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O'Brien to speak for graduates

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Senior Michael J. O'Brien has been named valedictorian of the 2012 Notre Dame graduating class and will present the valedictory address during the May 20 Commencement ceremony, the University announced in a press release Friday.



O'Brien

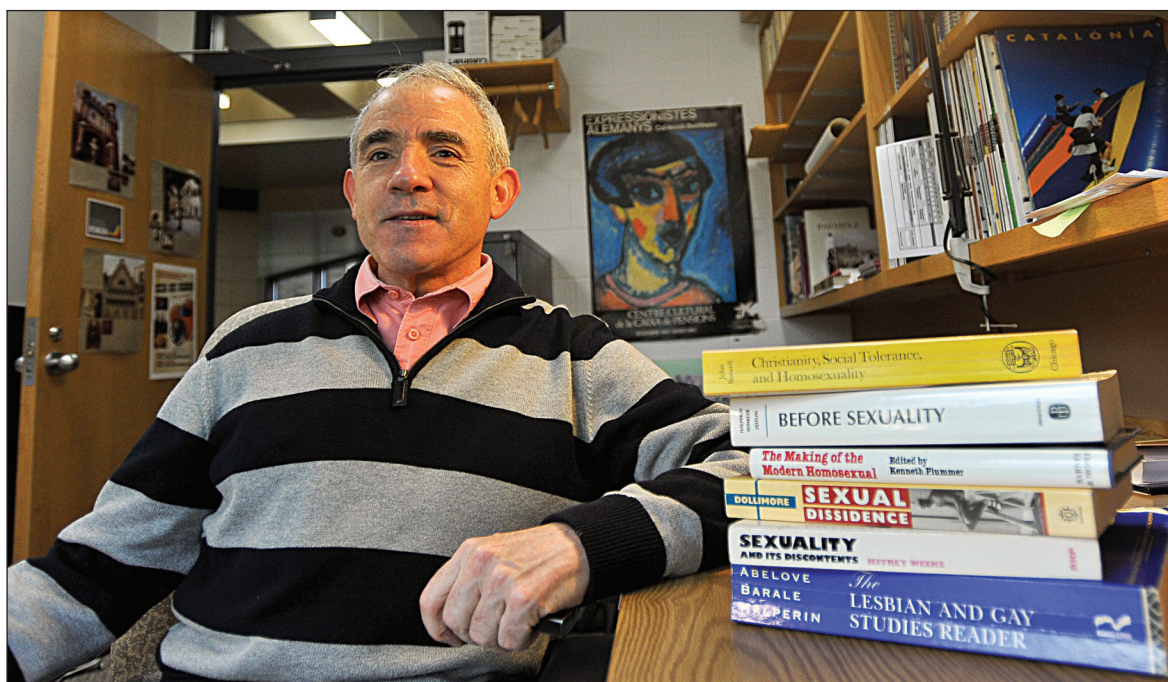
O'Brien, a political science major and philosophy minor from St. Charles, Ill., will graduate with a 4.0 grade point average and will also be awarded an International Business Certificate from the Mendoza College of Business.

O'Brien is editor-in-chief of "Beyond Politics: Undergraduate Journal of Politics," and serves as president of the Notre Dame College Democrats and vice president of service

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"Everything but equality"

Gay professors speak out to support student work towards inclusion



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Spanish professor Carlos Jerez-Farrán speaks out about the "invisible discrimination" he's experienced and the University's lack of promotion of his research on LGBTQ issues, seen in the books pictured.

By SARAH MERVOSH
Senior News Writer

The rising call for the expansion of rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) students, faculty and staff hit a speed bump last week when the University announced it would not add sexual orientation to its nondiscrimination clause.

In a press release, Notre Dame stated it would not change the wording of the nondiscrimination clause, but would take

other steps to help LGBTQ individuals feel more included on campus.

However, three gay professors who shared their stories with The Observer said the University's latest step toward inclusion was not enough. They say the administration's current nondiscrimination policy sends a clear message to LGBTQ students, faculty and staff — they are second-class citizens, and there is reason to be afraid.

It was because of this message that one professor asked

not to be recorded during The Observer's interview. In addition, these professors said this same message has caused other LGBTQ professors to leave the University and stopped some prospective students from enrolling.

However, these professors, who have collectively been teaching at the University for nearly 70 years, were willing to share their experiences in light of the student body's re

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Ex-worker sentenced to probation

Observer Staff Report

A former University employee in Notre Dame's Office of the Registrar who pled guilty to four counts of voyeurism will serve no time in prison, a judge ordered last week.

Don G. Steinke, 59, appeared in St. Joseph County Superior Court with his attorney, Mike Tuszynski, on April 26. Judge Jerome Frese sentenced Steinke to four years on probation and ordered him to complete 20 hours of volunteer work until he finds employment, according to court documents.

Steinke was arrested March 7, 2011 after a woman found a pen camera aimed at the toilet on the floor of a women's bathroom in Grace Hall. The pen camera was turned over to Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP), according to court documents. Steinke allegedly admitted to placing the camera in the women's restroom with the intent to retrieve the camera and download the recorded video content.

Frese also reduced Steinke's charges of four Class D felony counts of voyeur

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St. Edward's to keep lofts temporarily

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

After sparking protest from residents and alumni of St. Edward's Hall, the Office of Housing decided last week to reverse its plan to gradually introduce modular furniture in the dorm, originally set to begin this fall.

Jeff Shoup, director of the Office of Housing, said the original plan was to replace the existing furniture class by class.

"Our plan had been that we would have put modular furniture in all of the rooms where there were going to be freshmen next year," Shoup said. "The next year, all the rooms where there were going to be freshmen and sophomores would get modular furniture, and so on and so forth."

Sophomore Frank Soler, president of St. Edward's Hall, said building lofts is a dorm tradi-



Photo courtesy of Frank Soler

Pictured is a loft in St. Edward's Hall. Residents petitioned to keep the lofts after hearing of plans to phase them out.

tion and residents were blindsided by the proposed change.

"[The Office of Housing] never explained it to us, and they never asked our opinion on it,"

Soler said. "They went about it completely disregarding the students' perspective."

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Theater professor named Sheedy Award recipient

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

Last week, the College of Arts and Letters named theater professor Peter Holland the recipient of the 2012 Sheedy Excellence in Teaching Award.

Holland will be formally presented with the award at a Dec. 5 ceremony. Last year's Sheedy Award winner, history professor Thomas F.X. Noble, will introduce Holland, who will then



Holland

deliver a brief reflection on his pedagogy.

The award, named for former dean Fr. Charles E. Sheedy, is the most prestigious faculty honor in the College of Arts and Letters. Since 1970, it has been given to one professor each year who "has sustained excellence in research and instruction over a wide range of courses," according to the Arts and Letters website.

"It recognizes what's unique about Notre Dame and Arts and Letters in that it combines the best of a liberal arts college with the best of a research university," associate dean JoAnn Del

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*"Fisher
Regatta."*

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The Men's Crew Team competes at the Midwest American Collegiate Rowing Association Regatta on Saturday in Grand Rapids, Mich. The team came in third place overall.

*Information compiled from
the Associated Press.*

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Students get muddy for charity

By AMY KLOPFENSTEIN
News Writer

Hundreds of students got down and dirty during Muddy Sunday, Keenan Hall's signature mud volleyball tournament, at White Fields in support of Habitat for Humanity.

Keenan president Dennis Smith said the eighth annual tournament raised nearly \$12,000 for Habitat for Humanity and featured 180 teams of eight to ten players, the most in the history of the event. However, Smith said the change in venue presented a challenge for the tournament. In previous years, the tournament took place behind St. Mary's Lake, but Keenan was asked to hold the tournament in a different location, as it took a significant toll on the fields near the lake.

Teams competed against each other in a round-robin tournament, with the undefeated teams advancing to the finals.

Returning champions Pups 'n Suds won the tournament again this year and received Muddy Sunday tank tops as prizes. Sophomore Beth Meisinger, a member of Pups 'n Suds, said she enjoyed the tournament's combination of fun and philanthropy.

"It's so much fun to play in the mud and support such a great cause," she said.

Pups 'n Suds won six consecutive games to win the championship. Freshman Ashley Veselik said the championship and the post-game shower were the highlights of the tournament.

Junior event organizer Tim Scott said he has been planning Muddy Sunday since the beginning of the school year and has been involved with the event since his freshman year.



KIRBY McKENNA / The Observer

Team 'Murica competed in Keenan Hall's Muddy Sunday volleyball tournament along with 180 other teams at White Fields.

"My favorite part is just watching it all happen. Everyone is having so much fun," Scott said. "It's fun to just come out and watch and play in the mud."

Senior event organizer Mike Rodio also helped plan the event.

"I love dorm events that everyone gets involved in," he said.

Sophomore Caroline Thompson, captain of Team 'Murica, said she enjoys the 'muddy' aspect of the tournament.

"My favorite part is getting [dirty]," she said.

Scott said by advertising the tournament in the dining halls, it helped Keenan Hall spread the word about the tournament quickly throughout campus. He said he attributes the success of the tournament to one simple factor: fun.

"It's the [most fun] day of the year," Scott said.

After registration closed Friday night, Scott said he began creating brackets. Landscape Services tilled the fields and the Notre Dame Fire Department sprayed the fields to prepare the mud.

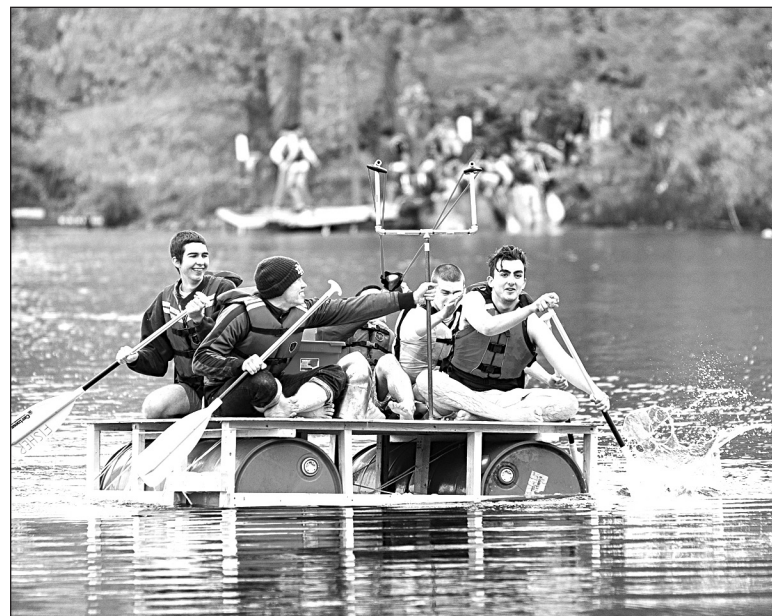
The tournament does generate some financial costs due to its size and scope, Scott said. Several nets broke during this year's tournament, but the registration fees of two teams would cover the cost of replacing them. The other main cost of the tournament is re-seeding the fields with grass after the games.

Smith said the event is a hectic one to run, but ultimately paid off.

"The morning was one of the most hectic mornings we've ever had, but it's looking better than ever now," Smith said.

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Regatta raises funds, fosters Fisher community



LAUREN FRITZ / The Observer

A crew from Keenan Hall paddles during Saturday's Fisher Regatta, held annually to raise money for charity.

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

The smell of burgers, lyrics of "Call Me Maybe" and cries of "You Gotta Regatta" filled the air around St. Mary's Lake on Saturday during the 26th annual Fisher Regatta.

A team of 15 Fisher Hall residents, led by juniors Patrick Bowlds, Matt Hart and Jeff Wang, organized this year's Regatta, which promotes camaraderie among Fisher residents and raises money for charity.

Bowlds said the event raised more than \$1,500 from entrance fees and sale of regatta tanks, all of which will be given to the André House of Hospitality in Phoenix, Arizona.

The competition featured 45 boats, including six from Fisher, Hart said. Two Fisher boats finished among the final four boats in the men's bracket.

For the second year in a row, Knott Hall's "Knacht Yott" took first place in the men's bracket. Juniors Rob Ray, James Kaull and Jeff Ulrich and seniors Hans Helland and Andrew Bell comprised the five-man crew during the final round. Another team member, freshman Alex Miram, filled in for Ray in the first round.

Ray designed the boat, which consisted of a fiberglass canoe with an attached outrigger that was added after the canoe capsized in its first year of use. He said this year's victory validated the team's success last year.

"The victory feels pretty good. Last year was an iffy win, so it's good to win two years in a row," Ray said.

"The Green Pearl" from Pangborn Hall won the women's bracket, crewed by freshmen Kate Christian and Ingrid Adams and juniors Katie Buczek and Linda Scheiber.

Adams said the team owed their victory to their hydrodynamically-designed boat. Buczek said speed was a major part of their design plan.

"We knew we wanted a canoe, because we wanted to go fast, and canoes tend to be faster than rafts," Buczek said.

Several boats proved less than lakeworthy during the course of the Regatta.

Dillon Hall's aptly-named "Big Red Box" began to rock side-to-side early in its journey across the lake. When it became clear the boat was going to capsize, safety personnel brought their boat alongside the "Big Red Box" and junior Trevor Dorn handed over his younger sister, Autumn Cavalieri, who was on board.

Cavalieri said her brother suggested she join the crew of the "Big Red Box," so her mother signed a waiver allowing her to participate.

She said she was not scared by the rocking of the boat and enjoyed participating in the Regatta.

"I liked the idea and I had a lot of fun doing it," she said.

The boat continued to sway after Cavalieri disembarked, and spectators cheered when it eventually capsized and the rowers were forced to swim ashore.

Junior Kyle Buckley said the group overestimated the number of people their boat could support.

"I want to say it was solidly built. It was the best dumpster we've ever built, but it just wasn't built for 15 people," Buckley said. "Next year when we're seniors, we'll build a box that will get across in style."

Another notable wreck was the largest boat in the competition: Fisher Hall's "El Flota Part Deux," a 16-by-8-foot raft, featuring two miniature basketball hoops that broke almost immediately after entering the water.

Hart said three crewmembers salvaged a section of the boat from the debris and beat their competing boat, which had also broken down, in what became a swimming race to shore.

Sophomore Stephen Elser said the experience was a memorable one.

"As soon as we got in the water there were cracks in the boat. Ten feet from the shore it broke into pieces, and I found myself on a piece with a hoop. Then [junior] Pete [Bratton] and [senior] Stevie [Biddle] helped me swim it to shore and finish the race," Elser said. "We beat the other boat, and it was the most fun I've had since the original 'El Flota' broke last year."

In addition to the boat races, spectators also enjoyed free food and music, which Hart said created a party-like atmosphere.

"The area by the food and speakers was described by one 'Fisher-man' as an outdoor dorm party," Hart said. "It was a good way to celebrate the end of the year."

Hart said he was happy to see students from other dorms enjoying the boat races as well.

"The Regatta is a celebration of Fisher, but it was also fun to see everyone else having a blast out there on the lake," he said.

Despite the chilly weather, Wang said it did not prevent participants and spectators from enjoying the event.

"I thought it was great that despite the weather not being warm and sunny people still showed up. The Regatta was still awesome," he said.

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cent push for expanded LG-BTQ rights at Notre Dame.

In the words of one, “The students have got the courage to sort of go and advocate for this stuff. We have to be willing to stand up and support them.”

In Susan Cannon Harris’ office in Decio Hall hangs a colorful drawing created with a child’s scribbling enthusiasm. To “mommy,” it reads. Next to it is a photo of Cannon Harris and her 4-year-old — the daughter she raises with her wife of nearly 24 years.

Cannon Harris is not hiding who she is.

The English and Irish studies professor is out to her colleagues in the English department, her students and even University President Fr. John Jenkins.

“I have not made any attempt to conceal it,” she said.

Though she feels accepted by her colleagues and students, Cannon Harris said the University’s official policies — particularly the nondiscrimination clause — make it difficult to feel completely comfortable as a lesbian faculty member.

“The fact that they refuse again and again to put [sexual orientation] in the nondiscrimination clause sends us the message that they want to preserve the option of discriminating against employees based on sexual orientation,” Cannon Harris said. “It is hard to feel as if we are equal members of the community.”

While Cannon Harris was grateful that last week’s press release recognized the University’s need to improve inclusion of LGBTQ individuals, she said being “included” and “tolerated” as members of the Notre Dame community is not enough.

“Those things are both different from having equality, which is, you have rights and we cannot infringe them,” she said. “I do wonder why they’re willing to give us everything but equality.”

Cannon Harris said the absence of sexual orientation from the nondiscrimination clause has a psychological effect on LGBTQ faculty.

For example, when coming up for tenure, professors typically ask themselves whether they have done enough research or met the standard in the classroom.

“I, because of Notre Dame’s special situation, also had to ask the question, is all of that going to matter? Are they going to deny me tenure just because I’m a lesbian?” she said. “Even though I mostly didn’t think that they would,

it was in the back of my mind. And that is very destructive.”

Since Cannon Harris received tenure in 2004, she has had to worry a bit less. She now feels safe telling her students she is a lesbian on the first day of the semester, and is able to more openly discuss literature with gay content.

Still, the anxiety lingers, and Cannon Harris simply wants to be given equal rights by the University she has given so much to.

“I have been working here for 13 years. It’s the only academic job I’ve ever had,” she said. “I have been very loyal to the institution ... All the other gay faculty here have done the same, and the staff too. We deserve for the institution to recognize that and treat us the way we deserve to be treated.”

While Spanish professor Carlos Jerez-Farrán has never experienced overt discrimination during his 26 years teaching at Notre Dame, he said there is a different type of discrimination here — one that is unseen, but equally destructive.

“The invisible discrimination that tells people inaudibly and invisibly, ‘Don’t appear if you do not want to disappear,’” he said. “In other words, don’t make yourself too audible or too visible [or you will be silenced.]”

Jerez-Farrán said he felt this type of discrimination when he put up posters about LGBTQ issues on his office door, and later found they had been taken down. It can also be felt by the University’s unwillingness to promote LGBTQ research, he said.

While he has received funding in recent years to conduct research on LGBTQ issues, he said the University is unlikely to promote it.

“You may publish a book on politics or music, and chances are that it will be granted some recognition on the web page of the University,” he said. “I haven’t been featured by the University for my work on LGBTQ issues for obvious reasons. I don’t expect to be either, no matter how innovating my research may be.”

Jerez-Farrán said the University might not not publicize his books because it considers them incompatible with Catholic values, but he said he could make the same argument about some scientific research, such as that done in the radiation lab.

However, Jerez-Farrán said linking someone’s sexuality with their academic contribution seems like an outdated way of thinking.

“As if what people chose to do with their genitals had anything to do with what they chose to do with their intellect,” he said. “It is this pre-modern attitude adopted



GRANT TOBIN / The Observer

English professor Susan Cannon Harris speaks about working as an openly lesbian professor at the University and the challenges she has faced during her 13 years at Notre Dame.

by a pre-modern institution that can make promising scholars and students think twice before coming to Notre Dame.”

While Jerez-Farrán said he does not discuss his own sexuality in the classroom, the first course he offered after receiving tenure was one on gay and lesbian literature. In other classes, he will teach a few texts and films by gay writers and directors to show how art can stem from the gay experience.

“It is the most effective way to combat homophobia, through education,” he said. “Ironically, it is one of the components of the courses I teach which often seems to be enjoyed most.”

Despite the challenges of teaching at a university that he considers quite closeted, Jerez-Farrán has stayed at Notre Dame for a quarter of a century. He enjoys his students and with Chicago nearby, he can take advantage of cultural opportunities.

“I prefer to be positive and look for the virtues and advantages of a given institution rather than its phobias,” he said. “Homosexuality, after all, is a problem heterosexuals have. We, gays, just want to be left alone.”

While art history professor Robert Coleman’s own experience as a gay faculty member has generally been positive, he has watched LGBTQ students suffer during his 30 years at the University.

“Coming here, I didn’t expect to find such a wall, barrier,” he said. “One basically lives quietly.”

In the mid-80s, Coleman served as an unofficial advisor to a gay student group seeking official recognition

from the University. In that role, he said students would come to him in tears as they struggled to come to grips with their sexual orientation.

“I heard a story from a young man whose mother told him if she had known he had been gay, she would have had an abortion,” Coleman said. “Even now, I kind of tear up when I think about that young man’s story.”

It was around that time that Coleman decided he could not continue investing himself in a cause that was met with such resistance from the administration.

“Emotionally, I had to pull myself back,” he said. “I became too depressed by the whole situation.”

However, Coleman has not completely detached himself from the issue and occasionally chooses to make his voice known. For example, Coleman came out to Fr. Edward “Monk” Malloy when he was University president.

“I said, ‘You know, as one of your gay faculty, I really must protest the way in which the administration views the GLBT issue here,’” Coleman said. “It was not easy to say that ... but I felt it was my responsibility.”

Coleman said Malloy was receptive to his point of view, and he has never experienced any form of discrimination or harassment during his time at the University. He also said he has never felt any limits on his academic freedom to discuss LGBTQ issues when appropriate in the classroom.

However, he said the University’s policy on LGBTQ issues gives the impression that Notre Dame does not embrace everyone equally. For example, last week’s press release did not include the term transgender, which

is traditionally represented by the T in LGBTQ.

“They left out the ‘T’ on the LGBT, so where are they?” Coleman said. “You’re not being acknowledged as being a whole person here.”

While he said some steps the University mentioned in the press release are important, they do not change the fact that Notre Dame has not given equal rights to LGBTQ members of its community.

“In light of this more recent press release, it’s just a lot of florid language ... I don’t really see much of a difference here, frankly,” he said. “If a person doesn’t feel comfortable and have the same rights as everyone else, then they are second-class citizens. It’s as simple as that.”

Coleman said he knows of students who turned down the University because of its stance on LGBTQ issues. While he is not aware of any faculty who were denied tenure or fired because of their sexual orientation, Coleman has seen LGBTQ faculty leave because they did not feel comfortable.

“I know plenty of people who have upped and left,” he said. “Some people have decided that this wasn’t the place for them.”

While Coleman understands the argument that adding sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause goes against Church teaching, this has not stopped other religious universities from giving LGBTQ individuals equal rights, he said.

“We know of other Catholic institutions in this country where it’s not a problem, so why is it a problem here?” he said. “It makes you begin to wonder who runs this place.”

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for Notre Dame Circle K.

He is also a fellow in Notre Dame’s National Security Program and has participated in small-group discussions with national security scholars and experts.

Under the direction of political science professor Sebastian Rosato, O’Brien de-

veloped an original theory on the influence of the structure of unipolar international systems on the foreign policy behavior of the unipolar state. He has also researched religious freedom, regime composition and Islamic political movements in Muslim-majority countries.

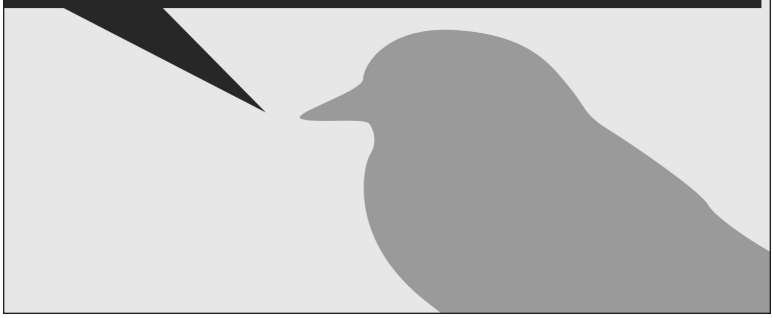
This summer, O’Brien and Rosato will co-author an article on the durability of U.S. primacy, which will be published by the Nobel Institute in Norway and an American

journal of international relations.

A finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship and the Gates Cambridge Scholarship, O’Brien will enter the University of Chicago Law School this far on a full-tuition merit scholarship.

Senior Ashley K. Logsdon, a double major in biological science and theology from Pickerington, Ohio, will give the Commencement invocation. She will graduate with a 3.99 grade point average.

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Holland

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laNeva said. “We expect professors to be excellent in both teaching and research, and our students are beneficiaries of that.”

Holland, one of the world’s foremost authorities on Shakespeare in performance, was chosen to receive the award based on “extraordinary” nominations from both students and faculty members that praised his engaged teaching style and informed scholarship, DellaNeva said.

“We had some wonderful letters of nominations for him that talked movingly about him as a concerned professor who goes out of his way for his students, particularly the undergraduates,” she said. “We also had nominations from faculty working with him who were also really impressed by his truly exceptional undergraduate teaching.”

In one nomination, a student praised Holland for channeling his passion into the classroom.

“Holland continually stunned me and my friends with his knowledge and a contagious passion for Shakespeare,” the nomination stated. “When describing him to students who haven’t taken a class with him, I always say, ‘He knows more about Shakespeare than Shakespeare did.’”

Jim Collins, chair of the Department of Film, Television and Theatre and the 2010 Sheedy Award recipient, said Holland’s concern for the ideas of his students and his passion for Shakespeare create a decidedly unique classroom environment.

“What really makes Peter’s teaching so exceptional is not just his erudition. It’s how he

values student voices at the same time he shares his vast knowledge of Shakespeare,” Collins said. “Students find his classes mesmerizing because they know they’re generating new knowledge together. It’s that spontaneous combustion in the classroom ... that makes the learning so exhilarating.”

The College solicits nominations for the award from the Arts and Letters community in February, DellaNeva said.

Professors nominated by students and faculty are then considered by a committee consisting of DellaNeva, three former Sheedy Award winners and two undergraduate students.

“All the nominees are outstanding and deserving of the award,” DellaNeva said. “It’s a very difficult process to name just one, and we would name five each year if we could. The people who aren’t named for the award

this year will be reconsidered next year because they are such outstanding candidates.” DellaNeva said Holland’s breadth of teaching also set him apart from other candidates.

“He also works very closely with some graduate students,” she said. “His work with graduate and undergraduate students and his outreach in bringing Shakespeare to the general public were all unique to his nomination.”

Holland, who served as director of the Shakespeare Institute at Stratford-upon-Avon before coming to Notre Dame in 2002,

said teaching at the University has been a transformative experience due to the high level of engagement of his students.

“Before I came to Notre Dame, I was getting burned out as a teacher, but teaching here has revived the experience for me,” he said. “It’s fun to teach Notre Dame students. I get a deep pleasure every time I go to class, and my heart goes up on the way there. This is what I got into the profession to do.”

His students also strengthen the relationship between his teaching and research, Holland said.

“My teaching informs my research because smart students ask smart questions that push me to rethink what I’m doing and how I do it in my research,” he said. “My research informs my teaching because it is entirely on Shakespeare, which is what I spend my time teaching here.”

Without engaged, curious students, professors cannot exercise their full teaching potential, Holland said.

“You can be a good teacher with bad students, but I don’t think anyone would know about it,” he said.

Although the pool of nominees for the Sheedy Award was quite competitive, Holland said he thinks one intangible quality gave him an advantage over other nominees.

“I do have one built-in advantage over other faculty, which is that I can’t help the fact that I have a British accent,” he said.

Above all, Holland said he is thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the Notre Dame community.

“I really do feel lucky to

be working, teaching and researching at Notre Dame,” he said. “The accident that brought me here shows some kind of good luck and good fortune. It’s a pretty good place to be.”

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Soler said residents of the dorm began a petition as soon as they heard the news and obtained 90 signatures in one hour. The final petition, sent to administrators in the Office of Housing, the Office of Residence Life and the Office of Student Affairs, boasted more than 200 signatures, he said.

In addition, student body president Brett Rocheleau spoke to the Office of Housing on behalf of the hall, Soler addressed the Hall Presidents’ Council and Student Senate discussed a resolution supporting a reversal of the mandatory move to modular furniture during last Wednesday’s meeting.

Alumni of St. Edward’s Hall also flooded the Office of Housing with notes of disapproval regarding the change, Soler said.

In a letter sent to leaders of St. Edward’s Hall, Shoup stated the Office of Housing is temporarily postponing the transition to modular furniture in the dorm.

“After receiving several letters, calls, e-mails and visits, we have decided to delay the purchase of modular furniture for St. Ed’s,” Shoup stated in the letter. “The hall will eventually receive new furniture, likely in the next five years.”

He said St. Edward’s residents would be involved in choosing appropriate modular furniture when the time comes.

“We are hopeful that when we are planning for this change to occur, student representatives will have the opportunity to be a part of the selection process of the furniture,” he stated in the letter. “We do anticipate, however, that it is likely that all the old student room furniture will be removed at one time, rather than in stages.”

Soler said residents of the hall are grateful the Office of Housing listened to their concerns.

“Allowing us to continue to have lofts, or at least have a hand in the conversation, is a big deal for the students

because to take away a big part of your culture and have it be forcibly taken away, you feel like you’re being robbed of something,” he said. “Whereas if we have to make the change eventually and we can at least be part of the discussion, then it’s a whole different attitude toward the change.”

Shoup said only seven dorms on campus lack modular furniture, and all of these halls will eventually make the switch.

“Furniture can only last so long, and ... for example in [St. Edward’s Hall], I think that most of that furniture has been there since the [1981] fire ... in the 1970s,” he said. “You have to have a replacement plan.”

The Office of Housing will first focus on dorms that have both old and new furniture before addressing halls without modular furniture, Shoup said.

“We still have ... two or three halls that still have a little bit of old furniture in them,” he said. “So we’re going to, for this summer, put on hold any one particular hall but try to catch up in the couple of halls that still need some new furniture, for example Dillon ... and Farley.”

In the remaining halls that still allow students to construct lofts, Shoup said the Office of Housing would more strictly enforce regulations on elevated beds for safety reasons.

“We’re going to closely enforce the guidelines that have been there the whole time,” he said. “It’s all about safety.”

Shoup said he has seen elevated beds that obstruct exit doors and sprinklers. Students whose lofts pose these types of safety issues will be asked to remove them, he said.

Despite the crackdown on elevated bed regulations, Soler said residents are happy to retain their lofts, if only for a short time.

“This is a great sign that there is a connection between the students and the administration,” he said. “We’re really thankful for them hearing us out.”

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ism to Class A misdemeanors. He sentenced Steinke to one year in prison for each voyeurism count, but he suspended the sentences, meaning Steinke does not have to go to prison.

As a condition of his probation, Steinke was also ordered to arrange for mental health evaluation and counseling, if deemed appropriate by a mental health agency, according to court documents.

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Tornado safe rooms rise in popularity

Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — When deadly twisters chewed through the South and Midwest in 2011, thousands of people in the killers’ paths had nowhere to hide. Now many of those families are taking an unusual extra step to be ready next time: adding tornado shelters to their homes.

A year after the storms, sales of small residential shelters known as safe rooms are surging across much of the nation, especially in hard-hit communities such as Montgomery and Tuscaloosa in Alabama and in Joplin, Mo., where twisters laid waste to entire neighborhoods.

Manufacturers can barely keep up with demand, and some states are offering grants and other financial incentives to help pay for the added protection and peace of mind.

Tom Cook didn’t need convincing. When a 2008 tornado barreled toward his home in rural southwest Missouri, Cook, his wife and their teenage daughter sought refuge in a bathroom. It wasn’t enough. His wife was killed.

Cook moved to nearby Joplin to rebuild, never imagining he would confront another monster twister. But he had a safe room installed in the garage just in case.

On May 22, Cook and his daughter huddled inside the small steel enclosure while an EF-5 tornado roared outside. They emerged unharmed, although the new house was gone.

“It was blown away completely — again,” he said. “The only thing standing was that

storm room.”

Generations ago, homes across America’s Tornado Alley often came equipped with storm cellars, usually a small concrete bunker buried in the backyard. Although some of those remain, they are largely relics of a bygone era. And basements are less common than they used to be, leaving many people with no refuge except maybe a bathtub or a room deep inside the house.

The renewed interest in shelters was stirred by last year’s staggering death toll — 358 killed in the South and 161 dead in Joplin. So far this year, more than 60 people have perished in U.S. twisters.

Safe rooms feature thick steel walls and doors that can withstand winds up to 250 mph. They are typically windowless, with no light fixtures and no electricity — just a small, reinforced place to ride out the storm. Costs generally range from \$3,500 to \$6,000.

Sizes vary, but most hold only a few people. They can be bolted to the floor of a garage or custom-fitted to squeeze into a small space, even a closet. Some are so small occupants have to crawl inside. A few are buried in the yard like the old storm shelters of the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Before the twister devastated Joplin, the Neosho, Mo., safe room manufacturer called Twister Safe had four employees. Now it has 20.

“Business has probably quadrupled, at least,” owner Enos Davis said. “We’re selling 400 to 500 a year now, compared to maybe 100 before.”

Twister Safe’s spike in business is even more impressive in Missouri, which does not

offer grant money for safe rooms, opting to use its share of federal disaster money for community shelters.

Missouri’s choice spotlights a debate in states seeking better tornado protection: Is disaster aid better spent on safe rooms in individual homes or on larger public shelters designed to protect hundreds or thousands of people?

The downside of public shelters is getting there. Even with improvements in twister prediction, venturing out into a rapidly brewing storm is perilous.

“I wouldn’t get my family into a car and run that risk,” Joplin Assistant City Manager Sam Anselm said. “If you have the opportunity to put something in your house, that’s what we would encourage folks to do.”

In January, more than 50 people sought safety in a dome-shaped public shelter as a tornado ripped through Maplesville, Ala. No one was hurt.

“The shelter did what it was supposed to do,” Mayor Aubrey Latham said.

Since 2005, 31 community shelters have been built in Missouri using FEMA funds, and nine others are under construction, according to Mike O’Connell of the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency.

That number is about to grow. Joplin voters earlier this month approved a \$62 million bond issue that will be combined with insurance money and federal aid to build storm shelters at every school. The shelters will double as gyms, classrooms or kitchens.

Forces searching for Kony cause chaos in Uganda



Children play at the Bobi Health Centre on April 27, formerly a displaced persons camp in Bobi, Uganda.

Associated Press

ULU, Uganda — Adye Sunday isn’t sure about the calls to kill or capture Lord’s Resistance Army leader Joseph Kony. Though the elusive warlord abducted her when she was 13 and forced her to be one of his dozens of “wives,” the 25-year-old says he’s also the father of her two children.

“I don’t see Kony as a bad person,” she said in her native Acholi dialect through a translator, as she mixed batter for vanilla cupcakes to sell in Gulu’s market while her 3 1/2-year-old daughter Betty watched. “Everything done in the bush is blamed on Kony, but to me he’s not a bad person.”

Forces now hunting for Kony in the Central African Republic, South Sudan and Congo are unlikely to find much sympathy for him as they might in Gulu in northern Uganda — 20 kilometers (some 12 miles) from where he was born — but some locals there have other concerns that complicate the military mission.

With more than 3,000 children abducted by the LRA since 2008, according to the U.N. and Human Rights Watch, families worry, for example, that troops hunting Kony will not be able to distinguish between the regular LRA fighters and their abducted children.

“They will tell you they would really like Joseph Kony to be captured and maybe killed, and the LRA disbanded, but our children that are in the bush — how can they be separated from the rebels?” said Tatiana Viviane, who works with a Central African Republic organization focused on helping the country’s young people.

They also fear reprisal attacks if they are thought to be helping the authorities find Kony — depriving military leaders of information that could be key to catching him.

“My sense is that in this particular mission, human intelligence is probably going to be the key,” said Gen. Carter Ham, who heads the U.S. military’s Africa Command, in a briefing in Stuttgart, Germany. “That goes a little bit back to ... how do you get confidence amongst the local populace so that they’re first of all willing, and second have the means to report to local authorities?”

Kony inspires conflicted thoughts among some people in northern Uganda who remember the early days of his insurgency, which started as a popular struggle against the southern-dominated government of President Yoweri Museveni.

Angelo Izama, who runs a Kampala-based think tank on regional security called Fanaka Kwawote, said Kony is a sympathetic figure among some Ugandans who see his rebellion as a valid response to the “perceived injustices against the north.”

“Some people felt that he was a criminal and yet his criminality was in the service of a different type of justice,” he said.

The LRA has been out of northern Uganda since 2006 and is now terrorizing an area the size of California spanning the Central African Republic, South Sudan and Congo.

Though numbering only between an estimated 150 to 300 fighters — compared to several thousand in years past — LRA attacks in the Central African Republic and Congo have been on the rise in the first quarter of 2012, according to the U.N.’s Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, with 53 attacks and 90 abductions of children and adults. None were reported in South Sudan.

The guerrilla group takes boys to force into combat, and girls and young women like Sunday to serve as “wives” to Kony and others.


Kony is known for his brutal tactics, like cutting the lips off women who sound the alarm that his forces are coming, and ordering abducted children to kill their parents or other relatives so that they are afraid to ever try to return home for fear they will be shunned.

Sunday said she was taken from her bed by LRA fighters in the middle of the night, then spirited off to neighboring Congo for 10 years.


She said she had a son with Kony seven years ago. Betty was just a baby in 2010 when authorities in Congo attacked the LRA camp she was in. She was caught in the crossfire and shot in the leg as she went to grab the child.

Left behind by the LRA, she and her two children were picked up by the troops that attacked the camp and brought back to Uganda.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Yoga pants

As Walsh Hall apparel commissioner, I have a duty to ensure the Wild Women look good.

As a lifelong fashionista, I wanted to create fall and spring collections of loungewear that were comfortable, collegiate and classy, not oversized and obnoxious.

Staples of this fall's order included a cardigan and a henley in classic colors with simple designs, both of which I purchased myself and wear proudly around campus.

But when it came to introducing new items for spring, both our rector and the dorm's residents were vocal: they wanted yoga pants.

Those who know me know I make it a point to dress up for class daily. I boast an eclectic wardrobe of varied styles, colors and patterns.

But if there is one thing I will never wear, it's yoga pants.

Not to revive last year's "Viewpointless" war, but yoga pants are glorified leggings. Just because they flare out at the bottom does not make them qualify as pants. Flare-legged pants have been out of style for years, so by that logic, it's better to just wear leggings as pants, but by no means is it good.

I found myself in a dilemma. I could refuse to order the yoga pants, stand firm in my beliefs and deprive the Wild Women of what they wanted, or I could cave and get the pants, ignore my personal principles and please the girls in my dorm.

As a future lawyer, I have to get used to this war between career responsibilities and inner convictions. Lawyers oftentimes have to choose between representing a questionable client and getting fired.

Criminal defense lawyers in particular must be at peace with knowing most of their clients are guilty, but as professionals, they're required to do their best to procure the most favorable sentence for them and guarantee justice prevails.

At Notre Dame, we're taught to follow our moral instincts and to uphold our Catholic code of ethics at all costs. When our careers clash with these tenets, we must hold true to our beliefs no matter what.

The Church claims it does not have a hierarchy of dogma, but when it comes to shaping personal ethics, a ranking of priorities is vital.

A good, moral person shouldn't defend someone who killed another in cold blood merely for the sport of it.

But if I were asked to represent a kid guilty of theft who is genuinely repentant and brimming with potential, I can disregard, "Thou shalt not steal."

Sometimes in life people have to do things they're not comfortable with for the sake of a greater good, and as long as these actions do not conflict with one's core ethical pillars, some dissonance is allowed.

I realized my petty vendetta against yoga pants was not worth standing in the way of my friends' joy.

In fact, I think those yoga pants will look fabulous on the strong, beautiful and ever classy Wild Women of Walsh, and not just because I designed them.

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Tori Roeck

News Writer

College and self-deception

Ten years from now, we will remember the college experience at Notre Dame as we remember our childhood. My childhood memories somehow represent a place where everything was ideal. Yet, the fact that I will never be able to relieve those memories creates this sense of nostalgia. When I was young, my life consisted of my family, friends and teachers, and the corner shop owners and their children. It was a perfect world.

At the same time, when I look more deeply, my childhood had problems I consider petty as a grown up: The continuous battle over food and TV channels with my sister, all the toys and pets I wanted but my parents wouldn't get for me, neighborhood bullies and scary kindergarten teachers. Those are issues that made me sad as a child, even though I had very loving parents. But in the end, the feelings of sweetness precede the difficult memories. Thus, the memory became a sanctuary.

Maybe that's why adults tend to idealize their college lives, just as we idealize our childhoods. My parents told me college was the one of the most carefree times of their lives, so I should enjoy it as much as possible. There seems to be a notion that college is supposed to be a perfect, happy place where your life only blossoms. Our lives do blossom, and I have enjoyed the past four years at Notre Dame. But I am noticing the negative sides of the college life are underestimated.

Diversity issues at Notre Dame seem to be one such side. This year, the Notre Dame community lived in the delusion the situation for minority students was better than it actually was. The fried chicken incident happened, and other cases of discrimination were revealed through the Town Hall meeting and "Show Some Skin." Racism and discrimination are not just exceptional experiences of some minority students, but a stable part of the Notre Dame experience. Many students who are not a minority face different kinds of difficulties due to the homogenous culture at Notre Dame. Students who are in a minority, such as sexuality, religion, nationality, political identity or family background, have their own challenges.

A friend of mine who hates the party scene at Notre Dame said he had a hard time his freshman and sophomore year finding the right group of friends, even though his roommates were "great guys." I have seen many of my friends suffer due to

the discrepancy between the hard reality they faced in college and their preconceived idea of college.

After a breakup, one of my friends said, "I think when I look back my senior life after graduation, I will only remember happy things. I guess [the fact I suffer now] is okay. I just need to go through this." Maybe in her case, it is good to detach yourself from the reality and try not to get too immersed in the situation.

However, when the problem requires any action on your part, this kind of detachment is very dangerous, as it disables you from accurately assessing the reality. This year has been a tough year for the race relations. Many realized that somehow we have been deceiving ourselves with the sense of normalcy that everything was fine when it wasn't. Realization is the first step for advancement. Maybe when I graduate, I might end up remembering my times at Notre Dame mostly with nostalgia and happy memories. But the struggle will continue for those who continue to live in it.

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Why I signed the letter

Since signing the letter denouncing Bishop Jenky's comparison of the Obama administration to Hitler — one of 154 Notre Dame faculty to sign — I have received e-mails calling me "shameful," "treacherous," and "without honor." I have been accused of trivializing abortion and betraying Catholic teachings. What follows is an edited version of a response I wrote to one of my critics, who wrote me after I was quoted in the South Bend Tribune.

John Duffy
Guest Columnist

"The South Bend Tribune quoted me accurately. I was disappointed by the bishop's remarks. I thought they were divisive, ill-considered and historically absurd. You may believe President Obama deserves to be compared to Hitler. I do not, and I said so, nor am I persuaded by those who argue that the bishop's remarks were quoted "out of context." These people state the bishop did not directly compare Obama to Hitler, but instead made a narrower argument about restrictions on religious freedom by citing relevant historical examples, including Hitler.

The problem with the "out of context" defense is that it wants to invoke Hitler without being accountable for it. Hitler, in our culture, is both a historical figure and a concept, one representing the embodiment of evil. You cannot compare someone to Hitler and then note afterwards that you weren't referring to those parts of Hitler's legacy. Analogies to Hitler do not permit such nice distinctions. We do not parse Hitler. To invoke Hitler is to invoke all of it — the death camps and all the rest. There is no such thing in our culture as a "Hitler-

not Hitler" analogy. However, my comments were not meant as a defense of abortion, as you suggested. Indeed, nothing I have said on this issue has addressed the questions of abortion, contraception, religious freedom, or the proper relationship of the U.S. Government to the Catholic Church.

My comments in the South Bend Tribune concerned the language Bishop Jenky used to advance his arguments. I believe one can argue passionately about the most profound moral questions without demonizing others. "Hear the other side," St. Augustine said. In this instance, I think Bishop Jenky ignored that good advice. In recent days, I have heard from people telling me that legalized abortion in the U.S. is a grave moral crisis. I feel the urgency in their messages, and I respect it. But I am also concerned about a crisis of another kind: the crisis in public argument. I am concerned that public discourse today has become so toxic and debased that not only are we incapable of securing agreement on moral questions, we are not even able to agree on such basic things as the nature of a fact, or what constitutes empirical evidence, or what language is appropriate for characterizing those with whom we disagree. We argue ethical questions in terms of assertions and counter-assertions, and we hike up the volume on our personal speakers to the max. We do not listen, and what we hear we are unwilling to understand.

You may think my concerns trivial compared to yours. After all, accepting your formulation for this discussion, what compares to 50 million murders? Nothing, really. But I would suggest to you that the crisis of public discourse is prior to almost all other moral crises, including yours.

Because if we do not have a language that allows us to reason together, then all our moral crises, including the one about which you care so passionately, will simply continue without end.

If you don't believe this, ask yourself what progress you have seen on the issue of abortion. Consider that since Roe v. Wade was passed in 1973, we have had five Republican presidents and three Democratic ones. In all the comings and goings of so-called "pro-life" and "pro-choice" presidents and other politicians, what fundamental changes have occurred? How satisfied are you with the sum of legislative accomplishment? How confident are you that the next election will bring about, at long last, the changes you so fervently desire?

Our politics, I am trying to say, are crippled by an impoverished public language. And this impoverishment of language makes us a tribal people, each side in its territory, firing rhetorical rocket shells at one another. The blasts are emotionally satisfying, but the wars go on. If you think the only solution is the total destruction of the other side, then we part ways here. I am looking for a different way, and that's why I regard Bishop Jenky's remarks as unproductive and indeed offensive. The Bishop's language was a powerful blast but did nothing to end ongoing conflicts.

That is why I signed the letter.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Energy is eternal delight."

William Blake
English illustrator and poet

Submit a
Letter to
the Editor

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected."

Steve Jobs
U.S. computer engineer
and industrialist

Please let me be me

What is it about the human condition that will not allow us to affirm the development of others in the manner the Spirit has predetermined? It seems as though either we say nothing to encourage holistic, authentic development, or we cast negative aspersions on those who make the attempt. From a very early age, each of us has recognized that not everyone thinks, feels or reacts the same way.

David Moss
Dr. D @ the GRC

During this academic year, five individuals close to me suffered through the death of a parent. As I attended the homegoing services for these awe-inspiring individuals, it became evident that each family handled the grieving process differently. In fact, there is no “normal” way to grieve. This process is unique to each one of us, and this is okay. Some may need months, some years and others only a few days. The length of time one grieves is not an indication of the depth of love or commitment to their loved one. Everyone processes these emotions differently and we should offer them the grace needed for the Spirit to do His perfect work in their lives.

Since taking on the role of interim director of the Gender Relations Center, I have enjoyed numerous conversations with students about many different types

of relationships. Although there were some similarities, degrees of variance were ever present. In one of my past articles, I talked about the pressure and stress that Notre Dame women experience as they navigate their path to an impossible standard. Men on this campus feel the same stress and frustration around the issue of relationships. Last week a student (let’s call him Robert) sought me out to discuss several issues related to fitting in at Notre Dame. Robert struck me as mature, thoughtful and open to the critical examination of his personal development into manhood. He treated women with great respect because this is what he learned from his family, and he always thought it was the right thing to do.

His friendships with women were genuine, based on mutual interests and surrounded by great conversations. Robert seemed clear about who he was and comfortable with the “skin he was in.” There is a certain social movement of relationship building on campus that I will call the “Notre Dame Relationship Combine” (NDRC). The “NDRC” has certain expectations, and quickly called into question not only Robert’s perspective on dating, but also challenged his premise that women are more than objects for his physical and emotional pleasure. Some of Robert’s friends not only labeled him with various

character flaws, but they also brought into question his sexual orientation. His experience of Notre Dame is that he is no longer free to be himself. The assault of the “NDRC” was so assertive that Robert began to think that there were very few (if any) men on campus who valued women and relationships the way he did. He felt alone.

Although a hard sell, I endeavored to inform him that there were many men like him on campus. These men, however, are part of the “Silent majority” (Jan. 29) that see the craziness, do their best to avoid the craziness, but refuse to call out the craziness for what it is — crazy. Until this happens, the “NDRC” will continue to be the most influential determinant of relationship quality on this campus and men like Robert will continue to view their path to manhood as lonely and uncertain.

So why is it important for the “NDRC” to denigrate those who are brave enough to place immediate gratification on hold, and to try to ignore the media’s attempt to portray women (and men) as objects only good for personal pleasure? My hunch is that it relates to an old adage you may have heard before — misery loves company. Although Robert’s friends gave him the impression that they had it all together, my experience tells me, that they lacked the maturity needed to pursue

significant relationships based on mutual respect. They are having “fun,” but are unfulfilled, so they want Robert to join them in their pursuit of immediate gratification, regardless of collateral damage. This way, “we’re all in this together.”

It would be really nice if those ensconced in the “NDRC” would allow those who have taken a different path to do so without the belittling and derogatory comments. My hope has always been that our campus would be one where everyone desired authentic and mutually beneficial relationships, but I recognize that this may not be the case. This is particularly true, given the sundry attitudes with which students engage this transitional period of life. Some have bypassed the part of friendship that encourages others to be their best self, not just imitations of what everyone else claims to be. This is my message to the “NDRC” from those who are looking for relationships based on respect and the mystery of authentic human relating — please let me be me.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please tell us why

The University recently announced that it will not be adding sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause, and subsequently released the ways in which it hopes to “enhance support for gay and lesbian students.” This press release claimed that it was responding to student concerns and needs. As an ally, I appreciate that the University has given some kind of response to the momentum built this year by the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transexual and questioning (LGBTQ) and ally community. These measures, however, are not enough. They are not the response for which students are asking — nay, pleading.

If you cannot make sexual orientation part of the non-discrimination clause, and if you refuse to recognize a student-run gay-straight alliance (GSA), please recognize the efforts of the many students fighting and working for these issues on campus. The best way to recognize these efforts is to respond, publicly and explicitly, with the reasons why our requests continue to be denied. It has been many years since the University released an official statement detailing why they continue to believe that a GSA is unnecessary, or why sexual orientation does not belong in the non-discrimination clause. I am a practicing Catholic, I have studied the teaching, and I cannot find a doctrinal reason for this resistance. Are there alumni concerns? Would it negatively affect our endowment? Are there legal issues? These are questions in the minds of many students.

While it would not be a replacement for the ultimate achievement of a recognized GSA and changing the non-discrimination clause, it would put my mind somewhat more at ease if the University would make a public statement telling us why. At this University, I am being taught to ask questions and make challenges. So this is my question. This is my challenge: Why? Why not?

Respectfully and anxiously awaiting your response,

Gabriela Nunez
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April 27

For the administration

Dear Notre Dame Administration,
I’ve thoroughly enjoyed being a tour guide this past year and having the privilege of showcasing the campus and academic life to prospective and admitted students. I’ve been thrilled to answer the questions of these individuals, as well as concerns or specific questions that have come from their parents. However, as other tour guides have told me, there will be that one tour you will always remember. Mine happened last week.

The tour had two families of admitted students, plus one mother whose daughter was currently getting another tour of campus provided by her host student. At the end of the tour, this one mother stayed back to ask some questions that were concerning her daughter. The first question she asked was, “How is the LGBTQ community and how are they treated on campus?”

I was at a loss. On one hand, a vast majority of my friends are in complete support of the inclusion and would love to see it happen. On the other hand, we have an administration that continually chooses to reject adding sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause.

What could I say? The mother continued by saying that her daughter (she never mentioned her daughter’s orientation, nor was it my right to ask) was very concerned by the lack of a Gay-Straight Alliance or an official LGBTQ club, for she has friends who are members of the community and didn’t think she would be comfortable on campus. After a while, we began to discuss the difference in

generations on this issue, and how the current generation of college students (including those on this campus) are overwhelmingly supportive of equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation.

Notre Dame, your attitude on this issue is starting to have serious effects. Students who you want to welcome into the family are turning away due to the uncomfortable atmosphere surrounding this issue. I have also heard from friends who work in the Phone Center that recent alumni are refusing to donate to the University because you won’t add sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause.

Throughout the year, we have seen individuals write about how other Catholic colleges in the country (including Saint Mary’s) have LGBTQ organizations. I could throw in official Church documents that state that we are all called to accept one another fully. But apparently, this doesn’t work.

Instead, I ask you this, Notre Dame administration: How would you have answered this mother’s question? How would you respond to her concern over the lack of an official LGBTQ? What would you do if she discovered that you repeatedly turn down the request for club status and for adding sexual orientation to the clause? How would you respond?

Matt Roe
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April 27

A call to future parents

The fight for recognition, legitimacy and inclusion of LGBTQ students, faculty, and staff at the University of Notre Dame is a beautiful and powerfully necessary thing. This struggle seeks to improve the quality of life for students who don’t necessarily feel a part of the Notre Dame family, or who have been purposefully ostracized by ignorance, discrimination and hate. Personally, however, this struggle represents and embodies the fight for every child who will ever look in the mirror and feel nothing but shame and fear.

For every boy who doesn’t understand why he is pushed into lockers, why people call him a “f*****.” For every girl who is made fun of because she’s a tomboy, or because she likes girls. For every person who goes through the terrifying struggle for gender identity, and for every person who has ever lost their life because they have been pushed over the edge by hate. No one should ever have to feel the need to harm themselves because people cannot find within them the humanity to say, “I love you, not just regardless of your

sexuality, but with unconditional acceptance and recognition of all that is a part of you.” This is a call to every Notre Dame student who ever plans on having children, adopting children or plans to work with children. Make your arms the first that your child will run to if they come home from school with stories about how they don’t want to go to school because the kids are mean to them.

Wrap your son in your arms, and tell him that it’s alright that he wants to hold hands with another boy. Hold your

daughter and explain that it’s okay for her to like another girl.

If your child struggles with their gender, be loving, accepting and create a space for them grow, mature and learn to love themselves. Don’t be the parent who has to bury their child because you never thought that it would happen to you.

Lucas Garcia
freshman
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April 27

Vanessa Carlton performs at Legends

By ADRIANA PRATT
Senior Scene Writer

The warbling was worth the wait. Though Vanessa Carlton graced Notre Dame with her presence later than expected, by the time the curtains closed on the Legends stage Saturday night, the audience was left impressed and satisfied with the musician's performance.

After opening act freshman Michael Paluzzi strummed through a few of his original acoustic tunes, Carlton took the stage. Accompanied by violinist Skye Steele, the duo situated themselves while the audience, layers deep through the dance floor and out the door, screamed in excitement.

The screaming, unfortunately, continued throughout most of Carlton's set, though the musicians didn't seem to mind.

Exuding the serene elf-like vibes of the "Lord of the Rings" Arwen, Carlton sat at the piano in a robe-like red gown, hair flowing free and makeup light and natural. Her platform sandals enthusiastically pumped the pedals as multiple gold animal rings danced across the keys.

The look suited her, as Carlton said in an interview with Scene before the show that she found her very own "Shire" in England where she will record her next album.

The concert's setlist drew heavily from her 2011 album "Rabbits on the Run." Carlton classics, like "White Houses" and "Hands on Me," were peppered throughout.

The audience went nuts when she finally appeased their screams for "A Thousand Miles," the penultimate number of the night. Despite a few technical difficulties early in the show, Carlton maintained a reverie-like ambiance on stage throughout.

Though she said she feels at home in a college setting, and her lyrics certainly match a coming-of-age period, Carlton's performance was almost too mature for the crowd. As excited as I'm sure she was to hear, "I love you Vanessa!" every five minutes, the intoxicated repetition drowned out some of Carlton's deeper musings.

Between pieces, she'd pause and deliver the creation story of each song, but most details were lost amidst the constant chatter. A few came through the microphone, however, including a live and let live message about relationships before the song "Who Says."

Backstage before the concert, Carlton divulged more details about her philosophy and journey as an artist. She noted a change in sound over the past few years and said further changes would come with her next album.

"We're going to do something sort of like a, it's really an electronic dance-pop record," Carlton said. "It's going to be different. I think it's oddly a natural progression from 'Rabbits.' I don't really know how I can explain that in a way that makes sense, but once I think we start making the tracks, it will make sense. I'm really, really excited."

She said inspiration for her upcoming album comes both from listening to her college-aged brother's trippy, euphoric music and reading classical mythology.

"I'm very inspired by Shamanism and right now, I'm kind of revisiting a lot of old mythological tales and kind of psychedelic poetry," Carlton said.

Carlton's world and music changed direction a few years ago, sparked by what she said was "deep misery" and chaos she didn't have the tools to make sense of at the time.

"I'm an ongoing, working, evolving person, you know? Because we all are," she said. "I think my biggest triumph, I guess, was the fundamental shift I had a couple years ago where I just kind of devoted myself to being as authentic and generous and happy as I possibly could be, and just really appreciating the wonderful people and creatures in my life."

"Life's pretty short. I think once you have a shift like that in your attitude, I think that affects your work, your writing, everything."

Figuring out what's important became a priority for Carlton. Though she dropped out of Columbia University in the midst of her blossoming career, she said she is very passionate about supporting education, and in particular musical education.

Another Carlton passion is the environment. She recently performed with Gavin DeGraw at the Origins Rocks Earth Month Concert in New York, and has tried to maintain an environmentally-friendly atmosphere on tour.

"I mean it's really hard, especially when I travel the world so much and I'm outside the [United] States a lot, and to see how behind we were," she said. "We're getting much better, and to kind of be more progressive in terms of how much (we) waste and how we kind of even

run our hotels and stuff ... It's a little frustrating."

Carlton said she was excited to perform at Notre Dame, and not just because the University shares a similar devotion to sustainability.

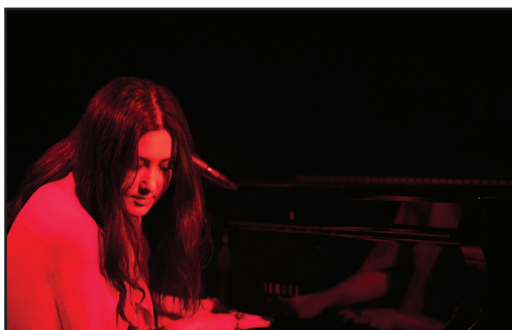
"[Notre Dame] is gorgeous and I was really excited when I was invited to come," Carlton said. "I love playing universities and ... my brother's still in college so ... it feels like home in a way. I mean, I know I'm not a college kid, but I feel really comfortable here, playing schools."

She loves playing colleges and she loves performing for a youthful audience, but that doesn't mean Carlton doesn't have a little age to her soul. In fact, according to her, she's well on her way to becoming one of the women from "Grey Gardens," a documentary film about a socialite mother and daughter hiding away from the world.

So where exactly does Carlton see herself 30 years from now? She said she hopes she'll be a "crazy old pottery teacher composer living in the Redwood forest."

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Why we loved the Royal Wedding



By SAM STRYKER
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Oedipus, the mythical Greek king of Thebes, had a complex relationship with his mother. He unknowingly fulfills a prophecy that he will kill his own father and marry his mother — dooming his city in the process.

As peculiar as Oedipus' relationship with his mother was, the Greek king had nothing on what America feels towards its mommy, England. A former collection of colonies of the British Empire, we declared independence from our matriarch almost two and a half centuries ago. Yet to this day, we cannot help to be obsessed with anything and everything British.

We love their music (ranging from the Beatles to Adele), their literature (Dickens to the "Harry Potter" novels), their television ("Downton Abbey") and even their celebrities (the Beckhams).

Even the most esteemed American pop culture icons can't seem to get enough "British" in their lives — witness Madonna's faux-British accent. It seems the only British things we Americans haven't gobbled up for our own are driving on the left side of the road and dental care (or lack thereof) — and I'm not complaining about ei-

ther.

But there is one uniquely British tradition that, try as we might, we Americans are never going to replicate, nor claim as our own in any way, shape or form — the most British of ceremonies, royal weddings.



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Sunday marked the one-year anniversary of Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, marrying Kate Middleton, a commoner who met William while she was studying at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

The spectacle of their wedding was unparalleled by anything we Americans could produce. Even the most American of celebrations we can muster never could match the once-in-a-generation feel of the wedding — the 4th of July happens every year, but the last royal wedding before this one was in 1981.

Moreover, any sort of wedding Americans of similar stature may hold is usually met with cynicism or ridicule, a la Kim Kardashian's. These celebrity weddings we pay so much attention too pale in comparison to last year's royal celebration, and seem almost tacky in contrast. Not to mention the fact that a royal wedding would never be broadcast on E! as a reality special.

And then there are events that define the future of America — but

these cannot match the solidarity of celebrating William and Kate's vows. Even President Obama's election in 2008, which brought so much hope and change to the country, was not celebrated in all American homes. Yet, Will and Kate's nuptials across the pond attracted 60 million American viewers, not to mention the scores more around the world.

The Royal Wedding had many tangible magical moments that captured the hearts young and old — the brightest stars in the world in attendance (Elton John and the Beckhams), Kate's stunning dress, Pippa Middleton's, ahem, assets, a wedding at Westminster Abbey and to cap it all off, a fairytale kiss on the balcony of Buckingham Palace.

But the spectacle isn't what made the event so special — celebrities, derrieres, over-the-top ceremonies and smooches are a dime-a-dozen these days. The Royal Wedding was extraordinary because something so pure as love was at stake. For a moment, nothing mattered but the true devotion between two people. We held on to this moment on a global scale because there are so few times in any of our lives when something so wholesome occurs.



Americans are jaded — it's cliché, but we love to tear something down as much as we like to build it up. But as hard as you can try, there aren't any chinks in Will and Kate's armor. No one won or lost; there wasn't a worry about what would happen tomorrow. All that mattered was here and now, these two people were committing to one another — albeit with global exposure and an unparalleled display of bells and whistles.

We Americans can never have a royal wedding of our own, not just because we don't have a monarchy, but because a ceremony of such hope is distinctly un-American. We were just as fascinated with the Kim Kardashian's divorce as we were with her vows to Kris Humphries. Cynicism is as American as baseball or apple pie.

That's why the Royal Wedding meant so much to us. No matter what we do, a royal wedding is something we cannot physically or emotionally replicate. For one day, we dropped our jaded American personas in favor of celebrating with the Brits. Leave it to a prince and princess to get America to rescind its independence for a day.

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ELECTRIC GUEST:

UNIQUE ELECTRONIC MUSIC

By COURTNEY ECKERLE
Scene Writer

With electronica-tinged songs that draw from almost every genre, "Mondo" is an interesting enough project to catch almost any music listener's ear. The full-length debut from Los Angeles-based duo Electric Guest has a range and appeal that is wonderfully unusual for the electronic genre.

Producer Brian Burton, a.k.a. Danger Mouse, proves himself yet again, taking this band's unique and catchy sound and giving it true mass appeal. It's a quality that makes them an act to look out for on the charts.

Comprised of singer Asa Taccone and band mate Matt Compton, Electric Guest's project sprang from the mind of Taccone, brother of Jorma Taccone from The Lonely Island. He spent years amassing ideas for "Mondo" while producing hits for the "Saturday Night Live"-sprung band like "D*ck in a Box".

Intro song "Holes" has great radio power and is Billboard Top 200-worthy. Success by Gotye, a similar act, has paved the way for Electric Guest to have the radio play that will give the band the same mass appeal. The song is slightly reminiscent of The Postal Service with its high-tech, spacey feel and syncopated beats.

The strongest track is "The Head I Hold." Borrowing a Temptations-esque smooth and effortless

falsetto voice from Motown, the song has a sweetly urgent melody that makes it insanely catchy. A dainty tickle of the piano keys starts the song before it is kicked off with a staccato drum that merges into a melody begging to be danced to.

"Amber" is almost folksy, with Taccone's crooning and storytelling within the song. A tale of woe that one can groove to, it sounds like Ryan Gosling's character in "Drive": specifically alone, out-casted and undeniably talented.

First single "Under the Gun" merges into hip-hop characteristics with its intro, and the music video for it is a fantastic 'Napoleon Dynamite'-like montage of odd dancing auditions. It also doubles by acting as a metaphor for the journey Taccone had to take to tackle his fears about this pet project.

"American Daydream" is a dark, obsessive tale of love gone wrong. The music video for the track displays this, with Taccone beaten and bruised, going through a swanky Los Angeles party-gone-wrong, as he circles the edges as a wannabe lover.

The idea of the video is completed with a torn button-down and brooding beard stubble — just enough crazy-eye to do the trick. With a humorous touch reminiscent of most Lonely Island videos, Taccone spends most of the video leaping at people like Cady Heron in the cafeteria in "Mean Girls."

Electric Guest creates a soul that is difficult to find in the sometimes-devoid electronic music world. It is a rare band that does unique music so

well it sounds familiar, and "Mondo" is an album that is already begging for a follow-up.

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"Mondo"

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Don't put too much stock into NFL Draft

Don't get me wrong. I love the NFL Draft just as much as all those nuts at Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

It's an exciting time for NFL fans, who may have been more focused on the NHL playoffs or MLB openers, to get thinking about their teams again.

Fans start forecasting which players can fill holes on the depth chart, and with every team's record at 0-0, a playoff appearance seems plausible to even the most disadvantaged followers (looking at you guys in Cleveland).

But between all the mock drafts, trade rumors, pro days and Wonderlic tests, the hype of the draft gets to be too much. There's only so many times I can look at Mel Kiper's Big Board or Todd McShay's mock draft before I want Commissioner Goodell (read: Dictator Goodell) to announce the first pick and get the draft off and running.

The problem isn't just that the buildup has become so overblown in this age of 24/7 media coverage. It's that the draft, and scouting prospects and predicting their futures in general, is a fickle game.

There are supposed "locks" like No. 1 overall pick Andrew Luck. But even he could struggle to attain the All-Pro status talent evaluators and fans alike are expecting from him. He may very well be the next great quarterback, but then again he might not.

And he's only the first pick. As you move through the first round, the uncertainty only increases. The eighth player chosen, new Miami Dolphins quarterback Ryan Tannehill, is the perfect encapsulation of the unpredictable nature of the NFL Draft. He has enticing physical attributes: a strong arm, good size and solid mobility. But Tannehill was still playing wide receiver six games into his junior season at Texas A&M. So now all of a sudden Dolphins fans are expected to believe Tannehill will be the franchise quarterback: the stopgap at a position that has experienced tremendous turnover since the retirement of the legendary Dan Marino? Yeah, those fans are expect-

ed to believe that, because that's what happens with the NFL Draft. Hope springs eternal, and fans blindly believe all first-round picks become stars.

Tannehill may very well be a bust like other quarterbacks taken recently in the first round (think Joey Harrington, Vince Young, Matt Leinart and JaMarcus Russell). But the thing about the NFL Draft is he could be a star. He could be the next Eli Manning, Philip Rivers, Ben Roethlisberger or Aaron Rodgers. These guys all were first-round picks and have proved to be as good as advertised.

There's more to the draft than first-round picks, though. Get as excited as you want about the blue-chip draft choices, but don't forget that Tom Brady was a sixth-round pick. Don't forget Victor Cruz and Arian Foster were undrafted. It's an enormously difficult task to consider what a player did in college — whether it be at Alabama or North Alabama — and predict what he will do in the pros.

So no matter how much we analyze the draft, the bottom line is that we simply don't know. The Kipers and McShays of the world can tell us the Seahawks didn't get enough value by taking West Virginia linebacker Bruce Irvin with the 15th pick. They can inform us Andrew Luck is the best quarterback prospect to come along since John Elway. They can tell us that certain teams filled their "needs" by taking this guy or that guy. But no matter how much expertise they have and how many sources they've spoken with, the fact of the matter is, they don't know for sure.

We can't say Luck and Robert Griffin are the next great quarterbacks, just as we can't say that Tannehill is a bust. Because for every Ryan Leaf and Akili Smith, there's an Aaron Rodgers. For every no-name late-round pick that gets cut in the preseason, there's a Tom Brady and his three Super Bowl rings.

So be as excited as you want about your team's future prospects, but just remember Kiper, his hair gel and NFL scouts are rolling the dice. And they're not weighted.

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MLB

Sabathia pitches Yankees to win



Yankees outfielder Curtis Granderson watches his home run during the fourth inning of New York's 6-2 victory over Detroit on Sunday at Yankee Stadium.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Max Scherzer was not wild about his performance.

Scherzer walked a career-high seven while CC Sabathia pitched neatly for eight innings, and the New York Yankees beat Detroit 6-2 on Sunday, the Tigers' eighth loss in 10 games.

"I take pride in not walking guys and that's really what has me frustrated, all those walks," Scherzer said.

Scherzer (1-3) was pulled with the bases loaded and two outs in the fifth inning, having thrown 119 pitches. Still, he only gave up three runs.

"He just didn't have command. We walked too many people," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "Major league pitchers are not supposed to do that. Once again, he got his pitch count way up there way too early."

Scherzer's control problems forced Leyland to call on Luke Putkonen to make his major league debut with the bases loaded. He got Curtis Granderson to ground out to second base, then received a bunch of fist bumps when he returned to the dugout.

"To be honest with you, that was the last thing I wanted to do, but sometimes it doesn't want to work out the way you want to," Leyland said. "I was hoping (Scherzer) could get through the inning and I could start the kid in an inning."

The Yankees walked nine times and left 15 on base overall, but won the three-game series.

Detroit again played without Delmon Young, who was arrested on a hate crime harassment charge at his hotel early Friday during which police say he

yelled anti-Semitic epithets.

Young was placed on the restricted list Saturday and will be evaluated under baseball's employee assistance program, perhaps as early as Monday. It is not known if he will be at Comerica Park on Monday night when the Tigers host the Kansas City Royals.

Alex Rodriguez drove in two runs to pass Willie Mays on the career RBIs list with 1,904, according to research by the Elias Sports Bureau provided the Yankees, without hitting the ball out of the infield.

Rodriguez singled on a dribbler down the third base line with the bases loaded in the second, the Yankees' only hit in six plate appearances with three men on. Chris Stewart slid under catcher Gerald Laird's tag on Rodriguez's ground-er to short in the seventh.

Granderson homered in the fourth inning — barely. He had to stop his trot between second and third to look back for confirmation after center fielder Austin Jackson nearly made a spectacular catch above the wall in right-center.

Granderson also walked with the bases loaded to force in the game's first run in the second.

The Yankees walked nine times and left 15 on base overall, but won the three-game series.

"We were really fortunate to have a shot in that game the way the game was going," Leyland said. "In this ballpark, with a lineup like that, normally that doesn't happen. And it won't happen."

Sabathia (3-0) gave up a double in the first then retired 10 in a row before Prince Fielder, his former teammate at Milwaukee, hit his first home run in the Bronx and third this year overall with two outs in the fourth.

The big lefty had little trouble with the Tigers — all except for Fielder and his nem-

esis Miguel Cabrera, who hit a long RBI double in the sixth inning to close it to 3-2. Cabrera is 10 for 19 against Sabathia.

"I'm sure he's 10 for 19 against a lot of guys," Sabathia said, calling Cabrera the best right-handed hitter in baseball.

Sabathia struggled early to a 5.27 ERA on a staff with a 6.37 ERA, 29th in majors, entering Sunday. Garcia was dropped from the rotation before Sunday's game and rookie David Phelps may get a start before the expected return of Andy Pettitte in mid-May.

But Sabathia was sharp this time, yielding four hits and striking out eight. He walked two.

With New York's bullpen taxed by Freddy Garcia's 1 2-3 inning start on Saturday, Manager Joe Girardi said before the game, "I would love to get a good seven or eight strong innings out of CC." His ace obliged.

"It just feels good to go out there and give those guys a rest," Sabathia said of a pen that had thrown 73 1-3 innings entering the game, third most in the AL. Detroit is second.

Fielder homered to close the score to 2-1 before Granderson matched him in the bottom of the fourth.

With one out, Granderson connected but Jackson made a long run and leaped where the outfield wall meets a fence that separates fans from the New York bullpen in right-center. The former Yankees minor leaguer who was sent to Detroit in the trade for Granderson had the ball in his glove but momentum carried the glove into that fence, knocking the ball loose for Granderson's eighth homer.

"I feel I can make every play that I can get to," Jackson said. "That one is just unfortunate that I couldn't come up with it."

Andruw Jones homered in the eighth.

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MEN’S GOLF

Irish lead early at Big East championships

By PETER STEINER
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After recording two of the top three individual rounds on the first of day of competition Sunday, the Irish lead the Big East championships at the Watson Course at the Reunion Resort in Orlando, Fla., by one stroke over Louisville.

Junior Paul McNamara and senior Max Scodro paved the way for the Irish, finishing at four-under par and three-under par, respectively. The duo only trails Louisville senior Justin Dorward for the individual lead, who shot five-under on the day.

“I thought [the team] did a really nice job,” Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. “They are feeling good about their games. Even though some of the guys didn’t finish well in Houston [at All American Collegiate on April 10], we had good stretches there.

“The guys the last two-and-a-half weeks have really started to play well, and it was fun today. [Senior] Tom [Usher] struggled a bit, but the other four guys did a great job.”

McNamara continued his strong play that started in Houston. The California native finished the day with six birdies, all of which came on par-fours.

“Paul shot four-under and had it at five-under today, but he started that in Houston,” Kubinski said. “He was five-under through 11 or 12 holes there, ended up at one-under [in the second round]. Then he continued to play well at [the Olympia Fields Invitational in Chicago] and at our place he shot 70.

“[The fact that all four birdies came on par-fours] means he could shoot a lower score too, because

you think you can birdie a couple of [par-fives]. If he does the same thing tomorrow, he may have a couple a more in there.”

Meanwhile, Scodro found success at an event where he already holds quite the history. The senior claimed the individual Big East championship last season after finishing as a co-medalist his sophomore year. Sitting at third place after one round is a familiar position for Scodro, as he found himself in the same position after the first round during last year’s winning campaign.

“I think [his experience] was big today in the sense that he hit so many good shots and he just rolled the putt right over the edge of the hole six, seven or eight times,” Kubinski said. “He didn’t get frustrated and he didn’t start to press. He’s learned a lot.”

According to Kubinski, the Irish can’t worry about how other teams are performing because their focus should remain on their own game.

“Like I told the guys, it’s all about the last three holes on Tuesday,” Kubinski said. “You just play the course, play the game and don’t get too caught up in it. You never know if another team gets hot and comes up from behind and makes it a match too.

“We are not going to worry too much about Louisville and just try to play another solid round. Then at the end of the day tomorrow, hopefully we’ll be in the same position and have an opportunity to close it out on Tuesday.”

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Freshman shortstop Kevin DeFiippis throws to first base in Sunday’s game against St. John’s. The Irish fell to the Red Storm 3-1 at Frank Eck Stadium.

St. John’s

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and DeSico committed two errors in one play, allowing freshman designated hitter Zach Lauricella to score the first run for the Red Storm (28-16, 14-4)

St. John’s grabbed a one-run lead in the seventh, as sophomore first baseman Frank Schwindel doubled and scored on a single, and junior left fielder Jeremy Baltz scored an unearned run after advancing on a throwing error by Irish

junior center fielder Charlie Markson. The Red Storm added three more unearned runs in the ninth, initiated with a throwing error by senior third baseman Tommy Chase.

The Irish took back a run in the eighth inning with an RBI single from senior right fielder Alex Robinson. Freshman left fielder Mac Hudgins led off the bottom of the ninth with a triple and scored on a single from freshman shortstop Jason McMurray, but junior catcher Joe Hudson hit a fly ball out to left field with the bases loaded to end the game.

While the Irish gave up a lead in the first game, they never had control of the second, as junior righthander Adam Norton (3-3) was rocked for four runs in the first inning.

“Norty didn’t pitch great,” Irish coach Mik Aoki said. “He just didn’t have his best stuff, so unfortunately that’s two weeks in a row.”

The Irish got one back in the bottom of the inning when a Mancini groundout scored freshman designated hitter Ryan Bull from third.

The Red Storm scored two more in the top of the fifth, and despite a home run from sophomore third baseman Eric Jagielo in the bottom of that frame and additional runs in both the seventh and eighth, the Irish suffered their second loss of the day.

After the losses, Aoki gave credit to the St. John’s pitchers, who kept Irish hitters off-balance all night.

“That’s what those kinds of [pitchers] do,” Aoki said. “None of them are very overpowering with velocity or anything. They try to keep you off-balance and they did a good job. Had we gotten a timely hit here and there, we probably still would have

won that game.”

There were some bright spots for the Irish, including the performance from McMurray, who went 4-for-8 with a run and an RBI while hitting ninth in both games.

“I thought Jason played his best day in an Irish uniform,

without any question,” Aoki said. “He played well start to finish. I thought he did a great job.”

The story wasn’t much different Sunday. The Red Storm scored a run apiece in the third, fourth and fifth innings, the last of which occurred without a single St. John’s hit.

The Irish put runners in scoring position in five innings, but they only scratched out one run, a sacrifice bunt from DeSico that plated Markson in the seventh.

Aoki said the score was more a testament to St. John’s starter Kyle Hansen, a right-handed junior, than an indictment of the Irish lineup, which went 6-for-30 with runners in scoring position over the weekend.


“He’s going to be a decent draft [pick] for a reason,” Aoki said. “By and large, I didn’t think our at-bats were all that bad against him.”

Aoki said the Red Storm demonstrated a knack for pulling wins out of close games.

“We didn’t get the hits when we needed to, they got the hits when they needed to. We didn’t defend it well enough when we needed to, and they defended it well enough,” Aoki said. “They won the critical moments.”

The Irish will look to rebound against Butler at Frank Eck Stadium at 5:35 p.m. Tuesday.

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really found our feet. In the second half, I thought we were excellent.”

After recording one shot in the opening half, the Irish unleashed 12 shots in the second and forced Mexico to make seven saves. In the 65th minute, Irish sophomore midfielder Harrison Shipp had Notre Dame’s first shot on goal.

Two minutes later, Irish senior midfielder Adam Mena had his blast from the top of the 18-yard box headed away by a diving Mexico defender. The Irish had two more quick scoring opportunities in the 71st minute, but Mexico countered with a scoring chance of its own that was turned away by Irish sophomore goalkeeper Patrick Wall.

The contest brought excitement on the field and in the stands, as Mexico fans ensured a raucous atmosphere, Clark said.

“It was a lot of fun, I think, for the players to play in a higher-level game like that,” he said. “It was fun to have a full house, a crowd that was right into the game, and I think it was just a great atmosphere.”

Notre Dame 2, Haiti 1

With a 2-1 win over the Haitian national team, an undermanned Irish squad grabbed its first international win since 2008.

Freshman forward Lauren Bohaboy led the Irish with two goals, including the game-winner in the 84th minute. Tied at one, the California product jetted past her defender and ripped a shot from an awkward angle on the left flank. The ball squeezed under Haiti goalkeeper Jordan Clark and barely crossed the line, proving to be the winning goal for the Irish.

“[Bohaboy] has been good all spring,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. “She has been one of our two best players this spring and has made the biggest strides for us. We are looking for great things from her in the fall. She was fantastic, I thought.”

Bohaboy’s first goal came after a Haiti defender took down Irish sophomore midfielder Elizabeth Tucker in the box, drawing a penalty kick. Bohaboy put the penalty kick into the back of the net, giving the Irish a 1-0 lead in the 31st minute.

But the Irish lead didn’t last for long. In the 40th minute, Haiti forward Manoucheka Pierre-Louis settled a long pass before threading a through pass to midfielder Lovely Placide. Placide, who was streaking down the left flank, got behind the Irish defense and easily put it past Irish junior goalkeeper Maddie Fox to knot the score at one.

The Irish outshot the Haitians, 25-6, but couldn’t manage to break the tie until Bohaboy’s strike in the 84th minute. Bohaboy had a chance for a hat trick in the 91st, but her free kick clanged off the crossbar after a deflection by Clark.

Despite the result, Waldrum said his squad struggled to adapt to Haiti’s slower-paced international style.

“It is a very international style. They were very organized defensively and they are very good on the counter,” he said. “That is not the American way. Our teams are always on the ‘go-go-go,’ so we had to figure out how to break that down. I was pleased with our play, but I was also very impressed with what [Haiti national coach Shek Borkowski] has done in a short time with the Haiti team.”

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ROWING

Irish finish regular season on high note

By ERNST CLEOFE
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The Irish finished their regular season schedule with a perfect record at the Big East Invitational in Indianapolis, winning every race during the meet. The perfect day included a clean sweep of the three grand finals.

“I think it was a really good day for us as an entire team,” junior captain Abby Meyers said. “Today, we pulled together and raced as an entire team.”

After earning spots during their preliminary heats, the varsity eight, varsity four and second varsity eight each raced a second time in the grand finals races to earn the wins in the biggest races of the day.

In the first of the grand finals, the varsity eight had the closest of the three races. The Irish boat pulled in with a time of 6:41.0, only 0.6 seconds before second-place Syracuse. The close win set the stage for the rest of the grand final races.

“The race against Syracuse was really intense. We know that all season, one of their biggest

goals was to beat us in the Big East,” Meyers said. “They’ve been working really hard and they made it really close. It was tooth and nail to the very end, but then we got the job done.”

The second of the grand finals featured the second varsity eight boats. After winning its preliminary heat by 22 seconds, the second varsity boat did not win the grand finals in such an easy manner. Notre Dame finished 1.1 seconds ahead of Syracuse with a winning time of 6:47.4.

The Irish had their easiest win in the final varsity four grand final, finishing 12.9 seconds ahead of second-place Iowa.

Outside of the grand finals races, the Irish were also perfect in their other competitions, including the second varsity four and third varsity eight.

“It took a lot of work for us to win all of the races,” Meyers said. “Some of the boats have raced three weeks in a row, and we have had a lot of competition.”

The sweep of the grand finals bodes well for the Big East championship on May 13.

“I think the wins are a huge mo-



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Sophomore Molly Bruggeman rows during practice on April 25. The Irish will be in action next at the Big East championships on May 13.

mentum push, especially because we race a lot of these teams again in the Big East championship,” Meyers said. “Historically, at the end of the semester, we gain speed and now we’re ready to go for the Big East.”

The Irish head to Mercer, N.J., to face off against Big East foes again in the Big East championship on May 13.

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Dunbar

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had our chances to win but stuff just didn’t go our way tonight.”

Hoops We Did It Again, a team made up of Bauer and Holy Cross freshmen Darrell McIntyre, George Stainko, Alajowon Edwards and Zoe Bauer, trailed 11-8 at halftime and didn’t claim a second-half lead until the 18-17 mark.

Beau Bauer said a change in defensive philosophy, especially against former Irish men’s basketball forward Broghammer, was the key to the second half surge.

“We knew that with it being wet out, we’d rather take our chances getting beat by the jump shot rather than letting Mike kill us inside with fouls or layups,” Bauer said. “So for us, we figured if they were going to beat us with jump shots, that was how they were going to beat us.”

SWAG had success in the early going with the perimeter shot, as guards Van Harmelen and Dunbar combined for four first-half points. Broghammer chipped in four first-half points of his own, but was limited to just two points in the second half as Hoops We Did It Again switched exclusively to a 2-3 zone.

“I have to say defense was the key [for us],” Bauer said. “It’s slick out here and the ball’s not going in. Mike killed us in the first half, but our defense picked it up for us in the second half which allowed us to come back and make the late run.”

With the game tied at 19, Van Harmelen made a baseline jumper to give SWAG a 20-19 lead. Beau Bauer then countered with a mid-range jumper to tie the game at 20. Zoe Bauer then hit a floater in the lane to take a one-point lead. After a SWAG turnover, Beau Bauer hit the game-winning shot.

“There were a lot of people out here that didn’t want Holy Cross to win but we came through and the little man wins,” Beau Bauer said. “We beat the giant.”

Semifinals
No. 3 Hoops We Did It Again 23, No. 2 Mendozaer Bulldozers 21
The first game of the semifi-

nals Saturday was a battle right up until the last free throw, as No. 3 Hoops We Did It Again defeated No. 2 Mendozaer Bulldozers 23-21. Mendozaer Bulldozers senior captain Chris Jung only had one word to best describe the game.

“Physical,” Jung said.

Stainko said that the key to the game was the team’s hustle and defense.

“Our defense was great at the end, and we had the clutch free throw at the end which sealed it,” Stainko said.

The Mendozaer Bulldozers and Hoops We Did It Again traded buckets in the beginning of the game, but Hoops We Did It Again took an 11-9 lead at halftime, getting its opponent into foul trouble. Hoops We Did It Again managed to keep a one-point cushion until the Mendozaer Bulldozers knotted the score at 16 on sophomore Tyler Sonsalla’s drive and layup.

Mendozaer Bulldozers consists of Sonsalla, Jung, sophomore Tommy Hickey and seniors Patrick Kelly and Griffin Naylor.

Hickey dominated the post with his shot-blocking ability and managed to help the Mendozaer Bulldozers stay close until the final foul of the game. Hoops We Did It Again went up 21-20, but the Mendozaer Bulldozers rallied back as Kelly hit a big shot to tie the score at 21. Hoops We Did It Again took a 22-21 lead on a McIntyre put-back, and then after a strong defensive stop earned a foul call on the offensive end. With a chance to put the game away, Zoe Bauer knocked down the free throw and Hoops We Did It Again moved on to the finals.

“They ran a lot of solo-focused stuff and we didn’t execute early on,” Jung said. “It was just a tough game all around.”

No. 4 SWAG 21, No. 1 The Legacy of Alex Klupchak 7
No. 4 SWAG came out of the gates fast and never looked back, defeating No. 1 The Legacy of Alex Klupchak, 21-7.

Van Harmelen was on fire from distance early, making five jumpers in a row.

“Originally we were all from Keenan [Hall] and won the Inter-hall championship together,” Van Harmelen said. “In the round of 64, one of our teammates broke [his] thumb and we were able to

pick up Mike because we heard he didn’t have a team.”

Between Van Harmelen’s sharpshooting and Broghammer’s dominance in the post, SWAG was able to gain an early advantage over its opponent. SWAG created open shots against The Legacy of Alex Klupchak’s 2-3 zone, and Broghammer was a force in the middle, Van Harmelen said.

“With Mike in the middle, it causes double or triple teams and we are able to find open shots on the perimeter,” Van Harmelen said.

With the score at 18-6, Van Harmelen relayed the ball up the court to Broghammer, who flushed down a two-handed dunk to put the game definitively out of reach. Broghammer racked up double-digit points and rebounds.

The Legacy of Alex Klupchak, composed of graduate students Bryan Pasciak, John Rompf, Zander Shadley, Fritz Shadley and Mauri Miller, had the upper hand

in experience. Rompf’s old team, Saturdays in America, won the Bookstore championship last year. With a new group of players on his team this season, Rompf managed to return to the Final Four before losing.

“Don’t let the score fool you,” Van Harmelen said. “That was a very good team and if a few shots had dropped for them, that could have been a very different game.”

After winning the semifinal game, all attention turned to Sunday night’s championship matchup, as SWAG prepared to take on Hoops We Did It Again.

“The other team nobody knew about coming in, so we don’t know that much about what to expect,” Van Harmelen said. “They are definitely a very good team, and we will just continue to do what we have been doing and get ready for tomorrow.”

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles split doubleheader, earn spot in tournament

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

Entering Senior Day on Sunday, the Belles knew they needed at least a doubleheader split against second-place Alma to earn a spot in the top four of the MIAA and qualify for the conference tournament. They did just that with a dramatic, come-from-behind 2-1 win in the first game before dropping the second game, 1-0, in eight innings.

With the split, the Belles (27-11, 10-6 MIAA) qualified for the MIAA tournament for the first time since 2010 and tied a program record for regular season wins, previously set in 2006. Adding to the challenge of making the tournament is the difficulty of the nine-team MIAA, in which four teams are ranked in the top-eight in the NCAA Midwest Region.

“It was tough going into Senior Day with a top-four spot in the conference in the line,” Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. “I asked our girls to keep it together and at least win one of two. To do it in the first game was fantastic, and to reach the conference tournament is a privilege for us.”

The Belles trailed the Scots (25-11, 11-5) 1-0 entering the bottom of the seventh against Alma junior pitcher Louise Rezmer. Their rally started when Belles senior second baseman Angela Gillis reached base on a fielding error by the Alma second baseman. Freshman first baseman Jordie Wasserman lined a single to left to put runners on first and second with none out.

However, two of the next three batters struck out, leaving the Belles down to their final out with the bases loaded and senior center fielder Lauren Enayati at the plate. On the sixth pitch of the at-bat, Enayati lofted a ball over the pitcher and in front of second base for an infield RBI single.

With the game tied at one, freshman right fielder Victoria Connelly sent a sharp ground ball to third baseman Lea Lusk, who tried to fire home for the force-out. However, her throw was high and wide, and Wasserman scored the game-winning run.

“The throw was errant, and the catcher wasn’t expecting a play at the plate with two out,” Sullivan said. “But our two slap hitters came through in the clutch for us.”

Sophomore pitcher Callie

Selner (17-7) earned the win, as she held the Scots to just one run on six hits in seven innings. Selner struck out six batters and allowed her only run on an RBI double in the third.

“Callie was incredible today, and it was the best I’ve seen her throw all year,” Sullivan said. “She kept hitters off-balance, and did a tremendous job of locating her pitches. If she pitches like that in the tournament, we have a good shot to win.”

In the second game, the Belles offense was limited to just three hits by Rezmer, who struck out 17 batters over the course of the two games. Selner, however, matched her as both pitchers had shutouts through the seventh inning. In the bottom of the eighth, Alma put runners on first and third with one out. Scots senior first baseman Emily Ross executed a suicide squeeze bunt for the game-winning run.

With the regular season concluded, the Belles will next play in the conference tournament May 3 at Trine, which finished first in the MIAA standings. The tournament is double-elimination, with the winner earning an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament.

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were limited a bit, and credit to both of the defenses we played against in both Georgetown and Northwestern, but at the same time, we really limited ourselves ... We focused ... on getting back to moving the ball, and then taking advantage of the opportunities,” she said.

In the second half, the Irish offense was less prolific in terms of goals scored, but equally dominant in possession and control. Among Notre Dame’s five second-half goals were tallies by senior defender Jordy Shoemaker and graduate student defender Brittany Mallory, who both deposited a goal for the first time this season.

Halfpenny said the goals by the defenders were not the result of players showing off.

“It’s fun. It’s not showboating by any means, we want our defenders to be able to go forward because there are some games where the defense is limiting your offense and you need a spark,” Halfpenny said. “You need to start some momentum and defense is open, they should go to goal. That’s part of your job on the field.”

In total, 13 Irish players recorded goals in the game on 38 shots, many of which came at the doorstep of the Bearcats’ net. The 22 goals tie a program home record, and the 20-goal margin of victory is the largest in program history.



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Junior attack Betsy Mastropieri drives to the net in Notre Dame’s 22-2 home victory over Cincinnati on Saturday.

The Irish were equally successful on the defensive end, where they surrendered just six shots and two goals, both of which came in the game’s early minutes. The complete effort made for a special day for the seniors, Halfpenny said.

“It’s so much fun. I think our whole team from top to bottom made this such a special day for the seniors,” the first-year coach said. “It’s so special. It’s so cool. They

all had outstanding games. They came in, worked hard it’s what they’ve been doing for four years.”

Eight Notre Dame seniors shared the honors on Senior Day, as Mallory, Shoemaker, defender Kristin DeRespiris, attack Kelly

Driscoll and Maggie Tamasis and midfielders Flannery Nangle, Kate Newall and Megan Sullivan enjoyed their final home action.

On a day where everything went right for the home team, Halfpenny said Notre Dame’s 10 assists stood out most. Six of the assists came from Tamasis, who tabbed a conference-record 31 assists in Big East play this season.

“I was the most excited about how many helpers we had,” Halfpenny said. “[It was] not just the 22 goals, but the fact that so many were assisted. That means that you’re working as a unit and that’s exciting. That’s a good confidence-[builder] heading into Loyola on Thursday for our first round Big East game.”

The No. 3 seed Irish will look to avenge last year’s conference championship loss when they take on second-seeded Loyola (Md.) in the first round of the Big East tournament in Syracuse, N.Y., on Thursday.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Athletes perform in final meets before Big East championship

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

In their final weekend before the Big East outdoor championships, the Irish had a successful weekend, with the team splitting up once again. While some athletes participated at the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, a separate contingent made the trip to Hillsdale, Mich., for the Hillsdale Gina Relays.

At the Hillsdale Gina Relays, Irish sophomore thrower Andrew Brock turned in a second-place finish in the shot put with a throw of 16.66-meters. The meet offered a final preparation before the conference championships and served its purpose, Brock said.

“The competition wasn’t like the competition we will be seeing at the Big East meet, but there were definitely some good performers there,” he said. “It was nice to have a meet where we can all go and get six throws in before we go to Big Easts.

“Next week, when we go to Big Easts, we need a solid three throws on our first three attempts to make sure we make the finals, and then another solid three throws, so that was the real benefit this weekend — being able to get six throws in.

We really emphasized that this week.”

Friday’s runner-up finish was Brock’s third consecutive top-two result, and comes a week after he set a personal-best throw of 17.20-meters at the Polytan Invitational. For he and his teammates it is important to perform well heading into the Big East championships, Brock said.

“Second, first, third, however we all came in, it is ... a good confidence boost coming into Big Easts,” the Seymour, Ind., native said.

Among the number of Irish athletes who participated in the Drake Relays over the weekend was freshman sprinter Chris Giesting, who participated in the 4x400-meter relay. His foursome finished ninth overall, just 0.2 seconds shy of making the last spot in the finals.

“It was kind of a disappointment,” Giesting said. “We wanted to make the finals, which is kind of a difficult thing to do since there are a lot of good teams that go there. But we came in seeded sixth ... we got second in our heat, which is usually good enough to go to the finals, but there were a few teams that snuck ahead based on times.”

The Irish women’s 4x800-

meter team, composed of sophomores Kelly Curran and Alexa Aragon, senior Allison Schroeder and junior Rebecca Tracy, captured a first-place finish with a time of 8:35.89, while the men’s 4x800-meter team finished third in 7:25.88. Also turning in a strong performance for the Irish was the women’s 4x400-meter relay team, which used a personal-record time of 3:40.76 to earn a sixth-place finish. Irish senior pole vaulter Kevin Schipper continued his impressive outdoor season by coming in second with a height of 5.30-meters.

Overall, the Notre Dame athletes were pleased with their performance at the Drake Relays, Giesting said.

“It was pretty much a successful weekend for everyone,” the freshman said. “It was a good experience for the people that went.”

Notre Dame has split the team between two or even three meets during recent weekends, and the strategy is ultimately beneficial to the athletes, Brock said.

“When we go to different meets, it definitely makes it difficult for us to know who our teammates are because we can’t always see them per-



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Sophomore Alexa Aragon, right, leads the pack in the one-mile race in the Meyo Invitational on Feb. 4. at Notre Dame.

form,” he said. “What it does do is always make sure that we are performing at a place that is the best environment for us. When we split up as a team, we are making sure that as throwers we are going to [compete against] high-quality performance throwers that are able to give us a challenge to help us prepare for Big Easts. With the

runners, when [they] go to other meets that we aren’t at, they are going against runners that give them better competition.”

The Irish will participate in the Big East outdoor championships beginning Friday in Tampa, Fla.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles finish MIAA with loss to Hope

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The Belles struggled in the last of their eight conference matchups Saturday against Hope, losing 8-1. Saint Mary’s had already been ruled out of the MIAA championships after a loss to Kalamazoo on Tuesday, and following Saturday’s loss, it will finish the season sixth in the MIAA.

“[Hope] is a really good team, but that wasn’t really our best effort,” Belles coach Dale Campbell said.

Against Hope (16-7, 8-0 MIAA), the Belles (10-9, 3-5 MIAA) encountered more difficulty in doubles than usual. Doubles is typically a strong suit for Saint Mary’s, propelling the team to a strong start. Despite a strong effort, the Belles only claimed one victory in the three doubles matches against Hope. Freshmen Shannon Elliott and Kayle Sexton won 8-5 at the second doubles.

“We played well in doubles, winning the one doubles match,” Campbell said.

“That was a pretty good match there for us at the second doubles.”

When all was said and done, the victory ended up being the sole win for the Belles.

“I think we fought well in doubles, but we were a little overmatched in total,” Campbell said.

In singles, the Belles struggled even more, as Hope managed to sweep the Belles, taking all six matches.

“I was a bit disappointed in singles,” Campbell said. “We didn’t really show our best ef-

fort.”

Sophomore Mary Catherine Faller played the most competitive match for the Belles. Faller challenged her opponent in the second set, but lost the match 6-2, 7-5.

“[Faller] gave their No. 1 a very good battle,” Campbell said. “That was definitely impressive.”

Though the Belles lost handedly to Hope, the Flying Dutch’s victory was not entirely surprising. Hope has gone on to have a very successful season, finishing at the top of the MIAA. Saturday’s victory capped an undefeated season in the MIAA for the Flying Dutch, who notched their 16th win on the season. As a result, Hope rounded out the weekend ranked No. 17 in the region.

“They are just a very athletic team who don’t miss a lot of shots,” Campbell said. “They have a lot of good athletes and are really deep all the way down their roster.”

After a rough week, the Belles will look to end their season on positive note. Saint Mary’s travels to North Central today for its last match of the season.

“We still want to win, but it’s really about getting experience at this point,” Campbell said. “Tomorrow is about competing, experience and having a strong finish.”

Saint Mary’s will look to fulfill these goals when they challenge North Central at 4 p.m. in Naperville, Ill.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish sweep Friars with hot bats

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A fourth-inning grand slam from senior first baseman Dani Miller propelled the Irish to a 14-2 win Sunday, providing the perfect ending to a weekend series against Providence. Notre Dame ended the series with yet another string of wins, leaving Providence, R.I., with a three-game sweep and 11-game winning streak.

“The team morale is at a great place right now with the postseason right around the corner, and each game we have helps build the team energy,” junior catcher Amy Buntin said.

The Irish (32-13, 13-3 Big East) cruised past the Friars (15-34, 6-12) in Saturday’s doubleheader, winning the games 5-3 and 8-4, respectively. The weekend started calmly with no runs from either team in the first three innings. Miller then shook up the action with a home run in the fourth, smashing a ball through a car windshield outside the fence. A team effort brought sophomore shortstop Chloe Saganowich safely to home plate in the fifth, giving the Irish a 2-0 lead.

The Irish extended the lead to 5-0 in the top of

the sixth inning when senior designated hitter Kasey O’Connor hit a three-run home run.

“The key to all those wins this past weekend was our bats,” Buntin said. “We have a wicked offense, with speed to get on base, then powerhitters to knock those runners in.”

Sophomore pitcher Laura Winter held her ground without allowing a hit until the fifth inning. She allowed Providence freshman first baseman Kristie Dederick’s three-run home run in the bottom of the sixth, but Winter soon regained control.

In the second game, Providence took an early 2-0 lead in the first inning. The Friars were able to keep the lead at two for the first two innings, until Irish freshman third baseman Katey Haus’ single in the top of the third sent senior center fielder Alexa Maldonado home for the first run.

Once Irish junior pitcher Brittany O’Donnell grew comfortable on the mound, Providence had difficulty scoring. A four-run fifth inning gave the Irish their first lead of the game.

Buntin cushioned the

lead with a two-run home run in the sixth and, despite three Irish errors in the game and two late runs for the Friars in the seventh inning, Notre Dame managed to hold on for the win.

Sweeping the doubleheader earned the Irish a seat in the 2012 Big East championship, carrying excitement over into the next day. Between a grand slam by Miller and two homers from Maldonado, it only took five innings for the Irish to close the weekend with a third win.

Buntin paved the way, scoring in the second off a RBI from O’Connor. A home run from Maldonado in the third brought the lead up to 2-0.

Then in the fourth, the offense exploded.

Miller’s grand slam, combined with four more runs, gave the Irish a 10-0 lead. Despite two runs from the Friars in the fourth inning, the Irish cruised on to the victory. Winter allowed three hits in the game and Notre Dame closed the contest with four more runs in the fifth inning.

“I don’t think the thought of not winning ever crossed anyone’s mind on the team,” Buntin said. “Even when we’re behind, our hitters always find a way to produce runs.”

The Irish next face Northern Illinois on Tuesday in Melissa Cook Stadium, with the first pitch delivered at 5 p.m.

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Amy Butin
Irish catcher

Corrigan

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our guys come out aggressively and [getting] that first goal kind of helps everybody relax.”

Junior midfielder Pat Cotter increased the lead to 4-0 in the second quarter and junior goalie John Kemp and the rest of the Irish defense shut out Syracuse for the remainder of the half. Kemp was recently named a nominee for the Tewaaron Trophy, given to the most outstanding collegiate lacrosse player.

“John’s terrific,” Corrigan said. “He’s the best goalie in the country. He may be the best player in the country. I keep hearing all these people talk about all these offensive guys for the Tewaaron and I’m wondering why John’s not part of that conversation. If you watch him every day, you sure think he’s terrific.”

The Orange came back in the second half, however, with two goals to make it 4-2. The teams battled back and forth for the rest of the quarter before Orange junior midfielder JoJo Marasco scored early in the fourth to cut the Irish lead to 6-4.

Orange coach John Desko said a change in shooting strategy prompted the comeback.

“We changed our shooting in the second half, which I thought was good,” Desko said. “We started to go up top after we shot a lot of them down low. We were able to crawl back in it.”

The teams exchanged goals early in the final quarter before Syracuse senior midfielder Bobby Eilers blasted a shot past Kemp at the 7:43 mark to bring the Orange within one at 7-6.

Just 33 seconds later Notre Dame freshman midfielder Will Corrigan came in from the right side and found the back of the cage to put the lead back at two.

For the last seven minutes of play the staunch Irish defense forced numerous turnovers in a tightly-contested final period that culminated in an 8-6 win for the Irish.

The win finalized an undefeated Big East season for Notre Dame, who now turns its attention to post-season play. The Irish will be the top seed in the Big East tournament when they take on St. John’s in the semifinals Thursday. Notre Dame defeated the Red Storm 13-6 on April 1.

“It’s going to be a challenge with St. John’s,” Kevin Corrigan said. “They’re a very good team. We just played them less than a month ago. The good news is we don’t need to start over in our preparation for somebody. For once in the season, we get to rely on already a little prior knowledge of somebody. It’s still going to be quite a challenge and they’ve been playing really well recently.”

Notre Dame begins its postseason play Thursday at 4:30 p.m. when it squares off with the Red Storm in the Big East semifinals in Villanova, Pa.

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SMC GOLF

Belles qualify for NCAA Tournament

Observer Staff Report

Qualifying for the NCAA championships has become a regular occurrence for the Saint Mary’s golf team, as the Belles punched their fourth straight ticket to the NCAA Division III championships at Zollner Golf Course in Angola, Ind.

Saturday’s MIAA conference qualifying tournament was the culmination of a three-day competition that the Belles had control over since the first tee. Saint Mary’s had

a 22-stroke advantage over second place Hope after the first two rounds, and held on to the lead Saturday.

On Saturday, Saint Mary’s tied with Olivet on the final day of competition as both teams shot scores of 328. One shot behind Saint Mary’s and Olivet was Hope, which shot a score of 329.

Sophomore Doyle O’Brien once again took charge for the Belles and shot a 77, with a front-nine score of 38 and a back-nine 39. O’Brien shot the lowest score in each of the three conference tournament rounds for Saint

Mary’s.

Senior captain Christine Brown took 16 strokes off her last performance and shot an 81 which was good enough for the second lowest score of the day for Saint Mary’s.

The Belles’ Saturday performance followed two earlier rounds in which the team shot scores of 324 and 334. The first round score of 324 put the Belles ahead by 21 strokes over the field, and they managed to remain in first after the second round 334. The cumulative score of 986 ended up 23 strokes ahead of second place Hope.

Saint Mary’s played at Zollner Golf Course in the fall and shot a team score of 342, but with a new cast of golfers returned from studying abroad, Saint Mary’s will look to shoot a much lower score this time around. Against the most competitive field Saint Mary’s has faced all year, the Belles will rely on consistent performances across the board. Methodist University has won the Division III NCAA championship a remarkable 12 times in a row. The Belles will tee off as the tournament begins May 8 in Angola, Ind.

PGA TOUR

Dufner defeats Els in playoff, earns first victory

AVONDALE, La. — Jason Dufner was more nervous about a putt under 2 feet on a playoff hole at the Zurich Classic than about getting married next weekend. His recent late-tournament struggles made it easy to understand why.

“There’s a been a good bit of pressure,” Dufner said. “People talking about, ‘Why aren’t you winning? Why can’t you close the deal? ... Friends, family, media, even people in my inner circle. And not in a negative way, but when you’re leading tournaments going into weekends and you’re finishing 24th, there’s going to be some questions.”

Not anymore.

Dufner maintained his composure through not one, but two playoff holes against one of the more accomplished veterans in the game Sunday, beating Ernie Els with a birdie on their second extra trip up the par-5 18th to win for the first time in 164 starts on the PGA Tour.

The win should also stamp out some of the bad memories haunting Dufner since the Masters, when he shared

the lead after two rounds but faded to 24th. The 35-year-old Dufner also held five previous leads through two rounds — two this year, only to fade down the stretch.

Entering the fourth round with a two-shot lead in New Orleans, Dufner shot a 2-under 70 at TPC Louisiana, while Els had a 67 to match Dufner for a course-record 19-under 269 total.

Both missed birdie putts within 8 feet in the first playoff, so they went back to the 18th tee for the second extra hole, which Dufner won by hitting the green in two strokes and tapping home a short birdie putt after Els’ birdie attempt from the fringe narrowly missed.

Dufner lost playoffs last year to Mark Wilson in the Phoenix Open and Keegan Bradley in the PGA Championship for two of his three career runner-up finishes.

“It’s always really tough playing on Sundays whether you’re in the lead or middle of the pack, and today I was fighting, trying to win an event, and I think I showed myself a good bit out there,” Dufner said. “It was tough. Ernie made a great run



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Jason Dufner poses with his trophy after winning the Zurich Classic Sunday in Avondale, La. It was his first career PGA victory.

at me and it felt like with five or six holes (to go) we were probably going to be battling for the win.

“To get the monkey off of my back, it’s a great feeling.”

The 6-foot-3 Els, who goes by the nickname “The Big Easy,” hasn’t won on the PGA Tour since the 2010 Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill, a little

more than two years ago.

He did not have a single bogey in the final round or playoff, and would have won his 19th career PGA Tour title in, of all places, the Big Easy, if he could have made a birdie putt of a little less than 6 feet on the first playoff hole. He pushed it more than 2 feet past the edge of the hole.

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WILL SHORTZ

- Across**

1 Antlered animal

4 Provided with meals

7 With 58-Down, vehicle for people on the go? ... or a hint to five strategically placed answers in this puzzle

13 Alternative to chocolate

15 Musical performance

16 Low-cost, as an airplane seat

17 1920s-'30s design style

18 Time of change

19 Intl. feminine group

20 Feminine title

21 Sir Walter Scott novel

23 Bouquet holders

25 Spy's knowledge, informally
- 27 Singer/actress Deanna of the 1930s-'40s

29 Pinocchio, at times

30 "___ about time!"

31 Complained loudly

35 90° angle

36 Native of Cuba's capital

38 Cry for a matador

39 Rarely

41 Charged particle

42 ___ Nostra

43 Square dance maneuver

45 Senegal's capital

46 Was wide open

49 State of bliss

51 King Kong, for one

52 The second of the five W's

54 Roma is its capital

57 From one of the Baltics
- Down**

1 Not odd

2 Fabric that doesn't block much light

3 Smart aleck, say

4 Bouquet-related

5 Violinist Mischa

6 24 hours

7 Bygone Ford car, informally

8 General who became the first emperor of Rome

9 YouTube posting, for short

10 ___ or less (supermarket checkout sign)

11 Mother-of-pearl

12 Lip ___

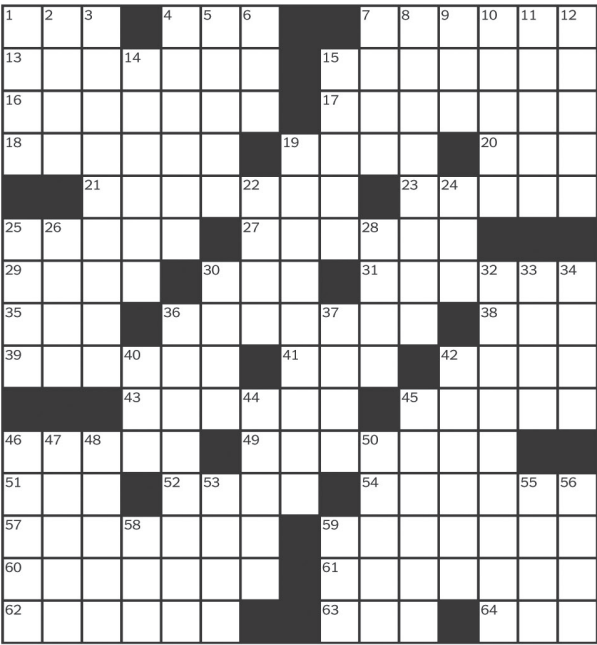
14 Words often declared after "Well"

15 Colder and wetter, as weather

19 "Absolutely right!"

22 RCA or Samsung product

24 "Wheel of Fortune" purchase



Puzzle by Ray Fontenot

- 25 Parts of a French archipelago

26 Cleopatra's river

28 Kellogg's All-___

30 Big name in pet food

32 "Don't just stand there!"

33 Lohengrin's love

34 Beloved
- 36 Snooker

37 Jordan's Queen

40 J.F.K.'s predecessor

42 Where Hudson Bay is

44 Nonsensical

45 Some office stamps

46 Fancy affairs
- 47 Separately

48 ___ dish (lab holder)

50 Life-sustaining

53 Long-haired uglies

55 Persia, now

56 Zinc's is 30: Abbr.

58 See 7-Across

59 One-spot card

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Andre Agassi, 42; Uma Thurman, 42; Michelle Pfeiffer, 54; Jerry Seinfeld, 58.

Happy Birthday: Be careful how you handle personal partnerships. Not everyone will agree with what you want to do or pursue. Proceed secretly until you are able to perfect what you want to present. Preparation will be key to getting your way in the end. Emotional situations will stifle your plans. Your numbers are 2, 9, 20, 28, 37, 41, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can make your dreams come true if you instigate what you want to see happen. Socializing or visiting destinations that are foreign to you will spark your imagination, leading you in a direction that will change your personal life forever. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Handle family and friends cautiously. You don't want to upset someone who can disrupt your plans. Don't let emotions or ego cost you mentally, physically or financially. Focus on what's realistic and in the best interest of everyone involved. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't get angry; get moving. Clear up clutter and organize a garage sale. Get rid of things you no longer need. You are bound to meet someone interesting in the process if you share memories and stories about particular items. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be cautious around someone who is acting impulsively. You don't want to be drawn into something that could end badly. Concentrate on your own projects and plans, where you can accomplish the most. Short trips will lead to important information. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Find a unique way to do things. Explore avenues that interest you. Communicate with people who can offer a different angle or approach to something you want to pursue. Indulging in love and romance will enrich your life. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't give in to someone putting demands on you. Take the lead role and follow your instinct. If you have to bend too far to please someone, rethink the connection you have with the person. Do what's best for you. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your heart will lead you in the right direction. Avoid anyone who is demanding or dictating what you can or cannot do. Gravitate toward the person with whom you share the most in common and you'll find peace of mind and a lasting relationship. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Open up and share your dreams, hopes and wishes. Your vision will inspire someone who can contribute to your plans. A partnership is favored, as long as you share responsibilities equally. Don't give up too much for too little. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your pursuits out in the open. Make changes at home that will facilitate and accommodate what you want to accomplish. A relationship with someone will flourish. Do your best to include this person in your plans. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Buying, selling or making changes to your current residence will bring good results. Investing in something you have to offer will lead to added income. Expand your interests, and enlist the help of family to reach your goals. ★★★★★

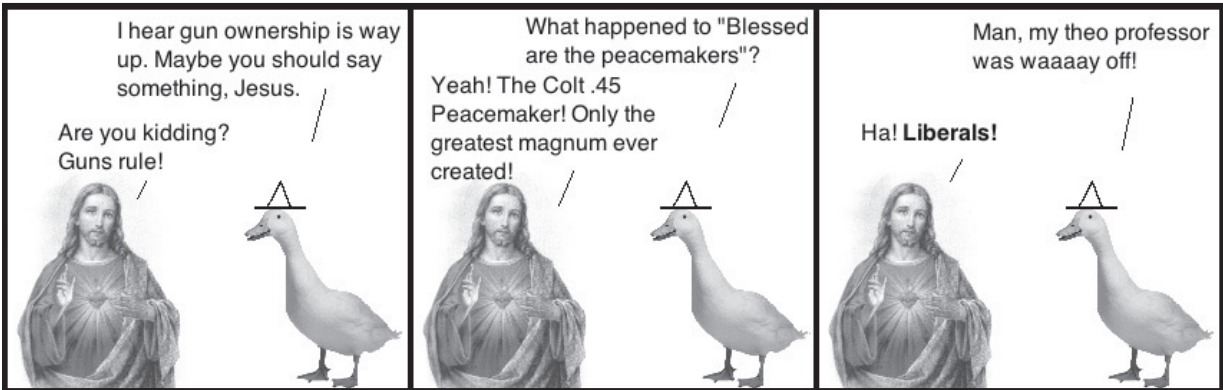
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stubbornness will work against you. Avoid anyone trying to dump added responsibilities on you when you already have enough to deal with. Put your own needs first. A little downtime with someone you love will ease your stress. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Avoid giving handouts you cannot afford. Collect old debts and secure your financial position. Taking control of your life and your future will send a message to anyone trying to take advantage of your generosity. Don't hesitate to say no. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are bold, brave, aggressive and astute. You are in control.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Ending with a first

Strong start lifts Notre Dame past Syracuse in last game of season



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Sophomore attackman Westy Hopkins cradles the ball in Notre Dame's 8-6 victory over Syracuse on Saturday. Hopkins recorded one goal and one assist in the Irish win.

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

Three months after the men's basketball team upset then-No. 1 Syracuse at Purcell Pavilion, the No. 3 Irish lacrosse squad got a similarly monumental win over the No. 17 Orange with an 8-6 victory Saturday at Arlotta Stadium.

Notre Dame (11-1, 6-0 Big East) defeated Syracuse (7-7, 3-3) for the first time in program history and ended the regular season on a 10-game win streak.

Despite the historic victory, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said the team is simply happy to end the season on a positive note.

"It's a great win for this team and a great win to end our regular season on a good note," Corrigan said. "I have a feeling we're going to see this team again in seven days [in the Big East tournament]. We're just happy to get a [win] today and get out of there with that."

The Irish got out to a quick start when sophomore midfielder Jim Marlatt ripped his 15th goal of the season into the top right corner of the cage less than two minutes into the game.

Later in the first quarter, sophomore attack Westy Hopkins and junior midfielder Ryan Foley added

goals to make it a three-goal lead.

Corrigan said it was important for his team to come out of the gates strong and open with quick goals, especially against a squad in search of a noteworthy win.

"I thought that was really important for us in terms of being able to relax," Corrigan said. "We knew they were going to come after us. This is a team that, like a lot of teams we've played recently, needs a win. At this point, we're a good win. We knew they were going to come after us a little bit. I was glad to see

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish throttle Bearcats in regular-season finale

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

Saturday's game against Cincinnati was more than just a normal lacrosse game in Arlotta Stadium. The contest served as Notre Dame's final game of the regular season, Senior Day and the Lax for the Cure game. But even with the many accompanying occasions, the No. 6 Irish managed to handle the lacrosse portion of the day quite skillfully with a 22-2 victory.

Entering the regular season finale after a 17-7 loss to No. 1 Northwestern on Wednesday, Notre Dame (13-3, 6-2 Big East) exited the gates on fire, with four

goals in the first 5:01. The Irish reached the seven-goal mark they were held to against the Wildcats (16-1, 4-1 ALC) less than 11 minutes into Saturday's meeting with Cincinnati (3-12, 0-8).

Notre Dame's rapid scoring pace barely slowed from there, as the Irish used contributions from 11 different goal-scorers to gather a 17-2 advantage by halftime. The offensive outpouring was a welcome change from the relative futility the Irish had experienced in their previous two outings, Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said.

"The last two games we

see HALFPENNY/page 16

ND SOCCER

Women win, men lose to international opponents

By ANDREW GASTELUM and JOSEPH MONARDO

Associate Sports Editor and Sports Writer

The Irish men welcomed the Mexico under-20 national team for their final outing of the spring exhibition season. But along with the team, a large contingent of Mexico fans accepted the invitation to Alumni Stadium, watching the Irish fall 1-0.

For Notre Dame, an early own goal marred the score line. The game's lone score came in the 23rd minute off Mexico midfielder Alfonso Gonzalez's cross that was redirected into the Irish net by a

Notre Dame defender as it crossed the face of the frame.

Despite the own goal and the loss, the Irish can take plenty of positives from the outing, Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

"I think you've got to take the positive side to this game. I think we played very well ... even in the first half," he said. "I think it took us a little while to get our confidence. The Mexican team is very technical, very good with the ball and it took us a little time, but once we got our confidence and started stepping and winning the ball, we

see CLARK/page 14

BASEBALL

Red Storm win series behind strong pitching

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The Irish lost an early lead against St. John's in the first game of Friday's doubleheader and never recovered, losing both Friday games by the score 6-4 and dropping Sunday's decision, 3-1.

Although the two games of Friday's doubleheader ended with identical scores, the Irish (22-20, 9-9 Big East) found opposite ways of getting there.

Notre Dame jumped out to the lead in the first game,

as junior second baseman Frank DeSico and sophomore first baseman Trey Mancini scored on a wild pitch and a bunt single, respectively, in the first inning.

Senior righthander Will Hudgins (3-2) went 8.2 innings and gave up just one earned run in the longest outing of his career, but most of the damage came as a result of the team's five defensive errors. The first two came in the top of the sixth, when Mancini

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

'Hoops' takes championship

By MIKE MONACO and BRENDAN BELL
Sports Writers

With the rain pouring down, No. 3 Hoops We Did It Again used the hot shooting of Notre Dame Sports Properties employee Beau Bauer to defeat No. 4 SWAG 22-20 in the championship game Sunday at the Bookstore courts.

Bauer led the way with 12 points, including the game winner from three-point range, to propel his squad past SWAG — comprised of juniors Tebo Barnett, Ryan Dunbar, Nate Carr, Mike Broghammer and senior Tim Van Harmelen.

"It was a physical game," Dunbar said. "We definitely

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Players of No. 3 Hoops We Did It Again and No. 4 SWAG go up for a rebound in Sunday's Bookstore championship game.