playing in this year, one is a keeper league. I am keeping catcher Brian McCann, second baseman Robinson Cano, pitcher James Shields and outfielder Ryan Braun, who was definitely not caught taking performance-enhancing drugs last season. Phew. All four of these players are great, to be sure, but they are so ... How should I say this? So last year. I already saw Braun rake in points, now I want to see another stud hitter carry my team. I already saw Shields go into the eighth inning almost every time out, now I want a new ace.

In a keeper league, the best players available to you are already on your team. When each team selects four players to keep, it is as if the top four rounds vorth of players are accounted for. In last year's draft in the same league (because it was the inaugural season there was no possibility for keepers), the top three picks in the fifth round were pitchers Josh Johnson and Matt Cain, followed by first baseman Billy Butler. Yuck. Not that Johnson, Cain and Butler are yuck (although Butler definitely is), but this is what I am supposed to get excited for? The chance to draft Billy Butler as the top overall hitter is supposed to drive me through the final weeks of the fantasy off-season? Fantasy baseball is exciting, fulfilling and enjoyable no matter what the system, but for an optimal experience and a meaningful draft day, ditch keeper leagues.

For those of you that missed the email from Fr. Tom Doyle last Friday, somebody put fried chicken pieces in the mailboxes of the Black Student Association and the African Student Association.

When I first Jee Seun Choi heard about it a few days

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email, I gasped

before the

and frowned at the act of offense. I was disgusted that there were people out there who would do such a thing.

But because I didn't grow up here, I want to understand more about the connotation of this act and know what I might be missing. I want to know exactly why I felt so disgusted even when I was missing the cultural background. I vaguely remembered the stereotype of black people eating lots of fried chicken. I Googled it and asked some of my American friends. I thought about what would be the equivalent of that to me. Finding cooked rice in the mailbox of Asian American Association? Finding kimchi in the mailbox of Korean Student Association?

But none of these actually explained the feeling of intense disgust. I finally asked a black friend of mine: "How do you feel about this?"

He does not represent the entire black community. But he told me that many of his black friends were very indignant, deeply hurt, seriously offended and overall just frustrated. Some also thought it would be one of those things that would make people angry but would end up doing noth-

ing in the end.

Then he also said, "Personally, I was really angry. This was just an act of offense that came from ignorance. I try to laugh away at those things. But at the same time, I don't find it so much differ ent from the verbalization of such stereotypes. Saying something like 'Black people love fried chicken' and putting fried chicken in the BSA mailbox is the same thing. They are equally bad."

The fried chicken

I disagreed with him at this point that having a prejudice and taking action on a prejudice are the same. Then I realized why I was so disgusted with something that I didn't fully comprehend. It was not the connotation of fried chicken that put me off.

It was just the sheer intentionality and physicality of the chicken in the mailbox that disgusted me. The thought of somebody deliberately carrying out an act of aggression based on his/her racial prejudices. That is the essence of the incident, and it is disgusting. Everyone has prejudices — invented or based on facts — but physically using them with the intention of hurting somebody is different.

Whoever put the chicken in the mailbox was an active agent of aggression with the full intention of harming someone else. Isn't that how horrible things — what we now condemn as criminal activities that I don't even need to mention here — happen? The racial prejudice and intentionality of violence were transformed into pieces of fried chicken wrapped in dining hall tissues. That was what freaked me out. The specific implications of fried chicken and how that makes this action much more

abhorrent is a separate issue.

I don't represent every minority; I only represent myself. But the Asiatic Gaze and I would like to show support to my black friends of the Notre Dame community who were offended by this incident.

Stereotypes can have lasting conse-quences. My black friend said, "I feel self-conscious whenever I eat fried chicken because of that assumption people have." He also differentiated between kimchi, rice and fried chicken. Kimchi and rice are actually part of the culture. Asians do eat a lot of rice and Koreans do eat a lot of kimchi. But black people eating lots of fried chicken is just an invented stereotype - that's what people eat in the South.

Despite the difference between rice, kimchi and chicken, if somebody put rice or kimchi in my mailbox, I would be offended. But I would make kimchi fried rice and invite all my friends: "Hey, free Korean food!" It would be an act of defiance that would turn into a party. My friends and I would eat up all the negative energy of hatred and violence.

Many of us in the Notre Dame community were offended by this fried chicken incident. I cautiously propose an idea ... Why don't we throw a fried chicken party? Sometimes humor is the best reaction to something ridiculously sad

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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> **Albert Einstein** U.S. physicist

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Dating and relating

Things happen very fast in the current generation. Whether we want to acknowledge it or not, there is a good reason why top chefs do not prepare elegant meals in a microwave. Clearly

one of our issues on campus is the sometimes frantic pace with which we build relationships. There is

David Moss

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ships. There is no one to blame for the demise of the dating ritual on this campus. It is what it is. In my curiosity to understand why men and women have abdicated ownership of this social norm, I engaged ten students (5 women; 5 men) in singlesex conversations about their opinions around this issue. Although I cannot extrapolate these comments to all men and women on campus, this is what I discovered.

The women I talked with were unanimous in their belief that the Notre Dame environment is packed with pressure. They described the pressure to look a certain way (hair done, make-up on, never wear sweats) and to behave a certain way. "You always have to look as good as possible. Men talk about putting on their 'ND goggles.' I know a lot of beautiful girls on campus so I don't understand how the men here can think that all of us are ugly."

There is a belief that this creates an environment where women are willing to take any attention they can get from men, hook-up or otherwise. They compete against Notre Dame women out of the classroom and Notre Dame men in the classroom. "And we can't forget about the pressure added by the presence of St. Mary's students. You are fighting so much already, that the pressure really gets to you." Some of the women said they felt stuck and wondered if coming to Notre Dame was a mistake. Others have decided to place relationship formation on hold, to wait until they leave Notre Dame to pursue this portion of life.

The women also talked explicitly about the dining hall as a source of stress and judgement. Whether it is the men who "moo" at those who get fro-yo, or the other women who meticulously watch what your plate looks like, the dining halls have contributed to a negative atmosphere where women don't feel valued.

Many of the frustrations the men talked about revolved around the perennial issue of parietals. It is noted, however, that not every man interviewed had a negative view of this Notre Dame tradition. They also commented that differing expectations about the college experience is part of the problem. They believe that many women come to Notre Dame looking for committed relationships and others hope to achieve the coveted "ring by spring." The men used the term "American Pie" to describe what the typical college man expected.

All the guys I talked with agreed with the notion that women have some pressure to always look good/perfect. They believe, however, that much of this pressure is either self-induced or imposed on women by other women. They also commented that when a woman receives a negative comment about her apparel, she may have the tendency to inflate the importance of that comment. In the end, they admitted that how a woman dresses does impact their impression of her, but added that the same is probably true from the other side.

Some of the men agreed with the notion that it might be better to wait until after college to focus on relationships. One stated that doing this now makes "girls panicky and guys frustrated." One young man said eloquently that "doing a relationship the right way is not easy. It takes a great deal of effort and I would rather focus my attention on making sure my academics are in order. If you can get involved and do it the right way, go for it. But typically once two people get involved, it is only then that they realize how involved the process is." In terms of waiting on romance, one young man commented that, "good things come to patient people." Other common frustrations guys experience on campus include women who are "jersey chasers," being trapped in the friend zone and the fact that when a certain type of athlete shows up at a party the game is over.

From what I can surmise, the issues presented here, while serious, are not insurmountable. It will just take authentic and honest communication. To that end I am inviting the ten individuals that offered their opinions for this editorial to join me for a meeting of the minds and some great food. This extended conversation will be the first of many and the topic of a future column. Until then talk to your friends about what you have read and decide if these comments ring true for you. I look forward to seeing you at the Notre Dating program tonight at 7 p.m. in Legends.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Caruso and the Canon

There is a comforting predictability in Gary Caruso's "Capitol Comments." In fact, it is hardly necessary to read one of his columns to guess at its content: denunciations of Catholic teaching on contraception, abortion and sexuality or reckless mockery of the hierarchy of the Church. Every column begins with the same half-truths, logical lapses and misrepresentations of Catholic dogma — these would be laughable if they were not so serious. Appeals to that learned authority, the EMHC at St. Matthew's Cathedral, and attacks on Virginia Governor Bob Mc-Donnell are seldom far behind. If I were Caruso's professor, I would be forced to warn him of the consequences of recycling ideas from old essays as original work. As it is, I find the rhythm and regularity almost soothing — like a faucet dripping in the background or a dog barking in the distance.

But this Caruso column contains something new: a denial of the authority of Scripture. The Canon, as he has it, is unreliable and probably irrelevant: after all, first-century Palestine was so much simpler and the Canon was compiled by the same ecclesiastical hierarchy responsible for the rest of Catholic dogma. Marcion would be proud. Now, the inspiration of Scripture is a thorny topic and can be debated elsewhere. But I am unclear on one point: If Scripture is so unreliable, why does Caruso bother appealing to the actions and teachings of the "real" Jesus? From what source other than the Gospels does he draw his information? One almost suspects that Caruso's Jesus is a figment of his imagination — a projection of his own 21st century prejudices and desires.

To close on a positive note, Caruso is right on one thing: Christ did seek out the tax collectors and sinners. If he paid more attention to scriptural context, Caruso would know why Our Lord did so: to call them to repentance. The Catholic Church continues this mission today. As the sacrament of salvation for the world, the Church is the means by which Christ will save us all — but only if we have the humility to let Him.

Not a post-racial society

In recent days, both the Black Student Association and the African Student Association have been the targets of racially motivated crimes. The nature of these transgressions? Placing fried chicken wings in the LaFortune mailboxes of both organizations. When they hear about this, many Notre Dame students will likely react with exasperation. "It's just a joke!" people might say. "A joke in poor taste, but a joke all the same."

I disagree. The coordinated nature of the events and their deliberate timing (they come right in the middle of Black History Month) indicate that these were well thought-out incidents with a clear intent — to perpetuate crass racial stereo-types. These events also indicate something greater: We do not live in the post-racial society that many would like to think we do. As long as racial stereotypes exist, so do racial tensions.

We, the students of this University, need to recognize this fact and be more honest about it. There needs to be more open, candid dialogue on these important issues. Writing from the perspective of a white, middle-class student, I know that these are not issues that many of us think about much. I also know that, even when reminded of them, they are not issues we want to think about. But Notre Dame should not hold itself to the low standards set by the perpetrators of these crimes. In order to demonstrate that we reject this kind of behavior, we must first acknowledge that it exists.

Initiating such dialogue amongst all students would be a small step, but it would definitely be a step in the right direction. Only by making this first move can we begin to move beyond such incidents and create a welcoming environment for all students. Maybe then we could get to the real work of tackling racial misunderstanding and discrimination.

graduate student off campus Feb. 26

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Remembering Gail Walton

Students and alumni of Notre Dame alike can think of personalities from their time at the University that left an indelible impression upon them. For those of us who had the good fortune to sing in the Liturgical Choir under the direction of Dr. Gail Walton, she was one of those personalities.

Countless stories could be recounted about the positive impact she had upon the lives of so many. Her kind, professional and courteous manner served as a strong example in how to lead a life in service to others. Her deep understanding of the Church's rich musical heritage led to her students having a greater appreciation of their faith. The timeless music that her choirs performed enhanced the worship experience of innumerable parishioners and visitors to the Basilica through the years.

As of Feb. 24, we marked the second anniversary of her untimely passing. Her former students look back fondly upon the lasting impact she had upon us. Though she is gone, she will never be forgotten.

Michael McAllister

Class of 1998 Chicago, Ill. Feb. 26

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By COURTNEY ECKERLE Scene Writer

Pied piper is perhaps a more fitting moniker for Matt Costa than indie folk singer-songwriter. He ended his Saturday night concert at Legends nightclub by exiting the stage through the crowd, leading them in a guitar and harmonica jamboree.

Opening act Ratboy (band name soon to be changed for legal reasons, and it is taking suggestions) was a pleasant and fitting prelude to Costa. The group held its own in a crowd of Costa fans, surprisingly extending beyond the plaid and

thickrimmed glasses crowd.

T h e duo's acoustic set, highlighted by lead singer Julia Steiner's pretty and light vocals, nicely c o n trasted w i t h Dave Sa-



Courtney Eckerle/The Observer

gan's bass guitar. They brought to mind the 2007 "Juno" soundtrack; the duo would have fit right in with their upbeat sound and lyrics that brought the crowd into an

inside joke. Before

Costa's jubilant exit, he proved himself to be a musician of the people. In between

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Courtney Eckerle/The Observer Julia Steiner of Ratboy opening for Costa.

recommending "the best beer I've had in a while" from Legends restau-(Bell's rant Hopslam Ale) and engaging in genlively eral repartee with the crowd. It seemed as if he was just hanging out with a crowd of his good

Notre Dame buddies.

This continued after the show where Costa came out and spent time greeting everyone. He was taking pictures, of course, but

questions. He asked two girls the best places to see at Notre Dame. and when they named Grotto, the he innocentreplied, ly "What's the Grotto?" After the initial moment of shock, he was brought

into the Domer

loop.

During his performance, Costa

rocked two guitars, but the real

groove started when he brought out the harmonica, which he used

for the majority of his songs. "Miss Magnolia" was magnifi-

cently done half a capella, and

"Mr. Pitiful" had the entire crowd

Costa was honest and fun with

the crowd, even when he couldn't

find the right sound for "Jose-

phine," his so-called morning

song. He sheepishly explained to

the crowd he wrote it to match his

voice in the morning, when he had

to play on radio shows. Whenever

he plays it at night it, he says it

takes him a bit to find the right

In the world of 13-year-old You-

Tube pop stars, Costa is a humble,

but enormously talented musician

mostly

talked

answered

he

and

with personality and charisma to spare. His demeanor made the concert truly fun, bringing the crowd together in clapping and swaying musical moments. He will certainly be welcomed back to campus with arms as wide as Touchdown Jesus ³/₄ and speaking of, maybe next time he'll even get a chance to see the Grotto.

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Legends piano signed by many music artists, including Costa.



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reviews 'Gizmos, Corsets, and Concoctions'

By FELICIA CAPONIGRI Scene Writer

Upon entrance to the South Bend Center for History's exhibit "Gizmos, Corsets and other Concoctions: Our Obsession with Health and Beauty," the visitor is greeted by an early 20th century banner, complete with beauty advertisements and a mannequin reminiscent of barbershop entertainment. The journey into the historical origins of our timeless desire for health and beauty has begun.

Organized in a circular manner, the exhibit alternates recreations of a fully-equipped late 19th century doctor's office(complete with bones and concoctions which makes one realize how much trust we truly place within our doctors prescriptions), with later hospital and sanitarium scenarios. On display is a 1930s phrenology machine, which capitalized on the pseudoscience's hold on the public imagination by equating one's talents and intelligence with the size of the head (problematic on so many equal rights fronts).

Moreover, did you know Dr. Kellogg's (yes, of the corn flake variety) sanitarium in early 1900s Battle Creek advocated not only regular exercise, but sitting in a contraption of electric lights to sweat out toxins? Think it's similar to our obsession with tanning beds? You would be correct, dear fellow fashionistas. In fact, the exhibit explains the first tanning beds were invented in the 1920s and soared in popularity. Of course, we insiders know this was thanks to two things: Coco Chanel and her propensity for Cannes vacations, and all those fabulous women who courageously worked on farms during World War I, taking on the brunt of men's work.

on the brunt of men's work. Next to the 1920s tanning machine is the world's first electric perm variety. Be prepared, darlings, it looks like a torture device engineered by our medieval forefathers ³/₄ but the black and white photographs prove it to be a staple of 1920s hair care, and you can't deny the photographic evidence. Of course, apart from explanations of lead make-

Of course, apart from explanations of lead makeup and arsenic laced beauty products, no health and beauty exhibit would be complete without a large display of corsets through the ages. Yes, turns out while those good posture-inducing contraptions were beloved by women from the 17th century to the early 20th, they were none too comfortable (but let's be real here, don't we always suffer for beauty?).

The exhibit supplements its life-sized recreations of actual corsets and undergarment ensembles with ad-

with which we interpret the corset?

Moreover, the exhibit highlights a recent Facebook phenomenon, which will have even the most liberal among us questioning the messages we send to our fellow citizens of the world. In 2010, Vaseline sponsored a skin-lightening application for photos on Facebook's India site. Whether a demand was being catered to or detrimental stereotypes were being enforced is up for debate, but nevertheless it gives us pause.

Every time we apply make-up, tan, exercise or dress, we fashionistas and all our counterparts must keep in mind the non-verbal and visual language we speak. As it turns out, tanning our skin or lightening it by staying out of the sun, applying our favorite lipstick, exercising on that treadmill or stair master and choosing those skinny jeans will affect the future generations of tomorrow. "Gizmos, Corsets, and Concoctions" at the Center for History has assured us of that.

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The exhibit entrance.

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Around the Bend

What: "Gizmos, Corsets and

Concoctions" Exhibition

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a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from

noon to 5 p.m.

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vertisements of the period and even a helpful "Silhouettes Through the Ages" plaque. Now there is happily no need to fear a disgraceful historical fashion faux pas during out next cocktail party style debate.

Exercise is also on the menu, with those oh-solovely conveyor belts which promised to shake the excess fat and cellulite off your middle and behind on display (men take notice, this was for you too, as evidenced by the male mannequin demonstrating the talents of this machinery).

The most scintillating and scandalous prize, however, goes to the section devoted to the history of male and female pleasure enhancers. Clearly inspired by recent Hollywood movies such as Maggie Gyllenhaal's "Hysteria" and the Freud flick "A Dangerous Method", the exhibit shows the 21st century HBO phenomenon of advertising intimacy is not as innovative as we thought ³/₄ it's actually been used for centuries.

On a more serious and less historical note, the exhibit is extremely thought-provoking in its presentation of the lengths we go to attain our culture's beauty and health ideals. Will 22nd century fashionistas looks upon our stiletto heels with the same scorn



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Corsets Through the Ages display in the exhibit.

Old-fashioned perm machine at the exhibit.

Sports Authority Thanks to the bad times, it's been a good time

This marks my final appearance in the Sports Authority space. As of Thursday night, I will

no longer toil away in this office. From there, I will moonlight on the men's basketball beat, riding as far into the sunset as Eric Atkins and Je-

rian Grant



Douglas Farmer

Editor-in-Chief

carry me. So pardon me, as I stray from the Sports Authority mission of looking away from the Notre Dame bubble, and let me turn the microscope back inward.

You see, four years of covering Irish athletics can wear down even the staunchest Notre Dame fan, whom I once was. It could be argued I should not admit such bias on the record. Well, when the next Irish loss could be the last game you cover, you tend to stop caring as much about the rules.

You especially stop caring as much about the rules when these last four years have taught you not to live or die by a team anymore.

I now admit I cried when Notre Dame lost to USC in 2005, thanks to the ol' "Bush Push." No lie, that loss so upset me, I have neither written nor typed those two words together until now.

I now admit I sat stunned in Greenville, N.C., in March 2002 after Notre Dame gave up a seven-point lead with six minutes left against top-seeded and tournament-favorite Duke.

I'll even admit I let the 2009 College Cup Semifinals defeat of our women's soccer team ruin a fully-comp'ed trip.

Maybe this is simply maturity gripping me, or perhaps the recent titles by the Yankees, Mavericks and Packers — all teams I wholeheartedly cheer for, say what you will — have softened my sports soul. But I suspect there is something more to it than that.

Take this past year's evening tilt against USC. Naturally, I wanted the Irish I do go to Notre Dame after all. I was in the stands, enjoying the sounds of Dropkick Murphy's with 8,000 of my closest friends.

After the game, I was less than pleased. I sat in the stands until three ushers approached me, pointing out I was the sole student remaining.

By the time I watched the Irish squeak out a win over Boston College, the wins and losses did not matter to me. Falling to Stanford, and subsequently to Florida State, rolled right off my shoulders.

Sure, it is nicer to win than to lose. Such is the nature of life; of course it would be the same in sport. But cliché as this may sound, despite those losses, I felt I was winning anywavs.

After that 2005 loss, I went over to a friend's house afterward, played wingman for my best friend and helped him land his first girlfriend. The 2002 debacle only made the 2003 Sweet Sixteen trip that much sweeter, and the snowriddled trip to Texas in 2009 yielded one of my closest friends to this day.

Notre Dame has repeatedly punched me in the stomach in my lifetime. As a student, it feels as if it could not have happened more. Remember the 2009 Basketball Gameday loss to Hasheem Thabeet and Connecticut? That was awful.

Yet I could not tell you the score or Luke Harangody's statline. I can tell you I got up at 6 a.m. to meet my girlfriend in the middle of South Quad so we could snag some of the last seats.

I've often been heard saying Notre Dame simply is not good at the whole football (or basketball, or ...) thing. And I do hope that changes sooner rather than later.

But really, I don't care. As long as I end up watching in the stands or on a couch or, preferably, in a press box working while watching (or is it watching while working?), I'm fine with the outcome.

That's what I've learned covering Notre Dame athletics for four years. I am no longer an avid Notre Dame fan. I simply love thee Notre Dame.

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NASCAR **Officials postpone Daytona 500**

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -NASCAR has raced on the beach at Daytona, under the lights and even around a pesky pothole.

But never on a Monday — until now.

The Daytona 500 was postponed Sunday for the first time in its 54-year history after heavy rain saturated Daytona International Speedway.

NASCAR officials spent more than four hours waiting for a window to dry the famed track, but it never came. When the latest storm cell passed over the speedway around 5 p.m., they had little choice but to call it a day.

The 500-mile race was rescheduled for noon Monday. It will be aired on Fox.

"This is one of the toughest things for us drivers," pole-sit-ter Carl Edwards said. "It's now who can really stay focused. That's not just the drivers, that's the pit crews, the crew chiefs, everyone, the officials. But I think we'll be just fine."

But Monday might be another test for both drivers and fans.

The forecast calls for more rain, and officials are prepared to wait all day and into the night to avoid a Tuesday race, which would strain teams that must get to Phoenix for next week's race.

"The longer runway we have tomorrow to get in the Daytona 500, the greater the likelihood for us to start and finish the event on Monday," NASCAR spokesman Kerry Tharp said. "There are certainly a lot of considerations that go into the start time decision, and we believe scheduling it for noon gives us the best opportunity for us to get the race in tomorrow.'

Eight previous Daytona 500s have endured rain delays, the latest in 2009. But never before had storms forced NASCAR's premier event to be moved.

"I think that's a pretty good record for NASCAR," Edwards said. "They've been living right to have 53 of these and never have one postponed. That's pretty spectacular. ... I think NASCAR, they're doing the right thing, you know, not dragging this out."

Noontime showers sent fans scattering for cover and leaving everyone in wait-and-see mode. Puddles of water formed in parts of the infield, and many fans got drenched as they tried to make the best of a less-thanideal situation



Danica Patrick, left, and Tony Stewart stand under an umbrella before the Daytona 500 on Sunday. The race was postponed to Monday due to rain.

owski and others took naps. Former Daytona 500 winners Jamie McMurray and Trevor Bayne did in-studio interviews with Fox. Another previous race winner, Ryan Newman, played with his daughter in the motorhome lot.

"I guess I'm gonna have to win the first Monday Daytona 500," driver Greg Biffle said. "As you can tell, I'm still in my uniform because I was optimistic that this weather was gonna get out of here and we were going to get this thing going. But I'll have to save my energy for tomorrow.

"I know a lot of race fans are disappointed and a lot of people at home on TV, but we just hope they tune in tomorrow.³

The last shortened Daytona 500 was Matt Kenseth's victory three years ago, when rain stopped the event 48 laps from the finish. He was declared the winner while the cars were parked on pit road.

This time around, drivers didn't even get in their cars.

"I didn't know when to eat. I didn't know when to rest. I didn't know what to do," Bobby Labonte said. "I never took my uniform off. I took a nap. I think we cleaned out the refrigerator snacking on things."

Now, NASCAR must deal with the downside of moving its biggest race. Ratings and attendance will suffer, falling short of what the series expected.

Fans surely will have complaints, too.

Daytona president Joie Chitwood said he understood fans were frustrated about the scheduling change that pushed the race back one week later than usual. NASCAR and the track made the decision to move the start of the season to address an awkward early off weekend and to avoid potential conflicts with the Super Bowl.

traditional Sunday, it would have been completed under a bright, blue sky.

"I'm sure I'm going to have some customers tell me about the date change and the challenges that we have with it," Chitwood said. "But I think weather is unpredictable. I think based on the NASCAR schedule, the TV schedule on whole, this was the right move for the industry. We'll continue to work with the last weekend of February.

"It's unfortunate that this had to happen the first year after we made that change. I'm sure I'll be talking to a number of customers in the next weeks ahead about that situation."

Chitwood also said trying to wait out the rain any longer Sunday wasn't an option, because the Daytona 500 deserves better than being crammed into the late evening hours.

Pointing to several intriguing story lines, NASCAR was hoping to capitalize on the success of last season's captivating championship race.

The Daytona 500 is the first of 10 scheduled Sprint Cup Series events this season for Danica Patrick, who left IndyCar behind for a full-time move to NASCAR. She will race for the Nationwide Series championship driving for JR Motorsports.

Three-time and defending NASCAR champion Tony Stewart is trying to snap an 0-for-13 losing streak in the 500. Stewart's 17 victories at Daytona include everything but the 500, ranking him second on the all-time list behind the late Dale Earnhardt's 34 wins. Stewart will start third when the race goes green.

Earnhardt Jr., the 2004 Daytona 500 champion, takes a 129 race losing streak into the event. His last victory was in 2008, his first season with powerhouse Hendrick Motorsports.

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Drivers retreated to their motorhomes, relaxing while keeping an eye on developments. Edwards, Brad Kesel-

Had the race been run on its

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NHL

San Jose drops game to Wild



Wild right wing Jed Ortmeyer scores the eventual game-winning goal during Minnesota's 4-3 win over San Jose on Sunday.

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Jed Ortmeyer's first goal of the season gave the Minnesota Wild the lead with 4:13 left in a 4-3 victory on Sunday, sending the San Jose Sharks home with a tough loss to finish 2-6-1 on a seasonlong nine-game road trip.

The Sharks played more than half of the night without head coach Todd McLellan, who was inadvertently hit in the head with a stick during a play in front of the bench early in the second period. After staying down for a bit, McLellan walked gingerly to the locker room.

That scary scene came seconds after Nick Schultz's first goal of the season — a slap shot just four seconds into a Wild power play — tied the game at 2. Kyle Brodziak won a faceoff and sent the puck to Schultz, who zinged it past Sharks defenseman Jim Vandermeer.

Brent Burns mimicked his former teammate's score with a one-timed slap shot on a Sharks power play midway through the third period. He skated back to the bench with a big smile on his face, but that's not the mood the Sharks finished with.

Matt Cullen ended an 18game goal-less skid with a deflection of Marco Scandella's shot from the blue. The puck bounced in the goal like a basketball with 5:27 remaining. Then just 74 seconds later, Ortmeyer sliced across the slot and got a stick on Jared Spurgeon's shot.

Joe Thornton and Tommy Wingels each scored in the first period for the Sharks, who were flat for the remainder of the middle frame after McLellan's injury. The Wild held a 13-2 shots on goal advantage in that period. Cal Clutterbuck also scored for the Wild, his first after 10 games without one.

The Sharks, who lost 6-2 to the Nashville Predators on Saturday, face a four-game homestand next week. They've fallen behind the Phoenix Coyotes in the Pacific Division and are only one point ahead of the eighth-place Dallas Stars in the Western Conference race.

They've been lacking fundamentals, confidence and a strong penalty kill.

This was the last meeting of the season for these teams that made three trades this summer, including the Burns-Devin Setoguchi deal the day of the draft. Dany Heatley and Martin Havlat were the pieces in the other big swap. Until Burns took that swing midway through the third period, none of the traded players had scored on their former team.

The Wild won three of the four games, including two in regulation.

The Wild welcomed three new players to their lineup: defenseman Kurtis Foster, right wing Nick Palmieri and left wing Stephane Veilleux. They were acquired on Friday with draft picks from the New Jersey Devils for dissatisfied defenseman Marek Zidlicky. The Wild have used an NHL-most and franchise-record 42 players this season, nearly double the active roster limit.

With captain Mikko Koivu out for a fifth straight game because of an undisclosed injury, Brodziak centered the first line between Heatley and Setoguchi. Palmieri joined Clutterbuck and Cullen on the second line.

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NCAA Men's Basketball

Watford's 12 points leads Indiana over Minnesota



Indiana junior guard Victor Oladipo battles for a loose ball during Indiana's 69-50 win over Minnesota on Sunday.

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Christian Watford went his last two games without making a basket. So Indiana coach Tom Crean told him to stay focused on his defense.

The Hoosiers confidently followed their plan to an important road victory, showing the kind of poise that's been eluding Minnesota for weeks.

Watford rediscovered his shooting stroke with 12 points for 23rd-ranked Indiana, and the Hoosiers blew out the sputtering Gophers 69-50 on Sunday.

"Our guys were locked in," Crean said. "They were very focused."

Victor Oladiopo and Jordan Hulls each scored 12 points themselves, and Verdell Jones III added 11 points off the bench for Indiana (22-7, 9-7 Big Ten), which held the Gophers to a season-low score and went 21 for 25 at the free-throw line. That's exactly what Crean wanted, plus a relentless approach to rebounding.

"When you get away from what your concerns are and you stay with what really, really matters, it's amazing what works out," Crean said.

Watford was 0 for 13 from the floor over the last two games, but he knocked down a pullup jump shot and a 3-pointer in the first half. He only pulled the trigger four times, but he was 7 for 7 from the line and grabbed six rebounds. Oladipo had eight boards for Indiana, which kept pace with Purdue and Wisconsin in the scramble for fourth through eighth place. Hulls, who went 3 for 11 over his last three games, hit a pair of 3-pointers and finished 4 for 8 from the field. But, again, the proof of this success was in the defense. We got a lot of stops in a row and we were able to rebound the ball, push it and run our offense the way we wanted to," Hull said. "It was good for us that way." The Gophers (17-12, 5-11) won 77-74 at Assembly Hall when the Hoosiers were seventh in the Associated Press poll six weeks ago, a potentially seasonchanging victory that softened the sting of an 0-4 start in the conference. But their performance this afternoon was nothing like that night. "I think we had a big sense

"I think we had a big sense of urgency this game, a sense of urgency just to execute our plays and get stops and get a lead," Oladipo said. "They got us at our place. We always had that in the back of our mind."

The Hoosiers raised their Big Ten road record to 3-6 by holding the Gophers to 31 percent shooting, by far their lowest rate this season. Watford frequently defended freshman point guard Andre Hollins, who picked up two quick fouls and fouled out in only 16 minutes of playing time. Oladipo stifled power forward Rodney Williams in the post.

"It kind of helps me get going a little bit. That's what I've got to do, be able to guard multiple positions," Watford said.

That loss to Minnesota on Jan. 12 started a slide of five defeats in seven games, but Indiana has recovered at least enough to have a little momentum entering March. The Hoosiers host conference leader Michigan State on Tuesday. They haven't beaten a ranked team since Jan. 5, after they took down Kentucky, Ohio State and Michigan in the span of a month, but they're now guaranteed to finish at least .500 in the Big Ten



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after going 8-46 over Crean's first three years.

They got this victory despite a quiet game from leading scorer Cody Zeller, who had seven points on 3 for 8 shooting.

"Just shows you how deep we are and how we're all capable of playing if we put our mind to it," Oladipo said.

Austin Hollins had 14 points for the Gophers, who lost their fifth straight game. This was the lowest score against Indiana in a conference game this season. The Hoosiers gave up 54 points to Penn State last month.

"I think it's just a matter of going out there and playing hard every second you're on the floor, because they came at our necks and I guess they wanted it more," said Hollins, the only Gophers player with more than six points.

Men's Tennis

Fencing

Irish earn top-three finishes in New York

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame sent a small group of fencers to New York on Sunday for the United States Collegiate Squad Championship at NYU and earned topthree finishes from all three squads. A No. 1 result from the men's foil team, consisting of seniors Enzo Castellani and Nicholas Crebs and junior Grant Hodges, highlighted the trip.

The Irish men's foil squad entered the competition as the third seed behind Princeton and St. John's and advanced past Haverford, North Carolina and the Johnnies before dispatching Penn in the finals. After a first-round bye, the trio handled the Fords with ease, 45-22, advancing on to face eleventh-seeded North Carolina in the quarterfinals.

A 45-33 victory over the Tarheels moved the Irish on to the semifinals for a match with the second-seeded Johnnies. In a tense set of bouts that saw Castellani finish in a tie with St. John's Eli Schenkel in the final bout to preserve a one-point victory, the Irish prevailed 45-44. Notre Dame faced Penn and won a close 39-36 set of bouts for the top spot. The top-seeded women's foil team, comprised of junior Grace Hartman, sophomores Rachel Beck and Adrianna Camacho and freshman Madison Zeiss, advanced to the finals before falling decisively to second-seeded Princeton, 45-18. The Irish advanced with victories over City College of New York (45-25), Brown (45-22) and St. John's (32-31) before falling to the Tigers.

The men's saber team clawed to a tie for third place with St. John's behind the Ivy League tandem of Penn and Čolumbia. The fourth-seeded Irish squad of senior Keith Feldman, junior Jason Choy and sophomores Kevin Hassett and Alexander Coccia continued Notre Dame's daylong battle with Princeton, eking out a victory over the Tigers, 45-44 in the quarter-finals. The Irish advanced to that point after defeating Drew 45-33. The team fell in the semifinals to top-seeded and eventual runner-up Columbia 45-38.

The Collegiate Squad Championship was the last opportunity for Irish coach Janusz Bednarski to evaluate his team before hosting the conference championships, which begin Friday at Notre Dame.

NHL

Selanne earns career milestone in Ducks' win

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Teemu Selanne scored a power-play goal and had an assist to move into 20th place on the NHL's career scoring list, and the Anaheim Ducks kept rolling in their return from an eight-game road trip, beating the slumping Chicago Blackhawks 3-1 Sunday night.

Jonas Hiller made 18 saves in his 21st consecutive start for the Ducks, who won for the ninth time in 12 games during their improbable playoff push. Andrew Co-gliano scored his first goal of February for the Ducks, and Sheldon Brookbank also ored as Anaheim avoided four-game season sweep by Chicago. Patrick Kane ended the Blackhawks' monthlong 0-for-39 power-play drought with a first-period goal, and Ray Emery stopped 35 shots against his former Anaheim teammates in Chicago's third consecutive loss. The Blackhawks have lost 12 of 16 overall, yet still sit comfortably in sixth place in the Western Conference standings. The Blackhawks played their fourth straight game without captain Jonathan Toews, who is home in Chicago with an apparent concussion. Coach Joel Quenneville hopes Toews and defenseman Niklas Hjalmarsson will return Wednesday against Toronto, but the Blackhawks

struggled through a twogame Southern California road trip, losing 4-0 up the I-5 freeway in Los Angeles one night earlier.

Selanne inched up the NHL scoring list by setting up Brookbank's goal in the second period before scoring his 21st of the season from a sharp angle during a two-man advantage in the third. The 41-year-old Finnish Flash caught and passed Luc Robitaille with 1,395 points, and his 246th career power-play goal put him one behind Robitaille for fourth in league history.

Selanne is the second-oldest player in NHL history to score at least 21 goals in a season, trailing only Gordie Howe, who did it twice after his 41st birthday.

ND overpowers Spartans, Eagles

By MEGAN FINNERAN Sports Writer

No. 29 Notre Dame had no problem taking down both No. 56 Michigan State, its sixth win in nine games against ranked opponents this season, and Marquette on Sunday in the Eck Center.

A team effort granted a 7-0 sweep against the Spartans and a 6-1 win over the Golden Eagles.

"I think today went as expected," senior Sam Keeton said"We knew both teams would come out with a lot of intensity. We were able to match that intensity and build early leads that we never looked back from."

The Irish continued their momentum from last weekend, when they came from behind in singles play after losing the double point at Michigan to win the match 4-30n top of that success, sophomore Greg Andrews provided encouragement with his recent climb to No. 49 in the national rankings.

The afternoon started smoothly with doubles play, when the No. 2 pair of Andrews and junior Spencer Talmadge combined with the No. 3 pair of Keeton and sophomore Billy Pecor to take the point for the Irish.

In singles play, only two of the matches required a third set to allow the final decision, all of which went to Notre Dame. These crucial individual wins from each member of the roster clinched the win.

Junior Blas Moros paved the way for the afternoon in



GRANT TOBIN/The Observe

Irish senior Casey Watt follows through on a backhand during Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Wisconsin on Feb. 10.

the No. 6 slot, defeating Gijs Linders cleanly 6-0, 6-1. Pecor followed suit directly after in the No. 5 slot, also taking the point in only two matches 6-2, 6-4. Senior Casey Watt slid past Spartan Dennis Bogatov in a similar fashion, adding his point with back-to-back 6-4 matches.

From there, senior Niall Fitzgerald, Keeton and Andrews sealed the win, taking their singles matches, (6-1, 1-6, 6-3), (6-4, 7-5) and (6-1, 7-6, 1-0), respectively.

"It was important for us to get the sweep so we can preserve our energy for this tough stretch we have coming up this week," Keeton said.

Doubles play against Marquette went even better, as all three Irish pairs beat their opponents. The closest match came in the No. 1 slot, where Watt and Fitzgerald just nudged past the Golden Eagles' Jose Crowley and Dan Mamalat 8-7. The same teams from earlier in the afternoon in the second and third slot had little trouble confirming the Irish point, winning their matches 8-2 and 8-3, respectively.

Keeton urged the Irish ahead, finishing the first singles match of the evening to bring the Irish to a 2-0 lead with his 6-0, 7-6 set. Freshman Wyatt McCoy moved into the No. 5 spot in singles play, bringing the Irish to a 3-0 lead when he took his first two sets 7-5, 6-2. Moros secured the win with his 6-1, 6-4 victory.

Andrews and Watt each contributed a point to bring the Irish total to six. Junior Michael Moore fell in a close final set to Cameron Tehrani, going 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

The Irish travel to Indiana on Wednesdayto compete against the Hoosiers at 2 p.m.

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Anaheim got just two days off following the longest continuous road trip in franchise history before starting a key stretch of five games in seven days. The Ducks have been among the NHL's top teams since Jan. 1, going 17-4-4 — but it still might not be enough to save their season. After falling 20 points out

of eighth place in the West during their awful start, the Ducks are just six points out of playoff position — but still in 13th place in the West.

Chicago hadn't scored a power-play goal since Jan. 24, but Kane slipped a long shot through traffic and just inside Hiller's post midway through the first period. 316 Coleman Morse (3rd Floor Lounge)

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ND SOFTBALL

ND Women's Tennis

Notre Dame holds off Indiana, Georgia Tech



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Irish junior Chrissie McGaffigan returns a shot during Notre Dame's 4-3 win over Georgia Tech on Sunday.

By KATIE HEIT Sports Writer

Though seniors Kristy Frilling and Shannon Mathews suffered their first singles losses in three weeks, the Irish swept their games this weekend over ranked opponents Indiana and Georgia Tech.

Frilling and Mathews both dropped their singles matches when No. 23 Notre Dame took on No. 16 Georgia Tech on Sunday.

Frilling's four-game winning streak came to an end when she fell to Elizabeth Kilborn in three sets (2-6, 7-5, 6-4). Frilling now has a singles record of 7-4.

Mathews fell to Jillian O'Neill 2-6, 6-0, 6-3. Despite the two losses, the Irish still claimed the victory 4-3.

"I think we both had tough matches and it's too bad we couldn't capitalize on our leads," Frilling said. "But I'm really proud of the rest of our team for stepping up and getting the win for us today."

Frilling said that clenching the doubles point against Georgia Tech was key in the Irish victory.

"Winning the doubles point has been really helpful as it gives us a confidence boost heading into singles," Frilling said.

All three Irish doubles pairs won their matches against Georgia Tech, the duo of sophomores Britney Sanders and Julie Sabacinski defeating Kilborn and Lynn Blau.

The Irish were almost undefeated against No. 74 Indiana, grabbing a 6-1 victory. The only loss of the day fell to freshman Katherine White. She brought her match to three sets but in the end fell to Kayla Fujimoto. For the rest of the day, both singles and doubles managed to clench their matches in two sets.

Frilling said that sophomore Chrissie McGaffigan was one of the standouts on the weekend.

"I didn't get to see her play today, but Chrissie McGaffigan stepped up this weekend," Frilling said. "She's been nursing some injuries and she even twisted her ankle during her match today, but she still came out with the win."

Frilling said that to keep focus from match to match, the team has to devote themselves entirely every time they hit the court.

"I think we just try to put everything into every match we play and leave everything out on the court," Frilling said. "A lot of it comes from practicing hard and keeping ourselves motivated."

The Irish are back in action at home against Iowa at 3:30 on Friday.

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Irish take three of four in N.C.

By ERNST CLEOFE Sports Writer

The Irish won three of four games at the Carolina Classic over the weekend, picking up two wins against tournament host No. 24 North Carolina, adding another win from Penn State and falling to Minnesota.

Coming off of a four-loss tournament last weekend in San Diego, the Irish (4-5) turned around a rough start on the season at the Carolina Classic.

"The most difficult thing we've had [to change] was attacking every inning of the game," junior pitcher Brittany O'Donnell said.

The weekend started with a 6-3 win over Penn State on Saturday. Senior outfielder Alexa Maldonado and sophomore outfielder Lauren Stuhr drove in five of the six Irish runs with both players adding a homerun.

In the second game Saturday, the Irish earned a close 6-5 win against their undefeated host North Carolina.

After the Irish scored four runs in the seventh inning to push the score to 6-5, sophomore pitcher Laura Winter came in and shut out the Tarheels the rest of the inning to pull out an Irish victory. Winter had 14 strikeouts across the two games, got the win against Penn State and the save against North Carolina.

The Irish lost to Minnesota 9-1 on Sunday, but the day



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer irish senior infielder Dani Miller prepares for a pitch during Notre Dame's 10-3 win over St. John's on April 30, 2011.

turned around with their second victory over host North Carolina, 9-3.

Maldonado hit one of her three home runs during the last game of the weekend to lead the Irish to victory.

"The difference between the Minnesota and [second] North Carolina game was the entire approach," O'Donnell said. "We were late making adjustments. Everyone contributed something different during our wins," O'Donnell said. "The toughest opponent this weekend was ourselves because we let things in our control work against us at times instead of helping our cause."

Despite the winning re-

cord over the Carolina Classic, O'Donnell said the Irish have a lot of improvements to make in the coming weekend.

"It feels great, but we aren't satisfied yet," O'Donnell said. "We still have work to do in order to achieve our goal of a national championship, but we are just going to keep on attacking improvement on each area of the game."

The Irish will head to Buena Vista, Fla. this weekend for the Diamond 9 Citrus Classic where they will play Long Island, Fordham, Ohio State and Virginia Tech.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Three compete in Boiler-Make-It

Observer Staff Report

Three Irish swimmers could not improve their personal-best times at the Boiler-Make-It Last Chance Meet at Purdue on Saturday. The meet stood as their final chance to qualify for the national championships on March 15. Sophomore Kelly Ryan andfreshmen Emma Reaney andBridget Casey participated in four events combined at Saturday's meet in West Lafayette, Ind.

The meet was more of an individual competition for time rather than a team competition as only a few individuals from various mid-



western teams, including Louisville, Northwestern and Purdue, participated.

Ryan competed in the 100yard backstroke event and earned a B-cut time after finishing in 53.83 seconds. This marked her third-best time for the event on the season as she finished in 53.32 at the Big East championships on Feb 15.

Reaney attempted to improve her season-best times in two events, the 100-yard fly and 200-yard backstroke. In the 100-yard fly, she finished in 56.35 in the preliminaries, which was 0.7 seconds behind her 55.65 finish at Michigan State on Jan. 21. Reaney also swam)-yard backstroke (2:05.60) but was unable to knock time off her previous best. While neither time met the NCAA B-cut criteria, the two events do not rank among Reaney's best. She leads the team with top times in the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke and 200 and 400yard individual medley. Casey swam the 200yard fly in 1:59.80 for a Bcut time. However, she also swam the event faster at the conference championships in 1:59.22. The Irish now wait for the list of championship qualifying participants to be announced in early March. The championships will take place from March 15-17 at Auburn University in Auburn, Ala.



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cause it helped us respond to

their run and start a run of

our own," McGraw said. "It was probably good for us to play

from behind. We don't do that a

lot and it was good for us. Sky-

lar's defense really created a

lot of turnovers. She got two or

three steals in a row for layups.

She had a mini-run of her own

and that broke the game open."

Irish graduate student for-

ward Devereaux Peters broke

a personal-best rebounding

record against the Bulls with

18 boards. Peters also had 17

points, just behind Diggins' 18

Following the actual contest,

the crowd took time to con-

gratulate Novosel, Mallory, Pe-

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ers for their contributions to

Notre Dame as part of Senior

game, but it will return again to

the Purcell Pavilion for at least

one and potentially two games

in March to open the NCAA

Florida], but it was worth it with

[Connecticut] on Monday," Peters said. "We knew it was going

to be a physical game to the very

last second. It was good to get a

taste of what the game is going

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The contest marked Notre Dame's last regulation home

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ly to build my confidence from the start."

Tonight, the No. 3 Irish (27-2, 14-1) will close out the regular season and play No. 4 Connecticut (26-3, 13-2) to determine whether Notre Dame wins the Big East regular season title outright for the first time in school history, or whether it will share it with the Huskies. The two teams shared the title 11 seasons ago, the same year the Irish won the national championship.

"These girls finally have something to brag about to [Notre Dame '01 national champion and current assistant coach Niele Ivey]," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "She reminds them often enough of what she

accomplished. It's an amazing accomplishment in a conference that is so difficult. And for us to play the most difficult schedule in the league, we went to a lot of ranked teams and earned all those wins on the road. We definitely earned it."

The Bulls (15-14, 7-8) did not make it easy for the Irish to earn the win.

With 30 seconds left before halftime, South Florida tied the game at 38 on a seven-point run. A three-pointer from graduate student guard Brittany Mallory put the Irish up three points at the break, but the Bulls gained the lead for the first time three minutes into the second half. After a pair of made freethrows from Novosel and two successive breakaway layups from Irish junior guard Skylar Diggins, Notre Dame never lost it again.

"[Skylar's run] was huge be-



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Irish graduate student forward Devereaux Peters reaches for a rebound during Notre Dame's 80-68 win over South Florida on Saturday.

The Irish and the Huskies met on Jan. 7 at the Purcell Pavilion, where No. 3 Notre Dame upset then-No. 2 Connecticut 74-67 in

overtime. "It'll be a big game on Monday, but there will be less pressure on us now that we already have a share of the Big East title," Mc-Graw said. "We can relax, have fun and play like we enjoy playing. We're much better when we play relaxed."

Notre Dame and Connecticut will face off at 9 p.m. tonight at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn., for the teams' last game of the regular season. The game will be featured on ESPN2 as part of the network's Big Monday coverage.

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JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Irish sophomore pitcher Dan Slania delivers a pitch during Notre Dame's 8-1 loss to West Virginia on April 17, 2011.

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"I think we've been having good at bats where pitchers have to get us out rather than us getting ourselves out," Aoki said. "People are going out with a plan and executing. Rather than being concerned about batting averages or slugging percentages, instead our batters are passing the eye test."

Sophomore first baseman Trey Mancini and last week's Big East Player of the Week junior catcher Joe Hudson went a combined 8-for-15 in the Saturday double-header. Hudson, who went 3-for-3 in the opening 6-3 win, is hitting .611 on the season. In the final game of the weekend, Mancini continued making solid contact by going 3-for-3 and sparked a three-run fifth inning against Hofstra.

During all three games this weekend, Hofstra came within a few runs of Notre Dame and threatened to take the lead, but Slania managed to close out the Pride in the ninth inning.

"Danny has been doing outstanding in games that we needed to put away," Aoki said. "We need to get our bullpen straightened out, though, and find some people outside of Danny in there to step up."

While Aoki said certain aspects of the bullpen need improvement, the Irish benefitted from starting pitching performances lasting deep into the games. Junior righthanded pitcher Adam Norton tossed seven innings on Saturday, while senior righthanded pitcher Will Hudgins pitched 7.2 innings of one-run ball for the Irish on Sunday in his second career start.

Aoki said the defense looked strong over the weekend as well.

"Defensively, we played really well and only had two errors all weekend," he said. "There may have been a few plays that we should have made, but as a whole I was very happy with the defense."

The frish hope to continue their momentum and develop their play over the next few weeks.

"We just need to continue to get better and have a long way to go, but it has been great to start the season with this success," Aoki said.

The Irish will be back in action next weekend when they travel to San Marcos, Texas, to face Texas State in a threegame series starting Friday.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Nine different players score for Irish in win over Duquesne

By BRIAN HARTNETT Sports Writer

After struggling early, the No. 15 Irish went on a tear, scoring nine consecutive goals over a 21-minute stretch to pull away from Duquesne and cruise to a 17-7 victory over the Dukes on Saturday at the Irish coach Christine Halfpenny credited the team's 9-0 run to better looks on goal, as well as improved ball movement.

"I think we did a better job seeing the goalie," Halfpenny said. "Early in the first half, we hit a bunch of pipes and I had to remind the girls that we were doing the right thing, but we just had to move one more step inside to get a better shooting angle. team's balanced attack to its new style of offense, which highly favors team output over individual statistics.

"We play a very unselfish style of offense," Halfpenny said. "When you have that mentality, everyone on the team knows that when the ball hits the back of the net, goal for Notre Dame, allowing us to focus on how far the team can go as opposed to individual outputs." Junior goalie Ellie Hilling displayed a strong effort in goal for the Irish, notching six saves in her second win of the season. Hilling was bolstered by an aggressive Irish defense, which forced 14 turnovers and helped the Irish gain an 18-11 advantage in ground balls. "I think ultimately our communication and our athleticism on defense really helped us in this game," Halfpenny said. "Some of our veteran experience back there, starting with Ellie and including our senior defenders Meg Sullivan, Jordy Shoemaker and Kate Newall, was huge in the second half."



the Dukes on Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center.

Coming off a victory over a ranked Stanford team, Notre Dame (2-0) struggled out of the gate against Duquesne (1-2), falling behind 4-2 in the early part of the first half. The Irish quickly rebounded with a 5-1 run that included five different players scoring goals.

After Duquesne's Claire Hurley cut Notre Dame's lead to 7-6 with a goal at the 1:38 mark of the first half, the Irish went on another run, one that would give them control of the game.

Sophomore midfielder Kaitlyn Brosco sparked the scoring streak for the Irish, scoring with 24 seconds left in the first half. The Irish would then score the next eight goals, holding Duquesne without a goal until the 7:19 mark of the second half. "We were also moving the ball around better because we had so many people on the team contribute today."

Notre Dame utilized a very balanced attack, as nine different players contributed goals in the victory. Sophomore attack Lindsay Powell, sophomore midfielder Margaret Smith and junior attack Betsy Mastropieri each scored three goals, while Brosco and junior attack Jaimie Morrison each tallied two scores. The Irish assailed Duquesne with 32 shots en route to scoring 17 goals, the second straight 17goal performance the team has put up this season.

Halfpenny attributed the

The Irish will now prepare to

Irish senior attack Maggie Tamasitis carries the ball past two defenders in Notre Dame's 13-8 loss to Ohio State on Mar. 10, 2011.

go on the road for the first time this year when they travel to No. 14 Ohio State on March 4.

"We're going to have to get back to work, focus on what we need to do better and then get ready to take on an Ohio State team that is also off to a strong start," Halfpenny said.

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shoot it. You are going to have to make some more jump shots over the top of their zone because that is what they were giving up.

The Irish struggled mightily in the first half, as their top scorers during the winning streak (Grant and junior forward Jack Cooley) combined for 1-for-7

shooting and points. four The struggles rolled over into the second half as Notre Dame went scoron a drought ing of almost six minutes afmissing ter 10-straight shots, while St. John's jumped out

to its biggest lead of the game behind freshman forward Moe Harkless, the game's leading scorer (22 points).

Led by Martin's 18 points, Notre Dame broke out of its offensive funk and started forcing the ball inside to Martin and Cooley, sparking an 11-2 run with 4:54 left to pull within three at 55-52. But the seasonlow 3-point shooting prevented Notre Dame from pulling off its second double-digit road comeback of the week, Brey said.

"You are going to have to make a few more of them to steal a win, and we just couldn't make enough," he said. "I loved our effort, and we had a chance to put that darn thing into overtime when it looked like we were maybe going to get beat by 15. This group has always re-

sponded with a lot of character. I would like for us on Monday to start off with more energy."

With their first loss since Jan. 16, the Irish will have to bounce back fast with a tough road test against No. 9 Georgetown tonight. The Hoyas (21-6, 11-5) are coming off a 67-46 rout over Villanova on Saturday, highlighted by senior guard and leading scorer Jason Clark's 15 points and six rebounds. Georgetown trails the thirdplace Irish by one game in the conference

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last time we played in this gym against Maryland and who we are now. And [we need to] play with great poise against a heck of a basketball team. But we are going to have to get off to a better start, and you know you are off to a good start when you are getting more 50/50 balls than your opponent."

The Irish look to clinch a double-bye in the Big East tournament with a win over Georgetown at the Verizon Center in Washington D.C. at 7 p.m., with the game televised on ESPN.

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"John's the best goalie in the country," Corrigan said. "He de-

serves better than what we did

against Drexel on Saturday at

1 p.m. in at the Dragon's Vidas

Field in Philadelphia, Penn.

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The Irish will return to action

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first overtime period. But the Irish were called for a loose ball violation and Penn State was given possession with 10 seconds to play. It capitalized and earned the sudden death victory.

Statistically, the Nittany Lions and the Irish were nearly even across the board. Each team won five face-offs, the two goalies made the same number of saves and Penn State only took one more shot than Notre Dame's 32 for an evenly played contest throughout.

The Irish did not suffer from a lack of effort or a lack of preparation. It all came down to execution, Corrigan said.

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up to the task, snatching the wrist shot with a smooth glove save.

"No question [the save was a turning point]," Jackson said. "Goaltending is such a key element to a winning team, and when we get goaltending like that, it gives us a great chance to win.'

After a tripping penalty on Forfar, Irish sophomore left wing Jeff Costello cashed for Notre Dame, banging home sophomore defense-Irish man Shayne Taker's rebound. Costello returned to the line-up after missing the previous seven games, five of which were Notre Dame losses.

"It was something to look forward to," Costello said. "There's nothing like getting back on the ice in front of your home crowd for your first game back."

The goal gave Notre Dame its first lead since Feb. 4, when the Irish couldn't hold a third period lead in a 3-2 loss to Bowling Green.

Summerhays came up big again in the second period, when he stopped a two-onone Michigan State opportunity. Spartans freshman center Brent Darnell sent a pass over to junior left wing Kevin Walrod, who one-timed the puck on net. Summerhays dove back to the left and made a sprawling stop with his stick.

Notre Dame struck again when freshman right wing Peter Scheider roofed a pass from junior left wing Kevin Nugent past Spartan goaltender sophomore Will Yanakeff. Yanakeff misplayed the puck into the boards, and Nugent found Schneider streaking down the middle of the ice to give the Irish a 2-0 lead.

It was the first even strength goal for Notre Dame in more than 363 minutes of play and the first since Feb. 3.

On Saturday night, Jackson elected to start Irish junior goaltender Mike Johnson instead of the hot Summerhays.

"I told [Johnson] he was playing Thursday," Jackson said. "I told Summerhays and Johnson together I was going to play one one night and the other the next night."

Johnson collected 15 saves



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Irish sophomore defenseman Stephen Johns looks for the puck during Notre Dame's 4-2 loss to Michigan State on Saturday.

on the night, but the Irish fell 4-2.

Lee put the Irish up 1-0 when he capitalized on a Michigan State penalty 4:37 through the first period, scoring his seventh power play goal of the year. Irish senior center Billy Maday earned an assist on the play, his 100th career point in a Notre Dame uniform.

"I was conscious of [scoring my 100th point], but I would trade it for a win," Maday said.

Spartan junior left wing Kevin Walrod struck for Michigan State with less than three minutes left in the first period. The Spartans (19-13-4, 14-11-3-2) caught Notre Dame changing lines and short a defenseman and took advantage with their first goal of the weekend, beating Johnson glove-side.

Irish sophomore center T.J. Tynan tallied his 13th goal of the year at 10:57 of the second period. Tynan, with the Irish shorthanded, forced a turnover in the Spartan defensive zone and punched a backhand past Yanakeff.

Saturday's game marked the first time since Nov. 12 that Tynan and Lee, Notre Dame's

top two scorers, scored in the same game.

Michigan State responded with a short-handed goal of their own when Forfar trailed an odd-man rush and banged the tying goal past Johnson. Later in the period, Spartans junior defenseman Torey Krug, the CCHA's top scoring defenseman, blasted a shot from the point to push Michigan State ahead, 3-2.

'We shot ourselves in the foot a couple times tonight," Jackson said after Saturday's game.

The Spartans added an insurance goal from junior left wing Dean Chelios in the third period to open up a two-goal advantage.

"This is what you wait for all season long to play in the playoffs," Jackson said. "We [have to] take care of business next week, nothing else matters."

Notre Dame and Ohio State will square off in a best two-ofthree playoff series beginning Friday at the Compton Family Ice Arena.

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this week in practice," Corrigan said. "We just simply did not play well today, when it counts. We've got the ability to make those plays, we didn't make them today, and we paid by getting beat."

The Irish defense, anchored by Kemp, only surrendered three goals in regulation. That amount of effort is usually enough for the win, but on Sunday would not cut it.

"The defense played very well," Corrigan said. "They played well enough for us to win. We just didn't play well enough offensively to win."

Kemp eclipsed his previous record of saves per game with 18 against Penn State. He set the initial record in Notre Dame's first contest of the season against Duke on Feb. 18. Kemp allowed only three goals and made a then



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Men's **Basketball**

Stormy skies

Loss to St. John's snaps Notre Dame's nine-game winning streak



Irish sophomore guard Alex Dragicevich drives to the basket during Notre Dame's 71-44 win over West Virginia on Feb. 22. Dragicevich missed the potential game-tying shot in Saturday's loss to St. John's.

By ANDREW GASTELUM Sports Writer

On Wednesday, the Irish set the school record for consecutive Big East wins with nine. By Saturday, the streak was over.

No. 18 Notre Dame (20-9, 12-4 Big East) rallied from a 14-point deficit midway through the second half, but couldn't survive 4-for-31 shooting from beyond the arc and clutch finishing from St. John's in a 61-58 loss at Madison Square Garden.

"Well I think [St. John's] defense really bothered us," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We didn't really shoot it well, and you have got to give their de-fense credit. They rushed us a

little bit ... I love our group. We fought back and gave ourselves a chance. But our start and our energy level wasn't as high as it needed to be."

The Irish never led in the game, but came within one with 44 seconds left following a layup by senior forward Scott Martin off a designed inbound play. But the Red Storm (13-16, 6-10) displayed some heroics of their own, as freshman forward Amir Garrett wove his way through three Irish defenders and threw up an acrobatic shot that put St. John's up by three with nine seconds left.

Despite having one timeout left, Notre Dame chose to inbound the ball to sophomore

guard Jerian Grant, who threw a cross-court pass to sophomore guard Eric Atkins at the threepoint line. Atkins passed up the open 3-pointer and found soph-omore guard Alex Dragicevich in front of the Irish bench. But Dragicevich's potential gametying 3-pointer bounced off the side of the rim as the buzzer expired, and St. John's celebrated its first win over a ranked opponent this season.

"For us, I thought maybe we had one or two in us there at the end because we had some great looks the last seven min-utes," Brey said. "We had some guys we wanted to step up and

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Summerhays posts first ND shutout in two years

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS Sports Writer

HOCKEY

Just when it seemed like No. 18 Notre Dame had finally scrapped its recent struggles following a 2-0 win over No. 13 Michigan State on Friday, the Irish dropped a 4-2 decision to the Spartans on Saturday night, marking the team's sixth loss in seven games.

With the split over the weekend, the Irish (17-16-3, 12-13-3-0 CCHA) will host No. 17 Ohio State next weekend in the first round of the CCHA playoffs.

"I'm glad we're getting a chance to play at home," Jack-son said. "It gives you the opportunity to play in front of

your own fans. Our crowds have been great. There's an advantage to playing at home, and we need to take advantage of it."

On Friday night, Irish sophomore goaltender Steven Summerhays earned the start between the pipes and posted the first Notre Dame shutout in more than two years in the 2-0 victory.

Less than 15 seconds after Irish sophomore left wing Anders Lee hit the post on a shot, Spartans junior left wing Chris Forfar forced an Irish turnover in the neutral zone and created a breakaway opportunity. Summerhays was

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Penn St. stuns Irish with goal in overtime

By MATTHEW ROBISON Sports Writer

No. 2 Notre Dame let No. 20 Penn State earn an upset victory Sunday at Notre Dame's Arlotta Stadium, as the Nittany Lions scored the game-win-ning goal in the final seconds of overtime to claim a 4-3 victory.

"At the end of the day peo-ple have to make plays," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We didn't make enough plays to win today. We had our opportunities."

The Irish started strong and got on the board first with a goal by junior midfielder Quinn Cully, The first goal of Cully's career came off an assist from

sophomore attackman Westy Hopkins.

Ĵunior midfielder Ryan Foley had the other two goals, the first with 11:22 left in the first half while the Nittany Lions remained scoreless. But Penn State put two on the board before the break.

After Penn State took its first lead of the night, Foley scored again to even the score with just over three minutes left before the end of regulation. In overtime, both teams

had a shot at winning. After a save by junior goaltender John Kemp, it looked like the Irish would have the final shot of the

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BASEBALL

Slania leads Notre Dame

Squad tops USF, clinches share of title

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

to sweep over Hofstra

By BRENDAN BELL Sports Writer

Sophomore right-handed pitcher Dan Slania earned three saves over the weekend as Notre Dame swept Hofstra at the USA Baseball Complex in Cary, N.C., on its way to the best start to an Irish season since 2004.

The Irish (5-1, 0-0 Big East) played a double-header Saturday against the Pride (1-6), where they won the two games 6-3 and 10-8, respectively. Notre Dame completed the sweep Sunday, holding off a late Hofstra rally to earn a 5-4 victory.

Irish coach Mik Aoki said the team's fast start is a great springboard for the rest of the season.

"I think this gives us a little bit of confidence going for-ward," he said. "It is great to see that the hard work the players have been putting in since August is being tangibly awarded and it is great to have some success early on."

Notre Dame thrived at the plate, consistently making contact. With the exception of Sunday's game, the Irish have recorded double-digit hits every game this season.

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When Irish senior guard Natalie Novosel made a 3-point shot on the first play of Notre Dame's 80-68 win over USF on Saturday, it was clear she was on her offensive game. 29 points and 39:53 later, Novosel finished with a career-high 32 points, very fitting for senior night, and led the Irish to clinching not only a share of Big East regular season title, but also the No. 1 seed for the conference tournament.

"It was nice to have a great shooting day in our last game at home," Novosel said. "I was lucky to make a shot ear-

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Irish senior guard Natalie Novosel dribbles down the court during Notre Dame's 80-68 win over South Florida on Saturday.

