

Gingrich to speak at Lincoln Day Dinner

Notre Dame College Republicans invite former presidential candidate to speak on campus.

By **MARGARET HYNDS**
News Editor

Notre Dame College Republicans (NDCR) has invited former Speaker of the House and 2012 presidential candidate Newt Gingrich for its annual Lincoln Day Dinner and Speech on April 15.

"The Lincoln Day Dinner is an annual event that most Republican organizations hold," NDCR president, senior Mark Gianfalla, said. "For us, we've had one as long as I've been here. ... I think continually for the last 10 years our club has done it.

"In the last few years we've really picked up the fundraising

aspect of it and basically increased our budget for the event 500 times what it was two years ago."

Last year, the club invited Fox News contributor and conservative political pundit Ann Coulter to speak at the Lincoln Day events, drawing harsh criticism from several student groups and inspiring a series of protests on campus.

The Lincoln Day celebrations include a speech, which is free but ticketed and open to the public, that will be held April 15 at 6 p.m. in Washington Hall, and the dinner that follows is

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Ann Coulter addresses the audience before the annual Lincoln Day Dinner last year. This year, Newt Gingrich has been invited to present a speech for the annual event.

Edit-a-thon aims to highlight notable women

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By **EMILY McCONVILLE**
Associate News Editor

Students, faculty and staff are invited to gather in the Hesburgh Library's Center for Digital Scholarship on Tuesday to create or edit Wikipedia pages for important women in Notre Dame and South Bend history.

The Women's History Month Edit-A-Thon, sponsored by Hesburgh Libraries, the Center

for Digital Scholarship, Student Government and the History Museum in South Bend, is open to the public and will take place from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Visiting assistant librarian Kai Smith said participants will work from a list of local women who do not have pages or whose pages need updating.

"The majority of these women

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Club hosts Talk It Out Tuesday at Saint Mary's

By **MARTHA REILLY**
News Writer

The Saint Mary's and Notre Dame communities will gather Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall to discuss women in athletics.

Notre Dame senior Alison Leddy, founder of the female empowerment club Notre Dames, said she hopes this

week's "Talk it Out Tuesday" event will strengthen the relationship between the two schools.

"I recognize that most Notre Dame women never go to Saint Mary's beautiful campus, yet we seem to expect Saint Mary's women to come to our campus for classes, clubs and social events," Leddy said.

"This Talk It Out Tuesday

is a great opportunity to explore Saint Mary's and to chat about the very interesting issues surrounding women in athletics."

Leddy said the club's weekly discussions generally deal with issues that affect women, but this week's topic is especially meaningful.

"I have always been

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Professor offers advice in 'Last Lecture' series

By **JP GSCHWIND**
News Writer

The Last Lecture series kicked off on Monday evening in Washington Hall with a talk by Maria McKenna, senior associate director of the Education, Schooling and Society minor. McKenna is also an associate professional specialist in the Department of Africana Studies. Sponsored by the academic affairs department of student government, the series

asks student-nominated professors, "What wisdom would you try to impart to the world if you

Maria McKenna
senior associate director
Education, Schooling, and
Society minor



knew it was your last chance?"

McKenna said she prepared her lecture by thinking about

what she would want to say if she were giving a final speech to her four children.

"If the only people who were in this room were my four kids, what would I want them to know?" McKenna said.

She then began her speech by reading off a list of quotes and advice from her family and friends whom she asked for help in preparing her lecture. Although the content of each

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What is your favorite restroom on campus?

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Haley Rosenbach
sophomore
Cavanaugh Hall
“Zahm’s first floor women’s restroom.”



Patrick Fleisher
freshman
Alumni Hall
“The handicap stall on the first floor of Alumni.”



Luke Duane
freshman
Morrissey Manor
“In the basement of Morrissey.”



Ryan Janeck
junior
Zahm House
“Mod Quad or Keenan”



Maura McHugh
freshman
Pangborn
“Geddes Hall.”



Sydney DeVoe
freshman
Lewis Hall
“The ones in DPAC for sure.”



CHRIS COLLINS | The Observer

A student relaxes in a hammock behind the Dome on Monday. As temperatures fluctuated throughout the weekend, students take advantage of some of the first warm days of the semester by spending time outdoors.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

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Tuesday

“Islam and the Building of America”
Hesburgh Center
4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Lecture by Amir Hussain.

Wednesday

MFA Student Reading
Hammes Bookstore
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Reading sponsored by English Department.

Thursday

“Behind the Beautiful Forevers”
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.
National Theatre Live.

Friday

“Prayer from Around the World”
Coleman-Morse Center
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Jewish Seder meal.

Saturday

The Paschal Vigil Mass
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
9 p.m.
In observance of Holy Saturday.

Last Lecture Series
Washington Hall
7 p.m.-8 p.m.
Lecture by Mike Seelinger.

Softball
Melissa Cook Stadium
4 p.m.-6 p.m.
The Irish take on Eastern Michigan.

Mindful Meditation
Coleman-Morse Center
5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
Weekly meditation.

Stations of the Cross
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
7:15 p.m.
For Good Friday.

Easter Break
Campus-wide
All day
No classes in session.

Society promotes support of women engineers

By **ANDREA VALE**
News Writer

Before entering her senior year of high school, now-college senior Jillian Montalvo attended the Introduction to Engineering Program at Notre Dame. As part of the program, she also attended an event hosted by the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), during which she listened to speakers from the group. When she arrived on campus, Montalvo knew what she wanted to do.

"The first thing I did when I came here freshman year was sign up for SWE," Montalvo said.

Over the past year, the group has met on the first Wednesday of every month, discussed future plans and hosted an average of four events per month, Montalvo said. Since Montalvo's freshman year, membership has grown so substantially that the group has gone from

being classified as a medium section, with 50 to 100 members, to a large section. Currently, the Notre Dame chapter, of which Montalvo is now president, has over 200 members and is one of the largest student organizations on campus, Montalvo said.

"SWE's mission is to stimulate women to achieve their full potential as engineers and leaders, expand the images of the engineering profession as a positive force in improving the quality of life and demonstrate the value of diversity," Montalvo said.

SWE has hosted a variety of events in order to achieve this goal, Montalvo said. They played a large part in Engineering Industry Day, a career fair that connects engineering companies with possible engineers for hire, and Early Admit Week, Montalvo said. Much of their work involves South Bend, including Girl Scout

Day, where South Bend Girl Scouts are taught about engineering through crafts and other activities, Montalvo said. Profits from several of their events — including This Is Engineering and the Trick-or-SWEet Run — benefit charity, Montalvo said.

According to Cathy Pieronek, assistant dean of academic affairs of the College of Engineering and advisor to the society, the Notre Dame chapter started around 1977.

"Dr. Jerry Marley, who was

"SWE's mission is to stimulate women to achieve their full potential as engineers and leaders, expand the images of the engineering profession as a positive force in improving the quality of life and demonstrate the value of diversity."

Jillian Montalvo
president
Society of Women Engineers

assistant dean at the time, wanted to start it. I would guess it was because women were still a fairly recent addition to Notre Dame and a small part of engineering.

"We had no women faculty. I would think that he thought it would be important for our women to have access to professional women engineers for role models, inspiration and mentoring."

The most important aspect of SWE is the amazing



Photo courtesy of Jillian Montalvo

Club members grill hot dogs and burgers for one of their sponsored events to fundraise.

opportunities it provides for its members, Montalvo said.

"It has something for everyone," Montalvo said. "For first year students, it's a great source of encouragement and mentoring. We plan several events specifically geared towards first year students to help them decide if engineering is right for them and also, if they do like engineering, which field of engineering they should choose.

"It's also a great place to meet other women in engineering, to make friends and to build relationships on which you might otherwise miss out," she said. "There's also the professional development aspect of the society. The biggest part of this, I would say, would be the regional and national conferences that I've been able to attend, thanks to SWE.

"These conferences offer amazing networking opportunities, and it's amazing

to meet other collegiate and professional members of SWE and to listen to their stories. SWE has been a huge part of my college career."

Next year, Katrina Gonzales will take over as president of the SWE, Gonzales said, after having joined the Society her freshman year.

"As the next president, I am excited to lead a club of such strong and intelligent individuals — yes, men can join too," she said.

"I hope to continue to shape our section into the club its members want it to be. As president, I also intend to focus on including more outreach efforts to the local area and partnering with other clubs on campus to have a broader impact.

"I look forward to working with so many inspired and passionate individuals."

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Members of the Society of Women Engineers attend the monthly meetings and discuss the club's future plans and events.

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piece of advice differed, McKenna said she found a common theme of "keeping it real" and staying honest to yourself and those around you. She said she realized the importance of this maxim from an early age and throughout the rest of her life.

McKenna said she assumed an incredible amount of responsibility in her family at an early age and was afraid to communicate her fears and insecurities to her parents. Ultimately, she was able to find a way to be honest with them and find peace. Even still, McKenna said relationships and life in general are inevitably messy despite what the culture around us says.

"The world we live in tells us we have to look

put-together," McKenna said.

McKenna said she is able to find happiness in the messiness and imperfection in her life, whether they be a massive pile of dirty laundry or commitments to taking care of others.

"The faster we come to realize things are messy, the sooner we will be happy," McKenna said.

According to McKenna, everyone has many identities in life — from roles as family members and friends to jobs and duties — but individuals must not compartmentalize everything they do and risk losing their integrity.

"Don't confuse what you do with who you are," McKenna said.

McKenna said relationships are essential to finding stability in life, citing the support of her husband. When she was plagued with anxiety and considering suicide, McKenna said her

husband saved her from despair and made sure she recovered. She said the honesty in their relationship was the basis for everything they accomplished.

"You can't be afraid of telling the truth in relationships," McKenna said.

McKenna quoted former Notre Dame professor Carol McLeod, wife of former Notre Dame basketball coach John MacLeod, who said relationships are a "90/10 deal and not a 50/50 one" and in order to have a successful relationship, you have to be willing to be on both sides of the split.

Concluding her lecture, McKenna said when she finally dies, she hopes that people will remember her integrity and her willingness to give her all in whatever she did.

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don't have pages at all, except for, I think, a few that are related to Notre Dame history," she said. "For the majority, people are going to be able to create pages for them."

The Edit-A-Thon is part of a wider effort in South Bend to increase representation of women on the Internet encyclopedia's pages. Similar events took place earlier this month at the St. Joseph County Public Library and the History Museum, as part of the the South Bend's 150th anniversary celebrations.

Smith said participants will use the library's resources, including the University Archives, to find the information for the pages, and there will be help for people who have never edited Wikipedia before.

"For people who are beginners, we have some training that we can give them, teach them how to edit Wikipedia pages, and the librarians will be available to assist the people with scholarly research and citing," she said.

Among the women whose articles will be added to Wikipedia's nearly 4.8 million are Florence Epsy, the first female Notre Dame employee and librarian; Delores Leibeler, the first female reporter

in Notre Dame Stadium's press box; and Isabel Charles and Sr. John Miriam Jones, two associate provosts in the 1970s.

The list of women important to South Bend history includes Sr. Maura Brannick, who founded the St. Joseph Health Center; Janet Allen, the first woman elected to the South Bend Common Council; and Jean Savarese, a costume preservationist known as "the costume lady."

"There are artists and teachers," she said. "There's the former head of the South Bend Public Library, Virginia Tutt. There are a number of pretty amazing women on this list."

Smith said while one of the goals of the Edit-A-Thon is to close a "gender gap" in Wikipedia editing — according to a 2010 Wikimedia survey, only 13 percent of Wikipedia editors are women — anyone is welcome to attend.

"We definitely want to be teaching people about the library, the skills that we can teach people and also the sources that we provide," she said. "But in addition, it's Women's History Month, and learning about the women important to Notre Dame and South Bend history, and how you can research, write and publish their stories in Wikipedia."

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Dames

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interested in hosting Talk it Out Tuesdays at Saint Mary's because I want Notre Dames to be as inclusive, collaborative and supportive of the women in the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's family as possible," Leddy said.

"We've reached out to coaches at Saint Mary's because the input of female athletes would be extremely valuable in this conversation."

Although Leddy encourages participation of athletes in this week's Talk it Out Tuesday, she said that all are welcome to discuss this topic.

"For the non-athletes, there is absolutely room to contribute about perceptions of female athletics and the treatment of female sports fans," Leddy said.

"It's a great chance to learn more, listen to insights from others, and get inspired."

Leddy said she worked closely with senior and community co-chair of Saint Mary's student government association, Emily Getz, to coordinate the event. Notre

Dames hopes this week's discussion will spark weekly participation from Saint

"Through society, women and men are given these distinct norms, but in my opinion, not every man or woman fits these characteristics. People believe that because men are bigger, faster and stronger, women should play by a separate set of rules. This is not necessarily the case."

Emily Getz
senior

Mary's students, Getz said.

"Alison and I are hoping that by hosting the event here, students from Saint Mary's will enjoy the talk and start going to Notre Dames on Tuesdays," Getz said.

"I see Notre Dames as a great way to bring women together."

Tuesday's event is an open discussion, but Getz said she especially hopes to discuss why men's and women's sports follow different rules.

"I hope women will recognize the differences in men's and women's athletics," Getz said.

"Through society, women and men are given these distinct norms, but in my opinion, not every man or woman fits these characteristics."

"People believe that because men are bigger, faster and stronger, women should play by a separate set of rules," Getz said. "This is not necessarily the case."

She said she looks forward to hearing new opinions on the topic, since many students have played sports at some point in their lives.

"We thought athletics would be an interesting topic of discussion, because of the community of the two schools," Getz said.

"With Saint Mary's having all women athletic teams and Notre Dame having co-ed athletics, it will be interesting to hear people's perspectives on both sides."

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Associated Press proposes laws to protect journalists

Associated Press

HONG KONG — The president and CEO of The Associated Press called on Monday for changes to international laws that would make it a war crime to kill journalists or take them hostage.

Gary Pruitt said a new framework is needed to protect journalists as they cover conflicts in which they are increasingly seen as targets by extremist groups.

"It used to be that when media wore PRESS emblazoned on their vest, or PRESS or MEDIA was on their vehicle, it gave them a degree of protection" because reporters were seen as independent civilians telling the story of the conflict, Pruitt said.

"But guess what: That labeling now is more likely to make them a target," he said in a speech at Hong Kong's Foreign Correspondents' Club.

Last year was a particularly deadly year for the AP — four of the news cooperative's journalists were killed on assignment. Globally, 61 journalists were killed in the line of duty in 2014, bringing to more than 1,000 the number who have died since 1992,

according to the Committee to Protect Journalists. One of the most high profile killings was that of AP photographer Anja Niedringhaus, who was shot by a police officer while covering elections in Afghanistan. AP reporter Kathy Gannon was severely wounded in the same attack. Two other AP staff — videographer Simone Camilli and translator Ali Shehda Abu Afash — were killed in Gaza when an unexploded missile went off. In addition, AP photographer Franklin Reyes Marrero died in a car accident while returning from an assignment in Cuba.

Pruitt said existing international laws should be updated to protect journalists. He proposed creating a new protocol to the Geneva Conventions to make the killing of a journalist a specific war crime. He also suggested adapting articles of the International Criminal Court, which deals with war crimes, to specifically cover journalists.

While acknowledging that these measures would not necessarily prevent journalists from getting killed, Pruitt said it would raise awareness of the idea that media workers, like doctors and nurses, should not be targeted during war.

New information surfaces on Alps plane crash

Associated Press

DUESSELDORF, Germany — How could someone once diagnosed with suicidal tendencies get a job as a commercial pilot, entrusted with the lives of hundreds of people? That's the question being asked after officials confirmed Monday that Germanwings co-pilot Andreas Lubitz received lengthy psychotherapy before receiving his pilot's license.

All 150 people on board were killed by what prosecutors believe was a deliberate decision by Lubitz to slam the Airbus A320 he was flying from Barcelona to Duesseldorf into a mountain in the French Alps last Tuesday.

Lufthansa, Germanwings' parent company, declined to say whether it knew of Lubitz's mental health problems. But it said the young pilot had passed all required medical checks since starting work for its subsidiary two years ago.

Prosecutors in Duesseldorf, where Lubitz had an apartment, said the psychotherapy occurred over an extended period before he received his pilot's license, and that medical records referred to "suicidal tendencies." They provided no dates.

Lubitz started pilot training

in 2008, though it's unclear when he finished the at least three-year-long course and received his license. Lufthansa said he was certified to fly their aircraft in 2013.

The country's aviation authority wouldn't comment on Lubitz's health, despite acknowledging last week that his record with the agency noted he needed "specific regular medical examination" beyond the annual checkup required of all pilots.

"The German Federal Aviation Office isn't directly responsible for assessing the air-medical fitness of pilots," said Cornelia Cramer, a spokeswoman for the agency, which is in charge of granting pilots' licenses.

Cramer said the medical checks are conducted by specially trained doctors, but declined to say whether their findings are passed on to the agency.

The head of the German Aviation Medical Practitioners Association, the organization representing doctors who determine if pilots are medically fit to fly, said the standard medical evaluation would not have been able to determine if a pilot suffered from a serious mental illness.

All pilots must undergo regular medical checks that

include a cursory psychological evaluation, according to Dr. Hans-Werner Teichmueller, the agency's head. But such tests rely on patients being honest with their doctors, and even a seriously mentally unstable person would have been able to put a "mask" on for the investigation, he said.

"You can't see anything beyond the face," Teichmueller said. "We have developed a very refined system in Europe and most of us are in agreement that this system is optimal. If we were to add more psychological tests or modify the way we test, then we can still not change a situation like this."

Lubitz continued to visit doctors until recently, receiving notes that excused him from work — including for the day of the crash — but none referred to suicidal tendencies or aggression toward others, said prosecutors' spokesman Ralf Herrenbrueck.

He didn't say what medical help Lubitz was seeking at the time of the crash, but noted that there was no evidence of any physical illness.

While Lubitz was physically fit — he was an avid runner who took part in half-marathons — his future employers had at least some indication there was a problem.

INSIDE COLUMN

Let the games begin

Marek Mazurek

Sports Writer

2016 is going to be a big year. As a sports writer, I am looking forward to the Summer Olympics, but as an American, I am looking forward to the presidential election. I am aware the election is more than a year away, but with Ted Cruz's announcement, the campaign season has officially begun.

Cruz will soon be joined by Senators Rand Paul and Marco Rubio in officially seeking the presidency as both Paul and Rubio are set to announce their bids in early April.

This will be the first campaign for all three candidates and so all three will inevitably have gaffs and skeletons in the closet waiting to be uncovered. All the three Republican candidates set to run have major challenges ahead.

Looking at their policies, Cruz and Paul are both proud members of the Tea Party faction of the Republican Party. Cruz has focused mostly on wasteful government spending and is famous for reading "Green Eggs and Ham" in connection to government shutdown. Though also believing in a more limited government, Paul has focused more on civil liberties issues like the NSA overreach and is more known for his proposed isolationist foreign policy. These differences, however, are subtle and to many, Cruz and Paul are not distinguishable. This fact will cause the two to split the Tea Party vote within the Republican Party and ultimately, one will have to drop out fairly early if the Tea Party will have a candidate represented at the Republican National Convention.

Rubio, however, is an establishment Republican and many in the Republican leadership like his Hispanic heritage and his connection to the swing state of Florida. Rubio's biggest challenge may in fact be his Hispanic heritage. The Hispanic vote has gone to the Democrats in the last few election cycles, and Rubio's candidacy will appear, to some, as a shameless appeal to race. Rubio needs to develop a platform that includes more than just immigration reform. Rubio is not known for much else at this stage in his career and it will be interesting to see whether his economic policies lean more towards those of Paul and Cruz or towards the center.

Fundraising will also be a challenge for Rubio. The big donors of the party are more likely to give to better known contenders like Jeb Bush and Chris Christie, while Tea Party donors will flock to Paul or Cruz, leaving Rubio out in the cold. Even fellow middle-of-the-road Republican hopeful, Scott Walker, has a fundraising infrastructure in place from his gubernatorial recall election.

Another distinguishing feature for Cruz, Paul and Rubio is that they are all fairly young. Cruz is 44, Paul is 52 and Rubio is 43. For some or all of these three, winning the nomination in 2016 may not be the end goal. However, the election of 2020 will prove much more difficult with an incumbent president and this fact may have rushed Cruz and Rubio to run before they are fully ready.

Though many other hopefuls, like Bush, Christie, Walker and Trump — I couldn't resist — have yet to announce, the Republican picture is clearer than it was last week. The campaign is a challenge and few are up to it. Whether Rubio, Cruz or Paul are up to that challenge remains to be seen.

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The NCAA entitled

Stephen Raab

Let's Talk Smart

The end of March brings with it the NCAA basketball tournament. The Sweet Sixteen, the Elite Eight, the Final Four — it's an American tradition like no other. Notre Dame's out, of course, but no matter who's playing it's always fun to relax with the guys and watch the rhythm of the game. (As a Minnesotan, it kills me to say this, but ... Go Badgers!)

In recent years, however, the playoffs have heralded another annual tradition — a surge in public opinion demanding that student athletes be paid. The argument, so it goes, is that athletes are responsible for bringing substantial money value to their schools and to the NCAA and that they deserve compensation as such.

I do feel there's a legitimate discussion to be had on this issue, and I'm certainly in favor of a critical examination of the NCAA's operations. One of Fr. Ted's finest achievements was his work for exactly that purpose as co-chairman of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics. That being said, I find it hard to get on board with this particular cause. I just can't take seriously the rhetoric that paints student athletes as some kind of oppressed, marginalized group.

Consider the most prominent example of this grievance from last year's NCAA basketball tournament. National champion UConn guard and Most Outstanding Player Shabazz Napier told reporters, "there are hungry nights that I go to bed and I'm starving." First off, while I recognize the tendency towards hyperbole with off-the-cuff statements like this, it should be obvious that nobody playing Division I basketball is suffering from critical malnutrition. If this is truly the case, you'd expect the coaches to be complaining even louder than the students; emaciated point guards don't play good basketball. Second, at the time of the statement, UConn provided dining services open 12 hours a day, all-you-can-eat. It's therefore reasonable to conjecture that any "under-feeding" is due largely to poor resource management on the part of the student.

Further, consider Napier's fate after graduation. He was drafted by the Charlotte Hornets and traded to the Miami Heat. For his first year with the Heat, he was paid \$1,239,000. This comes out to \$140 per hour, assuming he worked 24 hours a day, even while

sleeping. Hopefully now he'll be able to buy enough food to nourish himself adequately. He certainly won't need any of it to pay off his student loans, at a time when the average student debtor leaves college \$28,400 in the red.

It also doesn't help student athletes' cases when their more high-profile representatives take such a cavalier attitude towards the "student" part. Recall statements by Ohio State quarterback Cardale Jones lamenting, "Why should we have to go to class if we came here to play FOOTBALL? We ain't come to play SCHOOL classes are POINTLESS." It's an open secret that many such students with contempt for their academics enroll in "paper classes" that never meet and often require nothing more than a final paper at the end of the term. The students know they're getting a worthless degree, which makes it shocking when they have the gall to sue their schools for failing to properly educate them, as happened at the University of North Carolina.

Of course, as Christ himself said in the Book of Matthew, "First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye." It would be hypocritical of me not to touch on Notre Dame's recent checkered student-academic record. Between assaults on law enforcement and "academic violations," even the Irish are not immune to this problem.

The lynchpin problem with these cases is that the students responsible have forgotten what college athletics is — an extracurricular activity. The reason why they're called "student athletes" is because they're supposed to be students first and athletes second. If they want to play professional sports, then they should join professional sports teams instead of trying to professionalize college athletics.

I don't want to paint all student athletes as corrupt or entitled — that would be both cruel and inaccurate. Nonetheless, I find it very hard to look at the aforementioned examples and still muster the ire to insist they be paid. I'd love to have a productive conversation about the treatment of student athletes, but let's not pretend we're talking about Oliver Twist.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Exercise your democratic right

Kitty Baker
British Invasion

The Nigerian populace came out in droves to vote in their presidential election. Men and women waited for hours to exercise their democratic rights, and it was one of Africa's most peaceful elections, despite attempts by Boko Haram and others to disturb the process.

The British Parliament was dissolved on March 30, marking the start of the general election to be held on May 5. Ed Miliband, the Labour Party leader, and David Cameron, the incumbent Prime Minister, are expected to begin their campaigns, with plenty of mudslinging from both sides. This should be a close election, as many question both parties' policies on issues like the economy and immigration, and smaller parties are expected to do very well.

Election season is one of the most fraught, fiery situations in any country. These events allow people to speak their minds about some of the biggest political and economic issues we are faced with today. The true importance of an election is that it allows democratic countries to give the people a voice. Voting is one of the most fundamental democratic legal institutions and it is important that every single person exercise their right.

As a British citizen who has never been able to vote in the U.S., the country I have lived in for 18

years, it infuriates me that many of my peers did not vote in the federal elections. Those who have the right to vote have a very important choice, a choice some of the people in the United States do not have.

Sometimes, those who choose not to vote have good reasons. Those who abstain from voting in elections because they believe their voice is heard more through a blank ballot than a checked one have their reasons. And I can understand those who say that because they do not know enough about each candidate, they feel as if it would be irresponsible to vote. But that's not really an excuse.

Find out about the candidates. The Internet is at your fingertips. Pick up a newspaper (from a variety of sources, as every newspaper has its biases). Read about the election. Take a stand. If there is an issue that really excites you, that you want to fight for, do it.

My sister recently wrote a letter to her congresswoman about net neutrality, and I admire her for the fact that she made the effort to reach out to the people who are changing this country's laws, the laws we will have to live under and abide by.

I understand there are problems with the current system of voting. Absentee voting is a painful process. But that shouldn't stop you from sending your ballot. And with the electoral college, it really does seem that your voice doesn't matter. But it does. And it really matters a lot more than you think. I and many others in the United States of America

don't have the choice. Others cannot fill out what is a seemingly meaningless piece of paper. But you all can.

Apathy is not a reason to avoid voting. Apathy is only detrimental. When next voting, think about the people who fought for your right to vote. The people who risked their lives and livelihoods so that everyone could go to a voting booth and make choices to determine their own lives, not to have them be determined by other people. Apathy did not create the country we live in today. We have to be passionate, even if it is passion about changing what we view as an antiquated governmental system.

It's true that America does not have the worst voter turnout, at 54.9 percent (although it is much lower than that of most European countries). And it's true that having the choice and choosing not to vote is a democratic right, and one that should never be taken away (I certainly don't believe in a forced vote). But sheer laziness about submitting an absentee ballot or waking up on voting day and not really feeling like it is not an excuse.

So the moral of the story: Vote.

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A business student's view of the humanities

Eric Mazelis
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On March 19, former Yale professor William Deresiewicz visited campus to discuss his book, "Excellent Sheep: The Miseducation of the American Elite and the Way to a Meaningful Life." I read it in anticipation of the talk and discovered the articulation of many thoughts on my college experience I had held inside or only discussed with close friends.

To be frank, I am one of Deresiewicz's "sheep." Sheep are formed in an affluent school setting where APs, extracurriculars and college acceptances are the measures of success — an apt description of my Northern New Jersey hometown. Sheep choose vocational majors with the clearest path to a job, and see a double major as their next "gold star" — I am a Finance and Political Science double major. Sheep are conditioned to view getting a job as the primary end of college — I received a consulting job in Chicago in the fall and have yielded to the pressure of "needing" a sophomore and junior summer internship in my field.

It is therefore troubling when Deresiewicz claims that, by neglecting the humanities, sheep never really receive a college education at all. A sheep's incentive structure has been subconsciously perverted by misguided influences and a schooling system that promotes a skewed model of achievement.

Being placed in Deresiewicz' "flock" has spurred me to reflect on my educational track.

Coming out of high school, I did not possess a strong attachment to any particular subject that jumped out as a possible major choice. Instead, I looked towards my uncle and friends' fathers — successful men in finance — who reassured me that finance is a great path for someone with my grades and work ethic.

After arriving at Notre Dame, I was able to enroll in business classes during my freshman year. When

the good grades in those classes began to roll in and I was not particularly enamored with any other subject from my FYS, I was locked into the business track. I'll grow to find my passion, right? My decision-making proceeded without a deep reflection on the broader questions: What does an education mean to me? What do I want to derive from these four years, intellectually?

I am not writing to say I regret my decisions. While several business classes have indeed been a chore instead of a cerebral exercise, I am very excited to begin my first real job in July. In addition, my political science major has unlocked a genuine curiosity and interest in political theory. However, I feel that Notre Dame can do a lot more to ensure that freshmen are choosing a major based on genuine personal reflection, rather than being pushed forward by their pre-college conditioning.

One suggestion, during this period of University core curriculum review, is to revamp the University Seminar and adopt a model similar to the one Deresiewicz describes at Lawrence University in Wisconsin. This school mandates a yearlong "introduction to liberal learning" seminar for freshmen. While PLS majors take several seminars like this, I believe it should be required for all freshmen — instead of allowing freshmen to retreat into a University Seminar that lies within a familiar subject or their intended major. This class would allow them to engage with foundational texts from multiple disciplines, perhaps lead them to a new subject of interest and begin to tackle the kinds of philosophical questions about life and education that college should raise.

Additionally, the Career Center and advisors can be much more proactive about educating freshmen on careers that differ from the traditional finance, accounting, consulting, law and medical paths. Money is important (it has certainly been a key factor in my decisions) and getting a job out of college seems to have increasingly moved to the forefront of

the university experience for students in all majors. It is therefore vital for advisors to engage freshmen through additional programming or individual intellectual inquisition, to push them to thoroughly examine their future options and discern the type of work that they can make money in and mentally engage with.

Underclassmen should see the Career Center as a resource for developing exciting post-grad ideas and possibilities, rather than as a place that simply reinforces what they think they want to do.

Also, my belief that most incoming college students have no idea what they really want with their lives gives me pause about Mendoza's new enrollment policy.

Students who apply to the University as intended business majors will now be notified, at acceptance, if they are "pre-approved" to enroll in Mendoza after completion of their FYS. I feel that being anointed as one of the pre-approvals at the No. 1 undergraduate business school in the country removes any chance of actually exploring the other majors or colleges that Notre Dame has to offer.

Deresiewicz writes that a college education is most valuable when it allows a student to deprogram his or her preconceived notions that form when growing up and replace them with autonomous thought and personal free choice. While Notre Dame attempts to inculcate these values more effectively than most college institutions, it can definitely do more to avoid students feeling herded.

I may be a sheep, but I hope that by becoming more aware of the influences that affect our judgment, all Notre Dame students can arrive at the type of education that best fits them.

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Buzzfeed's flowering growth

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Scene Editor

Scroll through your Facebook newsfeed or Twitter timeline and you're almost guaranteed to see a post from BuzzFeed. Chances are you've clicked a link or two (or 200) yourself. You may feel that inevitable pang of shame procrastinating on the site, but don't feel too guilty for falling into the BuzzFeed rabbit hole — it's almost impossible not to. BuzzFeed expands like a universe. In fact, it's one of the fastest growing media companies in the world.

If the word "Buzzfeed" brings to mind a plethora of "Mean Girls" GIFs, baby animal pictures or that eye-roll inducing neologism "listicle" that's meant to convey the vapidness and lack of focus millennials supposedly embody, perhaps you haven't explored BuzzFeed in the last few years. The site has evolved from viral content generator to a multi-vertical media outlet that is, in many ways, fascinating.

To look at what BuzzFeed has become, it's important to see where it started. Launched in 2006, BuzzFeed was created by Jonah Peretti as a way to explore "virility" of online content. According to a story by David Rowan for Wired, Peretti said the project began as an experiment to see what kinds of content were being passed along through social networks and email.

Peretti, along with his co-founder John Johnson, clearly did the job well. While the original "Buzzfeed Labs" project began by developing ways to simply identify what goes viral on the web, the company

began to expand by sharing links and eventually generating millions of clicks (and dollars) to the site. BuzzFeed grew by centralizing what web users love, and most importantly love to share — funny memes, videos of animals, clickable headlines, easily digestible lists — all through analytics and algorithms.

As the company grew, so did its reputation. BuzzFeed has certainly seen its fair share of controversy. After BuzzFeed moved onto generating its own content, the site came under fire. The years 2013 and 2014 saw the company come under fire as it received several accusations of plagiarism and copyright infringement. Eventually, BuzzFeed deleted thousands of original posts and correct many articles in response to copyright and plagiarism accusations. Early this year, the company developed and released a set of editorial standards.

These issues with BuzzFeed are important to note in themselves, but they also reveal a turning point in the history of the company. The deletion of posts and creation of editorial standards, however controversial, show a shift in BuzzFeed's direction. You may still think of BuzzFeed as a place to find cat videos and fun facts during finals week, but the company has made a considerable shift towards publishing serious news, longform journalism and opinion pieces. BuzzFeed has gotten more serious — and has received some seriously valid criticism because of it — but is only growing bigger as a media company.

And as a media outlet, the site has some noteworthy accomplishments. First, the company is making more effort to create diversity in the workplace than most. Shani O. Hilton, the company's executive editor, has

been outspoken about diversity in the workplace, and the company has released both diversity statistics as well as a statement about their goal of creating a more diverse work environment. The goal, according to Hilton in an interview with Nieman Lab, is to reflect that diversity to create content for a diverse audience. The site already has verticals for LGBTQ content as well as a considerable amount of focus on race and gender issues.

Hilton, along with editor-in-chief Ben Smith, is also helping to step up BuzzFeed's reportage. The site has hired many talented young journalists and editors to cover domestic and international news and politics that are decidedly not in the form of listicles. While the integrity of the site's more serious sections are still being debated, the quality of traditional news pieces coming out of BuzzFeed are a far cry from the meme-filled articles detractors cite when dismissing the company.

Of course, BuzzFeed still has a lot of change to undergo. Whether its explicit goals of creating viral content are at odds with serious journalism is an ongoing question as the company expands, especially since the company announced its goal to create more multiplatform content away from BuzzFeed's webpage. But those who dismiss the company as nothing but mindless droll will have to second-guess what BuzzFeed means for media as it only grows larger and does what it does best — gets people clicking.

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SAN FERMIN'S HOPPIN' NEW RECORD

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It can be hard to come across an indie pop band that consistently composes brilliant and inspiring music. I often realize my favorite songs are one-hit wonders from indie bands that are constantly mixing up their genre. My one wish was to find a band that would never fail to fulfill my need for amazing music, and in December 2014 I was blessed to stumble upon San Fermin — the one band that finally provided me with a complete musical experience.

San Fermin's Ellis Ludwig-Leone is both the pianist and composer for the band. While attending Yale he had the opportunity to pursue his musical talents, and shortly after graduation he created San Fermin with other members, including lead vocalists Allen Tate and Rae Cassidy. San Fermin hails from Brooklyn and produces a very unique style of music that comes across as joyous and confident.

In September 2013, the band released their debut self-titled album. Hits such as "Sonsick" and "Torero" use an upbeat tempo combined with a large array of instruments in order to create an exuberant

environment that draws the listener into the beauty of the music. Other songs, such as "Renaissance!" and "Methuselah," are slower, focusing on simplistic guitar and piano melodies. However, no matter what speed or style, the band has a very distinct sound: a seamless fusion of Sufjan Steven's rich orchestral arrangements and Imagine Dragon's punchy hooks. San Fermin sticks to this sound, unlike other indie bands who are, to the dismay of many, constantly changing things around.

"Methuselah," named after the longest-lived Biblical figure, is a hidden gem on this album. The song begins with a stunning acoustic guitar and piano arrangement. Allen Tate's incredibly low and powerful voice soon fills the air, creating a soothing ambience. The lyrics illustrate the thoughts one might have after a break-up, as the chorus is comprised of the line, "Are you thinking of me now? Methuselah." Lines such as, "Have you found a place that's deeper than the corners of your mind / To settle down?" provide an outlet for listeners to relax and ponder a deeper meaning. If you ever need to sit back and contemplate life, turn on "Methuselah" and let your mind roam free.

In preparation for their new album, "Jackrabbit," San

Fermin has released several promising singles. One large difference between these singles and the first album is that lead female vocalist, Rae Cassidy, left the band in pursuit of her solo career and was replaced by Charlene Kaye. This originally sent me into a panic, as her voice was a staple of the band and gave each song a special feel, but this panic soon subsided after hearing the singles "Jackrabbit," "Parasites" and "Emily," all of which sound like the San Fermin I know and love.

"Emily," their most recent release, is already one of my favorites. The song employs a dynamic approach, transitioning between a neat chorus comprised of Allen Tate's booming voice and a verse built on the dual vocals of Allen Tate and Charlene Kaye. In this way, "Emily" sounds like two separate songs laid on top of one another.

It's impossible to overemphasize the majestic quality of San Fermin's work. Their debut album could not have been more perfectly comprised, and after listening to their first three singles it is clear that the upcoming album is going to be just as good, if not better, than their previous work.

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By BRIDGET DEDELOW
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A playlist for rolling your windows down (or up — it’s windy out there) and heading out of the Bend back to the place where it all began.

“Let’s Go” - Matt and Kim

When that last class is over and you need to just get out, this bouncy, piano-fueled track just feels you. Perfect for starting off a drive.

“Send Me On My Way” - Rusted Root

A classic driving song, this track will be stuck in your head by the time you need to stop for gas.

“Lost In My Mind” - The Head and the Heart

For everyone who has a serious case of wanderlust. Plus, the line “you’re already home when you feel love” reminds you that home can be anywhere.

“Lampshades on Fire” - Modest Mouse

The new, methodical single by Modest Mouse will help you power through those minutes — or hours — where all you see is corn and more corn. Thanks, Indiana.

“Sugar” (Remix) - Maroon 5 and Nicki Minaj

For the people who are craving a party with their friends from back home, this remix will get you there.

“Georgia” - Vance Joy

We all know “Riptide” is overplayed, but this lesser known song has Vance Joy’s mellow sound and is still upbeat.

“Nothing Without Love” - Nate Ruess

The lead singer of fun. is back with this track that reminds you that life would be incomplete without the people that love you. Hug your dog, he needs it.

“Seventy Times Seven” - Brand New

For all you former pop-punk kids out there that shamelessly put “I’ve seen more spine in jelly-fish / I’ve seen more guts in thirteen-year-old kids” as your AIM away message, throw back and headbang like you know you can.

“One Love / People Get Ready” - Bob Marley

For when you need to feel the summer sun on your face but it’s 39 and hailing.

“In The Aeroplane Over The Sea” - Neutral Milk Hotel

A floaty feeling song for those who like to fly ... or just hate road trips.

“Chicago” - Sufjan Stevens

When you need a reminder of one of the greatest cities in the U.S., or just something calm to get you through.

“Miles Away” (Acoustic Edit) - Years Around The Sun

A love song that also applies to home and the college experience. “And our minds were meant to sail / Take a rest from my thoughts / Take a break from this world / And we’ll feel miles away from the places that we used to be.”

“Stars” - The Suits

This poppy track will keep you awake at the wheel while inspired about the time ahea. Win-win.

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If movies like “Frozen,” “Big Hero 6” and “Despicable Me” have proven a formula exists that can appeal to both adults and children, the recent Dreamworks film “Home” is a reminder that not all children’s films can hit that perfect balance.

On the surface, it seems like it probably should work. The two main characters are voiced by Jim Parsons (Sheldon from “The Big Bang Theory”) and Rihanna, and the storyline seems somewhat compelling, if a little simplistic — I mean, what’s not to like about a couple alien invasions?.

But the movie never reaches beyond the level of ‘kind of cute,’ and it’s certainly not a movie that parents will willingly watch over and over. At this point, “Frozen” may be overplayed, but it could be watched at least three or four times before massive annoyance set in. “Home” does not have this kind of staying power, if only because it’s only mildly amusing at best.

Part of the problem is that the plot seems to be overshadowed by the real life personas of the voices behind the characters. As soon as the movie starts, it’s almost hard to separate the voice of Jim Parsons from his iconic character Sheldon on “The Big Bang Theory,” and it’s somewhat distracting. This, however, is not really anyone’s fault and pales in comparison to the issues with Rihanna’s role in the movie.

Before seeing the film, I was only vaguely aware that Rihanna had a role. To be fair, I only became aware of the film when visiting my under-10-year-old cousins in Chicago for the weekend and never would have seen the film without their influence. Still, the importance of Rihanna’s role in “Home” was not clear to me until I’d seen it.

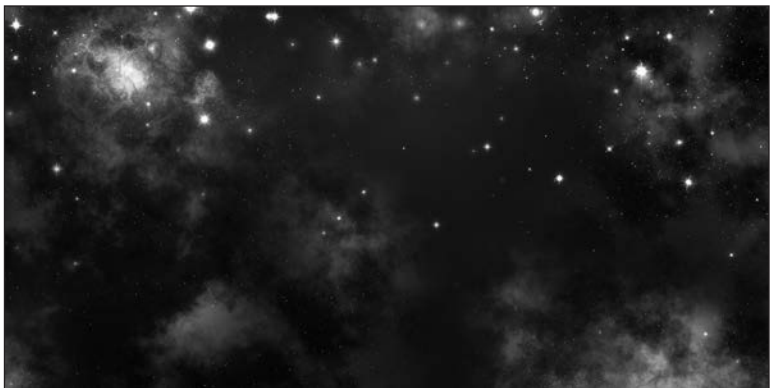
Rihanna performs three out of the eight songs on the soundtrack, and the songs she doesn’t perform fade into the background. Even worse, the song they pick to repeat in nearly every scene (“Dancing in the Dark”) is so repetitive in and of itself that by the time the movie has repeated for the third time, you wonder if there’s even another song in the entire film.

Now, from hits like “Let It Go” and “Happy,” we know that theme songs from animated pictures can make huge breakthroughs in pop culture. We also know that they have a tendency to be overplayed to the point that almost no one wants to listen to them anymore. But “Dancing in the Dark” is not nearly so good as either of the above examples, and if Dreamworks wanted a massive hit on their hands, they definitely chose the wrong song. After seeing “Home,” I’m not sure I feel a desire to ever hear that song again.

The repetition of a number of Rihanna songs makes the movie feel like a half-hearted attempt to revive Rihanna’s career in a younger generation, but it fails to really make an impression. While this may pass over the heads of the intended demographic, anyone over the age of 10 seeing the film will easily discern the huge plot holes that are ignored in favor of a “catchy” dance tune.

Despite the increasing number of enjoyable animated films out there, “Home” is not among them. At times, it was mildly cute and the writing for the character of “Oh” was consistently funny. But it wasn’t enough to make it truly enjoyable for anyone beyond its stated demographic.

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NHL teams tank for 'McEichel'

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Sports Writer

During this time of the year, hockey fans are usually swept up in the race toward the Stanley Cup Playoffs. They check scores on a daily basis to see if their favorite team will get in and, if they do get in, who will they play. But this year presents a unique situation. While all the playoff talk is going on, another type of contest is receiving attention — the contest of who can finish with the worst record in the NHL standings. The winner of this contest will win a very valuable prize, one that could change the course and outlook of their team for years to come.

The 2015 NHL Entry Draft will take place June 26 and 27, 2015 in Sunrise, Florida, and this year's class is considered to be one of the best in recent memory. The two players that headline this year's draft class are Connor McDavid, who plays for the Erie Otters of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL), and Jack Eichel, who is a Boston University freshman. Both are considered to be generational talents who can immediately play with and contribute to an NHL team.

McDavid is an 18-year old from Richmond Hill, Ontario. He is one of the most hyped hockey prospects of all time, with many comparing his style of play to those of Wayne Gretzky and Sidney Crosby. He is a fast, two-way center who can score goals and create scoring opportunities from almost out of nowhere. His highlight-reel goals and statistics he's put up this season would have to be seen to believe. This season, in 47 games played with the Erie Otters, he has scored 44 goals and recorded 76 assists. In 166 career regular season games with the Otters, he has registered a grand total of 285 points and is widely considered to be the consensus first overall pick in the upcoming draft. However, he's not the only franchise-changing player in this draft.

Eichel is an 18-year old from North Chelmsford,

Massachusetts. Many hockey analysts praise him as one of the best American hockey prospects ever, comparing his style of play to that of Patrick Kane. In his freshman season at Boston University, Eichel has scored 24 goals and 43 assists for a total of 67 points in only 37 games played. He leads the nation in points and is considered to be the front-runner for the Hobey Baker Award — hockey's version of the Heisman Trophy — given annually to the best college hockey player in the country. He is widely considered to be the consensus second overall pick in the upcoming draft and many analysts say he would be the first overall selection this year if it weren't for McDavid.

With players like these available, the teams that currently sit at the bottom of the overall standing are fighting each other to finish with the worst record as the team that does is guaranteed either the first or second pick. The two teams that currently sit at the bottom of the overall NHL standings are the Buffalo Sabres, who have 48 points, and the Arizona Coyotes, who have 54. Perhaps the fans of these two teams are the ones most engaged in the race for the first pick; the two teams played each other Thursday in Buffalo, New York, and when the Coyotes scored the overtime winner, Sabres fans cheered the goal.

The act of a sports team trying to lose in order to gain a better draft position is generally referred to as "tanking," and the question has been posed whether or not doing so is alright. I know it might sound crazy, but I believe that a team should feel free to tank if they think that is what's best for them in the long run, though they should be careful; the NHL Draft Lottery takes place April 14, where teams like the Sabres and Coyotes will learn if their efforts paid off or if they were all for naught.

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MLB

Zunino's bat, Walker's arm lead Mariners

Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — Mike Zunino homered and doubled, Taijuan Walker pitched seven impressive innings and the Seattle Mariners beat the Los Angeles Angels 5-3 Monday.

Robinson Cano added his first spring homer for the Mariners and is hitting .364 in exhibition play.

The Angels and Mariners fielded lineups consisting mainly of the players who are likely to start on opening day next Monday when Los Angeles visits Seattle.

Zunino's seven home runs and 13 RBIs lead Seattle this spring. The catcher is batting .354.

Zunino got a playful, palms-down "easy does it" sign from ace Felix Hernandez in the clubhouse after driving in three runs.

"I feel like the approach is much different," Zunino said. "Last year I was just up there swinging and hoping to get something to hit. This year there's more of a mental approach to it. It's been a good learning experience I've had this spring."

Walker's scoreless streak ended at 19 innings when Matt Joyce homered in the second. That was the only run off Walker, who retired his final 17 batters.

Walker gave up three hits, walked none and struck out five.

"I didn't try to do too much," Walker said. "I feel really good with all my pitches."

Mariners outfielder Seth Smith and the opening-day pitchers were the lone missing players from who's expected to be on the field next week.

"At some point you've got to get these guys out there and they've got to play deep into games," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "We want to get our guys together for sure and see how this lineup will work."

The Angels scored twice in the ninth off Mariners lefty Charlie Furbush, who will be in the Seattle bullpen this season.

NCAA

Conn. governor bars state-funded travel to Indiana

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy signed an executive order on Monday barring state spending on travel to Indiana and any other state enacting legislation that protects religious freedoms but ultimately discriminates against gays and others groups.

Malloy, the incoming chairman of the Democratic Governors Association, called Indiana's new religious objections law "disturbing, disgraceful and outright discriminatory."

"We cannot sit idly by and do nothing while laws are enacted that will turn back the clock," Malloy said, adding how he "won't allow any of our citizens in Connecticut to face discrimination in other states, at least without a fight."

The Indiana measure prohibits its state laws that "substantially burden" a person's ability to follow his or her religious beliefs. The definition of "person" includes religious institutions, businesses and associations. The proposal has prompted businesses and organizations across the country to cancel future travel plans to Indiana and table expansion plans.

Republican Gov. Mike Pence signed the measure last week and defended it during a television appearance on Sunday. Indiana's Republican legislative leaders said Monday they are

working on adding language to make it clear it doesn't discriminate against gays and lesbians.

"I don't think we've ever seen a reaction like this to the laws passed historically in the other states or when the federal government did it," said Indiana Senate President Pro Tem David Long. "Clearly people are reacting differently to this law. We didn't see that coming."

Malloy said he'd prefer the legislation be repealed. Furor over the law stems in part from the fact Indiana's civil rights laws don't ban discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Malloy's one-page order directs all state agencies, departments, boards and commissions, UConn and the Board of Regents to immediately review all requests for state-funded or state-sponsored travel to states that "create the grounds for such discrimination." Such travel would be barred unless it's necessary to enforce state law, meet contractual obligations or protect public health.

Malloy's order could affect Connecticut's collegiate sports teams.

Next year, the NCAA Final Four women's basketball tournament will be held in Indianapolis. Malloy said he hopes the NCAA moves the tournament. UConn has been a perennial power in women's basketball.

"I think that would be a wise

choice for them to do, if that's possible," he said. "We have gay men and women who play NCAA sports. And to hold a tournament in a state that has passed, and really quite frankly has flaunted laws that would lead to discrimination against those athletes, is not a wise place to have a tournament."

UConn Athletic Director Warde Manuel told The Associated Press he hopes a boycott won't be necessary.

"I would hope that the NCAA and the state of Indiana would rectify this so that a group of people don't have the potential to be discriminated against and that the Final Four can remain there," he said. "If it doesn't change, then I would encourage the NCAA to look to move the venue so that we wouldn't get into a situation where any institution would have to consider that kind of choice."

Manuel said a decision will be made tomorrow on whether UConn men's coach Kevin Ollie will attend this week's coach's convention in Indianapolis, which is also hosting this year's men's Final Four this weekend.

Socially conservative groups accused Malloy of not understanding that Connecticut also has a freedom of religion statute, similar to what was enacted in Indiana. But Malloy stressed that Connecticut law does not allow religion to be a basis for discrimination.

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SMC GOLF | WUSTL SPRING INVITATIONAL

Saint Mary's struggles in tough conditions

By **DAISY COSTELLO**
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's hit the links over the weekend in the WUSTL Spring Invitational at the Gateway National Golf Links in Madison, Illinois, finishing 13th.

The tournament featured nine teams ranked nationally in the top 25, including host and No. 3-ranked Washington University. The Belles, who posted a final score of 731, finished just two spots above the bottom team, a result Belles head coach Kim Moore attributes to the nature of the spring season.

"The spring season is always a bit of a struggle," Moore said. "So the feel and technique needed to execute short game shots are usually off during the spring."

The Belles still struggle to find time to practice

outdoors — they practiced outdoors just twice in the two weeks before the invitational — making it more difficult to work on the team's play.

The Belles also had another hurdle to overcome in Illinois, as the weather made it difficult to post good scores. Moore said while the weather on Saturday was playable, poor conditions on Sunday negatively impacted the team's performance.

"[Saturday] it was cold, but not very windy so the conditions weren't that bad," Moore said. "However, we did not execute the way we should have so our scores struggled despite the good playing conditions."

Sunday featured a tag-team combination of cold and wind — a golfer's nightmare — and the Belles accordingly needed five more strokes to get through the round on the

second day.

Saint Mary's was led by first year Kaitlyn Cartone, who shot a two-day, 33-over 175 to finish tied for 51st amongst individuals. While Cartone had the low score Saturday, junior Katie Zielinski had the team's best mark Sunday, shooting a 15-over 86 to cap her 56th-place finish.

Zielinski's 86 followed a first-day 96, and Moore said she wanted to see more consistent performances from her team going forward.

"Hopefully over the next week or so we will have better practice conditions and we can work on that consistency," Moore said.

The Belles see action next April 10-11 when they tee off in the Trine Spring Classic in Angola, Indiana.

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SMC LACROSSE | SMC 17, LORAS 5

Transition play keys one-sided Belles win

By **BRETT O'CONNELL**
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Saint Mary's bounced back from its weekend loss to John Carroll in a big way Monday, riding solid midfield transition play en route to a 17-5 drubbing of visiting Loras.

The Belles (4-4) finished their early non-conference schedule on a high note, using a combination of fast-paced, pinpoint offense and suffocating midfield defense en route to their victory over the Duhawks (2-6).

Saint Mary's established an early 2-0 lead off of unassisted goals by sophomore attack Emilie Vanneste and junior attack Maria Roberts before surrendering the first of Loras's four goals. After that, though, the Belles took over, scoring six straight by utilizing an aggressive offense that forced possession deep into the offensive zone and punished poor defensive positioning with pinpoint passing from behind the net.

In a growing trend in Saint Mary's victories, the Belles significantly outshot their opponent; Monday's game saw the Belles outshoot the Duhawks by as 32-10 margin, throwing 24 of those shots on net; Loras freshman goalkeeper Ashley McGee made seven saves.

Belles head coach Amy

Long praised her team's effort after the match, citing widespread offensive efficiency as a recipe for the team's success.

"Overall, we worked really hard today," Long said. "[We had] lots of good offensive movement and benefitted from multiple people scoring. We had lots of good assists on goals today — not just one on ones."

The Belles' offense started from the draw, where Vanneste dominated in the second half, according to Long.

"[Vanneste] had that pole draw over and over again," she said. "Those draws, especially in the second half — winning draw after draw on every possession got us those goals."

Indeed, the Saint Mary's offense proved difficult to stop on successive possessions. The Belles scored four or more consecutive goals three times during the afternoon.

Following a difficult 20-9 loss Saturday, Long said it was good to get some momentum back heading into MIAA play.

"A lot of confidence [was] gained today," Long said. "We played a quick team on Saturday, so getting this confidence back will be huge moving into

Wednesday."

Wednesday marks the opening of conference play for the Belles, who will host Hope in the only regular-season matchup scheduled between the two programs this season. In preparation for Wednesday's game, Long cited the importance of transition fundamentals.

"[We have to] continue working on our ground balls," Long said. "I think we did well today but we can do better, especially in the transition."

Turnover margin heavily favored the Belles against Loras — the visiting team committed 28 total turnovers to the Belles' 19. It followed a performance where Saint Mary's forced more turnovers (25) than it committed (23) in a loss against John Carroll. Heading into the matchup with Hope (1-4), Long stressed the importance of taking advantage of opponents' teammates.

"We have to make those turnovers count," she said. "If we knock down the ball, we want to be able to pick it up and finish the play."

The Belles will begin their conference slate Wednesday when they host Hope at 5 p.m.

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SMC SOFTBALL | SMC 6, NORTH CENTRAL 4; NC 7, SMC 4

Burke's complete game leads SMC

Observer Sports Staff

Saint Mary's split a doubleheader with previously-unbeaten, No. 11 North Central on Saturday, winning the opener 6-4 before falling 7-4 in the second game.

Belles junior Sarah Burke pitched a complete game in the win, stranding 13 Cardinals runners en route to the victory.

North Central (11-1) struck first in the early game, turning a lead-off single into a run in the bottom of the first. In the second, the Cardinals loaded the bases with just one out but Burke pitched out of it, getting out of the situation without surrendering a run.

Saint Mary's (9-5) then leveled the score in the top of the third when first-year center fielder Cassie Young drove in junior left fielder Sarah Callis on an RBI single.

After a scoreless fourth, the Belles broke the game open in the top of the fifth with a four-run inning.

First-year right fielder Makenzie Duncan led off the inning with a single up the middle before Callis reached on an error, allowing Duncan to advance to third. After Callis stole second, first-year shortstop Jamie Young singled past the shortstop to get the Belles on the board in the frame.

Cassie Young singled home another run to make it 3-1 before junior designated player Jillian Busfield's 2-RBI single up the middle capped the inning, leaving the Belles nine outs away from handing North Central its first loss of the season.

North Central scored a run in the bottom of the fifth but the Belles answered in the top of the sixth when first-year catcher Kayla Raymer drove in the Belles' final run of the day on a fielders' choice.

Burke's ability to work out of jams played a large role in the upset win for Saint Mary's as the Cardinals left runners on base in every inning.

North Central tallied twice more — once in the sixth and once in the seventh — but it was not enough to come back and avoid its first loss of the season.

The second game went the other way, as North Central rebounded with a three-run victory.

After the Belles scored twice in the top of the first, the Cardinals went on the offensive, scoring all seven of their runs in the first four innings to chase Belles first-year right-hander Morgan Raymer from the game after just 3 and a third innings. While Raymer did not walk a batter, she gave up eight hits and hit two batters. First year Jessica Alberts entered in relief, shutting down the Cardinals in the fifth and sixth after seeing an inherited runner score in the fourth.

Alberts' strong performance in relief gave the Belles a chance to catch up, though, and they rallied in the seventh to make it a game again. First-year second baseman Kelsey Richards singled to start the inning before Duncan knocked her in to cut the North Central lead to 7-3. After a pitching change, Callis reached on an error to score Duncan.

The Belles then loaded the bases with one outs but failed to push any more runs across as Busfield grounded into a 5-2-3 double play to end the game.

Saint Mary's returns to action Tuesday at Adrian, with first pitch slated for 3:30 p.m. in the Belles' conference opener. The Bulldogs (10-8, 0-2 MIAA) dropped a 3-0 decision to Trine on Monday.

The Belles will then return home for their home opener Wednesday when they host Defiance.



CAROLINE GENCO | The Observer

Saint Mary's junior designated player Jillian Busfield connects on a pitch during a 5-1 loss to Adrian on April 19 in Notre Dame, Indiana.

ROWING | BIG TEN/ACC DOUBLE DUEL REGATTA

Notre Dame goes 6-6, beats No. 1 Ohio State

By **BRETT O'CONNELL**
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No. 14 Notre Dame posted six victories in 12 races, including wins against No. 1 Ohio State, at the Big Ten/ACC Double Duel Regatta on Saturday in Columbus, Ohio.

The morning session served as a showcase for the competing programs' novice eight boats. The first race of the morning saw Notre Dame's younger members get the team off to a strong start as the Irish second novice eight posted a winning time of 6:52.73, finishing seven seconds ahead of second-place Ohio State.

Notre Dame's first novice eight got off to a rocky start, though, with the Irish boat coming in fourth place. Michigan State's boat claimed top honors in the second race of the day with a time of 6:37.07. The Irish finished their heat 21 seconds later, posting a time of 7:05.69.

The first action in the varsity fours came about an hour into the regatta. Notre Dame's second varsity four finished just three seconds behind Ohio State, posting a time

of 7:16.62 to the Buckeye's own finish time of 7:12.90. Notre Dame's first varsity four lagged further behind the pace set by the Buckeyes in the 11:10 heat, finishing 20 seconds behind first place with a time of 7:34.29.

It was not until the afternoon portion of the regatta that the Irish claimed the bulk of the day's momentum. Notre Dame started the second portion of the event with a first-place finish in the second novice eight, and proceeded to win four of the remaining five races on the afternoon. Save for a single event win by Michigan State in the first novice eight race, the Irish won every afternoon event outright, with second-place finishers never clocking closer than eight seconds behind the Irish.

The weather conditions in Columbus were less than ideal for the competition, with the 33 degree high falling well below the average for this time of year. Still, junior Joanna Mulvey said that the harsh weather has been a trend over the past few weeks and did not deter the team during their training for the

Columbus races.

"Being about to row outside in any weather conditions is preferable for us after being inside on the rowing machines for about four months," Mulvey said. "Luckily, [the Oak Ridge Cardinal Invitational two weeks earlier in Oak Ridge, Tennessee,] wasn't very warm, so coming back from spring break to 50 degree weather wasn't a very hard transition. It isn't unusual for us to come back from break and go right back into the erg room for a week or two, so we are especially happy about the lack of ice or flooding on the St. Joseph River."

No. 18 Louisville also competed at the event, though the Cardinals failed to win an event.

The Irish will take the next two weeks to continue training on the water as the weather improves, save for a short break for the Easter holiday. The team races next at the Lake Natoma invitational in Folsom, California, the weekend of April 11.

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SMC TENNIS | SMC 8, OLIVET 1

Belles quiet struggling Olivet in league clash

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Saint Mary's continued MIAA conference action this weekend against Olivet in Battle Creek, MI. The Belles (7-7, 2-1 MIAA) defeated the Comets (2-13, 0-4 MIAA) in assertive fashion by a final score of 8-1. Coming off a 9-0 clobbering by Indiana Wesleyan, the Belles were able to turn it around and find a way to beat a struggling Comets squad.

The Belles were victorious in all of their doubles matchups this weekend, which is something Belles Head Coach Dale Campbell has been striving for all season.

"I think we fought hard to get those wins and it was a very nice effort in doubles," Campbell said.

Strong at doubles were senior captain Kayle Sexton and sophomore Sam Setterblad, who won their match 9-8 after fighting through a 7-1 tiebreak match. Campbell did not

have to coach the two through their match, rather, provided encouragement and the pair was able to find a way to win.

"Kayle and Sam came back in their match and just used that momentum going into the tiebreaker," Campbell said, "they believed they could win, and they did."

Olivet was able to notch its only victory against the Belles at No. 1 singles where Comets freshman Maddy Drikakis defeated Sexton 6-4, 6-2. Aside from the Sexton loss, the Belles were able to win out the singles matches against the Comets.

Notably, the Belles freshmen saw significant action against the Comets. Bailey Oppman notched a victory at No. 5 singles against Comets junior Lucy McNally by a dominant score of 6-1, 6-1. Likewise, at No. 6 singles freshman Kelsey Kopf topped Olivet senior Devan Thomas, 6-0, 6-1.

"I see a great future with these first year players,"

Campbell said, "They will continue to impact [both] singles and doubles and have the ability to play at a high level."

Campbell also noted that all the freshmen all played with great poise and composition and have developed an elite drive to win matches.

Senior captains Jackie Kjolhede and Shannon Elliot and junior Margaret Faller also earned singles victories over Olivet.

Freshman Maddie Minuado was worked in with junior Margaret Faller at No. 2 doubles, where the two were able to bring home an 8-3 victory over Olivet freshman tag-team Haley Powers and BreAnne Rudlaff. In addition, Kjolhede and Elliot won a match 8-5 in the No. 3 doubles slot.

The Belles continue MIAA action April 8 at home against Trine. Matches are slated to begin at 4 p.m.

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MEN'S TENNIS | ND 4, MIAMI 3; ND 4, FLORIDA STATE 3

Irish sweep pair of ACC foes

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame came through with a hard-earned Sunshine State sweep over the weekend, downing ACC foes Miami and Florida State in a pair of 4-3 victories.

The Irish (12-7, 4-3 ACC) jumped out to an early lead against the young Hurricanes (7-10, 1-5) by picking up doubles victories from the first- and third-position teams. The nationally ninth-ranked duo of junior Alex Lawson and senior Billy Pecor cruised to an 8-2 win over Miami freshmen Nile Clark and Piotr Lomacki before senior Dougie Barnard and junior Quentin Monaghan slipped past the Miami pair of sophomore Bernard Tefel and freshman Christian Langmo, 8-6.

Monaghan was the first off the court for Notre Dame in the singles portion of the event, besting Miami's Lomacki in straight sets at the top of the singles lineup. A pair of Hurricane wins locked the match at two, however, before Notre Dame junior Kenneth Sabacinski defeated Clark 7-5, 7-5 (7-2) to put the Irish a point away from victory.

Lawson fell in three sets, so the match came down to the third position battle between Notre Dame sophomore Josh Hagar and Miami senior Wilfredo Gonzalez. Hagar took the first set, 6-3, and then followed with a 6-4 win in the second set to deliver the win for the Irish.

On Sunday in Tallahassee, Florida, the Irish fell behind the Seminoles (16-6, 4-3) early after losing the doubles point. The Notre Dame pair

of Lawson and Pecor was upset by Florida State red-shirt junior Benjamin Lock and junior Marco Nunez at the first-position doubles spot, 8-4. The Seminoles then sealed the point with a victory at the third doubles spot by freshmen brothers Terrance and Terrell Whitehurst's 8-4 win over Barnard and Monaghan.

Monaghan responded to tie the match right back up at the top of the singles lineup, however, breezing by Lock in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0. Florida State junior Michael Rinaldi defeated Irish sophomore Eddy Covalschi in straight sets to push the Seminoles back in front.

All four remaining singles matches went to a third set, but three consecutive wins for Notre Dame sealed the match.

Hagar started the Irish run with a 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over Nunez at the second singles position, while he was followed off the court by Sabacinski's 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 victory over Terrance Whitehurst. Lawson's 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (7-4) tiebreaker win at the five spot clinched Notre Dame's fourth point on the afternoon to complete the team's weekend sweep.

Notre Dame's road experience continues next weekend when the Irish travel to Tobacco Road for showdowns with Duke on Friday and North Carolina on Sunday. The action Friday is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. at Ambler Tennis Stadium in Durham, North Carolina, and continues Sunday at 12 p.m. at Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.



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Senior Billy Pecor hits a backhand during Notre Dame's 4-3 win over Oklahoma State on Jan. 24 at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF | LSU TIGER GOLF CLASSIC

ND takes eighth in Louisiana

By MAREK MAZUREK
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Notre Dame traveled south this weekend to compete in the LSU Tiger Golf Classic in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, finishing eighth in a 16-team, high-powered tournament. The field included No. 6 LSU, No. 10 Wake Forest and No. 11 Mississippi State, and the Irish finished the weekend with a 52-over-par 914, 35 shots behind the host and tournament winner, LSU.

Despite the strong field, Notre Dame head coach Susan Holt said she was not happy with the eighth place finish.

"I'm not at all satisfied," Holt said. "We should have finished no worse than fifth in the field based on the rankings. We felt some of those teams ranked ahead of us could have been beaten. We did not play well. One good round out of three isn't going to get it done."

The weekend was one of peaks and valleys as the Irish started the tournament with a 24-over 312 to finish the first day in seventh place, but then came back on the second day to move into fifth place with a four-over 288. Holt said the team adjusted to the conditions on the second day and that led to the improvement.

"We had a lot of unforced errors and sloppy play," Holt said. "The wind was very strong the first day. The golf course played totally different [Thursday] in the practice round. We just didn't adjust to it. [Saturday] conditions were much better and we were able to manage things better and play better."

But a rough third-round, 22-over score of 310 saw Notre Dame drop down to eighth

place. Holt said the poor performance on the third day was due to a mix of bad weather and poor putting.

"It got windy again today," Holt said. "We did not manage conditions well. A lot of it came down to putting. These greens are pretty slick, pretty fast and we didn't putt very well. Hopefully looking forward we'll be able to have a bit more consistency and play more to our capability."

Senior captain Ashley Armstrong led the Irish on the weekend, tallying a nine-over 225 over the three rounds.

Despite the eighth-place finish, Holt said the team can learn from playing against some of the best teams in the country.

"Every time you go out, you hope to get something out of it," Holt said. "I think it's good in that it shows our players where we're at and what we need to continue to work on and improve upon. Hopefully as we move through the rest of the season and into the post-season, we'll be doing those things better and execute better."

Holt said for the team to improve, each golfer must work on her game individually.

"Golf is an individual game," Holt said. "I hope the weather's decent at home so we can maybe get outside on Tuesday and get some practice in. They all have their stats from the weekend and know what they need to work on, and hopefully we'll be able to get that done."

Notre Dame will compete in the Bryan National Collegiate next weekend in Greensboro, North Carolina.

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TRACK & FIELD | TEXAS RELAYS; BOBCAT INVITATIONAL

Barber shines as Irish kick off outdoor season

By MAREK MAZUREK
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As the South Bend weather starts to slowly get warmer, Notre Dame earned mixed results in the Texas Relays and the Bobcat Invitational in its first outdoor meet of the season.

"There were some very good performances, eye-opening performances, and then there were a few of the athletes who didn't compete anywhere near the level I expected them to," Irish head coach Alan Turner said. "Going to events like the Texas relays, we're measuring ourselves against the best in the country. We use events like these as a measuring stick and clearly, we need to perform better and I know we can."

The weekend's headline came courtesy of senior Jade Barber, who broke the school record in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 12.81 seconds; the previous school record was 12.93 seconds. Turner said Barber came back nicely from barely missing first-team All-American honors at the NCAA indoor championships.

"Several of the young ladies who were first-team All-Americans who [Barber] ran against two weeks ago

were also here at the meet," Turner said. "She actually beat all of them except for one. For Jade, it was really just refining her technique. She's definitely where she needs to be now and she's going to be among the top three favorites to win the title this outdoor season."

Barber was also part of one of the six relay teams for the Irish that competed this weekend. The women's 100-meter relay team placed eight, the 200-meter team took home fourth and the 400-meter team finished seventh; however, Turner said the performance of the women's relay teams left room for improvement.

"The 4x800-meter relay had a lot of young people in there," Turner said. "They didn't perform as well as I thought they would. We got beat pretty bad. We're going to have to use our running experience at Stanford next season. My 4x100-meter relay for the women's — they weren't as fast as I wanted them to be in the [preliminaries] or the finals, but most of the teams in front of us are going to be top eight teams in the country. If we can cut some seconds off our time, get down to the low [44-second range], we can compete at the NCAA championships."

Meanwhile, the men's

200-meter and 400-meter teams finished fourth and eighth places, respectively. Turner said the men's relay teams started well but lost steam on the final day.

"In the 4x400-meters, the guys ran very well in the [preliminaries]," Turner said. "They just seemed to be very tired [Saturday] in the finals. Also, in between the second leg and the third leg, there was some bumping between the teams and we got the worse end of that. I'm expecting them to bounce back."

As the outdoor season continues, Turner said he expects the team to run well in the distance events at the Stanford Invitational next week.

"The guy distance runners have been baged up, they're healthy now," Turner said. "This first week's going to be a little bit tough, from the mile on up, there's going to be close to 100 competitors in each event. I'm looking for [junior] Michael Clevenger, [freshman] Billy Dolan and [sophomore] Jacob Dumford to do very well."

The Irish will travel to Palo Alto, California, to compete in the Stanford Invitational next weekend.

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Senior Jade Barber competes Feb. 6 at the Mayo Invitational at Mayo Field. Barber set a school record in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 12.81 seconds, besting the previous record of 12.93 seconds.

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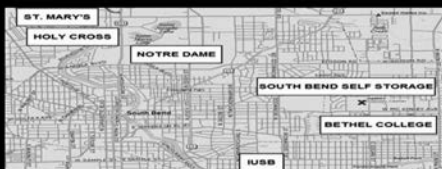
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steepened by the increased minutes because of injuries.

This offseason, they're under the instruction of a new position coach, former Irish cornerback Todd Lyght, who served as an assistant defensive backs coach with the Philadelphia Eagles before moving back to South Bend.

Lyght said he's tried to bring a new mindset to Notre Dame — one which emphasizes all 11 players on defense knowing each other's roles and responsibilities — and he's seen Redfield and Shumate respond accordingly in the first few weeks of spring ball.

"I think they're being more assertive at their position because you have to be very vocal," Lyght said March 23. "When you're at the safety position, you're pretty much the quarterbacks of the defense, so you've gotta do a good job of commanding the defense, anticipating change, anticipating shifting, motions, thinks like that, and anticipating the adjustments that need to be made, and I think last year, with the new defense, they were kind of hindered with that a bit, and it kind of slowed up their thinking process."

Redfield said he and his partner in the secondary have bought into the new style of play that Lyght brought.

"Well, the fact that he was such a great player, and now he's coaching us, he knows

how to basically translate the message he's trying to get to us, and he makes it really clear, and he understands the fundamentals that are going to make us succeed," Redfield said Friday. "He understands the technique down to a dot that we need to succeed, and he's really good at communicating with us."

Redfield said he also learned from losing his starting job over the course of last season.

"Obviously, it was kinda rough for me," he said. "Nobody likes to get benched. But at that time, you kinda have to reflect. I mean, I'm getting benched for a reason. The coaches have to have some kind of motive behind this."

"So it kind of gave me some time to reflect upon it and understand that I'm not entitled to this spot. I have to earn it every day."

With this new mindset in place under the new coach, Kelly said he's been impressed with the job his two veteran safeties have done throughout the spring so far.

"Their development is clearly evident and so much different from where we were at this time last year or anytime during the season," he said. "We don't see the missed assignments. Really two guys that have grasped a hold of what we're doing out there. [They've] kind of settled into two solid football players back there for us."

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the doubles flights Sunday, Gleason said she was impressed with White's play at No. 3 doubles.

"I thought Katherine played especially well this weekend," Gleason said. "She stepped up when the team needed her in the doubles line up. She and Monica had never played together before, so it was awesome to see that she could jump right into the line up and clinch the doubles point on Sunday."

All six members of the Irish who competed in singles on Sunday afternoon came out victorious, each one by a considerable margin. Gleason returned to the lineup at No. 1 singles, where she was able to defeat top Golden Eagle senior Ana Pimienta, 6-3, 6-2. At No. 3 singles, Vrabel won every game en route to a 6-0, 6-0 win over Marquette sophomore Diana Tokar.

The extremely strong showing in the singles matches allowed Notre Dame to secure its most lopsided win of the year as it heads into the homestretch.

"This weekend definitely gives us confidence going into the last few weeks of regular season play," Gleason said. "We've been having really tight matches recently. The great thing about the ACC is that every team has great players and every match will be competitive. This weekend's 6-1



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Irish junior Quinn Gleason hits a forehand during a 6-1 Notre Dame loss to Stanford on Feb. 6. Gleason is 9-7 in singles play this spring.

and 7-0 wins were good timing coming off an extremely competitive last weekend on the road."

Notre Dame will have a solid opportunity to pick up a couple more wins this weekend when they visit Wake Forest and Virginia Tech, a pair of teams below it in the ACC standings. At noon Friday, the Irish will take on the Demon Deacons (12-9, 2-7) in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, before taking a trip to Blacksburg, Virginia,

on Sunday for a contest with the Hokies (12-5, 4-4).

"The next few weeks will be very important for the team to try to improve our ranking before NCAAs," Gleason said. "We have some really good opportunities [later in the season] against teams like Duke and Miami, and I'm really excited to see how we stack up against the top teams in the conference."

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Baseball

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"We've got six series in front of us. We've got three of them on the road. We've got three of them at home. I feel like every single one of those series is a series that we're capable of winning and have the ability to win."

The Irish were outthit over the course of the three games by the Cavaliers (18-8, 6-6), 31-20, and left 22 total runners on base.

"There are some guys who are scuffling — we need to get them going, and they need to kind of get out of their own way a little bit, but I think that they're pressing," Aoki said. "But once we get ourselves back on track and just worrying about not pressing and just playing the game the way it's meant to be played, I think we'll be fine."

Aoki said Notre Dame also needs to stick to playing by its mantra this season of competing every pitch and every at-bat against Eastern Michigan on Tuesday and in its next ACC series against Pittsburgh this weekend.

"We're just going to try to

work on being as good as we can from pitch to pitch," he said. "Hopefully we get back onto the win column, but we're just gonna worry about being as good as we can be against Eastern [Michigan], and hopefully we'll come out with a W, and then we'll go to Pitt and worry about trying to be as good as we can possibly be on every pitch against Pitt."

Two of the bright spots last weekend for the Irish came from a pair of juniors. Shortstop Lane Richards hit his first career home run and tagged on a double in Sunday's finale, while first baseman Zak Kutsulis collected an RBI in each game and went 2-for-3 at the plate Sunday.

Kutsulis said the team would try to take a step back to refocus on its day off from competition Monday.

"Coming off a rough last weekend against Louisville and a rough weekend this weekend, Coach said we have to hit the reset button, and that's kind of what we're doing," he said. "We'll come here [Monday], get our work in and play again on Tuesday."

Eastern Michigan (9-16, 2-4 MAC) comes to South Bend on the heels of a three-game series loss to Kent State. The Eagles took the first game, 4-3, before being swept in Saturday's doubleheader, 8-6 and 12-4.

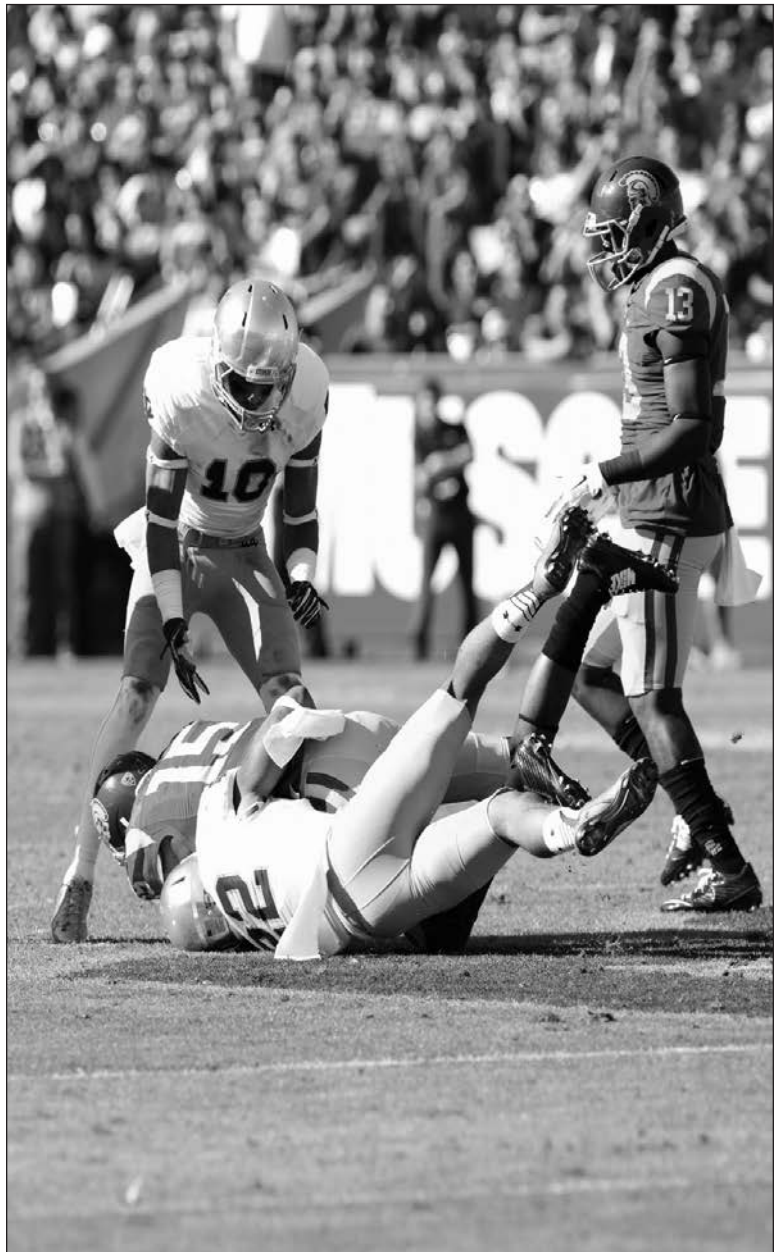
The Irish have defeated their previous two mid-week-game opponents, Central Michigan on March 18 and Western Michigan last Wednesday, both by 8-3 scores.

Sophomore right-hander Ryan Smoyer earned those two wins and will face the Eagles tonight, leading an Irish squad hoping to turn around recent woes.

"It's really tough to do, and it's just one of those things where you have to go back to the basics — just getting your work in in the cage, and you have to try forgetting about it, and you have to look as if it's a whole new year starting right now," Kutsulis said.

Notre Dame and Eastern Michigan will meet at Frank Eck Stadium on Tuesday, with first pitch delivered at 6:05 p.m.

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Irish senior safety Elijah Shumate, 22, takes down a USC player while junior Max Redfield, 10, looks on at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

FOOTBALL

Redfield, Shumate solidify play

By **MARY GREEN**
Assistant Managing Editor

They might have entered spring practice with a new coach and new style of play, but the Irish safeties are looking to solidify a core duo they had already established last season.

Senior Elijah Shumate and junior Max Redfield both earned the start for the season opener against Rice on Aug. 30, but they weren't able to hold that job for the entire year. Former Irish captain Austin Collinsworth and current sophomore Drue Tranquill had switched on and off with Shumate and Redfield in the secondary's first-team, but by the home finale against Louisville on Nov. 22, Collinsworth and Tranquill had slid into the starting roles together.

One week later against USC, Redfield and Shumate regained significant minutes on the field after Tranquill tore his ACL against the Cardinals and Collinsworth

reinjured his shoulder against the Trojans.

Just a month later, the safeties flashed a new form during the Music City Bowl against LSU, holding the Tigers to 151 passing yards and one touchdown through the air, and Redfield registered a team-high 14 tackles.

"The bowl preparation was absolutely crucial to both of those guys," Irish head coach Brian Kelly said March 25. "Defensively, they could see where they needed to grow, and they did, both of them. And now they get into this year, and they know it's time to really deliver."

"I think they look back on the year and see that there were clearly some tough times for them, but they're going to be better because of it."

Last offseason, the safeties had to adjust to a new defense from then-first-year coordinator Brian VanGorder, a learning curve that was

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Irish safeties junior Max Redfield, 10, and senior Elijah Shumate, 22, tackle an LSU ballcarrier at the goal line during Notre Dame's 31-28 win in the Music City Bowl on Dec. 30.

BASEBALL

Irish look to rebound against Eastern Michigan

By **MARY GREEN**
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Notre Dame will try to extend its undefeated run in midweek games this season when it hosts Eastern Michigan tonight at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish (16-10, 3-9 ACC) are also looking to bounce back from a sweep last weekend at the hands of No. 9 Virginia, their second series loss in a row to a conference opponent.

After a 9-1 defeat to open the series, Notre Dame fell in two tough games Saturday night, 4-2, and Sunday, 5-4. In both matchups, the Irish threatened to make a late run for the win but fell short.

Despite the sweep, Notre Dame head coach Mik Aoki said his team is still looking at the positives of what remains of the season, which the Irish are not even halfway through.

"I think the thing is that we have everything still in front of us," Aoki said.

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Junior infielder Zak Kutsulis swings during a win against Central Michigan on March 18. Kutsulis is 5-for-5 stealing bases this spring.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS | ND 6, NC STATE 1; ND 7, MARQUETTE 0

Notre Dame rolls in pair of wins

By **HUNTER McDANIEL**
Sports Writer

Amongst the cross-campus noise over the weekend, Notre Dame quietly had a dominating weekend, defeating North Carolina State and Marquette.

Friday afternoon, the Irish (12-6, 6-3 ACC) never left any doubt in a dismantling of conference opponent NC State (9-10, 0-8 ACC), winning 6-1.

Notre Dame opened the afternoon with a complete team win in doubles, as the No. 20 doubles pair of junior Quinn Gleason and sophomore Monica Robinson cruised to an 8-1 victory over Wolfpack seniors Nicole Martinez and Sophie Nelson at No. 1 doubles. At No. 3 doubles, sophomores Jane Fennelly and Mary Closs fought to earn an 8-6, come-from-behind victory over NC State sophomores Liza Fieldsend and Natalia Janowicz after once trailing 5-2.

With the doubles point clinched, Notre Dame

continued its dominance into the singles matches, taking home five of the six singles matches en route to the victory.

Notre Dame snowballed its Friday performance into an even more resounding victory on Sunday afternoon, as the Irish rolled over Marquette (10-8, 1-1 Big East) in a 7-0 sweep.

Irish head coach Jay Louderback switched things up for his team a little bit on Sunday by breaking up his top doubles pairing of Gleason and Robinson. Instead, he went with freshman Allison Miller and junior Julie Vrabell at the No. 1 doubles flight, Closs and Fennelly at No. 2 and a tandem of Robinson and senior Katherine White at the third flight.

The latter two pairings for the Irish both snagged wins, allowing Notre Dame to take an early lead into the singles portion of the match. It never looked back.

Though she did not play in

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