

Notre Dame pilgrims spend Easter at Vatican

Students abroad in Europe for the semester witness Pope Francis' first Easter as pope

By **MEGHAN THOMASSEN**
Managing Editor

ROME — This Easter, more than 100 Notre Dame students studying in various locations throughout Europe went on pilgrimage to Rome for a weekend of sightseeing, prayer and reflection organized by Campus Ministry.

John Paul Lichon, campus minister and retreats director, met the pilgrims in Saint Peter's Square on Saturday afternoon to distribute tickets for the Easter Sunday Mass. Students from programs all over Europe — including in Greece, Spain, England, Ireland and Italy — reunited by the obelisk in the middle of the piazza, hugging, laughing

and sharing stories from their travels.

The pilgrimage is an annual event coordinated by Campus Ministry, which includes tours of Rome's churches, admittance to the Easter Sunday Mass led by Pope Francis and the opportunity to reflect in the presence of Rome's most precious relics, Lichon said.

Easter is the most important feast of the year for the Church, Lichon said, but the pilgrimage will take on special significance this year.

"We've been doing the pilgrimage for a long time, but it just turned out this year it was with the new pope, so that has been exciting," Lichon said.

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Notre Dame students join the crowds gathered to celebrate Easter Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. Campus Ministry sponsored a weekend trip to Rome in recognition of Holy Week.

Rocheleau reflects on term

By **NICOLE MICHELS**
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After concluding two years in the top ranks of student government Monday, former student body president Brett Rocheleau said he felt he pursued virtually every idea he could have implemented while in office.

"All the days that I had, I tried in one way, shape or form," Rocheleau said. "There's nothing else I would have tried. There were definitely other things I wish could have been accomplished, but there were

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Former student body president and vice president Brett Rocheleau and Katie Rose lead a Student Senate meeting.

Legacy campaign raises funds

By **CAROLINA WILSON**
News Writer

Notre Dame's Class of 2013 will make a collective donation back to the University through the annual Senior Legacy Campaign.

The Senior Legacy 2013 aims to give the class the "opportunity to bridge the gap between [their] experience as students and [their] plan to give back to the University after graduation," according to the campaign's website.

Senior Mia Genereux, campaign co-chair, said student appreciation lies at the heart of the effort.

"It is our way of showing gratitude for our time here, as well as stepping into our new role as Notre Dame alumni," Genereux said.

The campaign this year will donate its collections toward financial aid scholarships for University students, Genereux said.

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Performance sparks diversity dialogue

By **CHARLIE DUCEY**
News Writer

This year's performances of "Show Some Skin: It's Complicated" aims to spark campus dialogue on normally taboo topics by dramatizing monologues submitted anonymously by members of the Notre Dame community.

These provocative, deeply

emotional and often humorous monologues focus on issues of sexuality, race and image, the show's directors said.

"Show Some Skin: It's Complicated" will be performed in the Carey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library at 7:30 p.m. from Thursday through Saturday.

While "Show Some Skin" is

meant to entertain, sophomore Lucas Garcia, an assistant director for the show, said the performances try to impart deeper meaning.

"'Show Some Skin' is a way for students to tell each other their stories," Garcia said. "Sometimes students don't feel strong or courageous enough to share all of themselves face to face with other

students."

Director Edithstein Cho, a junior, said this year's performances show the intersection of individual identities with a special focus on feelings of exclusion. Last year's show, "The Race Monologues," centered primarily on racial or ethnic diversity.

"Our production is about

community-building," Cho said. "The underlying framework is to have a place where we can talk about these issues of diversity."

Aside from issues of race, Garcia said gender, social status, sexuality, mental illness, multi-culturalism and many other categories will be

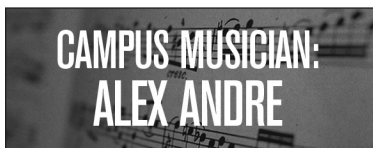
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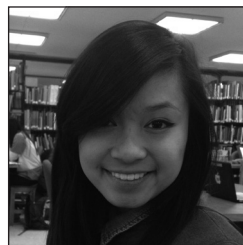
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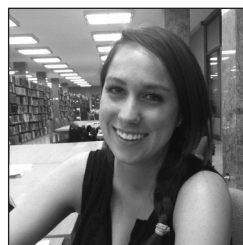
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"Black."



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"I prefer natural redheads. I like my Cheetos flaming hot."



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One year ago today, members of the Notre Dame community gathered in the Joyce Center to watch the NCAA women's basketball championship. The Fighting Irish fell to Baylor 80-61.

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Friday

Relay for Life Blood Drive

Grace Hall
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
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Men's Tennis

Eck Tennis Pavilion
4 p.m.-6 p.m.
Match vs. SMU.

Saturday

Hawai'i Club Presents: Lu'au 2013

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5 p.m.-8 p.m.
Food, music, dance and entertainment.

Softball

Melissa Cook Stadium
12 p.m.-4 p.m.
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Sunday

Sunday Mass

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
10 a.m.-11 a.m.
Music by the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir.

Opening Reception: BFA and MFA Student Thesis Exhibition

Snite Museum of Art
2 p.m.-4 p.m.
Awards at 3 p.m.

Monday

Film: "Sun Come Up"

LaFortune Student Center, Montgomery Auditorium
8 p.m.-9 p.m.
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Timeflies kicks off national tour at SMC

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Cal Shapiro, lead singer of Timeflies, performs at Saint Mary's annual SMC Tostal concert Wednesday in O'Laughlin Auditorium.

By **KELLY KONYA**
News Writer

Up-and-coming musical duo Timeflies headlined Saint Mary's annual SMC Tostal concert Wednesday night.

Sophomore Sylvia Yacoub, singer and past participant on NBC's "The Voice," opened the performance at O'Laughlin Auditorium.

The student body chose Timeflies singer Cal Shapiro and producer Rob "Rez" Resnick as the event's headlining artists in a vote last December.

Shapiro said he and Resnick don't often perform in auditoriums.

"That was kind of interesting going in, but the ones that we have done in the past have been awesome," Shapiro said. "We are so excited to kick off the tour here. It'll be incredible."

The duo, both graduates of Tufts University, started Timeflies in 2010 and released their first album "The Scotch Tape" in 2011. They are scheduled to continue touring the country but said Saint Mary's was a great location for their first concert.

"It's a dream come true," Resnick said. "Much better than [performing at] an all-dudes college."

The duo is known as "Timeflies Tuesday" because they usually release a new song, either a freestyle or remix, each Tuesday. They said this setup has considerably developed their fan base on YouTube through the years.

"I couldn't believe we were able to get Timeflies [for SMC Tostal]," senior Caitlin McCarthy said. "My friends and I have been obsessed with them ever since they remade 'Wild Ones.'"

McCarthy wasn't the only one enthusiastic about the male duo, as screams upon screams accompanied their entrance and lasted throughout the entire performance. The pair began the show with some of their own songs and also included new material that will be released with their new album this summer.

At the show, the pair kept the crowd excited and jumping, especially when Shapiro freestyled to Ke\$ha's "Die Young," adjusting the song lyrics to apply to Saint

Mary's and Notre Dame.

Shapiro's lyrics referenced Notre Dame-specific aspects, such as "Freshman dance party like we rockin' out at Domer Fest," and "I know they see us, I'm lookin' good like that Touchdown Jesus."

With neon lights and water bottles spraying the crowd, Timeflies introduced their newest hit, called "I Choose U."

"Their new song 'I Choose U' was phat," Notre Dame sophomore Jack McMahon said. "I downloaded it right when I got back to my dorm."

The show concluded with Timeflies' hip-hop remix of the Disney hit "Under the Sea," which was a crowd favorite.

Yacoub said she was excited to perform for her community, especially after her experience in Hollywood. At SMC Tostal, she performed a few hit songs along with some of her own music, much of which she sang while playing piano.

"I learned so much from 'The Voice,' like what kind of musician I want to be and how to just let go and sing completely from the heart," Yacoub said.

Yacoub said she plans to use her exposure to the music industry to her advantage and work with producers this summer to release an album soon.

"I was so pumped to open for Timeflies," Yacoub said. "I remember watching their videos last year and buying their whole album because I thought they were really cool. I love those guys. They are so dope."

Saint Mary's sophomore Grace McSorley said she loved hearing Yacoub's music.

"I was so thrilled to finally be able to see Sylvia perform. Watching her on 'The Voice' was an exciting experience last semester, and I couldn't wait to see her sing live," McSorley said.

Saint Mary's sophomore Mandy Gilbert raved about the concert.

"The show was incredible. Sylvia owned it," Gilbert said. "Cal is the most attractive guy on the planet. Rez's beats were insane. It could not have been a better show, and I think everyone loved it."

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Ambassador promotes brand

By CATHERINE OWERS
News Writer

Junior Rachel Greenberg complements her marketing major by working as a campus ambassador for Procter & Gamble (P&G) to promote brand loyalty and social media interest among students.

As part of P&G's "ReadyU" campaign, Greenberg said her job is more than just handing out free samples to girls in her dorm.

"I'm supposed to distribute them in a way that promotes P&G but also shows

products.

"I made a Pic Stitch of a few of my friends using P&G products, like a Tide to Go stick for cleaning a stain on a shirt and a friend getting ready for a party using CoverGirl mascara."

Part of Greenberg's job is to "drive likes, comments and shares on the pictures" on social media, so she said she held a raffle to encourage students to like or comment on the pictures.

"[The campaign] is not just based on advertising products but focused on building this online interactive base that's fun and something you can do in your spare time," she said. "It gets you to interact with the brand."

Greenberg said she reports to managers in a New York advertising agency, and she and ambassadors on other campuses are able to communicate the effectiveness of certain advertising strategies.

"We're involved in marketing strategy at the same time. You're not just doing the dirty work," she said. "You're actually analyzing what works and what doesn't work, and how to promote [products] better."

Greenberg said the campaign is primarily interested in promoting brand loyalty, which they believe will eventually drive sales.

"We show that P&G is more than just a supplier, but [also] a supporter of your college experience," she said.

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students that P&G is an advocate for their college career," she said. "It's distributing these products for a functional benefit, obviously ... but also on a deeper level, Ready-U supports the idea that ... grades aren't everything and sometimes [you] have to put the books away."

"The campaign is primarily a Facebook page but also has physical components that manifest itself in marketing events on campus," she said.

The theme of the campaign is "Conquer Outside the Classroom," Greenberg said, which emphasizes a college experience goes beyond the academic realm.

"[The campaign] looks back to why we go to college in the first place, to have fun with your friends and grow as a person," she said. "The values P&G [tries] to promote are so great for Notre Dame students specifically, who are so driven in getting good grades but also really focused on getting a well-rounded college experience."

Greenberg said she has used hall events like hall council to advertise P&G

SENIOR LEGACY CAMPAIGN Class of 2013 Fundraising

- money collected will establish a needs-based scholarship fund
- reach out to seniors by invitation to make a three-year pledge to donate

SAMMY COUGHLIN | The Observer

Legacy

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"Through establishing the Class of 2013 needs-based scholarship fund, we will be supporting future students for whom a Notre Dame education would otherwise be financially out of reach," she said.

Genereux said the senior class participation and amount of collected donations have been lower than usual, likely because students were only asked to make a one-time donation via a mass mailing system.

Genereux said she hopes the implementation of a "three-year pledge" will engage greater participation from future alumni.

"We want to improve senior class participation as well as young alumni participation rates through a revamped campaign, which

includes a three-year pledge and a peer outreach system," Genereux said. "Seniors can pledge to give back in the next three years at various levels of giving."

Senior Daniel Leicht, the other campaign co-chair, said he also believes this long-term plan will facilitate participation and donations.

"We are confident that this pledge system will help seniors develop a long-term plan to give back to the University, keeping them engaged over a number of years rather than just the year that they graduate," Leicht said.

Additionally, the 2013 campaign hopes a peer invitation structure will help increase senior participation, Leicht said.

"Each senior will be contacted by a fellow member of the class of 2013 to discuss

the Senior Legacy and invite them to participate with a three-year pledge," he said.

Genereux and Leicht said the goal is to have 75 percent of the senior class participate in the campaign this year. If they achieve at least 60 percent participation by the end of the school year, Leicht said the group will host a basketball tournament with "surprise celebrity emcees."

Leicht said he hopes interest and excitement for the scholarship fund will further encourage senior involvement.

"[Through the scholarship fund], our class can provide the same opportunities to potential students that we have enjoyed in our time as students at this great University," Leicht said.

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"The main focus is truly to be on pilgrimage for Easter, to truly enter into Triduum."

Lichon said Campus Ministry offered two pilgrimage "tracks." The full track includes three days of sight-seeing and guided reflection,

"Rome at this time is just crazy, and we wanted to create a space that was prayerful and reflective and truly enter into Triduum. [...] I think that's what this week is really about."

John Paul Lichon
Director of Campus Ministry

while the Easter Sunday track admits students only for the Mass in Saint Peter's Square, Lichon said.

"It's been fantastic. There're about 40 students doing the full track with us, and we did the whole Triduum service together. We did a bunch of churches together on Friday, we did Saint Peter's [Saturday] morning and we're going to do the Vatican Museum," he said. "Then about 110 students are coming just for the Easter Sunday Mass."

Though the tours and photo opportunities excite the participants, Lichon said the goal of the pilgrimage was to engage in prayer.

"Rome at this time is just crazy, and we wanted to create a space that was prayerful and reflective and truly enter into Triduum," he said. "I think that's what this week is really about."

Junior Caity Bobber, who is studying abroad in London, participated in all of the pilgrimage's planned events.

"We began [Friday] with morning prayer at the Coliseum, and we saw the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, where the skulls of Saints Peter and Paul are," Bobber said. "It's actually where the bishop of Rome is, so that's the cathedral of Rome."

Each day of the pilgrimage is scheduled from 7 a.m. until late at night, while some days stretch past midnight, Bobber said.

"Last night, the Stations of the Cross began at 9:15 p.m., but we met at 6:45 p.m. to wait for our spot," Bobber said. "It was a jam-packed day."

Mary Coghlin, a junior studying abroad in London, said visiting the Holy Stairs held special religious significance for her.

"I would say we were all surprised by that," Coghlin said. "It's 28 stairs taken from the office of Pontius Pilate, so when Jesus was walking to his condemnation, he was walking down those stairs."

Coghlin said Saint Helen, Constantine's mother, moved the stairs and other elements of Christ's crucifixion back to Rome.

"It's the original marble, and now they're covered in another wood, and pilgrims go up each of these 28 steps on their knees while praying. It's about a 25-minute ordeal," she said. "It's way more moving than you would expect. People did specific prayers, acts of contrition. Some people received indulgences."

The students also attended the Via Crucis, the Way of the Cross ceremony, held at the Coliseum on Friday night, Coghlin said.

"It was candlelit and we were close to Papa Francesco and it was beautiful," Coughlin said. "[In the ceremony] there was Italian and a lot of Latin, which was nice because you were able to say the Our Father in that. There were also a lot of Notre Dame people there, and it was a great day."

The group's intense touring schedule didn't leave the pilgrims much free time, but Lichon said the group purposefully walked a fine line between seeing Rome as tourists and visiting the churches as worshippers.

"You visit the churches for a purpose, you don't just walk in and take a picture," he said. "You [try to] understand what this church brings to you in a special way. You ask, how is God trying to speak to you through this place?"

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Rescuers search for hikers

Associated Press

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif. — Rescuers working in sometimes dangerously rugged terrain combed Southern California's Cleveland National Forest for two lost hikers late Wednesday, but the third day of searching proved fruitless as darkness fell.

There was no evidence of foul play and authorities believe the teens are in the area, in part because a 911 call made before their mobile phone died was traced to a cell tower near the location, said Orange County Fire Authority Capt. John Muir.

"Their probability for survival is good," he said, adding that the nights have been mild and the days not too hot. "We're not stopping until we find them."

So far, nothing has been found in the area where mountain bikers glimpsed what they believed to be a light in heavy brush Tuesday night off of a trail, he said.

Several dozen people on the ground and three helicopters in the air looked for the pair Wednesday. The overnight search would be mostly the work of a single helicopter, sheriff's Lt. Jason Park said.

Nicholas Cendoya, 19, and Kyndall Jack, 18, were last heard from Sunday night when they made the 911 call.

The two are believed to have gone off trail near Holy Jim Trail, a tree-lined dirt path along a creek that leads to a waterfall and is popular with day hikers.

In the call, they said they were about a mile from their car, which was parked at a trailhead, but rescuers have expanded the search.

"When you're disoriented

because you're out of breath and tired and you think you're one mile away, you could be potentially three or four miles away," Muir said. "There's a lot of ground to cover."

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President

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a lot of things the administration explained why they can't occur and I said, 'Okay, that makes sense.' Everything that I wanted to try or accomplish was attempted.

"I talked to every [student body presidential and vice presidential] ticket before they ran and every ticket asked me, 'What's one thing you'd like to keep working on but you

don't have enough time to do it?'" Rocheleau said. "I said, 'Nothing. I have no ideas for you, I'm just out.'"

Rocheleau, who served as student body vice president during the 2011-2012 school year, said he is proud of the initiatives he and his team implemented while in office.

"I'm really proud of what [former student body vice president Katie Rose] and I and our administration were able to accomplish," he said. "We set

a lot of goals, and even though we didn't have much of a campaign to do [before taking office], we had a platform of 34 pages and were able to complete pretty much everything on that list, so we were really happy about that."

Rocheleau said he is most happy with his administration's efforts to help institutionalize a gay-straight alliance at Notre Dame.

"We have documented 18 years [of student government] working on it, so we wanted to work with the administration on it," he said. "Erin Hoffman Harding was amazing. We had meetings with her the entire time we were coming up with this idea, and it just worked perfectly. This whole past semester we were implementing [the alliance] into the Student Union Constitution, so that took a lot of work, and also, finding the funding for it took a lot of work."

Rocheleau said he is also pleased with he and Rose's work toward improving the relationship between Notre Dame and the surrounding communities. He said the improvements in community relations began during the administration of student body president and vice president emeritus Catherine Soler and Andrew Bell during the 2010-2011 school year.

Rocheleau said 250 people were arrested during the first two weeks of the fall 2010 semester, which prompted Soler and Bell's administration to

focus on improving relationships with local law enforcement. During the past two years, Rocheleau and the rest of student government continued to work on these relationships, he said.

"Catherine and Andrew left with hope, but no clue about how that relationship was going to carry forward," Rocheleau

"I think we had an unfortunate time because we did things, but we didn't necessarily go crazy publicizing them or talking about what we did because we just thought, 'Oh, it's great that we did this, but we don't need to tell everyone, people will know,'" he said. "We told senators, hall presidents. ... I think it was a tough situation for us first semester with the [national] presidential election and a 12-0 football team. Student government got pushed to the background a little bit, not for us, but in the student body's eyes."

Rocheleau advised Alex Coccia and Nancy Joyce, student body president and vice president, respectively, to focus on communicating well with other entities in the community.

"Communication is key," Rocheleau said. "Try to reach out and build relationships because those relationships are the most important thing for student government. ... The relationships that the current student government administration has affect ... the next few administrations' relationships."

Coccia and Joyce's first challenge will be overcoming their lack of experience in student government to establish connections with other community members, Rocheleau said.

"I know Alex through his work with the [gay-straight alliance] knows a lot of people in Student Affairs, but just getting to know the police chiefs, community members," he said. "I know Alex will do a great job, he's going to make great relationships, but hopefully it happens sooner rather than later. That's going to be the first little hiccup, but it's going to be fine."

Rocheleau, who will work in investment banking for Credit Suisse in Chicago after graduation, said the transition to the new administration was very smooth.

"We were happy to see Alex and their administration being really eager to take over office," Rocheleau said. "We left it in capable hands. I'm feeling good. It's bittersweet being done, but it's also relieving to know that I can enjoy my last six weeks of senior year."

Former student body vice president Katie Rose declined to be interviewed for this article.

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addressed.

"We are focusing on different facets of people's identities that make them complicated," Garcia said. "No one is simple. No one is just white, fat, black, gay. We're complicated. It's complicated ... and that deserves recognition."

Senior actor Suzann Petrongolo said she sees the importance in recognizing these complexities.

"We can fall into the trap of creating a generalized background. It's good to bring to light that we all have our individual stories," she said. "We can look at each other differently with these individual stories brought to light," she said.

Garcia said the actors themselves, charged with giving a voice to these stories, carefully work to construct their monologues with the author's feelings in mind.

"The actors must live with their pieces and work very hard to be faithful to the voice inherent in the text," Garcia said.

Sophomore acting coach Nicole Sganga said the show transcends the ordinary lim-

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Edithstein Cho
junior

its of the stage, beyond a typical dramatic performance.

"'Show Some Skin' is not just a performance, it is a real human experience," she said. "By coming to the performance, students will see a side of the Fighting Irish they have never seen before and gain new perspectives."

Freshman actor Clarissa Schwab said the opportunity to perform in the show provides a chance to share personal experiences publicly.

"Acting in 'Show Some Skin' created a safe place for me to discuss the issues brought up in the monologues, and even our own personal experiences, within a community that is founded upon love and understanding," she said.

Cho said 'Show Some Skin' aims to create a forum for sharing experiences for the entire campus community, opening a dialogue to discuss presumed differences that can actually unite a community.

"Students come because they know this topic doesn't have a real venue yet," Cho said. "We want to create this space ourselves."

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Obama demonstrates solidarity with pay cut

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WASHINGTON — Sharing a bit of budget pain, President Barack Obama will return 5 percent of

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Obama's decision grew out

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of a desire to share in the sacrifice that government employees are making, a White House official said Wednesday. Hundreds of thousands of workers could be forced to take unpaid leave — known as furloughs — if Congress does not reach an agreement soon to undo the cuts.

The president is demonstrating that he will be paying a price, too, as the White House warns of dire economic consequences from the \$85 billion in cuts — called a sequester — that started to hit federal programs last month after Congress failed to stop them. In the weeks since, the administration has faced repeated questions about how the White House itself will be affected. The cancellation of White House tours in particular has drawn mixed reactions.

A 5 percent cut from the president's salary of \$400,000 per year amounts to \$20,000.

Obama will return a full \$20,000 to the Treasury even though only a few months remain in the fiscal year, which ends in September. He will cut his first check this month, said the White House official, who was not authorized to discuss the decision publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The president and first lady Michelle Obama reported almost \$790,000 in adjusted gross income in 2011, the most recent year for which their tax returns have been made public. That figure was down from the \$1.7 million they brought in the year before and the \$5.5 million they reported in 2009. About half of the family's income in 2011 came from Obama's salary, with the rest coming from book sales. The Obamas reported more than \$172,000 in charitable donations.

"The salary for the president, as with members of Congress, is set by law and cannot be changed," Obama spokesman Jay Carney said late Wednesday. "However, the president has decided that to share in the sacrifice being made by public servants across the federal government that are affected by the sequester, he will contribute a portion of his salary back to the Treasury."

Wednesday's notice followed a similar move a day earlier by Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, who committed to taking a salary cut equal to 14 days' pay — the same level of cut that other Defense Department civilians are being forced to take. As many as 700,000 civilians will have to take one unpaid day off each

week for up to 14 weeks in the coming months.

Obama isn't the first president to give up part of his paycheck. Herbert Hoover put his salary in a separate account, then divvied it up, giving part to charity and part to employees he felt were underpaid, according to an interview he gave in 1937. John F. Kennedy donated his presidential salary to various charities, according to Stacey Chandler, an archivist at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library.

George Washington refused pay during the latter part of his military career, according to researchers at Mount Vernon. He tried to refuse a presidential salary, but Congress required that the position pay \$25,000.

Among lawmakers, Sen. Mark Begich, an Alaska Democrat, said Wednesday that he, too, would return part of his income to the Treasury, although he did not specify how much of his \$174,000 salary he would give up. Begich said his office started furloughing staffers in mid-March and more than half of his staff will have their pay cut this year.

"This won't solve our spending problem on its own, but I hope it is a reminder to Alaskans that I am willing to make the tough cuts, wherever they may be, to get our spending under control," Begich said.

A number of lawmakers have from time to time taken steps to show they're not immune as the federal government looks to tighten its belt. An aide to Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said McConnell returns a substantial part of his office budget to the Treasury every year. The Senate this month adopted by voice vote a symbolic amendment permitting — but not requiring — senators to give 20 percent of their salaries to the Treasury as part of the Democrats' budget resolution. Also in March, as the spending cuts started bearing down, the GOP-controlled House imposed an 8.2 percent reduction on lawmakers' personal office budgets.

The White House, after declining for weeks to provide specifics for how the president's own staff had been affected, said Monday that 480 workers on the budget staff had been notified they may have to take days off without pay.

Carney wouldn't say whether notices have gone out to Obama aides outside the Office of Management and Budget, including senior staff in the West

Wing. But he said pay cuts remained a possibility for additional White House employees if a budget deal to undo the cuts isn't reached.

"Everybody at the White House and the broader (executive office) is dealing with the consequences — both, in many cases, in their own personal lives, but in how we work here at the White House," Carney said. He added that the White House also has been trying to cut costs by slowing down hiring, scaling back supply purchases, curtailing staff travel, reducing the use of air cards for mobile Internet access and reviewing contracts to look for savings.

Like lawmakers' pay, Obama's salary is set by law, so he must accept the funds and then write a check to the Treasury each month for the portion he plans to relinquish. Obama's decision, first reported by The New York Times, won't affect the other perquisites afforded the president, from a mansion staffed with servants to the limousines, helicopters and Boeing 747 jumbo jet at every U.S. president's beck and call. The White House did not say whether Vice President Joe Biden would make a similar gesture.

The 5 percent that Obama will hand back mirrors the 5 percent cut that domestic agencies took when the reductions went into effect. The Pentagon's budget took an 8 percent hit. Every federal agency is grappling with spending cuts, which the White House has warned could affect everything from commercial airline flights to classrooms and meat inspections.

The cuts were written into a 2011 deficit-reduction measure as a trigger to force future action. The idea was that lawmakers, eager to avert the consequences of bluntly slashing \$1 trillion over a decade, would have no choice but to come together to find smarter ways to reduce federal spending.

But the two parties were at odds over whether more tax revenues were needed as part of the solution, and an intense campaign by Obama and his Cabinet to illustrate how the cuts could affect critical programs failed to spur an agreement by the March 1 deadline. As the cuts started taking effect, lawmakers turned to other issues, including an increase in the national debt ceiling, and there are no signs that a deal to undo the cuts retroactively will come anytime soon.

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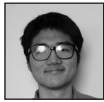
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Follow the Suns



D.H. Kim
Sports Writer

The Chicago Bulls for a while were the only team able to thwart the Miami Heat on their historic run closing at 27 consecutive wins, just six shy of the Lakers' record 33-game win streak. The adage, however, is the regular season doesn't really matter. With Derrick Rose out indefinitely from a left ACL injury, the Bulls are still an incomplete team and too lacking to be a serious playoff contender.

The Bulls' defense, which has been their main forte, is struggling with a depleted roster torn by injuries. Marco Belinelli is suffering from an abdominal strain, Richard Hamilton has a lower back strain and Joakin Noah has a foot injury. The rest of their roster is not so distinguished and worthy of mentioning. Brian Scalabrine is better than most of their bench players, and I am not making fun of Scalabrine, who has been the subject of many NBA memes.

The main point here is the Bulls definitely need to focus on rejuvenating their roster. They need to learn from the Phoenix Suns' training staff, which has an extensive track record of quickly recovering high-profile players including Channing Frye, Shaquille O'Neal, Steve Nash and Grant Hill. What the Suns have done is amazing. It's like "Moneyball" all over again. Using research and proven medical techniques, the Suns keep the team healthy on a far more regular basis than an average NBA team and squeeze as much potential as they can from their aging veteran players. They have found the fountain of youth, and it's definitely not in Florida.

Shaq is a testament to how the Suns have been able to rapidly regenerate injured players. When O'Neal arrived in Phoenix in 2008, I was skeptical of his ability to even contribute the tiniest bit. I imagined O'Neal's Phoenix arrival as a ceremonious finale to his hall of fame career, but in fact Shaq played more than 70 games during the 2008-2009 season with the Suns, more games than since his 1999-2000 season playing with Kobe Bryant.

The fact is the Bulls definitely have the funds the Suns do not have. They can finance huge stars and make as many roster changes as they can, but the Bulls can learn a valuable lesson here. They can revamp their training facility and staff like Phoenix and take a much more active and comprehensive role in the health of their players.

Derrick Rose is arguably one of the most dynamic players to watch on television, and it's a shame they have not already sent him to Phoenix for treatment. I hope Rose comes back to posterize Goran Dragic again and prompt Bulls' commentator Stacey King to say, "Stop it. Do not do him like that. What are you doing Dragic? Did you not get the memo? Derrick Rose can go upstairs! Where is my poster machine?"

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Embrace Easter in your heart

Scott Boyle

The Sincere Seeker

I held new life in my arms on more than one occasion this past Easter weekend. In one instance, I held a small, three-month-old baby just beginning her journey on Earth. In another moment, I held Wei, my much bigger godson, as he was washed in the waters of Baptism and new life at the Easter Vigil.

Over the course of my time at Notre Dame, I have seen many different instances of "holding." Scenes of crisp, autumnal South Bend football Saturdays first flash into my mind. Over and over again, despite achy shoulders and bad backs, parents happily hold their children high to give them better views of campus landmarks like "Touchdown Jesus" or the Golden Dome.

But such instances of holding have not just been confined to football. One cannot walk into any Sunday dorm liturgy without seeing residents holding one another's hands during the Our Father or warmly holding each other in an embrace during the Sign of Peace.

I have countless wonderful and positive memories of instances like these. But during Notre Dame's Good Friday service, I was struck by the realization that sometimes, holding another is not always quite so easy.

A lone drum sounded as the celebrants proceeded in solemn silence through the main aisle of the Basilica. Gone were the priests' traditional ornate vestments. Absent was the beautiful lighting that always brings the Basilica to life. Present instead was darkness. Save the light

streaming from the 19th century stained glass windows, the bright colors that regularly adorn the ceiling paintings and the brilliant golds and blues of the ornate tabernacle were cast in shadows.

Good Friday is a solemn day, a time to commemorate the death and crucifixion of Jesus Christ. On this particular Good Friday, however, I had a hard time concentrating on Jesus. I was instead focused on Mary.

During the service, a thought struck me that had never struck me before. Mary had a unique opportunity most others have not had in the history of the world: She got to hold the person of Christ. She held him most intimately in her womb for nine months. Then, as he grew older, she taught him to walk. She held him when he stumbled. She embraced him when he knew joy.

But, in his 33rd year, Mary's worst nightmare — any mother's worst nightmare — had come true: Her son was taken away from her. I cannot imagine the grief Mary must have felt as Jesus was removed from the Cross and placed in her arms. On that day, she was not greeted by the familiar, vivacious boy she had come to know, the boy who at a young age had taken it upon himself to teach others in the temple. Instead, she was faced with the weight of the lifeless, broken body of a man who had been scorned and rejected by the very people he was there to save.

On this particular Good Friday, I felt that weight — the weight of Mary's loss — on my heart. I could not imagine how difficult it must have been to hold Jesus in that moment.

But that, I imagine, was not the end of the story. Although the Bible doesn't

recount it, it's hard to imagine the people closest to Mary did not embrace her in those tragic moments. Many could not feel or know the extent of her grief, but they could make sure she didn't go through it alone.

That love and care is an imperfect representation of the love she would come to know fully three days later. Through Christ's resurrection, Mary got to experience the love and triumph of a God who says the death, grief, pain, uncertainty and struggle we feel for three days or a lifetime is no match for Him. Our God of love reminds us it is Easter joy, not our sorrow that is to be the end of our story.

Travel to Paris and you'll find one of my favorite depictions of this joy. On the ceiling above the main altar in the Basilica of the Sacra Coeur stands Jesus, hands outstretched in a gesture of embrace.

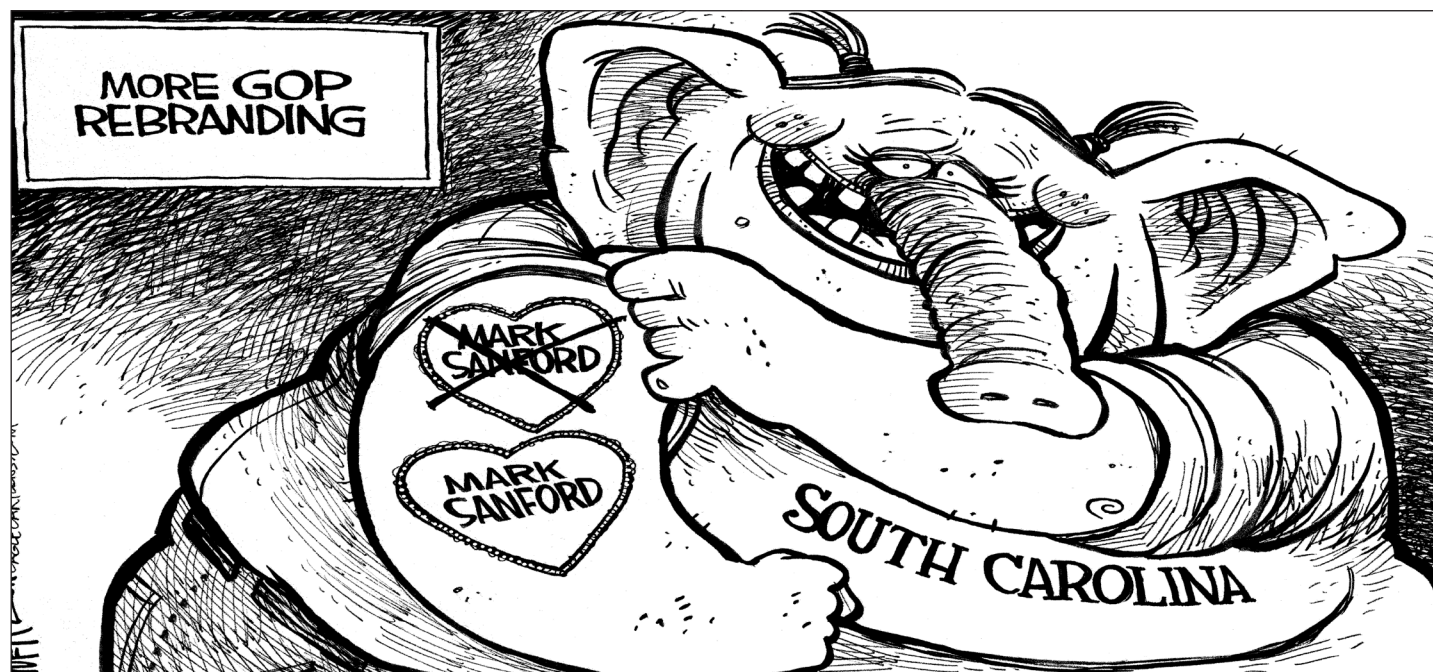
This image has long symbolized the living out of Easter joy for me, the triumph of life over death and of joy over pain. It symbolizes the love of a God who always longs to love and embrace us, even when we cannot accept it ourselves.

It's what Mary's companions surely did for her, and what we should consequently do for one another. The triumph of Easter lives now with us. It lives in our embraces. It lives when we hold each other up. It lives when we remember to live lives of love.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Conscience is a mother-in-law whose visit never ends."

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Ask more of society. Ask more of yourself.

Matt Miklavic
The Maine Idea

“Ask more of business.” Whether walking through its building or perusing its website, any visitor to Notre Dame’s Mendoza College of Business is quickly introduced to Mendoza’s mantra. Mendoza explicitly speaks of the need for greater “integrity” and increased attention on the “greater good.” Implicitly, the mantra states business is not doing enough. It suggests business is failing us.

We should expect more of business. This call to action is the rock upon which Mendoza seeks to differentiate itself. More than any balance sheet or audit, it seeks to send forth students in pursuit of both purpose and profit. Its students are required to delve into business ethics and attend lectures on the ability of business to transform the world. Thousands of students have passed through the hallowed finance classroom of Professor Carl Ackermann, learning not only rates of return and asset valuation but how to use one’s future money for good. Yesterday, Notre Dame and the National Football League launched a joint venture to help active and retired players invest their money to yield societal as well as monetary returns. Overwhelmingly, students are taught to both expect and do more with their business educations than merely make money. It’s a hard argument to fault, but business is not the only realm of society in which we should ask more.

We should ask more of our schools. In an age in which the United States enjoys immense wealth, millions still receive educations that fall far short of what our future generations deserve. Many are abandoned quickly at the start, as those born into poverty receive little to no assistance in traversing obstacles erected far before their arrival on this earth. Others still are abandoned during their schooling as inflexible, inefficient and ineffective teacher unions war with hardline politicians, leaving the students to suffer in the crossfire. Even those who make it successfully through high school must confront the expense of higher education. Tuition and associated expenses are racing further and further away from affordability, absent any rational explanation or connection to inflation. Indisputably, we can ask more of our educational system.

We should ask more of our role models. I, for one, am tired of seeing the embarrassments society is enamored with. I’m tired of Rush Limbaugh, Keith Olbermann, Lindsay Lohan, Jersey Shore and pretty much reality TV as a whole. I’m tired of Heisman Trophy winners with felony convictions and celebrities with drug addictions. I can’t take many more ‘family values’ politicians with mistresses or governors with prostitutes. I grow disappointed when Justin Bieber gets more attention than casualties in Afghanistan and Dennis Rodman gets more coverage than, well, just about anyone else. Surely we can find better representatives of society.

We should ask more of our

government. In a Congress in which scandal is more common than compromise and bickering more typical than progress, surely someone — anyone — can do better. When we have a Senate that celebrates passing a budget for the first time in four years, there is a problem. When we have a House that votes for the umpteenth time on ideological bills going nowhere to gain political points, there is a problem. When Congressional leadership fluctuates between politeness and open hostility in their relations with one another, there is a problem. When the tone in Washington is as bipolar as a scene from “Silver Linings Playbook,” there is a problem. Something ought to change. Americans should expect more.

We should ask more of our communities and of ourselves. I recently came across Jon Favreau’s valedictory address from the College of the Holy Cross. Favreau, now President Barack Obama’s director of speechwriting, tells his audience we each have a role to play in our community, from “soccer coaches,” “activists” and “PTA members” to “organizers” and “mentors.” He reminds us being a member of our community is a job we all must hold, in addition to whatever profession we pursue. While John F. Kennedy famously told us to ask ourselves “what you can do for your country,” he could just as easily have replaced country with community. For nearly every problem we face, as individuals or as a nation, communities have the power to help remedy them. If we’re to start somewhere, our community is as good

a place as any to begin. As busy as our lives may seem — or as busy as we may declare them to be — I’d venture, nearly all of us can spare some time for good.

In a time of a new presidential term, a new Pope and a rising economy, some have speculated this spring will be a time of hope and optimism. While I can’t resist embracing this idea, I’m mindful that many are skeptical. Some have long been pessimists; others more recently guarded after their sense of “hope and change” fluttered during President Obama’s first term. Indeed, grand change may not come from our educational system or government. But this is no cause for pessimism. At its purest level, government and bureaucracy is not where change originates. Change doesn’t come through apathy, cranky complaints or whiny columns in The Observer. It comes from action in our communities, schools and societies. It comes from volunteers and advocates, from “tee-ball umpires” to “Big Brothers and Sisters.” It comes from a common bond that compels us to help those we know and those we don’t. It comes from asking more of business, of government, of communities and of society. But most importantly, it comes from asking more of ourselves.

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Questioning the Resurrection

Fr. Lou DelFra
Faithpoint

For five years, five-days-a-week, I taught religion to seventh graders during their last class period. It wasn’t easy. From the students’ perspective, Jesus and I were standing between them and freedom.

Seventh graders question everything. The more sacred a topic, the more they revel in questioning it. As a seventh grade teacher, your only choice — other than quitting — is to accommodate.

So, I began to open class with a question and answer session. After a short reading from the daily Gospel, we came to the dreaded moment. Three students were assigned each day to come up with an insightful question about the Gospel passage.

They loved this moment. The room was a virtual frenzy as students tried to stump the teacher and basically blow up the class before it ever had a chance to get off the ground. Domanique would inquire where Mary and Joseph stashed all the gold the Wise Men gave them. Or, Clara would ask, with a smug smile, “Since Jesus didn’t have a microphone when he was giving the Sermon on the Mount, how could the

people at the bottom of the mountain hear him?”

But almost every day, someone asked, in some form, the big question: “How do we know any of this stuff really happened anyway?”

It’s an impossibly frustrating question, yet it was posed with such frequency that it was clearly a burning question for them. How do we know Jesus is real?

To ask this question puts us in the place of the first disciples after the Resurrection. Recall, for example, the scene on the first Easter morning. Ten of the remaining disciples were huddled together in a locked room.

We can certainly relate. When we fail, when we get scared, when we feel loneliness or when we get self-absorbed, we have all turned inward, locking ourselves out from what gives us life.

We can also relate to the powerful appearance of the risen Lord: Jesus Christ as the One who is able to walk precisely into that locked space; to breathe new life, fresh air, a Holy Spirit into us — like throwing open the windows on that first great day of Spring in a room that has been shut up for the winter. (Such an event is purported to be approaching South Bend sometime in mid-June....)

On this Easter morning, this is what happened to Jesus’ closest companions — save one. Thomas was nowhere to be found. Where was he? All we know is while the others had locked themselves in, Thomas had not.

The other disciples see the risen Jesus and they tell Thomas the story. It’s as if Thomas was us, hearing, all these years later, the Gospel account of what the others got to experience first-hand. But as he listens to their story, that question wells up in Thomas’ soul, the same one that welled up, in its own way, in the souls of my seventh graders, in the souls of each of us from time to time: How can I be sure? Where is this Jesus, risen from the dead, in my life? How do I know what you are telling me really happened?

Thomas even comes up with a test to stump his teacher. “If only I can touch his wounds, then I will believe.” This became somewhat of an infamous test for Thomas, earning him the nickname, “Doubter.” But after five years of teaching seventh grade religion, I suspect it’s not so much that Thomas doubted. Rather, Thomas possessed a restless spirit — always curious, always questioning, always yearning, searching and testing. He took nothing — not even the death of his friend — sitting

down. Thomas, I suspect, had a rather unquenchable and demanding heart, a yearning for a real relationship with Jesus — one that is intimate and incarnate. Who knows, perhaps that is why only Thomas was not in the room that day, but rather out listening for information about his friend.

Jesus finds us in our restlessness, and so appears again in the middle of the locked room: “Put your finger here. Believe in me.”

Perhaps Thomas represents our heart’s deepest, as-yet-unfulfilled desire: To be one with our God. To touch him, to know for certain he is alive and death holds no more power over us, that our destiny is to be one with our beloved forever in the flesh.

These desires don’t ever get fully satisfied in this life. We always live with shadows of doubt. But happy are we whose yearning and longing drives us always closer to being one with our beloved, our risen Lord.

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HOW TO MASTER THE FAMILY ROAD TRIP



Gabriela Leskur
Scene Writer

I have mastered the family road trip.

Over the past 18 years, I have spent more time in a car with my close family members than anyone else I know.

Granted, as an only child, I've never had to deal with siblings nagging me constantly as I cross the country in a beat-up Impala. But weathering the quirks of my mom and my grandparents makes me feel as if the fact that I have survived such trips is a miracle nonetheless.

In fact, this past weekend, I spent around 30 hours in a car with my loved ones making our way to North Carolina for Easter.

Yet, despite all that time spent in terribly close proximity with my family, I still consider them loved ones at the end of the journey.

You may read this incredulously. You may be perplexed. "How is such a feat possible?" you may ask. "You still like your family after spending that much time with them?" you may wonder. Valid questions, to which I have some answers.

Here is some advice for the weary traveler attempting to survive a family road trip:

Nap

If you aren't the driver, take advantage of the glory of sleep. As a crazy college student taking a million credits and participating in a billion clubs, I assume that you have

acquired an impressive sleep debt. Last time I conferred with my subconscious, I believe that I was about 15 hours behind in my sleep. Fortunately, my car ride was about 30 hours. As you can guess, I spent a good amount of time on the road trip dreaming of fro-yo, paid internships at Google and summer. Glorious hours, I tell you, simply a wonderful time. I suggest you do the same.

Shuffle up your iPod

If sleep is beyond your grasp, pop in those nifty little head phones you bought from the vending machine in the basement of your dorm (who knew?) and shuffle your songs. There is nothing like a good car trip to discover lost gems on your iPod. Perhaps you will stumble upon that rendition of the "I Don't Trust Myself" cover by Mike Posner. Sophomore year of high school flashback, anyone?

Maybe you'll actually listen to that one random song "Selene" on that album you downloaded a while ago. Maybe you'll find this to be your new favorite song.

Add a little shuffle to your life, that's about as spiced up as it's going to get in the tight quarters of your grandparent's minivan.

Take Control of the Radio

If you don't have the opportunity to drift away into the land of Z's or find solace in your iPod, do whatever you can to get control of the radio. Bribe, steal and cheat—the normal moral choices in any given situation, obviously. Even drive if need be. You do not want your grandmother listening to some obscure Croatian religious singer on full

volume because she lost her hearing a while ago while you slowly die inside. Avoid this at all costs.

Start a Conversation

A crazy thought, I know. Talk to your family? That's totally unrealistic and completely archaic. But before the age of text messaging and emails, family members actually communicated with each other using the spoken word and some good things came out of such conversation. Or so I hear.

Who knows, you might end up having an hour and a half long discussion with your 74 year-old ethnic grandfather about gay marriage. You might come to respect him more than you had before. You might learn more about yourself in the process.

Who knows, maybe you'll discover that your great grandfather was an awesome anti-communist ninja who lived under a fake identity for years trying to escape persecution and death, eventually making his way to America with his wife (true story).

Do Homework

Just kidding. Do not, I repeat, do not read a chapter of "The Red Queen" that is all about sex on sex on sex while sitting next to your grandpa. That situation breeds awkward. You have been warned.

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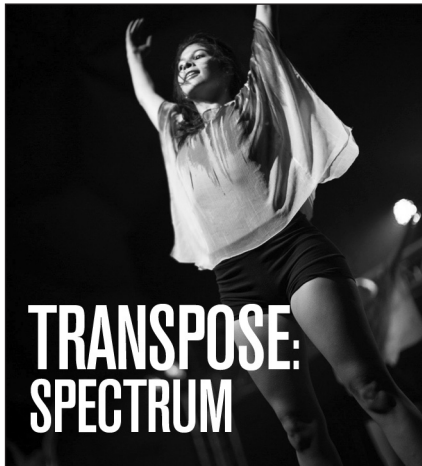


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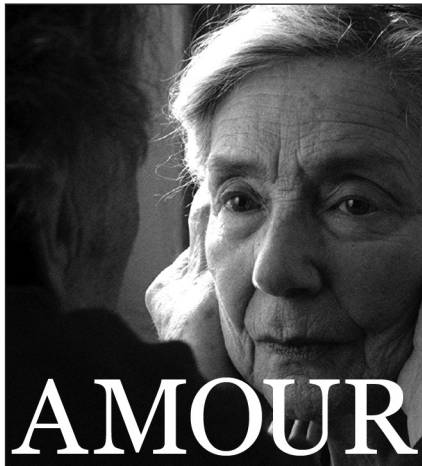
THURSDAY



What: TransPose Spring Show: Spectrum
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Riley Hall
How much: Free

TransPose, a student dance group on campus, is offering a free show, titled "Spectrum," to showcase their talents. The show will explore color through modern dance. There is also a show on Friday, April 5, at 7 p.m. Both shows will be in Room 309 of Riley Hall.

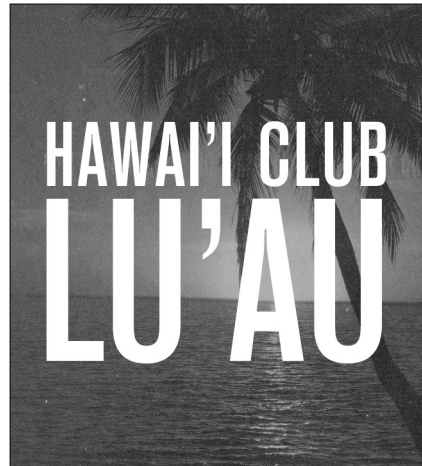
FRIDAY



What: "Amour"
When: 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.
Where: DPAC
How much: \$4

This 2012 French-language film was written and directed by Austrian filmmaker Michael Haneke and won the Oscar for "Best Foreign Film" in the 2013 Academy Awards. The film stars Emmanuelle Riva and Jean-Louis Trintignant as an elderly couple struggling after Riva's character suffers from a stroke. Don't miss a chance to see this powerful and critically acclaimed movie.

SATURDAY



What: Hawai'i Club Lua'u
When: 5 p.m.
Where: Stepan Center
How much: \$10 presale, \$12 at the door

It's finally time for the Hawai'i Club's annual Lua'u. Stop by Stepan for music and dancing, delicious food and a little slice of Hawaii in South Bend. Tickets are now on sale in the LaFortune Box Office.

SUNDAY



What: An Open Theatre Event
When: 8 p.m.
Where: DPAC
How much: Free

If you're interested in studying Film, Television and Theatre, Sunday is the chance to explore the opportunities in the FTT major. Faculty and students will be present to give information about specific concentrations. There will be complimentary soda and popcorn, and the ND Film Society will also make an appearance for a special presentation.

CAMPUS MUSICIAN: ALEX ANDRE

By **ALLIE TOLLAISEN**
 Scene Writer

Alex Andre isn't your typical rapper — his rhymes don't focus on money, drugs and sex. He doesn't write to brag or boast — he's much more interested in expanding your mind than inflating his ego. Oh, and he's studying economics and physics at Notre Dame.

Andre, a senior originally from Chicago, released his first mixtape, "Two-Steps and Chimneys," on March 25 on DatPiff.com, a mixtape-hosting website. The tape is available to stream or download for free, and with all the work Andre has put into it, it's certainly worth the listen.

Though "Two-Steps and Chimneys" may only be Andre's second release, he is in no way new to the music scene. He has been playing bass guitar for ten years, which Andre explains gave him a sense of music and rhythm.

"My rhythmic awareness comes from my years as a jazz and funk bassist. I think my funk background comes through a lot on tracks like Jetset and New Socks," Andre said.

Jazz and funk certainly make an appearance on the mixtape, but Andre brings an even more diverse background to his music. He has been involved in spoken-word for four years and some of his poetry even made it on to the mixtape in the form of an intro, interlude, and outro composed of three intriguing spoken word pieces.

By combining his background in music and spoken-word, the self-proclaimed "hip-hop head" began writing and performing hip-hop his sophomore year of college, but he certainly does not sound like the rap artists we hear the Video Music Awards (VMAs). Instead, Andre writes about the things he cares about.

"I want people to know that this isn't the hip hop you hear on the radio," Andre shared, "My songs and poems touch on a huge range of topics: racism, relationships, identity and conformity, politics, philosophy... and just life."

Andre worked with fellow Notre Dame student Dylan Walter to produce the mixtape, which incorporates a variety of samples and performances from jazz bass to Kendrick Lamar. The production proved to be more complicated than expected, Andre said.

"The level of detail involved in mixing is crazy," Andre explained, "More than half of the production process is listening to the mix over and over again, tweaking levels and effects to get the right sound through everything from earbuds to Beats, from laptops to car speakers."

Still, all of the hard work was certainly worth it — the thirteen-track mixtape sounds professionally produced. Highlights on the tape include "Hip Hop Heuristics," one of the album's more downbeat tracks, which includes a standup base and some serious lyrics.

Andre raps about life and happiness, singing, "I'll leave the sky for the stars/'Cause the hardest part of living is

accepting what you are/Imperfect is enough/I see the half full cup/I'm young, but old enough to know I don't know what I want."

Another standout track is "Celebrate (feat. Mina)," a love song that samples a personal favorite song, "Celebrate Me Home." But the great choice in sampling is not unique to this track. Song after song, I was continually impressed with the production and samples used, not to mention the lyrics.

Andre drops an amazing collection of references ranging from Jim Jones to Richard Pryor to Samuel Clemens. His writing seamlessly transitions from funny, albeit painfully familiar ("I get lost like a freshman") to intellectual ("I think they overdosed on Ayn Rand/I reach for help, but I ain't felt the invisible hand.") to deeply personal and spiritual ("Sometimes I struggle and my words feel useless/But when I talk to God when I'm most fluent").

When explaining his music, Andre added, "Hip-hop is about life, and I tried to put my life down on this mixtape."

It's clear this goal was accomplished in "Two-Steps and Chimneys." The mixtape is full of personality, with each track tackling real issues and feelings with finesse. The mixtape is certainly worth a listen, and with the talent Alex Andre exhibits in just his sophomore effort, the University's very own hip-hop artist is sure to go places.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Recommitting to the Orioles

Matthew Robison

Sports Writer

Last year, I gave up early. As an Orioles fan, I had grown accustomed to seeing a surprisingly good team take the field in Camden Yards during April and May every year, only to watch them fall precipitously to the bottom of the AL East standings.

I even wrote a column with about five different predictions about Major League Baseball, all of which were wrong. I said the Orioles would eventually make their way to the basement of the standings. Wrong. I said the Red Sox would recover from their terrible start and make Bobby Valentine look like a hero. Way wrong. So I'm done making predictions.

I'm not going to sit around and wait for the Orioles to make a move. I'm going to be there every step of the way.

I'm also done being a band-wagoner

So this year, I'm sticking it out. When the Orioles made it through August, September and eventually clinched a spot as a wild card team in the American League playoffs, I was ecstatic. Despite losing to the Yankees in the divisional round, baseball was officially back in Baltimore.

So this year I've made myself a promise. I'm not going to sit around and wait for the Orioles to make a move. I'm going to be there every step of the way. And it's not just going to be about the Orioles, either.

I'm going to make a concerted effort to follow every Major League team,

at least as well as I can. In years past, I've had one of those, "I wonder who's doing well this year," moments once about every two weeks. I'd pull out my phone, check the standings and go on living my life. But this year, if someone asks me on June 15 what the AL West standings look like, I'll be able to tell them.

I might not know who is hitting 7-8-9 for the Astros, but I'll know whether they've won three in a row or lost seven straight.

Every fan likes to pride themselves on knowledge of their team, of passion, of undying love. In the last 10 years, I haven't been that to the Orioles. In a way, I feel like I've joined the rest of America in writing them off. Maybe my renewed baseball fanhood is just a continuance of the bandwagon I never abandoned. But maybe

I can make up for that with a little extra effort.

Over the last four years as a sports writer, I've learned it's fun to cover a winner. It's fun going to Purcell Pavilion and watching Skylar Diggins and Notre Dame win night in and night out. What's tough is sticking through the tough times. And I have fallen victim to those hard times.

But to be a credible fan, you have to know what's going on. So this year, I'm going to make sure I know.

This year, I'm in it for the long, 162-game haul.

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MLB

Chicago socks the Royals to start season 2-0

Associated Press

All things considered, the Kansas City Royals will take what they got from Ervin Santana. They'd like their offense to pitch in, though.

Too many home runs by the White Sox and not enough clutch hits added up to another loss for the Royals.

Adam Dunn homered and Chicago went deep four times to back a solid outing by Jake Peavy in a 5-2 victory over Kansas City on Wednesday.

Tyler Flowers, Dayan Viciedo and Alexei Ramirez also connected, and the White Sox made it two straight wins to start the season after dropping 12 of 18 to the Royals a year ago.

"We're still just getting our feet wet together," Kansas City's Mike Moustakas said. "This is game number two of the year. We went up against Chris Sale and Jake Peavy. Those are two pretty tough guys to go up against."

The Royals, full of optimism after posting the majors' best record in spring training, will try to avoid a season-opening sweep Thursday.

Peavy (1-0) allowed one earned run and four hits in six innings, striking out six and walking none while outpitching Santana (0-1).

Dunn had two hits and scored twice. He led off the second with his 407th home run — tying Duke Snider for 48th place on the career list — and Flowers opened the third with his second shot.

Viciedo made up for his gaffes in left field with a big swing in the fourth, hitting a two-run drive that made it 4-1. The Royals scored a run in the sixth and loaded the bases against the Chicago bullpen in the seventh, only to come away empty-handed. Ramirez got the lead back up to 5-2 with a drive leading off the bottom half off Luke Hochevar, and the White Sox hung on from there.

Peavy did his part after Chris Sale shut down



AP

White Sox designated hitter Adam Dunn circles the bases during Chicago's 5-2 victory over Kansas City on April 3.

the Royals in a 1-0 victory Monday in the opener.

The three-time All-Star resigned with Chicago after a rebound season last year and started this one on a strong note. Five relievers combined to shut down the Royals, with Addison Reed working the ninth for his second save.

Santana (0-1), a mainstay in the Angels' rotation for eight seasons, also went six innings and gave up four runs and five hits. He struck out eight and walked one in his first start with the Royals. "Everything was good," Santana said. "My off-speed was very good. My sinker was good. Fastball was good."

Royals hitters did him no favors, going 1 for 8 with runners in scoring position, and the long ball did him in. Manager Ned Yost had no complaints about his effort, though.

"I thought he threw the ball real well," Yost said. "I thought he commanded the ball very well. I thought he changed speeds real effectively. All three pitches he gave up for homers were pretty good pitches."

The lack of a big hit, though? That, he said, will change "real quick."

Dunn put the White Sox ahead 1-0 with a 431-foot line

drive to the seats in right-center, but the White Sox quickly gave it back.

Ramirez, the shortstop, was charged with an error even though Viciedo actually dropped Chris Getz's pop fly in a collision with one out. Then with two out, Viciedo misplayed Alcides Escobar's single, allowing Getz to score from first.

Flowers, who homered Monday, connected again leading off the third, and Viciedo gave them a cushion with his two-run drive in the fourth, the ball tipping a leaping Alex Gordon's glove in left.

"I wish I could have done that over again," Gordon said. "I was right there in position."

The Royals got a run off Peavy in the sixth when Gordon doubled past a diving Viciedo and scored from third on a groundout by Billy Butler, but they couldn't come through after they loaded the bases against the White Sox bullpen in the seventh.

Donnie Veal relieved Jesse Crain with two on and one out and walked pinch hitter Miguel Tejada before retiring Gordon on a fly to shallow left. Matt Lindstrom came in and got Escobar to fly to right, ending the threat.

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"Well, I could be wrong, but I believe diversity is an old, old wooden ship that was used during the Civil War era."

"Ah, how shall I do it? Oh, I know. I'll turn him into a flea, a harmless, little flea. And then I'll put that flea in a box, and then I'll put that box inside of another box, and then I'll mail that box to myself. And when it arrives, AH HA HA HA, I'LL SMASH

IT WITH A HAMMER! It's brilliant, brilliant, brilliant, I tell you! Genius, I say! Or ... to save on postage, I'll just poison him with this! Take it, Kronk! Feel the power!" "Oh. I can feel it."

"Friendship and trust in the entourage is the most important thing. Like that HBO show, 'John Adams.'"

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Ware maintains positivity despite injury

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Kevin Ware is pretty certain how his next few months will play out.

"After we win the national championship," the injured Louisville guard said with a smile on his face, "I'm just looking forward to rehab."

Ware is already set for his next step, though he is gingerly walking around on crutches and with his surgically repaired broken leg in a cast up to his right knee: He is heading to the Final Four.

Ware was cleared Wednesday by doctors to accompany the Cardinals on their hour-long flight to Atlanta.

The sophomore plans to be a full participant in preparations for Saturday's game against Wichita State.

He said the overwhelming support he has received has helped him maintain his spirits and strengthened his confidence of a full recovery. He hopes by next season to be helping the Cardinals defend the national championship he believes they'll win this weekend.

The normally reserved 20-year-old calmly recalled how he felt when he suffered the devastating injury, saying

he doesn't think Louisville would be in the Final Four if he had lost his composure.

Ware credits teammate Luke Hancock for calming him down.

"He got me to that point where I really had to put the pain on hold," said Ware, with his leg in a cast propped up on a couch. "Once he said his prayer, I was kind of thinking the whole time, 'you can either be a crybaby about it or you're going to get your team back and get them in the right mindset'."

"Luke said his words, and I just kept repeating, 'y'all gotta go win this game.' I'm fine. ... It really helped the team."

But it wasn't easy for the Cardinals, many of whom cried after seeing Ware's gruesome injury — his bone protruding six inches through his skin.

Even Louisville coach Rick Pitino was emotional, wiping tears from his eyes and later saying that the sight of his player's injury almost made him vomit.

But Pitino said everyone's emotions have settled down knowing that it appears Ware will be OK.

"I think we're all fine now," Pitino said. "Just having Kevin around, we can exhale."

The coach said having Ware in Atlanta might provide the Cardinals with a little "extra emotion," but in his experience "the team that executes the best will win."

Pitino and his son, Richard, spent Monday at the hospital with Ware, who was pictured holding the championship trophy in his bed.

Though Ware had maintained his composure talking with AP, he became very emotional during an earlier interview with ESPN when talking about waking up and seeing the trophy.

The coach downplayed staying with him at the hospital after his injury.

"There's not a coach in America that wouldn't be there," he said.

And while Pitino said everyone can exhale now, the Cardinals had to take a deep breath when Ware went down on Sunday.

They eventually regrouped and took the lead at halftime against Duke en route to an 85-63 victory over the Blue Devils in Indianapolis.

Through it all, Ware said he had to remain strong. He was placed on a stretcher and wheeled out of Lucas Oil Stadium to cheers of 'Kevin Ware, Kevin Ware,' before heading to Methodist



AP

Louisville forward Kevin Ware answers questions about his injury as coach Rick Pitino looks on Tuesday.

Hospital.

Ware underwent a two-hour operation to repair compound fractures of the tibia that left the leg at an odd angle. He awoke the next morning to discover he had become an overnight sensation, and the afterglow hasn't waned.

His condition and progress have been featured every day on the major networks, the Internet and especially social media.

The Cardinals' practice facility was surrounded by a phalanx of satellite trucks, and the interview requests helped Ware get an early jump on his rehab as he shuttled back and forth between makeshift sets.

"It's going to take a long time to get where I want to be," Ware said.

Not that he's dreading the hard work ahead.

"I think God puts things in your life and you have to go through certain obstacles," he said. "I just feel like these are obstacles that are going to make me grow up for the better. It's going to open my eyes to a lot of things I probably haven't seen before."

Ware said he has heard from several of his NBA idols, including Kobe Bryant, Kevin Durant and Charles Barkley. The Louisville guard said he has even heard from first lady Michelle Obama and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

For the soft-spoken Ware, the support and media attention has meant more

interviews than he ever imagined.

"I had no idea I would get this kind of attention," he said. "I'm one of those guys who just likes to play basketball. But the injury opened up a lot of peoples' eyes and I really appreciate all the support. It really means a lot."

But as Ware cherishes the flood of warm wishes, he's also dealing with the irony of the injury's occurrence with 6:33 remaining in the first half against Duke.

He leaped high near the right sideline to defend a 3-point attempt, similar to a defensive play he made without incident in Louisville's game in November against Duke in the Bahamas. This time he landed awkwardly, with the leg going in two different directions.

"That was frustrating because it happened the same exact way, me making the play," Ware said. "I was thinking then about just blocking the shot and that was what I was thinking this time. This was just different."

Ware also lamented the timing of his injury, a recollection that made him pause for a moment.

A key part of Louisville's guard rotation who often substituted for starters Peyton Siva and Russ Smith, Ware had overcome a one-game suspension in January and was coming off a career-best, 11-point effort in Friday's tournament win over Oregon.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Minnesota hires Richard Pitino

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Richard Pitino was regarded as one of the nation's up-and-coming young coaches at Florida International and comes with a last name that draws immediate respect in all corners of college basketball.

That combination was too good for Minnesota to pass up.

Pitino has agreed to take over for the fired Tubby Smith, the university announced on Wednesday evening. Athletic director Norwood Teague said the final terms of the contract would be worked out as the week goes on and Pitino was expected to be introduced by Friday.

In his lone season at Florida International, the son of Louisville coach Rick Pitino led the Panthers to an 18-14 record, the school's first winning season in 13 years. He turns 31 in September, fitting the profile of a rising star that Teague has preferred to hire in the past.

Smith, who was fired last week after six seasons at Minnesota, was hired at Texas Tech on Monday.

Finding a replacement for Smith, who brought the Golden Gophers to three NCAA tournaments and delivered the program's first tourney victory since 1997 with a win over UCLA this year, was a somewhat laborious task.

Many expected Teague and associate athletic director Mike Ellis — two men considered to have strong contacts in the college basketball coaching world — to go for a big name to bring a different energy into a program they felt had hit a wall.

But Shaka Smart, who was hired by Teague at VCU, and Iowa State's Fred Hoiberg parlayed interest from Minnesota into lucrative long-term deals to remain at their schools. Alum and former NBA coach Flip Saunders turned down an offer last weekend, and the Gophers reportedly swung and missed at several other candidates as well, including Butler's Brad Stevens.

In the end, Pitino's pedigree and connections to another top coach in Florida's Billy Donovan may have sealed the deal and assuaged

any concerns about a relative lack of head coaching experience. Teague hired Smart off Donovan's staff, and the charismatic young coach took VCU to the Final Four. Before Smart, Teague worked with Anthony Grant, another former assistant of Donovan's.

In addition to working with his father at Louisville, Richard Pitino served briefly on Donovan's staff with the Gators.

"The great thing about Billy and my dad, they're always willing to give me advice," Pitino told The Associated Press in February. "They understand where I'm at. I call Billy every single day, almost like I call my dad, and I'm so appreciative that they give the time to try to teach me. It's so exciting. For me, I can't try to be Billy Donovan, I can't try to be Rick Pitino. I've got to be my own man and play my own style, and it's been fun trying to figure it out."

He also knows a little something about replacing a big-name coach.

Pitino was hired last year to take over the Panthers, who never got going under NBA Hall of Famer Isiah Thomas. He inherited a program that was short on talent and long on academic problems, but was credited with helping instill a renewed focus to performance in the classroom during his short run with the Panthers.

They went 11-9 in the Sun Belt Conference, the most wins since joining the league in 1998-99.

Smith is greatly respected for his work at Tulsa, Georgia and, most notably, Kentucky, where he won a national championship in 1998, his first season after replacing Rick Pitino. He restored Minnesota to respectability, but was fired having never finished with a winning record in the Big Ten.

Just like he did at Florida International, Pitino will have plenty of work to do at Minnesota.

The Gophers are losing seniors Trevor Mbakwe and Rodney Williams from an already thin frontcourt and the length of the search has already resulted in one of the top recruits from next year's class pulling out of his commitment.



Richard Pitino talks to the media during a press conference in Miami on April 16, 2012. Minnesota is in advanced discussions with Pitino to take over for Tubby Smith as head coach of the Golden Gophers.

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Members of the Irish team huddle around coach Deana Gumpf during a 5-4 loss to Green Bay on March 28.

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of a great feeling knowing I can throw anything and they will take care of the ball.”

In game two, the Irish continued their momentum, loading

the bases in the top of the first. Winter hit a two-run single, giving the Irish a 2-0 lead. A sacrifice fly by senior infielder Kathryn Lux brought the lead to 3-0.

Though Georgetown tied the game in the bottom of the first, the Irish refused to let the Hoyas score for the remainder

of the competition. Solid hitting through the sixth inning gave the Irish a 10-3 lead over the Hoyas. In the top of the seventh, the Irish clinched the deal with a five-run inning, bringing the score to 15-3.

The sweep knocked previously undefeated Georgetown down in the Big East rankings and left Notre Dame as the only undefeated team in the conference.

Going forward in conference competition, Koerner said despite the team's ranking, the players still need to stay focused.

“It feels great,” Koerner said, “but we still have a lot of work ahead of us. We need to take the season one game at a time to stay in first and to come out on top.”

The Irish will try to protect their ranking Saturday when they host Villanova for a three-game weekend series at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Momentum propels Belles

By CASEY KARNES

Sports Writer

After a victorious home stand, the Belles will head on the road again to play Anderson.

Saint Mary's (8-6) will look to build on the momentum they developed with a dominating series against Defiance last Thursday. They rode small ball and dominating pitching to a 5-1 victory in the first game.

The second game was even more lopsided, with the Belles tacking on five runs in the first and never looking back. The game ended via the mercy rule in the fifth inning with Saint Mary's

leading 10-2.

Senior catcher and captain Morgan Bedan said she believes the doubleheader was encouraging but also that the Belles could not afford to let it go to their heads.

“[Winning via mercy rule] is a definite confidence boost,” Bedan said. “We’re keeping [our] confidence in check, but I think it will help us get a better sense of [our] talent levels. We weren’t playing to our full potential in our first couple games, but I think last week showed how good we can be.”

The Belles will need to be sharp again against Anderson (8-8). While the Ravens come in on a three-game losing streak, this will be the Ravens’ home opener this season and the Belles have had trouble on the road. Their last trip resulted in a disappointing split with a struggling Franklin team.

Luckily for the Belles, their pitching staff has been fantastic lately. Junior pitcher Callie Selner was named MIAA Pitcher of the Week last week, and leads the Belles with a 0.29 earned run average. Her win against Defiance gave her 30 for her career, the second-most wins in Saint Mary's history. In addition, Selner leads the Belles in hits, RBIs, and batting average, and she plays third base when not pitching.

Selner is joined on the pitching staff by freshman Sarah Burke. Burke threw five innings against Defiance and only allowed two runs, really impressing her older teammates.

“Sarah Burke threw the best games she’s thrown all year,” Bedan said. “She was big for us, and I think she’s really starting to come alive.”

Captains Bedan and senior shortstop Emily Sherwood also are impact players, not just with their play, but also because of their calming influence on their younger teammates. At this point in the season, Bedan is stressing that her talented team must focus on the little things.

“We are a hardworking team but we struggle with consistency,” Bedan said. “At this point, if we can be more consistent, we will be a very successful team.”

One obstacle the Belles are happy to be done with is the snow and cold wind of Indiana winter. After having several games cancelled due to weather, the Belles are looking forward to warmer temperatures.

“It’s definitely a lot easier on our bodies and boosts our spirits,” Bedan said. “We’re hoping the weather continues to improve.”

The Belles and Ravens will square off at 3:30 p.m. today in Anderson, Ind.

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NHL

New additions lead Rangers past Penguins

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ryane Clowe, Derick Brassard and John Moore injected instant offense just hours after being acquired by the Rangers, and New York scored a season-high three power-play goals in a surprisingly dominant 6-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Wednesday night.

Clowe came to New York on Tuesday night in a trade with San Jose, and Brassard was part of the package New York received on Wednesday in the deal that sent star forward Marian Gaborik to Columbus right before the NHL trade deadline.

Clowe scored two goals — after netting none for the Sharks in 28 games this season — and added an assist, and Brassard had a goal and three assists for the Rangers, who scored three times in the first period and never looked back. Brian Boyle and defenseman Ryan McDonagh added goals, and Henrik Lundqvist stopped 26 shots in the Rangers' highest-scoring game of the season.

Lundqvist moved into second

place on the Rangers' career wins list with 268.

Moore, a defenseman also acquired in the trade for Gaborik, also scored his first goal of the season at 9:17 of the third to push the lead to 6-1. Brassard and Boyle both notched their third assists of the game on the goal. Before Wednesday, Boyle had only one goal and one assist in 31 games this season.

The Rangers won their second straight home game, scoring a combined 10 goals in the victories after a pair of shut-out losses, and moved into a tie with the New Jersey Devils and New York Islanders with 39 points at the bottom of the Eastern Conference playoff race.

Pascal Dupuis scored in the second period for the Penguins, who lost for the second consecutive night after 15 consecutive victories, two shy of tying the NHL record for longest winning streak. Marc-Andre Fleury, who replaced shelled start Tomas Vokoun in the Penguins' 4-1 home loss to Buffalo on Tuesday, played the duration on Wednesday and made 33 saves.

The Penguins (28-10) were again without captain and NHL scoring leader Sidney Crosby, who missed his second straight game and is out indefinitely because of a broken jaw.

Pittsburgh also made some noise before the deadline by acquiring center Jussi Jokinen from the Carolina Hurricanes to help offset the loss of Crosby. Jokinen wasn't in the Penguins lineup.

After killing off an early penalty to McDonagh, a power play that produced Jarome Iginla's hard drive off the goal post, the Rangers took advantage of Chris Kunitz's slashing penalty at 8:36 when Boyle scored his second of the season.

Brassard spun in the left circle and backhanded a pass back to Brad Richards at the point for a drive that hit Boyle in front and caromed in. The goal was originally credited to Richards, which would've given Clowe another assist, before being changed to Boyle.

Just 2:18 later, Richards fed a pass into the slot to McDonagh, who snapped a wrist shot into the top right corner to make it 2-0 with his third of the season.



Rangers center Derick Brassard handles the puck during New York's 6-1 win Wednesday. Brassard had three assists in his Broadway debut.

Clowe earned his first point for New York by getting the secondary assist.

He would finally get the zero out of his goal column after only 2 more minutes elapsed. Derek Stepan forced a turnover as Penguins defenseman Brooks Orpik skated with the puck behind his net. Stepan then sent a backhanded pass out front to Clowe, who knocked it in.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles roll in to Olivet match

By D.H. KIM
Sports Writer

The Belles rolled to two straight wins last week, closely defeating St. Francis 5-4 Friday and dominating Trine the following day 6-3 to break even at a 4-4 record.

The pair of wins was a great confidence booster for the team, and now they'll look to keep that momentum going into their matchup with conference foe Olivet tonight.

In preparation to try and continue their streak, the Belles will look to build on the strategies that made them so successful in the past few weeks.

Sophomore Audrey Kiefer proved to be important in the last two matches. Kiefer added a straight-set win by 6-1, 6-3 scores at number six singles against Trine and a 6-0, 6-1 win against St. Francis.

The number one doubles duo, consisting of junior

Mary Catherine Faller and sophomore Kayle Sexton, also dominated in their last two matches, beating Trine 8-4 and Saint Francis 8-3.

"Our team is collectively working on aggressive net play in doubles and adding topspin to our singles games, and I think those techniques really helped us up and down the line-up to defeat Trine," Faller said.

Olivet (0-5, 0-1) will head to St. Mary's with a five-game losing streak, eagerly seeking to change things around as the Belles have done.

They were shut out 9-0 by Alma, but freshman Sarah Crittenden and sophomore Courtney Kidder fought hard losing 8-4.

In singles play, senior Caitlin LaValley similarly lost in a close match, eventually losing 7-6 (7-4), 7-5. Olivet, in desperation mode, will likely have a strong showing against the Belles to build some

momentum to start a winning streak of their own.

"We beat them 7-2 last year, but you just don't know. In particular we are practicing to play aggressively and get more net play," Belles coach Dale Campbell said.

The Belles may have breezed through Olivet last year, but the squad has a new concern regarding sophomore Shannon Elliot. She was diagnosed with a shoulder injury that had affected the Belles' lineup since spring break.

"We are making adjustments to doubles teams and positions, so we have to stay focus on winning all three doubles matches to get an early lead against Olivet," Kiefer said.

The Belles hope to avoid further injuries and stay perfect in conference play Thursday at home as they take on Olivet at 4 p.m.

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MLB

Joyce leads Rays to close victory

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Matt Joyce led off the bottom of the ninth inning with a towering home run against Tommy Hunter, giving the Tampa Bay Rays an 8-7 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday night.

Shelley Duncan hit a three-run homer and Ben Zobrist had a pair of RBI singles for the Rays, who twice came from behind before wasting a late two-run lead.

Fernando Rodney (1-0) blew a save opportunity by allowing a run for the first time since last Aug. 18. Brian Roberts' RBI double off Rodney in the ninth made it 7-all.

Chris Davis went 4 for 4 for the Orioles, hitting a three-run homer for the second straight day and driving in four runs. He also had an RBI single and a double.

Joyce, who had a bunt single as a pinch hitter in the seventh, won it by homering on a 2-1 pitch.

Duncan's first hit for his new team finished a four-run sixth that wiped out an early 4-0 deficit. The Orioles regained a one-run

lead in the seventh, only to watch the Rays answer with three more runs to go ahead 7-5.

But Baltimore wasn't finished, scoring on Matt Wieters' RBI single in the eighth and Roberts' tying double.

Pedro Strop, the second pitcher to follow Orioles starter Wei-Yin Chen, was unable to hold the 5-4 lead Baltimore took on Nate McLouth's run-scoring single in the seventh.

Joyce bunted for a single in the seventh and later scored on a wild pitch. Pinch hitter James Loney's put the Rays ahead and Zobrist's second RBI single of the night made it 7-5.

Davis' homer came off Rays starter Jeremy Hellickson, landing in the mostly empty stands in left-center field. After drawing a sellout crowd of 34,078 on Tuesday, attendance was announced as 15,599 for the middle date of a three-game series.

The 27-year-old Chen won a team-leading 12 games as a rookie last season, the most wins by an Orioles pitcher since Erik Bedard won 13 in 2007.

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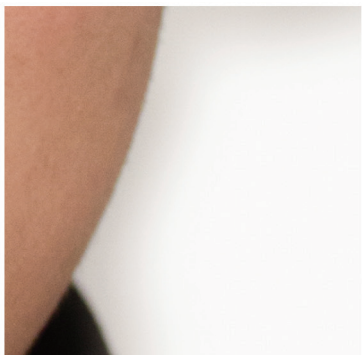
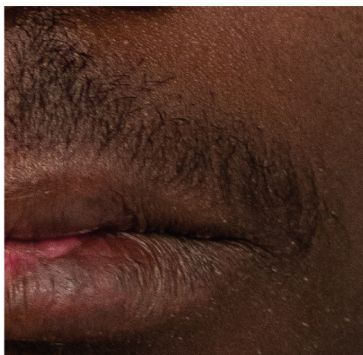
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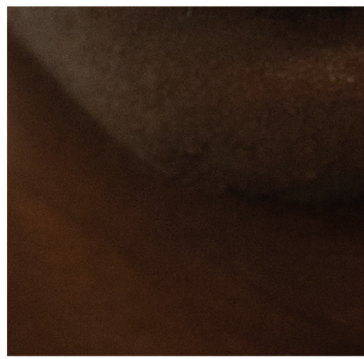


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Farley

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"It's an adjustment at first, because I was used to being lined up beside Zeke, but that was last year," Farley said. "So now we're building that bond and that clear line of communication with whoever it might be at the other safety spot."

That competition will continue to rage throughout the spring and into the fall, though, as every player in the running wants the chance to be the next Farley to burst onto the scene.

"It's always a fight at this level, but the competition is fun," Collinsworth said. "We've always got good guys back there, and we're always going to be competing. Regardless of whether I'm a one, two or three, I'm always going to be fighting the same."

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Mancini

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at the very least get a sac fly," Mancini said. "It was 2-0 and I was just sitting dead red. I knew he'd be coming with a fastball and I was ready for it and made good contact."

Mancini's heroics spoiled an outstanding starting pitching effort from Valparaiso starter Dalton Lundeen. The left hander threw 7.0 scoreless innings, scattering seven Irish hits while walking none and striking out three.

"It was kind of frustrating because we didn't have a lot of opportunities with runners in scoring position," Irish coach Mik Aoki said. "But when we did have runners in scoring position, I thought we had really good at bats. ... I thought our at bats got progressively better against [Lundeen] as the game went on, ... but you give a lot of credit to that kid."

Notre Dame's pitchers were also solid. Freshman right hander David Hearne started for the Irish and pitched 4.1 innings, giving up one run on three hits while walking two. Freshman left hander Zak Kutsulis was strong in relief, pitching 2.2 innings and giving up no runs on one hit.

Freshman right hander Nick McCarty was the winning

pitcher for the Irish, throwing one inning and giving up no runs and no hits. Junior right hander Sean Fitzgerald recorded the save, his first of the season.

The Irish threatened in the sixth inning after senior outfielder Charlie Markson led things off with a one-out single. Junior third baseman Eric Jagielo followed with a single of his own and Markson advanced to third on some aggressive base running.

With Irish runners on the corners, Mancini ripped a ball directly at the Valparaiso third baseman, who stepped on the third base bag after making the catch to complete the double play and get the Crusaders out of the inning.

Valparaiso notched their lone run in the fifth inning when Hearne walked the leadoff man and hit the next Crusader to come to the plate. Two batters later, third baseman Andy Burns delivered a line drive RBI single off freshman Irish reliever Zak Kutsulis to give Valparaiso a 1-0 lead.

With the score still 1-0 heading in the eighth inning, senior second baseman Frank DeSico reached on an error with one out. Markson and Jagielo then reached on back to back walks, loading the bases and setting the stage for



ALLY DARRAGH | The Observer

Irish sophomore pitcher Matt Ternowcheck winds up for a pitch during Notre Dame's 6-2 victory over UIC on Tuesday.

Mancini's heroics.

After a four-hit performance yesterday and another hit in today's game, Mancini is now batting .340 on the year with 23 RBIs.

"I'm feeling really good," Mancini said. "The wind blowing in in left field today kind of helped because I knew I wasn't

going to hit one out. So I was just thinking [opposite field] because that's when I hit best."

Notre Dame returns to action at Frank Eck Stadium on Friday with a game against Villanova at 5:35 p.m.

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FOOTBALL

Safety first

Matthias Farley takes the lead as Notre Dame's most experienced safety

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

Last year, Matthias Farley was just a wide receiver who liked to hit people. But after a frenetic season in which he was switched to defense and thrust into a starting role, the junior is now the most seasoned safety on the Irish roster.

And while Farley described himself as “lost” in the secondary last year, he’s now found himself as a leader of the unit.

“Last year this was all new for me after switching over from offense,” Farley said. “I remember being really lost, but taking advice from [my coaches] and [graduated safeties] Jamoris [Slaughter] and Zeke [Motta], and that really helped me along. We continue to have that ‘next man in’ philosophy, and have guys ready to step up.”

Slaughter and Motta’s departure left a hole next to Farley that a host of players are vying to fill, including senior Austin Collinsworth, junior Eilar Hardy, and sophomores Elijah Shumate, Nicky Baratti and John Turner. Just as the departing seniors helped guide Farley through his learning

curve last season, Farley is leading the way for his teammates this season.

“Matthias is a really good leader,” Collinsworth said. “He knows a lot about the defensive backfield, so he’s done a great job both in coaching up guys and really leading from the front.”

Farley, who started 11 games last season, said gaining some experience and seniority has caused him to step more to the forefront, both on the field and in team discussions.

“I knew I had to step up and make sure I was even more accountable, knowing that I’d have that different role this year,” he said. “For me, a lot of it is just being more vocal. Last year I was trying to learn everything and not saying too much, but this year I’ve been more vocal and communicative and tried to be a leader in that way as well.”

That communication will be key as the new safety pairings try to build chemistry with one another. Motta started all 13 games last season, meaning Farley and the other safeties are all trying to get used to each other’s playing styles.

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Irish junior safety Matthias Farley runs off the field during a March 20 practice. Going into the 2013 season, Farley will be Notre Dame's most experienced a position he only learned recently.

BASEBALL | ND 3, VALPARAISO 1

Mancini clinches victory



ALLY DARRAGH | The Observer

Irish junior first baseman Trey Mancini slides into third during Notre Dame's 6-2 victory over UIC on Tuesday.

By JOHN SANDBERG
Sports Writer

Scoring came at a premium Wednesday night in a pitchers’ duel at Frank Eck Stadium, with No. 20 Notre Dame ultimately pulling out a late-inning 3-1 victory over Valparaiso.

Notre Dame (17-9, 2-4 Big East) trailed Valparaiso (10-17, 1-5 Horizon) 1-0 in the eighth when junior first baseman Trey Mancini stepped to the plate with the bases loaded and one out. Mancini ripped a ball off Valparaiso reliever Ben Mahar to the outfield. The ball slipped under the glove of the Valparaiso center fielder, scoring all three Notre Dame runs and giving the Irish a 3-1 lead.

“When I stepped up to the plate I was just thinking,

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ND SOFTBALL | ND 8, GEORGETOWN 2; ND 15, GEORGETOWN 3

Irish sweep Big East matchup

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

In a sweep against Georgetown on Tuesday, the Irish claimed both first place in the Big East and their 1000th and 1001st wins in program history.

Senior pitcher Brittany O'Donnell said the first-place ranking aligns with the team's goals for the season.

“It’s where the team wants to be right now,” O'Donnell said. “Our goal is to keep going this direction and leave a final mark on the Big East conference by winning it all.”

After a two-hour game delay, Georgetown (13-22, 3-2 Big East) pulled ahead early in game one with a two-run home run from the Hoyas in the bottom of the first. Notre Dame (24-8, 5-0) responded in the bottom of the third when sophomore Emilee Koerner was sent home with an RBI single

hit by senior catcher Amy Buntin, bringing the score to 2-1.

The top of the fifth inning allowed the Irish to pull ahead of the Hoyas. Junior pitcher Laura Winter knocked her ninth home run of the season over the left field fence to give Notre Dame a 4-2 lead. To round out the game, Koerner hit an RBI single in the top of the sixth that brought the score to 5-2, and a triple by sophomore infielder Jenna Simon cleared the bases and extended the Irish lead to 7-2. An error at the plate sent Simon home and the game ended at 8-2.

In game two, O'Donnell said the defense behind her made her more confident on the mound.

“Defense was solid behind me,” O'Donnell said. “As a pitcher it’s a great feeling knowing I can throw anything and they will take care

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