

ND community supports cancer research

The Bald and the Beautiful fundraiser begins in LaFortune

By CHARITHA ISANAKA
News Writer

Less than a week after members of the Notre Dame community raised money for the American Cancer Society at Relay for Life, students are shaving their heads, cutting their hair and purchasing hair extensions to further support cancer research.

The Bald and the Beautiful (TBAB) fundraiser will begin today at 4 p.m. and run until 10 p.m. in the Sorin and Dooley Rooms of the LaFortune Student Center, TBAB co-chair Betsy McGovern said. It will continue Thursday from 4 to 10 p.m. and Friday from 4 to 8 p.m.

"I am reminded over and over how innately generous and giving people are," McGovern said. "Local stylists donate hours of their time over the event's three days and continue to thank us for letting them participate."

TBAB is the largest

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Photo courtesy of Elisabeth McGovern

A participant of last year's St. Baldrick's fundraiser titled "The Bald and the Beautiful" has her head shaved to stand in solidarity with those battling cancer.

'Embrace the identity of being a bald woman'

By KAITLYN RABACH
Saint Mary's Editor

After participating in St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser, "The Bald and the Beautiful" last year, senior Maeva Alexander said she wants more Saint Mary's women "to embrace the identity of being a bald woman" and shave their heads to fundraise for childhood cancer research.

Alexander said she appointed herself the Saint Mary's coordinator of the St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser, after she realized how much of an impact shaving her head had on her perception of female beauty.

"It was an amazing experience," Alexander said. "It affected me in so many different ways because our society does not view women without hair as feminine. Shaving my head actually made me feel more empowered because I knew I could be a woman without hair."

A woman's appearance often affects how other people treat her, Alexander said. She said The Bald

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ND, SMC to award honorary degrees

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Commencement speaker Cardinal Timothy Dolan will receive one of six honorary degrees awarded at Notre Dame's commencement ceremony May 19, according to a University press release.

Dolan, archbishop of New York and president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree, the release stated.

Gu Binglin, president of Tshingua University in Beijing, will receive a doctor of science at the ceremony, according to the release. Binglin has led the field of condensed matter physics and

computational materials science. He has taught physics and researched at Tshingua, after stints in the Chinese Academy of Sciences, as dean of Tshingua's Graduate School, and as vice president of Tshingua.

Sister Antona Ebo will receive a doctor of laws at the ceremony, according to the release. Ebo has worked as an activist for human rights, marching with Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Selma, Ala., and Montgomery, Ala. Ebo was also the first black woman religious to lead a hospital. She later served as president of the National Black Sisters' Conference.

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Professors analyze bombing

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI
News Editor

The two bombs at the Boston Marathon on Monday caused not only chaos, but also an explosion of questions and concerns for United States government officials and civilians.

The explosions killed three people and injured more than 170, according to the Associated Press. President Barack Obama called the bombing "an act of terrorism" Tuesday.

Law professor Jimmy Gurulé said the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigates all terrorism cases. He said the FBI, not Boston police or other Massachusetts law enforcement agencies, will lead the subsequent action.

Gurulú previously served



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Students gathered in Our Lady of Mercy Chapel for a prayer service Monday evening in honor of Boston bombing victims.

as the Under Secretary for Enforcement during the George W. Bush administration, overseeing the federal law enforcement agencies during the Sept. 11, 2001 bombings of the World Trade Centers. He coordinated

the 2001 response efforts of the United States Secret Service; the Customs Service; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Financial Crimes

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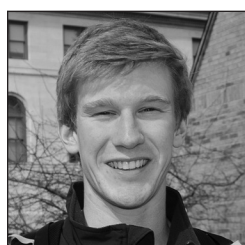
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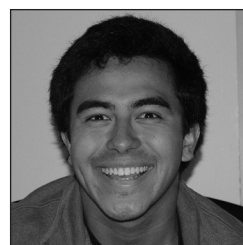
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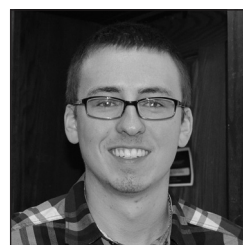
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A display in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore advertises the unveiling of "The Shirt." Irish coach Brian Kelly will unveil the new design Friday at 6 p.m. outside the bookstore, leading into Saturday's Blue-Gold game.

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MFA Reading

Hesburgh Library
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Reading of creative writing pieces.

Wellness Wednesday

Coleman-Morse Center Lounge
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Arts and crafts event to relieve student stress.

Thursday

Women's Softball

Melissa Cook Stadium
5 p.m.-7 p.m.
The Irish face off against Valparaiso.

Wham! Bam! Poetry Slam

Snite Museum of Art
5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
First annual poetry slam.

Friday

Soup and Substance: Education in Africa

Geddes Hall
12 p.m.-1:15 p.m.
CSC discussion.

Spring Concert

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.-10:30 p.m.
The Symphony Orchestra performs.

Saturday

Blue-Gold Spring Football Festival

Notre Dame Stadium
1 p.m.-5 p.m.
Sneak peek of the 2013 Fighting Irish.

Men's Lacrosse

Arlotta Stadium
2 p.m.-4 p.m.
The Irish take on the Villanova Wildcats.

Sunday

Basilica Sunday Mass

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

Baseball

Eck Baseball Stadium
1:05 p.m.-3:05 p.m.
Game vs. Quinnipiac.

Degrees

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Marilynne Robinson will receive a doctor of human letters for her work as an author, the release stated. She won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for her novel "Gilead," among other prestigious awards. Her novels, books, essays and articles have earned her a reputation for "rigorous reasoning and a salient moral vision, often drawing from biblical narrative," the release stated.

Morton Schapiro will receive a doctor of laws for his work as an expert on the economics of higher education and college finances and affordability, according to the release. Schapiro is currently serving as the 16th president of Northwestern University. He began his career as a faculty member at Williams College in Massachusetts in 1980 and left in 1991 for the University of Southern California, where he taught and served in administrative posts,

the release stated.

Kenneth Stinson, a 1964 Notre Dame graduate, parent and member of the board of trustees, will receive a doctor of laws, according to the release. Stinson is chairman emeritus of Peter Kiewit Sons Inc., a large construction firm, the release stated. He earned his graduate degree from Stanford University before serving three years in Vietnam with the U.S. Navy Civil Engineering Corps.

Saint Mary's College's commencement speaker, Kyle Zimmer, and Jennifer Mathile Prikkel will receive the two honorary degrees awarded at the College's May 18 commencement ceremony, according to a press release issued March 22.

Zimmer will receive a doctor of humanities for her work as president and CEO of First Book, a non-profit that provides new books to children in need, the release stated. Zimmer was named president in 1995 and under her leadership, "First Book has distributed more than 100 million books to children in thousands of communities in the United States," the release stated.

Prikkel will receive a doctor of humanities at the ceremony, according to the release. She served on the College's Board of Trustees from 2002 to 2011, and in 2003 she founded the Spes Unica Award for women attending Saint Mary's, according to the release. She is also founder and president of Bridging Hope Farms in Dayton, Ohio.

Lecturer explores policy challenges

By HENRY GENS
News Writer

Jessica Tuchman Mathews, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, discussed the foreign and domestic policy challenges the United States will face in the next 15 to 20 years at the 19th annual Hesburgh Lecture in Ethics and Public Policy on Tuesday. Mathews' talk, titled, "Can America Still Answer to History? What's Gone Missing and How to Get it Back," focused on six overarching issues, ranging from revitalizing domestic politics to confronting conflicts in the Middle East. Mathews highlighted the inherent uncertainty of future international relations as a result of the rapidly-changing global environment.

"There is an important area of uncertainty, and that is whether the past is any kind of reliable guide to the future," Mathews said. "Or whether so many things have changed — globalization, the explosion of cyberspace, the interconnectedness of individuals, the development of new asymmetrical technologies such as drones — whether all these changes make the fundamentals of international relations so different that the past is not a useful guide, even as a broad outline."

Even so, Mathews predicted the global political structure could be reasonably forecasted for the next 15 to 20 years, and America would continue to play a leading role in this structure. Since foreign policy is heavily influenced by domestic success, Mathews said the first challenge the United States needed to confront was revitalizing its citizens' trust in the government and reversing the growing economic inequality.

"Anybody under the age of 40 has lived his or her entire life in a country where the majority of citizens do not trust their national government to do what they think is right," Mathews said. "Think what it means for the healthy functioning of a democracy if two-thirds to three-quarters of its citizens do not believe that what it does is the right thing most of the time."

Mathews said reconstructing trust with China is essential in recognizing the rise of another superpower without military conflict, which lacks historical precedent.

"There is a profound sense of mistrust between the [United States] and China, mostly on the Chinese side," Mathews said. "This comes


in part from United State's military posture that constantly probes China's defenses through air and naval operations right up to the 12-mile limit. Imagine how we would feel if Chinese planes and ships were doing the same off our coasts."

Mathews said it was necessary to find a peaceful solution, incentivized by the effective deconstruction of sanctions, for Iran's nuclear enrichment program goals. She said there must also be an even-handed, clear-eyed effort toward Israeli-Palestinian coexistence. Furthermore, she said imple-

"We can move beyond the global ambitions of the Cold War and focus ourselves on the priorities of this new century. I do believe we can do it, but it's a pretty steep mountain."

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menting an American military exit from Afghanistan would create the possibility of a peaceful solution to the war.

Mathews said confronting climate change is critical. "This is primarily a matter of overcoming the ill-informed and often mindless deniers at home who have kept us from acting on what our expensively-financed research tells us is so clearly true," she said. "We may be quite near a tipping point, however, where local impacts in the United States make it possible to overcome this unfortunate state of affairs. But we may also be near the moment where some global tipping points will occur that will accelerate the changes that we will have to cope with."

Despite the issues the United States will face in the coming two decades, Mathews said she believes the nation has a sufficiently strong foundation to address and overcome these challenges.

"We can move beyond the global ambitions of the Cold War and focus ourselves on the priorities of this new century," Mathews said. "I do believe we can do it, but it's a pretty steep mountain."

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Fundraiser

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and the Beautiful challenges our culture's narrow view of external beauty.

"I consider myself a feminist and I am not afraid to say it," Alexander said. "It means equality for all genders. One of the reasons women are not treated equally is because a lot of times they are treated based on their looks."

Alexander said she has encouraged Saint Mary's women to participate in the event, whether they have a family member battling cancer or not.

"This is a great cause," Alexander said. "You do not have to have a loved one diagnosed with cancer to raise funds for [cancer] research. This event allows you to be a visual symbol for cancer research."

Sophomore Molly Smith said she is participating in this year's event to raise awareness of childhood cancer and show her support for those affected by this disease. She said she will be shaving her head this Friday at 5 p.m.

"I want to do it because as a healthy young adult I feel it is something I can give of myself," Smith said. "I think too often I take my health for granted. Shaving my head is a small way to show cancer patients and all that are affected by the disease that I support them."

Smith said she has personally seen the negative effects of cancer and these experiences pushed her to fundraise for the event.

"Two of my aunts are breast-cancer survivors and they both lost their hair when they were going through chemo," Smith said. "My doctor died this year because of cancer, and that also reaffirmed my decision to raise funds for research."

Smith said she wanted to shave her head last year but was told became aware of The Bald and the Beautiful after fundraising had already begun.

"I decided I wanted to shave my head around the time of the event last year," Smith said. "A couple of my classmates participated in the event last year, and they really inspired me to fundraise this year and participate in St. Baldrick's."

One of those classmates is sophomore Emmi Hazen, who said she shaved her head last year to show solidarity with those affected by childhood cancer.

"I'm hopeful that because of this research, shaving a head now will prevent a child from losing their hair to cancer in the future," she said.

All three women said they are excited to see The Bald and the Beautiful grow at Saint Mary's.

"I would do St. Baldrick's again in a heartbeat," Hazen said. "It was a great experience because I was not only able to express that beauty is not external, but I was also able to fundraise for childhood cancer research. I think everyone should participate in the program."

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service event at Notre Dame, McGovern said. Proceeds from the event support St. Baldrick's Foundation, Memorial Hospital of South Bend and Pantene Beautiful Lengths, a partnership between Pantene and the American Cancer Society.

McGovern, a senior, said this year's goal is to raise \$50,000 and donate more than 100 ponytails to Pantene Beautiful Lengths. Anyone who wants to shave his or her head must donate a minimum of \$10, she said. Participants may also purchase hair extensions for \$10 or donate eight inches of their hair.

Sophomore Claire Kucela shaved her head last year after losing her aunt and her friend's dad to cancer. She said she joined the TBAB committee this year to involve

more girls in the fundraising process.

Six girls registered to shave their heads this year, McGovern said. Kucela said people are more willing to donate to a girl who shaves her head.

Co-chair Abbie Naus, a senior, said 12 community sponsors and children from Memorial Hospital will attend this year's event.

"I am excited to see the South Bend community become integrated into Notre Dame's," Naus said.

McGovern said a local salon, Sport Clips, was particularly helpful to the TBAB committee during the planning process.

"SportsClips has been especially giving with not only its time, but also through its own fundraising measures in the salon," she said. "They've even offered their personal connection to WSBT radio to



Photo courtesy of Elisabeth McGovern

Male participants in last year's St. Baldrick's fundraiser celebrate after having their heads shaved.

have our event advertised in Michiana."

McGovern said she encourages people to participate in TBAB to raise money for cancer research.

"I invite my fellow students, members of the Notre Dame

and South Bend community, and supporters of the fight against cancer to come to TBAB and help us accomplish our goals this year," she said.

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Bombing

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Enforcement Network, among other groups. He now teaches a course on terrorism in Notre Dame's Law School.

Gurulé said terrorism is defined as crimes directed against civilians. He said civilians were clearly the target of Monday's bombing.

"It appears that the attack was intended to instill fear and terrorize a civilian population," he said. "The motivation was to cause panic and destabilize the community and, perhaps, to influence government policy or conduct. However, the investigation is in its early stages, and we have to be careful to not rush to judgment."

No information has been released yet concerning potential suspects or perpetrators, but the FBI has already begun investigating whether the attack is foreign or domestic in origin, according to the Associated Press.

"A good argument could be made that the perpetrators are home-grown or 'lone-wolf' terrorists ¾ born, raised and educated in the United States," Gurulé said. "Such individuals may have had access to terrorist websites and embraced a terrorist organization's radical ideology."

Gurulé said it was also possible the perpetrators were members

of an anti-government militant group, since the date of the attack was the due date for filing federal taxes.

"However, typically, those types of terrorist groups attack government facilities or installations," he said. "In Boston, the attack targeted civilians, which are the favorite targets of foreign terrorist organizations."

Gurulé said the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 was an example of anti-government militant attack because it targeted a federal building in Oklahoma City.

Some of the facts about the Boston case appear similar to bombings and attacks in Iraq, Gurulé said, and the federal investigation will try to determine if and where this type of explosive device has been used in the past.

"The investigators are going to try to determine what kind of explosives, chemicals, wiring and detonation device were used in the explosive device," he said. "Investigators will try to determine whether there are any similarities between the explosive devices used in this Boston Marathon bombing and other improvised explosive device (IEDs) used by al Qaeda and related terrorist groups."

"[They] will try to develop a forensic fingerprint of the bombs detonated in Boston." The Boston Marathon bombing may

represent a new chapter in the ongoing conflict between the United States and al Qaeda. Only time will tell."

Darren Davis, the University's associate vice president for research and a political science professor, studies the ways people respond to crises and terrorist events, and the political implications of their responses. He said the nationwide anxiety and fear after such a terrorist attack does not depend on proximity to the event.

"The most important thing to understand about how people respond to terrorism events is that people themselves don't have to be affected personally by it in order for it to resonate with them and for it to cause a sense of anxiety," Davis said.

Because the government is treating the bombings as a terrorist attack, Davis said they will be able to overstep certain civil liberties in response to the threat. These liberties are enumerated in the Patriot Act, passed in Oct 2001 in the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001.

"Under the Patriot Act, [the government] can actually do many things that they couldn't do if this were just labeled a crime," he said. "Basically, there's the ability to detain people under suspicion, implement certain surveillance techniques and obtain searches without warrant."

Davis said the sheer volume of media coverage of the attack, such as video footage of the explosions, will contribute to increased anxiety and "sensitizing people to their vulnerabilities."

"It's been 12 years since the Sept. 11 attacks, and we've had an entire generation of people who have grown up and matured since that point, in relatively quiet times," he said. "However,

"The motivation was to cause panic and destabilize the community and, perhaps, to influence government policy or conduct."

Jimmy Gurulé
professor of law

the media [coverage] will no doubt have an effect on a lot of people, and it's going to raise the level of concern about terrorism."

Davis said American society is "very vulnerable" to terrorist attacks partly because of the freedoms its citizens enjoy, and both domestic and international terrorists can sometimes use these freedoms and liberties against the nation.

"In America, [terrorists] can

walk around undetected because this is not a society where we're profiling everyone," he said. "There was a sense of freedom at the Boston Marathon. You could walk around freely without having to show identification. I'm not complaining that we're too open, ... but our openness is often used against us."

"The question always is about how you balance people's rights and liberties and openness, versus what the government has to do to provide for your security."

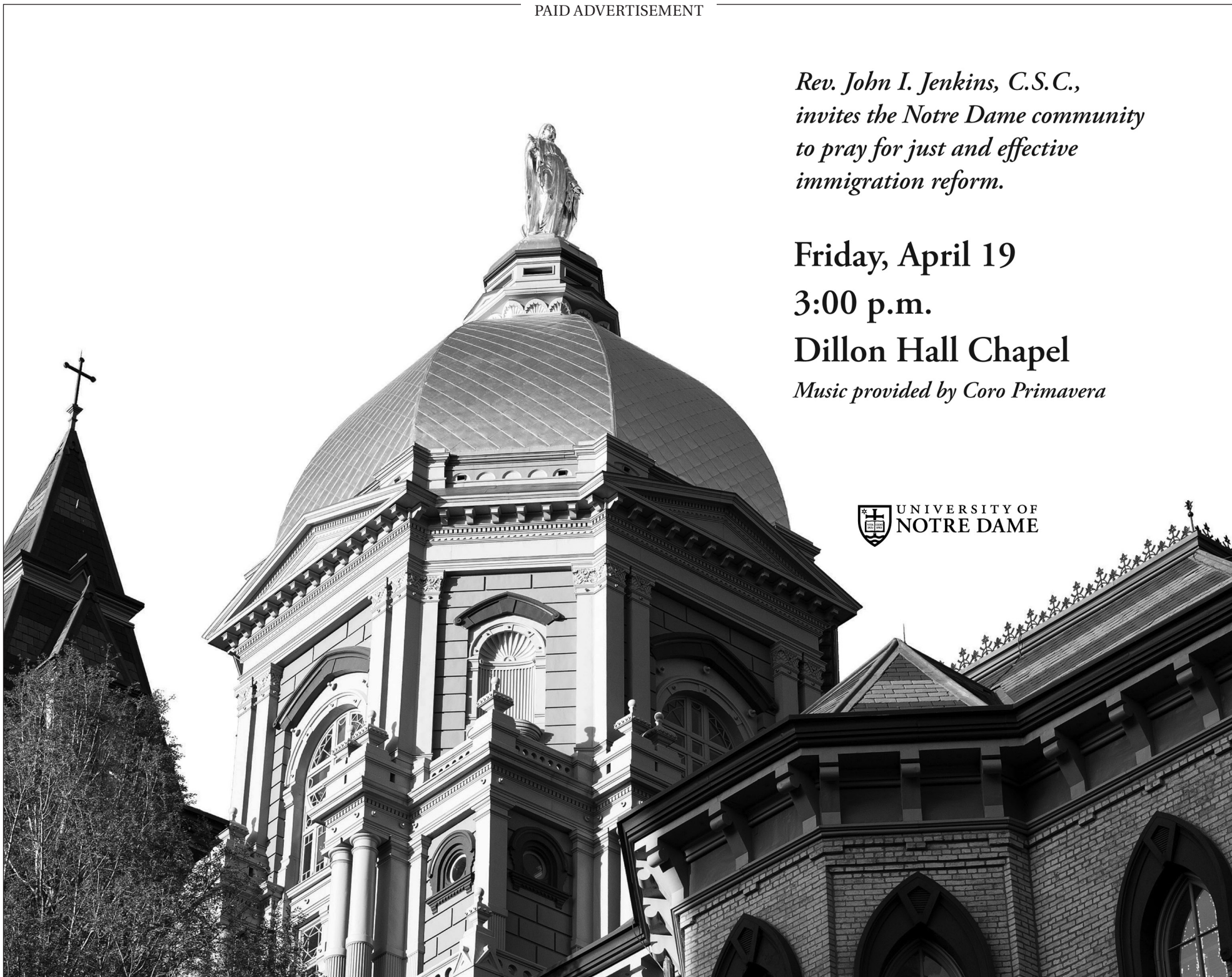
Gurulé said the implications of the Boston Marathon bombing are "ominous," and this incident could affect the future of terrorism.

"Perhaps, the United States is a victim of its own success against al Qaeda," he said. "Because the government has made it more difficult for al Qaeda to execute terrorist attacks on the scale of the Sept. 11 attacks, the terrorist organization will focus on inspiring 'lone wolf' terrorists to implement smaller-scale, less sophisticated attacks involving IEDs."

"Perhaps the terrorist tactics used in Iraq and Afghanistan have reached the homeland," Gurulé said. "If so, such terrorist attacks will be almost impossible to prevent in the future."

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False judgment

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While thinking of what to write for this column, I came across Kaitlyn Rabach's Inside Column from a few days ago. She wrote about her first experience with guns and how it changed her outlook on the gun-owning community. This caught my attention because of my own experience with guns and shooting range communities.

I have been involved in competitive shooting since I was approximately 10 years old and have reached the qualification of Distinguished Expert with a Rifle in the National Rifle Association. In 2007, I also competed and placed in the Junior World Championship of Skeet Shooting. Like Kaitlyn noted about her experience at the gun range, I became part of a welcoming and fun community of people who all shared a common interest in shooting.

With all of the headlines in the news about gun-related deaths, many people have formed negative opinions about gun owners and ranges. When the thought of a gun emerges, many people immediately think of tragic events like the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting and associate all guns with this type of event. While this tragedy did involve guns, I believe it was more of a mental health issue rather than a gun issue. Even so, the gun-owning community has received a negative public opinion, which I think is incorrect.

I say this because of my background in gun range communities. In my experience, and in Kaitlyn's, the members of the gun range were incredibly responsible with all of the firearms and shooting activities. There is always a strict safety protocol that is followed to ensure safety of all patrons at the gun range. The safe and responsible use of guns relies on the members' attentive state of mind.

I am happy Kaitlyn was able to experience and enjoy a day at the range. It is even better she was able to use her observations to influence her opinion on guns and the legislation surrounding them today. In her column she said, "now my support [for gun-related legislation] will not be strictly based off of news articles, political experts and so forth." I think what she said is key because many people, both in and out of government, make judgments about guns based on what they hear in the news instead of firsthand experience.

Although my opinions may differ from Kaitlyn's on gun-related legislation, I respect what she has done and encourage everyone to go out and experience the enjoyment and sense of community that can come from shooting sports. I think if more people gained a firsthand perspective on guns, then they would realize the gun community has received a false judgment in the media and legislation on guns won't solve the issues. As I have witnessed in my own life, it is not the gun that is dangerous, but the state of mind of the person operating it.

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Scott Boyle

The Sincere Seeker

I love when people try to guess my middle name. It's one of my favorite, introductory, "get-to-know-you" type games. Normally, however, my question is met with blank stares. Unsuspecting (or admirably-willing) companions, however, will begin to list names like "Patrick," "James" or "William." But frustration always lurks around the corner, too, as a few harmless names turn into brow-furrowing lists.

I'm sure I have not charmed all these newfound acquaintances with my attempts at fun. (Perhaps I have even lost a few "to-be" friends, although I don't have any empirical data to support that.) No matter when the white flag of surrender is tossed, however, I always share my middle name at the end: Mariscalco. M-A-R-I-S-C-A-L-C-O. My full name is Scott Mariscalco Boyle.

When I was a kid, the color wheel of my face would immediately spin to red when others inquired about my middle name. Many of my other friends had what I considered to be "normal" middle names like "Michael," "John," "Elizabeth" or "Anne." I wanted to be like them. I wanted a different name.

But over time, I have grown to be proud of that name. Not only is it my middle name, but it's my mom's maiden name. It's a name that reminds me of the importance of family, a name that connects me to many generations of "Mariscalcos" and to Sicily, a place they once called home.

I have been thinking recently about the importance of names, especially as we learn more details about the tragedy that occurred during the Boston Marathon just two short days ago.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Judging from the last week and a half of Viewpoint publications, Notre Dame students have a lot to say about marriage equality. For it, against it, or somewhere in between, Our Lady's campus holds a diversity of opinions on legalizing marriage equality.

This week, the Core Council for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning students invites you to set aside the politics — and the division — surrounding marriage equality. We invite you, regardless of your opinions on marriage equality, to participate in StaND Against Hate Week. Core Council presents a week of programming which aims to show acts of hatred, especially acts of hatred expressed to the LGBTQ community, have no place in our community. This week isn't about politics. It's about love.

Tonight, Core Council and Campus Ministry together are holding a prayer service at 8:30 p.m. We invite you to join us and unite in prayer with the Notre Dame family.

Tonight, we will be praying for those in the LGBTQ community who suffer

The last word

Before that day, chances are most of the names of racers, paramedics, police-officers and race organizers, all those who gave their time and talent to make the race a success, would have gone unknown. Numbered bibs and corresponding chips which delivered accurate times and a correct order of finish would have been the "heroes," signs of a successful race.

But, times and order-of-finish are the farthest things from people's minds right now. Names are what are important now. They are important to the husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, neighbors and friends who have tried to account for loved ones. They are important for recognizing and naming the stories of those who went above and beyond the call of duty, some after 26.2 miles, to help those most in need.

But, perhaps in the midst of this chaos and confusion, there is one name that is hard to keep close to our hearts: God. It's easy to wonder where God was in the midst of this profound evil and suffering. How could so many innocent lives be affected? How is it fair that well over 100 lie injured in hospitals and a few others (including an eight-year-old boy) have died?

No amount of words will ever be able to explain, express, capture, contextualize or justify the events in Boston. Ray Bradbury once observed, "Mysteries abound where we most seek for answers." But we must not let the emptiness we might feel entrap our hearts.

Henri Nouwen knew all of this when he wrote, "The emptiness of the past, [present] and the future can never be filled with words but only by the presence of a man." And there is one man whose love alone can fill the emptiness we feel inside: Jesus Christ.

For two days approximately 2,000

years ago, it looked like death had won. Christ was crucified, killed by the forces of evil. Similarly, in Boston, the injuries and deaths may make it seem like evil has won there, too.

But Christ never promised there would never be evil in the world. After all, he himself was a victim of it. Instead, he promised it would never have the last word. His death and resurrection showed it is love, not evil, that will endure forever.

Evil did not win 2000 years ago, and evil has not won today. God's love has been in Boston and it will continue to remain there. You know how I know that? It's quite simple. Many people have taken the time to remind us.

God's love has been made present by the runners who decided 26 miles was not enough, those runners who had the strength and courage to keep running to Massachusetts General Hospital to give blood to help those who were injured. And Christ's love is still present in all those who continue to work, day and night, to provide care and outreach to those victims affected by this tragedy.

I heard once that faith is "seeing light with your heart when your eyes see only darkness." Although it may be hard to see God in the midst of this darkness, let's never forget God's light and love have never left the city of Boston. Love will always have the last word. We just have to remember to see it.

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It's about love

hatred and persecution because of their identity.

We will be praying for those individuals still in the closet — those afraid to confront and speak openly about their sexuality or gender identity.

We will be praying for those individuals who are in the process of coming out to their families.

We will be praying for these families, who hold a son, daughter, sister, brother, father, mother or other family member who is in the process of coming out.

We will be praying we, as a community, can create a safe space for those who identify as LGBTQ.

We will be praying our community continues to grow into a family where none are strangers and all may flourish.

Whether or not you support legalizing marriage equality — whether or not you were a member of the 4 to 5 Movement — whether or not you, or someone close to you, identifies as LGBTQ — whether or not you know an individual who identifies as LGBTQ — join us in prayer tonight.

8:30 p.m. The Grotto (or, if it rains, St. Ed's chapel). Take a StaND Against Hate. It's about love.

Love,
The Students of the Core Council for LGBTQ Students.

Maggie Waickman
sophomore
Howard Hall

Mia Lillis
junior
Cavanaugh Hall

Lauren Morisseau
sophomore
Breen-Phillips Hall

Tom Lienhoop
junior
Dillon Hall

Karl Abad
senior
St. Edward's Hall
April 16

Hold on to hope

Matt Miklavic
The Maine Idea

This isn't the column I was supposed to write.

This was supposed to be funny. I was supposed to joke about dorm parties and business kids and sneak in a line about jersey-chasing for good measure. I was counting on some laughs. I was hoping for a spit-take or two at the dining hall. But I'm not really in the mood to write jokes right now.

It's hard to write jokes while some are writing obituaries.

It's hard to write jokes while some are waking up without limbs.

It's hard to write jokes because I don't feel like laughing.

It's hard to write jokes because humor is buried beneath a list of other emotions right now. It's beneath the anger. It's beneath the worry. It's beneath the sadness that occasionally wells up in my eyes.

It did not take long for most of us to find out about the bombings in Boston. For me, it started with a few texts. "Oh my god." "This is crazy." "Boston..." I had no idea what they were talking about. Soon enough, I learned. And I wasn't sure what to believe. I grabbed my phone.

I called my sister, who was supposed to meet her roommate at the finish line. No answer. I texted her. Some part of my brain told me I had nothing to worry about. It told me the odds were overwhelming she and everyone else I knew were fine. But far

more of me was wrapped in fear. I waited, and a group of us watched. We saw replays of the blast. We saw pictures. We saw blood. We saw some flee the disaster. We saw others run toward the carnage.

My phone rang. My sister was okay. They had already been leaving as the explosions ripped through Boylston St. In turn, I learned my cousin had been a few minutes away from finishing, so she was fine. Another call, and I learned the rest of my cousins, aunts, and uncles in Boston during the day unharmed. My phone and Facebook slowly informed me that my friends from back home were safe as well. With each successive name checked off, I felt more relief.

That relief was quickly followed by some measure of guilt. I knew that elsewhere someone else was waiting for a call that wouldn't come. Someone else's brain was telling them the odds were in their favor. But they weren't.

Next came a quiet sorrow. Information trickled in and the number of injured trickled higher. So too did the number of dead. I was saddened by the carnage I saw, but it was more than that. I was upset at the incomprehensible malice involved. I was pained that such an event could happen. That human violence had violated a symbol of human ability. I was dismayed that such an act could occur anywhere, much less on streets which I had walked. I was shocked that this could occur in a city that I used to live outside of, where so much of my family still resided.

As day became night, the sadness failed

to diminish. It wasn't helped by growing casualty numbers. My spirits weren't buoyed by reports of amputations and death that fell indiscriminately upon children and adults alike. The distress didn't lessen as commentators discussed the senselessness of the whole thing.

I thought of all the years I had looked forward to Patriots' Day. With school always out, I'd frequently end up at my grandparents' house and find myself sitting on the side of the road, watching the marathon pass by. You'd watch the faces, hoping to catch a glimpse of someone you knew running. Depending on the time, you'd work in some of the 11 a.m. Red Sox game. As I think about Patriots' Day memories, I now find anger. I'm angry such a day was forever marred. I'm angry every Patriots' Day will be tinged with sadness now. I'm angry that Boston could be touched by such an enduring cloud. I also know this anger has no satisfying outlet, nor as of yet a deserving target. I'm aware my anger will not breed anything productive. I don't want to feel angry, or sad or worried. But I do.

But this is not all that I have. This is not all we can take from this tragedy. In tragedy, we can find hope. In disaster, we can find strength. We find hope in the way a city and a country bands together. We find hope in tales of marathoners continuing to the hospital to donate blood, bystanders helping the injured, and first responders saving lives. We find hope in those who ran toward the danger, ignoring their own safety. We find hope in common people

displaying uncommon courage, in the ordinary being extraordinary. We can find strength in this hope. We find strength in continuing on and refusing to let terror reign over us.

We can all learn from this act of terror. We can talk to those we love, mindful of the fleeting time we have here. We can seek to do better in our lives. We can get up tomorrow and live fully, finding hope in our humanity and strength in our collective ability. We can laugh, love and cry. We can live our lives with purpose and happiness, refusing to bend to those who would have us change our ways.

Ultimately, I don't want to feel anger, nor grief, nor guilt nor fear. I want to feel the same way that I felt Monday morning. I want to write jokes. And I will. For Boston, it might take time, but life will continue. That is not to say we will forget what happened — we cannot. Those responsible will inevitably be brought to justice. But soon enough, people will return to Boylston Street, the Red Sox will again fill Fenway and summer will again descend upon the city. Smiles, laughter and happiness will return to the streets. In time, the wounds will heal. In time, it will get better.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'What it means to be made in God's image'

My uncle was three-tenths of a mile from the finish line when the bombs went off.

It was Marathon Monday. Thousands of people trained for days, building up muscle mass and endurance in hopes of not hitting the wall when they climb the infamous "Heartbreak Hill" 20 miles into the race. Everyone in Boston has a story when it comes to the Marathon; at home, I usually endure the annual ritual of listening to my dad reminiscing about how he snuck in and ran the entire 26.2 miles without a number. Even if you never ran the race, you probably sat down in lawn chairs along the route and cheered on the runners at least once in your life. Nobody cares about who is in the lead or bets on who will win; the Boston Marathon is first and foremost an opportunity for people to go the distance, to achieve the challenging and exciting goal of crossing that finish line at Copley Square. The Marathon is a celebration of unity, with people all over the Boston area coming together to root for their loved ones, their friends and just about any other person running the race. It's the one time of the year where people come together and exhibit brotherly love for one another.

This celebration of unity was shattered by explosions of discord, what was once an annual ritual of sweat and tears had now become a living nightmare of blood and fire. Spectators frantically whipped out their phones, cluttering the airwaves as they tried to reach out to family and

friends. As the smoke settled, a cloud of fear and confusion took its place as bystanders scattered, trying to avoid any more potential blasts that would kindle the raging chaos.

When I first heard about the bombings, I immediately called my parents to see if they were alright. My friends and I texted like crazy, hoping that nobody we knew was hurt. Through Facebook, I found out that my uncle and his family, though "wicked close" to the first explosion, were unharmed and found each other within an hour of the debacle. In the end, everyone I knew was safe and sound, but I couldn't help but feel anger burning up inside me.

A tragedy really doesn't hit you unless it happens close to home. I remember 9/11 and Newtown, and I was just as saddened as anyone else was. But this? A terror attack in Boston? The city that my grandparents were born and raised in? The one place on earth that my family so dearly loves? When I first heard about the explosion, I didn't shed a tear, but thought the same thing every other die-hard Bay Stater thought: somebody just messed with the wrong city.

Now, I am one of the most cheerful and patient guys around, but this disaster pushed my limits. When I had to lector for dorm mass Monday night, my emotions got the better of me as I injected the wrath of God in an otherwise inspiring reading about St. Stephen. Reciting the psalm was anything but joyous, and don't even bother

asking me what the priest said in the homily. When it comes to times like these, one feels more inclined to curse God than praise Him.

Then, during the Our Father, we recited one of the most profound lines ever recorded: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

It was at this time that I remembered God's call to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. As a Catholic, I recognize that we are all called to communion with God, to serve and love each other and become one family. Whenever someone murders another human being, he or she is essentially committing fratricide. In doing so, the murderer not only drives himself away from that communion, but also causes others to be driven away from each other, many grieve, some want revenge, others lose their faith in God and humanity. Just as the sin of Cain against Abel led to more murder, so too does every sin launch a ripple effect that strains the bonds of spiritual kinship between all people.

Despite my hardened heart, I attended a prayer service at Geddes Hall in hope that God would move me to believe and not doubt, to hope and not despair, to love and not hate. At the service, I witnessed nearly everyone there exhibiting those virtues, they praised God through song, voiced their hopes through prayer, and offered each other love and support through hugs and reflection. Most of all, one person even

mentioned that we must pray for the perpetrators, just as Jesus commanded in the Lord's Prayer. For once, I saw how God is present in people of good will, I saw how in Christ, we can better show people what it means to be made in God's image.

I am grateful that none of my family or friends died or were injured in the Boston Marathon bombings, but I realize that this is not the case with everyone. To those who are deeply affected by this tragedy, I cannot begin to fathom how sad or angry you must feel. If my story cannot bring you to turn your hate into love, then perhaps the examples of the heroes in Boston will. From policemen and paramedics to runners and passers-by, many a Bostonian still managed to show their love for others immediately following the explosions. Just hours afterward, hundreds of people offered their homes for runners and others to stay in. In the face of discord, they showed that we are still united in the Bostonian family. If our family back home and the ND family can mend all wounds and bring everyone closer together, then we, God willing, can hope to bring everyone in the human family into deeper relationships out of love for one another.

Jimmy Kelly
sophomore
Morrissey Manor
April 16

TRUE BEAUTY

Donate for The Bald and the Beautiful



Gabriela Leskur
Scene Writer

I have always seen my hair as an integral part of my identity — not only my identity, really, but also my self-esteem. A bad hair day has an impact on my view of myself, undoubtedly. A good hair day is cause for celebration. Beyond how my hair looks, I tend to twist my hair subconsciously all the time when I'm thinking (which I do more than you would think). It's definitely my grown-up security blanket, as well as my most principal accessory.

Without a doubt, I would wager I am far from the only one who feels this way. Most girls (and some guys) do, too. And yet, by putting such weight on the value of hair, we lose sight of what is truly beautiful.

Love, kindness and charity make us far more beautiful than any hairstyle ever could. And this week, we all have the opportunity to become more beautiful by giving our hair away.

The Bald and the Beautiful began as a way to commemorate Sam Marx, a Notre Dame student who died during the summer after his freshman year, following a hard battle with cancer. What began as a small group of people shaving their heads to raise money and awareness has turned into the largest campus-wide charity event run by students.

When a wonderful friend of mine, Colleen McLinden, with hair akin to the princess from "Brave," decided to shave her head for the Bald and the Beautiful this week, I started to think about my own hair. Although I take pride in my long, some would say luscious (others would say unruly), locks, I would be much happier knowing a young girl with cancer could take pride in my hair instead. And that's why I'm planning on donating eight to 10 inches of my hair tomorrow night.

For those of you who would like to be totally amazing and donate your hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths or would like to be absolutely phenomenal and shave your head for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, you can sign up at nd.edu/~tbab

The Bald and the Beautiful will take place today through Friday in the Sorin and Dooley Rooms in the LaFortune Student Center from 4 to 8 p.m.

If you would like to participate in the event, there are three ways in which you can help the cause:

First, you can donate your hair. You must donate at least eight inches and you cannot have dyed your hair to be

eligible. Pantene Beautiful Lengths, a partnership between Pantene and the American Cancer Society, will turn your donation into a wig for cancer patients.

Second, you can shave your head. Preliminary qualification: you must be awesome. Your awesomeness will allow for more cancer research to be done by the lovely folks at St. Baldrick's.

Third, if you're not able to donate your hair or shave your head, you can still be part of the Bald and the Beautiful. You can buy colored hair extensions for \$10 individually, or you can buy three for \$25. All profits from these purchases will go to Memorial Hospital of South Bend.

I cannot imagine how hard it must be for those enduring chemotherapy and radiation. To watch each lock of hair that falls sadly from their heads must be a terrifying reminder of their situation and their struggle. I could not be happier to give my own hair in honor of every lock they lose during their courageous battles against cancer. Hopefully, the Notre Dame community will come together again in support, ready to do the same.

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The Bald and the Beautiful

When: Wednesday, April 17 - Friday, April 19

Where: Sorin and Dooley Rooms in the LaFortune Student Center

What time: 4 - 8 p.m.

Sign up at: nd.edu/~tbab



BRIAN REGAN BACK TO SOUTH BEND

By **ALLIE TOLLAIXEN**
Scene Writer

Stand-up comedian Brian Regan will make another stop in South Bend on Sunday, April 28, at the Morris Performing Arts Center. Regan has been on tour in 2013, performing one-night shows in theaters across the United States. He said he is excited to come back to South Bend after he performed here in September 2011.

"I haven't released a new CD this year," Regan said, "but I like to think that people will come who have seen me before and see something new. ... It might not be funny, but at least the audience will leave thinking, 'Well that was new!'"

Of course, Regan is as funny (and self-deprecating) in his interview as he is on stage. This kind of humor has established him among the most popular comedians today.

One thing that makes Regan's humor so popular is its accessibility. From family

dinners to spelling bees, he jokes about everyday things almost any audience can relate to. Yet, although his act isn't vulgar like those of many comedians today, I still hesitate to describe it as "family-friendly." Regan said he does not call it "family-friendly," either.

"I cringe at 'family friendly' and I cringe at the word 'clean,' although I think that can describe me," he explained. "I don't like to put labels on it. I think comedy is hard to describe, like music or architecture."

Regan certainly knows a thing or two about the art of comedy — he has been doing stand-up for over 30 years. Throughout this time, he has stayed true to stand-up — touring regularly, filming Comedy Central specials and releasing material to his fans. He has also developed a unique style of comedy and a large following.

Regan said people still ask him to describe his technique.

"I used to have a joke answer that

my comedy was Kierkegaardian with Machiavellian undertones, but then people started taking that seriously. Interviewers would say 'Oh, I see it now,'" Regan said, laughing. "I stopped because I don't want anyone to run some headline: 'Kierkegaardian comedian brings Machiavellian undertones.'"

Though he may not be Kierkegaardian, Regan's humor is smart and insightful. He was recently featured on Jerry Seinfeld's web series "Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee," where he chats and riffs with Seinfeld, showing off his comedy chops.

In the series, Regan mentions seeing a comedian at Heidelberg College in Ohio when he was a student and immediately becoming interested in stand-up. When asked what advice he would give to aspiring comedians attending his upcoming college-town performance, he advised them to start performing anywhere they can.

"I started stand-up in college, and

my very first show was in front of all my friends at the student center," Regan said.

But the venue was not quite ideal.

"It did not work," Regan said. "I would start a joke, going, 'I was on the bus this morning,' and my friends would go, 'no, you weren't!'"

"I'm like, 'Just go with it, guys,' and they would yell, 'We've been with you the whole day!'"

Regan encouraged aspiring comedians to always keep trying. And after decades of experience in the world of stand up, Brian Regan is certainly a perfect example of a comedian who never calls it quits. With his hilarious stories and incredible following, he's one comedian who will never have to.

Brian Regan will be at the Morris Performing Arts Center on Sunday, April 28 at 7 p.m.

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By **MIKO MALABUTE**
Scene Writer

As I sat listening to Kid Cudi's newest release to write this review, my friend David asked me what I was listening to.

"Kid Cudi's newest album. Just came out."

"Oh, no way. What's it called?"

"Indicud."

"Oh, God, no."

To be fair, David had an excellent point. Following Cudi's last misplaced effort at imitating a musical purist, "WZRD," it was really easy to have our reservations about Cudi's newest independent release. With "WZRD," Cudi had a compilation of spacey, out-of-character tracks that alienated us as fans of the man behind "Man on the Moon" — both "MOTM" and "MOTM II." Then, without warning — let alone apology — Cudi decided to continue to forge on forward and asked his fans to continue to follow along on his journey away from "Mr.

Rager" to this new "Indicud."

A look into the very beginning of the album doesn't really seek to ease my own discomfort as a fan, as this foreign, unfamiliar territory Cudi has squatted in continues to manifest itself in his sound. To me, the opening track, "The Resurrection of Scott Mescudi," feels like anything but. Rather, this song feels like it is no longer Kid Cudi, but rather Adolescent-Individualistic-Rebellious Cudi. He seems to be absolutely begging for an audience to acknowledge he's different and doesn't follow the mainstream. Grow up (or down, I guess), Cudi, because this isn't you. Just stop trying to prove how hip you are.

Two tracks down, and I'm smiling in spite of what I've heard thus far because of the familiar sounds of the determined, steady synths. Cudderisback. The song "Just What I Am" re-unveils an unashamed, unabashed Cudi in his element. This is the Cudi we all love, poking his chest out, saying "I'm what you made

God, [expletive], yes, I'm so odd."

Now, this is not to say Cudi has decided to take out a page from his own bestseller "MOTM" book with "Indicud." This is still Cudi's realm of confusion. For every song like "Young Lady" (featuring Fr. John Misty) that shows glimpses of Cudi's light-hearted, fun-loving, musical self, there are also songs that leave me scratching my head. Songs like "King Wizard" and "Mad Solar" feature a Cudi that seems to almost try too hard. The beats are often underwhelming and repetitive. Guest features here and there from RZA in "Beez," Kendrick Lamar in "Solo Dolo Pt. II" and Michael Bolton and King Chip in "Afterwards (Bring Yo Friends)" truly allow this project to shine and showcase Cudi's versatility. But it still feels like there are more than a handful of songs that need to be grown into.

"Indicud" is a mixed product, one that I enjoy in its most brilliant moments and shy away from during its most obscure.

Cudi might have morphed into a new artist, one that feels at times frustratingly inconsistent, yet there is still enough here to keep me interested. So, congratulations, Cudi. You've shown your fans you've done a bit of growing. Now, what's next?

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"Indicud"

Kid Cudi

Label: Wicked Awesome Records

Tracks: "Just What I Am," "King Wizard" and "Young Lady"

If you like: Kanye West, Wiz Khalifa and Kendrick Lamar



SPORTS AUTHORITY

Welcome back, "football"



Sam Gans
Sports Writer

What is the purpose of college football spring games?

I've found myself asking this question a lot more the past few years. I'm not entirely sure why it took me so long. Perhaps when I was younger, I had a naïve belief that spring games were very important that they could give a bit of a glimpse into who the top performers would be that season, who would potentially break out and if the coaching staff made any notable changes in playcalling or formations.

By now, I've finally taken heed of the advice coaches at programs throughout the country have always given: The spring game is really not a big deal.

All across the country since the invention of the spring game, fans of every program have seen strong performances by many players that have simply not translated to when it counts. Junior Jabbar shockingly did not win Notre Dame's eighth Heisman in 2007 after his dominating spring game. Ohio State fans are still waiting for Bam Childress to win the Biletnikoff after his spring game heroics in the early 2000s.

Though I still put some stock in spring games despite the large evidence they don't mean much, this season has tested my opinion. A 7-year-old cancer patient running for a touchdown in the Nebraska spring game (before I get any hate mail saying I have no soul for criticizing this, I would like to clarify I think it was wonderful. I'm just saying this exemplifies the lax nature of the spring game) and an injured Jadeveon Clowney "scoring" on a reception in the South Carolina spring game show just how meaningless parts of these games can be.

Programs also seem to be varying up the spring game much more than in the past, away from what is the traditional football scenario. Some programs do offense against defense with a modified scoring system instead of team versus team. Sometimes, games aren't regulation length to accommodate television.

The truly bizarre thing is as spring games seem to become more gimmicky ¾ in terms of the format of the games and even plays within the games themselves ¾ the coverage of them actually seems to be increasing. The spring games of nearly every top program can be seen on national television or are easily accessible online, and College GameDay's bus

is visiting various campuses throughout the country for spring games. Fans can't seem to get enough of spring football action.

And I am one of those people. I've seen at least parts of numerous spring games throughout the nation this year and will be in attendance for the Blue-Gold game this year. Why for something that doesn't matter?

Well first, it's hard to know if that whole statement about the spring game not meaning anything is even fully truthful. Brian Kelly's rationale for why Everett Golson got the first crack with the first team at the beginning of fall practice last year? "He had the better spring game in our evaluation." That, of course, did not win Golson the job, but it did give him a leg up. So there's at least a small bit in these intrasquad scrimmages that fans can take away.

Though there's not the pressure of winning and losing in a spring game, it's really the only time of the whole year, besides actual games that count, where players are thrust into a giant spotlight in front of tens of thousands of fans and many more watching at home. And that pressure can be useful for a coaching staff in determining who can compete on fall Saturdays. Spring game performances for numerous players on teams throughout America have propelled them into more prominent roles heading into fall practice. Therefore, I'm not sure I completely buy the notion spring games mean nothing to coaches.

But second, even if they don't reveal much, who cares? It's a long journey from the beginning of January until the very end of August. That's eight months without college football games that count, so the scrimmages at least provide fans some hitting and tackling again and help bridge that long gap.

So do spring games mean anything? Can we take any meaningful information away? The answer to both those questions is maybe a little, but not much.

But it is football. And after more than three months of no college football and more than four more until North Carolina visits South Carolina on Aug. 29, I'm not complaining about getting some relief from the withdrawal for a couple of weeks.

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MLB

Resurgent Red Sox rally for Boston

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Jon Lester has felt pride when slipping on his Boston jersey and cap. Never more than now.

Away from home and family members they worried about during some anxious moments on Monday, the Red Sox are hoping their return to the field Tuesday night will help their wounded city heal after the marathon bombings.

As always, the Red Sox will play for themselves — and all of Boston.

"It really hits home," Lester said. "Boston's my home, just like everyone else in this clubhouse. It's obviously not a good situation, but hopefully like 9/11 we come together as a city again and as a nation and whoever did this make them realize we don't take kindly to things like this. It really hits home."

The Red Sox and Indians will wear black armbands to honor the victims of the bombings at the Boston Marathon's finish line. Three people were killed and more than 170 were injured in the attacks.

The giant American flag flew at half-staff before the series opener with a moment of silence before Tuesday's first pitch.

"It's obviously not a good situation, but hopefully like 9/11 we come together as a city again and as a nation..."

Jon Lester
Red Sox pitcher

Lester said there was never any discussion about not playing Tuesday's game.

"I think everybody just assumed we would take the field tonight and be proud to put on that Boston uniform, like we are every day — but especially with everything going on," he said.

On Monday, the Red Sox



AP

A flag flies at half mast at Cleveland's Progressive Field on Tuesday to honor victims of the Boston Marathon bombing Monday.

had just beaten Tampa 3-2 on an RBI double by Mike Napoli in the ninth inning in the annual Patriots' Day morning game and were in a bus headed to the airport when they received the first reports of explosions near the finish line.

"We usually have a police escort and they took off without us," Lester said. "We started asking questions and it started from the front and went to the back."

Lester said players frantically called family members to check on their safety. Later, on the flight to Cleveland, players who normally pass the time by watching a movie or playing a game on their laptops, were glued to TVs showing the latest events in Boston.

Indians manager Terry Francona, who won two World Series titles during eight seasons in Boston, said he got word while he was Progressive Field filming a commercial. As he caught up on the tragedy, Francona was struck the familiar images appearing on the screen.

"It's personal for just about everybody," he said. "Some of those views, you could see the church where my daughter got married. It's very unsettling for everybody."

With the Bruins and Celtics having their homes games

scratched because of the attacks, the Red Sox can bring some comfort to a region needing a break.

"When it comes down to anything in life, I know going back to my experiences with cancer," said Lester, who survived the disease. "The further you can get away from that and not think about it, it eases your mind and maybe we can do that by taking the field and easing some minds back in Boston. We can give them something other than news to watch for a couple hours and hopefully make people forget for a couple hours."

"Hopefully, we can bust our butts and keep playing hard."

One TV in Boston's clubhouse continued to show images of the bombings, which occurred on sidewalks many of the players have walked with their families.

Boston outfielder Jonny Gomes said he and his teammates have "heavy hearts" as they move forward. However, Gomes said it's not like anyone from that area of the country to quit at anything, and it's up to the Red Sox to do their part to make Boston whole again.

"We're trying to say the Boston Red Sox are not laying down for this," he said. "We're going to keep on trucking."

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MLB

Francona loses first game against former team

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — A night packed with emotion for Indians manager Terry Francona had a trace of frustration.

Cleveland starter Ubaldo Jimenez walked five — two with the bases loaded — and allowed

seven runs in two innings as the Indians were beaten 7-2 on Tuesday night by the Boston Red Sox, who were hoping to provide some comfort and a distraction for folks at home following the deadly bombings.

Francona's first game against his former team took on a somber

tone following Monday's attacks in Boston, where three people were killed and more than 170 injured in blasts near the marathon's finish line. Francona remains fond of the city, where he spent eight years and where one of his daughters got married not far from the area bombed.

Before the game, Francona was moved by a moment of silence for the victims.

"You get so ramped up for a baseball game because it's so important to us and then you look up and realize why you're having a moment of silence," Francona said. "If you need perspective it gives it to you in a hurry."

The Indians were behind quickly as Jimenez (0-2), who retired the side in order in the first, fell apart in the second.

He walked in two runs, gave up a sacrifice fly and an RBI single and left the bases loaded for Cody Allen, who allowed Mike Napoli's three-run double.

Francona is trying to be supportive of Jimenez, who fell to 1-12 with a 7.27 ERA in 17 starts since last July.

"You can get frustrated or you can try to make it better," Francona said. "We choose to try and make it better. As long as he keeps working, we're going to work hard. We want to get it right."

Jimenez, who led the AL with 17 losses last season, offered no excuses for another poor outing.

"That's probably about as low as I can get, five walks in one inning," he said. "I don't want to keep going down. Things aren't going good right now. The last two games have been really bad. I felt good in the first inning but after that I just lost it."

Staked to the big lead, Felix Doubront (1-0) settled in and allowed two runs and four hits in five innings. He struck out seven.

Monday's tragic events in Boston brought a somber tone to Francona's reunion as well as to the Red Sox. Before the game, in a clubhouse devoid of its usual pregame sound and bustle, several players spoke of how a

memorable Patriots Day win over Tampa Bay turned horrific.

"It's weird," pitcher Jon Lester said. "You see these things, it's like movies. For it to hit home like this, to be on that sidewalk plenty of times, eaten at those restaurants plenty of times, it hits right at home. It's a scary deal."

With the American flag clinging to the pole and at half-staff, the Red Sox and Indians, wearing black armbands, solemnly took the field for a moment of silence before the national anthem to honor those who lost their lives in the Boston bombings. As players placed their caps over their hearts, closed their eyes and bowed their heads, Boston's "B" logo appeared on the left-field scoreboard with "STRONG" written underneath.

And then before the first pitch, Fenway Park music standard "Sweet Caroline" filled the ballpark, another nod to Boston and moving forward.

"That was a very classy touch," Francona said.

Francona was hoping the game could bring Red Sox Nation — and everyone affected by the tragedy — some comfort.

"If it helps anybody at all, that would be terrific," he said. "I don't know how you quantify what happened. It's just unfair. I just hope maybe this game does help some people."

Cleveland did all it could to make the visitors welcome. A young Indians fan presented the Red Sox with a sign he wrote in red ink and ordained with hearts. The note, which was hung in Boston's dugout, read: "From our city to your city: Our hearts and prayers go out to you, Boston. Love, Cleveland."

The Red Sox hung a gray jersey with No. 617 — Boston's area code — above their bench during the game as a reminder that they were playing for more than each other.

For Francona, there will be another day to reflect and get nostalgic about his years in Boston.

This wasn't the time or place.

Francona did all he could to downplay his first meeting against the Red Sox since he was fired following the 2011 season, when Boston collapsed down the stretch.

The year he spent working as an ESPN analyst may have helped heal some of the hurt feelings, but Francona knows things will be different on Cleveland's visit to Boston next month.

"We're not in Boston. I had mostly eight really good years (there)," he said. "I don't think I would've scripted the end the way it ended. And you move on. Sometimes it's time to move on. I'm really happy where I'm at here, and I think it's unfair to the players for me to have like nostalgia week."

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MLB

Announcer Pat Summerall dies

Associated Press

DALLAS — Pat Summerall was the calm alongside John Madden's storm.

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Summerall died Tuesday at age 82 of cardiac arrest, said University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center spokesman Jeff Carlton, speaking on behalf of Summerall's wife, Cheri.

"He was an extraordinary man and a wonderful father," said Susie Wiles, his daughter. "I know he will be greatly missed."

His final play-by-play words beside Madden were succinct, of course, as he called the game-ending field goal of the Super Bowl for Fox on Feb. 3, 2002, when New England beat St. Louis 20-17.

"It's right down the pipe. Adam Vinatieri. No time on the clock. And the Patriots have won Super Bowl XXXVI. Unbelievable," Summerall said.

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At the end of their final broadcast together, Madden described Summerall as "a treasure" and the "spirit of the National Football League" in a tribute to the partner that complemented the boisterous former Oakland Raiders coach so well.

"You are what the NFL is all about, what pro football is all about, and more important, what a man is all about and what a gentleman is all about," Madden said.

As former teammate and broadcaster Frank Gifford put it in an accompanying video tribute: "America is very comfortable with Pat Summerall."

Summerall played 10 NFL seasons (1952-61) with the Chicago Cardinals and New York Giants, but it was in his second career that he became a voice familiar to generations of sports fans, not only those of the NFL.

"Pat was a friend of nearly 40 years," CBS Sports broadcaster Verne Lundquist said. "He was a master of restraint in his commentary, an example for all of us. He was also one of the great storytellers who ever spoke into a microphone."

Summerall started doing NFL games for CBS in 1964, and became a play-by-play guy 10 years later. He was also part of CBS's

coverage of the PGA Tour, including the Masters from 1968-94, and U.S. Open tennis.

When CBS lost its NFL deal after the 1993 season, Summerall switched to Fox to keep calling NFL games with Madden. He had hoped to keep working with CBS for other events like the Masters, but network executives saw it otherwise. At the time, CBS Sports anchor Jim Nantz said he was "very saddened" that Summerall didn't get to leave CBS under his own terms.

"He is CBS Sports. I always thought he could work here until he was 75 or 80 years old," Nantz told The Philadelphia Daily News then. "He's been a much larger influence on my career than I think he realizes. There will be a piece of Pat Summerall on the air as long as I do golf for this network."

A recovering alcoholic, Summerall had a liver transplant in April 2004. The lifesaving surgery was necessary even after 12 years of sobriety.

After an intervention involving, among others, former NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle, former CBS Sports President Peter Lund and former PGA Tour Commissioner Deane Beaman, Summerall checked into the Betty Ford Clinic in April 1992.

"I had no intention of quitting, I was having too good a time," Summerall said in a 2000 Associated Press story. "The prescribed stay at Betty Ford is 28 days. They kept me 33 because I was so angry at the people who did the intervention, the first five days didn't do me any good."

Summerall received the liver of a 13-year-old junior high football player from Arkansas who died unexpectedly from an aneurysm. Summerall had an emotional meeting with the teenager's family the following year.

Summerall often shared his testimony with Christian groups and told his story when speaking before other organizations. In his 2006 book, "Summerall: On and Off The Air," he frankly discussed his personal struggles and professional successes.

Long before broadcasting Super Bowl games, 16 for television and 10 more for radio — in fact, before there was even a Super Bowl — Summerall played a role in what is known in football circles as "The Greatest Game Ever Played," the 1958 NFL championship. The Giants lost to the Baltimore Colts 23-17 in the NFL's first-ever overtime game.

Born George Allen Summerall on May 10, 1930, in Lake City, Fla., he was an All-State prep football and basketball player there, and lettered in baseball and tennis. He played college football at Arkansas before going to the NFL.

SMC SOFTBALL | CALVIN 8, SMC 2; SMC 3, CALVIN 2

Burke leads Belles to win

By CASEY KARNES
Sports Writer

The Belles' return to conference play on Tuesday produced mixed results, as they split their double-header with Calvin, losing 8-2, before prevailing 3-2 in the second game.

The Knights (12-10, 3-5 MIAA) overwhelmed usually stalwart junior Belles pitcher Callie Selner in game one. Calvin junior pitcher Lina Avila created some breathing room in the circle by hitting a two-run home run in the first inning. She ended up 3-for-4 at the plate, and only allowed the Belles two hits from the mound.

The only players with hits for the Belles were freshman first baseman Jillian Busfield and Selner. Busfield hit a team-leading seventh home run to drive in the Belles' only runs of the 8-2 loss.

One bright spot in game one for the Belles (13-11, 3-1) was the pitchers' successful containment of Calvin junior third baseman Janelle Agren, the MIAA player of the week. She went 1-for-3 in game one before freshman pitcher Sarah Burke held her hitless in game two. Belles coach Erin Sullivan complimented the freshman's cool performance and the way her teammates backed her up.

"Burke had excellent run support [behind her]," Sullivan said. "She was able to move the ball well and set up hitters for easy outs."



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Belles senior catcher Morgan Bedan corral a pitch during Saint Mary's 10-2 victory over Defiance on March 28.

At the start of game two, it didn't look like Burke would have a successful outing, as Avila led off the second inning with a home run for the Knights. Burke rebounded, but Calvin retained a 2-0 lead as late as the top of the fifth, and it seemed Burke's strong performance in the circle would be for naught.

Sullivan said the Belles' game plan is always to take advantage of opponents' errors, and which the team tried to do when they rallied in the fifth after freshman outfielder Sarah Callis reached on an error, and then scored. Senior shortstop and captain Emily Sherwood gave the Belles the 3-2 lead with a go

ahead two-run single.

After a gutsy performance, Sullivan said she isn't worried about her team as it heads further into the grind of conference play and re-scheduled games.

"The only thing I am concerned about is missed class time nearing the end of the semester," Sullivan said. "I believe we are strong enough both physically and mentally to play several days in a row."

The Belles will next play Thursday at home against Kalamazoo at 3:30 p.m.

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with two outs but did not convert any more runs.

The rest of the game passed quickly as the Irish

“Offensively, we chipped away to find a way to put runs on the board which is always successful.”

Brittany O'Donnell
senior pitcher

held on to win.

“Offensively, we chipped away to find a way to put runs on the board, which is always successful,” O'Donnell said.

Notre Dame will next face its in-state opponent, Valparaiso, at home Thursday at 5 p.m.

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Irish senior outfielder Kelsey Thornton rounds third during Notre Dame's 9-3 win against Villanova on April 7.

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SMC TENNIS | SMC 6, ADRIAN 0

Saint Mary's sweeps Adrian

By D.H. KIM
Sports Writer

Coming off a close conference win against Alma in Michigan, the Belles hosted Adrian on Tuesday at the Saint Mary's tennis courts and dominated 6-0 to extend their win streak to three.

The Belles (9-5, 4-1 MIAA) swept their three doubles matches, as No. 1 doubles led by junior Mary Catherine Faller and sophomore Kayle Sexton won 8-2. Belles coach Dale Campbell was impressed at his team's sweep and said this success resulted from the early aggressiveness in match play.

“We basically played aggressively and took control from the start of doubles which led to the decisive victory,” Campbell said.

The Belles also excelled in their singles matches, where they won three contests. Campbell was especially pleased at Sexton and sophomore Jackie Kjolhede's singles performances against Adrian (7-9, 0-5).

“No. 2 doubles played excellent and Kayle Sexton had a convincing match at No. 2 singles, as well as Jackie Kjolhede at No. 5 singles,”

Campbell said.

The match was stopped with three singles contests halted, because the Belles had won six match points out of nine possible. Campbell said this was unfortunate for the Belles because the cancelled matches had been close.

“I was pleased with the match results, yet we had three unfinished matches and they were close,” Campbell said.

Campbell also added his team wasn't too excited about the win as Adrian was one of the least competitive teams on the Belles schedule.

“It was a match where we had to take care of business as the first goal and try to improve for our upcoming matches,” Campbell said. “We will play perhaps the No. 1 team in the conference this Saturday at Hope so we have to get ready for that.”

The Belles will prepare to take on their hardest conference opponent thus far when they face Hope, who is undefeated in MIAA play, on Saturday at the DeWitt Tennis Center in Holland, Mich.

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SMC GOLF

Belles hope for strong qualifier

Observer Staff Report

Following last Saturday's snow out at the Dutch Spring Invitational at the Ravines Golf Club in Saugatuck, Mich., the Belles will end their 10-day break with the first of three MIAA NCAA Qualifiers at South Bend's Blackthorn Golf Club.

After last spring's first-place finish and MIAA automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, Saint Mary's will enter the qualifier with high expectations. Despite last year's success and a home advantage in the first qualifier, the Belles will face stiff competition from Olivet, Calvin and Hope, who wrapped up the fall conference tournament in first, third and fourth place, respectively. Additionally, all three schools had two golfers named to the fall's all-MIAA first team, which featured no Saint Mary's golfers. Instead, four Belles and two more Olivet golfers composed the fall's second team.

Entering the qualifier, Olivet's junior all-MIAA first-teamers Theresa Damico and Adrienne Plourde have continued their dominance from the fall, with stroke averages of 80.7 and 83.4, respectively, after their first three tournaments. In contrast, the Belles' two lowest stroke averages

through the season's first four rounds are junior Paige Pollak's 82.3 and sophomore Janice Heffernan's 83.3. Heffernan led Saint Mary's with a two-day score of 164 at the Washington University Spring Invitational in St. Louis on April 6-7 to finish 24th in a crowded field of 112 golfers.

Joining Pollak and Heffernan are junior Alexi Bown and freshman Claire Boyle, who is looking to build on her great weekend in St. Louis. Tying Pollak, Boyle was able to shoot a two-day score of 169, which was good for 41st individually. After shooting a 175 in St. Louis, Bown will try to come out with a strong performance in front of today's home crowd in South Bend.

Similarly to the fall, the Belles will not rely on one single star to carry the team to its second consecutive NCAA tournament berth, but will instead count on the consistently strong performance of the entire team. Although Pollak and Heffernan have led the way so far this season, anyone could step up for the Belles today in their quest for back-to-back conference championships.

The Belles will head out to Blackthorn Golf Club at 1 p.m. today for the spring's first MIAA NCAA Qualifier.

Kavanagh

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in a fall scrimmage against Detroit from his stomach. From there, things only got better, as he netted four goals in his first collegiate game against then-No. 9 Duke, then four more against North Carolina. Now, Corrigan can't imagine the offense without him.

"When we're playing good offense, Matt is even better,"

Corrigan said. "When the offense is moving, ... Matt's going to find spots to make plays. He puts himself in the middle of things a lot. For me, he's the canary in the coal mine. When he's scoring goals, that means we're playing good offense."

Kavanagh has often provided the offense with a spark when it needs it most. Down 2-0 late in the second quarter against Rutgers, it was Kavanagh who broke through to get the Irish going and avoid

the upset. Again down against Georgetown, 5-2, Kavanagh once more started a scoring run that put the Irish ahead and in line for the victory.

Kavanagh and the rest of the Irish will look to extend their winning streak to four games when they face Villanova on Saturday.

The Irish will square off against the Wildcats at 2 p.m. at Arlotta Stadium.

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Irish freshman attack Matt Kavanagh protects the ball during Notre Dame's 10-8 win over Georgetown on April 14.

Katsulis

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poorly," Aoki said. "I was impressed with the way he threw his fastball — it had good life. He just wasn't getting the results, and he was just not making a few of those put-away pitches that we needed."

Freshman right-hander David Hearne finished the game with a clean 1.2 innings, surrendering just one hit.

Michigan designated hitter Kevin White was responsible for much of the damage done by the Wolverine lineup. White went 4-for-4 on the afternoon and scored two runs.

It looked like the Irish might have broken up Bourque's no-hitter in the seventh inning when junior first baseman Trey Mancini smacked the ball to the second baseman,

but the scorekeeper ruled there was an error on the play.

It was freshman shortstop Lane Richards who actually did the honors when he hit a clear single to left field in the eighth inning, but the Irish didn't score in the inning.

Although Katsulis and Mancini rounded the bases in the ninth, they were unable to close the deficit for the sixth time in six games.

The Irish will try to halt the losing streak today as they send junior right-hander Sean Fitzgerald to the mound against Bowling Green. Fitzgerald is 1-3 in seven starts so far this spring and has a 5.40 ERA in 41.2 innings pitched.

The first pitch will be thrown at 5:35 p.m. today at Frank Eck Stadium.

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Irish senior outfielder Charlie Markson runs to first during Notre Dame's 10-6 to Villanova on April 7.

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BASEBALL | MICHIGAN 8, ND 2

Irish losing streak extends to six

Michigan's Bourque no-hits Notre Dame through seven innings in 8-2 loss in Ann Arbor

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

When the Notre Dame lineup faced Michigan sophomore James Bourque on April 9, the right-hander held the Irish to one run on five hits in a 4-1 victory. The Ann Arbor native upped the ante Tuesday, taking a no-hitter into the eighth inning and leading the Wolverines to a 8-2 home win over the Irish.

Notre Dame (19-15) now has dropped six games in a row.

"I thought [Bourque] had really good stuff from the very beginning," Irish coach Mik Aoki said. "He's a kid who has really good stuff but has struggled with control at times. We had a couple of fairly well-hit balls, but I thought he was pretty dominant from the very beginning."

Notre Dame freshman Zak Kutsulis took the loss in his first start of the season. Although he didn't overwhelm the Michigan lineup,

he held the Wolverines (21-14) to two runs in his five innings pitched.

"We put him in some pretty tough predicaments in terms of not being as clean with the baseball as we have been most of the year," Aoki said. "I thought he did a good job, he pitched out of a couple of [situations where there were] runners in scoring position with nobody out."

The freshman also accounted for much of the Irish offense — Kutsulis moved to the designated hitter spot after five innings on the mound, and hit a double and scored a run in the top of the ninth.

Junior right-hander Donnie Hissa ran into trouble when he relieved Kutsulis in bottom of the sixth inning. Hissa gave up three runs in the inning, and was charged with three more in the seventh.

"I didn't necessarily think Donnie threw the ball

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Irish freshman left-hander Zak Kutsulis delivers a pitch with a runner on first during Notre Dame's 10-6 loss to Villanova on April 7.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Corrigan praises Kavanagh

By GREG HADLEY
Sports Writer

With just two games left in the regular season, the Irish are primed for a deep run into the Big East tournament and beyond.

The squad is currently ranked No. 2 in the nation and reached that ranking because of its stingy defense and opportune offense that has rallied late to win several close games. The leading scorer on this offense is not one of Notre Dame's experienced upperclassmen, but an unfamiliar face: Matt Kavanagh.

A freshman attack from Rockville Centre, N.Y., Kavanagh currently leads the Irish (9-2) in goals (21), assists (11) and points (32). He is second on the team in shots and has started every game this season. He has been named the Big East Offensive Player of the Week and the national rookie of the week.

Yet, none of this is particularly a surprise. Kavanagh already had an impressive



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Irish freshman attack Matt Kavanagh eludes his opponent during Notre Dame's 10-9 (3OT) win over North Carolina on March 2.

résumé when he arrived at Notre Dame. In 2012, he was the top post-graduate recruit in the nation after leading the U.S. U-19 national team to a gold medal at the world championships in Finland. He was named tournament MVP for scoring 20 goals and adding 11 assists. Right away, coach Kevin Corrigan knew he had an impressive talent

in Kavanagh.

"Matt Kavanagh's terrific," Corrigan said. "He knows how to play when the game is moving."

However, Kavanagh still had to prove himself at the faster-paced collegiate level. He immediately did, scoring the game-winning goal

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ND WOMEN'S SOFTBALL | ND 2, MICHIGAN STATE 0

Pitcher baffles Spartan offense

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The Irish made quick work of Michigan State with a 2-0 win Tuesday at Secchia Stadium in East Lansing, Mich.

Junior pitcher Laura Winter (19-8) faced 24 batters and allowed only three hits with no walks to maintain the shutout.

"Defensively, we always focus on our basic fundamentals and attacking plays," senior pitcher Brittany O'Donnell said. "When we do that, everything will fall into place."

Notre Dame (30-10) is now 7-1 against Michigan State all-time. The away win increased the squad's winning streak to four, following a three-game sweep against Rutgers over the weekend at Notre Dame.

"Being on the road helped continue our momentum as we continue our season," O'Donnell said.

Junior pitcher Kelly Smith (16-10) took the mound for the Spartans and allowed seven hits and both runs in 5.2 innings.

Irish sophomore second baseman Jenna Simon and senior right fielder Kelsey Thornton each contributed a hit in the first, but three straight outs stranded them to end the inning. Senior catcher Amy Buntin added another hit in the second but failed to advance.

Sophomore center fielder Emilee Koerner, who holds the highest batting average in the Big East, scored the first run of the game with a solo home run to right field in the top of the third inning.

Sophomore catcher Cassidy Whidden's RBI in the sixth inning scored Thornton, which increased Notre Dame's lead to 2-0. The Irish loaded the bases with two outs but did not convert any more runs.

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