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DeMaria praises ND community

Commencement speaker credits support from Notre Dame family as key to her recovery

By SAM STRYKER
Assistant Managing Editor

On a snowy January night 20 years ago, a bus carrying the Notre Dame women's swimming team slid off the Indiana Toll Road and rolled over. Then-freshman Haley Scott DeMaria suffered a broken back and was paralyzed in the accident.

Doctors told her she might never walk again.

But DeMaria beat the odds. Not only did she regain the ability to walk, she returned to swim for the Fighting Irish the following year.

DeMaria, who will deliver this year's Commencement Address on May 20, returned to campus this weekend for the Blue-Gold Game and Monogram Club events. She said support from the Notre Dame community still runs strong, even two decades later.

"It's been 20 years since the accident, and I can't tell you how many people still care," she said. "That level of caring is just different here."

DeMaria said a visit from then-University President Fr. Edward "Monk" Malloy after she came out of surgery following the accident was the first of many gestures of support she received throughout her recovery process.

"I didn't come here as a Catholic, I wasn't Catholic as a student," she said. "[Malloy] said, 'Can I pray with you?' I remember saying what most non-Catholics would say, 'But I'm not Catholic.' And he said, 'That doesn't matter. Can we pray?'"

DeMaria said this visit from Fr. Malloy marked a significant point in her recovery.

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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Haley Scott DeMaria will be the speaker at the 2012 commencement, sharing the story of her inspirational recovery.

Former dean to speak at graduation

Observer Staff Report

Carolyn Woo, former dean of the Mendoza College of Business and current president and chief executive officer of Catholic Relief Services, will be the featured speaker at the College's graduate commencement ceremony May 19, the University announced in a press release Friday.

Woo will also receive an honorary doctor of laws degree during the University's Commencement ceremony May 20.

During Woo's tenure as dean from 1997 to 2011, the College earned top rankings for its aca-

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Mormon leader to explore political dimension of faith

KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

In the midst of former-Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney's presidential campaign and moral debates about contraception and abortion in the political arena, the Mormon faith has garnered heavy media attention so far in 2012.

Dr. Bruce Porter, a senior leader of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS), will address this media attention in a talk Tuesday titled "The Latter-day Saints Come Marching In: Mormonism

Abroad and At Home in the 21st Century." He will address his church's views on global events and its relationship to the Catholic Church.

Prior to his service as a senior leader involved in international Church administration in 1995, Porter earned a



Bruce Porter

LDS leader

Ph.D. in political science from Harvard University, taught political science at Brigham Young University, authored several books and academic articles and worked with the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Northrop Corporation. Porter also served as executive director of the U.S. Board for International Broadcasting for five years.

In his talk, Porter said he will introduce the basic organization and doctrine of the LDS Church and address its significant international growth in recent years.

"A lot of people still think we're

a Utah-based or American church, but we have more members abroad than in the U.S. — 14 million total members in 150 countries," he said. "We've adapted to deal with that growth by making organizational changes, establishing large offices around the world to administer the church and building chapels and meeting houses."

Similar to the Catholic Church, the LDS Church is committed to promoting social justice through humanitarian missionary work around the world, especially in helping its members in poor coun-

tries rise out of poverty through a member-funded private welfare system, Porter said. In recent years, the Church's humanitarian efforts have contributed more than \$1 billion in aid in nearly 100 countries.

"A key part of our religion is social justice. We believe all people are equal, and that the rich should be helping the poor," he said. "All our humanitarian work is funded by thousands of members, and it's making a huge difference in people's lives."

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Shirt design invokes storied tradition of Notre Dame football

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

This year, the unveiling of The Shirt "shook down the thunder."

Despite rainy weather and cold temperatures Friday afternoon, students and fans still showed up en masse in front of the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore to see this year's design unveiled.

Junior Lauren Couey, The Shirt's unveiling coordinator, said considering the poor weather conditions, the turnout was "awesome."

"It really seems like people had fun," she said. "All the players who were expected to come made it."

Junior Andrew Alea, president of The Shirt Committee, said by 3:30 p.m., people were already lined up to get their shirt.

"By the time The Shirt was unveiled, there was a line of about 150 to 200 people waiting to get theirs," he said.

This year's design is much different than those of previous years, Alea said.

"[The Shirt committee] wanted to make a shirt that is intense," he said. "We wanted an 'in your face' shirt, we wanted to make [the design] pop."

Alea said the committee chose navy blue as their color to complement the powerful imagery they chose for the design.

"We wanted navy blue, because it's a Notre Dame color, and especially with the powerful imagery, we thought the navy blue would

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Notre Dame football coach Brian Kelly displays The 2012 Shirt to the assembled crowd outside the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore on Friday.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WAS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER FROM YOUR CHILDHOOD TV SHOW?



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"Dexter."



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from 'The
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senior
off campus

"Roo from
'Winnie the
Pooh'."



Chandler
Rosenbaum

freshman
McCandless

"Spongebob."



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freshman
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"Tom and Jerry."

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



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Junior Tommy Rees looks for a pass in Saturday's Blue-Gold Game in Notre Dame Stadium. The Gold team won 42-31.

OFFBEAT

Arizona sheriff plays tape for laughs at fundraiser

PHOENIX — An audio recording has surfaced of an Arizona sheriff playing his refusal to cooperate in a racial profiling investigation for laughs at a fundraiser for an anti-illegal immigration group in Texas. He ridicules politicians who sought the probe and displayed contempt toward federal authorities who were — and are still — investigating him on two fronts.

The dismissive comments in 2009 by Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio came as the U.S. Justice Department had already launched a civil rights probe of his trademark immigration patrols

and the FBI already was examining abuse-of-power allegations for the sheriff's investigations of political foes.

In the September 2009 speech in Houston, Arpaio boasted that he arrested hundreds of illegal immigrants after politicians and federal investigators started to pick apart his patrols. He said he wouldn't cooperate with the inquiry, but said he would tone down the patrols — if he was proven wrong.

Nugent agrees to plead guilty in illegal kill

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Rocker and wildlife hunter Ted Nugent has agreed to plead guilty to transporting a black bear he illegally

killed in southeast Alaska.

Nugent made the admission in signing a plea agreement with federal prosecutors that was filed Friday in U.S. District Court.

Calls seeking comment from Nugent, his Anchorage attorney, Wayne Anthony Ross, and assistant U.S. Attorney Jack Schmidt were not immediately returned.

The plea agreement says Nugent illegally shot and killed the bear in May 2009 on Sukkwan Island days after wounding a bear in a bow hunt, which counted toward a state seasonal limit of one bear.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Department of Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics is hosting a colloquium titled "From Crawlers to Swimmers - Mathematical and Computational Problems in Cell Motility" in the Hayes-Healy Center at 4 p.m. today.

The Young Presidents' Association and the Career Center are hosting "2012 CEO Summit: Path to the C-Suite". The summit is taking place today from 7 to 9 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium. Richard Riley of the LoJack Corporation, Tom Wiffler of United Healthcare, and Christopher Murphy of First Source Bank are just three of the six CEOs that will be speaking at the summit.

Today from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the Introduction to World Health Association is hosting an event in LaFortune Ballroom where students can come and explore different perspectives of world health. The event will include a Tai Chi demo, yoga expert, and information about African sports.

The Progressive Student Alliance is presenting a discussion titled "Profiles on Standing Against Hate: Saint Mary's Straight and Gay Alliance." The event is taking place today in Geddes Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Notre Dame Christian Athletes are showing the film "Nefarious" tonight in DeBartolo Hall Room 101 at 8 p.m.

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

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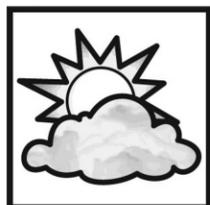
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Activist speaks on global sex slavery

By KAITLYN RABACH
News Writer

Human trafficking survivor and activist Theresa Flores said in a lecture Friday that there is no such thing as child prostitution by federal definition and that people often use the term to describe what should be called modern-day slavery.

"We must start using the right terms and see these children as victims," she said. "So often, these children are trafficked, but they are viewed as child prostitutes who have a choice to be in the industry. They do not have a choice. I did not have a choice."

Flores delivered a lecture at Saint Mary's April 20 titled "Human Trafficking from the Inside-Out: A Survivor of Trafficking tells her Story."

She began her lecture by defining human trafficking and stressing the importance of educating others about the issue.

"Human trafficking is defined as the recruitment, harboring, or transportation of a person by force, fraud, or coercion," Flores, who was sponsored to speak by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Social Work Department and Justice Education Department, said. "We must know this definition. We cannot protect our children, siblings and friends if we are not educated

on the issue." Flores told her personal story of growing up in a suburb outside of Detroit, Mich., where she was trafficked out of her home.

"Each night, my trafficker would pick me up around midnight and then drop me back off in the morning," she said. "My parents had no idea, and my traffickers threatened to hurt my family if I ever told anyone."

She said people often do not realize the size of the global human trafficking industry.

"This is not a sex talk," Flores said. "This is an economic talk. People all over the world are being trafficked because it is bringing in big bucks for the traffickers. It is an industry and people need to understand that."

Much of the lecture focused on domestic trafficking. Flores said 100,000 Americans are currently being trafficked in the United States and that each year, an estimated 20,000 individuals are trafficked in.

Flores said she believes the main challenge in fighting this issue is changing society's mindset.

"People do not think of it as being a problem, because they do not understand what constitutes trafficking," she said.

Flores said she believes the

increased emphasis on sex in 21st-century society is the root of sex trafficking in the United States.

"We will never make this problem go away if we do not address the demand of men buying sex," she said. "Look around, sex is everywhere these days. It is normal for our children to be surrounded by sex. It is in our music, our shows; you cannot even go to the grocery store without seeing magazines advertised around it."

Flores said pimps are even misrepresented by popular culture, sometimes in a positive light.

"People see a pimp as a man with money and cool cars," she said. "They should see a pimp as a rapist, felon and trafficker."

She said anyone, regardless of race, age or social status, is vulnerable.

"College students are very vulnerable to being trafficked," she said. "We need to be outraged in our country about this issue and stand up against this crime."

Flores encouraged everyone in attendance to tell two other people about human trafficking and its effects. She said she hopes everyone in attendance would join the modern day abolitionist movement.

"I hope it rivets you enough to do something about it," Flores said.

Sr. Ann Oestreich, congregation justice coordinator for the Sisters of the Holy Cross, and Saint Mary's junior Cailin Crowe worked together to plan the campus events surrounding Flores' visit.

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"We need to be outraged in our country about this issue and stand up against the crime."

Theresa Flores
Anti-slavery activist

AnTostal 2012 offers free food, celebration

ANTOSTAL 2012 Selected Events

Monday: 5 PM- Tailgate and Free Tees @ South Quad

Tuesday: 11 AM- Jimmy John's Giveaway @ Fieldhouse Mall

Wednesday: 8 PM - 90s Nick at Night @ South Quad

Thursday: 7 PM - Zumbathon @ South Quad

Friday: 10:15 AM- Bubble Giveaway @ O'Shag

Saturday: 10 PM - Legends Concert featuring Vanessa Carlton

Sunday: 5 PM - Beach Party @ St. Joe's Beach

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By AUBREY BUTTS
News Writer

This year's AnTostal promises to satisfy every student's need for a final week of fun and relaxation before finals through an endless supply of free food and giveaways, continuous streaming of "Animal House" on NDTV, a beach party and much more.

Gaelic for "the festival," AnTostal is an annual tradition sponsored by the Student Union Board (SUB). This year's theme, "So College," embraces aspects of college life students most enjoy, sophomore student programmer Matt Hayes said.

"After long discussions of how we wanted to end the year, we realized that the college life is what we enjoy most throughout the year, so why not celebrate it?" Hayes said. "This is probably the only time in our lives when all of our friends are going to be living so close."

The free food and giveaways going on this week will not surprise students familiar with past AnTostal lineups, but Hayes and fellow sophomore student programmer Brittany Backstrand said their committee has improved on one of last year's giveaways.

"This year, official AnTostal bro tanks will be handed out at various SUB-sponsored events, instead of all at once like in years past," Hayes said. "I think this will help people discover more of the cool things that we have planned, instead of just getting a T-shirt and walking away."

Besides the AnTostal bro tanks, other giveaways this year include sticky hands and bubbles, Jimmy John's sandwiches, Sonic, doughnuts and fresh fruit.

"All the giveaways are pretty awesome this year, and while the food ones will of course get large crowds, I'm pumped for the glow-in-the-dark shutter shades," Hayes said. "Now, I know some people are saying why would you care if they glow in the dark when

you wear sunglasses in the sun, but all the cool kids wear sunglasses at night."

Hayes said he expects Wednesday's "Nineties Night," Saturday's concert at Legends featuring Vanessa Carlton and Sunday's beach party to be the highlights of the week.

"Besides Vanessa Carlton on Saturday, I am most pumped for watching some '90s Nickelodeon on South Quad [on] Wednesday night at 8 [p.m.] and the beach party at St. [Joseph's Beach] at 5 [p.m.]. Who doesn't enjoy some classic '90s Nickelodeon TV shows?" Hayes said. "The beach party is going to be awesome, because we have a band called Joe Moorhead playing island music, as well as a pig roast. St. Joe's Beach is an awesome place that is underused by campus."

Hayes said he has thoroughly enjoyed programming for AnTostal this year, as the spring festival represents another great Notre Dame tradition.

"I enjoy AnTostal because of the quirks of it," he said. "I like how you can be walking around campus and all of a sudden, a giveaway or a carnival appears in front of you."

AnTostal is special because it presents students with a significant opportunity to spend a significant amount of time together before finals kick in and friends part ways for the summer break, Hayes said.

"I want to encourage all students to come out and have fun. Studying two weeks in advance for finals is overrated," Hayes said. "You only live once, and when you look back on your college days, you won't remember the grades you got, but the experiences you had with friends."

AnTostal begins today at 9:15 a.m. with free coffee and donuts outside DeBartolo Hall and ends with the beach party on Sunday. For a full list of AnTostal events, friend "Anne Tostal" on Facebook, or follow SUB on Twitter and Facebook.

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The Notre Dame International Security Program



The Latter-day Saints Come Marching In: Mormonism Abroad and At Home in the 21st Century

Elder Bruce Porter

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Dance Arts returns to Saint Mary's

By MEAGHAN DALY
News Writer

DanceArts is back at Saint Mary's this weekend.

The Saint Mary's College Dance Ensemble Workshop will take the stage of O'Laughlin Auditorium Friday and Saturday for its performance, "a Time to Dance...."

DanceArts is an annual presentation of the Saint Mary's Program in Dance, Department of Communication Studies, Dance, and Theatre. This year's performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday and at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Artistic director Indi Dieckgrafe-Dreyer, professor of dance at Saint Mary's, emphasized the creativity and originality of the program's concepts, ideas, and production elements.

"Consider dance — its beautiful spectrum of forms and styles, allowing us to communicate and enjoy life and art through human movement," she said.

The performance features choreography by faculty, guest artists and one student choreographer, junior Jean Medin.

This year's performance will welcome 2009 alumna Kristin Hingstrum to perform "Falling," choreographed by Lisa Frank. As a gift to the Saint Mary's Dance Program, Frank has given her work for the permanent repertoire of the Dance Ensemble Workshop.

Hingstrum said this piece tells a story — the dance is about getting up and moving on even when it is difficult, she said.

"When I'm dancing the piece,

Saint Mary's College Dance Ensemble Workshop presents

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I lose myself entirely. I connect with the character," she said. "When I first danced this piece, I imagined a young woman who has bouts of insanity and moments of clarity as she tries to discover who she is what she's supposed to be doing."

Hingstrum said she was excited when she was first invited to perform at Saint Mary's.

"I was surprised but greatly honored to be invited back to perform a piece that I love and connect with so deeply," she said.

DanceArts offers a variety of types of dances and dancers throughout the concert.

"Saint Mary's has always done a great job in creating a professional environment for students to experience and participate in," Hingstrum said.

Hingstrum currently works as an educational advisor in Moline, Ill., and teaches dance to young girls.

"[It] keeps me busy, but I love

seeing them develop a love for dance as I did," she said. "I stay involved with the performing arts community at home."

Dieckgrafe-Dreyer said she is personally excited to be returning to the stage after over 15 years.

"This concert is dedicated to the art of dance, its history, contribution to society and its universal importance," Dieckgrafe-Dreyer said.

The program of 11 dances includes five premieres, and ranges in genres from modern, contemporary ballet, and national character dances. The show will run for approximately 90 minutes, including a 15-minute intermission.

Tickets may be purchased online, by visiting the Moreau Center box office Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by calling 574-284-4626.

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Documentary inspires counter-slavery efforts

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

After viewing the award-winning documentary "Nefarious" at a Christian conference over winter break, freshman Dougie Barnard said he was "wrecked with tears."

Barnard said he knew he wanted to bring the film, which exposes the growing epidemic of human trafficking and sex slavery around the world, to Notre Dame so students and faculty could experience the same tremendous emotional effect it had on him.

"When I saw the film over winter break, I felt like the Lord really touched my heart," Barnard said. "I feel like ['Nefarious'] has the potential to unify the student body to come together on an issue that's so important and threatening today."

Cosponsored by the Center for Social Concerns, Notre Dame Christian Athletes, Student Welfare and Development, Iron Sharpens Iron, ND-8, Peace Fellowship and Four:7, "Nefarious" will be shown tonight in DeBartolo Hall.

Barnard said the issues presented in "Nefarious" are particularly relevant to Notre Dame's mission.

"It relates to social justice here because [the global sex trade is] one of the most important injustices in the world today, and Notre Dame has always had a deep concern for social justice in the world," Barnard said.

Barnard first viewed "Nefarious" at the annual ONETHING Conference in Kansas City, Mo. in December. ONETHING, hosted each year by the International House of Prayer, is a four-day Christian conference that encourages young adults around the country to join together in prayer and reflection.

"It was [at ONETHING] that they showed 'Nefari-

ous' and had the director, Benjamin Nolot, come and speak to us before and after they showed it," Barnard said. "There were about 15,000 people there that got to see 'Nefarious.'"

The film challenges Catholics to address an issue that is "sensitive, provoking and disturbing," Barnard said.

"It calls us to a place of prayer to come together to work to address this issue and to abolish modern-day slavery," he said. "So it's a reminder, and a call to take action. One of the ways we can do that is through prayer."

According to a United Nations report, human trafficking is a \$32 billion per-year industry, bringing in more revenue than the NFL, NBA, NHL, and MLB combined.

Barnard said after the conference, he received an email from a missionary he met at the ONETHING conference, asking if he would be interested in hosting a screening of "Nefarious" at Notre Dame.

"I said I'd love to," he said. "[The missionary] then put me in contact with members of the Incurable Fanatics [Screening] Tour. They work for an organization called Exodus Cry, the foundation that made this film."

Barnard said Sarah Smith, program coordinator for the Student Welfare and Development Office and Notre Dame representative for Christian Athletes, also helped bring the film to Notre Dame.

"[Smith] has been coordinating with the members from Exodus Cry, and she's been the representative from Notre Dame Christian Athletes to bring this film to campus," Barnard said.

"Nefarious" will be shown tonight at 8 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo Hall. Admission is free.

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Midwestern squash teams unite

By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer

Notre Dame hosted representatives from various Midwest squash organizations Saturday afternoon to collaboratively address organizational needs that will define the future of their sport.

The "2012 Mid-America Squash Summit," designed by Irish squash club coach Geoff McCuen, aimed to connect squash teams to help the sport continue expanding in the region.

McCuen, volunteer coach for the Notre Dame men's and women's club squash teams, said he organized the event because of the need for greater communication between squash programs in the area.

"I reached out to people and said, 'If you don't know everyone on this list, there are probably other people that you know that I don't know,'" McCuen said. "Basically the question is that [squash programs] are all in our own areas, so how do we connect?"

This question became all the more pressing when squash's governing body, the College Squash Association (CSA) requested that McCuen, the Midwest club representative, chastise two Midwest club teams for dropping out soon before a tournament at the Naval Academy.

"With varsity sports, there are contracts that are entered into that they'll provide a certain number of games," McCuen said. "The Naval Academy had been contractually obligated to provide a certain number of games for the leagues, and because

these two teams dropped out, technically there was a [breach] of contract."

McCuen said he organized the summit to improve the piecemeal knowledge of CSA rules, but it has since moved beyond that initial goal.

"The summit started out to just be college coaches, so that we could get everyone on the same page and educated about the things we didn't know about," McCuen said. "Then it moved towards an event where we got everyone together... to build a way to create a central repository for information."

Attendees drew two primary conclusions, McCuen said. The group decided regional inter-team communication must be improved and the number of available courts must be increased.

McCuen said the group is also planning on forming a Facebook group, a Twitter handle and a group-Google calendar. He said the latter will be particularly key to increasing awareness of regional squash activity.

"By having a regional calendar, if I go on there I might not even be looking for events for my particular team," McCuen said. "[For example], a lot of junior programs don't know that college events are happening, but this calendar would let them see [those events] and become aware of them."

This increased communication would also lessen frustrations driven by the lack of available court space, McCuen said.

"U.S. Squash oversees squash at the individual level outside of the CSA, and has a list of courts online that is horribly outdated,"

he said. "An updated list would help people find courts to play."

This lack of available squash courts limits the number of participants on his Notre Dame teams, McCuen said.

"We get this big group that literally packs the room during the first week of school," McCuen said. "But [eventually] interest wanes and then falls off."

Sophomore Paul Mickan said he signed up because he played tennis in high school and wanted to be part of a team at Notre Dame.

"There's a pretty quick learning curve, especially for tennis players," Mickan said. "Once you pick it up it's great... You're learning, and every time you get on the court, you're getting better."

Senior Dennis Grabowski, president of the squash club, said the sport is a perfect activity for people who want to stay in shape.

"I think college is the time where people like to branch out and explore things that they didn't have access to beforehand," Grabowski said. "People who want to stay in shape, and do that in a fun way, end up playing squash."

Mickan said he sees a lot of potential for the sport's expansion in the Midwest, particularly with Notre Dame leading the effort.

"I like feel like Notre Dame's a major player in the Midwest," Mickan said. "There's a ton of opportunity... a lot of energy in the region, it would be great to focus it and channel it through here."

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Islam Between Violence and Peace



Wednesday, April 25

7:00 p.m.

Stapleton Lounge

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Shirt

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help the white text pop better," he said.

Alea said there is no pattern to choosing the color for The Shirt each year — rather, each committee chooses a color to best match their theme.

The images for this year were chosen to help represent the past, present and future of Notre Dame football, Alea said.

"The players on The Shirt each represent something," he said. "We chose [former running back] Alan Pinkett and [former wide receiver] Tim Brown [for] the back, because they are celebrating the past of Notre Dame football."

Pinkett and Brown's pictures are shown in black and white to reflect their influence on the football program's past.

Former tailback Robert Hughes is also on the back of the shirt, but in color.

"The original image [of Hughes] is of him leading the team out of the tunnel," Alea said. "His look, his pose is exactly what we are looking for in terms of a fierce Notre Dame player."

The back of the shirt also features both the official 125th anniversary-year logo of the football program, and text about pride and tradition of the team.

"We liked the look of a player running out of The Shirt, but moreover, we liked the look of a player running out of the traditions behind The Shirt and the football program," Alea said.

Former wide receiver Golden Tate's image is on the front of the shirt along with the words, "Shake down the thunder."

"The front is kind of cool, because [Tate] was No. 23, and this is the 23rd year for The Shirt," Couey said.

Alea said "Shake down the thunder" was chosen as the text for the front because it is an iconic Notre Dame phrase, conveying the powerful sense of tradition The Shirt Committee strove for.

"It represents the traditions ... We've been fierce and always will be fierce," he said. "We wanted to modernize the design of The Shirt and make it in-your-face, and I think we did a really great job of doing that."

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Woo

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demic programs and was recognized as the nation's leading business school in ethics education and research.

In addition, the Notre Dame MBA program was ranked No. 25 in the U.S. News and World Report 2013 survey of "Best



Carolyn Woo

CEO of
Catholic Relief
Services

Graduate Schools."

The graduate programs bestowing degrees at the May 19 ceremony include Notre Dame MBA, Executive MBA, Master of Nonprofit Administration and Master of Science in Accountancy.

As president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services, Woo presides over the operations of the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States, which serves more than 130 million people in nearly 100 countries annually.

Jacqueline Novogratz, founder and chief executive officer of the nonprofit poverty-relief venture the Acumen Fund, was the keynote speaker at Mendoza's 2011 graduate commencement ceremony.

Porter

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Porter said the LDS Church also strives to maintain equality in members' access to religious and educational resources.

"We try to promote equality among members in church operations across country borders, rather than equality in private income," he said. "We manage the contributions from members so that all the money is redistributed centrally so the same kinds of chapels and meeting houses [exist] in poor and rich cities."

Additionally, the Church's private welfare system includes a fund that has helped more than 50,000 members attain higher education in 50 countries over the past 11 years, Porter said.

"We realized a lot of members were stuck in poverty without education," he said. "Like any church, we want to bring salvation to our members, but we also want to bring them a better life. We don't just see our work as being for the next life, so we work in the here-and-now to help people."

The LDS Church's humanitarian collaboration with Catholic Relief Services and other Catholic-affiliated charities aligns it with the Church's commitment to social justice, Porter said, but the two institutions also share similar views on some moral and social issues. He said those

issues include abortion, marriage and family values.

"We have good relations with some senior Catholic leaders, and even though we come from different religions, we have common values and interests in the international arena," Porter said. "We certainly have members with different views and don't try to impose political views on people, but the Church has taken a fairly conservative stance on those issues."

Porter said the LDS Church agrees with the Catholic Church's position on abortion and is opposed to same-sex marriage, but the churches differ in their views on the use of contraception.

"Our church has no position on contraception. We agree that religious organizations or hospitals shouldn't have to provide contraception because it relates to issues of religious freedom, but there is no prohibition on the use of contraception," he said. "We think it's important that people of conscience can follow that conscience, so in that regard, we're 100 percent behind the [Catholic] Church."

In general, the LDS Church's views on many moral and social issues are founded in its belief in the importance of the right to religious freedom, Porter said.

"We believe religious freedom is one of the fundamental rights of all of our members and all people," he said.

Porter said the LDS Church is similar to the Catholic Church in their centralized world headquarters in Salt Lake City and

the Vatican, respectively. However, LDS clergy are part-time volunteers who hold other jobs and are not paid for their ministry work, he said.

In the final portion of his talk, Porter said he would address the LDS Church's attitude towards government, politics, war and national security in relation to the recent wave of publicity focused on the Mormon faith as a result of Romney's campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

"As a church, we are politically neutral and do not endorse any candidate, but we have to deal with the publicity generated by Romney's campaign, some of which has been inaccurate," Porter said.

Above all, Porter said he hopes to express the central mission and values of the Mormon faith during his talk at Notre Dame.

"I want to express that the Church is a worldwide, not American, church that is politically-neutral and is very committed to uplifting the lives of its members throughout the world, and tries to do social good and social justice throughout the world."

Porter's talk, sponsored by the Notre Dame International Security Program and the Tocqueville Program on Religion and Public Life, will take place at 4 p.m. Tuesday in 119 DeBartolo Hall, and is open to the public.

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DeMaria

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"I knew at that moment I would be fine. It didn't matter that I was a freshman, it didn't matter that I couldn't walk or I may never swim again for the University," she said. "I was part of this family, and whatever shape that was going to take, I would be fine."

DeMaria said she believes she would not have received the same level of support had she attended a different university. She said it was "amazing" that students, faculty, professors and coaches continued to visit her at the hospital in the two months following the accident.

"It's very characteristic to have support at the initial time of an incident or accident happening, but that support never went away," she said. "That's what I think is so unique to Notre Dame."

Physically, DeMaria said the toughest point in her recovery was when she was transferred from South Bend to a hospital in San Diego two months following the accident.

"By that point, my spine had re-collapsed, they weren't able to straighten my spine. I was looking at a life being very uncomfortable," she said. "I had suffered heart failure, my lungs had collapsed. I was really in bad shape, physically."

DeMaria said moving away from the Notre Dame family came with emotional challenges as well.

"I didn't have people coming to see me every day," she said. "It was a very isolating time, because I didn't necessarily have the level of support that I did here, because people just didn't know."

DeMaria returned to cam-

pus in the fall, gradually recovered and began to swim again. Because swimming was such a big part of her life at Notre Dame, DeMaria said returning to the pool and the swim team was the highlight of her recovery.

"Swimmers are swimmers. It's all that I can do ... I'm at home in the pool. Someone asked me today what my favorite place on campus is, is it the Grotto or Rolfs [Aquatic Center]," she said. "Well, I love the Grotto, but Rolfs is Rolfs — it's that sense of chlorine, that smell."

A year after returning to campus, DeMaria swam in her first meet since the accident, winning her heat of the 50-yard freestyle.

But she said the meet was not so much a personal achievement as it was a representation of the strength of the University family. Not only were professors and fellow students in attendance, but the state trooper who first responded to the accident and her emergency room doctor were present as well.

"It was also almost like every other meet," she said. "That's what I wanted it to be, at least for myself. It was a big deal in the sense that it was such an illustration of the sense of community that is here."

DeMaria said receiving the Beeler-Hipp Award, named for freshmen Meghan Beeler and Colleen Hipp, who died in the bus accident, was the "greatest honor" she could have received at the time. First awarded her freshman year to a freshman male and female swimmer, she said the Beeler-Hipp Award remains the most meaningful honor she has ever been given.

"To be honored in their name, and to have known them, has always been one of the most meaningful things to me," she said.

In January, Notre Dame held a Mass of Remembrance in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the 20th anniversary of the bus crash. DeMaria said she originally planned to spend the day with her family, but when the Mass was organized, she knew she had to attend.

"It was the right place for me to be. I think I knew I would wake up that morning and want to be here ... Once I knew there was going to be a Mass, I knew I had to be here. It wasn't an option to not get here," she said. "It was exactly what it should be."

In her current role as first vice president of the Monogram Club, DeMaria said she loves interacting with student-athletes at Notre Dame. Through these relationships, DeMaria said she realizes while the campus has changed physically, the University spirit she experienced as a student is still alive.

"That sense of what the students do, and the traditions that haven't gone away, just sort of those snapshots of life here on campus, a lot of that hasn't changed," she said. "I love that."

When she considers how far she has come in the time since the accident, DeMaria said she is thankful for the good that has come out of such a trying experience.

"When I say it truly changed everything in my life, it truly changed everything in my life," she said. "I am so blessed and so happy, and find meaning in things I never would have before. It's a challenge at times to think that all of this stemmed from such a sad event ... It's hard to be grateful for something that happened, yet I'm so grateful for the lessons I've learned because of it."

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INSIDE COLUMN

These are my people

The other day, I realized I am really lucky. Not because my baseball team is playing great (they aren't) or because I figured out what I want to do with my life (I haven't). I'm lucky because I have some seriously amazing friends.

My mom always says you should count your blessings if you can count your close friends on one hand. Well, according to my mom, I'm one lucky girl.

Caroline is my sister, my partner in crime, my mortal enemy and my best friend. She's the person who wears my clothes without asking, and always knocks me down a peg when I'm getting a little too cocky. Basically, she's the person who can be screaming at me about using her hairspray one minute and threatening bodily harm to the boy who broke my heart the next. She's my little sister, and even when I hate her, she's my best friend in the world.

Fran is my roommate and confidant. She knows pretty much everything there is to know about me, and she knows what I'm thinking before I do. We're total opposites, but somehow it works. She's the person I can never hide my true feelings from, and she always knows how to make me laugh, even when I think I'll never be able to laugh again.

Carolyn and Jenna make up Fran and I's crazy foursome. They complete our little group. Carolyn and I have serious life chats while doing superficial girly stuff, like going tanning and drinking too much coffee. Jenna is the girl who, no matter what we're talking about, can make it even more hilarious. These three have been there for me through a lot, and our "Sex and the City" marathons, complete with pints of Ben and Jerry's, do my soul a lot of good.

One of my friends is not really my friend. She is my chum, Jenny. Freshman year, we decided we were more than friends and we have been chums ever since, just like Nancy, Bess and George from the "Nancy Drew" books. I've known Jenny since the first night of freshman year, and she's been important to me ever since. Whether we're talking about "Gilmore Girls" or she's holding my hand through my first broken heart, Jenny has been there. She is my constant, and someday we'll be able to share stories of how we met in college with our kids, who will also be chums.

Jenny is the person who introduced me to Bonnie. Even though I thought Bonnie hated me when we first met, I later realized she was just shy and getting used to my crazy, over-the-top personality.

She's the person I turn to when I need advice. She tells me what she thinks and what she thinks is best for me. Bonnie always makes sure I'm okay, and, on one of the worst nights of my life, she brought me a huge bag of Peppermint Patties, an act I'm still grateful for.

These are my people. The girls I turn to. The ones who have been there through every defining moment of my college experience, and the ones who will be there a year from now when college is ending. Even better, they will be the ones around for years to come.

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Anna Boarini

News Writer

Who do I say that I am?

I applied to Notre Dame on a whim. But everyday, I thank God that I did.

Why? Because here is where I met my boyfriend of four years.

In high school, I was a wild child. I caused my parents a lot of grief, and didn't really believe in serious relationships ("Independent Women" by Destiny's Child was my theme song). That all changed when I met my boyfriend at Domerfest. For the first time in my life, I understood what all those cheesy love songs and silly romantic comedies were about. He made me a better person in so many ways, and I thanked God every day for blessing me with him. His close relationship with his family prompted me to seek reconciliation with mine, his incredible intellect pushed me to work harder in school and he showed me there was more to life than partying every night.

Everything was perfect until junior year. Details aside, our relationship did not weather the doubt, lies and buried issues that surfaced that year. I slowly began to lose interest in things — going out on the weekends, hanging out with friends, and finally and most gravely, "Gyro Day" at the dining hall. I began crying all the time — when I was doing homework, when I was working out. Once, I even burst into tears while taking a Managerial Economics exam. My professor probably just thought I stunk at Economics, which I did. I slipped into a deep depression that threatened to engulf me. And I couldn't talk to my friends about it, because who would understand? I felt utterly alone.

Who was I without him? My boyfriend was the foundation upon which I had built my life, my goals, my future. If I didn't know who he was, I didn't know who I was anymore. I experienced tremendous spiritual doubt and trials during this time. I had been a good girl, for the most part, so how could God stand to see me like this?

Yet through this whole disaster, I felt God's presence. Hadn't the Lord been preparing me for this? It was during this time that I received my first Christian literature book. I discovered Christian rock, and listened to it hours at a time. A counselor from my church worked with me, constantly reminding me of God's love. God was working in my life all along, I just couldn't see it. He had completely broken me down, only to build me up again, this time with Him as the center of my life.

I grew immensely through this experience. I realized that my boyfriend should not have been my first priority. That seat belonged to my Heavenly Father. Through these months of pain and confusion, the Lord had been the one in which I sought peace. He loved me despite my many imperfections, my doubt and anger and through my broken state. Our God is the only true Rock and source of unconditional love.

So much good has come out of that terrible mess. I became closer with my mom, embracing instead of dismissing her quirks (she bought me an apron that says "Will Cook for Diamonds" for Christmas). I had been humbled and learned to stop being so judgmental of other people's relationships. I rediscovered how amazing my friends were in their 24/7 "Dee-Watch" filled with cards and cookies. I

learned that I could survive on my own, I didn't need a man. And most importantly, I found God's love ... in this hopeless place.

In the past, I read my Bible and prayed each day, as if checking things off a "to-do" list. Today, I'm on the Notre Dame Encounter Board and have encouraged many of my friends, and successfully pressured a few, into going on the retreat, as it is an incredible spiritual experience. I also write this column in hopes of challenging and encouraging students to explore their spirituality. I'm working on building a personal relationship with God.

I applied to Notre Dame on a whim. But everyday, I thank God that I did. Why? Because here is where I truly found God.

So who do I say that I am? I am a child of God. My faith is the most important value in my life, above all others. Today, I have rebuilt my relationship with my boyfriend, and it's stronger than ever, because we have both committed to helping one another grow closer to God. My self-worth isn't based on how many parties I get invited to each weekend, or my academic success or failure, or my romantic relationship. I am whole and complete, solely because I am a child of God. I am desperately loved by the maker of this universe. I am His.

So I ask this of you, who do you say that you are?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Democrats are in line with Catholic faith

Mr. Diamond,

I am writing today in response to your risibly critical Letter to the Editor ("Holy Votes reponse," April 20) in which you call into question Rosato's argumentation. Although your knowledge of Catholic doctrine is impressive and your recall astounding, your knowledge of the Democratic platform (or lack thereof) is frightening. You also say that, as Catholics, we cannot in good conscience vote for a political candidate that supports abortion, or does not respect the tenants of Catholic doctrine. You have missed the point of Rosato's arguments. In the lack of a candidate that fully supports Catholic doctrine, we must choose the candidate that is best in keeping with doctrine.

You call the Democrats a political party that promotes a "Culture of Death." This is frighteningly strong language, especially given the Republican stance on capital punishment. The truth of today's political realm is that there is no candidate that is in perfect keeping with Catholic doctrine. Rosato is advocating that in light of this political world, we do not allow ourselves to become single-issue voters and decide which party is most in line with our faith. Also, I would strongly suggest for you to read the Democratic Party Platform that you so harshly dub a "Culture of Death."

Please allow me to enumerate some things that you will find in the 2008 Democratic Platform. All of these things come before the section in which they explain their the pro-choice stance on page 52 of 59 (a stance that also supports income support and caring adoption promotion for those that choose to carry their children to term). They are as follows: affordable health care for all Americans, ending HIV/AIDS around the world, ending poverty, gender equality, education for all children, ending the war in Iraq, ending the spread of weapons of mass destruction and nuclear disarmament, promoting global health, ending human trafficking, preventing and responding to future natural disasters and promoting the family. Does this seem like a "Culture of Death?" When a party devotes only one paragraph to a woman's right to choose out of fifty-nine pages, can you really call it "manifestly pro-abortion?" No sir, you cannot. I wholeheartedly agree with Rosato. I stand proudly as a Catholic, pro-life Democrat and have no qualms about it.

Drew Davis
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April 20

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: If there is any reaction, both are transformed."

Carl Jung
Swiss psychologist

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WEEKLY POLL

How do you deal with finals-week stress?

- Coffee breaks
- Naps
- Pick-up basketball
- A visit to the Grotto

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

The last Waste-Free Wednesday

Well, it's been fun folks ... I'm sad to say that this coming Wednesday will be the last Waste-Free Wednesday of the semester. While it does defeat the purpose, I do have to say it's been entertaining watching some of you dump your food scraps on your friends' plates so that you can get a raffle ticket. I appreciate all of you who have made a concerted effort to take less and waste less.

Anna Gorman

Ask the GreenMan

Seeing how much food we waste in our dining halls each day while knowing how many people, especially children, in our own South Bend community are going to bed hungry each night kills me. Not that I'm trying to guilt trip you necessarily, but if it's working — sorry, I'm not sorry.

Sometimes I know it can be really hard not to waste, especially on days when the dining hall decides to offer

every single one of your favorite foods, and you feel like you're betraying the food if you don't put it on your plate. If you take smaller portions, though, this isn't so much of a problem. Go for seconds.

Yeah, it may take more time, but honestly, who doesn't feel somewhat more legitimate when their procrastination happens in the dining hall, instead of sitting around in their room? You could also try going tray-less. Inevitably, you'll take less, waste less, get your food faster and become a pro at weaving through crowds of backpacks.

And while we're on the topic of food sustainability, I may as well throw in some information about the benefits of going meatless and eating seasonally. Most people don't realize how many resources are required for meat production and the impact it has on the environment.

For instance, if every daily-meat-

eating American went meat-free once a week, it would be the equivalent of taking 8 million cars off the road. Livestock are a major cause of methane gas emissions and deforestation. It takes almost 1,000 gallons of water to produce one pound of hamburger.

I rarely crave meat, and even more rarely eat red meat, but ironically every Friday in Lent I really want a hamburger. It's miserable. I'm no vegetarian, and I'm not asking you to completely give up meat by any means. I know the idea seems a bit daunting, but at least try at a few meals. The dining halls offer plenty of delicious vegetarian meals, I promise.

In case you weren't aware, Food Services does what it can to source locally and use seasonal ingredients when possible. But, because they love us all so much, they still provide those menu items we secretly crave that are neither local nor seasonal. Flying foods cross-country, especially

refrigerated foods, is pretty darn energy-intensive. Also, who doesn't want to help out our local farmers? Would Notre Dame really be the same without the scent of ethanol? No, no it would not.

To sum things up, please try really hard not to waste, especially this Wednesday. Improve your weaving abilities and go without a tray. Try for a few meatless meals a week, and eat more of the foods labeled "locally sourced." Happy Day-After-Earth-Day!

Email your predicaments to The GreenMan at askthegreenman@gmail.com, and let him answer you with a sustainable twist. The GreenMan will be here every other week to provide you with insights you never knew you were missing out on, until now.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Faculty call to distance Notre Dame from Jenky's 'incendiary statement'

Dear Fr. Jenkins and Richard Notebaert,

As you will be aware, the Bishop Daniel Jenky, a member of Notre Dame's Board of Fellows, has been widely quoted for a homily in which he described President Obama as "seem[ing] intent on following a similar path" to Hitler and Stalin. Jenky's comments demonstrate ignorance of history, insensitivity to victims of genocide and absence of judgment.

We accept that Jenky's comments are protected by the First Amendment, but we find it profoundly offensive that a member of our beloved University's highest authority, the Board of Fellows, should compare the president's actions with those whose genocidal policies murdered tens of millions of people, including the specific targeting of Catholics, Jews and other minorities for their faith.

We request that you issue a statement on behalf of the University that will definitively distance Notre Dame from Jenky's incendiary statement. Further, we feel that it would be in the best interest of Notre Dame if Jenky resigned from the University's Board of Fellows if he is unwilling to renounce loudly and publicly this destructive analogy.

Sincerely,

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Baking with Brenna:

Buckeyes/Peanut Butter Balls

By **BRENNA WILLIAMS**
Scene Writer

My family doesn't pass down many things, but this week's recipe is one of them. In my home, since I'm from the South, we just call them "Peanut Butter Balls." However, since coming to Notre Dame, I've been informed in the Midwest, they're called "Buckeyes." Whatever you call them, there's no going wrong with peanut butter and chocolate. They're basically homemade Reese's — and what could be wrong with that?

I have this recipe in a binder scrawled on a piece of paper from my stepdad's mother, and I would guard it with my life. It's so simple, but so delicious, and with very easy steps, few ingredients and no oven, there's no excuse not to enjoy them.

With finals coming, you need sugar to keep you awake and to make you happy, and these will not disappoint.

Ingredients:

- 16 oz (about one regular jar) of peanut butter
- 1/3 cup of unsalted butter, softened
- 2 tbsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 cups chocolate chips, any kind

Instructions:

1. Mix together peanut butter, powdered sugar, butter, and vanilla extract in a bowl until combined. Cover and place the bowl in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes.
Tip: Leaving it in longer will keep the mixture together better when covering in chocolate.

2. Remove the bowl from the refrigerator, and roll peanut butter mixture into small balls.

3. Create a double broiler by heating water in a pot and placing a larger, empty pot on top. Turn on the stove to high and allow the water to boil. Place the chocolate in the top pot ¾ it will melt without burning because of the indirect heat from the boiling water beneath.

4. Stir the chocolate chips as they melt until smooth. Remove the top pot from the heat.

5. One-by-one, roll the peanut butter balls in the chocolate until covered. If you want to be a true Midwesterner, make sure to leave an uncovered spot on the top to create the Buckeye aesthetic.

6. Place the chocolate-covered balls on a baking sheet covered with wax paper and place in the refrigerator for at least 45 minutes.

I would suggest serving and storing these treats cold because there is nothing better than cold chocolate. Hopefully, these will make you or someone you love smile. I know if someone were to bring these to me while I was writing a final paper, my day would improve exponentially. Enjoy!

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MOVIES TO WATCH FOR THIS SUMMER

By **KEVIN NOONAN**
Scene Editor

It's just a week and a half until summer starts (a little more if you care about finals), and the summer movie season is going to be monstrous. There are big-time blockbusters coming out every single week, and it's time to get excited.

"The Avengers"

Marvel's long-term scheme of getting the world excited about superheroes again is finally about to pay off, as virtually all their blockbuster superhero films of the past few years converge into one mega-film of epic proportions. The film stars Robert Downey, Jr. as Iron Man, Chris Evans as Captain America, Mark Ruffalo as the Hulk, Chris Hemsworth as Thor, Scarlett Johansson as the Black Widow and Jeremy Renner as Hawkeye. It cost a reported \$220 million to make, but the early reviews are saying it was worth every penny.

"Dark Shadows"

Oddball-genius director Tim Burton teams up once again with oddball-genius actor Johnny Depp in

this cinematic remake of the 1960s television show. Depp plays an 18th-century vampire who awakes from a spell in the 20th century.

It's an odd concept, made by an odd director and with an odd star, and has made for an odd trailer. But if Burton and Depp's history is any indicator, this film will be full of dark humor and fun.

"Men in Black 3"

Will Smith introduced this movie saying, "We're here for one purpose, and for one purpose only: Just to let you know that I'm about to make 3-D look good."

This sequel has been in development for 10 years, but is finally hitting theaters this summer. Agent J (Smith) must travel back in time to save Agent K (Tommy Lee Jones and Josh Brolin as the younger incarnation). In case of any doubts of the comedic material being stale, both Bill Hader of "Saturday Night Live" and Jermaine

Clement of "Flight of the Concorde" join the cast, which ensures an entertaining film.

"Prometheus"

This sci-fi thriller from the mind of Ridley Scott marks the director's return to the genre he helped revolutionize in the 1970s and '80s with "Blade Runner" and "Alien." The film's trailer is as creepy and intriguing as they come, with scary music, cut scenes and flashes of tension, but all without giving any of the plot away. The movie stars Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender and Charlize Theron on a ship bound on a scientific expedition to discover the origins of mankind. That's the only synopsis Scott has allowed out, but the film promises to be fantastic.



"The Dark Knight Rises"

It's appropriate to end the list with the biggest one of all. The third and much-anticipated final entry into director Christopher Nolan and star Christian Bale's Batman franchise finally hits theaters.

Nolan has been slowly letting out details about the film, most completely insignificant, but regardless, the excitement and buzz have been growing. The previous cast returns, with the addition of Anne Hathaway and Tom Hardy as Catwoman and Bane, respectively. The first two films in the series have set a ridiculously-high standard, making this one of the most exciting and anticipated premieres in years.

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"G.I. Joe: Retaliation"

The first film was surprisingly good, considering the extremely-low expectations of the movie-going public, and the sequel looks even better. Much of the cast of the first movie

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BOY BAND SHOWDOWN:

THE WANTED vs. ONE DIRECTION



By SAM STRYKER
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The Yankees and the Red Sox. India and Pakistan. Jennifer and Angelina. The Jets and the Sharks.

And now, One Direction and The Wanted.

If history has taught us one thing, it is that humans are naturally drawn to conflict — and no conflict is more appealing than a good old-fashioned head-to-head rivalry.

For the past few weeks, popular music has been dominated by these eerily similar groups. Both are five-member British-Irish boy bands. Both have made appearances on television shows — One Direction on “Saturday Night Live” and Nickelodeon’s “Kid’s Choice Awards,” and The Wanted on “American Idol” and “The Voice.”

But like any good rivalry, someone has to win — just as the Rebel Alliance defeated the Evil Empire in “Star Wars” and Coke outsells Pepsi, one group of lads will need to come out on top. Who will emerge victorious in the second coming of the British Invasion?

The Jams

“What Makes You Beautiful” and “Glad You Came” are duking it out for dorm party and dingy bar dominance, and it’s hard to choose between the two. “What Makes You Beautiful” is a sunny ode to a girl unaware of her stunning looks. On the other hand, “Glad You Came” is a slinkier, slicker dance-floor track. The two signature tracks set the tone for each act. One Direction’s jam is bright, vibrant and catchy — something you just can’t get out of your head.

But The Wanted takes the cake here. Their single is infectious, and from the first note, the song takes control of you. One Direction’s song may be cute and catchy, but “Glad You Came” is like a fever pulsating through every vein in your body.

Advantage, The Wanted.

The Leading Men

In any music group, there is going to be a shining star — think Justin Timberlake from ‘N Sync or Beyoncé from Destiny’s Child. People naturally gravitate to the biggest star, the most talented in a group — contrary to what your mother told you, not everyone gets to be a winner.

It is quite evident who the spotlight shines on in each group — buzz-cut babe-magnet Max George of The Wanted and mop-topped Harry Styles of One Direction.

These two boys could not look any more different. On one hand, there is George, with steely-green eyes and smoldering good looks. In contrast there

is Styles, with a puppy-dog smile and bouncy persona. While George is seeing British soap star Michelle Keegan, Styles seems to be the hot dish in the boy-band buffet. He has attracted the attention of Taylor Swift and Rihanna, who have both admitted to crushes on the barely-legal teenybopper.

This one is like picking apples or oranges. Let’s call it a draw.

The Intangibles

You know you’ve made it when your music is covered on “Glee,” and The Wanted beat One Direction to the punch — the Warblers sang “Glad You Came” at Regionals. While it has been announced “What Makes You Beautiful” will be in an upcoming episode, The Wanted have gotten out to a quick lead.

Not to be outdone, One Direction appears to be a hot ticket — literally. While The Wanted have just wrapped up their first U.S. tour, One Direction is just getting started. The group is set to kick off the U.S. leg of their “Up All Night Tour” in May, and their December concert at Madison Square Garden sold out in less than 10 minutes. When most kids their age are worrying about getting into college, these boys are packing The World’s Most Famous Arena.

The Wanted didn’t do too shabby in the concert business either, opening for both Britney Spears and Justin Bieber. But in the battle over the Biebs, One Direction has come out fighting.

Niall Horan of One Direction has done the unthinkable — he’s gotten on Justin Bieber’s bad side after flirting with Selena Gomez at the “Kid’s Choice Awards.” While this may have most normal people shaking in their boots, Horan appears to be safe for now. There are also rumblings of a Bieber-One Direction collaboration.

In between selling out Madison Square Garden and making the Biebs angry, One Direction also managed to snub the First Lady. Michelle Obama personally invited the group to the White House’s annual Easter Egg Roll, but the group had to turn down the invitation due to “prior commitments.” Snubbing the First Lady — now that’s a bold move.

Case closed — not only has One Direction drawn the ire of the Biebs, but they’re too busy for the White House. These guys have swag.

The Verdict

This one may have to go an extra round. Choosing between One Direction and The Wanted is like trying to pick between Chipotle and Five Guys after a hard night out — you can’t go wrong. In this battle, we all come out as winners.

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NEW TO Your Queue

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

1. “Rescue Me”

This show, equal parts comedy and heartwrenching drama, follows Denis Leary as Tommy Gavin, a New York firefighter dealing with his life in the aftermath of 9/11. The show does not shy away from issues created by the tragedy, showing the ruined families, relationships and psyches of the men who went into the buildings when everyone else was trying to escape. But Leary, a comedian at heart, keeps the show from getting too down, and makes for an entertaining combination of emotion and humor you can’t stop watching.

2. “Workaholics”

For being a fairly-simplistic concept that seemed likely to be cancelled at its launch, this Comedy Central show has maintained a high level of hilarity. The show is about three recent college grads and world-class slackers that work at a telemarketing company and, not surprisingly, hate their jobs. Blake Anderson, Adam DeVine and Anders Holm of YouTube’s “Mail Order Comedy” all star in the show and do most of the writing. They essentially play themselves, and the realness of the characters and writing make for consistently funny television.

3. “SpongeBob SquarePants”

Relive your childhood and check out “SpongeBob.” The show needs no introduction for most, but for those rare few who missed out, head to Netflix immediately. SpongeBob lives in a pineapple under the sea, he’s absorbent and yellow and porous, and he’s full of nautical nonsense. The show is still running on Nickelodeon, but early seasons are available online. It’s a great chance to catch up on the adventures of SpongeBob, Patrick, Squidward, Sandy and of course, Gary the Snail.

4. “Sherlock”

The second season of “Sherlock” is just around the corner, premiering on PBS on May 6, so there is no better time to check out (or re-watch) this BBC hit. “Sherlock” updates the classic stories of Arthur Conan Doyle’s detective to the 21st century, where the titular investigator must utilize cell phones, computers and other forms of new technology to solve his cases. This fresh new take on Sherlock Holmes keeps all the integrity of the original stories, while updating the mysteries with style and ease.

5. “Hot Tub Time Machine”

While this film isn’t exactly the most thought-provoking ever made, it is good for laughs. The science-fiction comedy follows the story of four adult men who travel back in time to the 1980s, thanks to a time-shifting hot tub. They relive some of the moments that defined their boring, unfulfilling lives and, of course, emerge from the situation with a new, positive outlook on life. The plot may be trite, but with a cast that includes Chevy Chase, Craig Robinson and Crispin Glover, the movie definitely has its worthwhile comedic moments.

SPORTS AUTHORITY

Superstitions emerge in quest for perfection

Perfection.

It's a rare thing in sports, that's for sure. No one shoots a round of 18 on the golf course, or even 18-under. When was the last time you saw a football team allow its opponent exactly zero yards of offense? Point me to the last time a basketball team shut out its opponent.

In baseball, though, perfection is real. It's exceedingly rare, but it's real — and Saturday, White Sox Philip Humber became the 21st player to achieve perfection when he retired 27 consecutive Mariners.

The best part of a perfect game, however, might be all of the superstition surrounding it — and that's something unique to baseball, too.

Go back and pull up the highlights of the last inning of Humber's perfect game. Notice the game was played in Seattle, not Chicago. Listen to the crowd's reaction to each out. Sure, it's not as loud as it would have been in U.S. Cellular Field. But after Humber retires the first two batters of the inning, the crowd is on its feet with the peculiar and unique sort of nervous energy that comes along with no-hitters and perfect games.

Even though they all knew what was happening and realized they were on the cusp of witnessing history, no one in that crowd of 22,472 dared mention the feat in progress, for fear of jinxing it. Observers on Twitter took pains to not mention the "p-word," instead noting Humber had "not allowed a batter to reach base for seven innings" or that "something really special" was happening on Fox.

Once a perfect game became a real possibility, Humber's teammates stopped talking to him for fear of throwing him off — there's no messing with perfection. The whole park holds its breath with every pitch and nervously exhales at every out. All of a sudden, what was just another early-season contest became a pressure cooker to be remembered more than perhaps any of the other 161

games on each teams' 2012 schedules.

You can watch it, you can read about it and you can imagine it. But it's not really the same until you've experienced something like it.

A few years ago, I was at old Yankee Stadium to watch Chien-Ming Wang take the hill for the Yankees against a cellar-dwelling team from Tampa named the Devil Rays. (My, how times have changed.) Wang sat down the side in the first inning, and then did it again in the second. The group of guys in front of us was excited to watch a Yankee win, and ordered another round of beers.

Then the third inning started, and when Wang retired those three batters in short order, the mood nearly instantly changed. No longer were we watching a mid-July snoozer. Everyone sat up a little straighter. The guys in front of us stopped ogling girls and started watching where the rightfielder was positioned. All of a sudden, Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez at-bats were just in the way of what we wanted to see.

Wang took the hill for the fourth inning and left it unscathed again, and the House that Ruth Built was abuzz. No one would ever admit why, but we all knew what was happening. Was there a chance, we wondered?

As it turns out, there wasn't — Ty Wiggington led off the fifth with a single, and Wang finished with a two-hit complete game that would turn out to be one of the best of his career. But I still remember the nervous energy that pervaded the Bronx air that night. I can't really imagine what it would have been like in the eighth or ninth inning if Wang had kept it up, though the word "incredible" comes to mind.

I know this for sure, though. It wouldn't have just been perfection for Wang, and it wasn't just perfection for Humber.

It was perfection for all of us.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles earn key conference win

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On Sunday, the Belles took a huge step toward making the MIAA conference tournament by beating conference opponent Adrian, 7-2.

Saint Mary's (10-7, 3-3 MIAA) started hot by winning all three doubles matches. Adrian (6-8, 2-6) managed to claim two of the singles matches, but the Belles proved victorious in the other four.

For the Belles, winning doubles has been a reoccurring goal. It was no surprise that things were more of the same Sunday.

"It was a very cold start and a very windy day," Belles coach Dale Campbell said. "We talked about the importance of doubles since we play doubles first, and wanted to get off to a good start."

The Belles did exactly that, as they swept all three matches, managing a tiebreaker victory in the first doubles. Working together in first doubles, sophomore Mary Catherine Fallor and freshman Audrey Kiefer won a 9-7 tiebreaker set, claiming the sweep for the Belles. Campbell said starting like this is crucial, as it can greatly affect the tone of the match.

"Going up 3-0 at the start of the match really helped us set

the tone of the match for the rest of the day," Campbell said. "It was really important to get off to that kind of lead, because it seemed to get Adrian down a bit, and it affected them the rest of the way."

This lasting effect showed up on the score sheet, as the Belles claimed four of the six singles matches.

Both Fallor and freshman Jackie Kjolhede managed clear 6-1, 6-0 victories. Both Kiefer and sophomore Margaret Boden claimed victories for the Belles in singles, but their Adrian opponents played a little closer. Kiefer claimed the fifth singles for the Belles, winning 6-4, 6-2, and Boden took the win at the sixth spot, winning 6-1, 6-3. Adrian's two victories came in the second and the third singles, as freshmen Kayle Sexton and Shannon Elliott fell. Elliott did manage to make her match close, forcing a tiebreaker set, which was eventually won by Adrian senior Sarah Brooks 10-7. Sexton encountered more of a challenge, as she lost 6-0, 6-0.

"All in all, the day went really well," Campbell said. "I thought we really performed well and pulled out a very big win."

As a conference matchup, this win was crucial for the Belles. Only the top four teams in the conference get a chance to play in the postseason tournament. Fol-

lowing Sunday's victory, the Belles sit at sixth in the standings, with two conference matches left on their schedule. This puts them in a must-win situation, Campbell said.

"This win over Adrian brings back a bit of hope, but we still have two really big games against two really good teams coming up," Campbell said. "We are probably going to have to win both matches to get into the conference tournament, so, as a team, we really are in a must-win situation."

These must-win matches kick off for the Belles on Tuesday, when Saint Mary's hosts Kalamazoo. Kalamazoo (5-14, 5-2) has struggled this season, but has an impressive conference record. This means against mutual opponents Kalamazoo has done well, Campbell said.

"According to previous results against common opponents, Kalamazoo might be favored a bit," Campbell said. "Still, we're going to put everything together so that we can beat them."

On Tuesday, the Belles will look to get their second conference win in a row against Kalamazoo at 4 p.m. at home, as they continue on their road to the MIAA tournament.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's takes down Hornets

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In a weekend doubleheader at last-place Kalamazoo, the Belles took care of business in two mercy-rule shortened contests, and put themselves in a strong position to make the MIAA tournament.

Sophomore pitcher Callie Selner pitched 10 shutout innings and went 5-for-7 at the plate with 6 RBIs, while freshman outfielder Victoria Connelly went 5-for-6 as Saint Mary's (24-10, 9-5 MIAA) took both games in five innings by scores of 8-0 and 15-0 over Kalamazoo (2-26, 1-13).

With the wins, the Belles currently sit in a tie for third place with Adrian with just two MIAA games left. In order to earn a spot in the conference tournament, they must finish in the top four. Hope currently trails by two games at 6-6, but the Belles own the tiebreaker if the teams finish with identical conference records.

"We've got to take care of business next weekend against second-place Alma, and at worst earn a split," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. "Hope will be favored to win their

remaining four games."

For Saturday's games with Kalamazoo, neither contest was in doubt, as the Belles seized early leads.

In the first game, senior pitcher Angela Gillis started the scoring on an RBI single in the first for an early 1-0 Saint Mary's lead. The Belles offense then staged a two-out rally in the second, exploding for five runs. Seven straight Belles batters reached base, as Gillis contributed another RBI single, while freshman first baseman Jordie Wasserman doubled home a run.

"[The early leads] gave our defense and pitching more time to relax," Sullivan said. "They let Callie Selner throw better and without much pressure."

The Belles added two more runs in the third to lead 8-0, and ended the game after five by mercy rule. Selner allowed just four base runners, all on singles, and struck out three.

Meanwhile, in the second game, the Belles again jumped to an early lead via a Gillis RBI single in the first. Just like the first game, Saint Mary's added five more in the second.

Connelly singled home a run as part of her 4-for-4 performance in the second game.

"As a lefty slap-hitter, [Connelly] did a good job of placing the ball where the fielders weren't located," Sullivan said. "She's a smart kid, and is coming into her own as the season progresses."

The Belles added four more in the third on two-run singles from senior outfielder Lauren Enayati and Selner to increase their lead to 10-0. Enayati finished the doubleheader 3-for-8 with 4 RBIs and six runs scored. In the fourth, their final inning at the plate, the Belles continued to tack on runs, as junior catcher Morgan Bedan laced a two-run double to left-center as part of another five-run inning. The hit capped off a 3-for-5 day by Bedan, who contributed six RBIs.

Selner (14-6) again pitched five shutout innings for the mercy-rule-shortened 15-0 win.

The Belles play their last non-conference games of the season Wednesday in a doubleheader at Manchester beginning at 3:30 p.m.

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This day in history

On April 23, 1954, Hank Aaron knocks out the first home run of his Major League Baseball career. Twenty years later, Aaron becomes baseball's new home run king when he broke Babe Ruth's long-standing record of 714 career homers.

Future President

James Buchanan is born in Cove Gap near Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, on this day in 1791.

According to tradition, the great English dramatist and poet William Shakespeare is born in Stratford-on-Avon on April 23, 1564. Shakespeare's date of death is conclusively known, however: it was April 23, 1616. He was 52 years old and had retired to Stratford three years before.

Brian Boru, the high king of Ireland, is assassinated by a group of retreating Norsemen shortly after his Irish forces defeated them.

At a speech at Tulane University, President Gerald Ford says the Vietnam War is finished as far as America is concerned. "Today, Americans can regain the sense of pride that existed before Vietnam. But it cannot be achieved by re-fighting a war." This was devastating news to the South Vietnamese, who were desperately pleading for U.S. support as the North Vietnamese surrounded Saigon for the final assault on the capital city.

Less than two weeks after taking over as president after the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman gives a tongue-lashing to Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov. The incident indicated that Truman was determined to take a "tougher" stance with the Soviets than his predecessor had.

On this day in 1969, Sirhan Sirhan is sentenced to the death penalty after being convicted in the assassination of politician Robert F. Kennedy.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish win fifth straight title



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Junior Chrissie McGaffigan returns the ball during Notre Dame's 7-0 sweep over South Florida at the Courtney Tennis Center on April 13. She defeated freshman Paula Montoya 4-6, 6-4, 1-0 (10-4).

By KATIE HEIT
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Despite injuries and rain delays, the Irish dominated the field in Tampa, Fla., and played their way to a fifth-straight Big East championship.

After shutout wins over Rutgers and DePaul, the weekend finished with the championship match against South Florida on Sunday. Initially scheduled for 9 a.m., rain delays pushed the start of the final match to 2 p.m. before they could begin their contest. Despite a late rally from South Florida, the Irish claimed a 4-2 victory and the Big East title.

The Irish (19-7, 5-0 Big East) grabbed the doubles point with two close victories at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles.

Senior Kristy Frilling dropped the first match of the day at No. 1 singles, losing 7-5, 6-3 and giving the Bulls their first point. Not long after, Kellner fell 6-4, 6-4, bringing the match to 3-2.

Senior Shannon Mathews, who was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, came back from a 4-1 deficit in the first set before grabbing five-straight wins and clinching the Irish victory. She was

3-0 on the weekend and won every set.

"It was a really rough game," Frilling said. "We ended up not getting to the courts until 2 [p.m.] or 3 [p.m.] Everyone did a great job of staying focused. It's hard when you've been standing around all day."

Sanders said that South Florida's home-court advantage was a huge challenge.

"Playing [South Florida] at [South Florida] was definitely tough," Sanders said. "We had a loud crowd against us and that definitely helped our opponents. Our biggest thing was to focus on our match and not let anything around us affect our play."

Frilling said the victory will be a motivator heading into the NCAA championships.

Sophomore Britney Sanders said the most difficult part of the weekend was the top competition. Sanders said the matches were not easily won.

"The most difficult part was actually being the [No.] 1 seed," Sanders said. "Every team we played had nothing to lose to they gave it their all."

The weekend began when the Irish hit the courts Friday against Rutgers, snatching a 4-0 sweep. Notre Dame

grabbed each match in only two sets. Highlights included freshman Katherine White, who stepped up against South Florida on April 13 when sophomore Julie Sabacinski was injured. White has been undefeated since stepping in.

The Irish pulled off another shutout against DePaul on Saturday to advance to the final round. Frilling and Mathews came from behind to win four straight games against Jasmin Kling and Gia McKnight to clinch the doubles point. The partners are 17-6 on the year and have won six straight matches.

"We're really happy with how we finished out our season," Frilling said. "We're in the best position possible for the NCAA [tournament]. Now it's a waiting game to see where we'll be placed in the draw. We'll spend the next few weeks perfecting our game as we head into the NCAA [tournament]."

Notre Dame's road to a national championship will begin May 11, with the first and second rounds of the NCAA tournament.

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MEN'S GOLF

Usher finishes first, leads team to win

By PETER STEINER
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In the end, the Battle of the Warren did not prove to be much of a battle.

The Irish rose above the fray Sunday to easily win Notre Dame's home event by 36 strokes. In addition, the Irish swept the top six places on the leaderboard as the entire Irish lineup finished above the rest of a field that included Illinois State, Evansville, Marquette and Bradley.

"We shot 281 and then 283 in the afternoon and both rounds were under par," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "Illinois State finished exactly at 600, 36 [strokes] behind us. Honestly, I don't think it could have

gone any better for us. We really did a great job."

Irish senior Tom Usher took home the first-place finish, shooting two-under par on the day with a 68 and 72. Fellow seniors Max Scodro, Chris Walker, and Ryan Coughlin also played well in their final match event at the Warren Golf Course, finishing third and tied for fourth, respectively.

"Chris Walker came back from a 77 in the morning to shoot 68 in the afternoon," Kubinski said. "Our other senior who made his debut in the lineup, Ryan Coughlin, has never made it into our lineup really, shot a 74 and 71, which was really nice."

A majority of the events for the Irish take place out-of-state so avoiding travel and playing a familiar course is not a phenomenon the Irish often experience. These additional comforts proved to be helpful for a Notre Dame squad that turned in one of its best performances in the spring season.

"All the teams had practice rounds yesterday, but of course we have played this course so many times so it is a nice advantage," Kubinski said. "The interesting thing today is that you look at our fall tournament [at the Warren Golf Course] and we didn't

break 290 in any round. We didn't play particularly well. In the fall, it didn't seem like we had any advantage when we were playing."

"But 281 and 283 are really low scores, especially with the cold weather and the wind conditions."

The field faced tougher conditions than usual. The wind blew out of the northeast all day, forcing many of the Irish golfers to make some adjustments to the style they may typically play at their home course, Kubinski said.

"I haven't seen [the conditions] too much tougher than today and the guys did a really good job," Kubinski said. "The guys had to get used to it a little bit and it was worth a couple of shots."

That's why when we started today, I thought to myself that anything in the 280s, 290s today will be a solid round so to see a 283 was really great."

Marquette and Evansville followed second-place Illinois State, and finished with total scores of 601 and 604, respectively. The Irish also entered six individuals on the day, with the top finish coming from sophomore Andrew Carreon.

The Irish have struggled at times during their spring season, recording only one top six finish in three events. But Sunday's dominating performance can only serve to boost the team's confidence as it heads into postseason play, Kubinski said.

"I think [this weekend's performance] is a tremendous lift," Kubinski said. "It's the kind of golf that we thought we were going to be playing throughout the year."

"The guys never lost sight of what they wanted to do which is to win the Big East and have a chance to go and compete in the NAAs. They still have those goals in mind and now they are really starting to play well."

The Irish prepare this week for the upcoming Big East championships held in Orlando, Fla.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Squad leads South Florida after first round of tournament

By NICK BOYLE
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After a day of golf Sunday, Notre Dame started its title defense strong, leading the 2012 Big East tournament in Orlando with a score of 296. The Irish lead second-place South Florida by two strokes after 18 holes of golf.

"We really have an opportunity here to finish our season

on a high note," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "We're really excited about the opportunity."

Freshman Ashley Armstrong led Notre Dame, carding a one-over par 73. The one-over was good enough to tie for the individual tournament lead with South Florida senior Kelli Pry.

Right behind Armstrong were senior Becca Huffer

and sophomore Kristina Nhim, both shooting a 74, putting them in a seven-way tie for individual second-place.

"We have five solid players who on any day can go out and get good scores," Holt said. "That's been one of our strong points all season."

The Irish have a 15-shot lead over the third-place Rutgers, who opened with a

311. Louisville (312) and St. John's (314) round out the top five.

Freshman Kelli Oride finished with a 75. Rounding out the Notre Dame contingent was senior Katie Allare. Allare turned in a 78, putting her five strokes off the tournament-leading Armstrong.

"We're five-strong, we need all five of us to show up for us to compete," Holt said.

"We're not carried by one player, and I like our chances because of that. We've had different players step up all year."

Today's second round play is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. The Irish golfers will be paired with golfers from both South Florida and Rutgers.

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ND MEN'S TENNIS

Irish fall to South Florida in semifinals, finish third



KIRBY MCKENNA/The Observer

Senior Casey Watt watches the ball during Notre Dame's 5-2 home win over Louisville on April 14.

By PETER STEINER
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Entering the Big East championships, the No. 28 Irish had not lost since they fell to South Florida in Tampa, Fla., on March 17.

After defeating No. 8 seed Villanova Friday to advance to the semifinals, the Bulls met the Irish (20-8) yet again. But after a nearly five-hour long affair, the Irish were unable to overcome South Florida, losing a narrow 4-3 match.

The Irish recovered from the heartbreaking loss Sunday, when they defeated St. John's, 4-1, to claim third place at the championships.

In their first match of the tournament, the Irish affirmed their No. 1 seed by taking every single set from the Wildcats (10-12) en route to a 5-0 victory. Senior Niall Fitzgerald clinched both the doubles point with senior Casey Watt as well as the overall match — earning a 6-1, 6-2 victory over freshman Mike Rosengren at No. 5 singles.

"I just think we are a lot stronger team and it wasn't a difficult match," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We were really weren't pressed and it went as expected."

With the No. 1 seed and seven-match winning streak heading into Saturday, the Irish had their sights set on a championship. But Notre Dame ran into a motivated South Florida squad playing behind a large home crowd. This clash resulted in a thrilling match from both sides, with the Irish falling just short of the win.

"We knew they would be a difficult opponent," Bayliss said. "It was a nearly five-hour match and it was one of the longest and probably one of the most exciting matches I've ever been a part of. It was a great atmosphere. They had a large, very vocal crowd and the nets swung back and forth."

The Irish jumped out to an early lead by taking the doubles point with victories at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles. South Florida and Notre Dame then traded

points in singles.

"At one point, we got up 3-2 in the match, so overall we had to win one of two [matches]," Bayliss said. "But both of the two went into third-set tiebreakers and we just happened to lose them both. We had opportunities at No. 4 singles. We served for the match twice in the second set and lost the tiebreaker in the third set.

"At No. 6 singles, we were up a service break twice in the third set and couldn't quite hold on and lost two straight tiebreakers."

Bayliss said some players had difficulty adjusting to the different climate and experienced cramping.

"[Sophomore Billy Pecor] had to spend an hour in the training room afterwards with extensive cramping," Bayliss said. "[Junior Blas Moros] was cramping and [senior Niall Fitzgerald] was cramping. So we had three guys cramping at the end of the match from exhaustion.

"They played a very inspired match. We were not great, but we weren't bad. We fought pretty hard and we just didn't quite get it."

After a physically and mentally draining loss on Saturday, the Irish met St. John's to decide third place. With bad weather looming in the Tampa area, the Irish played the singles matches first in attempt to shorten the match. Taking four of the five singles matches that finished, Notre Dame rebounded from Saturday's loss and secured the third place finish in the Big East championships.

"We actually came out great and we played extremely well [against St. John's]," Bayliss said. "It was one of the better matches we've played."

With the conclusion of the Big East championships, the Irish will prepare for the NCAA tournament, which will begin May 11.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Split squad gets good results

By AARON SANT-MILLER
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The Irish wrapped up a successful weekend in Bloomington, Ind. in the Polytan Invitational. Notre Dame was able to grab eight first-place victories during the weekend at Indiana University.

"It was a pretty solid weekend," junior Jeremy Rae said. "A lot of our guys did very well and had some really good outings."

On the first day, Irish athletes claimed three first-place spots. Sophomore Kelly Burke was able to claim a victory in the triple jump with a 12.01-meter jump. Following close behind Burke was freshman Mary Esther Gourdin, who secured the second spot for the Irish with a leap of 12 meters.

The Irish women also took first and second in the 400-meter hurdles, as freshman Kaila Barber claimed first with a time of 58.92, while sophomore Megan Yanik took a close second with a time of 1:00.24.

Junior Rebecca Tracy claimed the third victory Saturday in the 1,500-meter run as she finished with a time of 4:20.05. The pattern of the Irish sweeping the top-two spots following a victory was continued, as sophomore Kelly Curran took second with a time of

4:22.64.

Despite the impressive showing Saturday, the Irish managed to top this performance on Sunday as the team went on to claim five first-place finishes. In the field events, freshman Keith Mesidor won the long jump with a leap of 7.28 meters. Also in the field, All-American senior Kevin Schipper took first in the pole vault with a vault of 5.40 meters. For Schipper, this vault was a season-best by .50 meters and moved him up 10th nationally for the pole vault and 3rd in the Big East.

On the track, the Irish thrived as well. Freshman Aijah Urssery, who won the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.4 seconds, led the Irish. Urssery continued her strong day with a second-place finish in the 100-meter dash (11.75 seconds).

Also, Tracy continued to shine with another first place finish. She won her second event of the weekend with a time of 2:06.44 in the 800-meter. Freshman Jade Barber rounded off the Irish victories when she finished the 100-meter dash in 54.90 seconds. Close behind her was sophomore Michelle Brown, who finished the race in 55.56 seconds.

Yet, the Irish were without Rae and senior Johnathan Shawel, who had traveled across the country to compete in the Mt. SAC

Relays. The Relays are an elite level of competition that features athletes at all levels. Both players competed in the 1,500-meter run. Shawel shined, finishing 25th overall with a time of 3:49.24.

Yet, Shawel's strong performance was overshadowed by the stellar performance put on by Rae. Rae placed fifth overall with a time of 3:40.93. Still, this time was more than good enough as it gave Rae the top collegiate time in the event. On top of this, Rae now has moved into third in the Big East with that time, as well as third overall in the country.

The results weren't as positive as one might expect, Rae said.

"I'm just a lot fitter than I was in the past, so I was able to [set a personal record] in the event without doing my best," Rae said. "I'm happy that I got the [personal record] but I also know I can go a lot faster so I'm not really that happy with it."

This desire to always do better is something the Irish will look to embrace in the coming days. The team will travel to Des Moines, Iowa for the Drake Relays, a three-day event that will take place all day Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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ROWING

Irish keep up with California rivals

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The Irish pulled out three wins in their final non-conference regatta against two highly ranked West Coast teams in Stanford and USC.

Facing off against teams considered as rivals in other sports, Notre Dame found success in the varsity four, which won both races against the Cardinal and Trojans.

The Irish didn't have the same success in the larger boat races. While they finished within 12 seconds of the winner in each race, the varsity eight did not secure a win. The second varsity eight lost in their morning race to USC, but bounced back with a win in their afternoon race against Stanford.

Irish junior Abby Meyers said the races were a big test for the Irish as their season winds to an end.

"I think it was a really good opportunity to race really fast teams," Meyers said. "USC is ranked fifth and Stanford is ranked 12th nationally. So to be able pull out wins and keep up with teams like that is really important."

With the Irish coming close in each of their races, it is a good sign for their progress looking forward.

"It's a huge deal, because to a lot of people, we might seem slower than other teams," Meyers said. "But these races proved that we're something

to watch out for."

Meyers thinks this will provide confidence and momentum going into the Big East Invitational.

"These races proved that we can hold our own against top teams," Meyers said. "I think knowing that, we can do well in

the Big East."

The Irish finish their regular season in the Big East Invitational this upcoming weekend in Indianapolis.

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Sophomore right-handed pitcher Laura Winter throws a pitch during Notre Dame's 3-0 home win over DePaul on Saturday.

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Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said the key to scoring runs off DePaul sophomore pitcher Kirsten Verdun, who, like Winter, started all three games, was scoring early and giving the middle of the order chances to drive in runs.

"In all three games, we scored in the first three innings," Gumpf said. "I think that our top of the lineup did a great job of setting the table for us. [Junior rightfielder] Kelsey [Thornton] and [senior centerfielder] Alexa Maldonado) started us off, and then Amy Buntin came up big three times in three games. So I think the top of the lineup did a great job of really setting the table to be able to give us opportunities to score."

O'Donnell ran into trouble in the fifth, as the Blue Demons (26-17, 8-6) scored three runs of their own, forcing Winter back into the game. Winter got out of trouble, finishing the game without allowing another run.

The Irish scored what proved to be the winning run in the bottom of the sixth when Maldonado scored on a wild pitch to give Notre Dame a 4-3 lead.

In Sunday's series finale, the Irish offense came out aggressively, scoring twice in the first inning to take a 2-0 lead.

"The reason why we were very successful [Sunday] was because we scored early, and our pitching staff kept us in the ballgame every single inning," Gumpf said.

Winter kept the Irish in the game, as she breezed through the first three innings, before allowing runners to reach first and third in the fourth. With one out, DePaul senior rightfielder Katelyn Braget hit a high chopper over the head of freshman third baseman Katey Haus to plate a run and make it a 2-1 game.

Winter managed to get out of the jam, but the Blue Demons were back threatening in the sixth inning with runners on first and second and one out. However, Winter forced junior outfielder Samantha Dodd to line out to Irish freshman second baseman Jenna Simon, who fired the ball to Miller at first to complete the double play.

Winter then cruised through the seventh inning, securing the win.

"These wins were huge nationally, regionally and in the Big East conference," Gumpf said. "It just puts us in a really good position to take a spot away from DePaul [in the Big East] and take it ourselves. DePaul is a really good ball club, and they are going to be in the regional tournament. They are the type of team we are going to be playing in the postseason, so this is exactly what we wanted to do."

The Irish look to make it six wins in a row Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium when they take on Michigan State.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Powell scores winner in OT

By BRIAN HARTNETT
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With No. 6 Notre Dame and No. 12 Georgetown both averaging more than 14 goals per game, most would have expected Saturday's battle between the Big East foes to be a high-powered offensive shootout.

Instead, fans at Multi-Sport Stadium in Washington were treated to 66 minutes of a defensive showdown, culminating in a sudden-death goal by Notre Dame sophomore attack Lindsay Powell to give the Irish (12-2, 5-2 Big East) a 7-6 victory over the Hoyas (8-6, 4-3 Big East).

With double overtime winding down, Powell took a long outlet pass from senior defender Megan Sullivan after Sullivan forced a turnover near the Irish goal. Rushing 30 yards upfield, Powell buried a shot past sophomore goalie Barb Black with 39 seconds on the clock, sending the Irish home with a win.

"There was no set play," Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said of Powell's goal. "Our defense got a massive [stop] when they were trying to run a play and pushed the fast break ultimately into Lindsay Powell's hands. At least three, if not four, of our goals were fast breaks, so our transition game did a great job capturing some momentum, and ultimately helped us win the game."

In addition to the transition game, Notre Dame's defense came out in full force, as junior goalie Ellie Hilling tied a career-high with 16 saves, and the Irish forced 16 turnovers en

route to holding Georgetown to its lowest offensive output of the season.

"I thought our [one versus one] defense was outstanding today," Halfpenny said. "Our discipline, our ability to stick to the gameplan and our ability to play team defense and dictate were huge. At the end of the day, our girls played with conviction when they were aggressive, and they were able to come up with some great turnovers because they played on their instincts at times."

The Irish offense struggled to convert opportunities early, totaling just two goals in the first half. After Sullivan scored the team's first goal at the 25:54 mark, Notre Dame would not find the goal until junior attack Jaimie Morrison's tally with 5:13 remaining. Despite the low offensive output, the Irish went into halftime tied, as the defense limited the Hoyas to two goals.

"We were taking looks that they gave us and not necessarily working for the ones we wanted to at the beginning of the game," Halfpenny said. "We did have some wide-open looks, and we were just uncharacteristically failing by putting some of our shots over the goal. At halftime, we made some adjustments where we really wanted to play Notre Dame lacrosse."

Notre Dame found itself in trouble early in the second half, as Georgetown scored two goals in less than 90 seconds to take a 4-2 lead. The Irish responded with a scoring burst of their own, as senior attack Maggie Tamasis found the goal with 18:44 left and freshman mid-

fielder Caitlin Gargan tied the game just 12 seconds later.

The remainder of the half proved to be a back-and-forth struggle, with both teams trading goals. Georgetown sophomore midfielder Hannah Franklin gave the Hoyas the lead with 8:35 remaining, but Irish sophomore attack Lauren Sullivan knotted the game at five, converting on a pass from Tamasis.

Sophomore midfielder Kaitlyn Brocco gave the Irish the lead with a goal at the 3:44 mark, but Georgetown junior attack Rosie Corcoran provided the equalizing score with 2:54 remaining, forcing the game into overtime.

With the victory, the Irish move into sole possession of third place in the Big East.

Notre Dame will now look toward its most difficult challenge of the season on Wednesday, when it travels to Evanston, Ill., to face No. 1 Northwestern, a perennial power in women's lacrosse. Halfpenny said a major key to the game will be the Irish defense, especially as they battle Northwestern senior attack Shannon Smith, the reigning Tewaaron Award winner.

"I think the keys are going to be certainly containing their offense, limiting Shannon Smith, and then, as we take care of that, we're going to have to run with Northwestern, handle their pressure, and play our game," Halfpenny said. "We're very excited about this challenge, and we think it comes at a very important time in the season right now."

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good to be down, but if you think about it from a defensive standpoint, we have confidence just because we have [come back] before," junior goalie John Kemp said. "Our offense has really picked it up as the season has progressed, and at halftime, we realized we were getting what we wanted in terms of shots and opportunities. We just weren't really cashing in."

Right on cue, the Irish came out of the locker room with two quick goals from Rogers and senior midfielder Max Pfeifer to tie the game at four with 13:47 remaining in the third. Four minutes later, Rogers gave Notre Dame its first lead of the evening, as he completed his hat trick.

Goals from freshman midfielder Will Corrigan and junior midfielders Pat Cotter and Ryan Foley extended the lead to 8-4 before Villanova senior midfielder C.J. Small broke a 39:13 scoreless draught, scoring with just under 11 minutes remaining.

The Irish responded just 26 seconds later when junior midfielder Tyler Kimball sent home a shot to bring the lead back to four.

The Wildcats scored two goals to make it 9-7 with 9:18 left to play, but Kemp and the rest of the defense shut out Villanova for the remainder of the game.

Kemp said the improved defensive performance was simply a result of the defense regaining its composure.

"I think we just got settled



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Freshman attack Conor Doyle looks for a teammate during Notre Dame's 9-1 home win over Providence on April 7.

down," Kemp said. "We had a couple mishaps on the slides and communication in the first quarter, but we settled down. It was a big away game with a big crowd, but that's not an excuse. We just settled down, to be honest."

Sophomore attack Westy Hopkins put the finishing touches on the win with his 10th goal of the season with about 90 seconds left.

The win was the fifth against ranked opponents this season for the Irish, something that will prove helpful in future matchups with ranked opponents, both in the regular season and beyond, Rogers said.

"It definitely helps us playing teams like Duke, Denver, Villanova and Georgetown, because you get used to these tough battles where you really have to step up at the end of the game," Rogers said. "It will really pay dividends in the playoffs, because our team has confidence down the stretch."

The Irish will look for that confidence to pay off when they try to run their winning streak to 10 games in a matchup against No. 14 Syracuse on Saturday at 5 p.m. at Arlotta Stadium. The game will be broadcast on ESPNU.

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whole. In fact, it is the only time we, and Irish coach Brian Kelly, will see this type of extended action until Sept. 1 in Dublin.

So, yeah, I would take this a little bit more seriously than most are.

Most saw what they expected from Tommy Rees, Manti Te'o and Cierre Wood. But I want to draw attention to what we didn't expect: those pleasant surprises who, after Saturday's scrimmage, have Irish fans thinking about what could be in this fast-approaching season.

Biggest surprise: Golson

If people told you they weren't surprised by how well Everett Golson played, they are probably lying (or, are Golson himself). The dual-threat quarterback surprised us all with his arm strength, his tenacity and, most importantly, his poise.

Golson led his squad to points on every possession except the first. He topped all quarterbacks with 120 yards and two touchdowns on 11-for-15 passing. The rising sophomore was also the only Irish quarterback without a turnover.

The biggest hit on Golson is his size, or lack thereof. But the six-foot quarterback took hits with the best of them — including a punishing “Welcome-to-the-show” late hit by Te'o — and also knew when to drop his shoulder and push for the first down.

But it was the young gunslinger's patience to let plays develop that impressed.

And this just in — Golson can throw. He was extremely accurate on short passes, while throwing one touchdown pass from the pocket and the other on a bootleg right. Meanwhile, his mid-to-long-range passes were so tight on a line (like his 31-yard zinger to Tyler Eifert) that the path could have been the wire for NBC's Skycam. Without a doubt, you could “NBCee-it,” with “it” being his potential for greatness.

Pleasant Surprise: George Atkinson

Sure, Atkinson had more carries than all the other running backs combined, but he was known for only one thing last year: returning kicks for touchdowns. It's not a bad trade, but not too many could have seen Atkinson rushing for 124 yards against a terrifying front seven. But the best part of his stat line was his 8.3 yards per carry.

The highlight of the day for the rising sophomore was a dominating, “put-the-team-on-my-back” 30-yard run in the second quarter. The linebacking corps met Atkinson in the backfield, but No. 4 wouldn't let it stop him, juking, spinning and turning on the afterburners, while breaking tackles with ease. The two fumbles didn't help, but what people will remember most is how well he ran.

We know how good Cierre Wood will be this year, we saw how good Theo Riddick will be and we heard how good USC-transfer Amir Carlisle will be. But now you add Atkinson to the mix, and this rushing attack could be a major key to

Notre Dame's success this season. These four could take the brunt of the pressure off “Quarterback Quad” and make defenses account for a remarkably balanced offense. It is about time to spread the love to the running backs in Kelly's spread offense.

Unexpected surprise: Lo Wood

The secret is out on the Irish defense already: Attack the secondary. And with USC's Matt Barkley and Oklahoma's Landry Jones on the 2012 menu, things could get scary. The success of the secondary is intertwined with the amount of pressure the front seven can put on opposing quarterbacks. But it doesn't hurt to have a surefire, diligent tackler with solid fundamentals.

We saw a glimpse of that with Lo Wood.

The cornerback recorded six tackles in the first half alone, and was aggressive at the point of attack. Coverage-wise, he was solid, but even Kelly has said he doesn't need Wood to be a lockdown corner. He just needs to be consistent in coverage and continue to be aggressive with the ball carrier.

Honorable Mention

Ishaq Williams, Anthony Rabasa and DeVaris Daniels could easily be crucial role players this season and did enough to show that Saturday. Williams recovered a fumble and snagged an interception, Rabasa was all over the field and Daniels showed brief previews of his amazing athleticism.

With these surprises, it looks like this season's harvest could be quite fruitful. That is, unless I took this game too seriously.

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Sophomore quarterback George Atkinson evades a defender during Saturday's Blue-Gold game, which the defense won 42-31.

Blue-Gold

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my Rees and Andrew Hendrix, sophomore Everett Golson and freshman Gunner Kiel. Kelly said each of the quarterbacks showed both progress and areas for growth.

“I think there were strides made, but clearly we're not there yet,” Kelly said. “We've got a lot of work to do with all the quarterbacks to get them to the level that we want — and we have a high bar set for them.”

Rees completed 7-of-14 passes for 84 yards and one interception, struggling to find his accuracy at times. However, the returning starter expressed confidence in how his spring went overall.

“There is obviously one ball [I'd like to get] back, but other than that, I feel like things went all right,” Rees said. “Obviously that interception put a damper on things. But I'm happy with how spring ended.”

Golson had the closest thing to a breakout performance, completing 11-of-15 passes for 120 yards and two touchdowns while losing one fumble. Despite his game-best stat line, Golson was not satisfied with his game.

“Coach Kelly has made it apparent to me that I have developed the art of [the quarterback position], but the science is still something I have to work on,” he said. “If I had to assess the day I would say it was average. I made some good plays, but there are

still some things that I have to clean up.”

Hendrix completed 4-of-9 passes for 51 yards while throwing one touchdown and an interception. Hendrix was unhappy with the mistake that led to his interception.

“I started off strong, obviously threw an interception, which is not what you want,” he said. “The thing about this spring versus any other time is that I know better (than to make mistakes). I knew what I should be doing and it's just attention to detail at this point.”

Kiel saw no action in the first quarter but took every snap under center in the second half, which was shortened to two eight-minute quarters with a running clock. Kiel completed five of his 10 passes for 57 yards and one interception but was hampered by his limited knowledge of the playbook, Kelly said.

“We can't run everything with Gunner at this point. He just doesn't have the knowledge base,” Kelly said. “So from that standpoint, we gave him all the reps in the second half, and got him an opportunity to really feel like he was part of the game.”

Kelly said the eventual starter would emerge during summer workouts and fall practice.

“Now this summer, they've got to help themselves,” he said. “The guy that really commits to the details this summer is probably one of the guys that's going to start it.”

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brought freshman right-hander Pat Connaughton to the mound Saturday afternoon. Connaughton threw six scoreless innings in his longest outing of the season.

“I thought Pat did pretty well, and all in all, I think he was a lot better yesterday than against Cincinnati last time out,” Aoki said. “He was working ahead in the count a little bit more, and the tempo of the game lent itself to us a little bit better because we weren't behind in counts and instead we were working advantages. A couple three-run innings for us and then having a guy on the mound that the team had confidence in was huge.”

Aoki said Connaughton, who is also on the basketball team, continues to get better as the season goes on, as he has the opportunity to focus on the diamond rather than the hardwood.

“He has to do a better job of closing some of the times when he had a two-strike count, but as a whole I think he has been improving and continuing to get better,” Aoki said.

The Irish pounded the ball Saturday and won 14-4 to close out the series. Inspecting the series against the Hoyas as a whole, Aoki said the three-game set gave a crucial boost to the team's confidence about playing on the road.

“I think that game was a big deal because of our struggles winning away from home,” Aoki said. “After the first game, Eric Jagielo continued to swing the bat really well, along with the other guys.”

The Irish now stand in fifth place in the Big East standings, two games behind first-place Connecticut, which has a league record of 11-4.

The Irish will face Central Michigan this Wednesday, with first pitch at 5:35 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium, where Notre Dame is 8-2 this season.

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FOOTBALL

A sneak peek

Quarterback spot still up for grabs

By ALLAN JOSEPH
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It was just an intrasquad scrimmage, but that didn't stop Irish coach Brian Kelly from enjoying Saturday's 42-31 Gold win in the Blue-Gold Game.

"There was a nice feel around campus today," he said. "For all of our players, you could sense an excitement around campus ... Our guys got the opportunity to play before a nice crowd today, and I think it really excited them getting out there and seeing the support that we had out there."

Most of the eyes in that crowd were focused on the four quarterbacks who saw playing time in pursuit of the starting position — juniors Tom-

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KEVIN SONG/The Observer

Sophomore quarterback Everett Golson passes downfield during Saturday's Blue-Gold Game. He completed 11-of-15 passes for 120 yards and two touchdowns.

A serious look at the Blue-Gold game

They say not to take the Blue-Gold game seriously. But I say: Why not?

We still saw guys compete for their spots. It was a starting offense — minus a set quarterback — and a starting defense playing against each other. This was two hours of live-game action, with the starting units working as a



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BASEBALL

Home runs spark road sweep against Georgetown

By BRENDAN BELL
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Notre Dame broke away from the middle of the Big East pack in fashion, sweeping rival Georgetown in a three-game series over the weekend in Washington.

The Irish (22-16, 9-6 Big East) defeated the Hoyas (18-21, 5-10) 5-2 and 7-4 in a pair of games on Friday, following the doubleheader with a domi-

nant 14-4 victory Saturday afternoon.

The big swing of the series was Friday afternoon, when sophomore third baseman Eric Jagielo came up in the top of the ninth with the score knotted 2-2. Jagielo popped a three-run go-ahead home run that gave the Irish a commanding 5-2 lead. The homer was his second of the game.

"It was a really big home run, because I thought we

had thoroughly dominated that game and we still found ourselves tied," Aoki said. "So when he hit that home run, and with the way we had been pitching, it really helped us for the rest of the game and series."

Two-home-run games were the trend for the Irish this weekend, as sophomore first baseman Trey Mancini came back in the second game of the doubleheader and delivered a

pair of solo shots, sparking the Irish to a 7-4 win.

"Trey came back and gutted it out after he got banged up last week," Aoki said. "He was able to play and get some good swings on the ball."

Mancini's performance goes beyond the numbers, though, as Aoki said his return has restored a sense of confidence in the dugout.

"When Trey got hurt at the end of the Seton Hall weekend,

our performances were a little bit up and down afterwards," Aoki said. "Since he got back, it adds a lot to our lineup and he puts people back into their comfort zone. There is not as much of a sense of urgency, because when our lineup is all together, there is a feeling we can get back in games easier."

After a pair of victories in the doubleheader, the Irish

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish survive early deficit against Nova

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

Maybe this team should try to give up first-half goals.

A week after overcoming a 5-1 halftime deficit to beat Georgetown, the No. 4 Irish scored eight unanswered goals after being down 4-0 during the first quarter, and never looked back en route to a 10-7 victory over No. 11 Villanova on Saturday at Villanova Stadium.

The familiarity of the situation helped Notre Dame settle down and make a comeback after allowing the four early goals, senior attack Sean Rogers said.

"I wasn't surprised at all [when we got down]," Rogers said. "We had been in that situation multiple times before against St. John's and Georgetown ... So we were really pretty relaxed and not worried at all."

Notre Dame (10-1, 5-0 Big East) won its ninth-consecutive game, and clinched the top seed in next month's Big East championship along the way.



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Senior attack Sean Rogers makes a break for the goal during Notre Dame's 9-1 home win over the Friars on April 7.

The Wildcats (8-5, 4-1) opened up a quick 4-0 lead just more than 10 minutes into the game, with goals from four different players. With 4:18 remaining in the opening quarter, freshman attack Conor Doyle began the Irish comeback with his eighth goal of the season.

Rogers then scored the first

of his three goals with 8:57 to play in the first half to make it a 4-2 game. The score remained that way at the half-way point. Going into the game, the Irish were 3-0 when trailing at halftime.

"I mean obviously, it's not

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Winter throws second no-hitter of career

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Three games. Three wins. Two days. One winning pitcher. One no-hitter.

Sophomore pitcher Laura Winter started all three games for the Irish in their series against DePaul, which started with Winter earning her second career no-hitter in a 3-0 win Saturday. The no-hitter was the first-ever at Melissa Cook Stadium, which opened in 2008.

The right-hander from San Diego — who also tossed a no-hitter against South Florida as a freshman — retired the first 13 batters she faced before walking DePaul senior outfielder Katelyn Braget in the fifth inning, losing the perfect game.

Despite the historic performance, Winter said she was unaware of the situation until after the game.

"I really didn't notice it until [senior first baseman] Dani [Miller] comes in," Winter said.

"She is always the first one to notice it. I remember at USF last year she came running in, she's screaming and I'm like 'We won, yeah!' but she's like, 'No, you had a no-hitter!' It was the same way [Saturday]. I had no idea until she came running in and jumping in, and then I was really excited."

Winter was back in the circle for the second game of Saturday's doubleheader, turning in four more shutout innings before junior pitcher Brittany O'Donnell replaced her.

Notre Dame (26-13, 8-3 Big East) broke a scoreless tie in the bottom of the fourth, when junior catcher Amy Buntin ripped an RBI single and Miller blasted a two-run home run to give the Irish a 3-0 lead.

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