

Life celebrated at memorial mass

Friends remember Connor Sorensen as tough, passionate, selfless

By JACK ROONEY
Associate News Editor

Connor Sorensen was a fighter.

Friends said he fought playfully in annual games of Humans vs. Zombies on Notre Dame's campus. In a more literal sense, Sorensen fought against lifelong lung disease and numerous health issues, a battle he ultimately lost Dec. 20, 2013.

Friends and family gathered in the Morrissey Manor chapel Sunday afternoon to celebrate and remember Sorensen, who

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Photo courtesy of Matt Jewel

Connor Sorensen graduated from Notre Dame in November before he passed away on Dec. 20. Sorensen was known as "the science guy" among his friends and lived in Morrissey Manor.

Professor discusses U.S. empire

By JACK ROONEY
Associate News Editor

On Friday, Laura Briggs, a professor of women, gender and sexuality studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, delivered a lecture titled "Imperialism as a Way of Life: Thinking Sex and Gender in American Empire," in which she argued for the necessity of feminism in scholarship and activism.

The lecture was the keynote address of the two-day American empire conference, which was sponsored by several Notre Dame departments within the College of Arts and Letters.

Briggs framed her argument within the field of U.S. empire studies, which was the focus of the conference and said the scholarship within the field is influential, though it is hard often difficult to see the results.

"We live and work in the belly of a great war-and-money-making machine and if we're serious about challenging it, we're going to feel the sting," Briggs said. "No one is going to thank us for our services as intellectuals,

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IBM VP discusses future of computers

By JESSICA MERDES
News Writer

John Gordon, vice president of marketing and strategy at IBM's Watson Solutions Divisions said the question at IBM right now is: how do we start applying technology to solve problems, creating something meaningful that would have an impact on people's lives?

Gordon spoke Friday in Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business as part of a one-credit course called "Notre Dame Ten Years Hence Speaker Series: The Future of Energy"

that brings speakers to campus who will explore issues, ideas and trends likely to affect society in the next decade. Gordon's is the fourth lecture in the series.

Gordon is a graduate of Notre Dame in philosophy and computer science who has been working in the technology world since receiving his MBA from the University of Texas at Austin.

In his speech, Gordon discussed the future of computer systems and software — how it is changing and how it is expected to change over the next decade.

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that matters to us and the world", Gordon said.

He said their goal is to push the world forward and show dedication to every client's success.

"IBM is unique in that we have a sense of trust and personal responsibility in all relationships, which greatly helps us develop professional relationships and push past problems," Gordon said.

Gordon said the world is at the initial cusp of a new era of computing: the cognitive area of computing, which will have profound effects on the opportunities available for people and businesses.

"Instead of building machines to do what we want, we want to build machines that we can tell what to do," Gordon said.

He said the goal of IBM is to create a system that learns and grows by experience.

"We want to create a system that augments human cognition — systems that don't just give output but explain it," Gordon said.

He said this system would encompass a whole new system of reasoning that can help us figure out what is out there. Gordon said

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Students join Hannah and Friends dance party

By CHELSEY FATTAL
News Writer

Hannah and Friends' "March Dance Party" brought two student volunteers and disabled participants together to stomp, jump and groove Saturday.

Hannah and Friends is a national organization that works to improve the lives of children and adults with special needs. Saint Mary's students visit the residential home owned by Hannah and Friends every Wednesday to volunteer with special needs residents.

Once a month, Hannah and Friends holds a dance party at its 30-acre farm in South Bend. Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students joined in on Saturday.

Student coordinator Emily Hazen, a Saint Mary's junior, visits local grade schools to help spread the message to "be a friend to all people with all different abilities."

"We're just working to help spread their [Hannah & Friends] message of awareness and compassion on SMC and ND's campuses," Hazen said.

Hazen said she was first drawn

into the Hannah & Friends organization because of a dance party, she attended during her freshman year.

"It's great," Emily Small, a first year at Saint Mary's College, said. "It's so happy here!"

Small and her two friends, Kelly O'Reilly and Meghan McDonough, attended the dance party because they wanted a different service experience.

"The best part is the atmosphere," McDonough said.

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An attendee of the Hannah and Friends dance party poses next to a banner Saturday.



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What was your reaction to hearing that Dayton upset Syracuse Saturday night?



Frank Wamsley

freshman
Duncan Hall

"I didn't see it coming."



Andrew Brady

senior
Duncan Hall

"I was pretty flabbergasted."



Brad Gonzalez

freshman
Keough Hall

"I cried. Anger, confusion, all-around bad time."



Stephen Fox

junior
off campus

"I was kinda bummed. It hurt my bracket but I was happy because Dayton celebrated the right way."



Kirk Dettmer

freshman
Keough Hall

"I laughed at my roommate."



Daniel Pape

freshman
Siegfried Hall

"They weren't even supposed to make the tournament."



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Jewell Loyd, Michaela Mabrey and Ariel Braker, members of the women's basketball team, answer questions from the media after a 93-42 win over Robert Morris University on Saturday. The Irish will play Arizona State University tonight at 6:30 p.m.

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Monday

"Behind the Kitchen Door"

Hesburgh Library
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Lecture on restaurant workers' rights.

"Casta Paintings"

Information
Technology Center
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
Lecture on casta paintings and race.

Tuesday

Women's Softball

Melissa Cook Stadium
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
The Irish take on the Northwestern Wildcats.

Gesualdo Quartet

Snite Museum of Art
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Free string quartet concert.

Wednesday

"The Death of God & the War on Terror"

Eck Visitors Center
5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Lecture by Terry Eagleton

Wellness Wednesday

St. Liam Hall
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Tai Chi and Chai Tea.

Thursday

"Travails of the Irish Language"

Hesburgh Library
4 p.m.-6 p.m.
Lecture on history of the Irish language.

Zen Meditation

Coleman-Morse Center
5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
Open to all students and staff.

Friday

ND Relay for Life

Compton Family Ice Arena
6 p.m.-10 a.m.
Fundraiser for cancer research.

Men's Tennis

Eck Tennis Pavilion
3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
The Irish take on the Duke Blue Devils.

Saint Mary's welcomes prospective first years

by **HALEIGH EHMSSEN**
News Writer

Accepted members of Saint Mary's class of 2018 were invited to the College Sunday for Meet Me at the Avenue, a program for students to meet each other and learn more about the campus community.

Vice president for enrollment management Mona Bowe said Meet Me at the Avenue is important for prospective students because it is often a young woman's first visit to campus and the first opportunity for students to meet one another.

"Students get to talk to other students and meet their future classmates," Bowe said.

"There are still many months to make decisions about college so [Meet Me at the Avenue]

allows students to answer questions they have."

The day began with a ceremony to welcome accepted students to campus, Bowe said. Saint Mary's president Carol Ann Mooney welcomed students, as well as Sister Veronique Wiedower, vice president for Mission. Incoming student body president McKenna Schuster welcomed the young women on behalf of Student Government Association and the larger student body.

Bowe said the prospective students heard from many departments on campus throughout the day, including Information Technology, Sodexo Dining Services and Student Accounts, to discuss the next steps of the acceptance process.

This year, the admissions

office received the largest number of applications in the recorded history of Saint Mary's, Bowe said. The office received about 1660 applications, but Saint Mary's plans to keep the class size at about 430 women.

Current students served as greeters, panelists and tour guides in each of the buildings on campus, Bowe said.

"We always get comments from visitors about how friendly our students are," Bowe said. "We want to thank the community for their help."

Junior Rachel Wall served as a student liaison for the Rome study abroad program at the event. She spoke with students interested in the program about her own study abroad experience in Rome and how it shaped her overall Saint Mary's experience.

"The College offers such a unique experience to its students that it would be a shame for anyone to pass it up," Wall said.

Wall said she hoped to get the prospective students and their parents excited about the opportunities that Saint Mary's and the Rome program have to offer.

The day provided an opportunity for current students to interact with prospective students during the academic open house, Wall said. Students and professors from their respective departments discussed what common classroom and study abroad experiences are like at Saint Mary's.

"Meet Me at the Avenue is important to Saint Mary's because it occurs at a pivotal point in a high school senior's year," Wall

said. "Saint Mary's has the opportunity to seal the deal in the minds of the student's visiting campus.

"For many prospective students, today marks the day they can finally see themselves at Saint Mary's."

Wall said the event served as a pleasant reminder of her own decision to come to Saint Mary's.

"Being involved with Meet Me at the Avenue has made me realize how quickly my time at Saint Mary's has flown by," Wall said. "Not too long ago, I was in the shoes of the seniors visiting campus today. ... I'm hopeful that all of these young women will find a special place in their heart for Saint Mary's College."

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Shades of Ebony to host Women's Week

By **EMILY MCCONVILLE**
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This week, Shades of Ebony hosts its second annual Women's Week, a series of presentations, discussions and other events designed to celebrate women at Notre Dame.

Carina Reich, secretary of Shades of Ebony, said the intent of this year's event is to continue a discussion about the role of women on campus, in the workforce and in society.

"We see Women's Week as our little Shades of Ebony meetings at large, because we get together as a women's group every other weekend to discuss topics on women that are important to us, and we want to share it with the rest of campus," Reich said.

The first Women's Week in 2013 coincided with the 40th anniversary of the introduction of coeducation at Notre Dame and consisted of a dinner, a prayer service and a service event at St. Margaret's House. Ray'Von Jones, President of Shades of Ebony, said the positive response the club received last year prompted them to expand the number and size of the events this year.

Many of the week's events are co-sponsored by other organizations including Campus Ministry, the Gender Relations center, several individual alumnae and a number of residence halls and other student clubs. Rachel Wallace, Shades of Ebony's Marketing Director, said the club saw an increase in the number of people involved, both in terms of sponsorship and student interest.

"We've got a lot of

other student organizations," Wallace said. "For our prayer service we have Harmonia, since they're an all-women's choir, coming to sing ... for our final event on Friday we have Wabruda, our brother organization, helping us with our cake walk on Friday. We try to reach out to a lot of other organizations around campus."

The week will kick off with a prayer service Monday in Ryan Hall, featuring the a cappella group Harmonia as well as student reflections. On Tuesday, there will be a screening of "Miss Representation," a documentary about women's portrayal in the media. In addition, the topic of the Gender Relations Center's regular Sister Jean Roundtable will be "Different Paths to Womanhood: the Intersection of Career and Family."

"We want people to know that there are a lot of prominent women on campus and prominent women who graduated from Notre Dame," Shades of Ebony historian Chizo Ekechukwu said. "Bringing those people in to speak and having them at our roundtable about different career paths on womanhood [will let] women know on campus that there are different outlooks on life, because a lot of women at Notre Dame focus so much on academics that they forget about family and forget about the intersections between the two."

On Wednesday, a group of students will have an ice cream social at St. Margaret's House, a day center for women in downtown South Bend.

"[The week is] not only just focused on Notre Dame but

also on the outer community and how as Notre Dame women we can incorporate those worlds," Reich said.

Shades of Ebony will host the Celebration of Women Dinner in McKenna Hall Thursday night. The formal event will feature Grace Watkins, a freshman at Notre Dame; Frances Shavers, former chief of staff to President John Jenkins; and Katie Washington, Notre Dame's first black valedictorian. Ekechukwu said the presentations will explore National Women's History Month themes of "character, courage and commitment."

Jones said even though the group moved the dinner to a bigger location this year the event is still over capacity.

"The RSVPs were crazy," Jones said. "There was a point where we were like, 'Oh, we need to get people to RSVP, and then it was like, maybe we shouldn't.' It was really great to see that; the last day just jumped."

The week, which also consists of a display in the library Fishbowl, a toiletry drive for St. Margaret's House and posters around campus, will conclude with a cakewalk fundraiser on Friday, which Jones said will benefit the Robinson Community Learning Center.

Jones said the events are open to the public and meant for students of both genders.

"By coming, people are saying that they want to celebrate women and that women are important on this campus, and it's something important for us to be promoting," she said.

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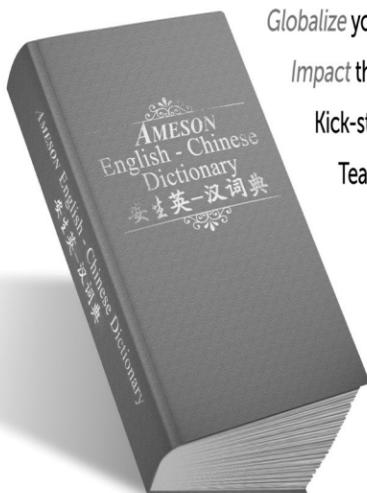
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lived in Morrissey for three years before receiving his degree last fall.

In his homily at the memorial mass, Fr. Ronald Vierling, the rector of Morrissey Manor, said Sorensen lived the virtue of defiance and always fought with faith and determination.

"The important thing to know about Connor, I think, is that he fought the good fight," Vierling said. "And although his body gave out, his spirit did not."

Senior Sean Brady, one of Sorensen's close friends, said Sorensen's toughness was evident throughout his entire life.

"He was really tough. ... There were times when he would try and handle his condition through sheer force of will," Brady said. "He was so stubborn and so tough ... It was amazing how tough he was and how self-confident and courageous he was."

Brady said Sorensen strove to make the most of his time at Notre Dame and fought to stay a part of the Notre Dame community as long as he could.

"When he came here, he didn't think he was going to be living very long, but he really wanted to come to Notre Dame and he really wanted to go to college," Brady said. "He didn't want to let the fact that he might not make it to his next birthday dictate his life, and so he came here and he fought to stay here ... His doctors wanted him to leave before he did."

Senior Matt Jewell, who lived with Sorensen in Morrissey, said Sorensen refused to give up despite his physical condition.

"He never quit," Jewell said. "He might be slower than the group because his lungs were never functioning properly so he would have to slow down, but he would never stop. He would never quit."

Sorensen's friend, senior John Mundaden, said Sorensen frequently defied others' perceptions of his ability to live his life to the fullest.

"You think you could define him by looking at him, but it never ceased to amaze me how tough he was and how brave he was," Mundaden said. "There was nothing that he couldn't do or wasn't willing to try, whether that be playing sports with us or playing Humans vs. Zombies."

Jewell said Sorensen did not return to Notre Dame in the fall of 2013 for his senior year because his health deteriorated. Vierling said Sorensen still received his diploma from University Provost Tom Burish and the dean of the College of Science Gregory Crawford, who traveled to Sorensen's home in Portage, Mich., to present it to him

before his death in December.

"He did officially graduate," Jewell said. "He is officially a graduate of Notre Dame, which he and his family are extremely proud of, and rightfully so. He was able to complete all that he did, even with this hardship."

Jewell said Sorensen majored in biochemistry and described him as "the science guy" of their group of friends. He said Sorensen would have gone on to do great things if disease did not cut his life short.

"He was probably going to do great things," Jewell said. "He was brilliant with science and he was dedicated to finding cures for really anything he could because of his hardship. I think everyone lost out because he is not around."

Senior Chris Ayala, another of Sorensen's friends, said Sorensen was a selfless person despite his health battles.

"Connor was a very driven and passionate person and he lived out the ideal of putting others first before himself," Ayala said. "Something remarkable about him is that he always had this desire to help people. In particular, he wanted to help people who were in the same position as him ... so he would go to his doctors and he would read up on new treatments and basically volunteer himself for science to a point."

This selflessness was on display when Sorensen returned to Morrissey last November to tell his friends he did not have much time left, Mundaden said.

"When he came by like a week before Thanksgiving to let us know basically that he was in hospice care, and his mentality is that he didn't want to ruin our holidays," Mundaden said. "That's what he was worried about it."

Despite all of his health struggles, Jewell said Sorensen never breathed a word of complaint about his situation.

"He would not accept special treatment or really any sort of pity or anything," Jewell said. "He never complained once."

According to an online remembrance, Sorensen, in addition to participating in Humans vs. Zombies, played the saxophone in the Notre Dame hockey band his freshman year, performed chemistry research and attained the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank of Eagle Scout.

Through all of his hardship and strife, Vierling said Sorensen's bravery and courage represented the spirit of Notre Dame in a unique way.

"Connor's attitude of defiance toward his illness and struggles represents the spirit of Notre Dame to a degree I don't think others can," Vierling said.

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Professor wins engineering education award

By KATIE McCARTY
News Writer

The American Society of Engineering Education recently featured Jason Hicks, assistant professor of chemical and bio-molecular engineering, as a "Leader in Engineering Education."

Hicks earned the recognition due to his contributions and dedication, both inside and outside the classroom to the engi-

"An engineering education provides students with skills needed to design, construct and operate processes that impact our spociety."

Jason Hicks
assistant professor of chemical and bio-molecular engineering

neering program, according to a press release.

Hicks, a Kentucky native, attended Kentucky Wesleyan College and graduated with a B.S. in chemistry. He then attended Vanderbilt University to obtain a B.E. in chemical engineering and Georgia Institute

of Technology for his graduate work in chemical engineering. He attributed his abilities as an instructor to several of his own professors throughout his education.

"I had multiple remarkable instructors who inspired me to pursue a career in education," Hicks said. "They were clearly dedicated to their students, and they spent a lot of time investing in me. They imparted knowledge, skills and passion for learning and being creative to me, and this career gives me the opportunity to regularly interact with students and pass these things along to them."

Hicks teaches several classes within the department of chemical engineering and conducts research on the synthesis and characterization of materials and catalysts for energy applications.

"We are focused on developing new catalysts to generate clean liquid fuels," Hicks said. "This includes removing sulfur from diesel fuels, converting

[carbon dioxide] to liquids, producing biofuels from non-edible biomass feedstocks and producing chemicals from renewable resources."

Hicks said the feature was especially meaningful given his relatively short time as a professor.

"This is my fourth year at Notre Dame teaching primarily senior undergraduate students, and I am very excited to be recognized as a junior faculty member," Hicks said. "The [department of chemical and biomolecular engineering] has excellent educators, and I have had many opportunities to learn from my senior faculty."

Hicks said he receives his passion for engineering from its potential to enhance lives.

"An engineering education provides students with skills needed to design, construct and operate processes that impact our society," Hicks said. "Engineers are needed to develop technologies for energy, food, pharmaceutical, textile, manufacturing, transportation and computer industries."

"I am passionate about engineering because we can use this knowledge to directly and indirectly enhance our lifestyles."

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calling to people's conscious what they know or suspect about academic freedom or educational opportunities. ... And even worse, I want to tell you this is what success looks like.

"In all my years as an activist I have never found myself on the front page of the New York Times, nor cited by the Secretary of State. ... What I have learned from all this is simply that: academics have a great deal of power to affect change, particularly when we act collectively, but nobody is going to tell us that and we are going to have to look hard for the evidence that we are being effective."

Briggs outlined the feminist, gender and sexual implications of torture, microcredit lending and environmental issues, and ultimately said academics must remember feminism's importance in empire studies.

"As much fun as it is to complain about all of this, I'm more interested in actually making a case to those who, like me, are generally inclined to view feminism and issues of sexuality and reproduction generously, to think with more consistency about these issues," she said. "A few years ago I found myself struggling to think of ways feminism still seemed important to me.

"I want to suggest that feminism is not old nor passé nor liberal. On the contrary, I want to address the possibility that our work on empire will never be as good as it could be if we don't attend to feminism and to gender and sexuality. Feminism ... provides us with powerful intellectual tools and an important activist tradition in which to engage the study of empire."

Briggs concluded with her "manifesto for the continued urgency of our need for a feminist and queer politics that makes race and empire

central," and said scholars and the general public alike must keep feminism front and center when considering the issues of the American empire.

"We cannot effectively contest torture without speaking of its sexualization," she said. "We cannot push back against neoliberalism without recognizing how crucial its understanding of women and gender is to the work it is doing. We can't resist extractive industries, climate change and the enclosure of the global commons ... without feminist fiction or indigenous movements grounded in feminism.

"We can't make sense of how enemies are being produced without an analysis of the narratives of rescuing women and gays. We cannot, finally, do the scholarly or activist work that we want to contest U.S. empire without feminism."

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Gordon

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it would be able to evaluate all possible responses in hundreds of thousands of ways, and as it grows in experience, it will learn and become more precise.

"These systems could lead to

breakthroughs in many different areas — medicine, environmental issues, etcetera," Gordon said. "As the entire spectrum grows, the industry will grow and will continue to inspire us in different ways."

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Dance

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Katelyn Smith said her brother, who suffers from downs syndrome, inspires her involvement in the special needs community.

"The Hannah & Friends Dance Party is a fun way to get involved and everyone benefits," said Smith.

Notre Dame seniors Amanda Frick and Gable Brady got involved with Hannah & Friends through their previous work experience.

"I worked with AmeriCorps in the summer of 2012 and I also

helped with a Hannah & Friends summer camp in tandem ... So I decided to come back today, just to help in any way that I can," Frick said.

"Being with these participants is rewarding," Frick said, motioning to the gaiety of the dancers at the Hannah & Friends facility. "Hannah & Friends is an organization of welcoming and genuine people."

Hazen said students can get more involved by visiting hannahandfriends.org.

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Satellite detects possible Malaysian jet debris

Associated Press

PERTH — Rain was expected to hamper the hunt Monday for the missing Malaysia Airlines jet, as a growing number of planes focus on an expanded area of the south Indian Ocean where a French satellite detected potential debris.

Australian Maritime Safety Authority's rescue coordination center said the search area was expanded from 59,000 to 68,500 square kilometers (22,800-26,400 square miles), including a new separate area because of data provided by France on Sunday.

The U.S. Pacific command said it was sending a black box locator to the region in case a debris field is located. The Towed Pinger

Locator has highly sensitive listening capability so that if the wreck site is located, it can hear the black box pinger down to a depth of about 20,000 feet (6,100 meters), Cmdr. Chris Budde, a U.S. Seventh Fleet operations officer, said in a statement.

Two Chinese Ilyushin IL-76 planes joined the search from Perth, increasing the number of aircraft to 10 from eight a day earlier, AMSA said.

It said the weather in the search area, about 2,500 kilometers (1,550 miles) southwest of Perth, was expected to deteriorate with rain likely.

Australian Transport Minister Warren Truss said "nothing of note" was found Sunday, which he described as a "fruitless day."

"It's going to be a challenge,

but we'll stick at it," he told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio before the first aircraft left Perth at dawn.

He said that the latest search area based on French radar data was 850 kilometers (530 miles) north of the previous search zone. He said it was not the same area that had been identified as the most likely place where the aircraft may have entered the sea, "but ... we've got to check out all the options."

"We're just, I guess, clutching at whatever little piece of information comes along to try and find a place where we might be able to concentrate the efforts," he added.

A cyclone bearing down on the Australian northwest coast "could stir up less favorable weather," he said.

Flight 370 vanished March 8 with 239 people aboard while en route from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Beijing, setting off a multinational search that has turned up no confirmed pieces and nothing conclusive on what happened to the jet.

The latest French satellite data came to light on Sunday as Australian authorities coordinating the search sent planes and a ship to try to locate a wooden pallet that appeared to be surrounded by straps of different lengths and colors.

The pallet was spotted on Saturday from a search plane, but the spotters were unable to take photos of it.

Wooden pallets are most commonly used by ships but are also used airplane cargo holds, and an official with Malaysia Airlines said Sunday night that the flight was, in fact, carrying wooden pallets. The official spoke on condition of anonymity in keeping with company policy.

AMSA said it has requested a cargo manifest from Malaysia

Airlines.

In Paris, French Foreign Ministry spokesman Romain Nadal said in an interview with The Associated Press that the satellite radar echoes "identified some debris that could be from the Malaysian Airlines plane."

The spokesman said that these echoes "are not images with a definition like a photograph, but they do allow us to identify the nature of an object and to localize it."

"The French government has decided to increase its satellite monitoring of this zone and try to obtain precise images and locations," Nadal said.

Gathering satellite echo data involves sending a beam of energy to the Earth and then analyzing it when it bounces back, according to Joseph Bermudez Jr., chief analytics officer at AllSource Analysis, a commercial satellite intelligence firm.

Satellite radar echoes can be converted into an image that would look similar to a black-and-white photo, though not as clear, he said. "You'd have to know what you're looking at," Bermudez said.

A Malaysian official involved in the search said the French data located objects about 930 kilometers (575 miles) north of the spots where the objects in the images released by Australia and China were located.

One of the objects located was estimated to be about the same size as an object captured Tuesday by the Chinese satellite that appeared to be 22 meters (72 feet) by 13 meters (43 feet), said the official, who declined to be identified because he wasn't authorized to speak to the media. It was not possible to determine precise dimensions from the French data, the official said.

U.S. underwater wreck hunter David Mearns on Monday

described the French satellite sighting of potential debris as a "positive development," although he was unaware of the full details.

Mearns was an adviser to British and French search authorities following the loss of Air France Flight 447 in the Atlantic Ocean during a flight from Brazil to Paris in 2009.

He warned that time was running out to find confirmed wreckage that could lead searchers back to the aircraft's black box. He told the AP that two satellite images of a large object spotted in the Indian Ocean two days apart could be the breakthrough needed to find the wreckage.

"The odds are still against the plane being found at the moment, but at least we have a glimmer of hope that we didn't have two days ago," Mearns said. "Right now, time is running out very quickly."

The southern Indian Ocean is thought to be a potential area to find the jet because Malaysian authorities have said pings sent by the Boeing 777-200 for several hours after it disappeared indicated that the plane ended up in one of two huge arcs: a northern corridor stretching from Malaysia to Central Asia, or a southern corridor that stretches toward Antarctica.

Malaysian authorities have not ruled out any possible explanation for what happened to the jet, but have said the evidence so far suggests it was deliberately turned back across Malaysia to the Strait of Malacca, with its communications systems disabled. They are unsure what happened next.

Authorities are considering the possibilities of hijacking, sabotage, terrorism or issues related to the mental health of the pilots or someone else on board.

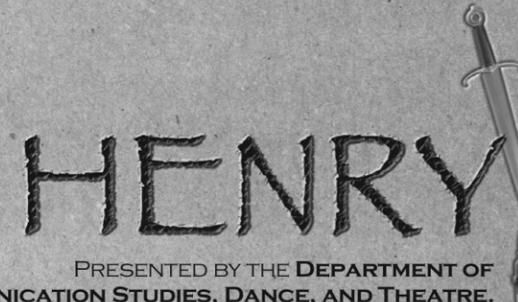
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INSIDE COLUMN

Peace by piece



Catherine Owers
News Writer

Over winter break, I decided to organize my bookshelves. I stumbled across Madeline L'Engle's "A Swiftly Tilting Planet," a very old favorite that was begging to be re-read. I somewhat thoughtlessly tossed it into my suitcase for my return trip to school; as soon as I returned to campus, I promptly forgot about it. Only after my last midterm, searching for something less dense than Augustine, did I remember the book on my shelf.

I sat down, ready for a couple hours of relaxation and distraction, courtesy of L'Engle's lyrical prose and unparalleled storytelling. I was not expecting to close the fourth book in the "A Wrinkle in Times" series and feel consoled. Given that the plot revolves around the threat of nuclear war, perhaps this is not the most anticipated reaction. It was, however, the underlying emphasis on the importance of small details and deeds that deeply resonated with me.

I was particularly struck by one line: "If there is to be any peace or reason, we have to create it in our own hearts and homes."

With all the horrors in our world, it is so easy to become disinterested and disenchanted. This line is a reminder of hope and the agency we possess. We are both empowered and challenged to embrace the reality that our actions have larger implications. And as Notre Dame students, we are uniquely poised to impact the world for better with the education we receive and the resources available to us.

The differences we can make in our community, in our dorms and among our friends demonstrate the responsibility we have to "think small." Support for larger causes is of course crucial and necessary, but we shouldn't forget the importance of caring for the people we interact with every day, as well as friends and family.

While I can't end the conflict in Ukraine or Venezuela this afternoon, I can have a meaningful conversation with a friend who is struggling with academic pressure. I can call my grandmother and let her know I am thinking of her. Furthermore, I can create peace within myself by forgiving slights, letting go of grudges or taking responsibility for mistakes.

I fully realize these small deeds aren't going to win the Nobel Peace Prize, but they are concrete acts that remind people they are valued and cared about. Therefore, I encourage everyone to remember the impact of their daily actions and the differences we can make in our own community.

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Embrace Earth Hour

Christian Nofziger
Ask the Greenman

The hour is upon us! Earth Hour, one of the year's biggest sustainability events is upon us, and I guarantee it is a bigger deal than you think.

Earth Hour "got big" in 2008 and has been one of the most participated in sustainability events every year. During one evening hour late in March, all businesses, governments and people are asked to pull the plug on all of their electronics in a moment of solidarity.

You may have images of hippies dimming their LED light bulbs or hipsters unplugging their hybrids shooting through your head, but this event goes far beyond individuals. Last year notable landmarks like the Burj Khalifa, the Eiffel Tower, China's bird's nest stadium, Big Ben and all 30 Canadian Hockey League arenas doused their spot light. If the Canadians are willing to forgo hockey for an hour, its got to be legit, right? Earth Hour is definitely drawing some attention.

The big news though is the reception it is receiving state side. This year, LAX and the Empire State Building have both announced their participation, but that's not surprising considering Notre Dame is leading the way.

That's right, the planes headed to the South Bend Regional Airport will need to find another guide as the approach because the Main Building and the Hesburgh Library will be going dark this Saturday.

Although the solidarity of Earth Hour is impressive, the combined impact of all of the lights around the world going dark pales in comparison to the movements it has spawned. Last year, the "I Will if You Will" program used Earth Hour as a launching point. The program, started by the president of Botswana, set the goal to plant 1 million trees over four years. Programs like this are the magic of Earth Hour. Yes, Earth Hour is a symbolic event, but something about the solidarity of most of the world's countries coming together brings out the best in people.

I encourage all of you to

participate in this year's Earth Hour. I know I will.

In fact, I will be exercising my creativity by taking a ceremonial nap because naps are awesome.

However, you should do something boring like going outside and connecting with your youth. Play some hide and seek, buy a glow-in-the-dark volleyball or go for a night run. Take an extended trip to the Grotto. Bonus points for people who take some time out to reflect on what they can do to live a more sustainable life. The opportunities are really endless, and it would be amazing to see the Notre Dame community come together for this event.

Email your predicaments to The Greenman at askthegreenman@gmail.com and let him answer you with a sustainable twist.

The Greenman will be here every other week to provide you with insights you never knew you were missing out on until now.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Before you embark on a journey of revenge, dig two graves."

Confucius
Chinese philosopher

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Reform food stamp system for ex-cons

Brooke Justus
Guest Columnist

In my Center for Social Concerns' Advocacy for the Common Good course, my classmates and I have been focusing on various instances of injustice in the social and political arena. In our research into the issue of food justice in Indiana, our attention was drawn to the Federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act and its significance for certain vulnerable populations in Indiana.

In 1996, this act amended the welfare system to prohibit anyone with a drug related felony conviction from receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, commonly known as food stamps, for the rest of their lives. This short-sighted and unjust measure makes no exceptions or provisions for demonstrated good behavior, successful completion of a rehabilitation program or the need of minor dependents.

So far, 39 states have passed legislation to amend or remove these restrictions. Indiana is not one of them.

If America wants to get serious about making significant strides against our societal ills of hunger, hyper-incarceration and recidivism, we must look at the structural faults in our own backyards that are prohibiting progress. When released inmates attempt to reenter society and provide for their family, they already face huge barriers to assimilation into the workforce due to their record and social stigma. In this crucial period of transition, unemployment compounded with food insecurity fosters desperation and increases the

likelihood of resorting to crime, prostitution or other risky behaviors to obtain food, encouraging recidivism.

Far from solely punishing offenders, the exclusion from SNAP food stamps also has detrimental effects on their children. With the current arithmetic, the ex-offender is simply not counted when determining their family's eligibility. It is unrealistic to believe that the parent will just go hungry, and thus, the already small food rations will be spread thinner. Many parents will wait to eat, eating only after their children. Older children soon realize their parents' sacrifice, and the child will eat less to leave food for their parents in return.

Single parents with a history of a drug related felony conviction face a particular dilemma. Even if their income might qualify them for food assistance, the system keeps them from being eligible. Instead of being recognized as a two-person household, parent and child, single parent households may be counted as only a one-person household. This is because the parent cannot qualify for SNAP benefits due to their criminal history. In this situation, the child will not receive the nutrition they need and deserve. It's time to rethink and remove this legislation that unfairly targets innocent youths for their parents' pasts.

The equity of targeting drug offenders also has an alarming racial component. Although the majority of illegal drug users and dealers in America are white, three-fourths of people imprisoned for drug offenses are Black or Latino. Due to this act, minority populations are systematically barred from receiving federal benefits. This disconnect between the drug using populations in this country and those being penalized for it commands us

to reevaluate our judicial failings and not reinforce them by withholding food from the needy.

Rather than recognizing the issue at hand and undergoing preventative and systemic change, Washington and Indianapolis have continued along the path of the 1996 act. The 2013 Federal Farm Bill cut funding to food stamps in half, making it more difficult to gain traction for allowing rehabilitated ex-felons to be included in the funding.

Indiana Senator John Broden (D) introduced a bill in 2014 to amend the ban by making ex-felons eligible after five years of good behavior and after the completion of a rehabilitation program. However, Indiana Senator Brent Steele (R), the Chair of the Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Matters, refused to commence a hearing for Broden's proposed bill. Regardless of Steele's decision, this issue must be brought to the public consciousness.

My hope is that after becoming aware of this injustice, people will be compelled to educate themselves and those around them on this issue, and will make their voices heard by Indiana state senators and those in positions of power. The individuals suffering from this injustice need responsible citizens to voice their concerns and support the amendment of federal regulations on SNAP benefits. This bill and the individuals for whom it is a crucial lifeline deserve a second chance.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't hate the prostate

Dear Bookstore-Basketball-Name-Evaluation Committee,

Prostate cancer is the second-most common cancer among American men. One in seven men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. About one in 36 men will die of prostate cancer.

Dr. Pizzat's Prostate Exam is — was — a group of five young men trying to raise awareness of this serious disease, until we were unfairly wronged by an ignorant and insensitive committee.

We specifically mentioned in our application

that our team name stood for men's health awareness. Do you not like Dr. Pizzat? Are you against men's health? If the former is true, we assure you Dr. Pizzat is a respectable doctor and a tremendous activist for men's health. If the latter is true, you are contributing to the "awkward gender stereotypes" so talked about at Notre Dame.

"Dallas Buyers Club: Aiding You With Love" is a clear reference to AIDS, a prominent theme throughout the aforementioned movie and one of the worst diseases known to man. That team pokes fun at the disease and is rewarded with a

Top-Ten Name, while support for men's health is rejected.

We would like a formal apology and official recognition of our team name — Dr. Pizzat's Prostate Exam.

The ball is in your court.

Jonathan Gordon
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By **ALLIE TOLLAIXEN**
Scene Editor

Comedy Central has done it again.

After introducing a string of quality new shows (“Broad City,” “@midnight”) and renewing series that have noticeably improved in recent seasons (“Kroll Show,” “Key and Peele”), the network has found another gem with new series “Review.”

Starring the tragically underrated Andy Daly, “Review” features Daly as “life critic” Forrest MacNeil. MacNeil is the hilariously ignorant host of a TV show in which he tries out and rates life experiences rather than books or restaurants. He tries everything from prom and hunting to addiction and divorce. As expected, these attempts at “reviewing life” go horribly awry, but always close with an earnest rating on a scale of five stars.

“Review” is adapted from an Australian comedy “Review with Myles Barlow,” and plays out largely as Forrest’s television show, “Review,” itself (think “Check it Out! With Dr. Steve Brule”). But while each episode begins and concludes with MacNeil and his co-host sitting in a beautifully gaudy, “Entertainment Tonight”-style green-screened room, we get behind the scenes looks into the making of the show-within-the-show as well as Forrest’s personal life. Forrest’s overly enthusiastic

producer shows the chaos happening behind the scenes while his wife, who suffers through her husband’s twisted experiments, reveals Forrest as a wonderfully clueless family man.

Daly shows off his improv chops as Forrest, and it seems that the actor, who has been featured in small roles on television since the late 1990s (“Mad TV,” “Eastbound & Down”), has finally found a time and place where his smart satirical humor, improv skills and khaki-wearing-dad-aesthetic come together in harmony.

Each episode features three to-be-reviewed experiences sent in as suggestions from fans. After introducing the experience to review, the show cuts to segments in which Forrest fully submerges himself in the challenge. The greatest part about the show is the integrity and sincerity of idiot Forrest. Devoted to trying out anything thrown at him, Forrest goes all-out in each segment. He becomes a criminal and ruins relationships, but all with an admirable dedication to his craft. His unwillingness to turn down any challenge shows that Forrest actually cares about trying out life experiences, though he chooses those that should never be just tried out. Each segment is simultaneously offensive and heroic, then hilarious as it spins into absurdity with Forrest’s chipper voice narrating all the while.

Reviews of life range from silly, like being Batman or

eating 15 pancakes, to downright grave and wildly inappropriate, including racism and drug addiction. But the juxtaposition of the dramatically different topics of review only up the humor. Already in the series’ three-episode run, “Review” has dabbled in topics that could easily turn horribly unfunny, but instead play out with only Forrest at the expense of the humor, a testament to Daly as a comedian.

The laughs lie not in the experiences themselves, but with the horrible repercussions felt by the foolish, privileged Forrest when attempting to dabble in them. Forrest is lovable in his steadfast attempt to qualify life experiences that aren’t his own, always with a smile on his face, but his blatant stupidity and arrogance makes his demise undeniably funny. This balance is struck expertly in the show’s first two episodes, making the third episode an incredibly funny and dark look at the unraveling of Forrest MacNeil. As the show moves from episodic bits characterized by funny segments to behind-the-scenes story lines that carry over from week to week, it’s clear that the excellent “Review” is just getting started — and is something you won’t want to miss.

“Review” is available to watch online at cc.com or on Thursdays at 10 p.m. on Comedy Central.

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FROM BAD TO GOOD TO BAD AGAIN: WATCHING “THE ROOM”



Matt McMahon
Scene Writer

On Friday, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center screened the 2003 independent film “The Room” as part of its “Late Night at the Browning” series. Akin to midnight showings of cult classics like “The Rocky Horror Picture Show,” this screening of “The Room” encouraged audience participation throughout, including a number of gags familiar to fans. The movie bombed when it was originally released, due to poor promotion and even poorer filmmaking. However, it has gained a large fan base because of its overall terribleness and the unintentional humor derived from it.

“The Room” as a movie is complete cinematic garbage. There are numerous story inconsistencies, the dialog is at times either circular or entirely perplexing and the acting is utterly unbearable. Shot discrepancies, non sequitur plot points and character introductions constantly take the viewer out of the movie. It would be exhaustive to list all the instances in which any number of people involved in the making of the movie did something incorrectly; but, in this environment of watching “The Room,” that is the point.

At the time of the screening Friday night, the audience

immediately got involved, setting the tone for a rather long hour and a half. Members of the crowd had something to say for every moment, shot and beat. During the opening credits, the chanting of “Water!” accompanied scene-establishing shots of San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge, a chant that would erupt anytime water was seen on screen. Similar chants were induced whenever a character parked a car, and any appearance of a spoon, an unexplained phenomenon, prompted the throwing of plastic spoons.

These traditions all feel rather forced, or at least did in the Browning cinema the other night. Rather than playfully enjoying the movie’s lack of quality with the occasional riff, the audience much more mean-spiritedly harped on something — or perhaps more accurately, anything — every second. There was nothing inherently important, good or bad, about pointing out a shot containing water. Still, they unrelentingly shouted about it during these, and other like moments, becoming more annoying than any of the films out of focus shots. As much as a continuity error between cuts or an obvious green screen might take someone out of a movie, this constant negative presence does so even more.

I can appreciate the humor found in a poorly-made movie, contemplating how all the people involved could have considered their work viable for any audience at all. I

can even play along and make jokes about acting decisions and the comedy of each scene’s ridiculous elements. Still, this rigid midnight-showing setting does not encourage this behavior or commentary. It is one thing to make fun of “The Room” while watching with a group of friends maybe once, but it is completely different in this cult format.

Furthermore, I do not have the ability to overlook the details surrounding the making of the movie. For those familiar with the stories accompanying its production, I feel as though they hinder enjoyment. In fact, they are as uncomfortable as the number of awkward, extended sex scenes and their incorporation into the movie. If you are not familiar with the movie, the details or both, I’ll issue a disclaimer: The information about the movie may give more insight into why it is one of the worst films ever made, but also provides too personal a look at the film’s creator.

A handful of scenes from “The Room” are worth watching to see just how bad, and subsequently how funny, the movie can be. However, the film just doesn’t lend itself to this type of screening, for reasons ranging from annoying to unsettling.

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"PIÑATA" DOESN'T DISAPPOINT

By **JOHN DARR**
Scene Writer

It makes sense to start with a very simple, appropriate metaphor: Freddie Gibbs and Madlib's "Piñata" is very much a piñata. It's chock full of candy — class-A, tasty beats done justice by a skilled wordsmith. The pieces here are unified by each artist's recognizable style — Gibbs' smooth yet highly-focused flow and Madlib's penchant for slightly off-beat, sample-rich instrumentals. Yet there is no greater concept at work in "Piñata"; it's simply a showcase for the musical talent of the collaborators. Is that a bad thing? Given the consistent quality of the tracks on "Piñata," the answer is a quick and resounding no.

"Piñata" hits the ground running with intro "Supplier," which melds themes of artistic ambition with Gibbs' rough past as a drug dealer over an incredibly groovy drum sample. "Supplier" then leads directly into "Scarface," an account of the past hinted at in the intro over another groove-tastic beat. "Piñata" remains in very similar territory for the entirety of the album; beats meld together from track to track while Gibbs' lyrics crisscross from his past to his present.

However, the album is saved from repetition and staleness through the clear chemistry of the lyricist and beat-maker. On "Deeper," a string line sits in back of warped

vocal samples while Gibbs weaves conflicting feelings about women into a tale of infidelity. The conflicting intensity and complexity of such feelings become more urgent against Madlib's smooth production. On "Shitsville," one of the record's fastest, most intense tracks, Freddie's flow races note-for-note against a violin sample. This in turn pushes the song's topic, a harsh criticism of gangster pride, to the forefront.

In addition, the album boasts a plethora of left-turns that reward continued listens and close attention. On "High," the lightweight beat dissolves into an even hazier affair following the last verse, mirroring the subject matter in the song to great effect. Closer "Piñata" melds Halloween arpeggios, eastern-sounding strings and a Hollywood-orchestra sample to create a strangely intimidating soundscape.

After six minutes, the beat drops into a bare-bones, infomercial-like tom-tom beat. Then a vocal sample of a tense argument crawls out to top it, creating an altogether confusing and eerie affair. This is immediately followed by a humorously bad, and hardly understandable, a cappella improvised song. But through such twists and turns, the artists are able to flaunt their skills while keeping the record light-hearted and approachable.

Another factor that keeps the record afloat is the impressive guest roster, which spans from established voices like Raekwon and Scarface to indie-phenomena

Earl Sweatshirt and Danny Brown to up-and-comers like Casey Veggies and Mac Miller (up-and-coming in the experimental/indie scene vs. the popular rap scene). Each artist is placed in a suitable context, each rapper matched with a theme they've experienced rhyming about. This highlights and makes the most of each feature while complimenting Freddie's ability to hop from topic to topic.

From its solo affairs to its guest features, "Piñata" is a demonstration of experts at work. It's simply the product of a group of experienced artists doing what they're best at; the product is a very consistent, high-quality rap record. Sure, "Piñata" doesn't break down walls or present a grand message, but it doesn't need to. "Piñata" is great rap music, nothing more and certainly nothing less.

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"Piñata"

Freddie Gibbs and Madlib

Label: Madlib Invazion

Tracks: "Supplier," "High," "Deeper"

If you like: Madvillian, Action Bronson, Danny Brown



By **MEGHAN CLEARY**
Scene Writer

On Friday evening, Student Union Board brought comedian Byron Bowers to Legends. After having previously seen some of Bowers' stand-up performances online, there was an apprehensive air to what the audience response would be. Honestly, I cannot recall a time I had laughed so hard, for so long. Byron Bowers, along with his opener, senior Jackie Garvin, really hit the key stand-up tactics that kept the audience laughing throughout.

Garvin took the stage at 10 p.m. and provoked chuckles immediately. We frequently find ourselves laughing at jokes where the explanation is, "It's funny because it's true." Not only did Garvin's jokes take hold of this concept, but they were tailored perfectly to the college student demographic that laid in front of him. Garvin touched on the tension for the last hard-boiled egg in South Dining Hall. He gave us a nostalgic journey back to the days of "Toy Story" and Lunchables. Garvin managed to transcend the general concept to a smaller scale of the audience, through an even smaller scale of his personal story, and the laughter amongst the audience

was already impressively well-established for Bowers' entrance.

In Sigmund Freud's "Jokes and their Relation to the Unconscious," Freud discusses the differences between joke and jest. Joke being the more developed version of jest, the main difference is that there is a "victim." Part of what makes this joke laughable is that the "victim" is telling the joke, or rather, the comedian is poking fun at themselves, as Bowers did expertly.

Along with this, comedy is considered to be laughable when there is a sense of absurdity to it. Bowers was quick to take any relatable idea and bring forth comedy in blowing it out of proportion. "Yeah, I remember when I was in college. Do any of you mismanage your student loans? I mismanaged my student loans. I bought five cars." While the development of this question built a relationship with broke college students, the last statement was paired with a burst of laughter. Jokes like this were common and consistently coming from Bowers, much to the audience's pleasure.

Another very impressive aspect of Bowers' performance was his improvisational skill. Many comedians take the time to meticulously plan out their jokes, as does Bowers. Very few comedians set themselves up to

display their ability to think on their feet. At a certain point, Bowers asked audience members, "What is the weirdest major on campus? What is your major?" When given responses, he would delve into what was funny about each. Science-Business was thrown Bowers' way, and without hesitation, jokes alluding to a Walter White lifestyle were bouncing back at the audience. Bowers' interaction with the audience, and consistent question asking, was remarkable. Along with this, it was a true testament to his abilities as a stand-up comedian.

Using these comedic strategies, Bowers warmed the audience up for a step beyond the comfort zone. Jokes that may not be passable in an immediate presentation worked so well because Bowers took the time to "get to know everyone." Jokes that frequently are followed up with, "Too soon," worked perfectly because he kept things tasteful and placed jokes appropriately throughout the show.

Both Garvin and Bowers performed outstandingly at Legends. This show was certainly worth the trip and keeps me on my toes for the next Student Union Board comedy show.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Baseball out of place in Australia



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Sports Editor

With March and all its madness and glory right now, it is easy to get caught up in the world of college basketball.

But, for those of you who did not notice, the baseball season officially kicked off Saturday, with a doubleheader between the Dodgers and the Diamondbacks, which Los Angeles swept.

Though the games were played over a week before the rest of the league begins its season, the early opening day wasn't even the strangest part of the whole ordeal.

No, that would be the game's location — Sydney, Australia.

I understand Major League Baseball is trying to expand the boundaries of its game and bring its product to new locations. It makes sense that, since baseball is firmly settled as a popular sport in the United States, it would want to expose more people to the joys of America's pastime.

But, of all places, Australia? I have never traveled down under, so I admit that I do not fully know the extent to which Australians play, watch or even know about baseball. But I can tell you it's not as great as it is in Japan, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Cuba or Chinese Taipei.

All these teams played in and advanced to the second round of the 2013 World Baseball Classic, which Australia failed to do. Even the Netherlands — certainly not known as prime breeding grounds for MLB stars — advanced to the semifinals, where it lost to the Dominican Republic.

Granted, the World Baseball Classic is by no means the end-all-be-all of measuring baseball's popularity in any given country or how good that country's citizens are in the sport. If it was, surely Mexico and Venezuela would have progressed further than the first round, based on the number and quality of players who have come from those two countries.

But even if you look at both quality and quantity, it is clear

that Australia is no hub for baseball.

There are currently seven active Australians in the league, and none of them are exactly superstars. The closest would be Grant Balfour of the Rays, who made an appearance in last year's All-Star Game, but he is not a household name by any means.

In fact, only 31 Australians have ever competed in the MLB. There are way more than 31 active players from the Dominican Republic and Venezuela in the league now, and the current numbers from Puerto Rico, Cuba, Japan and Canada are just under 31.

So, why choose to hold opening day in Australia?

Obviously, Venezuela and Mexico would not be the safest locations for a trip, the Dominican Republic has nowhere near the GDP and money to offer that Australia does and traveling to Cuba would be a whole other headache to sort out.

But Australia just does not seem to make sense.

Even some players were outspoken about their discontent with the choice of location. Dodgers starter Zack Greinke said his team had "zero excitement" to start its season in Sydney. Greinke and outfielders Carl Crawford and Matt Kemp — three of the Dodgers' biggest names — did not make the trip because of injury or personal reasons. Or maybe they just found something better to do than sit on a 14-hour plane ride.

This would be a good experience for any person, professional athlete or not to have, traveling to a new country, bringing along members of your family, hanging out with your friends and doing it all for free — being paid to do it, in fact.

But it would still be a good experience in another country that had shown more support for your game and your league in the past.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Mercer fails to upset again, Tennessee wins in rout

Associated Press

After turning Tobacco Road into "Raleigh Top," Tennessee is headed to the round of 16.

Tennessee denied Mercer a second straight upset in decidedly one-sided fashion, routing the Bears 83-63 in the third round of the NCAA tournament on Sunday night behind 17 points and a career-high-tying 18 rebounds for Jarnell Stokes.

Josh Richardson had a career-high 26 points and Antonio Barton had 18 for the 11th-seeded Vols (24-12), who are making the most of their first tournament appearance since 2011.

"NIT two straight years, I guess that's what you'd call starting from the bottom," Stokes said. "A lot of people doubted us, and that just makes the ride much better."

The Tennessee band had plenty of chances to blare their beloved "Rocky Top" during this rout, which followed the same script as their 19-point thumping of Massachusetts two days earlier: The Voles out-rebounded Mercer 41-19 to keep the Southeastern Conference perfect in the tournament.

They joined Florida and Kentucky in the regional semifinals — the first time three SEC teams made it that far since

2007.

"I've been hearing that the SEC has been a football conference for a long time but I don't know how you can still say that when you've got three SEC schools in the Sweet 16," Tennessee guard Jordan McRae said.

Tennessee will face second-seeded Michigan (27-8) in a Midwest Regional semifinal Friday night in Indianapolis.

Stokes broke his 2-day-old school tournament record for rebounds.

Langston Hall had 15 points to lead the 14th-seeded Bears (27-9). They knocked off Duke in the signature upset of the tournament but couldn't answer Tennessee's size.

"I think hopefully by the time (reality) sets in, we'll all be able to put a smile on and realize that what we've been able to do at our school, and for the city, has been phenomenal," forward Jakob Gollon said. "It's kind of hard to see right now."

Mercer trailed by double figures for the entire second half before the Bears threatened another fantastic finish.

They had the ball down 12 with about 2½ minutes left when Gollon — one of the heroes of the Duke upset two days earlier — threw the ball away in

the lane, then fouled out a few seconds later.

McRae hit two free throws, and Richardson added a fast-break layup to push the Tennessee lead to 77-61 with 1½ minutes left.

McRae finished with 13 points for the Volunteers, who have won eight of nine with the only loss coming to the top-ranked Gators in the SEC tournament.

They are in the round of 16 for the fourth time in eight years, and the third team to go from the First Four to the Sweet 16 since the introduction of the extra round in 2011.

They also got a bit of payback: Mercer ended Tennessee's season last year with a 75-67 win in the first round of the NIT.

Ike Nwamu scored 12 points, Anthony White Jr. had 11 and big man Daniel Coursey added 10 for Mercer, the plucky Atlantic Sun Conference school trying to match Florida Gulf Coast's run last year to the regional semifinals.

The Bears drew a perfect matchup for their first game — and couldn't have had a worse one for their second.

"Any time we have Jeronne (Maymon) and Jarnell wearing Tennessee orange," McRae said, "we always feel like we have the advantage."

NBA

Cavaliers defeat Knicks

Associated Press

Jarrett Jack scored a season-high 31 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers won 106-100 Sunday night to end the eight-game winning streak of the New York Knicks, who wasted a chance to pull within two games of a playoff spot.

Hours after being handed a chance to get closer to the final spot in the Eastern Conference when Atlanta blew a fourth-quarter lead in Toronto, the Knicks responded with an inept final period of their own after they led by 17 points in the first half.

They couldn't stop Jack and couldn't get a basket from Carmelo Anthony, who missed all five shots in the final period and finished with 32 points.

Jack scored 23 in the second half and finished with 10 assists for the Cavaliers, who snapped a four-game losing streak.

Dion Waiters scored 22 points and Luol Deng

had 13 in his return from a three-game absence with a sprained left ankle for the Cavs, who didn't miss All-Star Kyrie Irving because Jack torched the Knicks for 13 points in the fourth quarter.

New York was missing ailing Iman Shumpert, their best perimeter defender who surely would've gotten a chance to defend Jack since nobody else could.

The Knicks, who suddenly were back in the playoff race after looking out of it after a seven-game skid dropped them to 21-40 after a loss in Detroit on March 3, will have to bounce back on the road. They leave for a five-game Western Conference trip that begins Tuesday against the Lakers.

The Hawks had already lost at Toronto by the time the Knicks showed up for work Sunday. Coach Mike Woodson said he was glad but didn't appear overjoyed, realizing the Knicks still have plenty to do to get to the 35 to 40 wins he think will be necessary to earn a playoff spot.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS | NORTH CAROLINA 6, ND 1

Tar Heels top Irish

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame was unable to keep up with No. 10 North Carolina, and the Irish dropped their match to the Tar Heels by a score of 6-1 in Chapel Hill on Sunday.

The Irish loss concludes a week-end in which they were unable to defeat two teams ranked in the top 10, starting with a match at Virginia on Friday.

North Carolina (16-3, 5-1 ACC) features four singles players ¾ freshmen Hayley Carter and Jamie Loeb, junior Caroline Price and sophomore Whitney Kay ¾ and two doubles teams ranked in the ITA. Carter and Loeb form one of the doubles teams and are ranked seventh in the country. Loeb is currently the No. 1 singles player in the country, while Carter is No. 5.

The lone victory for the Irish (8-8, 2-6 ACC) came from sophomore Quinn Gleason, who was able to hold off Carter by winning back-to-back sets, 6-4, 6-4. Senior Britney Sanders also put up a strong performance against Loeb, dropping the first set 6-3 but forcing a tiebreaker in the second, which she eventually lost, 7-5. Loeb and Carter also defeated Gleason and Sanders in doubles play, beating the Irish pair, 8-3.

Perhaps the tightest match came during the singles competition between Price and Irish senior Jennifer Kellner.

Although Price came out on top in the end, Kellner forced extra games in both sets, ultimately coming up short, 7-6, 7-6 (7-5).

Notre Dame resumes play Wednesday against Marquette. Match play is set to begin at 3:30 p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS | ND 5, CLEMSON 2; ND 6, GEORGIA TECH 1

Notre Dame topples Clemson, Georgia Tech

By GREG HADLEY
Associate Sports Editor

After a rough start to March, No. 11 Notre Dame flipped the script and dominated indoors and out over the weekend, picking up wins over No. 20 Clemson and Georgia Tech on the road.

The Irish (13-5, 3-2 ACC) began the month with a 6-1 loss to No. 7 Virginia, then came out flat against No. 4 USC over spring break, where they were swept 7-0 for the first time this season.

Against the Tigers

(16-3, 3-1) on Friday, the Irish quickly fell behind, dropping the first two points of the match, before storming back to claim the 5-2 victory. Irish coach Ryan Sachire said the win was especially encouraging because the team played well outdoors after failing to do so against USC.

"The USC match was a good thing for us," Sachire said. "It helped us realize some things about ourselves that we needed to work on. In practice we worked on being more patient when we needed to be outdoors and really focused on point

construction. ... We're just as good outdoors as we are indoors."

The match with the Yellow Jackets (7-7, 1-3) on Sunday was moved indoors, but the Irish grabbed the doubles point and never looked back, surrendering just one singles point for a 6-1 win.

"[Against Georgia Tech], we actually wanted to play outdoors," Sachire said. "We just did a great job of battling through."

Irish senior Greg Andrews led the way in both contests, taking both of his singles matches in straight sets. Against Clemson, Andrews took down junior Hunter Harrington, ranked 90th in the nation. While he and sophomore Alex Lawson dropped their first doubles match against Clemson, they recovered against Georgia Tech for an 8-6 win. For the No. 28 player in the nation, it was a welcome return to form after tough individual losses against Virginia and USC, Sachire said.

"It was great to see Greg get those wins this weekend," he said. "He's had some ups and downs this season, but he's done a heck of a job remaining positive and working hard. He's poised to have a great few last months of his career, and it was nice to see him bounce back and beat two good players very easily."

Andrews' fellow senior, Ryan Bandy, also played a key role in the Irish victories. Playing at the No. 3 spot for Notre Dame, Bandy forced tiebreakers in both matches, pulling out wins by the scores of 6-7 (3-7), 6-4, 1-0 (10-8) against Clemson junior Alejandro Augusto and 7-6 (7-3), 5-7, 11-9 against Georgia Tech freshman Carlos Benito.

"Ryan's doing a great job for us," Sachire said. "He's a senior who's done things the right way for a long time, and it's nice to see him get that payoff. He won two great matches against two really good players. It was about him competing and doing the things he had to do and, as a coach, there's nothing more gratifying than seeing a guy like him succeed."

With the wins, Notre Dame pushes its way up to seventh place in the ACC, while Clemson falls to fourth.

The Irish return home for a pivotal ACC matchup with No. 13 Duke on Friday at 3:30 p.m.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bears crush Creighton

Associated Press

Too big. Too strong. Too fast.

Baylor was too much of just about everything for Creighton and Doug McDermott to handle.

And because of it, the sixth-seeded Bears are rolling out of Texas toward California and the NCAA tournament Sweet 16 after an impressive 85-55 win Sunday night in the West Regional.

Isaiah Austin and Brady Heslip each scored 17 points and Baylor used suffocating defense to shut down McDermott, ending the career of one of college basketball's most prolific scorers.

"We did a good job making it tough on him," Bears coach Scott Drew said.

McDermott, who averaged 27 points this season, finished with 15 but had just three in the first half as Baylor built a 20-point lead. McDermott ranks fifth on the NCAA career scoring list with 3,150 points.

Baylor (26-11) had five players score in double figures and shot 64 percent in one of the dominant performances of the tournament.

The rest of the West bracket may want to pay attention to this one. A team that looked like a wreck six weeks ago with a 2-8 start in the Big 12 is brimming with confidence to match all that muscle in the lineup.

"We take pride in people hating on us, and we love proving people wrong," Austin said. "Everybody has bought into the one goal that we have in mind and that is winning a national championship."

Baylor plays No. 2 seed Wisconsin on Thursday in Anaheim. In Baylor's two previous trips to the Sweet 16, it fell one game short of the

Final Four.

McDermott carried the Bluejays back to the round of 32 for the third year in a row, and had done it in spectacular style, leading the nation in scoring with a sublime shooting touch and uncanny knack to slither his way through defenders for layups and put-back baskets.

McDermott spurned the chance to turn pro after last season, and this was the year the Bluejays and their senior-laden lineup were expected to drive Creighton farther into the NCAA tournament than any Bluejays team before them.

But Baylor's defense gave him nothing: neither space to shoot nor even chances for his teammates to pass him the ball.

And for all the talk about Creighton's maturity and bonding, Baylor made the Bluejays look small and slow.

"This is the worst we've played all season, and it just stinks that it's the last one. But that doesn't take away from all my memories here. It's tough to go out this way," McDermott said.

Baylor came out blazing from long range, knocking down five 3-pointers in the first 7 minutes. Kenny Chery made three and when Heslip, who was 0 for 6 in Friday's win over Nebraska, swished his first against Creighton, he mockingly shook the fingers on both hands as he loped back down the court.

"We were just expecting it to be a fight, to be honest," Heslip said.

McDermott, meanwhile, struggled to find any kind of space inside or out against Baylor's zone defense and badly misfired on his first attempt, a baseline shot that missed everything.

This rout was just

beginning.

The Bears flexed their muscle early and often with a lineup built for the rigors of the Big 12. Austin is 7-foot-1 and he teamed with 6-10 forward Cory Jefferson in the frontcourt. When Creighton missed a shot, the typical result was three Bears under the basket with no Bluejays around.

Baylor's bench was just as intimidating. When reserve forward Rico Gathers pushed his 6-foot-8, 270-pound frame through the lane for a layup, two Creighton defenders were powerless to stop him.

By the time Baylor had built a 20-point halftime lead, McDermott had taken only three shots, made one and had two fouls.

"We knew we had them on their heels," Austin said. "We wanted to step on their throat."

Even when Creighton got a spark — Ethan Wragge made two 3-pointers early in the second half — Baylor simply matched basket for basket, denying any hopes of a rally.

Soon it was showtime as Baylor's lead kept growing. Jefferson slammed down an alley-oop dunk for a 58-34 lead with just more than 12 minutes to play. Gathers added another rim-rattler a few minutes later, his broad shoulders soaring to the basket to punctuate the night.

When McDermott left the game with 2:31 to play, he hugged his father, Creighton coach Greg McDermott, before retreating to the bench and burying his face in a towel.

"I'm not sure it was Baylor being that good or us being that bad," Greg McDermott said. "Over the course of the season you're going to have a few clunkers. We had one at the wrong time."

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bruins return to Sweet 16

Associated Press

UCLA is back in the Sweet 16 for the first time in six seasons, a big step in the right direction for a program whose tradition was tarnished in recent seasons.

The Bruins don't want to stop there.

"We've had a good overall season but our work isn't done," sophomore forward Kyle Anderson said Sunday after the Bruins beat Stephen F. Austin 77-60 reach the NCAA tournament regionals for the first time since 2008. "They don't hang Sweet 16s up in Pauley."

No, they don't. Expectations are always high in Westwood because of the 11 national championship banners hanging in Pauley Pavilion, the first 10 coming under John Wooden and the last one coming in 1995.

The fourth-seeded Bruins (28-8) will play Florida, the tournament's overall top seed, in the South Regional semifinals on Thursday in Memphis.

"It's a tough turn-around for us and we're going to play arguably the best basketball team in the country right now, but it's good to see us back in that mix and back in that discussion," said first-year coach Steve Alford, who has won as many NCAA tournament games in three days as the Bruins had in the previous five seasons combined. "That's what's been a lot of fun."

Alford replaced Ben Howland, who was fired a year ago after the Bruins lost to Minnesota in their NCAA tournament opener. This is UCLA's first trip to the regionals since Howland got the Bruins to their third straight Final Four in 2008.

Florida beat UCLA in the national championship game in 2006 and again in the national semifinals the following season. The Gators also eliminated the Bruins in the second round in 2011.

Jordan Adams scored 19 points, Norman Powell had 16 and Anderson had 15 points and eight rebounds.

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish travel to Lone Star State for invitational

Observer Staff Report

The Irish begin play in the two-day Lone Star Invitational in San Antonio at 8:30 a.m. Monday.

The tournament, which is held at the Briggs Ranch Golf Club, is hosted by the University of Texas-San Antonio and has a 15-team field, including Baylor, Central Arkansas, Houston

Baptist, Louisiana Tech, New Mexico, North Texas, Purdue, Rice, Sacramento State, South Dakota State, Southeastern Louisiana, Texas State and UT Arlington.

The Irish are sending senior captains Andrew Carreon and Niall Platt along with junior Patrick Grahek and freshmen Liam Cox and Matt Rushton. Carreon, a San Antonio native, was

originally entered as an unattached individual competitor, but moved into the Notre Dame starting five because sophomore Cory Sciupider is ill and unable to compete. This will be the second start of Carreon's career.

The 54-hole tournament is broken into three rounds, with the first two played Monday and the final round completed Tuesday.

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BASEBALL | ND 2, VIRGINIA TECH 1; VT 8, ND 3; VT 5, ND 4

Irish win one game, drop two against Hokies

By MARY GREEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame opened up its first "home" series away from the familiar confines of Frank Eck Stadium by collecting its first ACC victory over Virginia Tech on Friday, but the Irish lost both games over the next two days to give the Hokies the series win.

"We're right there, but sometimes we're not making those plays, be it mentally or physically $\frac{3}{4}$ or even sometimes both $\frac{3}{4}$ that are going to help us win those games," Irish coach Mik Aoki said. "I think our hearts are there, but it's been enough where we can't overcome making four or five different mistakes in every game."

In Friday's opener at Four Winds Field in South Bend, senior right-hander Sean Fitzgerald pitched his first career complete game en route to a 2-1 Irish victory.

The matchup was scoreless until the bottom of the fifth, when back-to-back singles from sophomore shortstop Lane Richards and sophomore centerfielder Kyle Richardson put Irish players on first and second. Junior designated hitter Conor Biggio then hit a fielder's-choice groundball to knock in Richards and put a run on the board for Notre Dame.

That momentum carried through to the next inning, when junior first baseman Blaise Lezynski set up the winning run

with a single up the middle and eventually crossed the plate on a wild pitch from Virginia Tech senior starter Brad Markey, who took the complete-game loss.

The Hokies, however, did not make the win easy for the Irish. Virginia Tech redshirt freshman centerfielder Saige Jenco reached base with a two-strike double and headed home on an RBI single from junior second baseman Alex Perez in the following at-bat. However, three outs in the next three at-bats sealed Notre Dame's first ACC win and Fitzgerald's third victory of the season.

"At this point, with the way the season is going, we're relieved to just get wins, whether they're conference or not," Aoki said.

Saturday was not as productive for the Irish, as a move to Grand Park in Westfield, Ind., brought an 8-3 loss. Virginia Tech picked up all eight of its runs in the first two innings as sophomore right-hander Nick McCarty gave up seven runs and freshman reliever Jim Orwick surrendered the final score. McCarty left the game after allowing five hits and two walks in one-and-one-third innings and is still looking to collect his first win of the season.

"I certainly think that a couple of instances have been tough luck [for McCarty]," Aoki said. "[Saturday] was just one of those days where he wasn't good. Sometimes that happens, and obviously the whole situation

gets a little exacerbated when you're 0-4 going into it."

Notre Dame got on the board with a run in the second inning and two more scores in the fourth, but it could not muster enough of an effort to complete the comeback.

With a mark in the win column for each team, Sunday's cold and snowy finale brought a hard-fought, 5-4 loss for the Irish in 12 innings at Grand Park.

A successfully executed double steal plated a run in the first inning for Virginia Tech, but Lezynski tied the game up in the bottom of the inning by driving in freshman second baseman Cavan Biggio with a two-out, RBI line-drive single.

After a single from sophomore right fielder Ricky Sanchez moved him up to second, Lezynski stole third and headed home on an errant throw over the third baseman's head. Sanchez scored on an RBI groundball from Richards, giving Notre Dame a 3-1 lead at the end of the first.

A two-hit second inning cut the Hokies' deficit to 3-2, and Virginia Tech tagged on another run in the third to tie the game up.

Junior starter Pat Connaughton exited in the fourth after giving up three hits and a lead-off walk in two of those innings.

In the sixth, the Irish loaded the bases, and senior catcher Forrest Johnson delivered a one-run single to reclaim the lead for



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Irish junior outfielder and first baseman Ryan Bull leads off against the Hokies. The Irish won their first game Friday, before dropping two straight.

Notre Dame. Two Irish runners originally crossed the plate and would have given the team a 5-3 lead, but Sanchez was called out after failing to touch third base.

"I think there's a lot of things that conspired against us," Aoki said. "Unfortunately, right now, it's a little indicative of the way we're playing. It's just a handful of mistakes, be it mental or physical, that are keeping us from winning some of these games."

The Hokies responded in the next inning when junior catcher Mark Zagunis picked up a two-out, RBI single to knot the game at four.

The score remained tied until Virginia Tech freshman right-fielder Tom Stoffel knocked in Zagunis on a fielder's choice to

take the lead and the 5-4 win in the top of the 12th. Sophomore left-hander Michael Hearne was charged with the loss in his eight-and-one-third-innings performance.

"I thought Michael pitched great," Aoki said. "I thought he pitched out of some tough spots that we created for him. With regards to Mike, he's been really good about every single time he's taken the ball for us, and I was really pleased with the way Michael threw."

The Irish look to rebound against Illinois-Chicago on Tuesday at Four Winds Field. First pitch is set for 5:35 p.m.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE | ND 17, VILLANOVA 8

Irish beat old rival, 17-8

Observer Staff Report

The No. 6 Irish cruised past their former Big East Conference rival Villanova on Sunday in a convincing 17-8 victory.

The match featured goals from ten different Irish scorers, including freshman midfielder Emma Claire Fontenot, who scored her first goal of the season and her career.

Fontenot notched the final tally of the game for the Irish (8-3, 1-3 ACC) with less than two minutes to play.

Wildcat junior midfielder Hannah Goforth answered Fontenot's goal with 17 seconds left to round out the game's scoring.

Goforth and freshman midfielder Becca Hetrick led the Wildcats (4-4, 0-0 Big East) with two goals each.

The Irish attack featured hat tricks from two sophomores: attack Kiera

McMullan and midfield Brie Custis. Freshman midfielder and attack Cortney Fortunato led the team in assists. Fortunato and McMullan tied for point leader with five apiece.

In the defensive end, the Irish held the Wildcats scoreless for numerous stretches throughout the game.

The Irish defense and freshman goalkeeper Liz O'Sullivan were rock-solid, and proceeded to keep the ball out of the Irish net for 23 consecutive minutes at one point in the second half.

O'Sullivan took over for junior Allie Murray in net after the first half. O'Sullivan and Murray collected two and three saves, respectively.

For the Wildcats, sophomore goalkeeper Jaclyn Fraum tallied eight saves. Fraum was named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll

last week.

Despite this distinction, Fraum was unable to stave off an Irish attack that had outscored its opponents by a combined margin of 126-95 in the season.

The victory over Villanova marks another game played without junior defender Barbara Sullivan, who will be out for the rest of the season with an injury. Sullivan had been a team leader in draw controls.

Against the Wildcats, freshman midfielder Casey Pearsall took it upon herself to take the majority of the draw controls for the Irish, winning nine.

Pearsall now leads the team in draw controls with 23 on the season.

The Irish return home next weekend for a match-up against No. 15 Stanford. The two teams faceoff at 12 p.m. Saturday at Arlotta Stadium.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Weather derails softball series

Observer Staff Report

The Irish were supposed to play their first home games of the season over the weekend, but all three games against Pittsburgh were postponed due to weather.

Atlantic Coast Conference policy sets a minimum temperature at which games can be played. The high temperature on Saturday was 47 degrees

Fahrenheit, with temperatures dipping into the 30s, and the mercury remained below freezing for all of Sunday.

According to und.com, officials are unsure if the three-game set will be rescheduled for later in the season.

If weather permits, of course, the No. 24/25 Irish will host No. 23 Northwestern at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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W Basketball

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players contributed 42 of the team's 93 points.

Sophomore guard Michaela Mabrey led all scorers with 16 points, subbing in five minutes into the game to hit her first three attempts from behind the arc. Eleven of her points came in the first half, which Notre Dame closed with a 50-15 advantage.

"Michaela Mabrey was really critical today, coming off the bench," McGraw said. "She is always ready to shoot the ball. She shot it extremely well. I think the zone gave her some good looks."

McGraw said junior guard Madison Cable, who was 3-for-4 from 3-point range en route to a 13-point performance, also put in good minutes off the bench for the Irish.

Junior forward Markisha Wright logged 21 minutes in the frontcourt after senior forward Ariel Braker and freshman forward Taya Reimer each picked

up two early fouls in the first half.

"I think everyone on the team wants to contribute in some way, and we tell them what their role is, and they all accept their role," McGraw said. "Markisha Wright didn't have a lot of points, but she did her job defensively."

"I think that everyone is doing a really good job — they are playing because they all want to win. They are unselfish, and they'll do what it takes."

Five Irish players — Mabrey, Cable, Braker (10), senior forward Natalie Achonwa (15) and sophomore guard Jewell Loyd (15) — scored in double figures, while freshman guard Anna Niki Stamolamprou (12 points) was the only Colonial to do so.

Notre Dame repeatedly double- and triple-teamed Robert Morris senior forward Artemis Spanou, limiting the Colonials' leading scorer to seven points, well below her season average of 19.8.

Braker, Loyd and Cable

helped the Irish take a 45-22 advantage on the glass, an area in which the team has struggled throughout the season. Braker and Cable each grabbed eight rebounds, while Loyd hauled in seven more.

"Rebounding is a big part of our game, and when shots aren't falling, we obviously have to rebound," Braker said. "Everyone just has that mindset. Rebounding is effort, and everyone just had really good effort getting to the boards today."

Notre Dame will look to take that effort into its second-round contest against No. 9 seed Arizona State, which advanced after defeating Vanderbilt, 69-61, on Saturday.

Redshirt sophomore guard Katie Hempen led the Sun Devils (23-9, 11-7 Pac-12) with 16 points off the bench, while three of her teammates also reached double figures.

"ASU is a team that is so advanced, you can't key in on one person," McGraw said. "It seems like in the ACC, we're always



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Irish freshman guard Lindsay Allen drives against Robert Morris on Saturday. Allen led all Irish players with a game-high seven assists.

saying you have to guard these players or this person in particular, but with that team, everyone is good."

Arizona State received an at-large bid to the tournament, finishing fourth in the Pac-12 in the regular season and falling in the quarterfinal of the

conference tournament to USC.

The Irish and the Sun Devils tip off in the second round of the NCAA tournament Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Savage Arena in Toledo.

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W Swimming

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proved a little harder than normal to keep my thoughts on me. I think it taught me a lot about how I operate and how to handle pressure."

Despite the added pressure, Reaney was able to keep her eye on the prize and not back down.

"During warm ups, [Irish coach Brian Barnes] was pretty much building up my confidence by telling me how strong I looked before the race, and I felt it," Reaney said. "I'd been training all year for that event and knowing I had all the hard work of this season behind me, I was pretty confident when I stepped up to the blocks."

Reaney's performance

Saturday night mirrored her successful junior campaign. She finished this weekend's meet with three All-America trophies, which brings her career total to 10. Reaney is now only two trophies away from passing former Notre Dame swimmer Carrie Nixon, who had 12 during her career.

Overall, the Irish tied with NC State for 16th place at the Championships. Reaney contributed 12 points in the 200 IM, 16 in the 100 breaststroke and 20 in the 200 breaststroke. The Irish beat ACC rivals North Carolina, Duke, Miami, Virginia Tech and Florida State.

Freshman Katie Miller beat her personal record in the 200 backstroke in the preliminary round for a 22nd place finish (1:57.54). Senior

Christen McDonough ended her Notre Dame career with a 50th place finish in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:14.99 in the preliminary round. She finished 27th in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:00.65. Junior Bridget Casey took 32nd place in 200 fly (1:57.93) and 45th in the 400 IM (4:17.26).

"I'm really proud of this team this season," Reaney said. "We are working our way up in the swimming world and we couldn't do it without the huge amount of love we have for one another. We are so close and the ups and downs of this season have taught us a lot that I think we can use in our favor next year."

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Junior Emma Reaney races in the 200 backstroke IM. On Saturday, Reaney won the NCAA championship in the 200 breaststroke.

M Hockey

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have a lot of meaning. You have to take advantage of it when you can," Jackson said, "Conference championships used to be everything. That's what we should all be striving for."

Still, the Irish received a bit of a lift Sunday morning when the team watched live the announcement of brackets for the NCAA tournament and learned they would get another shot at a St. Cloud State team that knocked Notre Dame out of the tournament a year ago. Cheers erupted in the team auditorium in Compton Family Ice Arena as the team watched the selection show and saw the pairing of the Irish and the Huskies.

"We're really excited to get another shot at St. Cloud," senior defenseman Stephen Johns said. "I think we sort of



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Sophomore left wing Mario Lucia drives to the River Hawk goal on Saturday. The Irish qualified for the NCAA tournament on Sunday.

let it slip through our hands last year, and it's pretty exciting to get another crack at those guys."

The Irish take on the Huskies

at 9 p.m. Saturday at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn.

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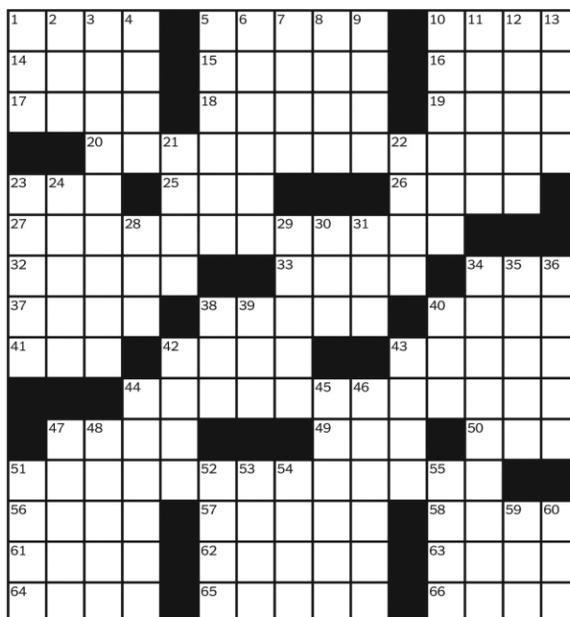
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 - 5 Social slights
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 - 14 Jump
 - 15 Spooky
 - 16 The "E" of G.E.: Abbr.
 - 17 ___ Millions (multistate lottery)
 - 18 Liability's opposite
 - 19 Mah-jongg piece
 - 20 Not-so-fancy places to stay
 - 23 Scoundrel
 - 25 Collection of atoms: Abbr.
 - 26 In addition
 - 27 Maryland's nickname
 - 32 Contemptuous smile
 - 33 Small notebooks
 - 34 Ones not entirely gay or straight
 - 37 Tasting like unripe apples
 - 38 Layers of 1-Across
 - 40 Lock fastener
 - 41 Beast of burden
 - 42 Soothing juice
 - 43 Info in a library search request
 - 44 Big Apple list
 - 47 Old MacDonald's place
 - 49 Lout
 - 50 '60s "acid"
 - 51 Osteoporosis threatens it
 - 56 Leprechaun land
 - 57 Therefore
 - 58 Knitter's ball
 - 61 Identify
 - 62 Go in
 - 63 Wheel turner
 - 64 Goes from blonde to brunette, say
 - 65 Heaths
- Down**
- 1 Dutch ___ disease
 - 2 Word said while scratching one's head
 - 3 Judges' decrees to keep information from the public
 - 4 Length
 - 5 Spring or fall
 - 6 Food giant whose brands include Gerber and Goobers
 - 7 ___ Major
 - 8 Coffin holder
 - 9 Rogen of "Superbad"
 - 10 Colonize
 - 11 Layers of wood
 - 12 Rostropovich's instrument
 - 13 Untouchable tennis serves
 - 21 Ruler of Kuwait
 - 22 Cheerios are made with them
 - 23 ___ Rica
 - 24 Wrist/elbow connectors
 - 28 Tennis umpire's cry
 - 29 Shopper's wild outing
 - 30 Small amount
 - 31 Episode interruptions



Puzzle by Francesco Trogu

- 34 Old weapon in hand-to-hand combat
- 35 Spots in the Caribbean
- 36 Buy things
- 38 ___-ray Disc
- 39 Charged particle
- 40 Cry said twice before "hooray!"
- 42 \$20 bill dispensers
- 43 Bean curd
- 44 Actresses Worth and Dunne
- 45 World Cup sport
- 46 Spuds
- 47 Raid
- 48 Japanese cartoons
- 51 Show flexibility
- 52 "It's us against ___"
- 53 City near Lake Tahoe
- 54 "For ___ us a child is born ..."
- 55 Actor Gosling
- 59 "Kidnapped" monogram
- 60 Badminton feature

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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE 3/25/13

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

HOROSCOPE | EUGENIA LAST

Happy Birthday: Redefine what you want to accomplish and chip away at your goals, one step at a time. Your determination and tenacity will help you reach your destination without interference. Emotional matters can be expected to surface, but can also be resolved so that you can continue in a direction that encourages greater success. Seal deals by getting what you want in writing. Your numbers are 2, 17, 21, 28, 33, 38, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Concentrate on your budget, investments and moving money around to better suit your lifestyle and current needs. Investing in your future, as well as your skills, knowledge and expertise, will pay off. Romance will help you make a choice. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Helping others will benefit you as well. The ideas and solutions you provide will put you in a good position regarding advancement. Stick close to home and keep your communications factual to avoid an argument. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't get upset. Finish what you start. You'll be judged by your work and your contributions. Following through will be half the battle, and the other half will be living up to the promises you've made. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stick to instructions and finish whatever is expected of you. Once your responsibilities are out of the way, you will be free to create and develop something that interests you. Protecting your position, reputation and income should take top priority. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Live and learn. The changes going on around you at home and at work mustn't unnerve you. Go with the flow and you will end up in a better position. Someone special will give you hope and encouragement. Put love first. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Socialize, but don't overspend or make offers you may not be able to deliver. A change in your financial standing will bring added benefits that will encourage a better lifestyle as long as you don't live beyond your means. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Present and promote your talents, skills and intellect. A romantic relationship will undergo a transformation that can lead to interesting personal or professional prospects. Focus on getting ahead in all aspects of your life. Love is in the stars. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Address work issues and focus on stabilizing your position, but don't make personal decisions that can cause uncertainty. Expand your professional interests to include knowledge or a skill you would like to put to better use. A relationship will undergo a change. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Slow down and listen to what's being said. Someone may try to trick you into believing something that isn't true. An emotional matter will surface that can end up being costly if you haven't protected your assets. Stick to the truth. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look at every opportunity and be ready to take advantage. Don't let someone's negativity stop you from doing something you've wanted to do for some time. Keep your life simple and focus on the fastest way to reach your goals. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let the little things bother you. Put greater emphasis on building your assets up and whittling your liabilities down. Question your lifestyle and you will find a way to cut corners, lowering your overhead. Get rid of costly connections. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An unusual investment will be your ticket to greater financial freedom. Your unusual work ethic and unique talents will help you stay ahead of any competition you face. Avoid anyone trying to convince you to get involved in secretive dealings. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are imaginative, entertaining and secretive. You are unique and changeable.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Saturday's Jumbles: CRIMP CHORD SUNKEN UNRULY
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 93, ROBERT MORRIS 42

Irish beat Robert Morris, advance to second round

By MARY GREEN
Sports Writer

If Notre Dame had any first-round jitters, it masked them well as the Irish cruised to a 93-42 victory over Robert Morris to begin the NCAA tournament Saturday at Savage Arena in Toledo, Ohio.

The No. 1 seed Irish (33-0) jumped out an early lead over the No. 16 seed Colonials (21-12), opening the first 11 minutes of the game on a 28-6 run.

The rest of the match-up followed that trend, as the ACC champions never let up, and Robert Morris never picked up enough momentum to make a run that threatened Notre Dame's lead and perfect season.

Allen dished out seven assists as Notre Dame moved on to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

"In the tournament, you can't take anyone lightly,"



JODI LO | The Observer

Irish senior forward Ariel Braker rebounds against Robert Morris on Saturday. Braker was one of five Irish players to score in double digits.

senior forward Ariel Braker said. "Upsets happen all the time. And I think [we had] that mindset coming in, that you still have to play hard to get to where you want to be at the end

of the season. So we're not going to overlook anyone." Irish coach Muffet McGraw used her entire lineup in the victory, and bench

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Reaney shines at championships

By KIT LOUGHRAN
Sports Writer

Junior Emma Reaney dominated the pool at the NCAA championships.

Reaney won the national championship in the 200-yard breaststroke at the NCAA championships on Saturday night. Reaney, who set an American record time in the event one month ago at the ACC championships, broke her own NCAA, U.S. Open, and American records with a winning time of 2:04.06. She is the first swimmer from Notre Dame to win an individual title.

"I personally could not imagine a better way [than winning a national title] to represent the University that I love so much," Reaney said. "No one ever thought that a school not known for swimming like

Notre Dame could be on top of that podium and it feels great to prove them wrong. I'm so proud to be Irish."

With her record time, Reaney had a second and a half margin over runner-up finishers Katie Olsen of Stanford and Breeja Larson of Texas A&M, who tied for second with a time of 2:05.88.

Reaney dominated the race from the beginning and had the fastest split for each lap. She swam the first 100 yards in 59.35 and the final 100 in 1:04.71. But Reaney said the race was far from effortless.

"[The most challenging part was] staying in my own lane," Reaney said. "I'm usually not someone to get in my own head during meets, but this one

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MEN'S HOCKEY | MASSACHUSETTS-LOWELL 4, ND 0

Irish make NCAA tournament despite loss

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

As senior Irish goaltender Steven Summerhays has shown with his play over the last month, a hot goaltender can make all the difference in a game, and the No. 10 Irish ran into a scorching hot one Friday night as sophomore goaltender Connor Hellebuyck stopped all 35 Irish shots to lead No. 7 Massachusetts-Lowell to a 4-0 victory over Notre Dame in a Hockey East semifinal match-up at TD Garden in Boston.

The loss knocked the Irish out of the Hockey East tournament, but the team found out Sunday morning its season will continue in the NCAA tournament with a first-round match-up against No. 8 St. Cloud State.

With both the Irish and the River Hawks coming off of three-game quarterfinal series, Lowell struck first to take

a 1-0 lead 10:13 into the first period. Sophomore defenseman Christian Folin sent a puck to the front of the Irish net that looked to be heading wide until it deflected off the skate of Irish senior defenseman Kevin Lind, who was clearing a Lowell forward from the front of the net, and sailed past Summerhays.

The goal was followed shortly after by a rocket of a wrist shot by River Hawks senior forward Derek Arnold that beat Summerhays to the glove side for a 2-0 lead.

"We thought it was going to be a low-scoring game, so to see them come out and score two quick goals like that is pretty frustrating," senior center T.J. Tynan said. "You have to give a lot of credit to them. Even though we played pretty sluggish for the first half of the game, they played tight defense."

The River Hawks added two

insurance goals in the second period with freshman forward Evan Campbell converting a rebound on the power play at 3:35 and junior defenseman Zack Kamrass once again banking a shot off the skate of an Irish defenseman to beat Summerhays.

Despite outshooting Lowell 35-22, the Irish were unable to crack Hellebuyck, a first-team Hockey East selection who earned his second straight Hockey tournament MVP award after Lowell defeated New Hampshire 4-0 in the championship game Saturday to repeat as Hockey East champions.

"A couple of the goals went off of us, and that happened earlier in the year, but it hasn't happened in the last few weeks, but when they get traffic to the net, that's what happens," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "We didn't have the same kind of traffic at the net."



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Irish senior goalie Steven Summerhays guards the crease against Massachusetts-Lowell on Saturday. Summerhays allowed four goals.

Though the Irish will continue their season in the NCAA tournament with a shot at a national title, Jackson said that the disappointment of not earning a conference

championship would stick with his team.

"I'm a big believer that conference championships

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THIS WEEKEND'S SCOREBOARD

ND Women's Basketball vs. Robert Morris
Men's Hockey vs. Massachusetts-Lowell
ND Women's Lacrosse vs. Villanova
ND Women's Tennis at North Carolina
Men's Tennis at Clemson
Baseball vs. Virginia Tech

W 93-42
L 4-0
W 17-8
L 6-1
W 5-2
W 2-1

TODAY'S EVENTS

Men's Golf at Lone Star Invitational All Day
ND Women's Basketball vs. Arizona State 6:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Baseball vs. Illinois-Chicago Tues.
Men's Lacrosse vs. Ohio State Tues.
Softball vs. Northwestern Tues.
Baseball vs. UIC Tues.
ND Women's Tennis vs. Marquette Wed.
Track at Texas Relays Wed.-Sat.