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University awards medal

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

Ken Hackett, former president of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), will receive the 2012 Latetare Medal during the May 20 Commencement Ceremony, the University announced Sunday.

The Medal, established at Notre Dame in 1883, is the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics. It is awarded annually to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity," according to a University press release.

University President Fr. John Jenkins praised Hackett's compassion and strong commitment to worldwide outreach throughout his tenure at CRS.

"Ken Hackett has responded to a Gospel imperative with his entire career," Jenkins said in the press release. "His direction of the Catholic Church's outreach to the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and unsheltered of the world has blended administrative acumen with genuine compassion in a unique and exemplary way."

After serving CRS in various capacities since 1972, including a stint as its regional director for Africa and in several posts throughout Africa and Asia, Hackett was appointed president of CRS in 1993, according to the press release. He held the position for 18 years until his retirement in December. Hackett was succeeded by Carolyn Woo, former dean of the Mendoza College of Business.

Hackett, a native of West Roxbury, Mass., became interested in international service when he enrolled in the Peace Corps following his graduation from Boston College in 1968 because he said "it seemed like an interesting thing to do."

Hackett's experiences living in a Catholic mission and working in an agricultural cooperative project in rural Ghana demonstrated the "actual impact of American food aid on the health and well-being of very poor kids in a very isolated part of a West African country," he said in the press release.

After completing his Peace Corps assignment, he continued his commitment to service by beginning his CRS career in Sierra Leone, where he admin-

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Hesburgh made Irish citizen

University president emeritus granted citizenship on St. Patrick's Day



Photo courtesy of Joe Raymond

Irish Taoiseach Edna Kenny gave University President Emeritus Hesburgh an Irish passport and recognized him as an Irish citizen.

By SAM STRYKER
Assistant Managing Editor

Already a major date on Notre Dame calendars, this year's St. Patrick's Day had additional significance for the University. Enda Kenny, Taoiseach (prime minister) of Ireland, visited campus Saturday evening to present an Irish passport to University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh.

At a dinner celebration

on the 14th floor of the Hesburgh Library, Kenny said he was proud to present the honor to Hesburgh. The award recognizes the president emeritus as an Irish citizen.

"It's a particular privilege, and a very special privilege, to meet Fr. Hesburgh here," Kenny said. "He's an extraordinary man. I am very privileged indeed, on behalf of all the people of Ireland, to shake [his] hand."

Chairman emeritus of the Board of Trustees Donald Keough introduced Hesburgh and said doing so for such an important figure in the Notre Dame community is almost "unnecessary."

"It's like introducing the Golden Dome. It's impossible," he said. "He's the soul of this place."

Hesburgh set out with an "impossible" vision to cre-

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Library considers renovations

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Senior News Writer

Fifty years ago, in 1962, the cornerstone of the Hesburgh Library was laid.

When the towering, 14-story structure opened in 1963, it was the largest college library in the world and a forward-looking model for research and study.

But Diane Parr Walker, Edward H. Arnold university librarian, said the library is now in a transition stage. Stacks are overflowing. Upper floors lack proper study space. Changes to services and space allocation, she said, are crucial for the library to fulfill its 21st century needs.

"A 19th century library really was about books, much of the 20th century was about that as well, but a 21st century library is going to be about the mix of digital and physical formats, [about having] a lot of services and creating spaces that foster and

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Library Renovations

Goal to increase physical and digital collections, expand expertise services and encourage intellectual activity using collections

Plans to renovate library cafe and first floor periodicals area

New listening and viewing equipment in the music and media area

Large-scale renovations awaiting funding

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Rapper to perform at St. Mary's

By MEAGHAN DALY
News Writer

Members of the Saint Mary's community will raise the roof Thursday evening when rapper Sammy Adams makes his much-awaited debut at SMC Tostal in the O'Laughlin Auditorium.

Coming off a March 16 performance at the Gramercy Theatre in New York City, Adams will perform some of his favorite songs from his EP "Boston's Boy" and his mixtapes "Party Records" and "Into the Wild."

"It is sort of like there's a song for everyone," Adams said. "Our concerts are all about you guys. It's my workspace. It's my job to put on a good show. We've been working so hard on this next album and we're all dying to get back on tour, so it's going to be really fun."

Since garnering national attention with his song "I Hate College," Adams has graduated from Trinity College in Connecticut, released three mixtapes, collaborated with several artists and performed on "Conan" with Conan O'Brien.

"I wrote the second verse of 'I Hate College' in class, the first one I wrote on a piece of scrap paper," Adams said. "My best friend stole [the rough draft] off my computer and went and played it at a frat and it wasn't even mixed or done yet, but everyone loved it."

A mostly self-produced artist, Adams landed at the top of iTunes' hip-hop digital albums chart in 2010, outselling Lil' Wayne and DJ Khaled with "Boston's Boy."

Adams said his music is relatable and edgy because it is inspired by personal experiences.

"It is my life. The journey, what we've been through, the places we've been, the people we've met, the stuff we've done," he said. "It all sort of goes hand in hand. My writing is one hundred percent influenced by everything that happens on a daily basis."

Although music has been important to Adams since he was a child, he said he did not start producing his own songs until college.

"It's pretty terrifying," Adams said. "I was an indepen-

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group seeks location for bike shop



Observer File Photo

Student body president Pat McCormick chairs Campus Life Council on Jan. 24. The group discussed reopening the Notre Dame Bike Shop on Monday

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

In the first meeting after spring break, Campus Life Council (CLC) members discussed the possibility of reopening the Notre Dame Bike Shop.

Student body chief of staff Claire Sokas said the Bike Shop was displaced when part of the Art, Art History & Design Department moved to the Old Security Building, where the shop was previously housed. Student advocates are trying to find a new space to work from, she said.

“It has no place to function, so it doesn’t exist right now,” Sokas said. “They’re

looking into a lot of options, but no one has stepped forward to offer a place.”

Student body president Pat McCormick said mechanics at the shop repaired approximately 331 bikes in the 2010-2011 school year.

Sister Carrine Etheridge, rector of Farley Hall, said the Bike Shop offered an important service to students on campus.

“The campus has expanded so much, you almost need a bicycle,” she said. “And if you’re a freshman with no car, where else do you go if your bike breaks?”

Members of CLC also discussed other ways to aid students in on-campus travel.

Etheridge said an auction for old bikes would be helpful for students.

McCormick said Student Senate would discuss a resolution calling for the University to take definitive actions to make space for a bike shop before the fall semester.

“It will continue in a sustainable way, using salvaged parts and student mechanics,” McCormick said. “I’d also like to introduce a resolution expressing Campus Life Council stakeholders’ support to see if we can engage some other partners on campus as we move forward.”

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United Nations authority addresses refugee crises

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

In his Monday address, “The Responsibility to Solve,” United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) T. Alexander Aleinikoff said the international community must go beyond basic protection and assume responsibility for finding long-term solutions to major refugee crises.

“The way we think about international protection [of refugees] is that it should be a bridge to a solution, not the ending of the effort made by the international community,” Aleinikoff said.

The UNHCR is most concerned with protracted refugee situations, in which 25,000 or more people of one nationality have been exiled from their home country for at least five years, Aleinikoff said.

Aleinikoff said there are 29 of these situations around the world today.

“In east Sudan that borders Ethiopia and Eritrea, there are between 50,000 and 100,000 refugees, some of whom have been there for 40 years,” he said. “Sixty percent of the population there has been born [to refugee parents].”

Aleinikoff said the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya, the largest of its kind, also has an unfortunate amount of long-term residents.

“The saddest fact that I have learned in the time I’ve been at UNHCR comes out of Dadaab,” he said. “There are now 10,000 children in Dadaab who were born to refugees, who were born in Dadaab. That cannot be the way the world ought to face and think about refugee situations.”

Although refugee camps are meant to be temporary remedies, Aleinikoff said the UNHCR seeks three types of “durable solutions” for refugees: returning them to their countries of origin, resettlement in a third country or local integration into the country in which they have been granted asylum.

“The cause of protracted refugee situations ... is because the usual solutions don’t work,” he said.

Aleinikoff said the international community must focus more on getting refugees out of camps and giving them roots.

“There is a bias in the way American refugee scholars ... have thought about refugee protection, that if we just get people safe and don’t return them to persecution, that’s enough,” he said. “[But] the end of the refugee problem is people being re-attached to a community. That’s the initial harm they suffered in being refugees.”

Without this re-attachment, Aleinikoff said the effects on refugees are “calamitous.” Refugees lack adequate health care and proper education, face physical safety risks and suffer grave psychological effects, he said.

But Aleinikoff said even though countries should be concerned about upholding refugees’ human rights, talk of individual rights does not motivate nations to step in and fix the problem.

“What I would suggest here is to find a rhetoric, or a moral fulcrum that moves the international community into action,” he said.

Aleinikoff said this “moral fulcrum” would be a responsibility among all countries to share the burden of refugee crises.

“A principle implicit in the refugee regime is one of international burden-sharing,” he said. “I’m suggesting a principle that members of the international community owe the other members of the international community.”

Aleinikoff said currently developed countries have an upper hand over undeveloped nations when it comes to handling refugee crises.

“Most refugees end up in developing countries paid for by developed countries,” he said. “In some ways, that’s the bargain, and it’s not always a happy bargain because sometimes developed countries use those kinds of funds as a way to keep refugees out of developed countries.”

More progress can be made in combating refugee crises if countries work together to provide long-term solutions for refugees based on a shared responsibility, Aleinikoff said.

“If we go into thinking now that there is a responsibility to solve these situations, lots of things become possible and lots of things get on the table,” he said. “We discover that people remain refugees not because they have to but because there isn’t the political will to not let them be refugees anymore.”

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dent kid trying to make a wave in such a big industry.”

Adams said he loves electronic music and the idea of the DJ as “the new rock star.”

“Being in college and loving that type of music and going to shows, there is a live aspect to the show,” he said. “It’s a big experiment to find all the ingredients that wouldn’t normally make up their own genre of music.”

“There’s really no feeling in the world like seeing kids lined up five hours early for your show or just seeing the excitement on people’s faces when you come out on stage. It’s really an amazing feeling that makes you want to make better music and

makes you want to satisfy your fans.”

Junior Student Activities Board secretary Elizabeth Kraig said she hopes Adams’ concert will bring a good vibe to campus.

“It is a great way to get everyone excited for spring,” she said. “Plus, it’s an inexpensive event with a great performer.”

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The opener will perform at 8 p.m. and Adams will go on stage at 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for students and can be purchased at the O’Laughlin Auditorium or by calling (574) 284-4626. Limit is one ticket per student ID and students may call or visit the box office with up to five student IDs.

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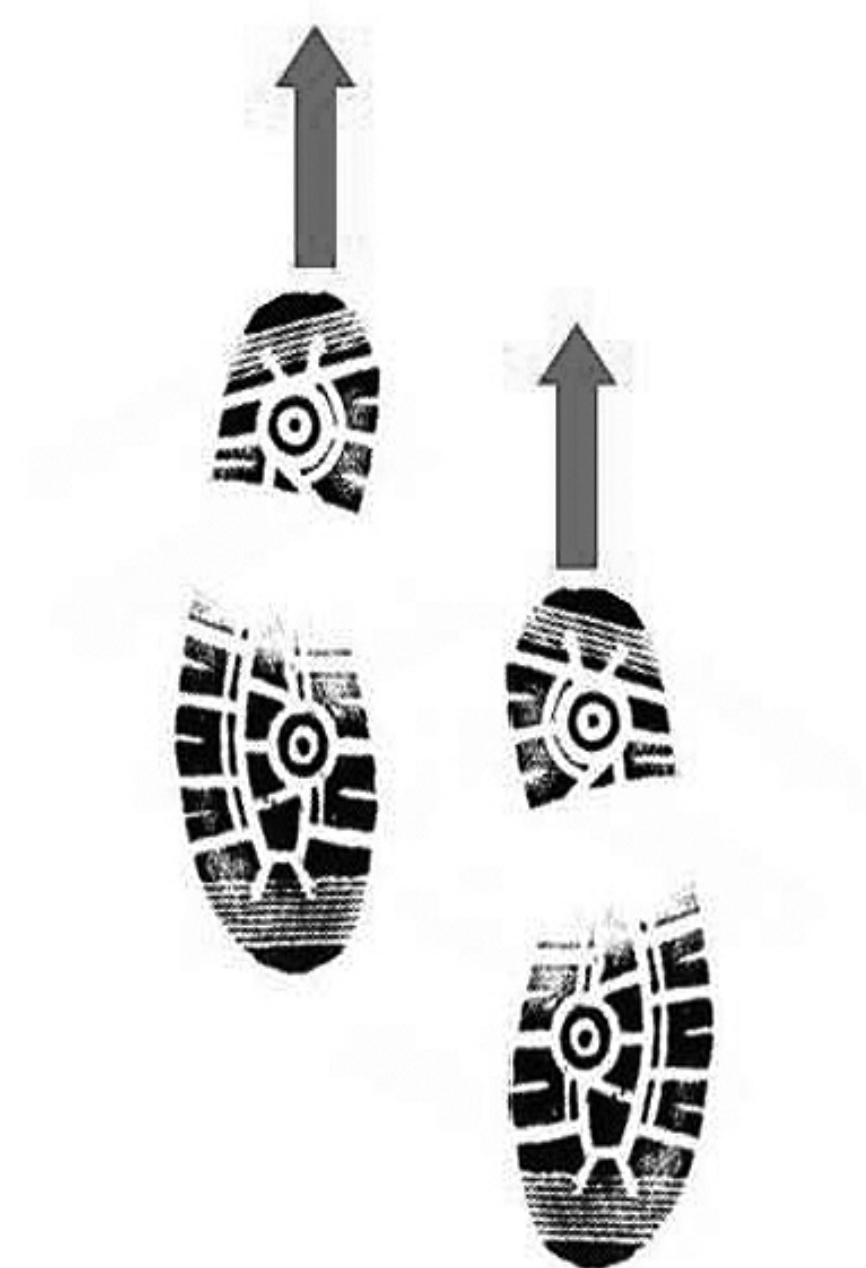
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SMC recognizes communication dept.

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary's Editor

The Saint Mary's Communication Studies, Dance and Theater Department kicked off a week-long celebration to recognize students' and professors' contributions to the department and community yesterday.

Senior Alexandra Davin, president of the Saint Mary's chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communication Studies Honor Society, planned the majority of this year's "Comm Week" events.

"Every department has a designated week at Saint Mary's to promote their department," Davin said. "Myself, as well as many Communication students and professors, helped organize the events being held for Comm Week this year."

Students decorated the Communication Department hallway with streamers, posters and balloons Sunday night to thank the professors for their work and to promote the Week.

"Yesterday morning, we hosted a department breakfast where the students and professors were able to grab a free bagel, doughnut and some orange juice to kick off the week," Davin said. "It was a great way to get the students and professors together to begin the celebrations."

In a Monday evening panel titled "What Can You Do with a Communication Major?," two alumnae discussed their career paths after graduating from Saint Mary's with degrees in Communication Studies.

"Current Saint Mary's seniors explained past internships as Communication Studies majors and talked about their future

SMC Comm Week

Sunday:

Decorated Communication Department hallway

Monday:

Department breakfast
Communication major panel

Tuesday:

Political communication lecture

Wednesday:

Résumé and portfolio workshop

Thursday:

Female Beauty class open to all students

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plans for after graduation this May," Davin said. "We planned this panel in the hopes that it would demonstrate a wide range of career paths available to students who pursue a Communication degree."

Michael Kramer, associate professor of Communication Studies, will give a lecture titled "Political Communication in GOP Primary," today at 6 p.m. in Spes Unica Hall.

"Kramer plans to use interactive media examples to further his lecture," Davin said. "We have also alerted the Political Studies Department of this event, as it applies to their coursework as well."

Colleen Fitzpatrick, assistant professor of communication studies, will host a resume and portfolio workshop Wednesday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Madeleva Hall.

"This is a great opportunity for students to organize and enhance their portfolios for use in a professional setting," Davin said. "Many students are searching for summer internships or full-time jobs, and Professor Fitzpatrick hopes to better prepare students for interviews."

Terri Russ, assistant professor of communication studies, will open her Female Beauty class to any students that are interested in learning about body and genders issues. The class is held Thursday from 11 to 12:15 p.m. in Moreau Hall.

"We are really trying to promote Communication Week this year in hopes to raise more interest in the growing department," Davin said. "We hope people enjoy the events this year."

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encourage intellectual activity using both digital and physical collections," she said.

Walker, who began her position as university librarian in July, served as deputy university librarian at the University of Virginia before coming to Notre Dame.

She spent the past few months getting to know campus and listening to the various concerns of faculty and students. Walker said her vision for the library is threefold: to increase physical and digital collections, expand expertise services and create more comfortable and inspiring study spaces.

"We have no intention of getting rid of the books," Walker said.

A few projects, including a library café and renovation of the first floor current periodicals area, are now in the planning stages. But the library lacks funding to launch a full-scale renovation.

"The University has a policy of not building or renovating until most of the money is in hand," Walker said.

The library announced plans for Phase Two of the renovation in the spring of 2009, and construction on the first and second floors was targeted to begin in the summer of 2011.

Phase One, renovation of the lower level, was completed in 2002.

"The planning for that renovation of the first two floors of the Hesburgh Library really got going just about the time the economy collapsed," she said. "And so while we had donors pledging funds, in many cases they haven't been able yet to make good on those pledges."

Faculty and staff started a petition in the summer of 2009, arguing the proposed Phase Two renovation would be insufficient and the entire library system, not just the two main floors, needed restructuring.

Those renovation plans were shelved in 2010, Walker said. She said the library is now "stepping back" to develop a program plan for the entire building, but will not begin speaking to architects again until more funding comes through.

Walker said several initiatives would be completed independently of the longer-term renovation.

In time for graduation, the current periodicals area on the first floor will be renovated with new study spaces and technologies from the Office of Information Technologies (OIT). The room will have new carpeting, beanbag chairs, study booths, soft seating,

reading tables, and if funding comes through, a video wall for group presentations.

"We're going to see what we can do to enliven the space,"

Walker said. "It's a space that doesn't seem to be particularly well-used, but it's very, very visible."

By next fall, the library will have new listening and viewing equipment in the music and media area on the second floor.

Walker said these spaces will be conducive both to individual and collaborative work.

"I'm also hoping that this will help with fundraising when we can show prospective donors the kinds of things that we envision for the building," she said.

Walker discussed the possibility of a café, which could open as early as the fall of 2013 in what is currently the vending room space in the library's concourse.

"We're talking with Food Services now about the possibility of converting the vending room space ... into an actual café, so they're thinking that they'll begin talking with franchises that might be interested," Walker said.

"This summer, Facilities [Operations] plans to renew the pavers on the terrace in front, so we're also talking about what might be done to change the landscaping, allow for ... some outside seating there, and a doorway [where] you could get out to the terrace from a café."

Library shelving is almost entirely full, Walker said, both in the main and branch libraries. She said she is speaking with the Office of the Provost to identify a space for remote shelving close to campus.

"We can deliver things that are there as we now deliver around the campus, so that we don't have to use all of the floor space in the library for stacks," she said.

For the future longer-term renovation, Walker said she imagines the first floor as a "hub of activity" and the second floor as more focused, housing print collections, group study rooms and expertise for music, media and art.

The upper floors, Walker said, could be imagined as "oases of contemplation" that serve the needs of book-based work but are not crowded with stacks.


She said the biggest challenge the library will face in becoming a 21st century library will be balancing competing needs of faculty and students.

"Students tell me that the most important thing about the libraries is space, faculty and graduate students tell me that the most important thing is collections and services. It will be important to strike the right balance," she said.

Walker said she hopes smaller-scale projects the library is taking on now will encourage greater support of the renovation.

"I'm hoping that we can generate a lot of excitement around the idea that a great way to celebrate the 50th anniversary would be to actually kick off a thorough renovation," she said.

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University President John Jenkins walks with University President Emeritus Theodore Hesburgh before the ceremony in which Hesburgh was granted Irish citizenship on Saturday.

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ate the “greatest Catholic university in the world” when he became president, Keough said, a mission that continues to this day. “He meant it,” Keough said. “He started this place on a journey, and it never ended.” Hesburgh said much of the progress of the University could be attributed to the many lay people, young and old, who have shared this vision.

“The Church would be nothing today without the leadership of so many laymen,” he said. “It’s the laymen and the dedication they have for [Notre Dame] that make this place possible.” Hesburgh, whose grandfather was born in Ireland and immigrated to the United States as an infant, said he recognized the relationship between Ireland and Notre Dame has been an especially significant one throughout the University’s history. “It’s a link at the heart of all that we are, and I think it’s at the heart of all that we aspire to be,” he said.

Hesburgh said the University was honored to host such a major Irish political figure on the holiday. “To be here with us on this Feast of Saint Patrick, it’s the kind of miracle we get used to at Notre Dame,” he said. In welcoming the Taoiseach to campus, University President Fr. John Jenkins said Notre Dame has always possessed a strong Irish presence, stretching back to the founders and ranging from University presidents to the student body. He said this is embodied in the name “Fighting Irish,” which originally possessed derogatory meaning. “The name ‘Fighting Irish’ was originally intended as a slur in the 1930s to indicate a University of rowdy, unruly drunken Irishmen,” he said. “But the University embraced that name, and transformed it to represent a real resilience.”

Now, regardless of ethnicity, all members of the University community are part of this heritage, Jenkins said.

“Today, at Notre Dame, we’re of Asian, African, European and Latino ancestry, but we’re all Fighting Irish and very proud of that,” he said. Hesburgh said the evening offered an opportunity to

celebrate this spirit. “It’s an evening that we can all be Irish for a while, even though we may be half or a quarter something else,” he said. This spirit applies to the people of Ireland as well, Kenny said. “I am thrilled about this ‘Fighting Irish’ concept, for we have no fear for the future so long as we respect where it is that we came from,” he said.

Kenny said he knew before coming to Notre Dame the importance of the University in Irish-American heritage.

“Somebody said to me before I left, ‘When you go there, remember you are in the center of the soul of what it means to be Irish-American,’” he said. After taking part in Chicago’s Saint Patrick’s Day Parade earlier in the day, Kenny said he recognized how important the spirit of his nation is to many people in the United States. “Everyone wants to be Irish,” he said.

The Taoiseach is also set to visit New York City and the White House in his trip to America. As the Notre Dame football team prepares to square off against Navy at Dublin on Sept. 1, Kenny said he is excited for Notre Dame to reciprocate his visit.

“We look with great excitement to the flights incoming from the west into Dublin in September when Notre Dame comes to destroy Navy,” he said.

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Edna Kenny
Irish Taoiseach



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istered both a maternal and child health program and a nationwide leprosy control program.

While serving as CRS regional director for Africa, Hackett addressed the agency’s response to the Ethiopian famine of 1984-85 and supervised CRS operations in East Africa during the Somali crisis of the 1990s, according to the press release.

During his tenure as the agency’s sixth president, Hackett oversaw the redoubling of CRS efforts to engage the American Catholic community in worldwide service work by reaching out to Catholic organizations, dioceses, parishes, and colleges and universities throughout the country. CRS also incorporated lay people into its board of directors under Hackett’s supervision.

The organization, one of the world’s most effective and efficient in global relief and development, now operates in more than 100 countries with a staff of nearly 5,000, according to the press release.

In addition to his service as CRS president, Hackett also

served as the North America president of Caritas Internationalis, the coalition of humanitarian agencies of the Catholic Church. He continues to serve as an adviser to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and as a board member of the Vatican Pontifical Commission Cor Unum.

Hackett was awarded an honorary degree from Notre Dame in 2007. He also holds honorary degrees from Boston College, Cabrini College, University of Great Falls, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Mount St. Mary’s University, New York Medical College, Siena College, University of San Diego, Santa Clara University, Villanova University and Walsh University.

The Laetare Medal is named in celebration of Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent and the day Notre Dame announces its recipient each year.

The 2011 Medal was jointly awarded to Sr. Joan McConnon and Sr. Mary Scullion, founders of Project H.O.M.E. Previous recipients include President John F. Kennedy, Catholic Worker founder Dorothy Day, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin and jazz composer Dave Brubeck.

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Musician champions International Jazz Day

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ambassador Herbie Hancock believes what the world needs is a little jazz diplomacy.

The renowned jazz pianist’s first major initiative since being named a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador last July is to establish International Jazz Day to be held on April 30 of every year. That date coincides with the last day of what has been celebrated as Jazz Appreciation Month in the U.S.

This year’s inaugural event — organized by the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in partnership with the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz, which Hancock chairs — will include star-studded concerts in Paris, New Orleans and New York as well as jazz-related events in several dozen countries from Algeria to Uruguay.

Hancock said he had little difficulty lining up support for his proposal from the 195-member U.N. cultural organization “because so many countries have been affected in crucial ways over the years by the presence of jazz.”

“Jazz has been the voice of freedom for so many countries over the past half century,” Hancock said in a telephone interview ahead of Tuesday’s official announcement of International Jazz Day.

“This is really about the international diplomatic aspect of jazz and how it has throughout a major part of its history been a major force in bringing people of various countries and cultures together.”

UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova endorsed the initiative. In a statement, she said International Jazz Day is intended to bring together people all over the world “to celebrate and learn more about the art of jazz, its roots and its impact,

and to highlight its important role as a means of communication that transcends differences.”

The official kick-off will be on April 27 with an all-day program at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris that will include master classes, roundtable discussions and improvisational workshops. An evening concert will feature Hancock, Dee Dee Bridgewater, South Africa’s Hugh Masekela and Brazil’s Tania Maria, among others.

Hancock will begin the April 30 celebrations with a sunrise concert at New Orleans’ Congo Square, the birthplace of jazz, which comes right after the first weekend of the city’s Jazz and Heritage Festival.

The concert will present local jazz luminaries Terence Blanchard, Ellis Marsalis, Dr. Michael White, Kermit Ruffins and the Treme Brass Band. Hancock plans to perform his funky standard “Watermelon Man” with high school students from around the world via an Internet link.

He then will fly to New York for a sunset all-star jazz concert for the international diplomatic corps at the U.N. General Assembly Hall to be hosted by Morgan Freeman, Robert DeNiro, Michael Douglas and Quincy Jones. The concert will be streamed live via the U.N. and UNESCO websites.

Its lineup already includes Hancock, Bridgewater, Wynton Marsalis, Wayne Shorter, Christian McBride, Esperanza Spalding, Jack DeJohnette, Derek Trucks, Susan Tedeschi and Jimmy Heath. The Americans will be joined by an international cast of musicians spanning different genres, including Richard Bona (Cameroon), Hiromi Uehara (Japan), Zakir Hussain (India), Angelique Kidjo (Benin), Lang Lang (China), and Romero Lubambo (Brazil).

Bison relocated in Montana



Sixty-four genetically pure bison in Yellowstone National Park were shipped from Yellowstone park to the Fort Peck Reservation on Monday.

Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — Sixty-four bison from Yellowstone National Park were being shipped almost 500 miles to northeast Montana’s Fort Peck Reservation on Monday, under a long-stalled relocation initiative meant to repopulate parts of the West with the iconic animals.

The transfer — anticipated for months — came in the middle of a snowstorm and with no prior public announcement, as state and tribal officials sought to avoid a courtroom battle with opponents worried about bison competing with cattle for grazing space.

Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer described the move as

a major step in efforts to restore Yellowstone’s genetically-pure bison across a larger landscape.

“This is where we’re going to establish the beachhead of genetically pure bison that will be available as their numbers grow to go to other reservations and other public lands all across the West,” Schweitzer said.

Tribal and state officials signed an agreement Friday allowing the transfer to take place, said Robert Magnan with the Fort Peck Fish and Game Department.

Caught off guard were landowners and property rights groups that opposed the relocation. They filed a request for a temporary restraining order

Monday afternoon to halt the move.

Helena attorney Cory Swanson said moving the animals without public notice following years of controversy amounted to a “sneak attack.”

After state district Judge John McKeon in Glasgow did not rule on the request by the close of business Monday, Swanson said he would return Tuesday with a request for the animals to be ordered back to the Yellowstone area.

For the Assiniboine and Sioux tribes of Fort Peck, tribal leaders said the relocation offers a chance to revive their connection with an animal that historically provided food, clothing and shelter for their ancestors.

Apple uses cash surplus to reward stockholders

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Apple is finally acknowledging that it has more money than it needs. But don’t expect it to cut prices on iPhones and iPads. Instead, the company said on Monday that it will reward its shareholders with a dividend and a stock buy-back program.

Apple, the world’s most valuable publicly traded company, sits on \$97.6 billion in cash and securities.

The company has stockpiled the cash through a combination of great ideas and prudence. Apple spends money, to be sure, building data centers, buying parts for its products and pursuing ambitious projects such as a new 2.8-million-square-foot headquarters that has been likened to a spaceship. It also invests in the research and development of new technology and negotiates an occasional acquisition.

But Apple simply hasn’t managed to spend its earnings faster than people are lining up to buy its iPads, iPhones and other gadgets.

The decision to return some of that money to investors is a clear signal that Apple is taking a different approach in the post-Jobs era.

Former CEO Steve Jobs resisted calls to issue dividends for years. He argued that the money was better used to give Apple maneuvering room to acquire other companies, for instance. Apple did pay a quarterly dividend between 1987 and 1995, but Jobs was not involved with the company at the time.

Jobs died in October after a long fight with cancer.

Since then, pressure had been mounting on new CEO Tim Cook. Apple’s ever-growing pile of cash was earning a paltry amount of interest and the fact that it was sitting there unused could have left the company open to charges of mismanagement and possible shareholder lawsuits.

On Monday, Cook said that, with as much cash as Apple has on hand, a dividend won’t restrain the company’s options.

“These decisions will not close any doors for us,” he told analysts and reporters on a conference call.

Indeed, Apple can afford it. The dividend, which should placate shareholders, will cost about \$10 billion the first year. Apple generated \$31 billion in cash in the fiscal year that ended in September and analysts expect it to add another \$70 billion to \$85 billion this year.

Apple said it will pay a quarterly dividend of \$2.65 per share, starting in its fiscal fourth quarter, which begins July 1.

The dividend works out to \$10.60 annually, or 1.8 percent of the current stock price. Although Microsoft Corp., pays 2.5 percent of its stock price in dividends, and Hewlett-Packard Co. pays 2 percent, analyst Tavis McCourt at Morgan Keegan said Apple’s dividend is relatively generous for a large technology company.

Energy and phone companies often pay dividends worth more than 5 percent of their stock price.

In absolute terms, Apple will pay one of the richest dividends in the U.S. The roughly \$10 billion it will spend in its first year,

places it just below companies including AT&T Inc. and Verizon Communications Inc., which are among the biggest spenders because they use dividends as their main way to attract investors.

Exxon Mobil Corp., the world’s second largest company by market capitalization, pays about \$9 billion in dividends annually.

The dividend opens up ownership of Apple shares to a wider range of stock mutual funds, potentially boosting the stock price in the long term. Many “value-oriented” stock funds are not allowed to buy stocks that don’t pay dividends.

Apple said the \$10 billion share buyback program will begin next fiscal year, which starts Sept. 30, and runs for three years.

Investors had been expecting the announcement, driving Apple’s stock up 37 percent since January, when management first hinted in that a dividend was in the works.

Buybacks are a popular alternative to dividends, since they reduce the number of shares outstanding. That means every remaining investor owns a larger share of the company.

Apple’s stock hit a new high Monday before closing at \$601.10, up \$15.53. Since Steve Jobs’ death on Oct. 5, Apple’s stock is up nearly 60 percent. The company is worth \$553 billion.

McCourt raised his price target on Apple’s stock to \$800 on Monday, becoming the first Wall Street analyst to do so. A dozen have price targets in the \$700 range. He had been expecting the dividend, he said, and the main reason for the higher price target is the company’s tremendous profit growth.

The dividend and buyback announcement comes three days after the launch of Apple’s latest iPad tablet in the U.S. and nine other countries. Cook said sales the first few days set a record, but he gave no details.

Cook said the company also considered splitting its stock and continues to look at that option. Stock splits increase the number of shares while reducing their value, potentially making it easier for small investors to buy them. But Cook said “there’s very little support” for the idea that stock splits can help the stock overall.

Cook suggested that the dividend could have been larger if U.S. tax laws were different.

Cook said that as Apple analyzed how much it could give out to shareholders, it looked solely at the cash it has in the U.S. Like many big exporters, Apple has much of its cash overseas — some \$64 billion, specifically.

Apple is reluctant to bring back overseas profits. In addition to being taxed in their respective countries, those profits would be subject to the 35 percent U.S. corporate tax rate.

“Current tax laws provide a considerable economic disincentive to U.S. companies that might otherwise repatriate a substantial amount of foreign cash,” Chief Financial Officer Peter Oppenheimer said.

Cook said Apple looked at how much domestic cash it had, then set aside enough for planned investments and unforeseen outlays. What was left over would be given out to shareholders, he said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The challenges of the weekly laundry day

People make fun of me a lot for my wardrobe. I did a quick inventory; I own something like six t-shirts. Four of them rep my beloved Kansas City Royals and the other two display my affection for Kansas University basketball. To match them, I have three pairs of basketball shorts. Aside from a handful of dressier clothes for special occasions, this is pretty much all I've got.

Kevin Noonan

Scene Editor

It's pretty simple. But that's how I like it. Not because it suits my style so much (I view myself as more of the Ryan Gosling casual, oh-I-just-rolled-out-of-bed-in-this-three-piece-suit-it's-not-a-big-deal type of look someday) but instead because it suits my budget. I have proudly not spent more than \$50 total on all of my regular wardrobe.

While this wouldn't do me any favors in a frat (50 dollars? That's like, the cover charge at Vineyard Vines, right bro?), I find it to be a pretty manageable style at Notre Dame.

The problem comes when I have to do the oh-so-dreaded weekly laundry. Heading to the laundry room is like going to a football game with your credit card in your pocket — you're not coming back with any money.

This really grinds my gears because, on campus, we already pay for room and board and (for most) a meal plan. This is supposed to cover our basic living needs. We have a bed in which to sleep, bathrooms and showers to keep up our hygiene, a dining hall from which to get our meals and Flex Points to compensate the dining hall (don't even get me started on Flex Points).

But when it comes to laundry, we're on our own. And the laundry machines have a big "Notre Dame Food Services" logo stamped on their sides, so I'm paying these unnecessary fees to the same place I already paid to cover my food costs.

And the fact is that on a tight budget, the first place I'm going to cut my costs is laundry. That's a real health risk for which the University should provide. Just ask the guys a couple years ago that had to evacuate their room because of MRSA.

I present a simple solution to this problem that would enable me to do my laundry whenever I want. I know that I don't use all my meals every week (I'm sure I'm not the only one.)

Why not just let me use one of my dining hall swipes on a load of laundry and one on a drier cycle? That would be an easy, efficient way to avoid the budgetary catastrophe that is laundry.

Also, to any kids who sit next to me in class: I do my laundry, I'm just trying to make a point. I also shower regularly. Don't freak out.

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A large group of people can be a tremendous source of money and encouragement. At least, that is what internet startup Kickstarter is trying to prove. Described as a way to fund creative projects, Kickstarter is an online hub for people who have really ambitious ideas, but very little financial backing. Users of the site post descriptions of their projects alongside short videos as a means to pitch their idea. They set a target monetary goal and a time limit to reach it and they're off. People who visit the site can fund projects in exchange for tiered give-backs from the creators. But here's the catch: If the project reaches the goal in the allotted time, the creator gets the money. If not, nobody spends a dime.

Blake J. Graham

*Erudite
Techno-Lust*

The "crowdfunding" platform launched in 2008 (originally as Kickstart — the internet has an affinity for recklessly abandoning vowels) promising creative individuals a way to get their projects off the ground without losing ownership in them. Unlike other avenues of fundraising, the project creator gives up no equity or share in the project. Instead

Kickstart it

they give away offers related to a specific project. Donate \$50 to help the production of a musician's album and you might get a signed copy of the vinyl LP with your name on the packaging as a benefactor. The tiers are up to the project creator himself and in many cases definitely worth more than the donation.

While the site has been growing for quite some time, it has only been in the last couple months that they have featured some break-out hits. On Feb. 9, the project for an iPhone dock called the Elevation Dock was the first to be pledged a million dollars. Later on the same day, a project for a computer game development firm called Double Fine Productions also broke the million-dollar mark. The amazing thing: Double Fine had been listed less than 24 hours. When the project term for Double Fine eventually closed, it had over three million dollars pledged. At the current rate of growth, Kickstarter is looking to pull in over \$150 million in funding for creative projects in the year 2012.

That's \$150 million of the average internet user's hard-earned cash.

And the people receiving the money? Also just regular users of the internet. There's really no promise

that a creator will be able to pull through and complete their project just because they have the cash. Or if their first album will be good. Or their book on experimental cooking useful. There's just a whole lot of faith in the abilities of those who are willing to share their ideas online. And the community of crowd-funders love it. People interact, discuss and share excitement around specific projects. When people ask me where I got a t-shirt and I tell them Kickstarter, they get excited because they know their idea could come off the ground as well.

Only 44 percent of the ideas end up getting funded, but most of those ideas wouldn't even have been shared in the first place. Kickstarter is full of optimistic people who believe they can make a difference to improve the world or simply have a story they need to share. Every time I talk to someone who has been kickstarted and I see those funding figures go up, I believe them.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The first principle is that you must not fool yourself — and you are the easiest person to fool."

Richard Feynman
U.S. physicist

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WEEKLY POLL

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UWIRE

Eulogy for a dear childhood friend

A piece of my childhood died last week. I used to spend hours pecking furiously at the keyboard, chimes ringing back and forth as hours raced by while I communicated with my friends in an amazing new way — over the Internet.

Adam Arinder
The Daily Reveille

AOL Instant Messenger became a gateway for a new enterprise of communication. It was texting before texting. It was social networking before social networking. It was revolutionary for its time. Last week, The New York Times reported AOL would be closing the doors to its West Coast offices, notifying roughly 40 employees they would be out of a job by the end of the month. These 40 employees worked on our beloved AIM. More employees will be cut over the coming weeks, unnamed executives

told The New York Times. While this news isn't exactly surprising, it still hurts to know something I used so often as a wee lad will cease to exist in the upcoming months. Although the firing of these employees won't end AIM immediately, it does usher the end of updates and patches, which will eventually lead to the demise of the messaging application. While some may scoff at my dismay for the termination of the once-great instant messenger, if you think about it, AIM influenced much of the way we use the Internet today. Back before texting and smart-phones ruled the world, online instant messengers were the only way to quickly communicate with another person beside picking up the phone. AIM users could also customize their font size, color and background, giving them the first opportunity to have their own online persona. People were finally able to freely express who they were on the Internet.

AIM also led to sites like My Buddy Profile, where users were able to customize a profile with activities, likes/dislikes, quotes and anything else they wanted people to check out. Sound familiar? I'm not saying Mark Zuckerberg got the idea to create Facebook directly from AOL, but shortly after My Buddy Profile arose, Friendster became big. After Friendster there was MySpace. And we all know that after MySpace died, Facebook took over our lives. Unfortunately for AOL, AIM wasn't able to evolve with the times and quickly became irrelevant. AIM has become nothing but a memory to former users. Texting was the leading cause of the downfall. Why sit on a computer all day waiting for someone to sign on when a quick text could do the same thing? Also, other services such as Facebook chat and Gchat over Google's Gmail provided the same type of service to a much broader band of users. Before it goes away forever, I en-

courage everyone to sign into your AIM profile one last time. See if you can remember who all those crazy screennames belonged to and all the fun times you had chatting with them in 24-point Comic Sans font. Hell, if someone is actually online, send them an IM and see what happens. While certainly outdated in this day and age, it's sad to see something once so popular and widely used become discarded as nothing but a piece of technological history. As you sign onto Facebook or send someone a text message, remember that none of this would be possible without the existence of AOL Instant Messenger. Rest in Peace, AIM. *This article first ran in the March 19 edition of The Daily Reveille, the daily publication serving Louisiana State University. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#LoveThee NotreDame

March 7, Stanford Hall and Alumni competed for the men's interhall hockey championship. Compton Arena was filled with 300 guys from Stanford Hall and Alumni. Vuvuzelas were blaring and Frosh-O chants were roaring. Heated shot after shot was fired at the Alumni defense, but each time the agile Alumni goalie snatched up the puck. Alumni had two quick break-away goals and things weren't looking great for the Griffins. However, with continued determination, belief and maybe a little bit of karma, Stanford was able to come back from being down 2-0 with only four minutes left in the game to win 3-2 in overtime. For a more detailed account of the game, ask any Stanford Griffinite. But I'm not writing to gloat. In fact, I want to thank Alumni and their fans for creating such an electric atmosphere. ESPN probably won't be showing highlights of this game in the morning and I'm sure this game won't be mentioned in the all-time greatest games of Notre Dame history. Tonight, though, will be another great night that will make my time here at Notre Dame priceless. I think a common misconception among students is that "making the most of the Notre Dame experience" entails getting decent grades during the week so that you can party until you drop on the weekends. But in reality, how many times in my life can I watch some of my closest friends, driven by nothing more than passion, pride and a love for the game, compete for a championship title? And all the while surrounded by fellow Stanford Griffins? These moments, the ones that we don't read in the Notre Dame brochure, are the ones that I believe make my time at Notre Dame so memorable. And as I went to try and cram for my physio test in the morning (still with a pounding headache from the game), I knew I made another great decision in my collegiate career. Congratulations to my boy Drew Vechell and the rest of the Stanford Hall Men's Ice Hockey Championship Team! #LoveTheeNotreDame

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March 7

UWIRE

20 years of texting has changed the English language for the better

"Lawl," "jay kay," "roffle" and "gee tee eff oh." Sound familiar? It's odd you'd have heard them at all, for each of these terms originated in print and for print's sake. In fact, it makes almost no logical sense that we should actually pronounce any of these terms aloud, for each of them was invented to save energy for our fingers rather than our tongues. But, as the overwhelming majority of English communication takes place in type, the language's evolution is occurring at increasingly rapid rates. And it didn't start with the computer or the cell phone. Languages are like species: They adapt to their environments, consume one another and, in time, evolve. So we must consider the environment in which the language resides: texts, tweets, websites, etc. In the case of progressing technology, it's a matter of form meeting function. As new technology arises, we need words to describe the previously unthinkable or unknown. An interesting application of this would be the origin of the word "cliché." A French term, the word originated with the use of the printing press. Typically, words existed on printing stamps and would be arranged to print the text of a page. However, certain phrases would be so common that one could simply make a plate with the series of words rather than rearranging the words repeatedly. These common terms came to be known as "clichés," named after the sound of the press as it stamped the phrase. In the case of texting, we notice the same progressions taking place today more rapidly than ever before. Consider the jump from texting on a phone with number pads rather than a QWERTY keyboard on a touchscreen. Texts were quick, shorthand messages rampant with abbreviations due to the inefficiency of typing on keypads. This difficulty gave rise to most of the cell-phone slang that exists today, like the "lol's" and "jk's."

Clayton Crockett

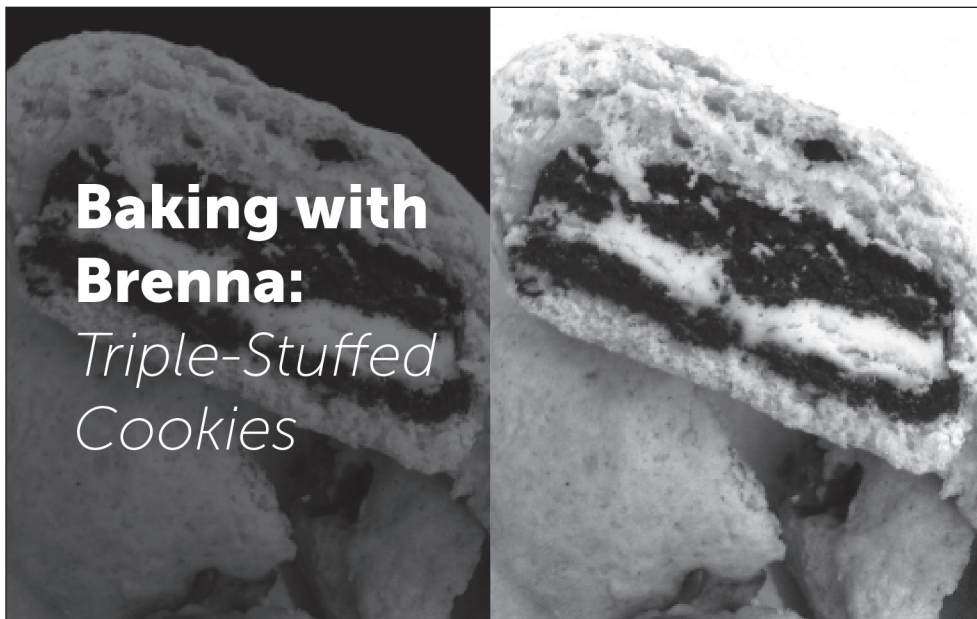
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With touchscreens and QWERTY keyboards, most of these are no longer necessary, and so

the evolution of language continues. What bothers me are the complaints regarding this progression. I still recall high school English teachers lamenting the use of "impact" or "gift" as verbs. "Text" has met the same end. But complaining about the rapid change of language is akin to every generation of adults complaining about the youth these days. When they complain about the unruliness and lack of manners, what they're really noting is their disconnect from a changing culture. I find the evolution beautiful. It's a sign of our progress as a species and world culture. Just like biological evolution, we can count on the most efficient words and phrases to win out. For instance, we use German words like "doppelgänger" and "poltergeist" because English lacked terms to describe these concepts. Fortunately for us, English dominates the electronic sphere. While we may complain about the use of terms like "noob" or "pwn," non-English speakers have to deal with the fact that the vast majority of all Internet content is in English. So, as technology advances, odds are all of the new language required to describe it will be in English, and even more interestingly, we can use technology as a barometer for how the evolution will take place. Generally speaking, Moore's Law predicts technology will double in efficiency every two years, marking an exponential increase. Today's generation of texters, posters and tweeters is only the beginning. Globalization, as has been said time and again, is inevitable, and undoubtedly a world language is on the way. What we may not have considered is the fact that this world language will be codified on the Internet. So next time someone criticizes Internet lingo as detrimental to the English language, know that linguistic evolution is inevitable. We should embrace it as such.

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By BRENNA WILLIAMS
Scene Writer

The Oreo celebrated its 100th birthday before spring break, and it's about time it gets a little facelift. Since I started writing this column, I have been asking my friends about easy recipes they love. Several suggested I try Oreo-stuffed cookies, which sounded intriguing and delicious. I decided to try them using Double-Stuffed Oreos, adding another layer of stuffing. This week, try making the "Triple-Stuffed Cookie": Double Stuffed Oreos inside a homemade chocolate chip cookie.

As usual, I understand it is hard to make things from scratch in the dorms, so you can use Break-n-Bake chocolate chip cookies from the Huddle and start at Step 4 below. If you use the Break-n-Bake cookies, you can also find the Oreos in the Huddle, making this a super simple on-campus treat. As usual, I've given my tips and substitutions to make it even easier.

Ingredients:

- 2 sticks softened butter
- 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
Tip: Use the Splenda blend of brown sugar.
- 1 cup granulated sugar
Tip: Use Splenda or another sugar substitute.
- 2 large eggs
Tip: Use egg whites.
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 10 oz bag chocolate chips
Tip: Use your favorite kind of chocolate.
- 12 Oreo cookies, cut in half
Tip: This recipe can be made with your favorite kind of Oreo: mint, regular, birthday, whatever! Also, take care when cutting since the cookie can easily crumble.

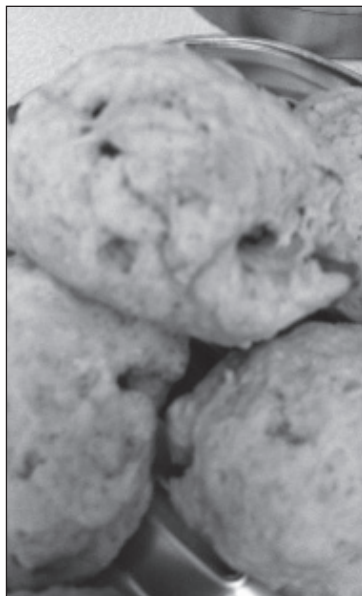
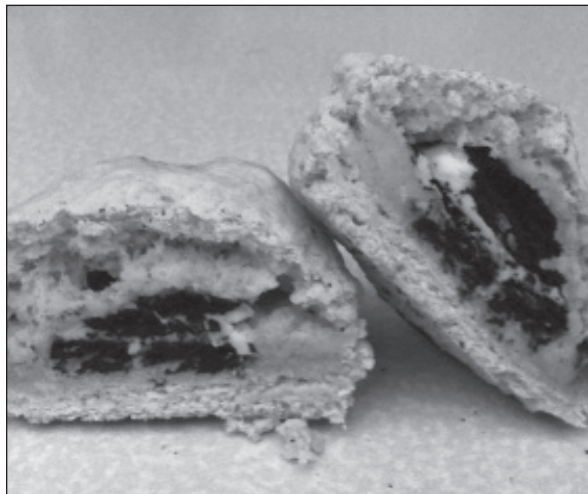
Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Mix butter, sugars, eggs, and vanilla.
Tip: This can be done by hand or with a mixer.
3. In a separate bowl mix the flour, salt and baking soda. Add the dry ingredients to wet ingredients along with chocolate chips until combined.
4. Take a piece of the dough, flatten it into a circle in your hand, and place one of the Oreo halves in the middle.
5. Do the same thing, covering the top of the Oreo. Seal the edges of the cookie dough together.
6. Place on a baking sheet and bake cookies 9-13 minutes or until golden brown.
Tip: Put the dough in the refrigerator between batches. If it's cooler, it'll spread less during baking.

Serving suggestion: Cut the baked cookies in half because, even using half of an Oreo, the cookies are huge. Your friends will thank you for sparing them the sugar coma and your batch will go twice as far.

This recipe will make 24 monster cookies or 48 reasonably-sized snacks. Happy birthday, Oreo! It's better to celebrate late than never.

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SCENE

Selects

Warm Weather Edition

The weather outside is unseasonably warm and there are many ways to enjoy the Notre Dame campus when it is this nice out. Whether you have all the time in the world to lounge on the quad or if you're sadly stuck inside writing a paper, this week's Scene Selects will make sure you enjoy these first days of spring either way.

1 Cold Starbucks drinks

Whether you need a boost to start your day, or just want a refreshing beverage while you're out in the sun, Starbucks' signature frozen and blended drinks are the way to go. Try the coffee giant's popular Caramel Frappuccino if you want something sweet and caffeinated. If you would rather laze on the quad, buy a signature smoothie in strawberry, orange-mango or chocolate.

2 Grilling Out

Combine this Garden of Eden-esque weather South Bend is currently enjoying (that description is especially fit because we all know it won't last and we'll be cast out soon enough) with everyone's end-of-the-year dining hall fatigue, and then factor in the number of grills sitting around campus. The result is the perfect opportunity to enjoy the sunshine with a brat or hamburger in one

3 Take the long way

Sometimes it's hard to remember how beautiful this campus is when it's covered in 56 inches of snow, or the temperature is dipping down into the nuclear-winter area with hurricane-force winds. But in case it has been forgotten, Notre Dame really is a wonderful campus to take a walk around. So when you need to get somewhere on campus, don't be afraid to take a five or 10 or 45 (if you're on your way to class) minute detour, and appreciate all Our Lady of the Lake has to offer.

4 Picnics on the quad

Instead of eating a Subway sandwich in LaFortune or Grab-and-Go in your room, take advantage of this amazing spring weather and eat out on the quad. Plan lunch or dinner picnics once or twice a week and enjoy your meal while listening to music and talking with friends. It will definitely let you unwind and take your mind off of the many things you have to do during this second half of the semester. Picnics in this sunny and warm weather are a must. You could even play sports or different games after the meal.

5 Hit the links

The sun's out, which means it's perfect golfing weather. Luckily, Notre Dame has a nine-hole golf course conveniently located next to the Rock for students to play on. They even have clubs to rent for cheap. No matter if you are an amateur, pro or just learning, this beautiful weather is the perfect opportunity to work on your game and spend time in the sun with your friends. Just make sure to establish your Mulligan rules before you tee off.

This Week's Mix –
Prepping for the SUB Spring Concert



by Kevin Noonan

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9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Blinded" – Third Eye Blind
10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "James Franco" – Hoodie Allen

SUB announced recently that 90s band

Third Eye Blind and underground

rapper Hoodie Allen will come to

campus this Saturday for its annual

spring concert. Here's a look at our

favorites from both acts.

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The Best of Watch Instantly

Wading through the excessive amount of horrible films on Netflix Watch Instantly can be daunting for any subscriber. To ease the process, Scene has graciously provided a list of the best Netflix has to offer.

1. "Best Food Ever"

This six-episode miniseries on TLC went across the country to find the best places with the best food ever in six different categories sandwiches, bakeries, food carts, diners, cheese and barbeque. Instead of falling into the cliché trap of having a celebrity chef taste all the food, the show instead opts to simply let the chefs and customers display the food in all its glory, allowing for maximum airtime for the unbelievable feats of culinary excellence. Plus, John Goodman narrates the show, and if any person in the history of food looked and sounded like they knew where to get a good meal, it's John Goodman.

2. "South Park"

When Matt Stone and Trey Parker made their "Spirit of Christmas" short films in the early 1990s, they probably had no idea the cultural phenomenon the crude comedies would eventually become. But now, 20 years after "Jesus vs. Frosty," the two men helm one of the funniest and most influential animated series in television history, and almost every episode can be found on Netflix Watch Instantly. How many times can Kenny die and it still be funny? At least one more.

3. "The Larry Sanders Show"

Gary Shandling starred in two sitcoms that helped bring the genre into the modern era, the second being the critically-acclaimed HBO series "The Larry Sanders Show". Shandling stars as late-night talk show host Larry Sanders, and the series follows the events leading up to each night's broadcast. Also starring Jeffrey Tambor as sidekick Hank "Hey Now" Kingsley and Rip Torn as the show's bombastic producer, "The Larry Sanders Show" is a great comedy for a sophisticated audience.

4. "Kissing Jessica Stein"

With the return of "Mad Men" this weekend, Jon Hamm is already the talk of the town. With the success of his long-time partner Jennifer Westfeldt's new indie film "Friends with Kids," in which Hamm also stars, she should be too. If your interest has been piqued by the unique comedy of "Friends," check out Westfeldt's feature writing debut, "Kissing Jessica Stein." The film follows the unconventional story of two young, straight women who decide to try to find love with each other with uproarious results. The script is razor-sharp, equally hilarious and charming, presenting the truths of real-world relationships not often seen on screen.

5. "Life in a Day"

This remarkable documentary is truly collaborative in every sense of the word. A mass call went out for home videos taken on July 24, 2010 via YouTube. These clips were then painstakingly edited together to present as true a vision of life from the exciting to the everyday as possible. 4,500 hours of footage from 80,000 submissions from 192 different countries were whittled down into this 94-minute film. While "Life in a Day" is absolutely a traditional documentary, its unique embrace of new digital technology is a game-changer for the medium of film.

SPORTS AUTHORITY

Hope for Marlins lies in new ballpark, roster

The hope is that it works. Although, for the last 10 years, hoping is just about all the formerly Florida, now Miami Marlins have been doing. They hoped they could land Manny Ramirez and Albert Pujols. They hoped staying mediocre could draw a crowd. They hoped the Braves, Mets and Phillies would all fall at some point. And now, they are hoping a new uniform, a new name, a new manager, a new lineup, a new pitching staff and a gorgeous new ballpark can finally produce a winning team and an adoring audience.

The Marlins have hovered around .500 recently, neither seriously posing a threat to make the playoffs nor bottoming out in the cellar. And star shortstop, er, third baseman Hanley Ramirez has a lot to do about it.

The one-time National League batting champion struggled a year ago, hitting just .243 — over 60 points lower than his career average — while driving in only 45 runs.

And so came change. Enter Jose Reyes.

The addition of Reyes, the oft-injured yet electric and exciting shortstop, forced Ramirez to move to third base and ensured one of the speediest and talented left infielders in recent memory. Reyes was even viewed as a consolation prize after Miami failed to land Pujols.

The top third of the Marlins lineup now looks like this: Reyes, Emilio Bonifacio and Ramirez. Each one of them has the ability to wreak havoc on the base paths. Not to mention they are protected by sluggers Logan Morrison and Giancarlo (formerly Mike) Stanton.

Maybe their bats still can't compete with Atlanta's or Philadelphia's pitching but they are much closer than before with just one addition.

And then the arms began to



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arrive. Enter Mark Buehrle, Heath Bell and Carlos Zambrano.

Buehrle was added to solidify an already decent rotation anchored by flame-throwing right-hander Josh Johnson and the steady Ricky Nolasco. The longtime White Sox lefty should fit in nicely into the Marlins staff — even if his 14-million dollar salary is not worth it.

Bell, an All-Star closer with San Diego, is supposed to add depth to Miami's bullpen that ranked in the top 10 in Major League Baseball in most categories. While that was with stud reliever Leo Nunez (now known by his real name Juan Carlos Oviedo), the rest of the middle-relief and set-up men should be just fine with Bell at the back end.

The always frugal and never free-wheeling Marlins were suddenly a big-time spender in the league. There are now six Marlins on the roster making over seven million dollars — four are new additions.

Zambrano's success with the Marlins hinges on just how well fellow Latin spark-plug manager Ozzie Guillen can control him.

Guillen fits in with Miami. Guillen fits in with the Marlins. Or so it seems.

His loud firecracker of a personality and Hispanic background are perfect for the South Florida city home to LeBron James and Dwyane Wade. His colorful style plays right into the glitzy, glamorous nature of Miami.

And so does the Marlins' new ballpark.

On the outside, it is majestic, white and silver surrounded by palm trees and the unique Little Havana community. A simple drive around the new park leaves you gawking at the size of the new retractable roof while almost veering onto the other side of the road (but for real, this happened).

So will it work?
I can only hope.

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to counter the three more goals UC Davis scored and the Irish finished the game with a 9-5 loss.

The University of Notre Dame fought back after their loss to Davis against Chico State on Sunday. In a close game, the Irish secured a win over Chico State, 8-7. Senior Maisie O'Malley led the offense with four goals and five ejections drawn. Erin Gibson and Rachael Glenister added two each as well for the Irish.

In their last game of the tournament, the Irish played a close game against No. 9 Berkeley. Despite early goals from Rachael Glenister and Kasia Ahern, Berkeley scored four goals of their own to open a lead of 4-2. Freshmen Kathleen Schiavenza scored two goals and Maisie O'Malley scored one in the second quarter to decrease Cal Berkeley's lead by one to make the score 6-5 at the half. Despite two more goals from O'Malley, and one each from Ahern and Gibson, Berkeley pulled ahead further in the second half and the Irish lost 12-9.

Ultimate (women)

The Notre Dame Women's Ultimate Club traveled to Tallahassee, Fla. and Statesboro, Ga. for two of the spring's premier Ultimate Frisbee tournaments: Tally Classic and College South-erns.

At Tally Classic, Notre Dame A, led by senior captains Victoria Hadlock and Ashley Satterlee, came out strong in their second tournament of the season, finishing second overall. The team opened up pool play on Saturday with commanding wins against Florida State B, Florida B, Winona State and Rhode Island, allowing their opponents to score only four points all day.

Notre Dame A then started off Sunday by shutting out Auburn 13-0. Next in the semifinal matchup, juniors Kelsey Taylor and Al-lie Hawkins broke Edin-boro's zone defense to win the game 13-4 to head to the championship game against host Florida State. After falling behind early, Notre Dame kept up in the second half, but in the end fell 6-12, clutching second place in the tournament.

Notre Dame A then com-peted with 23 other teams

at their toughest tournament yet this year, finishing sixth at College Southernns in Georgia. Although they came out slow on Saturday morning, Notre Dame A utilized their patience and accurate throws to beat Virginia Tech 13-6. Carrying this energy into their next two games, Notre Dame destroyed Florida B, Florida State B and Cincinnati, allow-ing five points over the course of the three games. However, the team was unable to carry that energy into its last pool play game against the future tournament champions, Tufts, as they lost 13-3.

In the championship bracket Sunday, Notre Dame A lost a hard-fought game to Ohio State, the tournament runner-ups. However, the team was able to rally its energy to win against Florida, 10-7.

The Notre Dame B team, lead by junior captains Dev-lin Lynch and Elizabeth Vil-lafuerte, also came out strong in Tallahassee. Although they lost their opening games against Edinboro and future tournament champions, Florida State, the B team continued to develop their skills against both man and zone defense. They finished pool play, fall-ing to LSU and Alabama, 5-13 and 4-13.

At College Southernns, Notre Dame B faced a tough pool on Saturday, falling to top teams such as Dartmouth and Florida. However, the team saw its first win Sunday with a com-manding 13-8 win against Florida State B, avenging their previous loss to them.

Ultimate (men)

Both the Notre Dame Men's Ultimate A and B Teams travelled south over mid-semester break to compete in two tour-naments with resounding suc-cess for both squads. The A team finished 5th in both the Tally Classic in Tallahassee, Fla., and College Southernns in Statesboro, Ga., with a com-bined 10-3 record between the two events. The B Team finished 7th in Division 2 at Tally Classic and T-33 at Southernns with a combined 8-5 record. In both tournaments, Notre Dame A delivered strong per-formances in pool play, win-ning both of their pools.

The only loss either Sat-urday came at the hands of Western Michigan at Tally after the pool had been clinched. The team was challenged in nearly all of their games, how-ever as only the first game of the trip, a 13-5 win over Wes-leyan was the only blowout. Strong Saturday performances came from sophomore Conor Hanney whose defense against top seed Florida State helped

earn Notre Dame the victory.

At Southernns, bracket play began with a quarterfinal loss at the hands of Texas A&M. Notre Dame followed with strong wins over Wesleyan and Georgia Southern to take fifth. After pool play at South-ernns, Notre Dame faced a dif-ficult crossover game against rival Indiana. Eager to estab-lish regional dominance, the Irish played what was prob-ably their finest game of the trip with a 15-11 win over IU with Notre Dame scoring the last five points of the game.

Sunday began with a win over Princeton in which se-niors James Denué and Thomas Kenealy, alongside juniors Zack Woodruff, Jona-than Koch and Dan Bolivar all played exceptionally well to create another four point run late in the second half to seal a win. The trip ended with a 15-9 loss at the hands of even-tual champion Ohio State in the quarterfinals.

The B team had their best tournament of the year at Southernns, compiling a 5-2 re-cord on the weekend. Captains Jordan Lange and Andrew Romero led the team strongly all weekend. After finishing 3rd in their pool, bracket play began with a game against hated rival Southern Polytech-nic State University. The Irish took command early and won 15-10 with strong performanc-es by seniors Justin Cullen and Alex Clark and freshman Pe-ter Hall and Steven Zurawski. Notre Dame B concluded their trip with another win over St. Olaf's B to finish the trip. Both teams will return to ac-tion in two weeks at the Chi-cago Invite in Naperville, Ill., against some of the Midwest's top competition.

Men's Rugby

"Leaps and bounds" were the words used by Coach O'Leary after the game against Life University on Saturday, won by the Irish, 80-7.

Against a very good Life squad, under the lights, and in front of a large crowd of rugby enthusiasts in Charlotte, N.C., the Irish showed they had all the fight in them. Possession was fairly one-sided, and al-though the tackling was there for the Irish, it eventually gave way to the pressure of the Life attack.

Their next test will be against a tough Texas A&M squad down in College Station, Tex.

The team will be prepar-ing all week this week during their spring break. The team has decided to stay in South Bend to focus on the basics and to work on the game plan for the Aggies.

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CLUB SPORTS

Equestrian team sweeps regionals, finishes season third

Small cycling team outperforms Division II opponents, women's water polo goes to sudden death against Wheaton

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This past weekend the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Equestrian Team travelled to Madison, Wis., for the final show of the season and the regional finals. The open fences riders kicked off the day with a clean sweep of all three classes, with Katie Sylva, Katie Walsh and Amy Giordano claiming first place in their respective classes, and Mia Genereux coming in a very strong second place in her section.

In the intermediate fences classes, senior riders Tori Scheid and Sarah Lusher put in quality trips to earn third and fourth places. Senior Christine Martin garnered the fifth place honors in the first section of novice fences, with fellow senior Amanda Leon earning fourth place in the second section with a strong round. The Irish had another strong showing in the open flat class with Sylva and Walsh each earning second, Scheid and Giordano placing fifth and Genereux earning sixth.

Intermediate flat riders Stephanie Nearhos and Mo McQuillian showed expert form on their way to earning third and first places, respectively. Junior Patty Walsh put in an excellent ride in novice flat to finish up with third place and Caitlin Harris rode to the second place honors. In the walk trot canter classes, Rebecca Bulis and Shannon Noonan showed great form to each earn fourth place in their sections to wrap up the day.

Both Sylva and Walsh advanced to the four person ride off for high point rider, and Walsh ended up reserve high point rider for the

day. The team placed third overall behind UW-Madison and UW-Lacrosse, with Genereux, Walsh and Nearhos qualifying for regionals the next day.

On Sunday at the regional finals, the Irish started off the day with a strong showing in the open fences. Genereux claimed first place honors, with Walsh following right behind in second place. In the novice fences class both Scheid and Lusher executed solid trips against tough competition. In the intermediate flat class, Scheid and Nearhos displayed excellent technique to earn respective sixth and second places. Finally, in the walk trot canter class, Harris showed great form and earned the second place honors to finish out the weekend.

The team finished third overall for the season with Walsh and Genereux earning the high-point and reserve high-point rider season honors. Genereux, Harris, Nearhos and Walsh will continue on to zone finals in Marion, Ind.

Cycling

For St. Patrick's Day weekend the Notre Dame Cycling Team traveled to the emerald pastures of St. Charles, Mo., for their second race weekend of the road-racing season. Lindenwood University hosted the inaugural MWCCC/NCCCC Challenge where riders from both the Midwest Collegiate Cycling Conference and the North Central Collegiate Cycling Conference competed.

Saturday started early with the Men's Category B Team Time Trial. The Notre Dame team consisted of Joshua Corcoran, David Pratt, John Pratt and Andrew

O'Donnell. The 13-mile "lollipop" course started out flat and fast but soon unveiled its bitter side as the riders were faced with a twisty Category 5 climb. The climb proved challenging, but the team was able to successfully navigate the course to a victory with a time of 30:29 besting the next team by 0:45.

The road race started later that morning, with the course following a 20-mile loop which consisted of two major climbs. Carolyn McCann bested the hills and rolled to a commendable 17th place in the Women's C field. The field of 50-plus men tackled two laps of the course, which saw a finishing group of seven riders break away from the rest of the field. In his first race of the season Corcoran finished 18th with teammate Pratt following a close 24th. With dark clouds rolling into the area the Men's A and B races started. Less than two miles into the race lightning began to strike and officials called the race.

Sunday started with the Men's C criterium. Again, Joshua Corcoran and David Pratt contested with a large field of 46 riders.. Pratt finished a career best 11th with Corcoran on his tail at 13th. McCann again took it to the women's field. McCann was able to put in a tremendous effort to claw back into the lead group and hold on for 17th. With fresh legs from an abridged road race Pratt and Andrew O'Donnell were poised to put a good effort in the Men's B criterium. With 22 minutes to go, O'Donnell launched from the pack and started his solo attack. Pratt executed perfect team tactics as he allowed only a small

chase group of four riders off the front in pursuit of O'Donnell. With his teammate up the road Pratt was able to hang in the front of the main pack and even launched his own attack with less than two kilometers to go. The field was unresponsive as he cruised to a solo second place. Douglas Ansel represented Notre Dame in the Men's A criterium. Ansel made it into a lead group of 10 riders that formed with 20 minutes to go in the 60-minute race. Realizing that the break would not stay away, Ansel wisely returned to the field to conserve his energy, which he used to finish 18th in a field loaded with firepower.

As the team loaded their vehicles for the long drive back to South Bend they were summoned to the officiating tent There they were promptly informed that small team of only six riders scored more points than any other Division II team that weekend and were presented with the first ever MWCCC/NCCCC Challenge Division II Trophy.

Women's Water Polo

After a comeback that resulted in overtime and sudden death, the Irish lost to Wheaton College 11-10. Trailing 8-6 after the third quarter, junior Victoria Anglin spearheaded a comeback by scoring three goals in the fourth quarter. Tied at 9-9, the Irish went into an overtime of two three-minute quarters. Wheaton scored the first goal of overtime, but senior Maisie O'Malley responded with her fourth goal of the game to keep the Irish tied.

Overtime ended with a score

of 10-10, so the game proceeded with sudden death, where Wheaton scored on a quick shot outside of 5-meters off of a foul to win the game 11-10.

The University of Notre Dame began their California competition with a strong 10-2 win against Cal Tech. The Irish saw scoring from many players. Erin Gibson, Adi Austgen, and Ellen Dowling added 2 goals each and Maisie O'Malley, Kasia Ahern, and Rachael Glenister each added one.

Notre Dame began the Foothill College Invitational with a 12-1 victory over Dartmouth. Seniors Erin Gibson and Maisie O'Malley scored four and three goals respectively while Rachael Glenister, Colleen Middleton, Ellen Dowling, Kasia Ahern and Victoria Anglin each added one. On the other side of the pool, Gibson, Middleton, and Ahern helped protect the net defensively with four steals each.

In their second game of the tournament, the No. 11 Irish faced the No. 6 UC Davis "A" team. After the first quarter, the Irish trailed 1-0. Adapting offensively, Maisie O'Malley, Kasia Ahern and Victoria Anglin each scored in the second quarter to take the lead 3-2 at the half. In the third quarter, sophomore Rachael Glenister added one goal, but UC Davis scored four of their own to take the lead 5-4 going into the fourth quarter. Freshman Kathleen Schiavenza tallied a goal in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough

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ry, as the Irish bats were held in check. Notre Dame beat Iowa 2-0 before falling 2-1 to No. 17 Michigan.

Winter went the distance against Iowa (10-13) and finished with a two-hit shutout. The sophomore, who has six complete games and a 2.22 ERA, had a perfect game through three and two-thirds innings before giving up a single.

"[Winter] has been our go-to pitcher this whole year," Gumpf said. "I think she just keeps getting better and better ... She's definitely composed. She does a nice job of keeping us in ball games and that's all we expect from our pitchers — to keep us in games and give us a chance — and Laura has done a great job of putting us in that position."

With Winter on top of her game, her battery-mate, junior catcher Amy Buntin, provided all the necessary offense. Buntin drove in two runs with a single up the middle in the third inning and the Irish held on for the win.

Against Michigan (17-9), Buntin drove a single to right field to drive in a run and give the Irish a 1-0 lead in the first inning.

The Wolverines tied the game in the bottom of the second and the score remained knotted at one until the final frame as O'Donnell kept the Michigan offense at bay. The right-hander forced nine groundouts while scattering seven hits.

The Wolverines managed to break through in the bottom of

the seventh as sophomore infielder Taylor Hasselbach ripped a walk-off single for the win.

The Irish were back on the field Friday against No. 3 Washington. The Huskies (26-1) held a 1-0 lead after three innings but opened things up with three runs in each of the next two frames.

Notre Dame did manage to score twice in the sixth inning after hits from Buntin and senior infielder Dani Miller were complemented by Washington miscues, but it was too late.

The Irish were scheduled to take on No. 5 Arizona State on Saturday morning, but the game was cancelled due to severe rain.

The Irish did learn from going up against top competition in Michigan and Washington, and Gumpf said she hopes to use that experience moving forward.

"I think it's crazy if we don't take something from every game we play," Gumpf said. We took something beneficial from all eight games we had over spring break. I believe the Michigan and Washington games make us a better team. We got to face their pitching and their hitters, which is great because it shows us our weaknesses and what we need to work on."

Earlier during spring break, Notre Dame beat Oregon State and Loyola Marymount and lost to Charleston Southern and UNLV at the Long Beach State Invite.

The Irish are back in action Saturday when they travel to Washington, D.C. to open up Big East play against Georgetown.

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BASEBALL

Home opener provides freshman pitcher first start

By BRENDAN BELL
Sports Writer

Transitioning from the hardwood to the baseball diamond, freshman right-handed pitcher Pat Connaughton will take the mound for the first time in his Notre Dame baseball career Tuesday against Eastern Michigan. It will also be the home opener for the Irish (10-7), after coming off a spring break trip where the team traveled to Baton Rouge, La., and San Antonio. “We’re excited for him to get out there,” senior captain and shortstop Tommy Chase said. “I haven’t seen Pat throw, but he’s been in the bullpen once a week getting ready. He has a pitch count that is somewhat low because he hasn’t been throwing a whole lot, but hopefully he can get his feet wet, have some success and we can build off that.” Notre Dame will be carrying momentum from its spring trip, where it compiled a 5-3 record. The Irish started the trip by splitting a two-game series against Michigan. In the first game on March 10, senior right-handed pitcher Will Hudgins threw a gem, going eight scoreless innings while striking out 11 batters. In the seventh inning,

sophomore first baseman Trey Mancini blasted a two-run shot to left field, which was all the Irish needed to win. Notre Dame fell to Michigan (9-11) on March 11, but rebounded with a 7-1 win against No. 11 LSU later in the day. “I think it was a successful trip and the win against LSU was a big boost for our confidence,” Chase said. “It helped us know that we can compete with some of the best in the country. We have a great chance to do some special things. We realize our goal is to win the Big East and then go to Regionals.” Hudgins continued his dominance on the mound in his next performance later in the week against Kansas on Friday, going 7.2 scoreless innings and improving his record to 3-1 for the year. Hudgins has now gone 17 innings without allowing a run. “Will has been phenomenal and he deserves every bit of the success he’s having,” Chase said. “He is such a great example and is a huge leader on and off the field. He is and will continue to be the backbone of the rotation because he has a great work ethic.” After the win, Notre Dame reached the championship of the Irish Baseball Classic, but fell in

back-to-back games against Indiana State. The first game went to ten innings before Indiana State (16-4) rallied to win 6-4 on Saturday. In the second matchup the Sycamores held the Irish to only one run in a 6-1 victory Sunday. Despite the final two games, there were many signs of great potential. “We realized during the trip that we have a lot of work to do, but that we also have a great amount of talent,” Chase said. “Our entire staff looked strong and (sophomore right-hander) Sean Fitzgerald pitched really well against LSU.” Now the team will look to maintain momentum when they come back to Frank Eck Stadium on Tuesday and face Eastern Michigan (6-12). The Irish have accumulated a 13-4-1 record in opening games at Frank Eck Stadium, and will look to add to the win column come Tuesday. “We’re so excited to get back home especially as we have great weather to play in,” Chase said. “It is great to come in and establish our home field as a place to be reckoned with.” Among the highlights of Tuesday’s game is the debut for freshman dual-sport athlete Pat Connaughton. With the NCAA



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Irish junior infielder Frank DeSisco steps up to the plate during a Jan. 21 practice. Notre Dame will have its first home game Tuesday.

basketball tournament over, the highly recruited pitcher is ready to get back on the mound. Connaughton is ranked No. 29 in the freshmen class by Baseball America, and the No. 4 prospect in the entire Big East conference. “He has a ton of talent and a ton of upside and he will be an instrumental part of our team,” Chase said. Between a home opener and a rookie sensation’s first start,

there is a lot of excitement surrounding the upcoming game. “It is always an honor to go out to the field, and it’s an incredible feeling being able to play at Notre Dame,” Chase said. Notre Dame will face Eastern Michigan at Frank Eck Stadium Tuesday with first pitch at 5:35 p.m. **Contact Brendan Bell at bbell2@nd.edu**

SMC TENNIS

Belles start season with an strong performance in Orlando

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

The Belles not only got some extra sun on their trip to Orlando, but also gained some valuable experience in match play. Although its match against St. Francis was cancelled due to rain, Saint Mary’s (6-2) went 4-1 in its matches against teams from across the country. On Monday the Belles took complete control, defeating Wisconsin Lutheran 9-0 in straight sets in singles matches and in doubles won 8-3, 8-6 and 8-1 respectively. The Belles tested their endurance March 13 as they competed in a doubleheader. Building on a strong start, the Belles swept their next opponent, Howard Payne, in straight sets in singles and 8-5, 8-3 and 8-1 in doubles. “It was good to get out to a strong start,” Saint Mary’s coach Dale Campbell said. “It built up our confidence and gave us momentum.” The second match against St. Bonaventure on Tuesday proved to be more of a struggle for the Belles. They started well by winning all three doubles matches, but had trouble in their singles matches. Saint Mary’s only won two of the six singles matches — but that was all it needed. At the No. 5 spot, freshman Audrey Kiefer won her match 6-3, 6-0, leaving the outcome up to freshman Shannon Elliot. Playing in the No. 3 spot, Elliot won the first set 6-3, but dropped the second set 6-2. Elliot eventually came out on top, winning the third set 6-4

and claiming the victory for Saint Mary’s. “Tuesday tested our resilience,” Campbell said. “A double header is a lot to handle and our young team proved themselves. As for the St. Bonaventure [match], it was a huge win. Shannon came through when we needed her. We have lost to them the past two years and really wanted a win this time.” After a day of rest, the Belles got back to work with another set of doubleheaders. They lost to St. Lawrence 8-1 early in the day, with freshman Kayle Sexton and Elliot earning the only win at No. 2 doubles. “[St. Lawrence] really dominated us,” Campbell said. “They had great ground strokes up and down the line-up. They showed us what we can do and we can learn from how they played.” The Belles responded with a 7-2 win over Illinois Wesleyan later on Thursday. “It was promising to see us bounce back like that,” Campbell said. “For a young team coming off a decisive loss the girls did extremely well.” Over the week, Campbell mixed up the lineup, giving non-starters match experience and said he liked what he saw. “We moved some players around and let them get some match playing time,” Campbell said. “As of now there will be no lineup changes moving forward, but at practice we are going to start letting players challenge for a spot to start.” Campbell said the trip was not only great for training, but for relaxation and rest as well. “This trip also built team chemistry and we had some fun,” Campbell said. “We went to Sea

World one day and the beach another on our days off.” The Belles will have to focus after their return home, as they will

take on undefeated Indiana Wesleyan at 4 p.m. today. **Contact Isaac Lorton at ilorton@nd.edu**

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MEN’S TENNIS

Notre Dame drops match against Big East opponent

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

Playing outdoors in the hot, humid Florida weather, the Irish suffered a narrow defeat in Saturday’s match at the hands of Big East opponent South Florida, 4-3. After dropping the doubles point, the Irish (12-7) were not able to win four of the six singles matches needed to take home the overall victory. The Irish entered the match with high expectations, but encountered challenges — both mental and physical — that prevented them from playing at their highest level, Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “In a couple of cases, I don’t think our guys responded well to some adversity — a little bit of a hostile crowd and a tough situation,” Bayliss said. “For us going down to Tampa, it was about 88 degrees in the match with some humidity and we hadn’t faced a

lot of that obviously. “I think that put us in a situation where we really had to focus and concentrate and I think that a couple of our guys just came up a little bit short in that department on that day. We certainly went into the match expecting to win or to have a good chance to win.” The day started out poorly for the Irish when both the No. 1 and No. 2 doubles teams fell 8-5 to the Bulls (5-11). According to Bayliss, the Irish have played well in doubles lately and the early 1-0 deficit was yet another obstacle. “In my mind, losing the doubles point was pretty big,” Bayliss said. “We’ve done much better in doubles than South Florida had up to that point. I think we went in expecting to win the doubles point and to be in a 1-0 position starting the singles.” Despite the struggles, senior Casey Watt continued his strong play at No. 1 singles with a straight set victory (7-5, 6-3) over

South Florida senior Wael Kilani. The victory gives Watt his fifth win in his last six matches. “I thought Casey Watt played a great match,” Bayliss said. “He really gave a great effort and I thought he hit enough big shots and played within himself to wear Kilani out. I thought Casey deserved a lot of credit for that match.” The Irish also received victories from sophomore Billy Pecor and senior Niall Fitzgerald at No. 4 and No. 5 singles, respectively. But three-set losses from sophomore Greg Andrews at No. 2 singles and senior Sam Keeton at No. 3 singles proved to be Notre Dame’s undoing. “In all the matches that we lost, I believe we were capable of winning,” Bayliss said. “Certainly there were disappointments. I think if played that match again with the same people, and we may run into them again in the Big East tournament, I would expect



LAUREN FRITZ/The Observer

Irish junior Blas Moros returns the ball during Notre Dame’s 5-4 win over Maryland on March 3. to win some close ones we lost.” The Irish will take the upcoming weekend off before they face Ball State on Mar. 31 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. **Contact Peter Steiner at psteiner@nd.edu**

WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish sweep spring break roadtrip, defeat ranked competition

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

In their first three true road games of the season — all coming in a week-long stretch — the

Fighting Irish played the part of battle-tested road warriors. No. 7 Notre Dame captured a 14-11 road win at Boston University on March 10 before defeating Yale on March 13, 15-9, and No. 16 Cornell on

Saturday in Florida, 17-13. Senior attacker Maggie Tamasitis kicked off the spring break road swing at BU (3-4) with career-high marks in goals (five) and total points (nine) in a game. Tamasitis’ four assists in the game launched her into the top spot on the program’s all-time assists list with 107, surpassing the previous record of 106 set by attacker Gina Scioscia in 2010. “It goes without being said that she is such an integral part of our team, but the beauty is that everyone around her makes her look so good,” Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said. “When she puts the ball in other players’ sticks they finish for her ... It is a credit to Maggie, it is a credit to how resilient she is in a game and it is a credit to the teammates around her that make her look so good.” After jumping out to an 8-0 lead on Boston, the Irish carried a 10-4 advantage into halftime before finding themselves clinging to a 13-11 lead with under four minutes remaining. Sophomore mid-field/attacker Lindsay Powell then completed her hat trick with 1:04 left to play to secure the win for Notre Dame. The Irish had a quick turnaround for their next game, traveling down the East Coast to Delray Beach, Fla., for a Tuesday match-up against Yale (2-3). Notre Dame

showed no weariness though, and scored the first 10 goals of the game before entering the break up 10-2. Junior midfielder Jenny Granger scored the game’s first two goals and assisted on the third and sophomore attacker Lauren Sullivan recorded the first three goals of her career for a hat trick. Freshman goalkeeper Allie Murray received playing time in relief of junior goalkeeper Ellie Hilling for the first time this season in Notre Dame’s 15-9 win. For their third and final road contest of the week, the Irish faced off with No. 16 Cornell (5-1) at the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla. Nine Irish players scored in the game and junior attacker Jaimie Morrison, senior midfielder/defense Megan Sullivan and Powell all recorded hat tricks. Notre Dame battled to a 12-6 halftime lead before the Big Red outscored the Irish 7-5 in the second half. Hilling recorded double-digit saves for the third time this season in Notre Dame’s 17-13 win. In the three games against Boston, Yale and Cornell, the Irish accumulated a first-half scoring margin of plus-20, but suffered a second-half scoring deficit of minus-seven. Halfpenny attributes her team’s struggles in the second half to an inability to win the ball-control battle.

“[The draw control] is an area that we have just not quite figured out,” she said. “We are working through about four consistent options that we have there on the draw. If you look at the draw count in the second half, the draw count has been indicative of what the score is. We have to do a better job of possessing the ball off of the draw so that we give ourselves an opportunity to match the first half.” For the season, the Irish are minus-one in draw controls in the first half and minus-16 in draw controls in the second half. This disparity corresponds to a goal differential of plus-32 in the first half of all games and only plus-three in the second half of all games. Still, Halfpenny said she has seen improvement in her team’s ability to win the draw control. “We come away with realistic excitement about where we are at this point in the season, but also a realistic understanding that there is still a lot to improve,” she said. “We still have 10 more games to go and hopefully we will continue to focus on one game on a time to ensure that we have more opportunities than just the 10 that are in our regular season.” **Contact Joseph Monardo at jmonardo@nd.edu**

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ND SOFTBALL

Gumpf proud of strong road split

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

The Irish closed out a nine-game West Coast road trip with a 2-2 split at the Judi Garman Classic in Fullerton, Calif. Notre Dame (11-10) got off to a hot start against Cal State Fullerton on Wednesday. The offense exploded with 12 runs in the first three innings, including five home runs from five different players. The Irish carried that momentum to a 16-0 victory in five innings. The offensive out-

burst represented the most runs scored by the Irish since 2009. “I think we had some momentum coming off the [March 13th] game against Loyola Marymount,” Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. “Our team did a great job finishing strong in that game and it gave us the momentum against Cal State Fullerton. We jumped on them early and kept attacking.” The Irish pitching was also on top of its game, as the trio of sophomore Laura Winter and juniors Brittany O'Donnell and

Jackie Bowe combined for the two-hit shutout. Gumpf said she was especially pleased with the performance of her pitchers considering the nature of the game. “When you come out that fast offensively it’s tough to stay focused,” Gumpf said. “Our pitching staff continued to let our offense take control of the game and it paid off. It was nice to get all three pitchers in and get them some good innings.” Thursday was a different sto

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Lee scored the lone goal for Notre Dame as Michigan red-shirt senior goaltender Shaun Hunwick stopped 37 Irish shots. Wolverines junior forward Chris Brown scored the game-winner for Michigan when he snuck a quick wrist shot past Summerhays to give his team a 1-0 series lead.

On Saturday night, Notre Dame fell behind 3-0 before Irish freshman forward Peter Schneider scored to cut the Michigan lead to two.

Hunwick notched 25 saves in the series-clinching win for the Wolverines while Summerhays had 22. Summerhays started five of the final six games for the Irish and could have solidified a starting position next season.

“Steve Summerhays made a big statement about wanting to be the No. 1 guy here,” Jackson said. “I think that that’s one of the things that became more evident in the second half of the season. It’s always a competition but Steven made a big step.”

The Irish started the season hot, including an 11-game unbeaten streak and a win over No. 1 Boston College. After enduring a brief four-game losing streak, Notre Dame rebounded to notch big wins against two top-five opponents in Boston University and Minnesota.

“When it’s all said and done, I’m sure we will have a victory over whoever the national champion is,” Jackson said. “There was always that ray of hope that we were turning the corner. They kind of led me on a little bit. They teased all of us.”

Jackson said the turning point in the season was Notre Dame’s 3-2 loss to Western Michigan on Jan. 13.

“That was the beginning of the little losing streak we had,” Jackson said. “I think it was how that loss came into play. My frustration level peaked out at that point too by criticizing the officiating.”

After that game, the Irish finished the season 4-9, dropping from No. 3 in the nation to No. 18.

“I think we hit the low at the wrong time,” Irish senior defenseman Sean Lorenz said. “We peaked for big games and then we bottomed out at inopportune times and that was at the end of the season.”

The Irish return a strong core of sophomores next season, led by Lee, Summerhays and center T.J. Tynan. Jackson also praised Mario Lucia, Steven Fogarty, Thomas DiPauli, Andy Ryan and Sam Herr as incoming freshmen able to make an immediate impact.

“The talent level is strong and should be even better with the incoming freshman next year,” Jackson said. “There was some positives at the end of the year.”

Next year will mark the final season for Notre Dame in the CCHA. The Irish will move to Hockey East in 2013.

“Our conference is going to be just as tough or tougher next year by the looks of it,” Jackson said. “But that’s what makes it fun and yet challenging.”

Jackson declined to comment on the status of junior center Riley Sheahan, who may sign with the Detroit Red Wings, the team who drafted him.

Lorenz said he was hopeful to sign a deal with the Houston Aeros, a minor league affiliate of the Minnesota Wild, which will allow him to finish his degree at Notre Dame in the spring and play hockey at the same time.

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hurts to lose on a call like that — I mean, we didn’t lose on that call, but it hurts to end the game like that.”

Ten seconds before the controversial call, Grant attempted a deep 3-pointer out of a timeout. Xavier senior guard Tu Holloway had given the Musketeers (23-12, 10-6 Atlantic 10) a one-point lead with 22 seconds left off a running floater over Irish junior forward Jack Cooley. After a Notre Dame timeout, Grant received the inbounds pass from senior forward Scott Martin, went around a Cooley screen and heaved the ball toward the rim looking for a two-point Irish lead.

“[The play] was just use a ball screen, but they were in the zone,” Grant said. “I see Tu Holloway just sitting behind it, and it was an open look. And usually I knock it down, so I took it.”

Indeed, Grant does usually knock the shot down, finishing the game 3-of-6 from deep on his way to 11 points with seven assists in 40 minutes. Cooley led the Irish (22-12, 13-7 Big East) with 19 points on 8-of-8 shooting along with seven rebounds.

“Really, just Jerian and Eric getting me the ball when they saw mismatches and then just making great passes when I’m open,” Cooley said of his 100 percent shooting. “Their penetration is what got me all the open looks. I was just making dump-off layups.”

A Holloway layup with 3:43 remaining gave Xavier its first lead since the 5:30 mark in the first half. His clutch baskets contributed to a game-high 25 points on 10-



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Irish freshman guard Pat Connaughton shoots a layup during Notre Dame’s 66-63 loss to Xavier on Friday.

of-15 shooting.

“You were waiting for it to happen,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “He’s so good in end-game situations ... So you know it’s coming, you’re just hoping you can weather it.”

“I thought overall we did a pretty good job on him and challenged some stuff and took some charges. But he’s a great guard. And he loves those end game moments, and he’s done it time and time again.”

Holloway’s runner to give Xavier its decisive lead hardly seemed to faze the former

All-American.

“After a while it becomes just another big game,” Holloway said. “I would say that it helped me out a lot being a senior in college playing over, I believe, 100-something basketball games. I know what I had to do at that time and I was just ready for the opportunity. Luckily the shot went in.”

Holloway and Xavier advanced to the Sweet 16 with a victory over Lehigh on Sunday.

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offense had its most success in regulation up to this point in the season against the Pioneers, it was a transition opportunity that led to the winning tally.

“We got a ground ball and as we came up with the ground ball, [we] put ourselves in a little bit of an unsettled, transition situation,” Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. “For all the good things that we had done playing offense out of our settled offense ¾ we got some great opportunities late in the game ¾ from it, we didn’t cash on those, but we did on this unsettled play.”

Notre Dame’s defense, which entered the contest as the No. 1 scoring defense in the country at just 4.25 goals-allowed per game, allowed more than double its season average against Denver. But the Irish offense also put up its season high in goals in a game, surpassing the seven scored against Duke in their season opener.

Corrigan believes a large part of Notre Dame’s offensive success was better patience and shot selection.

“I think we were a little more patient and that allowed us to get better shots. [Earlier in the season] we struggled shooting the ball but I don’t think we really played that bad of offense,” he said. “But I do think we maybe have been settling for a good shot, an average shot, instead of really working to get

a great shot and I thought today we were a little more patient and a little more willing to wait for the best opportunity to come along.”

The Irish twice opened up leads of four goals, leading 5-1 and 8-4 on separate occasions. But Denver freshman midfielder Wes Berg tied the game at eight with 8:50 remaining. Though Irish sophomore midfielder Jim Marlatt quickly answered with his second goal of the game to put the Irish ahead, Denver sophomore midfielder Jeremy Noble scored the final goal of regulation with 6:17 left to once again knot the score.

Despite allowing Denver to come back and force overtime, Corrigan was impressed by the tenacity of his squad to end the game on top.

“It really is something that’s not an easy thing to do, just in terms of the emotional swings of a game like that,” Corrigan said. “But our guys, they’ve been very mentally tough this year and more than anything else, we’ve just kind of hung in there and stayed focused on making the next play all year. We made an awful lot of those plays on the defensive end up until today and it was great to see our offense come through and bolster our defense a little bit today.”

The Irish are next in action in a rare mid-week game at Ohio State on Wednesday. Faceoff against the Buckeyes is scheduled for 4 p.m.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish end season with strong indoor championships

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

The Irish couldn't have asked much more from the six athletes who competed at the Indoor National Championships on March 9 and 10.

The men's distance medley relay team took home the national title. The team of senior Randall Babb, junior Jeremy Rae, senior Johnathan Shawel and freshman Chris Geisting ran a time of 9:35.48 to secure the victory.

Rae, the team's anchor, said the teammates met the high expectations they had for themselves.

"Last year we were fourth in the relay and we figured that we could do a little better than that," he said. "We were ranked fourth going in so we knew worst case scenario we'd finish fourth. The top seeded team was less than a second ahead of us so we were pretty confident going into it."

Making the jump from a fourth-place finish to first place in a year's time took improvement from everyone on the team, Rae said.

"Overall we ran a little better as a group, that's really all it took," Rae said. "For me personally, [my teammates] gave me the stick in the last leg in a really great position. Last year I was three or four seconds be-

hind the leader when I got it, this year I was less than a second behind."

This championship performance gives Rae and the rest of the team a good starting point for the spring outdoor season.

"I think it gives all of us a lot of confidence going into the outdoor season," he said. "It for sure should give John [Shawel] a lot of confidence because he did really well, he ran 3:56 in the mile, and Chris [Geisting]

ran the fastest split of anybody in the race. He should make outdoor [nationals] individually.

"It was Randy's first time at the nationals, and it's a new experience and he did a really outstanding job. I'm really looking forward to it too.

It gives me confidence for my individual races knowing that I've beaten these guys before."

On the heels of the championship performance was a big day for senior Maddie Buttinger, as she placed third in the pentathlon and broke the school record. The All-American's score of 4,269 was her personal best and was 200 points more than Alyissa Hassan's 2008 record as well as a 261-point improvement from her performance at the Big East championships.

"My goal was to break the school record, which was 60 points better than my personal

"On paper I knew that I could [perform well] but getting the marks I was capable of was really big for me."

Maddie Buttinger
senior



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Senior high jumper Maddie Buttinger clears the bar during the Alex Wilson Invitational on March 3. Buttinger broke a school record with 4,269 points at the Indoor National Championships on March 9.

best," Buttinger said. "I knew that if I was able to do that, that I should place pretty well. My goal was to get top three, but I also really wanted to break the school record."

After getting a slow start in the 60-meter hurdles, she rebounded and took top-three finishes in all remaining events, including two more personal records in the long jump and shot put.

"I knew going into the race that a lot of the other girls' main events are hurdles, and that it's one of my weaker events," she said. "I mentally prepared my-

self to expect [to not place well]. For me personally it was a good race. I knew I had one of my strongest events after the hurdles so I'd make up places and spots there."

Buttinger's finish to her indoor season gives her momentum for the upcoming outdoor season.

"On paper I knew I could [perform well] but getting the marks I was capable of was really big for me," Buttinger said. "It will be good for [the outdoor season too], hopefully I can keep the momentum going. My goals for this year had been all along to

get top three in the nation for indoor and outdoor. [Doing well in indoor] sets me up a lot better [for outdoor], I have more confidence in myself to know that I can do it."

Senior pole vaulter Kevin Schipper was also named an All-American as he placed fourth. The senior reached a personal best of 5.45 meters.

The Irish will begin their outdoor season this weekend at the Texas Relays at the University of Texas in Austin.

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MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Divers compete at Zone Diving championships

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After taking a trip to Bloomington, Ind., for the Zone Diving championships, the season came to a close for Irish divers March 9.

Notre Dame left with a 12th place finish in the 1-meter from freshman Nick Nemetz in the field of 49. Freshman Michael Kreft took 30th, and junior Ryan Koter came in one spot behind, while freshman Ted Wagner came in 38th.

"It's a pretty intimidating meet because the best divers from all the Division I schools from the states around us are there," Koter said. "A lot of them we have seen throughout the season, but there some others we don't see normally. It's definitely another level of competition."

Koter scored 32nd in the 3-meter, while Kreft and Wagner took 23rd and 44th, respectively. Nemetz, who placed 19th in the 3-meter, said he could also feel his nerves getting to him.

"I wasn't feeling too great," Nemetz said. "I was a little nervous. There were a lot of great divers there, and I wasn't used to diving with all those great divers."

For Koter, the meet was about shaking off his performance at the Big East championships.

"I had a rough Big East meet, so I was just looking to be more relaxed and have a little more fun," Koter said. "I was really relaxed at the meet so I accomplished that goal, but I know I can dive better."

The team will now continue to practice in the offseason to stay in shape and prepare for next season.

"I think our goals as a team are to try and get stronger and learn some new dives in the offseason, to try to work on some skills we haven't had time to work on during the year," Koter said. "Were looking to condition so we can build muscles and stay fit and ready."

With three freshmen diving at the Zone championships, the team will look to build on the experience it gained this season.

"I think the team did really well this season," Koter said. "Its remarkable what we did with such a young team. It just shows how great the future is going to be now that everyone has a year of experience. It's only going to get better from me."

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boxing out.”

Notre Dame’s ability to crash the boards will be tested once more against No. 8-seeded California, which ranks third in the nation with a plus-13.2 rebounding margin. The Golden Bears (25-9, 13-5 Pac-12) defeated Iowa, 84-74, to advance to the Round of 32 for the fourth time in the program’s history.

Tuesday’s matchup will be a clash of offensive philosophies. Led by 6’3” junior center Talia Caldwell and 6’2” sophomore forward Gennifer Brandon, California runs its offense inside-out, while Notre Dame employs McGraw’s signature four-guard attack.

Despite Cal’s disadvantage on the perimeter, Golden Bears coach Lindsay Gottlieb believes California’s size advantage will cause an equally disruptive mismatch for Notre Dame in the frontcourt.

“As much as I can sit here and say, ‘We don’t matchup with their

four guards,’ I’m sure they’re saying, ‘We have to be able to defend two post players,’” Gottlieb said. “I think at this point in the year you don’t go away from your identity, and our identity is that we’re very physical inside ... We’re predicated on a type of play-through-the-paint idea, and so we’re going to try to make that a factor.”

McGraw said she may adjust her lineup during the contest to account for Cal’s size in the post by using two forwards in Peters and sophomore Natalie Achonwa.

“It’s going to be difficult. Either way it’s going to be a challenge, even if we go with two bigs,” she said. “They are just a great rebounding team — I think a better rebounding team than Liberty. It’s scary watching them rebound, so I think we got to get everybody in there to help. I don’t think we’re going to be able to rely on just one person. We’ll probably try both ways.”

California earned a No. 8 seed in the tournament by finishing second in the Pac-12 and successfully navigating a difficult non-conference schedule. The Golden Bears are also familiar playing in hostile environments against

first-rate competition, falling at No. 2 Stanford 74-71 in an overtime loss Jan. 28.

“They’re a dangerous team for sure for a lot of reasons, but mostly because of the talent level,” McGraw said. “They have challenged themselves with an out-of-conference schedule that was demanding, and I think that’s why they’re here.”

That talent includes Cal’s leading scorer, junior guard Layshia Clarendon, who averages 12.7 points per game. Clarendon and an active Golden Bears backcourt, along with their athletic post players, should match Notre Dame’s fast-paced attack.

“They’re really quick and up in your face on defense,” Mallory said. “We can’t get flustered with how they’re going to guard us and just run our stuff. They’re going to run, so it’s going to be an up-paced game.”

The Irish will take on California with a trip to the Raleigh Regional semifinals on the line tonight at 7 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion.

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Irish starters cheer their teammates to victory in the last stages of Notre Dame’s 74-43 victory over Liberty on Sunday.

SMC SOFTBALL

Belles open season with win-streak

Observer Staff Report

The Belles emerged from their season-opening spring trip to Fort Myers, Fla., as a strong contender for the MIAA season championship. The squad finished 9-1 in 10 games crammed into five days, matching their 9-1 starts in 2007 and 2009.

While outscoring their opponents 57-26, the Belles won in a variety of situations, from close games to blowouts.

The first victory of the trip March 11 against Stevens Institute was not decided until extra innings, as the teams remained deadlocked at two until the top of the ninth. Belles’ junior catcher Morgan Bedan hit a sacrifice fly, scoring junior infielder Emily Sherwood for the go-ahead run. The Belles added two more runs in the inning before sophomore pitcher Carlie Selner closed out a 5-2 victory in the bottom of the ninth. She pitched a complete game, allowing only one earned run and striking out seven.

The Belles followed that victory with three additional wins before falling 3-2 to Polytechnic Institute of NYU on March 13. However, they rebounded by winning the final five games of the trip, including a 13-1 victory in five innings against Lasell. Senior centerfielder Lauren Enayati led the way, going 3-for-4 with a double and two runs scored.

The Belles also won two one-run games against New Jersey City College on Wednesday and Thursday, 4-3 and 5-4, respectively.

On Thursday, the Belles spotted New Jersey City four runs in the top of the first inning. However, senior pitcher Angela Gillis prevented any additional damage with six shutout innings of relief, striking out five for her first win of the season.

Meanwhile, Saint Mary’s offense provided just enough run support to mount a comeback.

The Belles make a short road trip to Wheaton College in Illinois today with first pitch at 3:00 p.m.

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has downs and it has everything in between. But before the good guys can win the day, earn the prize and get the girl, they must first experience trials and tribulations that put the happy ending in doubt.

Sports don’t always follow this mold and sometimes failure leads right back to failure. For some teams and players, there is no happy ending. But until the story has been played out, no one can know.

And for Notre Dame’s basketball program, the story is far from over.

Because of their nine-game winning streak in the middle of the Big East season, punctuated with wins over Syracuse, Marquette and Connecticut, expectations for the Irish skyrocketed. But remember where Notre Dame was after its loss to Gonzaga, Irish coach Mike Brey said it himself — making the NIT was probably going to be a success.

But then Eric Atkins, Jerian Grant and Jack Cooley decided they weren’t quite ready to write the season off and made a run that no other Notre Dame team playing in the Big East had ever done. They went from a NCAA tournament afterthought to a No. 7 seed in the tournament, a favorite on opening weekend. And when taken in context, a semifinals loss in the Big East tournament and an opening round loss in the NCAA tournament really aren’t that bad.

It was more the way the Irish lost to Xavier that left so many heartbroken. In December, just making the tournament would have been an achievement. But a blown lead in the final minutes, turnovers from the most reliable players on the team, missed 3-point attempts and a lane violation made the loss seem so much worse than it actually was.

But despite the difficult but not-so-difficult season, there is a lot to like about the state of the program. Jack Cooley proved he could be a force in the Big East. He should be even better his senior year,

which would mean a potential Big East all-conference first team season. He averaged a double-double against conference opponents this season and he will only improve.

Eric Atkins is a point guard good enough to lead a contender. Atkins shook off two turnovers in the final minutes of the game against Xavier and drew a foul that could have tied the game, if not for the lane violation. Atkins made the first free throw and would have made the second — that’s just the type of player he is.

Pat Connaughton and Alex Dragicovich are role players who have the potential to be consistent starters. Connaughton has three years of eligibility left and Dragicovich has two, so they have plenty of time for improvement.

Transfer Garrick Sherman is relatively unknown, but a six-foot-ten compliment to Cooley can’t be a bad thing. At worst, he can spell Cooley without losing too much and at best, the two together could pose a formidable and sizable threat in the Big East.

Brey’s recruiting has improved recently as well, and the Irish will welcome two players in the Rivals.com top-100 for next season who stand at six-foot-seven and six-foot-ten. The Irish are recruiting size and talent, a lethal combination.

But most important for the future of the Irish basketball program is Jerian Grant. The sophomore guard with three more years of eligibility evolved from a tentative player who looked out of sorts on the offensive side of the ball to Notre Dame’s go-to player down the stretch. When the Irish needed a basket against Xavier, the ball was in Grant’s hands. He missed the shot, but he has the confidence, and Brey has the confidence in him, to take that shot. He is Notre Dame’s future, and the potential for stardom is high.

For some, the loss to Xavier was the end of an era. But for the Notre Dame basketball program, it was just the beginning.

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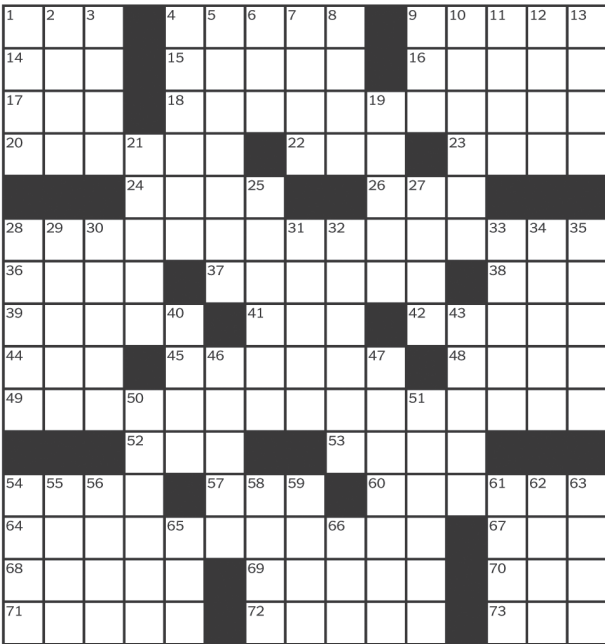
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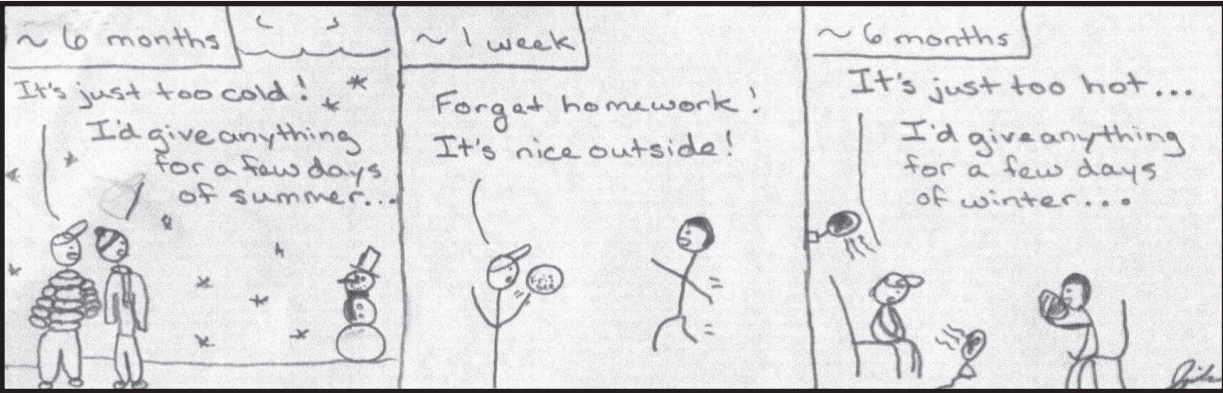
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jake Weber, 48; Bruce Willis, 57; Glenn Close, 65; Ursula Andress, 76.

Happy Birthday: Don't backtrack this year unless you have really checked out the potential consequences. It's important to know what you are up against if you don't want to face setbacks. Work and play with people who have something to offer you in return. Strive for equality and you will find the happiness you deserve. Your numbers are 3, 7, 13, 22, 26, 37, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Embrace change and let your emotions guide you. Understanding what you need most will enable you to make choices that will influence your future and bring you greater security. Don't be afraid to use a little force to get your way. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stick to what you know and do best. You'll learn a difficult lesson if you let someone take advantage of you. Don't tempt fate when it comes to traveling or following rules and regulations. Open your heart, not your wallet. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let others slow you down. Size up your situation and push forward with your plans. The influence you have will win points and lead to advancement. A favor granted will make a huge difference to the way you progress. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let a last-minute change upset your world or your future. Be creative and you will come up with a plan that will help you stay on course. You can learn a lot if you observe how others handle responsibility. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be intuitive regarding money and health matters. Follow your gut feeling and do the responsible thing when it comes to home and family. Sticking to a budget and keeping things simple and moderate will pay off in the end. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put more emphasis on how you treat others and how you want to be treated in return. Networking will bring good results, and a partnership with someone special will help you stabilize your life and your future. Love is highlighted. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Find ways to compromise. Avoid overindulgence. Let your intuition guide you and you will make choices that bring greater security. An older friend or relative will offer you something you cannot refuse. Old goals can now be achieved. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Home is where the heart is, and with a little finagling you can make alterations that will add to your comfort and security. Love is on the rise, and making special plans geared toward a better partnership will pay off. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't guess. It's crucial to be absolutely sure before you make a move. Rely on experience and call in favors from reliable people. Domestic changes will give you a new lease on life. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take your time. Jumping to conclusions will lead to a mishap that can affect your reputation. Concentrate on building your equity and putting more time and effort into your surroundings and relationships. Love is in the stars. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone will let you down if you are too trusting. Don't share your secrets or take on too much. Keep things simple and steer clear of anyone who is overindulgent physically or financially. Make choices for the right reason, not for someone else. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Dream a little dream and make it a reality. Be creative and follow a path that allows you to be unique and original. Someone you consider to be gifted will want to contribute to your goals. A partnership will pay off. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You have pizzazz, charm and good work ethics. You are adaptable and progressive.

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WRROOS

Answer:

Yesterday's Jumbles: PURGE PANIC THRIVE RADISH

Answer: After winning the big hand, he was this — CHIPPER



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Musketeer mania

Notre Dame falls to Xavier in first round

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Senior Sports Writer

GREENSBORO, N.C. — With 12 minutes left in Notre Dame's season-ending loss Friday, sophomore guard Eric Atkins sank a 3-pointer to give the Irish a 10-point lead over Xavier. With 2.8 seconds left, Atkins sank a free throw, which he thought would cut Notre Dame's deficit to one.

The former shot was Atkins's biggest of the game, as his playing time was limited due to foul trouble. The latter was negated by a lane violation called on Irish sophomore guard Jerian Grant. Two additional Musketeers free throws ended the 66-63 NCAA second round game Friday.

"Shock and disbelief," Grant said of the lane violation, in which he stepped inside the 3-point arc before the free throw reached the rim. "It

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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Irish junior forward Jack Cooley dribbles past Musketeer defenders during Notre Dame's 66-63 loss to Xavier on Friday. The defeat eliminated the Irish from the NCAA tournament.

Future looking bright despite NCAA loss

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Every story has its parts. And for Notre Dame's basketball program, the story is just beginning.

Friday's loss to Xavier was a heart-breaking way to end the season and another semifinals loss in the Big East tournament did little to show any marked improvement or progress in the program. But this story is not over.

Every good story has a beginning, a middle and an end. It has an introduction and it has a climax. It has ups and it



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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame takes on California

By CHRIS MASOUD
Senior Sports Writer

Kayla McBride watched Notre Dame's run to the NCAA tournament championship game from the bench in 2011. After just one tournament game in 2012, McBride is leading the charge.

The sophomore guard paced the Irish with a team-high 15 points, as Notre Dame blew past Liberty 74-43 in the opening round of the tournament Sunday afternoon.

"I think she was so anxious to play in her first [NCAA] tournament game. I actually forgot that this was her first NCAA tournament," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "She really came out well. I thought she might be nervous, but she was fine from the start ... She's such an X-factor for us. She's so important to our success."

McBride spurred an 11-0 Irish run from the opening tip, allowing No. 4 Notre Dame (31-3, 15-1 Big East) to jump out to an early lead it would never surrender. After back-to-back 3-pointers by senior guard Natalie Novosel and graduate student guard Brittany Mallory, McBride drained a free throw to complete the traditional 3-point play following a layup.

"It's the NCAA tournament. You see all these upsets ... We don't want to be that team," junior guard Skylar Diggins said. "We wanted to make a statement right off the tip and control the tempo right away, and I thought we did that."

Captaining Notre Dame's attack, Diggins finished with a team-high nine rebounds and six assists to go along with her seven points. The Irish out-rebounded the Lady Flames (24-



GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

Irish senior guard Natalie Novosel shoots during Notre Dame's 74-43 victory over Liberty on Sunday.

9, 16-2 Big South) 38-29, a significant feat considering Liberty led the nation with a plus-16.4 rebounding margin.

"[Rebounding] is an area where we've struggled, and it's been a [point] of emphasis the

past week," graduate student forward Devereaux Peters said. "We really focused on it today and tried to box out a lot more. The guards did a good job of

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HOCKEY

Disappointing losses end NCAA prospects

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Associate Sports Editor

A season that began with a preseason No. 1 ranking and a brand-new arena ended with a thud in the second round of the CCHA playoffs when No. 19 Notre Dame dropped 2-1 and 3-1 decisions to No. 2 Michigan on March 9 and 10.

On Friday night, Notre Dame (19-18-3, 12-13-3-0 CCHA) lost a double-overtime heartbreaker to the Wolverines (23-11-4,

15-9-4-1) despite sophomore goaltender Steven Summerhays' career-high 40 saves.

"If we had won that game, there might have been a whole different end of the year," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "We had plenty of chances to score the game winner but they did and we didn't. That was a great game and we played well against them."

Sophomore forward Anders

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Triple overtime secures Irish victory over Denver

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

For the second week in a row, 60 minutes of regulation were not enough to decide Notre Dame's fate. And for the second week in a row, it was the No. 7 Irish who prevailed, thanks to a 10-9 triple-overtime victory over No. 9 Denver on Sunday.

Senior attack Sean Rogers scored his second goal of the game 1:25 into the third overtime on an unsettled play. After a ground ball pick-up by senior captain and defenseman Kevin Randall, the ball eventually

worked its way to junior midfielder Ryan Foley, who found an open Rogers for the winning goal to send the Irish (4-1) past the Pioneers (4-2).

It was the second week in a row Rogers netted an overtime winner and the third consecutive week he scored the game-winning goal for Notre Dame. On March 10, Rogers notched the overtime score in a 6-5 win against Hofstra. He also scored the deciding goal in a 6-5 win over Drexel on March 3.

Though Notre Dame's settled

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