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Irish coach Muffet McGraw exits the court under a shower of confetti after Notre Dame's 79-58 loss to Connecticut in the national championship game Tuesday at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn. The defeat was Notre Dame's first of the season after entering the contest with a perfect 37-0 mark and brings the team's record in the Final Four to 5-5.

By GREG HADLEY Associate Sports Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn.

[Natalie Achonwa] is very crucial," Irish sophomore guard Jewell Loyd said. "She brings so much to the table. But we No. 2 Notre Dame's perfect didn't do the little things. We didn't box out, we didn't communicate. We were kind of playing on our heels a little bit."

They would never trail again. Sophomore forward Breanna Stewart dominated inside and scored 14 points in the first half, tied for the lead among

relied heavily on their starters, with just six points coming from the bench.

matched," Irish coach Muffet physical," Reimer said. "They

and Huskies junior forward Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis.

"It was a very physical game "I thought we were just over- and we knew it was going to be

run came to an ugly end Tuesday night, as top-ranked Connecticut broke away from the Irish in the second half of the NCAA national championship game on the way to a 79-58 win.

In the second half, the Huskies (40-0, 18-0 AAC) outscored the Irish (37-1, 16-0 ACC) 34-20 and dominated on the boards with a 34-13 edge in rebounding. With the absence of senior forward Natalie Achonwa, the Irish had no answer for Connecticut senior center Stefanie Dolson, who scored 17 points on 10-for-15 shooting and grabbed 16 rebounds.

"Obviously, not having Ace

Loyd finished the game with 13 points on 4-for-15 shooting, including just 2-for-12 in the second half.

"We made them look like the Miami Heat," Loyd said. "It was us. I personally don't think that they're better than us. They're definitely not deeper than us. We just played scared. We played tentatively. We let them control how we played. It happens."

With 14:54 left in the first half, Dolson scored a quick layup that put the Huskies up 10-8 and sparked a 14-0 run.

all scorers.

But the Irish rallied from the 22-8 deficit to keep the game close in the first half, closing to within five with 27 seconds left in the period. Loyd, senior guard Kayla McBride and sophomore guard Michaela Mabrey combined to score 34 of Notre Dame's 38 firsthalf points, producing most of their offense from behind the 3-point arc, where the Irish shot 62.5 percent in the period.

In the second half, the Huskies came out aggressively and pushed their lead to 21 on an 18-4 run, while limiting the Irish to just 26-percent shooting in the period. The Huskies

McGraw said. "If we could have made them go to their bench a little earlier in the second half, we might have had a chance. That's when we made our run in the first half, but unfortunately, they didn't have to go their bench in the second half."

After posting a career-high 12 points and nine rebounds against Maryland in the semifinals Sunday night, junior forward Markisha Wright was held completely in check by the Huskies, with no points or rebounds in 10 minutes of play. Freshman forward Taya Reimer scored six points and collected four rebounds while struggling to contain Dolson

just came out and punched us in the mouth. They are a great team."

The matchup marked the first time in women's basketball history that two undefeated teams were playing for the national championship. Despite entering as the favorite, Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said that before tipoff he had been unsure of how his team would handle the pressure.

"You just don't know how college kids are going to play on the biggest stage," Auriemma said. "You don't know how ... the hype of the

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Matchup failed to live up to the hype



when three of their opponents put up big numbers.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The UConn Huskies, as they have so many times before, accomplished the improbable. They made the firstever matchup between unbeatens in the national title game — dare I say it? a little bit boring.

Tuesday's contest had all the makings of a game for the ages: a newly rekindled rivalry, the two undisputed best teams in the country and feuding coaches, not to mention finalists for the nation's individual player awards on both squads. There were some writers suggesting Monday's game could help propel women's basketball to national prominence the same way Larry Bird's and Magic Johnson's meeting in the 1979 final promoted the men's game.

That's definitely not what this game will be remembered for.

Sure, the Irish bounced back from a lackluster start to cut the halftime deficit to seven points, and they certainly would have been much more successful in the paint had they not lost senior forward Natalie Achonwa to a torn ACL in their Elite Eight win over Baylor. But even in the early going it was clear which was the better team.

It didn't take a box score to see UConn's 6-foot-5 center Stefanie Golson was unstoppable in the paint (although her stat line of 17 points, 16 rebounds and seven assists made that pretty clear as well). The Irish had no answer for sophomore forward Breanna Stewart, the AP Player of the Year and eventual winner of the tournament's Most Outstanding Player award or the comparatively underthe-radar junior forward Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis. The Irish have won games when their opponents' stars have big nights, but not

nents put up big numbers. If we are being honest, when Connecticut stretched its lead from seven points

to 20 in the opening minutes of the second period, no one who watched the first half was really all that surprised.

The Huskies simply looked more comfortable on the floor. Maybe that was due to their size advantage, maybe it's just because they got off to a fast start and did not have to worry about clawing their way back into a game. Maybe, despite all their protests to the contrary, the Huskies really have gotten into the heads of the Irish. (After all, the barbs traded between the two teams on Monday were par for the course for UConn coach Geno Auriemma, but less subtle than what we would usually expect from Irish coach Muffet McGraw.) But whatever the reason, UConn played like the looser team: they made the open shots the Irish missed too many times. UConn dominated the boards almost as effectively as the Irish did against Maryland, grabbing 54 to Notre Dame's 31. The Irish, on the other hand, sent passes out of bounds and were visibly frustrated when a call did not go their way. Some teams can channel that sort of emotion into wins, but it was not working for the Irish on Tuesday night.

And while you do not have to like them, you have to admit Connecticut played an exceptional game made all the more impressive by the fact that it took just six players to complete.

The Irish finished an excellent season with an excellent team. But it's Connecticut who was perfect.



GRANT TUBIN | THE UDSEN

Senior guard Kayla McBride scrambles for a loose ball during Tuesday's loss to Connecticut. The All-American finished her final college contest with a game-high 21 points in 39 minutes on the floor.

Defeat

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game with two great undefeated teams [will affect them] ... and just cross your fingers and hope that they play up to their ability. So I couldn't be more proud of how we played the entire 40 minutes."

With the win, Auriemma improves to 9-0 in national championship games for his career. His nine national titles surpass former Tennessee coach Pat Summitt's previous record of eight. The Huskies also set an NCAA record this weekend by playing in their seventh-straight Final Four. "It means we've done something that no one else has ever done," Auriemma said when asked what the nine titles meant to him. "So, you're flattered and you're grateful and you're all the things that come with this kind of accomplishment, of course."

The loss is Notre Dame's third in the national championship game in the past four years and marks a bitter end to the careers of seniors McBride, Achonwa and Ariel Braker, who leave the program with a record of 138-15 but no national championship.

"[My time at Notre Dame]

has been amazing," Braker said. "I came in with two other girls who were just dominating and we set records. ... We went undefeated until the last game of our senior year. I couldn't ask for anything better than that."

McBride echoed Braker's sentiments.

"We've been through so much this year, so much adversity," she said. "If you look at what our bench has done this year, I couldn't be more proud of them. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else or playing with anyone else."

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McBride, Loyd named to All-Tournament Team

Observer Staff Report

Senior guard Kayla McBride and sophomore guard Jewell Loyd were named to the Final Four All-Tournament Team, as were Huskies junior forward Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis and senior center Stefanie Dolson. Huskies sophomore forward Breanna Stewart was named Most Outstanding Player.

Dolson finished Tuesday's game with 17 points and 16 rebounds, while Mosqueda-Lewis and Stewart added 18 and 21 points, respectively. during Tuesday's national championship, while Notre Dame shot 35.5 percent. During the second half, the Irish shot just 25.9 percent. During the season, Notre Dame averaged 51 percent from the floor.

Notre Dame went into halftime with a seven-point deficit, but scored just four points in the first 10 minutes of the second half. During that time, Connecticut scored 16 points to open up a 21-point lead. The Irish scored just 20 points in the second half after reaching 38 in the opening period. Tuesday night, their lowest offensive output came in a 69-53 win over Duke in the ACC tournament title game on March 9.

Connecticut makes history

This is Connecticut's ninth national championship, the most of any women's basketball program. The Huskies are still undefeated in national championship games. This was their fifth undefeated season.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

ND cold from floor

Connecticut shot 46.6 percent

The Irish finished the game with 58 points, their lowest total score of the season. Before

Huskies' stellar six

No bench? No problem: only six Connecticut players played for more than one minute. All five starters played at least 29 minutes.



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The Bald and the Beautiful returns to ND

TBAB supports cancer research for sixth year in a row

By KATIE McCARTY News Writer

In 2009, 140 Notre Dame students participated in the first iteration of The Bald and the Beautiful (TBAB). Since then, senior and co-chair Frank Soler said the event has grown exponentially in size.

"Students, faculty, members of the South Bend community and many other staff members participate in TBAB," Soler said. "With close to 300 shaves per year and close to 2,000

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Former Notre Dame student Colleen Boyle gets her head shaved at last year's The Bald and the Beautiful
 event. The club raises funds and spreads awareness for cancer research, with nearly 300 shaves per year.

Mendoza receives No. 1 ranking

By MEG HANDELMAN News Writer

Mendoza College of Business has done it again.

The College pulled off a five-peat, achieving the No. 1 spot for the fifth year in a row in Bloomberg Businessweek's 2014 ranking of Best Undergraduate Business Schools.

"What makes Mendoza unique among business schools is our clearly defined mission to develop leaders who view business as a force for good in society," Roger D. Huang, the Martin J. Gillen Dean of the Mendoza College of Business, said. "A lot of schools now say they have the same mission."

According to a press release from the College, Mendoza's undergraduate studies program ranked first in student satisfaction, second in academic quality and fourth in employer satisfaction. The College earned "A+" scores for teaching quality, facilities and services and job placement. Huang said Mendoza's top ranking this year is due to the efforts of many groups, programs and individuals across the entire University.

"The undergraduate admissions office recruits students who are passionate about their interests as well as high academic achievers," Huang said. "The career center works tirelessly to place our students in jobs. The Division of Student Affairs is dedicated to providing students with the kind of experience that is the essence of

Notre Dame."

Huang said numerous alumni who help mentor and help students are also to thank.

"We describe ourselves as the Notre Dame family, and the ranking is a family achievement," Huang said.

In the midst of the new digital revolution, Huang said the College has evolved to teach students newly important skill sets such as business analytics and social

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Community members shave heads for charity

By EMILY McCONVILLE News Writer

Junior Kat Stultz said she first heard about The Bald and the Beautiful her freshman year, when some friends donated their hair to raise money for cancer research and treatment. That was when Stultz, whose friends and family have experienced various forms of cancer, began to think about participating.

"My best friend Patrick lost his friend Neil at age 19 to leukemia, and ever since then I've wanted

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Sexual assault reported

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) sent an email to students Tuesday evening alerting them of a report of sexual assault committed by an acquaintance in a North Quad men's residence hall early Saturday morning.

The email stated the report was made to a University administrator and warned students of the risk of sexual assault.

"Sexual assault can happen to anyone," the email stated. " On college campuses, perpetrators are more likely to assault an acquaintance than a stranger. Being aware of your own safety and watching out for your friends are important steps you can take to reduce the risk of sexual assault. "Being aware of your own safety and watching out for your friends are important steps you can take to reduce the risk of sexual assault.

'Nuns on a Bus' tour stops at SMC

By KATHRYN MARSHALL News Writer the amazing things that have happened for me have been all about the Holy Spirit being alive



Sister Simone Campbell spoke on the "The Contemplative Call to Do Justice" at Saint Mary's on Tuesday evening as part of the "Life and Leadership of Catholic Women Religious" lecture series.

During the presentation, Campbell shared stories about her numerous political experiences and personal interactions, describing the success of her endeavors as under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. and well, and as I add, making mischief," Campbell said.

These include writing the nun's letter supporting the passage of the Affordable Care Act and organizing the famous 2012 and 2013 "Nuns on a Bus" tours, which addressed cuts in federal funding for people in need and immigration reform. She is also a member of NETWORK, a social justice lobby founded by

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Sister Simone Campbell discussed female leadership in the Catholic Church as part of the "Nuns on a Bus" nationwide tour. "The perpetrator, not the survivor, is responsible for any instance of sexual assault. Nothing a survivor does or does not do is an excuse for sexual assault."



"Over the past couple of years,







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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

Who would you like to see participating in The Bald and The Beautiful?



Agustin Garcia sophomore Morrissey Manor "Maggie Guzman."



Katie Brennan junior Lewis Hall "Fr. Jenkins."



Kwame Nuako junior Sorin College "Arnold Schwarzenegger."



Miranda Reed freshman McCandless Hall "Michelle Obama."

Paige Hardman

Have a question you want answered?

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Thom Berens

freshman

Pangborn Hall

"Professor Igusa."



Thom Berens sophomore Duncan Hall "Walter White."



The Fighting Irish cheerleading squad performs a routine during a break period at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn. The women's basketball team lost to the University of Connecticut Huskies, 79-58, in the NCAA championship game.

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Corrections

In the April 7 issue of The Observer, the article "Mass Commemorates Genocide Victims" incorrectly stated that only three Holy Cross brothers lost their lives in the genocide. A total of five Holy Cross brothers and one Holy Cross priest were killed. The Observer regrets this error.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Wednesday Thursday

Fascism and War DeBartolo Performing Arts Center 4 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Panel on the Spanish Civil War.

We Are What We Tell Zum

McKenna Hall 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Lecture by Margaret Atwood on the impact of stories. **Bookish History** Flanner Hall 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Lecture on Irish romanticism and the culture of the copy.

ZumbaThon Rockne Memorial Gym 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Register online via RecRegister.

Ten Years Hence Mendoza College of Business 10:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m. Lecture on emerging issues in business.

Friday

Women's Lacrosse Arlotta Stadium 7 p.m.-9 p.m. The Irish take on the Duke Blue Devils. **Blue-Gold Spring Football Festival** Notre Dame Stadium All day Irish civil war. Kick-off at 12:30 p.m.

Want your event included here?

Saturday

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Theater: Blood

Wedding DeBartolo Performing Arts Center 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Lorca on lovers.

Sunday

Conference Cycling Race

South Bend area 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Hosted by ND cycling club.

Mass in Spanish: Dillon Hall Chapel 1:30 p.m. Celebrated by Fr. Joe Corpora.

SMC Pride Week hosts panel on LGBTQ issues

By SAM CASTANEDA News Writer

The Saint Mary's group Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) hosted a panel of professors to address LGBTQ current event policies and social justice issues as part of Pride Week on Tuesday in the College's Student Center.

Professor of history Patrick Pierce, professor of religious studies Stacy Davis and professor of psychology Catherine Pittman, discussed the difficulties the

and how there may be a variety of interpretations of issues and policies.

Davis began the panel by presenting how some areas of the Bible are viewed based on the way individuals view the LGBTQ community.

"There is no concept in the ancient world of sexual orientation," Davis said.

Davis interpreted different areas of biblical texts which are used to shape an opinion on sexual orientation, stating that the culmination of views

LGBTQ community may face is often "more based on tradition, not scripture."

> Pierce then addressed how geographic religious views and generational gap differences can have an impact on policies of the LGBTQ community.

> Pierce noted how states have a variety of religious make-ups, including Fundamentalists and Evangelicals, and because of this, there are restrictive policies that are shaped around strict moral beliefs.

"Legislatures at the state

level are disproportionally white and ... much more likely to be [composed of] males, which means that it is difficult to make the [LGBTQ] policies push forward," Pierce said.

Pierce finished by presenting how different tools, such as emotional responses, frame the LGBTQ issues by using symbols the community identifies with.

"That matter of framing is really crucial, because if you can get control over the frame by which the issue is discussed, you can control the outcome," Pierce said.

Pittman concluded the presentation by pointing out the difficulties and circumstances of coming out for members of the LGBTQ community.

Pittman explained how family could be a major influence on one's decision to reveal their sexuality, as some families may struggle accepting transgender issues.

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Ambassador lectures on Mandela's leadership

By JACK ROONEY Associate News Editor

South African Ambassador to the United States and anti-apartheid leader Ebrahim Rasool presented the 20th annual Hesburgh Lecture in Ethics and Public Policy on Tuesday, in which he detailed Nelson Mandela's legacy on South African and global state building and peacemaking.

The lecture, titled "Relic of the Past or Template for the Future: Nelson Mandela's Impact on Peacemaking and Statecraft in the 21st Century," featured both Rasool's personal reflections on his friend and colleague Nelson Mandela and a broader explanation of his significance to peace movements around the world.

Rasool said Mandela captivated the world with his strong yet peaceful leadership, an attribute rarely seen in the world today.

"[Mandela] captured the global imagination for his unyielding sacrifice, indomitable spirit, consistent dignity and remarkable generosity," he said. "Most of all, the world saw in him leadership that

was principled yet pragmatic, firm yet flexible, decisive yet popular."

It would be easy to forget the impassioned and strenuous service Mandela performed, Rasool said, but those who wish to continue building

> captured *imagination for* his unvielding sacrifice, and remarkable generosity."

Ebrahim Rasool

peace and progress will look to Mandela and his legacy as a model.

"The people who yearn for something better are the ones who see Nelson Mandela as a template for the future," Rasool said. "They look at his words, spoken when facing a death sentence when having

no prospect of emerging from prison, when leading a risky negotiating process, when assuming the presidency of a fundamentally flawed country, when launching a constitution that directed a nation to its highest ideals which it had not yet discovered ... From his words, they extract a template for peacemaking and statecraft for this very troubled world in the 21st century."

Rasool said Mandela's legacy can serve as a basis for future movements because of the way in which he learned to develop peaceful and dignified relations.

"What makes Nelson Mandela a template for the future is precisely that his leadership is ... hard-won," he said. "In his self-deprecating ways, he tells stories of learning to overcome prejudice, controlling his anger, disciplining his soul and embracing the counter-instinctive. Certainly what he teaches us is that courage is learned."

The simple dictum of "firmness of principle and flexibility of tactics," which Rasool said Mandela lived by, allowed the South African people to recognize the system in which

they lived caused the evil they experienced.

"It's because we recognized our enemy as a system that we could then embrace white people even as integral in the anti-apartheid struggle,"

"The long walk to freedom is not over. In words of Nelson Mandela. more hills are *waiting to be* climbed. He is not here to light the path with his courage, but we are here."

Ebrahim Rasool South African ambassador

Rasool said. "There was no predisposition against the capacity of white people to be good and the possibility of black people to betray a vision of freedom.

"The struggle against apartheid was therefore both a struggle against an evil system as well as a struggle for the redemption of people."

Rasool said people today must not lose sight of the struggle Mandela led or grow complacent because of the progress he made. It is up to present and future generations, he said, to carry on Mandela's legacy.

"We must fear so much today the lynchings of the south or the bullets of Sharpeville, but we must fear the deadening of our consciousness and its intended complacency that tells us that our struggle is over and a post-racial dawn has arrived because Nelson Mandela once strode the Union Buildings and Barack Obama occupies the White House," he said.

"The long walk to freedom is not over. In words of Nelson Mandela, more hills are waiting to be climbed. He is not here to light the path with his courage, but we are here. We must continue the long walk until we have won a world that is more equal, where women are respected, where the stranger is not 'otherized' and where our young can dream again."

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Discussion highlights conflict in Ukraine

"[Mandela] the global indomitable spirit, consistent dignity

South African ambassador

By GABRIELA MALESPIN News Writer

The Hesburgh Center for International Studies hosted the event "Dinner and Discussion: The Crisis in Ukraine," a discussion that focused on Russia, Ukraine and the political and ideological motivations that encompassed them Tuesday evening.

The discussion was led by Russian scholar Alexander Martin and leading international relations scholar Dan Lindley, who are both fellows of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies. The pair attempted to explain the historical, political and ideological

relationship Russia has with Ukraine, Europe and NATO. Martin said while there are similarities between the crisis

in Crimea and the Cold War, there exists a failure to understand the Russian political system.

"Russia is not a dictatorship in the sense that you might assume," Martin said. "The Russian government is a political machine. It's a system in which multiple groups have to work together, but that is dominated by a small number of people, particularly Vladimir Putin."

Martin said Russia's political system is largely influenced by people who occupy positions in the military, police and other occupations relating to defense and security, which is influential in international relations.

"The people who dominate the Russian political system are people whose careers have mostly been spent in what Russians call the 'power ministry,' [where the] people's number one concern has been national security. That leads them to view international affairs in terms of threats," he said.

Russia's history and ideological viewpoint is crucial to understanding the events in Crimea, Martin said, for Russia is not just a nation, but

a multinational empire.

"[Russia] is a state with a unique purpose and a unique destiny," Martin said. "Russians see themselves as having a special role or mission that is reflected in Russian orthodoxy and Soviet socialism." Lindley mainly discussed the relationship between Russia and NATO.

NATO created part of the problematic relationship between the U.S. and Russia, Lindley said, due to its role in the fall of the Soviet Union.

"The U.S. looks at events in Crimea and the Ukraine from two main perspectives: liberal internationalism and conservative primacy," Lindley said.

Lindley defined liberal internationalism as an ideology centered on spreading western values and democracy to other countries, while conservative primacy places more importance on America's relative position of power in the world.

Both views support NATO expansion in countries bordering Russia, yet fail to understand the implications, he said.

"Both are wrong and both are dangerous in their approach and explanations to what's going on," Lindley said.

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Nuns

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47 sisters to influence legislation in Washington, Campbell said.

"[The Vatican] named our little organization [NETWORK] as being a bad influence on Catholics," Campbell said, "We only had nine full time staff at the time, and we made the Vatican nervous? It was a bit shocking ... but it was because of that we had Nuns on a Bus."

By using moments like the spotlight brought on by the Vatican as moments of mission, Campbell said she has been able to act on her belief that active, contemplative life has two aspects: radical acceptance and fighting. Radical acceptance is the key to building bridges and end divisions that are tearing America apart, Campbell said.

"How do we welcome in the folks we would rather not even

deal with?" Campbell asked. "If we're at odds with the God in them, we're at odds with the God in us."

Once people can radically accept each other and their differences, everyone can stop fighting against each other and instead fight for a different, better vision, Campbell said.

She said listening to one another allows us to move forward in healing society.

"When we have radical acceptance, we can have a conversation long enough to find commonality to be able to talk to each other, to share some real concerns," Campbell said.

By referencing the story of Moses and the burning bush from Exodus, Campbell said we are called to listen to the cries of the oppressed in our country.

"If we let their cries penetrate our ears, we are called to be a burning bush for them," Campbell said. "When you put radical acceptance and fighting for something together, it creates fire, it creates the unexpected, it creates light, heat [and] hope.

"But it all depends on being

"At the heart of this is the powerful truth that we are one body ... and our body is in pain, is ill, is divided."

Sister Simone Campbell activist

touched, fire can only be generated when you touch a person's life, a person's story, and make that person's story part of you."

Sharing stories of people who have touched her life, including a woman who died because of pride and the inability to access health care, as well as an 11-year-old girl who is independently raising her twin because her parents have been deported, Campbell said as the richest nation on earth, it is immoral to allow these sorts of stories play out.

"Too often we get paralyzed, isolated ... we don't do anything," Campbell said. "We, the people of God, I believe, are called to act ... We're each called to do one thing, and if we each do one thing, everything will get done. This is the whole point of community."

Campbell said everyone is called to act in a different way, and she hopes to encourage young people to get involved in politics because they are not old enough to be timid, and they have the chance to test new ideas.

"At the heart of this is the powerful truth that we are one body ... and our body is in pain, is ill, is divided. We, this one body, need to be healed, and how can we do it? By radical acceptance, by fighting for the better way, by speaking up ... whatever part of the body you are, do your part," Campbell said.

Junior Karlie Wolff said she was impressed with way that the lecture went against the traditional perspective that Catholic women can't be influential.

"I thought it was really good, especially since I'm not Catholic myself," Wolff said. "I always like seeing the talks that bring the Catholic perspective and Catholic ideas to something all of us can see and connect with, especially social justice issues."

The lecture concluded the "Life and Leadership of Catholic Women Religious" series sponsored by the College's Center for Spirituality.

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to do something in his honor and to help combat pediatric cancer," she said. "On the older end of cancer, a very dear friend and theology professor, Mr. Scurro back home, had pancreatic cancer last year and thankfully won that fight.

"My mom also lost three of her good friends within the past three years to various forms of cancer, so I want to be in solidarity with all of them and show my support in the various fights, even if they didn't necessarily win it."

Stultz passed on participating the next year because her hair had not yet grown to the eight inches required for donation. On Thursday, however, Stultz will become one of hundreds of participants in The Bald and the Beautiful

when she shaves her head and donates the hair.

The event, which takes place today, tomorrow and Friday in the Sorin and Dooley Rooms of the LaFortune Student Center, raises money for the St. Baldricks Foundation, which funds cancer research, and the pediatric ward of Memorial Hospital of South Bend, according to its website. Hair donations go to Pantene Beautiful Lengths, which makes wigs for cancer patients.

Freshman Erich Jegier, who also participated in the Gentleman Auction on March 26, which is a foundation that benefits childhood cancer research, said he decided to shave his head because it was a visible way of raising awareness about cancer.

"I like the fact that it raises awareness," Jegier said. "I'm the kind of person who can take a risk and put myself out on the line and do something that's a little bit crazy, just so that people notice it.

"I feel like awareness is something that's overlooked as far as service goes. You can be focused on raising money, but the service is futile if nobody knows where that money is going to, and awareness can be just a huge aspect because long-term it provides lots of benefits."

Many students participate through a club or dorm, or hear about the event through their friends. Freshman Daniel Pedroza said he heard about The Bald and the Beautiful through a member of the Notre Dame Glee Club, who was encouraging fellow members to sign up.

"All these questions started popping up, like what would my parents think or what would it look like ... I found myself debating with myself about whether or not it would be a good idea," he said. "It was yesterday when I decided that I found it silly that I was doing that debate, the fact that I was going to make a choice about it, because I started thinking about the people who don't get a choice. They don't get to choose. They don't get any say in the matter."

According to its website, the event, now in its fifth year, raised more than \$40,000 in 2013 and donated more than 400 inches of hair. Stultz said in addition to the \$10 registration fee, she is hoping to raise \$500, soliciting donations from family and friends and through social media.

Jegier, who is getting his head shaved Friday night, said he hopes to raise more than \$250 from his friends and family.

"Since it is on a Friday

evening, I'm hoping to get a big turnout with my friends and instigate a lot of donations then," he said.

Stultz said though she will miss things like Frenchbraiding her hair, she is excited to be raising awareness about the struggles of having cancer.

"Something that I've been learning through the various experiences with cancer in my life is how special and precious the gift of life is, and how everything that we have can be taken away at any moment," Stultz said. "So the small sacrifice of giving up my hair for all of these people who are going through much bigger battles than I am is just to be able to be in solidarity with them is what I'm hoping to get out of it."

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participants in six years, TBAB continues to expand throughout the ND community."

Soler said his sister, junior Catherine Soler, and her friend and fight their diseases with the newest technologies and medical care." Soler said every year, roughhair cut, every girl can get a hair extension, which is a great way to support and show solidarity."

"The event has two beneficiaries, the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which supports"

the semester."

TBAB hopes to raise a record amount of money this year, he said.

"TBAB has averaged anywhere from \$40,000 to \$60,000 each year," Soler said. "This year, especially after partnering with Notre Dame Baseball who fundraised over \$18,000 in February, we're hoping to make a TBAB record and raise \$70,000." were integral to the planning of TBAB.

"We couldn't have done it without the help of our fellow club members," Soler said. "Each Sunday afternoon of the spring semester, TBAB members gathered to discuss and plan every aspect of the event. From dorm sponsorship to stylists who volunteer their time, everyone involved in TBAB is integral to making it all work."

from Duncan Hall started TBAB in response to a Notre Dame student they knew who died from cancer. In his memory, TBAB raises funds and awareness for cancer research.

"The event has two beneficiaries, the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which supports pediatric cancer research, and Memorial Hospital, who cares for those inflicted with pediatric cancer right in our community of South Bend," Soler said. "The money that goes to St. Baldrick's is used to help fund their existing charity work, while Memorial has used the money to fund a new oncology renovation, which will help patients live more comfortably pediatric cancer research, and Memorial Hospital, who cares for those inflicted with pediatric cancer right in our community of South Bend."

Frank Soler

senior

co-chair of The Bald and the Beautiful

ly 100 girls show their solidarity in the fight against cancer by donating their hair.

"Each year, we have close to 100 girls who generously donate their hair for Pantene Beautiful Lengths," he said. "Additionally, we even have a few girls shave their heads. If girls don't want to get their Soler said planning the event is an ongoing commitment by the organization's members. "We are continually confirming commitments for the next year from all sponsors, donors and participants," Soler said. "As co-chairs, we are constantly in contact over the summer and throughout TBAB recently became an official club whose members help run the event, junior member Amanda Buerger said.

"The members of The Bald and the Beautiful work before the event and the day of the event to make sure that everything runs smoothly," Buerger said. "A lot of work goes into making this event successful, from ordering the extensions, getting volunteer stylists, advertising [and] having various smaller events throughout the year."

Soler said club members

Buerger said the event is powerful to witness.

"The most meaningful part of helping with TBAB is seeing the kids from Memorial come to this event," Buerger said. "A few patients from the hospital come in each year to meet the football team and see what this event is. To get a chance to see the kids that this event is aimed to help is really special."

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Mendoza

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media marketing. In addition, he said, the global marketplace has replaced the domestic marketplace, which has elicited a need to educate students on how to obtain a "big picture" perspective.

"At Mendoza, we focus on what I call MAGI - Mission, Academic excellence, Globalization and Innovation. Together, these four areas encompass a lot of new developments, from coursework to international studies opportunities," Huang said. "We must continually innovate to address the ever-changing business world."

The College plans to continue expanding the MAGI vision, incorporating innovative coursework and expanding global programs to remain a trendsetter in business education, Huang said.



"The higher business education landscape is rapidly changing, and we have challenges on all fronts," he said. student Huang said comments published in

Bloomberg's survey spoke about business ethics, sustainability and corporate social responsibility permeating the classroom.

"That's very inspiring and

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humbling for a dean to hear," Huang said.

The magazine's ranking, which was released April 4, looked at a total of 132 U.S. undergraduate business

programs. The report was released on Businessweek.com.

According to the press release, University of Virginia's McIntire School of Commerce ranked second and Cornell's Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management ranked third.

Bloomberg Businessweek's undergraduate business school rankings are based on five components: student assessment, academic quality metrics, employer opinion, median starting salary and a "feeder school" score.

The Mendoza College of Business, which currently enrolls 1,950 undergraduate students, offers students a choice of six majors: accountancy, finance, marketing, management consulting, IT management and management entrepreneuriship.

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Writing my own HIMYM ending

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With the How I Met Your Mother (HIMYM) series finale still on fans' minds, I'm sure we all know how much it sucks to watch one of our favorite shows end. And judging by everyone's reactions to the HIMYM finale, we all also know what it's like to have a series end in an incredibly disappointing way — maybe even a way that ruins the series for you. So why watch it?

Being a huge fan of HIMYM myself, I've been asking myself the same question the last few days. When the finale aired March 31, I was a couple of episodes behind, so I hid in my room with my headphones in to avoid any spoilers, planning on binge watching in the next few days to catch up so I could join the global series-finale discussion. But after my roommate's reactions, I'm not sure I want to watch it at all. Ever since a particularly unproductive month of my sophomore year when Netflix took over my life, HIMYM has been my goto show for time wasting. It's given me both hope for life and friendships after college and a reason to hang out with my girlfriends on Monday nights. The characters are part of my imaginary family of characters, and their stories are my stories. To have it all end in a disappointing way ... maybe it's just better to never see the finale and make up my own ending.

This predicament is not without precedence in my life: I take you back to my middle school days, when Gilmore Girls was my bible. I grew up with the show, learning what I knew about relationships, high school and eventually college from Rory Gilmore. When the show ended, I simply wasn't ready. I watched the second-to-last episode of the series, watched Rory turn down Logan's marriage proposal and then decided the series ending was going down a path I wasn't ready to follow. So I just never watched the finale. This way, I got to make up my own ending in which Luke and Lorelai get together and live happily ever after and, more importantly, I didn't have to face the fact that my alltime favorite show was ending forever. I don't know what the right way to go is with the HIMYM series finale. Most people think I'm crazy for even thinking about not watching it. And part of me thinks I'm crazy too — the part of me that is dying to know what everyone is talking about. But these characters are my characters now, so why not write my own ending? Either way, it's a sad farewell to a beloved show.

A case against SCOP

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Regarding his and his partner's decision to have children, Neil Patrick Harris told Oprah, "We really had thought it through financially, emotionally and relationshipwise. We didn't just accidentally get pregnant. These kids come into our world with nothing but love." How many heterosexual parents can say the same?

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Whether or not you believe that a loving, heterosexual union is the best moral context for raising children, it is inaccurate and naïve to ignore the fact that not all heterosexual unions produce such ideal family contexts. Currently, four in 10 babies in the U.S. are born to unwed mothers; 19 percent of pregnancies are unwanted and another 29 percent are unplanned, meaning that in only 52 percent of births (these figures exclude abortions) the resulting child is both wanted and planned (Guttmacher Institute). This is not to say that accidental or "oops" pregnancies cannot result in loving, parent-child relationships - many times they do. Rather, it points out that heterosexual parents often deviate from traditional family models, and that since gay parents face enormous obstacles to become parents, they tend to be immensely invested and dedicated when they make the decision to have or adopt a child.

The type of logic that ignores empirical data surrounding the social reality of marriage and parenting moved me to write an initial petition against the group Students for Child Oriented Policy (SCOP). I apologize if the initial petition framed SCOP as a bigoted or heartless group. My intention was certainly not to frame SCOP as heartless or to criticize their moral view; rather, my intention was to point out that there are fundamental issues with the group's argument.

In the group's marriage petition, SCOP claims to place primary emphasis on how the particular policy, meaning gay marriage, will affect children. Our petition is not taking a stand against the group's moral stance on same-sex marriage. We respect the group's right to object to same-sex marriage on moral and religious grounds. However, the petition addresses that if SCOP stands for "child-oriented policy," this implies that they want the best outcomes for children. If this is the group's primary focus, then they must recognize that social science has shown that same-sex unions produce no differential outcomes for children. In fact, in many cases, samesex parent households provide a loving

and caring home for children who would otherwise remain in institutions such as foster care. Thus, same sex marriage can be empirically accepted as a child-oriented policy. In ignoring this data, SCOP's policy discriminates against all non-traditional family structures in a way that is in opposition of University policy on diversity and inclusion in Du Lac.

When I met with a SCOP representative Tuesday, he did clarify that SCOP is primarily interested in reinforcing the institution of marriage as a union that should be oriented towards lovingly raising and caring for children. This not only focuses on gay marriage but also includes criticizing nofault divorce and how it has damaged traditional family structure. Additionally, he clarified that in extreme situations, where children cannot possibly be raised by their biological parents, SCOP is not against same-sex adoption as an alternative.

However, the primary grievances stated above remain unresolved. SCOP cannot claim to be inclusive and implicitly nondiscriminatory without recognizing the empirical data surrounding same-sex parenting. In a recent study published in The American Journal of Orthopsychiatry ("Can Gay and Lesbian Parents Promote Healthy Development in High-Risk Children Adopted from Foster Care") authors Lavner, Waterman and Paplau concluded that children adopted out of foster care experienced the same level of improvement across the board, despite the fact that gay couples were disproportionately more likely to adopt high-risk children. Additionally, an objective study from Michael Rosenfeld examined grade repetition using census data to measure "Same-sex Parenting and Kid's Educational Success." In the study of the same title, he concluded that there were no differential outcomes in grade repetition — a crude, but nonetheless telling, measure of childhood success, especially considering that children in foster care are highly more likely to repeat a grade.

When asked why SCOP does not recognize or reference this and other empirical data that explores same-sex parenting, my correspondent claimed that the social sciences are not "hard" sciences and that this literature is not relevant to SCOP in its current foundational stages. for a complete evaluation of childhood outcomes, the studies I reference in the petition provide adequate measures that same-sex couples are perfectly acceptable parents. The existing data has been sufficient enough for the American Sociological Association, American Psychological Association, American Medical Association and the American Pediatric Association to issue statements that disavow the notion that same-sex parenting is in any way damaging or produces differential outcomes, for children.

If you disagree with me, I encourage you to explore the empirical data and academic literature. The reality is that moral opinions surrounding the same-sex marriage debate are completely separate from the empirical data that should constitute a same-sex parenting debate.

I am not criticizing moral or religious beliefs on same-sex marriage, but I am challenging us, as a university community "in the pursuit of truth and knowledge," to separate empirical fact from moral opinion. The existence of a club entitled "Students for Child-Oriented Policy" that focuses on reorienting the marriage debate without addressing literature that suggests that same-sex unions produce perfectly healthy childhood outcomes is problematic. It does not frame the marriage discussion on completely moral or empirical grounds; instead it implies the moral as empirical and is a poor representation of our University's mission.

Choosing to frame the discussion in this way does not stand for acceptance or inclusion; it assumes that heterosexual marriage is the most superior context for childrearing. There is nothing about a heterosexual union that is, on the surface, more oriented towards favorable childhood outcomes. Rather, this is dependent on the commitment of the spouses to each other and their children. Ultimately this is a question and challenge to individuals, not the entire institution. Ideal is not reality and, whether or not you agree with same-sex marriage from a moral standpoint, the reality is that, in 2014, the context of same-sex marriages produces no differential outcomes for children.

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While there are certainly issues in attempting to study same-sex parents and their children, and more data is needed sophomore Pasquerilla West Hall April 8

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SCOP president defends panelist

In April 1963, a group of eight white clergymen penned "A Call for Unity," which criticized the efforts of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. as "unwise and untimely." That letter noted a particular concern about "outsiders" who were disturbing the peace of their community. Rev. King responded to these "men of genuine good will" in his justly famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail," which explores great themes of justice and law with characteristic charity and eloquence.

In a recent Letter to the Editor, PrismND — whom I assume to be students of genuine good will — has objected to the presence of an outsider on this campus, who has disturbed what they perceive to be the comfortable limits of conversation. Even recognizing the difference in gravity of the situation (and in virtue of the respondent), this is a sad and serious development.

On April 3, Students for Child-Oriented Policy (SCOP), a secular organization, hosted a conference to explore the definition and importance of civil marriage. As part of that conference, we invited Bishop Harry Jackson, Jr., presiding bishop of the International Communion of Evangelical Churches, to speak to the importance of marriage from the perspective of the African-American community. In the course of a 45-minute session, Bishop Jackson made one comment that, in a form they have altered (unintentionally, I presume), the officers of PrismND find objectionable. Drawing on the experience of his Washington, D.C. community, Bishop Jackson noted his impression that "coming out as gay can be, if it's alright to use this phrase, the flavor of the week." As a supporting example for this claim, he noted that the wife of the current mayor of New York City started her career as a writer identifying as a lesbian.

Bishop Jackson made no disparaging comment about the dignity of any person, same-sex attracted or not. His overriding point was to distinguish the present movement to redefine marriage from the Civil Rights Movement, about which he speaks with some authority. As he noted in his presentation, his father was threatened at gunpoint by local law enforcement in Florida merely for registering African-Americans to exercise their constitutionally guaranteed right to vote.

Now, Bishop Jackson was an invited speaker, not a spokesman for SCOP. We endorse not his every word, but his credibility as a worthwhile contributor to the discussion about marriage. As SCOP noted in the Notre Dame Marriage Petition, "We ... affirm the inherent dignity and special vocation of every human being" and we have never understood the definition of a human being to be in any way affected by same-sex attraction. Then again, neither does Bishop Jackson, and we are troubled that PrismND so uncharitably interprets his words. PrismND claims that this Evangelical clergyman has acted contrary to the teaching of the Catholic Church, appropriating a recent remark by Pope Francis in support of this view. SCOP does not object to its critics' use of religious argumentation on principle, but we must ask: Would Pope Francis carelessly misinterpret the words of a fellow Christian as a discussion that "degrades the lives of those who identify as GLBTQ?"

I do not claim to be wise in the ways of the world, but I have lived in Washington, D.C. There, in a city still sharply divided by de facto segregation, I had the privilege of meeting heroic women who had overcome early and persistent sexual abuse and drug addictions with the help and support of Evangelical Christian communities. These good women came from fatherless families and continued the cycle of bearing children out of wedlock into terribly unsafe and unstable circumstances. They would be the first to say that their children deserve a society that promotes the right of every child to be raised by his or her mother and father, a society that makes such a situation possible, even likely.

I do not know Bishop Jackson's circumstances. I do not share the experiences that lead him to phrase things as he does, but I consider the possibility that he may speak as one from a field hospital trying to stop the bleeding in a society whose marriage culture is decimated, whose children too often go without fathers. This makes me hesitate to suggest — based on one comment in relation to a movement he thinks would exacerbate the problem by redefining marriage — that he does not "keep in mind that behind the issue are GLBTQidentifying people who hold God-given dignity."

Moving forward, if we are to conduct any academic discourse at all on this campus, we must realize that to criticize (however well or ineptly) an action, a lifestyle or a concept is not the same as demeaning a person. Easy examples of what the latter looks like were offered by Bishop Jackson in his discussion of the Civil Rights Movement. While one should not intentionally hurt the feelings of another person, one's primary commitment as a student and a scholar is to pursue the truth, not to accommodate sincerely held views to the dictates of a self-appointed board of censors. If criticisms are equated with deliberate harm, it is difficult to see how the academic life is possible. Come, let us reason together.

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The campus that cries wolf

Mark Gianfalla Pledging Gamma Omicron Pi

Much like the United States itself, Notre Dame is a dynamic melting pot where people of varying backgrounds connect to offer insight into various cultures and ideologies. Also not unique to Notre Dame is its students' tendency to cry wolf all too often in response to campus activism. It is no secret that the College Republicans (of which I am the president) is hosting Ann Coulter as our Lincoln Day Speaker this Thursday, that a group of students published the "I, Too, Am Notre Dame" photo blog and that a group of students formed a new campus None of these accusations and objections is sound, yet a vocal, hypocritical minority is behind these baseless claims aimed at liberalizing the student body and misinforming Our Lady's students.

Our club's decision to host Ann Coulter is simple: no other speaker is capable of bringing the same level of relatable energy and attention to the social conservative platform that is at the core of Catholic Social Teaching and our club's mission; i.e. traditional marriage and abortion, to name a few. Those who have spoken out against our hosting of Miss Coulter have falsely stated, aside from accusing our club of intentional polarization, that she is a racist and encourages hatred. best-selling author, journalist and juris doctor, has never used the N-word to my knowledge, yet Mike Jones has a song titled "Type of N***a you Need" and he raps other racial slurs. Ann Coulter, who often addresses inner-city poverty and radical Islam, speaks to real issues based on history and fact, yet gets attacked by campus minority groups instead of a rapper who openly uses racially derogative language just for the sake of entertainment and record sales.

Additionally, the College Republicans' invitation of a conservative figure to speak to a conservative club is not polarizing. The outspoken opposition and demonstration are, in fact, the polarizing reactions. The "I, Too, Am Notre Dame" photo blog, which accuses members of the Notre Dame student body of being racist (without proof that these racist statements ever took place) is a much more polarizing project, not surprisingly supported by racial special interest clubs whose own racially exclusive names and mission statements are much more polarizing and discriminatory than any speaker invitation. With that said, I want to highlight a specific quote by the blog's founder from the April 3 article in The Observer detailing the blog: "If you were to take this project, respond to it negatively and move backwards, that would be a problem." Another student involved in the blog told The Observer that although she has heard people call the project "attention-seeking" or "unnecessary," she believes the blog strikes at the heart of issues of diversity of Notre Dame. The BSA is supporting this blog project via their

listserv (BSA listserv email dated March 24), yet have reacted negatively to and are planning on demonstrating against Miss Coulter's visit, which strikes at the core of Notre Dame itself: a conservative, Catholic university. The axe swings both ways.

SCOP, another club at the center of recent attacks, is being wrongfully persecuted for supporting something that the University's Catholic identity already represents: the unitive and procreative nature of heterosexual marriage. This club has unfortunately been painted as a group of homophobes by outspoken liberal groups that favor the overtaking of the University's Catholic identity in order to secularize it in favor of supporting gay marriage. Although I have no involvement with SCOP, I empathize with the wrongful outcry against this group for standing for unpopular conservative ideology. Those in favor of traditional marriage are not contributing to the devastation of gay persons' dignity as suggested in numerous Observer Viewpoint articles and social media outcries. Eventually, the liberal minority will have used all of its opportunities to reputably oppose actions and issues on campus; and they will have all been used unscrupulously in situations like these.

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group named SCOP, or Students for Child-Oriented Policy.

In the day and age where media relays information faster than ever, it is no surprise that news of these happenings spreads like wildfire around campus. However, the reactions that followed and surrounded these announcements is actually more telling of the University's student body.

As the president of the College Republicans, I have been the center of attacks as well as interviews focusing on the question, "Why Coulter?" Our club has been accused of intentionally polarizing the student body, and the founders of SCOP have been accused of fostering the degradation of those identifying as GLBTQ. There have even been murmurs of a demonstration against Ann Coulter and our club's decision to host her, planned by racially exclusive special interest clubs.

I would like to lead your attention to two events on campus that went unnoticed and without criticism in the same light, one of which was even promoted by one of the organizations planning to demonstrate against Miss Coulter.

On March 28, the rap artist Mike Jones performed at Legends on campus. The week before, the "I, Too, Am Notre Dame" photo blog launched, promoted and supported by the Black Student Association (BSA). The BSA, along with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, have been vocally opposed to the College Republicans' hosting of Ann Coulter on terms including her being racially offensive, and have been planning a demonstration in opposition to the event Thursday. However, when Mike Jones performed at Legends, no such demonstration or outrage existed. Ann Coulter, a

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JPRGS GOING GLOBAL

Jimmy Kemper Scene Writer

Once upon a time, long ago (three whole decades), a Japanese company named Squaresoft made some of the first roleplaying video games that took the world by storm. Known as JRPGs (for "Japanese roleplaying games") Squaresoft's roleplaying video games involved players controlling a protagonist in a story-based game, often set in a fantastical world. Today, that company is known as Square Enix, but the brand has not stopped developing games, some still JRPGs.

One of those video games, titled "Bravely Default," is an excellently-produced JRPG that sold more than 200,000 copies in its first three weeks in the United States after its release in 2012. Sales numbers can be deceptive or hard to put into context, and this may be catastrophic for an AAA home console game such as "Call of Duty" or "Grand Theft Auto." But for a handheld Japanese roleplaying game, however, the numbers are outstanding and surprising.

In a recent interview with Japanese magazine Nikkei Trendy, Square Enix president Yosuke Matsuda commented on the unexpected success of "Bravely Default" in western markets.

"Fans of JRPGs are really spread around the world," Yosuke Matsuda said, "For the new games we'll be developing from this point on while this may sound a bit extreme, we've been talking about making them as heavy JRPGs."

By "heavy JRPGs," Matsuda means genuine,

traditional roleplaying games, which the company has been attempting to move away from in unsuccessful attempts to reach a global market in recent years. This makes the success of "Bravely Default," a real JRPG, all the more surprising.

Still, many Japanese developers are currently struggling in the roleplaying game market, even within Japan. What's needed is for these developers to take a closer look at the global gaming landscape and realize that there is an unbelievable demand for JRPGs. It's amazing that Square Enix and a number of other Japanese developers have been so hesitant to expand on the worldwide success of their JRPGs. In fact, most developers simply appear to not be concerned with their global audience.

For instance, Japanese developer From Software produced "Dark Souls," one of 2011's most critically acclaimed games. The game received an 89/100 on the Metacritic scores for both its PS3 and Xbox 360 versions and was a financial hit as well, selling more than 1.19 million units in just the U.S. and European markets.

Nintendo's Pokémon JRPGs have always been incredibly prosperous as well, with the most recent games, "X" and "Y," selling over 12 million copies worldwide.

With so much profit to be had over here in the west, the apathetic attitude of most Japanese developers is almost unfathomable, yet they still continue to ignore these markets. Sega is another example of this disengagement. Two years ago, the company promised that "Phantasy Star Online 2" would come west in early 2013, but silence is the only thing they've given the western market since. Square Enix's "Final Fantasy Type-0," announced back in 2006, still has not made it over here either, though it was released in Japanese markets in 2011.

Even the games that do arrive in the west take an absurdly long time to make it. Games like "Tales of Symphonia Chronices" have taken months after their Japanese release to reach western gamers, while many others do not even have a release date.

When Japanese developers have tried to appeal to western audiences, they have gone about it with an "Americans don't get it" mentality, trying to make games more global. This has proven to be a resounding failure. Konami tried to create a Castlevania game that attracted American gamers with "Lords of Shadows 2," but it was nothing but a disappointment, flopping both critically and financially.

This regional approach is not good for Japanese developers, and it has definitely been damaging. Developers need to realize that Americans want more than their latest football game or military simulator, and are prepared for "heavy RPGs." Hopefully now that Square Enix is planning to give more attention to their American consumer base, other companies will follow suit.

There are a slew of incredible JRPGs set to come out this next year, from "Final Fantasy XV" to "Persona V," and it would be great if these publishers finally gave the western world the consideration (and games) we've been waiting for.

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By ALLIE TOLLAKSEN Scene Editor

After a streak of smart and successful programs on Comedy Central, including new acclaimed shows "Broad City" and "Review," the network appears to have made a mis-

of anti-humor and absurdity they can't exercise in regular roles. Late-night animation means anything goes: there are infinite possibilities in animation and no face to associate with such offensive and appalling jokes. This combination with such a brilliant group of comedians seems like it should be an unwavering success, but "TripTank" didn't hit the mark. The issue was not the gore, filth or offensiveness; the problem was that, for the most part, the show simply wasn't funny. Most skits felt more self-indulgent than humorous, as if their creators were simply reveling in the possibilities brought on by the anything-goes style. Like preteen sneaking a car for a joyride, it may be plenty of fun for the kid, but no one is enjoying his driving. Continuing with the self-indulgent feel of "TripTank" was show's overemphasized self-awareness. Every few skits cut back to "TripTank" employees in the office, who take calls of complaints about the skits. The act of poking fun at itself and anticipating a negative response seemed funny at first, but becomes too frequent in the show. The recurring bit is also an opportunity to really take a jab at those who take offense at the show or the show's creators itself, but complainers instead are just as awful as everyone else on the show. These skits end up self-congratulating and self-encouraging instead, and the joke is on us for expecting anything else.

diverse, interesting and often the best part of a skit. While the skits are distractingly jumpy and scattered, the variety of animation was the plus side. From classic "Loony Tunes"style to computer animation to a "Napoleon Dynamite"esque aesthetic in the office skits, it was at least entertaining to see the range of animation, the distortion of childhood cartoons and the show's take on the grossly-detailed, unappealing style seen on other adult cartoons like "Rick and Morty" or "Beavis and Butthead." A few skits stood out as gems as well, though almost drowned in a sea of nonsense. A skit in which two bees try to determine whether they're killer bees and go out on a violent murdering spree was short and clever enough. A skit in which a doctor tells a mother her son has been in a terrible accident sings, "So make another boy!" and another skit, in which parents describe "the birds and the bees" to their young son and take the metaphor too far are two examples of how "TripTank" has the potential to be funny rather than simply shocking. What makes "TripTank" so upsetting is that I want so badly for it to be funny. It has network and team of comedians too good to simply be played in background of a faded night. While the show's format has clearly been an exercise so far in pushing limits, it also has the potential to be something better. But for now, "TripTank" is, disappointingly, just okay.

step with the premiere of its new cartoon show "TripTank."

The show's pilot, which aired April 2, jumps immediately into a bizarre, self-aware cartoon world with a short attention span and some seriously disturbing imagery. Jumping from one twisted, trippy animated skit to another, it becomes clear within the show's first few minutes that "TripTank" is a response to the success of Cartoon Network's Adult Swim shows, like "Robot Chicken" and the new "Rick and Morty." Like these shows, "TripTank" is violent, wildly inappropriate and entirely nonsensical, appealing to the adult crowd that is awake late (and likely not sober).

Responsible for this half-hour slot of chaos is a team of incredibly talented comedians, including Zach Galifianakis, Kyle Kinane, Wayne Brady, Bob Odenkirk, Kumail Nanjiani, Wayne Brady and Larry David. Each is responsible for writing or voicing one of the dozens of gruesome skits, which include a rocket ship that cheerily, irresponsibly brings children to space without spacesuits and a homeless, schizophrenic talk show host, tastelessly propagating any and all stereotypes about mental illness and homelessness.

It is clear that these comedians are taking a stab at a level $\ensuremath{\mathsf{EMILY}}$ Hoffmann | The Observer

Despite a largely unfunny pilot, there is some definite raw potential for "TripTank." First of all, the animation was

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By JAY MICHUDA Scene Writer

Since its formation in 2009 until its most recent album release this year, Washington D.C. group Animals as Leaders has completely changed the way most people view metal music. The band's lack of vocals, use of dynamic (9/7 to free time, anyone?) time signatures and jazz-fusion elements make them unique to say the least. In fact, they helped pioneer a new genre of music that is quickly gaining popularity: djent (pronounced "jent"), a progressive style of heavy metal. However, while the term djent is being overused to describe a myriad of progressive metal bands that currently exist, Animals as Leaders, with its newly-released album "The Joy of Motion" is so much more.

The group's first self-titled album was released in 2009 and quickly captured the attention of metal and nonmetal fans alike through their technical, lyrical melodies juxtaposed with dark, heavy chugging chords that drive and define their music. Behind what some may claim to be "just noise" lies proof of a thorough comprehension of music theory by Tosin Abasi, the groups lead guitarist and frontman, who — prior to the bands creation rejected an offer for a solo album by Prosthetic Records in order to return to music school. What emerged a year later was one of the greatest guitarists of our time.

Unfortunately, music embedded with complex music theory can often be dismissed as "showy" (see: jazz), and many musicians who are capable of playing lightningfast riffs lose their audience because they feel the need to fill bars with superfluous 32nd notes, losing any sort of musicality or expression in the process. However, the brilliance of Animals emerges from a careful balance of technical prowess and pure expression. Their second album, "Weightless," displays this perfectly. Under the same style as the first album, the group introduced more separation between the driving chords and the soaring melodies that have grown to define the band. Its use of space and time is masterfully executed, creating in some spots a feeling of almost suffocating under a dark, heavy weight, only to have it lifted and being given a breath of fresh air. Listening to the solos, you get the feeling of guitar legends Joe Satriani or Steve Vai with a more complex twist.

As a listener, you are almost are afraid that somehow they will mess something up; there is no way a band can keep doing this well while continuing to release new music. Pre-release chatter of the introduction of vocals raised a substantial amount of controversy in their fan base. However, Abasi has proven himself again to be a creative powerhouse, and still without the use of vocals. "The Joy of Motion" is the next installment in their already powerful repertoire, gracing us with 12 new songs to play until our ears bleed. Again, they use the same style they have in their previous two albums, but with a new twist: the focus this time is on rhythmic experimentation, which results in an album with more drive and intensity than their previous two. From here we can fully understand the title of "The Joy of Motion." By intentionally removing a lot of the space and virtuosic guitar solos that normally appear in their music, they generate and explore a feeling of constant forward movement. The end product is a lush and complex "soundscape" where you can discover new ideas or motifs with consecutive listens. It's definitely a slightly heavier departure from their normal style, which isn't a bad thing at all.

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For me, this album was a great listen, and although rhythmic emphasis normally isn't that appealing to me, I always enjoy hearing to the unique new concepts these guys can put out. I'm also interested to see where the group will go next, as they have consistently developed a creative force, bringing something new to the table. Even if metal isn't your thing, I would recommend Animals as Leaders, especially their earlier work, and when you do, there are two routes you can take when you listen to Animals: The first is to go nuts and jam out to their heavy riffs. The second (and probably more common method) is to sit back and actually listen to what they're playing.

Whichever you choose, there's really no way you can go wrong.

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"The Joy of Motion" Animals as Leaders

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Scene Writer

Writers have many ways of approaching poetry. Some come at it from a more tender, sappy angle, while others are more abstract. Poetry is a tough writing style to tackle: It is a process that requires putting your own feelings out onto the line, in hopes they will be described accurately. At times, this is troublesome, but poets have a gift of telling the world just how they feel in a moment with precision and beauty. In the case of poet Andrea Gibson, her work approaches you with the force of a train, no holds barred.

Andrea Gibson, who will be performing a Saint Mary's College on Thursday, not only uses her poetry as an art form, but also as an outlet for activism, performing poems about controversial topics. Her work, which mainly comes in the form of spoken word poetry, deals with topics of an impressively wide range, including war, sexuality, gender, spirituality and bullying. Gibson has also written and released five full-length albums of spoken word poetry, including her best selling "Flower Boy," and two books of poetry. She was the firstever winner of the Women's World Poetry Slam, and has been featured on CNN, Free Speech TV and C-Span. In 2010, her poetry was read by a state representative in lieu of morning prayer at the Utah State Legislature.

All of the words in Gibson's poems are meaningful, colliding with each other in a conglomerate of sincerity and brutality. Her poetry is raw and real, provoking deep though no matter the subject, all the while making deep personal connections to the reader or listener. One of her most popular poems, "Jellyfish," displays this unique connection of words about love: "My heart is a runway/I've been staring at the sky since my love took off/Will you be my friend? Will you punch me in the tough just once/I need to reset my bones, swingset my ribcage, so the next time someone pushes me away, I'll push right back ..."

Another poem, "I Sing The Body Electric, Especially When My Power's Out," deals with self image: "She said, our kneecaps are our prayer beds/Everyone can walk better on their kneecaps than they can on their feet." The diversity of Gibson's work is what makes her such a unique poet for the modern day: she does not just stick to just one subject.

Saint Mary's College has been participating in PRIDE week this week, which raises awareness for issues in the LGBTQ community. Events have included a student panel, tie-dying t-shirts and signing an Ally banner in support of the LGBT community. Saint Mary's College is fortunate enough to host Gibson in Carroll Auditorium of Madeleva Hall as part of this week, and her poetry and presence is sure to amaze and inspire. This event is free and open to the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross community.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Baseball brings best time of year



with "Q."

America has made it through about a week of baseball so far, and what a joyous time it has been.

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Assistant Managing Editor

Spring has even attempted to take over South Bend, so in the interest of staying positive, here are the top-5 best things about having baseball back in our lives.

5. Baseball means good weather

It might come back slowly and painfully, but darn it, it will be here. There is hope. 4. All sports, all the time

Now that baseball season is underway again, there are sports on all the time. And it's not exclusively reporters trying to fill airtime with speculation and ill-advised commentary. There are games happening all day long, every day to break things up. Don't be alarmed: This is awesome.

It might take some adjustment to get back in the swing of following sports at such a frenetic pace, and humility will be required to acknowledge that you cannot watch every single one of your team's favorite games, but we will all get there. Consider March Madness to be a warmup and remember to support your fellow fans.

3. Historic events

If you miss a game, don't sweat it. Your team will play tomorrow. Even if something historic happens, and you miss the game, something monumental will happen again soon - at least according to the various sports statistics bureaus.

Let's say you miss the first perfect game of the season. That's O.K., because tomorrow, someone might very well break the record for most hits ever in a game on a Thursday afternoon by a player whose name starts with "Q."

I have to admit, I enjoy

I like to wake up in the morning knowing that ESPN will probably have history to report by the end of the day, and only baseball provides that sort of confidence.

2. Hope

Your team could still win it all. After the first couple weeks of a football season, some teams are inevitably ruled out of the playoff picture, if not mathematically, then at least through common sense.

Baseball, however, promotes blind and enduring hope deep into the season. Is your team 20 games out of first in July? There's a lot of baseball left to play.

Disclaimer: The type of hope mentioned above is unreasonable and possibly unhealthy, but technically, there is still a lot of baseball left to play in July. It's hard to argue with that logic.

Right now, the best part is, we haven't even gotten to May yet, so every team is still in it.

This point aside, some people fall on the opposite end of the hope spectrum. Even though there are hundreds of games left to play, if your team is in first place, you probably feel pretty good about yourself because winning that Opening-Day game sure makes it seem like your team is going to win the World Series-because, obviously.

1. A serious reason

Baseball is, in some ways, an odd duck in today's sporting world. Each team plays 162 games, and even dedicated fans have to miss a large portion of those. The game seems slow and consequently outdated in a culture that puts a premium on instant gratification and has a short attention span.

But the contests that happen in between each pitch is unparalleled. Watching a baseball game forces a person to take stock of the most minute details, and that's a powerful exercise.

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Hudson leads Giants to win

Associated Press

Michael Morse hit a two-run single to back Tim Hudson as each made memorable home debuts with their new team, and Brandon Belt hit a two-run homer for the San Francisco Giants in a 7-3 win against the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday.

Hudson (2-0) shut down the D-backs for the second time in seven days with an eightinning gem in his first outing at AT&T Park since agreed to a \$23 million, two-year contract in November.

Belt's drive off Trevor Cahill (0-3) gave him five homers and the Giants a majors-leading 12.

New Giants left fielder Morse emphatically pumped his fist at first base after a third-inning

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double in the fifth.

San Francisco scored four runs with two outs.

Belt became the first Giants player since Jose Cruz Jr. in 2003 to hit five home runs through the first eight games.

Nine months after ending his 2013 season with a broken right ankle, Hudson followed up 7 2-3 scoreless innings at Arizona last Wednesday with impressive outing. He allowed three runs - two earned - and seven hits with four strikeouts and no walks in a 101-pitch performance.

He stayed strong into the late innings, getting through a perfect, seven-pitch seventh with six strikes and a trio of groundballs.

Arizona has now dropped

single, then added a two-out four openers this season. The Diamondbacks lost in Australia to the Dodgers, at home to the Giants, and at Coors Field.

"Can we get one more in?" D-backs manager Kirk Gibson quipped.

Mark Trumbo failed to homer, ending his streak of games with home runs at four, which tied the club record. He also lost the ball in left-center on Morse's double.

Brandon Crawford followed with a two-run single.

Cahill, who received no runs of support in his first two starts, gave up five runs and eight hits in 32-3 innings.

Brandon Hicks earned the start at second base for the Giants and had a firstinning error that led to Arizona's first run.

Orioles route Yanks on road

Associated Press

After a week of popups, the Baltimore Orioles showed off real pop.

Delmon Young, Adam Jones and Matt Wieters homered as Baltimore teed off for 20 hits, battering the New York Yankees 14-5 Tuesday.

"It was a lot of fun," reigning major league home run champion Chris Davis said. "It was a long game. It was long — in a good way."

After a 2-5 start in which they totaled just 22 runs, the Orioles broke loose. Young and Wieters each drove in three runs, and Jones delivered one of Baltimore's four doubles at a half-empty Yankee Stadium.

Everyone in Baltimore's starting lineup got a hit and scored a run. The Orioles posted their second-highest hit total in the Bronx, eclipsed only by a 22-hit outburst in 1986.

"Everybody's trying to find it right now," Davis said. "It felt good, as an offense, to score some runs."

By the late innings, the game took on a spring training feel. The Yankees pulled several starters and the oftendemanding crowd didn't even bother to boo while the Birds

ran around the bases.

There was a big cheer, however, when two fans sprinted onto the grass and were tackled in the outfield by a wave of security personnel.

Jones said it was "stupid" for anyone to trespass on the field and said the punishment should be harsh.

"They should let us have a shot to kick 'em with our metal spikes," the All-Star center fielder said.

Wei-Yin Chen (1-1) weathered five innings for the win, giving up four runs and nine hits.

Ivan Nova (1-1) was tagged for seven runs and 10 hits in 3 2-3 innings.

For all the big hits, it was a little grounder that helped things get out of hand at the start.

After Nick Markakis led off the game with a single, Young followed with a bouncer up the middle. Many shortstops in the majors could've turned it into a double play, but 39-year-old Derek Jeter couldn't quite get to it and the ball skipped under his glove for a single.

"He dove. He did everything he could to make that play." Yankees manager Joe Girardi said.

homer of the season for a 3-0 lead. The Orioles chased Nova with a three-run fourth that made it 7-1 and added four more in the sixth.

Alfonso Soriano and Kelly Johnson hit solo home runs for the Yankees. Rookie Yangervis Solarte struck again, too, with a pair of doubles — he's 11 for 24 overall.

Solarte is the first player since 1900 with at least six doubles in the first seven games of his career, the Yankees said, citing the Elias Sports Bureau.

Young was 1 for 6 this season before manager Buck Showalter gave him this start. The designated hitter had an RBI single in the fourth that finished Nova and added his first homer, a two-run drive in the sixth. Wieters connected in the eighth.

Ryan Flaherty also had three hits for the Orioles after starting the year in a 1-for-21 rut. One of his hits was an early bunt single when Francisco Cervelli, a catcher making his first professional appearance at first base, ranged too far wide and in to field the ball.

reading some of the absurdly specific "records" that baseball statisticians track. It makes every day feel special and historic, and I can tell my kids someday that I was alive when someone set the record for most hits ever in a game on a Thursday afternoon by a player whose name starts

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Davis followed with a sacrifice fly, and Jones hit his first

Steve Lombardozzi, Flaherty and Jonathan Schoop, the bottom three hitters in Baltimore's lineup, started out 6 for 6.



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SMC TENNIS

Belles to take on Albion in matchup of unbeatens

By ALEX CARSON Sports Writer

Saint Mary's has its eyes set on a big win today as it travels to Albion for a matchup of two teams undefeated in conference play.

The Belles (6-4, 2-0 MIAA) have already tallied a 9-0 win over Olivet and an 8-1 victory against Trine, and head coach Dale Campbell said a win over the Britons (10-1, 4-0) would be important in his team's pursuit of a top-four spot and berth in the conference tournament.

"A win in this match would be tremendous," Campbell said. "[Albion] has beaten us in consecutive years so a win would be huge. Most importantly I want to get better but it's time for a big win.

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would come, but a win over Albion would get us out in front of many teams battling for tournament spots."

We don't care in what form it

Last time out, on April 1, the Belles dropped an 8-1 decision to preseason NAIA No. 16 Indiana Wesleyan, but Campbell said he took some positives from the defeat.

"We faced a lot of pace, solid serves and just all-around good players," Campbell said. "If we can provide that pressure to other teams, serve better, return better and move as if we are playing against pace all of the time, it will help us to get comfortable against solid opponents. [The match] gave us some experience of what we will see moving forward."

Today's contest starts a

busy stretch for the Belles, who will play three matches over the next four days and five over the next nine. Campbell said, however, that his team is taking things one step at a time.

"We will just focus one day at a time, get some good preparation, play a match, prepare, play, in that order," Campbell said. "It's important to have a good routine, a good warm-up and a consistent mental approach to play your best every day."

The Belles take the court in Albion, Mich., against the Britons today at 4 p.m. before returning home for Thursday and Saturday home matches against Bethel and Alma.

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Six home runs power White Sox past Rockies

Associated Press

DENVER - Jose Abreu and Avisail Garcia each hit two of Chicago's six homers, powering the White Sox to a 15-3 win over the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday night.

Jose Quintana pitched seven sharp innings, and Tyler Flowers and Alexei Ramirez also went deep for the first time this season. The White Sox had six total home runs before the fireworks in this one at hitterfriendly Coors Field.

The long balls were the first of the season for both Garcia and Abreu, the Cuban slugger who signed a \$68 million, six-year contract in October. Garcia finished with four hits and three RBIs, while Abreu had a three-

Once Morales was pulled, Chicago went to work against Colorado's relievers, with Chad Bettis giving up a homer in the seventh and Wilton Lopez serving up three more in the eighth, including back-to-back shots by Garcia and Ramirez.

Lopez's line wasn't pretty: six runs, eight hits and three homers while getting just two outs. He was booed as he walked off the mound by the smattering of fans that remained.

Michael Cuddyer had a double and a solo homer off Quintana. Troy Tulowitzki added an RBI double.

The Rockies juggled their lineup to give several starters the day off, including Carlos Gonzalez and streaking Charlie Blackmon. Tulowitzki run homer in the seventh and a was in the field a day after being taken out with a tight right quadriceps.

Pirates 7, Cubs 6

CHICAGO — The Pirates had a four-run lead in the first inning and were up two runs after five.

Both times the Cubs came back, with Starlin Castro providing much of the power.

In the end, the Pirates were finally able to shut down Chicago.

Pedro Alvarez had two hits and two RBIs, and Russell Martin drove in the goahead run on a sacrifice fly in the eighth inning as Pittsburgh beat the Cubs 7-6 on Tuesday night.

Jason Grilli closed with a perfect ninth for his second save in three chances.

"We just kept playing,"

CLUB SPORTS

Irish post strong weekend results

Special to The Observer

Gymnastics Club competed at the 2014 NAIGC Nationals in Chattanooga, Tenn., in the women's open division on Thursday. Sophomore Mary Faurot competed in her first Nationals and received a score of 4.4 on the balance beam and a score of 5.0 on the floor exercise. Graduate student Erin Bela also competed in her first Nationals, competing on the uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise. Erin received a 3.2 on the uneven bars, 5.8 on the balance beam and a 5.1 on the floor exercise. Senior Emily Siebert competed in her final Nationals meet on vault, balance beam and floor exercise. She received an 8.1 on vault, 9.0 on beam and a 9.5 floor. Emily tied for 13th on vault, placed first on the balance beam and tied for first on the floor exercise in the women's open division.

Men's Rowing Club

This past weekend the Notre Dame men's rowing team traveled to San Diego, to compete at the 41st annual San Diego Crew Classic. The event, hailed as the first major regatta of the year, draws thousands of rowers from more than 100 universities, clubs and highschool programs. Racing for the Irish began early Saturday, when the varsity 8+ raced their heat for Men's Collegiate Cal Cup. Conditions were fair with low wind and calm water. Finishing the 2,000-meter race with a time of 6:24.6 earned the Irish a fourth-place finish in the heat and a spot in the Petite Final, falling short of the Grand Final to the University of San Diego and MIT by just more than three seconds. The novice team began its weekend racing in the Men's Collegiate novice 8, finishing third in its heat with a time 6:18.4 and earning a spot in their Petite Final before falling short of the Grand Final to the University of California and the University of California-Santa Barbara. Later on Saturday, the novice 8 went on to win the Petite Final with a time of 6:40.6, earning them a seventh place finish in their event overall. On Sunday morning, the varsity 8 raced in their Petite Final, finishing third with a time of 6:21.2 and earning a ninth-place finish in the event overall. The Men's Collegiate novice 8 and the Men's Collegiate varsity 8 events were won by the University of California and Grand Valley State University, respectively.

Golf Club

The club golf team played this weekend in the first Great Lakes Divisional Tournament of the spring at the University of Illinois golf course. Notre Dame placed third and fourth for the A and B teams, respectively. The club had three players place individually with Will Murphy in third, sophomore Brian Miller in fourth and junior Wes Greene in eighth.

Cycling Club

The Irish looked to take on the MWCCC once again in a single day criterium event hosted by Ripon College in Ripon, Wis. The course was tremendously challenging, featuring kicker hills and a sweeping fast descent. The racing started around noon when freshman Sarah Cullen and freshman Emma-Kate Conlin participated in the women's B/C field. The field quickly shredded itself, but the Irish women held steady. Cullen placed second and Conlin took sixth. The final event of the day was the men's A race. Junior Jim Snitzer, senior Luke Tilmans and junior John Pratt took the line against some of the top riders in the midwest, themselves included. Despite the hills, not many riders were shelled from this field. Eventually, though, after a couple of attacks, several riders were able to get up the road. Snitzer and Tilmans found themselves in 10th and 11th, respectively, at the finish line. Pratt finished 24th.

Next weekend, MWCCC action comes to South Bend for the annual Notre Dame Collegiate Cycling Classic.

Women's Rugby

On Saturday, the women's rugby team beat Davenport University 22-15 at a charity game at Stinson Rugby Field. The Irish raised money for the Kay Yow foundation, which funds breast cancer research. The game began with an Irish score by senior Anna Fraser, but Davenport answered with a try of their own before the break. With the score tied at the beginning of the half, the Irish made a huge drive down the field, which ended with Saint Mary's freshman Bella Bianco. However, the Panthers came back with two more tries. The Irish were down 15-10 with 10 minutes left in the game when they made a break and sophomore Katie Loughran scored once more. Junior Claire Kozlowski made the point-after kick to put the Irish ahead 17-15. Notre Dame didn't stop there and, with five minutes left it broke through again when senior Leah Fisher scored the final try of the game.

two-run shot an inning later.

Marcus Semien also had four of Chicago's 19 hits.

Quintana (1-0) bottled up Colorado most of the night, allowing five hits and two runs. He struck out four. The lefthander appeared ready to pitch the eighth, but after the White Sox batted around, scoring six times, Quintana was removed for a reliever.

Franklin Morales (0-1) gave up six runs and two homers in 6 1-3 innings. Morales was essentially pitching to keep his spot in the rotation, especially with Jordan Lyles (2-0) off to a strong start and Tyler Chatwood (hamstring) soon returning from the disabled list.

Tulowitzki looked a little tentative running out a grounder in the first inning and again in the fourth. He easily trotted to second on his RBI double in the sixth, which made it 4-2.

The smooth-fielding shortstop said before the game he felt a slight twinge in his leg in the cool weather Monday and was taken out as a precaution. Tulowitzki has a history of leg ailments, and the Rockies plan to play it safe.

Asked if the tweak was at all a concern, Tulowitzki said: "If I play it smart and do the stuff that I need to do before the game, I think I'll be fine."

Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said. "It's not about what's not happening. It's about what we've got to do next. That's just the way we kept going. It was a fist fight off the mound for us most of the night. We executed extremely well in the first inning on offense and kept building innings."

Cubs reliever Pedro Strop (0-1) walked two batters in the eighth and recorded only one out before being replaced by left-hander James Russell. Russell walked Alvarez to load the bases and Martin followed with a fly ball to right field that made it 7-6.

SMC LACROSSE | HOPE 16, SMC 10

Belles denied in first bid at consecutive wins

Observer Staff Report

After a home win against the Illinois Tech on Saturday, Saint Mary's came up short with a 16-10 loss against Hope in Tuesday night's matchup.

The Belles (1-8, 0-2 MIAA) committed numerous fouls and turnovers in the opening minutes of the game as the Flying Dutch took a 1-0 lead. Freshman midfield Aubrey Golembieski responded with an unassisted goal only minutes later to put Saint Mary's on the board.

Hope strung together a series of three goals before Golembieski would net another score. The Flying Dutch struck back and rallied with four more goals to take an 8-2 lead.

Golembieski combated Hope's offensive strike throughout the first half, scoring three of the four goals for the Belles in the period. The remaining goal was scored by sophomore defenseman Sarah Neeser. The half ended with Hope establishing a 12-4 lead, taking 11 of 17 draw controls, 11 of 15 ground balls and unleashing 23 shots to the Belles' 10.

The Flying Dutch scored two more goals within the first two minutes of play after the break. Saint Mary's countered with two goals of its own, scored by Golembieski and freshman defenseman Jackie Loesch.

Hope responded with another pair of goals to secure a 16-6 lead. The Saint Mary's defense locked down the Flying Dutch offense and kept Hope off the scoreboard for the remainder of the game. In the final 20 minutes of play, the Belles' offense did its best to close the deficit.

Neeser tallied her second score of the night before Loesch scored two goals assisted by a pair of passes from sophomore attack Tess Guerrero, while freshman midfield Emilie Vanneste scored the final goal in the last 10 seconds of the game. Freshman goalie Stephanie Szymas ended the game with nine saves for Saint Mary's. The Belles return to conference action Saturday, when they will host Adrian at 1 p.m.

CAROLINE GENCO | The Observe

Belles sophomore defenseman Sarah Neeser, 22, crouches in a defensive stance in the Belles' 16-4 win over Illinois Tech on Saturday. Neeser scored two goals in a 16-10 loss to Hope on Tuesday. Neeser has started every game for the Belles in their inaugural season.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles prepare to take on Hope

Observer Staff Report

After coming out on top in their conference-opening games against Albion, the Belles look to remain unbeaten in the MIAA as they travel to play Hope today.

Saint Mary's (10-6, 2-0 MIAA) is currently ranked third in the conference behind second-place Hope (10-9, 4-0) and first-place Trine (20-1, 4-0). When the Belles faced the Flying Dutch last season, the teams split the games. Saint Mary's won the first competition, 3-1, before losing the second bout, 8-2.

Today's results will rely, in large part, on whether the Belles can out-hit Hope. The Belles have won nine out of 10 contests this season when winning the hits category. Saint Mary's has dropped five of six contests when losing the hits battle. Hope has racked up 99 hits in its 10 wins while delivering only 43 in nine losses.

Hope is currently on a four-game winning streak in which it has scored 35 runs while giving up only five runs. Sophomore outfielder Autumn Anderson, junior catcher Adalee Robertson, sophomore infielder Jenna Maury, junior infielder

Kelsey Cooper and junior infielder Peyton Wells lead the charge for the Flying Dutch. All five players are hitting .283 or above this season, while Wells and Maury also lead the team with 12 RBI apiece. On the mound, Hope's junior ace Natalie Hiser has won seven of her 10 starts and has posted a 2.31 ERA along with 58 strikeouts.

Anderson was an All-MIAA selection as a freshman last season, finishing fourth on the team in batting average and third in successful steals. In the Belles' victory over Hope last year, Anderson went 0-4 at the plate.

The Belles' will have to rely on the big bats of freshman infielder Caitlyn Migawa, sophomore infielder Kayla Chapman, senior pitcher Callie Selner and sophomore catcher Jillian Busfield, who are all hitting above .314. Busfield also leads the Belles with two homeruns and 12 RBI.

Winners of eight of their last 10 games, the Belles look to make their case as a legitimate MIAA title contender with a double-header against Hope tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

Softball

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The Irish will look to their offense to carry them to a win in Chapel Hill. Notre Dame is currently leading the NCAA with an average of 2.0 doubles per game and ranks 10th nationally in batting average. In the ACC, the Irish rank first in both categories, batting for a team average of .334 and compiling 60 doubles as a team.

The Irish have benefited a power surge from sophomore infielder Micaela Arizmendi, who has hit five home runs in her past 10 games and currently is tied for the team lead in home runs

with seven, sharing the mark with junior outfielder Emilee Koerner. Irish freshman Karley Wester will also be a player to watch against the Tar Heels, as she leads the Irish in batting average at .392 and in hits with 38. She also leads the team in stolen bases, with 16 out of Notre Dame's total of 45.

Much like the Irish, the Tar Heels also will be looking to generate some serious offense. North Carolina currently leads the ACC with 46 home runs and average 1.24 long-balls per game. Redshirt sophomore outfielder Jenna Kelly leads the team with 10 homeruns this season. Sophomore shortstop Kristen Brown leads the team with 31 runs scored and 36 runs batted in.

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Both teams also have strong pitching to match their offensive capabilities, particularly in their respective aces. Tar Heels senior Lori Spingola is currently 15-9 with a 2.91 ERA and has struck out 118 batters in 139.2 innings pitched. Irish senior Laura Winter currently sits at 14-4 with a 2.06 ERA as well as 147 strikeouts in 119 innings pitched.

The Irish will resume play Wednesday against the Tar Heels in Chapel Hill, N.C. First pitch of the first game is scheduled for 4 p.m., with game two tentatively scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

Baseball

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team did manage three hits through the first five frames. Notre Dame freshman catcher Ryan Lidge paced the offense, getting four hits in all four of his at-bats.

"He did great today," McCarty said. "He's just a freshman, but he is way ahead of his years, I think. He's been getting better each game and getting used to the pace of the college game. I think he's going to be a great player for us in the future."

Though he has started only three of the last six games for Notre Dame, Lidge has played in five.

"We definitely have a great chemistry," McCarty said. "Each game, we get kind of closer and closer. We get on the same page with location, and the chemistry has just continued to improve."

However, McCarty did acknowledge Lidge's need to work on his visits to the mound.

"[His mound conferences] are the place he most needs to improve, but he's a person I trust to do that," McCarty said. "We tend to just have a quick word and then he just kind of heads back to his spot and I head back to mine."

Though Lidge led the team in hits on the night, both Notre Dame freshman infielder Cavan Biggio and

Kutsulis had multi-hit games as well. Both players had two hits on the night.

From the other dugout, junior infielder Chase Matheson and senior designated hitter Nathan Poff accounted for Chicago State's two hits off of McCarty. Starting on the mound for the Cougars vesterday was junior pitcher Andrew Wellwerts. Wellwerts threw 5.2 innings and allowed all six of Notre Dame's runs.

Notre Dame returns to action tonight at Michigan, where the first pitch will be at 7 p.m. at Ray Fisher Stadium in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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Thunder K.O. Kings

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Caron Butler made all six of his 3-point attempts to finish with 23 points, and the Oklahoma City Thunder started the fourth quarter on a 16-0 run to pull away for a 107-92 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Tuesday night.

Kevin Durant scored 23 points but was never needed in the final quarter, stopping his streak of scoring at least 25 points in 41 consecutive games. Serge Ibaka added 19 points and four rebounds for the Thunder, who rested Russell Westbrook ahead of Wednesday night's game at the Los Angeles Clippers.

Thunder finally built a lead that stuck. Oklahoma City held Sacramento scoreless for nearly 6 minutes while grabbing control for good.

Butler made his sixth 3-pointer and Jeremy Lamb connected twice from beyond the arc, helping the Thunder build a 101-77 lead that played a role in the end one of the NBA's most impressive scoring streaks.

Durant had just surpassed Michael Jordan's 40-game streak of scoring at least 25 points. Only Oscar Robertson (46 straight games in 1963-64) and Wilt Chamberlain (all 80 regular-season games in the 1961-62 season) have done longer runs.

done during done during one game of back-to-back sets since Westbrook returned Feb. 20 following right knee surgery. Westbrook is expected to start against the Clippers on Wednesday night.

The Thunder got some relief with Thabo Sefolosha playing for the first time since injuring his left calf against Memphis on Feb. 28. He finished with two points and three rebounds in 16 minutes.

Sacramento, already among the conference's worst teams, played even more short-handed. Kings big man Reggie Evans and forward Rudy Gay sat out with back injuries, and point guard Isaiah Thomas missed his eighth straight game with a bruised right quadriceps. Oklahoma Citylooked every bit like the better and deeper team at the start. The Thunder surged ahead 9-0 in the first two minutes before Cousins brought the Kings back with his perimeter shot, slicing Oklahoma City's lead to 30-27 at the end of the first quarter. The Thunder began to pull away again with a 17-4 run in the second quarter propelled by Butler, who made all four of his 3-point attempts in the first half. Oklahoma City led 61-49 at intermission.

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Oklahoma City (56-21) is 11/2 games ahead of the Clippers (55-23) for the Western Conference's No. 2 playoff seed.

DeMarcus Cousins collected 24 points and 14 rebounds, and Travis Outlaw scored 24 points in Sacramento's third straight loss. Even with three regulars out with injuries, the Kings made the Thunder work through the first three quarters.

Oklahoma City built doubledigits leads throughout the game only to watch Sacramento surge back each time.

But with Durant on the bench to open the fourth quarter, the

Coming off losses at Memphis and Phoenix, Oklahoma City has plenty of bigger things to play for during the season's final two weeks.

The Thunder's once commanding lead over the Clippers for the second seed in the West has almost evaporated. They are 13-9 since the All-Star break, allowing San Antonio to run away with the top seed and the Clippers to close within striking distance.

With the matchup in Los Angeles looming large, Thunder coach Scott Brooks rested Westbrook - as he has

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setback against Notre Dame. Through their first 11 games they have relied on senior attackman Tyler Melnyk, who leads all Marquette scorers with 32 goals. Melynk, however, missed the game due to injury.

"[Melnyk's absence] didn't radically alter anything for us," Corrigan said. "They had to force a few more things, but it didn't change our game plan."

Irish senior midfielder and face-off man Liam O'Connor struggled with draws as he won just 11 of 20, well below his season average of 62 percent. Between the pipes, freshman goalie Shane Doss stopped just five shots for the Irish while giving up the seven tallies.

"We haven't been consistent enough at that end of the field all year," Corrigan said. "Decisionmaking, fundamentals, goaltending — it's not on one guy."

Notre Dame found itself in a tight match for most of the game, taking just a 4-2 lead into halftime. The Golden Eagles came out hot in the second half, with sophomore midfielder Kyle

Whitlow and freshman midfielder Ryan McNamara scoring in quick succession to open the second half. Both players scored two goals for Marquette to lead the team. After the teams traded goals in the third quarter to move the score to 7-6 Notre Dame, the Irish closed on a 5-1 run to seal the victory. Notre Dame's man-up unit that went 3-for-4 on the day.

"We've been really good at that all year," Corrigan said. "We have good personnel that are smart and patient with the opportunities they are given."

Notre Dame will now have another quick turnaround while it gets set to play its third game in eight days.

"We need to get our legs back under us and get our guys excited and confident, playing with good energy," Corrigan said. "We'll focus on the next game and continuing to get better as we go along."

The Irish will return home Saturday, when they play Robert Morris at 1 p.m. at Arlotta Stadium.

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Irish sophomore midfielder Trevor Brosco looks to get around a Duke defender in the Blue Devils' 15-7 de-

MLB | CARDINALS 7, REDS 5

Cardinals top rival Reds

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Lance Lynn dug another early hole. The St. Louis Cardinals offense climbed right out of it.

Lynn gave up three first-inning runs for the second straight time against the Cincinnati Reds, but again came away a winner. When he's on the mound, the other pitcher often suffers.

"There's no secret that he gets good run production," manager Mike Matheny said after the Cardinals rallied for a 7-5 victory on Tuesday night. "It's hard to explain with Lance. I think some guys just have a knack of being in the right place when we've got a lot of offensive support."

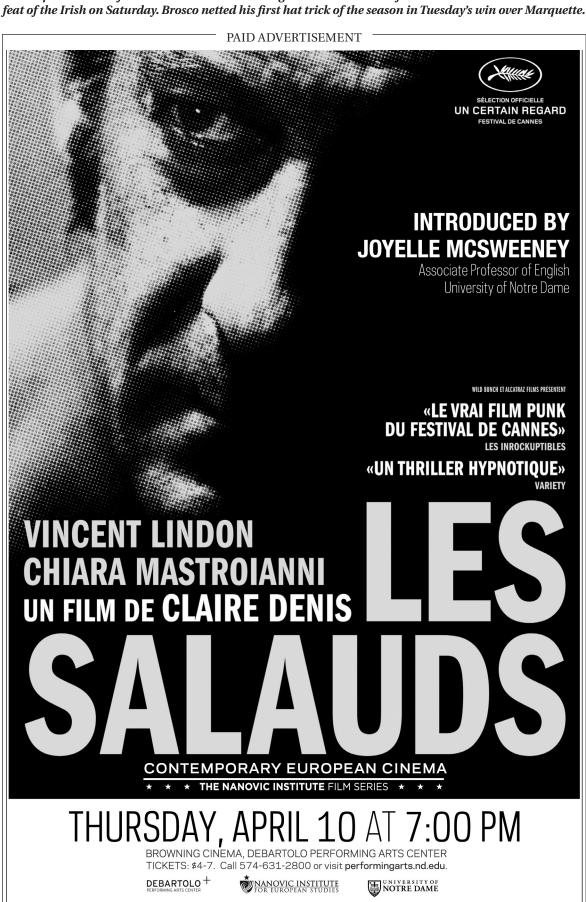
Matt Holliday hit a go-ahead two-run double in the sixth inning that glanced off right fielder and Ryan Ludwick had two RBIs for the Reds.

The Reds squandered a 4-0 second-inning lead by the bottom half of the inning. The Cardinals averaged 5.67 runs in Lynn's starts last year, third-most in the National League, and have scored seven both outings this year.

Trevor Rosenthal finished for his third save in three chances.

Bruce appeared to have a bead on Holliday's two-out drive with two on against Logan Ondrusek (0-1), but had to jump a bit at the last instant and the ball glanced off his glove as the Cardinals took a 6-5 lead. Bourjos added an RBI single in the seventh off J.J. Hoover.

Both starters scuffled, just as they did in the second game of the season in Cincinnati. Lynn has surrendered eight runs in 11 innings and Bailey has permitted eight runs on 16 hits and five walks in 91-3 innings.





Jay Bruce's glove on the warning track.

Yadier Molina homered and Peter Bourjos had three hits and an RBI to help the Cardinals clinch their 26th series win to go with three losses and two splits since 2003 at Busch Stadium against Cincinnati. They're 4-1 against the Reds already this year, leaving a top division rival scuffling at 2-6 overall.

"There's not a whole lot of blatantly one-sided games, it's one or two mistakes here or there," Reds starter Homer Bailey said. "We can't think about what we do here or what we do just against them.

Bruce had a two-run triple in the first, Billy Hamilton's second hit of the season drove in a run

"So far at the beginning of games I haven't been able to get that rhythm that I would like," Lynn said.

Lynn is 5-1 for his career against the Reds, including three wins last year. Bailey is 5-10 against the Cardinals.

"Tonight, I definitely feel like I deserve the loss," Bailey said.

Joey Votto and Bruce had oneout hits in the fifth ahead of Ludwick's run-scoring groundout for a 5-4 lead.

Cardinals leadoff man Matt Carpenter had two hits, an RBI and was hit by a pitch against Bailey. He's 13 for 22 against the right-hander.

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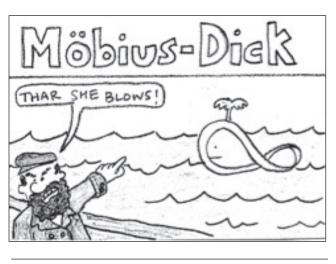
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Communication and doing your best to lend a helping hand will separate you from the crowd. Your offerings and your concern will bring you closer to someone you want to get to know better. Romance is highlighted. ★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Protect your reputation at work and cover your tracks at home. You should be goal-oriented today, taking a serious approach to your work and how much you can accomplish. Your resources are far greater than you realize. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Control your emotions. You are just as likely to swing one way as another. Put your efforts into creative endeavors, self-improvement and stabilizing your life position and future. Debates and arguments will only result in loss and depression. Make love, not war. $\star\star\star$

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Embrace change, but don't let it cost you. Your intent should be to save and invest in something that will bring you a high return. Be creative and use your imagination. The way you handle your personal affairs will make a difference. $\star\star\star$

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Volunteering to help others will lead to opportunities. An unusual situation will develop with someone who can offer you unique ideas or a proposition that will enhance your personal life. Romance will bring you closer to someone special. $\star\star\star\star$

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A risk will lead to regret. Focus on your relationships with the people you deal with daily. It's important to nurture and to keep the peace. A change may be required and compromise a necessity. Defuse an argument with a compliment. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look for more ways to use your creative skills. Diversification and expanding some of your old ideas and concepts to fit the changing times will pay off. Love is highlighted, and changes to the way you live will bring you greater happiness. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Money matters and legalities must be handled with care. Impulsive action must be controlled and a strategy put in place. An unfortunate situation with someone will develop and must be handled diplomatically if you want to avoid a setback. ***

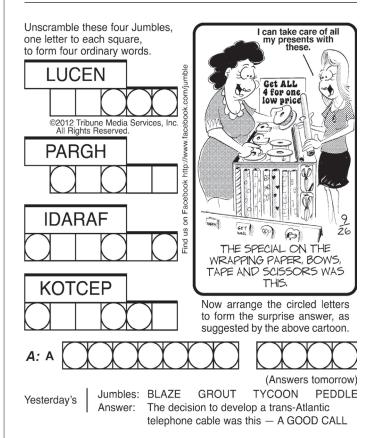
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be prepared to lend a helping hand and to make changes to compensate for a shortcoming you didn't expect. Your ability to adapt and work quickly to fix anything that has the potential to go wrong will make an impression. Live and learn. $\star\star\star$

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look at your options and make choices that will help you utilize your ideas and expand your interests. Love is on the rise, and socializing and discussing your secrets with someone you care about will bring you closer together. ★★★★★

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MEN'S LACROSSE | ND 12, MARQUETTE 7

Irish halt midseason stumble

No. 18 Irish take down Marquette behind Marlatt, Brosco hat tricks

By BRIAN PLAMONDON Sports Writer

After a slow start, No. 18 Notre Dame's offense came on strong in the second half to put away Marquette 12-7 on Tuesday in Milwaukee.

Notre Dame (5-4, 2-2 ACC) relied on a balanced attack to secure the victory, with six different players scoring. None of those goals were by Notre Dame's sophomore attackman Matt Kavanagh, who leads the team with 20 goals and is on the Tewaaraton Award watch list, an honor that is given annually to college lacrosse's most outstanding American player. Kavanagh had two assists in his second straight game not scoring a goal.

"[Matt] is our best offensive player, but we can't become an offense that is centered on him," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We need to find the right balance of him making plays and others making plays."

Instead, Notre Dame was paced by senior midfielder Jim Marlatt and sophomore midfielder Trevor Brosco, both of whom netted their first hat tricks of the season. Junior attackman Conor Doyle added two tallies for the Irish, as did senior attackman John Scioscia. The other Notre Dame goals came from sophomore midfielder/ attackman Bobby Gray and freshman midfielder Sergio Perkovic.

"We were trying to find a way to play that allows us to make plays but still possess the ball," Corrigan said. "If we do that effectively I think we have a lot of guys scoring goals, and it opens up a lot of opportunities."

Marquette (4-8, 2-1 Big East) had been winners of three of their past five games before the

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MICHAEL YU | The Observe

Irish sophomore attack Matt Kavanagh dodges a Duke defenseman in Notre Dame's 15-7 loss at the hands of the Blue Devils. Kavanagh added two goals Tuesday, bringing his season total to a team-high 20.

ND SOFTBALL

Irish prep for Tar Heels

Observer Staff Report

After a month of games away from the ACC, Notre Dame returns to conference play today when it travels to Chapel Hill, N.C., to take on the University of North Carolina. The Irish (22-8, 3-3 ACC) will play a doubleheader against the Tar Heels (21-6,

McCarty cruises to complete game

By AARON SANT-MILLER Sports Writer

In a nine-inning, two-hit performance during Notre Dame's 6-1 win at Chicago State on Tuesday, Irish sophomore Nick McCarty threw 124 pitches, the most he has ever thrown, he said.

"I'm pretty sore," McCarty said. "This is the longest I've ever gone in my life, but I feel good, I'm just pretty sore."

After three straight losses, Notre Dame (11-20, 1-14 ACC) earned their first win since April 1 with the victory over Chicago State (9-18, 0-6 WAC). Coming into the game, McCarty carried a 3.91 ERA. Last night, the sophomore allowed no earned runs. "I was throwing the ball pretty good out there, especially the curveball, so it all felt good," McCarty said. "That was the best I've felt in awhile, honestly. My curveball was definitely my out pitch tonight. I got them a couple times swinging on it, and then I was able to get them

looking a couple times with the fastball. With the curveball and the fastball working, it felt good."

Against the Cougars, McCarty collected six strikeouts. Simultaneously, a Notre Dame team hitting .247 on the season collected 11 hits, including a five-run sixth inning.

"You never want to be in a spot where it's tied 1-1, so that definitely helped," McCarty said. "It's great to have run support, on any team. Individually, it's just a load of your back and it's a great thing."



12-5 ACC).

Notre Dame enters Wednesday's games having won four of its past five games, with the lone loss coming to DePaul on Saturday by a score of 4-2. The Irish also go in having won their last meeting with the Tar Heels, during which they defeated North Carolina with scores of 6-5 and 9-3 over the course of a doubleheader Feb. 25-26, 2012.

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In the first inning, the Irish committed two errors, allowing Chicago State's lone unearned run. At the end of the second inning, Notre Dame matched the Cougars one score, as freshman infielder Kyle Fiala scored on sophomore left fielder Zak Kutsulis's ground ball.

It wasn't until the five-run sixth inning that Notre Dame added to its total, though the

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Irish pitcher Nick McCarty follows through during a 10-6 loss to Villanova on April 7, 2013. McCarty notched a two-hitter Tuesday.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARD		TODAY'S EVENTS		UPCOMING EVENTS		
ND Women's Basketball vs. Connecticut	L, 79-58	SMC Tennis at Hope	3:30 p.m.	Men's Tennis vs. Miami	Fri.	
Men's Lacrosse at Marquette	W , 12-7	ND Softball at North Carolina	4 p.m., 6 p.m.	ND Women's Tennis vs. Virginia Tech	Fri.	
Baseball at Chicago State	W , 6-1	Baseball at Michigan	7 p.m.	ND Women's Lacrosse vs. Duke	Fri.	

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Notre Dame lacks rhythm in poor offensive game



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Sophomore guard Jewell Loyd drives to the lane while double-teamed by Connecticut's Moriah Jefferson (left) and Bria Hartley. Loyd scored 13 points on 4-15 shooting in the game.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — With 27 seconds left in the first half of the national championship game, Irish sophomore guard Jewell Loyd ducked behind a screen from a teammate at the top of the key and drained a long 3-pointer to pull No. 2 Notre Dame within five points of top-seeded Connecticut, the closest the Irish had been to the Huskies in 14 minutes.

It was the last field goal Loyd would make until there were less than four minutes left in the game. By that time, the Irish (37-1, 16-0 ACC) were down 71-49 and it was too late for a comeback.

In between these two points, the Notre Dame offense, ranked second in the nation in points per game

as big as them this entire season. We just didn't get it done on the boards. When you come in at halftime and you find out that they have 45 points, but 32 of them came in the paint, that's an issue. That's something we should have handled in the second half but we didn't."

Without senior forward Natalie Achonwa, the Irish relied on their perimeter shooters, including Loyd, senior guard Kayla McBride sophomore and guard Michaela Mabrey. In the first half, they were able to stay close to the Huskies in large part because of their fivefor-eight 3-point shooting.

The Irish still shot just 43 percent from the field in the first period, below their season average of 51 peras the Irish endured a fiveminute scoreless stretch and put up over half of their points in the period in the final four minutes, when the game was already out of reach. McBride said that it was the Irish that held themselves in check, not Connecticut's defense. "We were kind of beating ourselves," she said. "We weren't in rhythm in the offense, we weren't making the extra pass, we weren't playing the normal way we've been playing the past 37 games. I think that's what made it look so bad."

exploit their one-on-one matchups and took more difficult shots. In the second half alone, the pair attempted 15 field goals, but made just three.

"Their defense was very good," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "And a little bit, I think, was just the bad start [and] then we're pressing. We were trying so hard, and we went one-on-one [although] our game has been team and assists and working the ball together. And I thought we tried to go a little bit too much off the dribble."

Loyd ended the game shooting 27 percent from the field, well below her season average of 52.5 percent. McBride also struggled from the field and turned the ball over four times compared cent. Things went from bad to two assists, after owning to worse in the second half, a 1.85 assist-to-turnover ratio in the rest of the season. Connecticut finished the game with six blocks, below their season average of 8.2 per game. "I think we just thought, 'Oh my gosh, you're so big, I need to alter my shot,'" Loyd said. "Well, not necessarily. We just needed to take our shots. We were trying to do too much and maybe forced it a little too much. They weren't really denying us or pressuring us like they usually do, it was just us not being aware in situations. ... Being down, we're not used to it."

Huskies outduel Irish in paint

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Irish were feeling the heat in the paint during Tuesday night's national championship game.

At least that's what Irish coach Muffet McGraw told Huskies coach Geno Auriemma during the post-game handshake after the Huskies won the national title game by a score of 79-58 Tuesday night.

"I said something like I thought we were playing the Miami Heat for a while; you guys are just that good," McGraw said. "I thought they were just missing LeBron."

LeBron James was not in attendance in Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, but UConn sophomore forward Breanna Stewart and senior center Stefanie Dolson controlled the paint just fine without him. The Huskies (40-0, 18-0 AAC) scored 52 of their points from the key, 30 more than the Irish (37-1, 16-0). UConn out-rebounded Notre Dame, 54-31, and those rebounds translated into a slight advantage in second chance points (18-12). In short, without senior forward Natalie Achonwa, who tore her ACL in Notre Dame's Elite Eight win over Baylor, the Irish just could not hold their own in the post.

"They just overpowered us," McGraw said. "They killed us inside. Their bigs were just too much for us.

"I thought Stewart was phenomenal ... and Dolson is pretty amazing. I thought we were overmatched in the post."

And once UConn had taken control under the basket, the rest of the game played into their hands.

"Right from the beginning of the game we went in, took advantage of the size we had against them, and right when we realized what an advantage we had, we just kept kind of pushing it at them, and we never really backed down," Dolson said. "Give a lot of credit to my guards. They got me the ball. Stewy [Breanna Stewart], we got her the ball a lot in the post, too. When we got it, we just did what we wanted and finished it."

Auriemma said he had made

controlling the post a point of emphasis for the team before the game, but even he was surprised at how effectively his game plan worked.

"We thought that there was some advantages that we had, that whoever was guarding Stewy was going to have a tough matchup in the lane. And Stefanie, the same thing," Auriemma said. "But you don't go into a game thinking that you're going to outscore the other team by 30 points in the paint. You have an idea of what you want to do, but we kind of went back to some things that were working earlier in the season, tried to get real comfortable.

"We hadn't been shooting the ball great coming in, so the last thing we wanted to do was come out here and start firing jump shots."

Although the Irish were undoubtedly weaker under the basket without Achonwa, Irish senior guard Kayla McBride did not blame her absence for Notre Dame's performance under the basket.

"I think that we just came out undermatched," McBride said. " I don't think anything could have changed that. They just came out and they went directly into the post, and our help-side wasn't there from the get-go. They got comfortable, they got into a rhythm, and it went downhill from there."

And while the Irish were almost able to match the Huskies in rebounds in the first half, they faltered in the second as UConn outrebounded Notre Dame 34-13

"We really weren't boxing out at all," Irish sophomore guard Michaela Mabrey said. "We weren't getting a body on them. To begin with, they're bigger than us, and I think we tried to make that a point at halftime, to box it out and get a body on it. We came out and we really didn't do that. So I think that's where they got most of their offensive rebounds."

The Huskies laid claim to the paint, the game and, for at least one more year, the title of best team in the land.

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and field goal percentage, was held to 11 points on 26-percent shooting by Connecticut (40-0, 18-0 AAC), who rank first in the country in defense, allowing just 47.6 points per game.

Part of Notre Dame's struggles came from its lack of an interior game, where the Huskies outscored the Irish, 52-22, and out-rebounded them, 54-31. Irish senior forward Ariel Braker said most of the problems inside came back to the team's struggle to box out.

"I don't think their size [made a difference]," Braker said. "We've played against people bigger than them or

As the Irish fell behind, McBride and Loyd tried to **Contact Greg Hadley at** ghadley@nd.edu



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Connecticut sophomore forward Breanna Stewart boxes out Irish sophomore guard Jewell Loyd during Tuesday's Huskies victory.



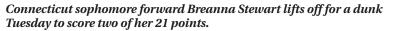
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Irish coach Muffet McGraw leads the Notre Dame coaching staff in a high-five line with Irish players before the national championship game Tuesday at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn. Notre Dame players wore warm-up jerseys with 'Ace' on the back in honor of senior forward Natalie Achonwa, who did not play in the Final Four with a torn ACL.



Irish senior guard Kayla McBride dribbles the ball between her legs while looking for an opening against the Connecticut defense, which surrendered only 58 points to Notre Dame on 35.5 percent shooting.

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Notre Dame sophomore guard Michaela Mabrey listens to a question during the postgame press conference Tuesday night.



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Connecticut senior center Stefanie Dolson celebrates Connecticut's win with her teammates. The Huskies defeated the Irish, 79-58, to earn their second straight title and ninth overall.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw speaks in the press conference after Notre Dame's loss to Connecticut in the NCAA championship.