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Grabosky runs for prayers

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Editor

Jeff Grabosky took a pit-stop at campus this weekend as he continues a cross-country run with only basic essentials in a baby jogger and a rosary.

"From an athletic perspective, I have run marathons and a couple hundred-milers, so this seemed like the big next step," he said. "I coupled that with my personal life where prayer is really important."

While faith always played a large role in his family, Grabosky, a 2005 Notre Dame graduate, said he felt the power of prayer most during a difficult period of his life in 2006.

"My mom passed away, and my wife walked out on me. I was left with everything I had in my car for a couple months," he said. "Prayer is all I had."

During his break on campus, friends hosted a prayer service with

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Holy Half benefits locals



JAMES DOAN/The Observer

Runners competed in the Holy Half Marathon Sunday. This year's race focused on who participants were running for and donations went to local South Bend charities.

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

The theme of Sunday's sixth annual Holy Half Marathon asked participants, "Who are you running for?" In that spirit, race organizers hoped the thousands of participants would think beyond their own training, to others.

"The past few years, the money has all gone to New

Orleans and the theme has been New Orleans too," senior and race director Gabby Tate said. "This year we wanted to do something different and get more people involved from South Bend and out of the Notre Dame bubble."

Working with the theme, the directors decided to focus the fundraising efforts on local charities.

"We came up with a list

from friends' suggestions and narrowed it down to a few, which we presented to all four class councils," senior and race director Sean Kickham said. "They voted and those are the charities that the money will go to."

This year's race will benefit the South Bend Center for the Homeless, St. Adalbert elementary school and Michiana

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Tourney honors student

By SAM STRYKER
News Editor

Behind Keenan Hall Saturday afternoon, more than four dozen Keenan residents played basketball in memory of Sean Valero.

The inaugural Keenan Classic, a two-on-two basketball tournament, shifted its focus from a South Bend charity to remembering Valero after the sophomore was found dead March 31.

Sophomore Ryan Dunbar helped found the event with classmates Gabe De Vela, Stephen Schwaner and Preston Scott and said the tournament was a great way to honor Valero. The sophomore was found dead March 31.

"It was great to come together and remember a friend and have a fun day of community, having fun and donating money for a good cause," he said.

Dunbar said the tournament had 27 teams, raising \$270. He said the funds would most likely go toward planting a tree with a rock and plaque near Keenan to remember Valero.

"The guys in Keenan wanted to have a memorial for Sean," Dunbar said. "The tournament

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Moms visit daughters during weekend events



COURTNEY ECKERLE/The Observer

Megan Dempsey and Kellie Zeese eating with their mothers at dinner during the St. Mary's Junior Mom's Weekend.

By CECILIA GLOVER
News Writer

Saint Mary's juniors got to spend quality time with their moms during Junior Mom's Weekend Friday through Sunday.

"We have been planning

Junior Mom's Weekend since the beginning of the year. It is one of the main events of junior year and a very special tradition at Saint Mary's College," junior board member Hannah Hupp said. "There are a lot of times families come to campus, but

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O.A.R. creates waves Friday

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

Nearly 2,000 students kicked off their weekend by rocking out to hip-hop duo Chiddy Bang and jam band Of A Revolution (O.A.R.) at the Student Union Board (SUB) spring concert Friday night.

SUB concert programmer Matt Stolze said SUB initially planned to sell 1,100 tickets to students, but the overwhelming student demand for tickets prompted SUB to sell more tickets.

"We worked with campus officials to increase the number of tickets sold," Stolze said. "I'm happy to say that after this increase, we sold approximately 1,940 tickets."

Chiddy Bang opened the concert for an enthusiastic Stepan Center crowd, playing new songs in addition to their most popular single, "Opposite of Adults."

Freshman Bobby Hess said he thought the audience reacted favorably to Chiddy Bang's per-



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Of A Revolution performed at Stepan Center with Chiddy Bang Saturday night. Approximately 1,940 tickets were sold.

formance.

"I felt that most of the population at the concert was looking forward to Chiddy Bang more than O.A.R.," he said. "Everyone was really excited at the end when they [Chiddy Bang] came

back on stage to play with O.A.R."

Students agreed that Chiddy Bang's collaborative finale on O.A.R.'s fan favorite "That Was a

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Question: What superpower do you wish you had?

Johnny: The ability to fly, because then I wouldn’t have to walk.

Q: Which Disney prince do you most resemble?

Johnny: I actually resemble Ariel. My room looks like her treasure cove.

Q: Who was your first crush?

Johnny: Amanda Bynes because she was the cutest person on the Amanda Bynes Show! She was awesome in that.

Q: Who would you like to arm wrestle?

Johnny: Father Jenkins

Q: Which country would you like to own?

Johnny: Probably the United States because it’s BA.

Q: What is the one thing that everyone should know about you?

Johnny: The interesting thing is I’m not a role model. I’m a jeans model.

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Monday Meltdown



Johnny Romano

*freshman
Dillon*

Know someone chill for Monday’s Icebreaker? Email obsphoto@gmail.com



GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

Zahm sophomore Jimmy Vowers prepares for a pass in the seven-on-seven inter-hall lacrosse tournament Sunday. The interhall tournament followed a men’s lacrosse game, part of Playing for Peace, which benefits Sudan.

OFFBEAT

Police in Thailand seize smuggled monitor lizards

BANGKOK — Authorities in Thailand have seized 1,800 monitor lizards being smuggled on pickup trucks to the capital.

Customs officials say the Bengal monitor lizards were hidden in mesh bags and stashed in open containers behind boxes of fruit in three pickup trucks. They were seized Thursday at a checkpoint in southern Thailand.

Customs Department chief Prasong Poontaneat said Friday he suspects the lizards were destined to be eaten. He said their meat sells for \$7.50-\$15 per pound (\$16-\$33 per

kilogram) in China, making them worth more than \$60,000.

International trade in the reptiles is banned. In Thailand, illegal sale of wildlife carries a penalty of up to four years in prison and a fine of \$1,300.

Man arrested for taking over Pennsylvania house

MURRYSVILLE, Pa. — A man has been jailed on charges that he took up residence in a \$500,000 western Pennsylvania home without the owner’s permission.

Frederick Harris III, of Wilmerding, remained in the Westmorland County Prison Friday on burglary, criminal trespass and criminal mis-

chief charges filed Wednesday when Murrys ville police say they found him in the home.

Police say the 43-year-old Harris had toured the home with a real estate agent who refused to give him keys. He later broke a window, pulled up the ‘for sale’ sign and moved in anyway. Police were alerted when a caretaker noticed someone in the house.

Police Chief Thomas Seefeld tells the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review that Harris’ “car was in the garage. He had personal items in the home. He basically was making a home there.”

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Dr. Tracy E. Cooper, Professor of Italian and Southern Renaissance and Baroque art and architecture in the Department of Art History at Temple University, will give a lecture **today** titled, “**Palladio’s Venice: Politics of the Classical,**” in Bond Hall at 4:30 p.m. The talk will cover the topics presented in her book *Palladio’s Venice: Architecture and Society in a Renaissance Republic*.

The Center for Social Concerns will be sponsoring its annual **Ganey Research Awards Dinner today** at 5:30 p.m. in the Jordan Hall of Science. The dinner will recognize campus and community research partners.

The 2011 Art Battle will take place in LaFortune Student Center today at 5:30 p.m. Artists will be given 30 minutes to create a piece based on the theme: What does identity mean to you? Artwork will be displayed in the Sorin Room from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm **Tuesday** for students to vote for the winners. Entry fees are \$5 for individuals and \$10 for teams up to three.

The final round of the **Chesterton Rhetoric Competition** will take place tonight in **Geddes Hall** at 7:30 p.m. Graduate students from a broad range of departments will give eight to 12 minute orations and will be judged on profundity and creativity of argument, clarity of reasoning and beauty of expression. The first prize winner will receive \$400 and the second prize winner will receive \$100.

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Playing for Peace raises awareness

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team furthered its social justice initiative with a Playing for Peace game followed by an interhall tournament Sunday.

Kevin Dugan, director of Men's Lacrosse Operations, said they held the tournament to show Notre Dame's unceasing support of Sudan. The initiative began fall semester with a three-on-three basketball tournament and Stand with Sudan peace rally.

"It's a follow-up to make sure we didn't just have this one event in the fall and check it off the list of things to do," he said. "We want there to be a continuous call to awareness on the situation in Sudan."

Dugan said they specifically selected the Georgetown game for the high level of publicity.

"We chose the Georgetown game because we knew it was going to be nationally televised and that we would be able to get the message out about Sudan to a national TV audience," he said.

"The announcers talked about Playing for Peace and Sudan for two minutes and that surely helped to raise awareness."

At halftime, students at the game went onto the field and formed a human peace sign around the field's interlocking ND logo. They then prayed for Sudan, turning the stadium from a venue for athletics to a venue for social concerns advocacy.

The team also recognized the organizations that have supported Playing for Peace at halftime, such as Catholic Relief Services and Adidas.

After the game ended, eight men's and two women's interhall teams competed in a seven-on-seven lacrosse tournament. The teams played 25 minute games refereed by men's lacrosse players.

Duncan's team defeated St. Edwards with a score of 7-5 in the men's championship. In the women's, Pangborn beat Ryan 6-4.

Sophomore Brian Benedict, who scored three goals for Duncan in the championship game, said the tournament and overall initiative was a major success for the lacrosse team.

"We want there to be a continuous call to awareness on the situation in Sudan."

Kevin Dugan
director
men's lacrosse operations



Photo courtesy of Kevin Dugan

African children pose with lacrosse equipment during the summer of 2010. The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team has been involved with spreading lacrosse in Africa, which drew them to supporting Sudan.

"This was just an awesome day," he said. "We got to cheer on our No. 2-ranked team, had a huge student prayer at halftime at midfield, got to play lacrosse ourselves, all while raising awareness for an important cause."

St. Edward's captain Quinn Kilpatrick said his team's motivation to participate was twofold.

"It's obviously a great cause, and we also wanted to get some practice in before the big interhall season starts up," he said.

For Pangborn captain Rachel Kalinoski, the best aspect of the

tournament was the combination of playing a game she enjoys.

"I know our whole team really enjoyed the tournament and we hope to play again next year," she said.

The Playing for Peace initiative has truly infused the lacrosse program with the ethos of Notre Dame, Dugan said.

"We have made new friends all over campus at the Kroc Institute, the Center for Social Concerns, the Ford Program, RecSports, Campus Ministry, student government, Play Like A Champion and the general stu-

dent body," he said.

Dugan said the game had a tremendously high student turnout.

"The student response was so encouraging. It was great to see the men's basketball team come out to support the event and our team as well," he said. "There was a real spirit of community at the game — everyone was there to support an important cause and to cheer on their team, it was a special Notre Dame moment."

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SMC volunteers with Rebuilding

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
News Writer

Saint Mary's students, faculty and even a few mothers set their alarm clocks a little earlier Saturday in order to volunteer from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the South Bend community as part of the Rebuilding Together project.

"The goal of Rebuilding Together is to repair low-income homes and revitalize neighborhoods," Saint Mary's junior Cat Cleary said.

Carolyne Call, the director of

Saint Mary's Office for Civic and Social Engagement, said Saint Mary's has sponsored a house for this event for the past seven years.

As a house sponsor, Saint Mary's donates \$3,500 toward repairs of the house and provides volunteers for the day, Call said.

Around 50 Saint Mary's students worked on the west side of South Bend on Albert Street repairing three houses by painting and removing shutters and house numbers in order to make way for newer fixtures.

Three students, juniors Laura Glaub and Cat Cleary and sopho-

more London Lamar, said they did not mind waking up early to help with the event.

"Even though I had to wake up early on a Saturday after a long school week, the greater feeling was knowing I was giving back to someone who was in need," Lamar said. "Every stroke of color that was painted on the house was a stroke of love."

Since Rebuilding Together coincided with Saint Mary's Junior Mom's Weekend, some of the participants enlisted their mom's help with the project.

"My mother and I wanted to do something different that would be fun together," Glaub said.

Glaub and her mother removed house numbers and shutters, and Cleary and her mother repainted a shed.

"It was worth [getting up]. Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. I did look at my mom and say, 'Let's go back to bed.' But coming home at 1:30 p.m., we talked about how much it was worth it," Glaub said. "I made new friends and new memories doing projects I never thought I could do. I have so much appreciation for anyone who is able to take window shutters off."

All the girls said they hope to see the program grow in the future, including Glaub.

"More days. More weekends. I love it," Glaub said.

Cleary noted the importance of students giving back to the community.

"I continue to participate in Rebuilding Together year after year because it is a wonderful way for our college to acknowledge that we do not live independent of the South Bend community and that we have a responsibility to help all of our neighbors," she said.

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Onlookers watch the basketball tournament from the sidelines. The Keenan Klassic was held in honor of Sean Valero's memory this year.

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was a way to commemorate a friend and bring in some funds for the memorial."

Basketball was the perfect way to honor Valero after an emotionally challenging week, Schwaner said.

"The tournament was great, we had great participation. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a great time," he said. "It felt good to be able to commemorate Sean with a fun, upbeat event after the last week of grief and mourning."

Keenan rector Fr. Dan Nolan said the event helped members of the residence hall heal emotionally.

"The tournament has been a way for the guys to honor Sean and work through their grief, and feel like they are accomplishing something," he said.

Dunbar said he hopes the tournament becomes an annual tradition for Keenan Hall to raise money for a variety of causes. He said he and his friends were inspired to create the event with the recent addition of a basketball hoop to the residence hall.

"My roommates and I thought it would be a neat idea to put together a basketball tournament. We wanted to also use this as an opportunity to help out those who are less fortunate," Dunbar said. "There are many charities out there, and they all need donations. We didn't want to limit this tournament to donating money to the same charity every year because other charities are just as deserving."

Dunbar said every year participants would have the opportunity to choose where funds raised through the event will go.

"We would provide a list of charities that we would want to receive our donations, and then we would basically leave it up to the guys who are giving the money to decide where it goes," he said. "This also would lead to the possibility of donating to different charities every year as a way to spread the wealth."

Dunbar said when residents were presented with charity options this year, the overwhelming response was to use the funds to commemorate Valero.

"To hear the guys say over and over that they wanted the tournament to donate to the memorial spoke volumes about the types of guys here at Notre Dame and the sense of community really present in the dorm life at Keenan," he said.

Dunbar said he and the other co-founders of the Klassic kept the event within Keenan for the first year. He said future installments may feature other male dorms participating, or adding a co-ed tournament.

"We're going to try and expand a little year by year, possibly getting some local sponsors down the road," he said.

Scott said there was an amazing response from Keenan residents, which speaks positively to

the future of the event.

"This year's tournament had a great turnout, but I think it will only get better with time," he said. "We had a lot of guys saying they wish they'd signed up this year and that they can't wait until next year."

In addition to participating in the tournament, Dunbar said Keenan residents supported their friends who played.

"Everyone who participated had a good time," he said. "I know a lot of people who had rooms with a view of the court who even watched."

Dunbar said the response to the event as both a charity fundraiser and a means of commemorating Valero has been incredible.

"I've had a lot of people come up and say it was neat to put on this tournament. I think it was just great with the tournament raising money for charity in general and to do a good deed to remember our friend Sean," he said. "Both aspects of the tournament seemed to commemorate Sean."

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Crazy Game of Poker" was the highlight of the night.

Senior Julie McCaw said she also enjoyed Chiddy Bang's initial performance and their surprise appearance at the end of the show.

"They brought a lot of energy to the stage which helped get the crowd into their music," she said. "One of my favorite parts was when they took words and phrases from people in the crowd and then freestyled."

Headliners O.A.R. followed Chiddy Bang with an engaging performance that exceeded the audience's expectations.

"[O.A.R.] was so much better live than I was expecting them to be," sophomore Caroline Lennon said. "I didn't go to the SUB concert last year, so I had low expectations for the show being in Stepan [Center], but both acts were really good. It was a good scene."

Sophomore Kat Wilson said she had seen O.A.R. perform live before Friday's show, and this show compared favorably with her previous experience.

"They were just as good as the

time I saw them before, but it was cool that all of my friends were there with me," Wilson said. "They did a good job of pulling off the show in Stepan, and I really liked that everyone was so close to the stage."

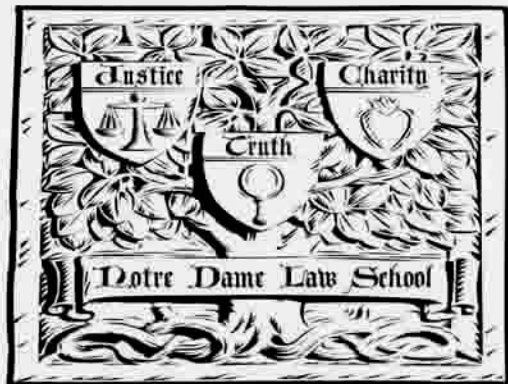
McCaw had also attended an O.A.R. concert in the past, but she said this concert was enjoyably different.

"In both concerts they played some of my favorite songs, like 'About an Hour Ago,' but [O.A.R.] sounded different both times," she said. "I love the way O.A.R. changes up the way they play their songs every concert, so overall it was really good."

Although students who had seen either group perform prior to Friday's concert expressed more enthusiasm for the performances, both acts also appealed to audience members who were not die-hard fans before the show.

"Even though I'm not really familiar with O.A.R. and didn't know all the songs, I just had a great time with my friends," sophomore Katie Fuentes said. "[Chiddy Bang and O.A.R.] kept the concert going, so it was really fun."

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Run

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Grabosky at the Grotto Saturday, and he addressed runners at the Holy Half Marathon Sunday. Notre Dame played a large role in his spiritual development, Grabosky said.

“Growing up, I didn’t really have any points where my faith was tested. I think [Notre Dame] was a way with daily Masses and the great friends and support I had, with the spiritual aspects of campus and having priests all around, to lay my base and solid foundation,” he said. “So later when the storm hit, God was my rock. I was able to go through whatever was being thrown my way.”

Grabosky began his journey Jan. 20 in Oceanside, Ca., and he plans to complete the run mid-May in Long Island, N.Y., after running roughly 3,700 miles on back roads and highway shoulders.

“There is no place I would rather be than the path God has laid out for me, and that’s where I feel I am,” he said. “It just shows that God can do amazing things out of terrible circumstances ... I’m trying to promote people making time in their daily lives for God.”

Grabosky quit his job at a running store in Washington, D.C., in order to train and plan his run across America.

“It was kind of a logistical nightmare to train for it and properly plan for it,” he said.

Grabosky runs with 70 to 80 pounds of supplies for his trip in the baby jogger. A support team or fellow runners do not travel with him, so he carries a tent, sleeping bag, clothes, medical supplies, food and water.

“I run as much as 60 miles



Photo courtesy of Jeff Grabosky

2005 Notre Dame graduate Jeff Grabosky began his run across the country Jan. 20 and plans to complete 3,700 miles by May.

in a day,” he said. “I think I would go crazy if I didn’t have something to keep me occupied like prayer ... I don’t listen to music or an iPod so that prayer really fills that void.”

Grabosky said he mapped his route so he could visit friends and family on his short stops throughout the country, but he also met people throughout his journey who supported him.

“The people I have met really have been the biggest thing for me,” he said. “We look at the media and the news, and basically we can believe terrible people are everywhere out there. But I met so many supportive people, ... people who did not have much but wanted to share with me the little they did have. It really makes me want to be a better person.”

Throughout the journey, Grabosky said he receives prayer requests from across the country and prays decades of the rosary for each request.

“As far as getting through

it, I compare this to daily life struggles that people deal with, whether they are financial problems or marital problems or health related,” he said. “They get up and battle anyway. That is my motivation to get through my struggles every day.”

Grabosky said he begins each day with a prayer to St. Michael the Archangel and follows with personal petitions and the prayer intentions he receives through his website.

“I’m just asking people for intentions, not money,” he said. “I still have a long way to go, and I can never have too many requests.”

Petition requests can be submitted on www.jeffrun-samerica.com and through the run’s Facebook page.

“I’m hoping that this shows to others that anything is possible when God is involved,” he said. “That will make me feel like this run is a success.”

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Weekend

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this is a great opportunity for just mothers and daughters to spend some quality time together and enjoy a fun-filled weekend.”

A wine and cheese reception in Haggar Parlor was held Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. to kick off the weekend celebration. A morning workout of yoga and pilates was held Saturday at Angela Athletic Facility, followed by a light lunch and shopping mall in the Student Center and afternoon tea in The Reidinger House.

“It was really nice spending time with my mom by participating in the events and having her see what my life is like at Saint Mary’s,” junior Alex Mirandola Mullen said. “I loved getting to know my friend’s moms better too. It was so nice to relax and enjoy the events that were planned for us.”

Hupp, who was in charge of organizing the shopping mall portion of Junior Mom’s Weekend, said companies including Love Always Jewelry, Twist O’ Luck Soda and Inspire Me! had wares for sale at the mall.

Mass was celebrated in The Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saturday afternoon, followed by a cocktail hour and closing dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn

Saturday night. A silent auction also took place Saturday night during the dinner at the Hilton, consisting of items such as a Kate Spade necklace, Coach bag and Tiffany & Co. necklace.

College President Carol Ann Mooney spoke Saturday night at the Junior Mom’s dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn.

“President Carol Ann Mooney’s speech at the dinner was very touching and set the

“It was really nice spending time with my mom by participating in the events and having her see what my life is like at Saint Mary’s.”

**Alex Mirandola Mullen
junior
Le Mans**

“President Carol Ann Mooney’s speech at the dinner was very touching and set the mood for the night.”

**Kristen Figari
junior
Holy Cross**

mood for the night,” junior Kristen Figari said. “I loved how she talked about the relationship between mothers and daughters. That is something you can only talk about at an all-women’s school. The whole dinner was very special.”

Junior Mom’s Weekend ended Sunday with “A day to be spent with your daughter,” according to the schedule. Whether it was walking around the beautiful campus of Saint Mary’s or going out

to eat at a favorite restaurant, Sunday was a day meant for mothers and daughters to enjoy together.

“This is a great weekend because you get to meet all of your daughter’s friends and their parents who you have heard so much about,”

said Liz Headd, mom to College junior Allyson Headd. “I had a great time and I look forward to seeing everyone again at graduation.”

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Down Syndrome, a local family support and advocacy group. Runners can choose what charity their run will benefit.

Last year, the Holy Half raised \$15,000 for the Brodamore Improvement Association, which benefits victims of Hurricane Katrina. This year, the organizers said they hoped to surpass last year’s total.

Even though the race is a large fundraiser, this year the directors wanted to make the race more of an event, with more activities than just the run.

“We’re having more food, a costume contest, award ceremony and free massages at the end of the race for runners,” Tate said.

While the race is a fundraising event, what drives it are the runners. This year, Saint Mary’s senior Catie Salyer had a very special race, thanks to her boyfriend, senior Colin Raymond, and a special finish line question.

“We ran the whole race together, and helped and supported each other,” Salyer

said. “He finished in front of me, when I crossed the finish line, he went down on one knee and was there waiting for me. It was really special and really personal, since running is my thing.”

The proposal was made even more special by the presence of Raymond and Salyer’s friends.

One of Raymond’s friends even held the ring during the race and made a quick handoff before Salyer crossed the finish line.

Salyer said she hopes that she and Raymond will be able to come back after they graduate and run the Holy Half again, but that all depends on where they are living.

“Colin’s in Army ROTC and we don’t know where we will live, but I’m sure sometime we will come back for it,” she said.

Junior Pat Kissling ran his second Holy Half, running for the Center for the Homeless. Kissling said he is a regular runner that trained casually and would absolutely participate in the event again.

“I thought it went really well, and had a great turnout,” Kissling said. “The best part for me was running around South Quad because that is

where there is always a lot of people.”

Anna Svensson said she is new to the Holy Half. The junior played a varsity sport in high school and dances

with the pom squad on campus and decided to give the half marathon a try.

“I thought that the race went really well and had a great turnout,” Svensson said. “The biggest challenge for me was the heat. I trained in much colder weather and I had to stop more, around the water breaks, due to exhaustion from the heat.”

Svensson trained using a schedule she found online for rookie half marathon runners and said it was helpful, especially since she did not know when a runner should reach their peak mileage.

“The schedule was really encouraging and helpful,” Svensson said. “I feel like if I would have followed it more closely, I would have done better.”

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“I thought the race went really well and had a great turnout.”

**Anna Svensson
junior
McGlinn**

“We’re having more food, a costume contest, award ceremony and free massages at the end of the race for runners.”

**Gabby Tate
senior**



Photo courtesy of Catherine Salyer

Notre Dame senior Colin Raymond proposed to Saint Mary’s senior Catie Salyer at the end of their run in the Holy Half Marathon.

INSIDE COLUMN

Trojan love

It all started at 10:22 a.m. on Feb. 29, 1992 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

It was Leap Day in Los Angeles, and Kimberly Llorens had just given birth to her prodigy, Adam Llorens.

OK, so that lead may sound a tad haughty, but I'll cut to the point of this column. One of the most important moments in an infant's life is the first shirt put on his or her back.

For many of you, this shirt was perhaps colored blue and gold and featured the timeless "ND" interlocking emblem on the front.

This was not the case for me. I come from "the dark side" as it is perhaps identified here on campus, for my father is an alumnus of the University of Southern California, and proud of it. And so, it would only be natural for his first and only son to wear the colors of cardinal and gold.

And so it began. I was an official member of the Trojan family and embraced every aspect of it.

As time progressed, I soon became a super fan of USC athletics, in particular the football squad, which was in the midst of one of their all-time pinna- cles throughout my adolescent years.

In fact, some of my favorite childhood memories revolve around SC football. Among others, watching Carson Palmer and the Men of Troy destroy Iowa 38-17 in the 2002 Orange Bowl and idolizing Matt Leinart in his 2004 Heisman campaign as the boys beat up on Oklahoma in the BCS title game to win the national championship.

But none of these compared to the fascinating events of October 15, 2005 at Notre Dame Stadium.

Backed up against the wall, Leinart converted a pass to Dwayne Jarrett on a fourth-and-nine situation to put the Trojans deep into Irish territory late in the fourth quarter.

Then the improbable happened.

It was the only time I had ever prayed for a football play in my life.

"God, if there's anything I ever have asked of you, please let SC score a touchdown here."

Leinart answered my call, valiantly plunging his way into the end zone for a Trojan touchdown.

"Conquest" was ringing throughout the Llorens household.

Now, please don't be offended by this column, for many of you are guilty of the same "crime." I see plenty of students donning the gear of their hometown collegiate team, schools that even perhaps their parents attended, yet you do not receive ridicule for your blasphemous attire choices.

I am simply here to state that for the rest of my life, a sliver of cardinal and gold blood will always circulate through my system.

Alongside Michael, another Trojan friend of mine in Knott, it is safe to say that we feel welcomed into the Notre Dame family.

We just want our family to appreciate our affection for Traveler and Tommy Trojan.

So don't judge. Respect the team I spent the first 18 years of my life adoring.

And, as always, Fight On ND.

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Adam Llorens

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"Ayecha" or "Where are you?" was the first question asked in the Bible. Seemingly, it should be a question from Adam: "Where are you, my God? What am I doing here? Where am I?"

Instead, however, God asked the question. Did God not know where Adam was? God knew; Adam did not. Adam needed the question to bring him to understand where he was, not physically, but in relation to God. The question "Where are you?" is a humbling

one, and one that we should ask ourselves on a regular basis. It can be used to assess where we stand in relation to our God, our faith, our country, our school, our work, our family, our friends or ourselves. The concept of sacrifice is pivotal and instrumental in the attempt to understand where we are. The most valuable possession we own is our time, and when we decide to give our time to someone other than ourselves, it is easier to reflect upon these relationships and to really know where we are.

Lenten sacrifice is an important way for Catholics to become grounded in their understanding of where they stand in their faith. The sacrifice sym-



Alex Coccia

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Glass*

bolizes the sacrifice that Jesus made by dying on the cross and absolving the sins of the world. The sacrifice they make during Lent is a reminder of the greater picture.

Sacrifice, however, is not for God: It must be for others first, God second. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me" (Matthew 25:45). Even Jesus places himself after others. Our commitment to others grounds us in the world we call home. Another question asked in the Bible is "Am I my brother's keeper?" The answer is undeniably, "yes," but the dilemma is whether or not we show we are by our actions. For those who believe in God, sacrifice brings them closer to Him through others, grounding believers in their faith. However, for both those who do believe in a god and for those who do not, sacrifice brings them to a better understanding of themselves and their relationship to others. For both, the call to their brothers and sisters is the same. In answering the question "Am I my brother's keeper?" we should respond with a resounding, "Yes!" "I do not believe you," the skeptic will say. "Then I shall show you," we respond.

One of the reasons sacrifice for others grounds us in our world and our understanding of ourselves is due to the fact that no one ever explicitly asks us, "Are you your brother's keeper?" When we ask ourselves this question and when we answer it with our

actions, we are silently and humbly becoming closer to those around us — humble before our God, humble before our fellow brothers and sisters. The similarity between those who believe in God and those who do not comes in the dedication to others. We find ourselves in others. If there is ever a time to believe that God does not exist, it is the moment that we see the suffering in the world and we must believe that we are the only ones who can help, who will bring change for the better. In those moments, the sacrifices we make fulfill our moral obligation as our brothers' and sisters' keepers. So sacrifice can be spiritual, but it is also practical and humanizing.

Combining the aspects of sacrifice and grounding leaves us with the question "Where am I?" and the answer "I am my brother's keeper." For where-we-are and who-we-are so closely connect in all aspects of our lives — our relationships with ourselves, our brothers and sisters and our god of our understanding. Who we are determines where we are. Acting as our brothers' and sisters' keepers establishes us as those who when asked "Ayecha?" can answer completely, in truth to ourselves, in the midst of others, and under the beauty of heaven.

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OBSERVER POLL

What are you planning for the Blue and Gold game?

- Go to the game
- Who cares about football?
- Drink all day
- Study for final exams

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The more I study religions the more I am convinced that man never worshipped anything but himself."

Sir Richard Francis Burton
British explorer & orientalist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Final Four memories

Thank you to all of you who supported our team this year, and especially those of you who made the trip to Indianapolis to see us play in the Final Four.

There are some moments in your life that you will always treasure, and for me, walking onto the court for the national championship game and seeing all of the Irish fans, especially the hundreds of students filling the rafters at Conseco Fieldhouse, was one of those special moments.

I am really proud of my team and what they accomplished this year, but the thing that made it so special was to have all of you there to share in our journey. It really meant a lot to all of us to hear “We Are ND” as the final seconds ticked off the clock. I was never so proud to be a part of the Notre Dame family.

Thank you and GO IRISH!

Muffet McGraw
Head Coach
Notre Dame Women’s Basketball Team
April 8

Education for all

As an alumnus of Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education and a committed advocate for school reform, I encourage all students to attend this Wednesday’s Notre Dame Forum “The System: Opportunity, Crisis and Obligation in K-12 Education.” The topic and field of education is unique in that in one way or another it affects every member of our society. Whether with regards to American innovation, the fight for social justice or concerns over national security, no other issue is as central to the success of our republic quite like education.

As an institution, Our Lady’s University has done much to bring to the forefront problems that face our educational system today. It has fought for the place of our Catholic schools within the system by fighting for the rights of parents to choose where their children attend school, as well as advocating for better efficiency and innovation in both private and public schooling systems. Through the work of ACE and the Institute for Educational Initiatives, Notre Dame is leading the fight in higher education with regards to education equality.

It is no surprise to me then that Notre Dame has such an esteemed panel for this Wednesday’s forum. The four panelists, which include former D.C. Chancellor Michelle Rhee and school choice innovator Howard Fuller, will open your eyes to the importance of changing the way our country does education.

I wish I could attend such a wonderful forum. I encourage you to be a part of this conversation beginning Wednesday, April 13th. It is one that requires our attention.

God bless the continued work in education of Notre Dame, the Institute for Educational Initiatives, and the Alliance for Catholic Education.

John Clark
alumnus
Class of 2007
April 10

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April 7

Kicking up a hullabaloo

Dearest Domers,

In the past week, a great deal of discourse has been dispensed over the topic of fashion and personal style and self respect and their interrelatedness. However, in these many extremely academic commentaries we have, as a community, failed to address something at the root of the issue: How did leggings become a viable pants-replacement option in the fashion world? Fellow academics, we are indeed skirting the real question: What philosophical, historical and social constructs motivated the world’s fashion leaders to dress women as bourgeois men of the late Italian renaissance? As an added benefit to our mental exertions, by examining these issues we may even extrapolate future women’s fashion trends — we have recently had pointy shoes, billowy blouses, and skintight leggings; should we soon expect flat hats and codpieces?

Ever-so-sincerely,

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April 8

UWIRE

Ditch trashy stars for those with talent

As someone who writes for the Arts section, I rarely get the opportunity to be openly militant about particular issues. Today, I am up in arms over an arts issue.

Rutgers University drew attention this week for paying “Jersey Shore” star Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi \$32,000 to speak at the university last Thursday. You don’t need to be Suze Orman to realize this was a bad deal, but it gets worse. The school is paying Nobel-laureate writer Toni Morrison \$30,000 to speak at its spring commencement in May.

I could tell you that this is a crying shame, but that’s the obvious argument. So, I’m going to explain to you why this is our fault.

One of the most basic principles in any economics class is that of supply and demand. Supply really isn’t in play here, but the point is that when demand is high, you can set prices high.

Demand for Snooki is high because the youth of our nation is obsessed with her asinine show. Demand for Morrison is low, although she’s won a Nobel Prize for literature.

If talent were a precious metal, Snooki would be worth about 78 cents at your local Gold 2 Cash location. She is (debatably) talented at tanning and laundry. I’m not even going to joke about the gym part. She’s like Ivan Rodriguez, except with more emphasis on the “Pudge.” If Snooki is gold, Morrison is rhodium; it’s worth a lot more, but you wouldn’t know because you’ve never heard of it.

When I reference the youth that makes Snooki so popular, I mean you guys. Now, I’ve only seen one full episode of “Jersey Shore,” but I can’t hole myself up in an ivory tower. I watch a lot of TV that is

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The Lantern

chemically proven to kill brain cells (for example, Syfy’s “Danger Mouse vs. The Lab Rats”). As I can attest after watching “The Room” for the first time this weekend, watching overtly stupid things is massively entertaining. But if we’re going to demonstrate outrage over something like Rutgers’ absurd display of celebrity proclivity, we have to do it actively.

What’s your excuse for having not read “Beloved”? Too much text? Too little time?

I understand that many intelligent people don’t get the opportunity to attend college, but arguably you are among the top quarter of the population in terms of qualifications to read “high-level” literature. Let me tell you: It’s much more strenuous than reading “Harry Potter.” But it’s much less strenuous than reading “The Sound and The Fury.”

Authors, playwrights and artists routinely feel the heel of a society that finds their work too inconvenient to appreciate. Yes, an hour-long episode is easier to digest than a 600-page novel. But even if I never read Morrison again, I will still hang on to how amazing her prose was.

It’s easy to say that paying Morrison less than Snooki is wrong. It’s tougher to demonstrate that we mean it. Don’t watch MTV this week. Go out and buy a respected book. It doesn’t have to be Morrison. It doesn’t even have to be literature. Saying something is wrong is meaningless. Acting on it sends a message.

Terry Jones, if you’ve gotten bored instigating violence in the Middle East, can I recommend “A Shore Thing” for your next book burning?

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CHIDDY BANG

By KEVIN NOONAN
Scene Writer

The only problem with the Student Union Board (SUB) concert Friday night was that the order of acts was backwards. O.A.R. was good, and they may be the better-known band, but Chiddy Bang didn't just steal the show; they owned it.

The two-man team of Chidera "Chiddy" Anamege and Noah "Xaphoon Jones" Beresin had the crowd in a frenzy from the moment they stepped on stage. The artists themselves seemed surprised at how active and responsive the crowd was. Both artists said in an interview that college campuses are among their favorite places to play.

"We love playing at colleges. We didn't really have a college experience, but you know now, we've gotten a party at every campus we've played at. And I mean you all are our peers, we're 20 years old," Beresin said.

The band laid out mostly tracks from their first official production, "The Preview," a set of tracks meant to preview their upcoming debut full-length album, "Breakfast," due out this summer. But they also played a few songs from their first mixtape, "The Swelly Express," and even played a song they made with renowned rapper Big Sean.

For a minute there was a bit of excitement in the crowd when those who recognized the beginning of the song thought that Big Sean was about to step on stage. Instead, Beresin filled in and

did a pretty good impression, even though he preceded it with some humor about his lack of rapping ability.

The highlight of the performance, though, was Anamege's display of pure lyrical talent. Beresin told the crowd that his partner could freestyle rap literally anything, including, as he said, Oogly-Boogly.

They opened it up to the crowd, and a sort of "Whose Line Is It Anyway" of rapping began. The crowd gave the rapper a list of topics to freestyle about and Anamege knocked it out of the park. He nailed every single suggestion, including a memorable line about parietals, an "ole" to Zahm and its moose, and even salt.

They closed their set with a roof-raising performance of the song that made them famous, "Opposite of Adults." But the night was not over, as the duo came back out at the end of the concert to do a bit of performing with O.A.R., with much crowd approval again.

Though the group didn't play any songs from their new album, one of which was prevented from being performed because the title contains some humorous profanity, the duo definitely made a few fans Friday night.

All around it was a fantastic show, from both bands. But if Chiddy Bang's performance was any indicator of things to come, O.A.R. might be opening for them not too long from now.

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By ADRIANA PRATT
Scene Writer

Of A Revolution (O.A.R.) gave Notre Dame students exactly what they were looking for Friday night: an excuse to be carefree, happy, maybe a little tipsy and completely at ease while they listened to music that brought them back to a time before finals and parietals.

Chiddy Bang's opening performance got the crowd ready for what would be a night of raucous but surprisingly coordinated jumping, singing, moshing and the occasional crowd-surfing. After the duo exited the stage, O.A.R. slid smoothly into place and did what they do best: play for college crowds.

The band, which gathered its college cult following while studying and performing at Ohio State, warmed the audience up with an easy performance of "Black Rock," then followed with their more recent hit "This Town." The set list, which contained a mix of more popular O.A.R. anthems like "Love and Memories" and new material such as "Over and Over," kept the concert's rhythm pleasantly paced.

Mark Roberge, the lead singer, wasn't shy showing his love to the audience and students were even more shameless returning such. It would have been almost impossible to hear the band's croon over the excited clapping and chanting from the crowd if it wasn't for the resonating clarity of Roberge's voice.

The audience latched onto the band's every lyric, belting each line without fail. We went with them and let ourselves go, broke with them till they shattered and put behind any griping that went out to SUB for picking what some called a "has-been" act. When O.A.R. asked "how bout

a revolution" there wasn't a "no" in the building. Notre Dame was happy to drown deep inside O.A.R.'s water and especially thrilled to drown deep inside their sound.

The band kept the audience guessing and gave a special preview of material to come with their performance of "Over and Over." The ballad, slower than most other O.A.R. tunes, towed a simple but potent line. Jerry DePizzo, the band's saxophonist, listed "Over and Over" as one of his favorites, even though he doesn't perform in the actual song.

"It's a really great song and it's just the piano with Mark singing," DePizzo said Tuesday. "There's not a whole hell of a lot of instrumentation, but it's super powerful, well-written too."

"For being a ballad-type tune ... you would think that it doesn't work in a lot of situations. But it always tends to, regardless of how rowdy the audience is, or how ill fitting the situation may be. It always seems to come through and really react with people and that's a cool thing to watch."

Students did react to the performance — with resounding applause and cheers. Toward the end, they chanted for "That Was a Crazy Game of Poker" and got exactly that, but with a twist.

The band closed the show with the old-school hit that made them famous, but kept it fresh with an impromptu rap from Chiddy. Roberge took a turn at freestyle and the two kept the beat pulsing through the crowd for an impressively long final performance. The back-and-forth between the two acts was the perfect end to a night in Stepan and the perfect start to South Bend's first sunny weekend of the year.

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style spotter



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By MARIA FERNANDEZ
Scene Writer

Name: Andrea Suarez
Spotted: South Quad

Andrea enjoyed Sunday's warm weather with this stylish purple ensemble. Her bright purple strapless shirt looks great with her cuffed jeans and purple sandals. Her aviator sunglasses add the perfect final touch to her outfit. Andrea looks cool and chic with this tropical outfit.

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Summer Lovin'



by Claire Stephens

- 1 ☒ ""Summer of '69" – Bryan Adams
- 2 ☒ "California Gurls" – Katy Perry
- 3 ☒ "All Summer Long" – Kid Rock
- 4 ☒ "Fun, fun, fun" – The Beach Boys
- 5 ☒ "Summer Skin" – Death Cab for Cutie
- 6 ☒ "Beautiful Day" – U2
- 7 ☒ "Summer Love" – Justin Timberlake
- 8 ☒ "Ocean Avenue" – Yellowcard
- 9 ☒ "Pocketful of Sunshine" – Natasha Bedingfield
- 10 ☒ "Boys of Summer" – The Ataris
- 11 ☒ "Summertime" – Same Cooke
- 12 ☒ "Dog Days are Over" – Florence and the Machine

This weekend we all got a taste of something we thought was an urban legend: 80 degree weather. In celebration of the sun, shorts, laying out, playing odd games on the quad (looking at you, Fisher), and in anticipation of summer and school being over, this playlist is an ode to nice weather and hopefully the permanent departure of the cold.

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NBA

Heat best Celtics in possible playoff preview

Associated Press

MIAMI — If this was an Eastern Conference semifinals preview, then the Miami Heat and Boston Celtics showed what to expect.

Few pleasantries. Pushing and shoving. And maybe a Game 7 in Miami.

LeBron James scored 27 points, Dwyane Wade added 14 and the Heat moved closer to the No. 2 seed in the East play-offs Sunday by beating the sliding Celtics 100-77.

“It was a playoff-atmosphere type of game, from the fans to both teams’ approach to what the game meant,” Wade said. “It had that feel.”

Miami moved a game ahead of Boston, trimming its magic number to clinch the second seed to two. The teams will finish second and third in some order behind Chicago in the East, slated to play in the conference semifinals.

“We’d like to play them, I can tell you that,” Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. “And we may have to if we want to go somewhere.”

Chris Bosh added 13 points

and eight rebounds for Miami, which had been 0-3 against Boston this season, though Heat coach Erik Spoelstra cautioned against overstating the win’s importance.

“We proved we can beat them tonight,” Spoelstra said. “That’s about it, in my mind.”

Paul Pierce scored 24 points and Kevin Garnett added 21 for Boston, which lost for the 10th time in its last 19 games. The Celtics were outrebounded 42-26, and outscored 44-26 in the paint.

“What else do you expect? It’s Boston-Miami,” Garnett said. “Supposedly it’s two of, if not the top two, teams in the East. You have to expect that. You have to expect that coming in here you’re not going to get the call. You had to expect their passion — a team you have beaten three times.”

The Heat finally solved the Boston hex, beating the Celtics for the third time in the last 21 meetings. Bosh had been 1-13 against Boston since March 2007, and the Celtics ended both the 2009-10 seasons for Wade (in the first round) and James (in the second round).

Miami won for the 13th time in its last 16 games, and its bench — maligned for much of the season — outscored Boston’s 32-12.

“What worked for us today is, offensively we played together,” Wade said.

Ray Allen scored 13 points for the Celtics. Rajon Rondo was held to just seven points and five assists on 3 for 8 shooting.

“Frustration is high on our team right now,” Rivers said.

Miami’s role players were huge.

Mario Chalmers had nine points in the second quarter, when the Heat took the lead. Joel Anthony had eight rebounds in the first half, two less than the entire Boston roster. Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored six quick points early in the third as the Heat remained in control, and Anthony took advantage of a triple-team on James for a dunk and a 74-59 lead on the final play of the third quarter.

Of course, this being Celtics-Heat, nothing would come easily for Miami.

Down by 22, Boston ran off 12 straight points, Allen starting it with a four-point play, and

Pierce adding both a 3-pointer and a three-point play to get the Celtics within 85-75.

It was the last gasp. Mike Bibby’s 3-pointer with 4:49 left, followed by Bosh’s follow of James’ miss, sent the lead back to 15.

“We built that lead by just keeping guys in front of us, contesting shots and flying around defensively,” James said.

Boston scored the game’s first eight points and hit eight of its first nine shots. The Celtics were making it seem easy, especially when Garnett — who hadn’t made a 3-pointer all season — stepped into one from the left wing and connected for a 22-15 lead.

“It looked like the same old song,” Spoelstra said.

It didn’t stay that way. Boston went scoreless for the next 6:17, and Miami took the lead for good on the opening possession of the second quarter.

Tensions were already high, and emotions soon boiled over.

Jermaine O’Neal — who had just been easily scored on by James 27 seconds earlier in transition — tried to stop another drive by the two-time reign-

ing MVP with a shoulder check with about 4 minutes left in the second, making no play on the ball.

A scrum quickly broke out under the basket. O’Neal earned a flagrant-1, James got a technical for throwing the ball back at O’Neal, Wade and Pierce also got technicals for some pushing and jostling, and a small amount of debris flew from the stands onto the court.

“I thought it was all theatrical, all the crap. I guess that’s called toughness these days,” Rivers said. “Two guys run into each other, we’ve got to call a flagrant foul, which I thought was a joke. And I thought the reactions by both were a joke.”

Bosh earned another technical 2½ minutes later for arguing he tied up a loose ball with Rondo, only to have referees award Boston a timeout. But the Heat kept their composure, kept pouring it on after halftime, then turned their eyes toward road games that loom large at Atlanta on Monday and Toronto on Wednesday.

“This is cool and all,” Bosh said, “but we still have two more games.”

MLB

Young’s effort not enough as Nationals win in extras

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chris Young looked right at home in Citi Field’s wide-open spaces.

Lucas Duda very much did not, and now he’s headed to the minors.

Young allowed one run and one hit in seven innings before the Mets’ bullpen — helped by Duda’s gaffe in right field — blew the lead and ultimately the game in a 7-3 loss to the Washington Nationals in 11 innings Sunday.

Ivan Rodriguez hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the 11th inning and Laynce Nix followed with a three-run homer off Blaine Boyer (0-2), the Mets’ fifth reliever.

“If we had won today, I would’ve been really satisfied,” Young said. “I’m a little disappointed in the run I gave up in the second inning. It started with a leadoff walk, which, to me, is unacceptable. Ultimately, they tied the game in the eighth or ninth, and so if we have that run back, we’ve got a three-run lead

instead of two, so I take the blame for that.”

The Mets appeared to place blame elsewhere.

Duda was optioned to Triple-A Buffalo, while Boyer was designated for assignment. To take their places, the Mets purchased the contracts of reliever Jason Isringhausen and Ryota Igarashi. Isringhausen had been in Port St. Lucie, while Igarashi pitched for Buffalo on Sunday.

Young got 15 of his 21 outs on flyballs. The only groundout he allowed was Rodriguez’s RBI to second base in the second inning.

After he came out, Duda misjudged Rodriguez’s leadoff fly in the eighth. He sprinted toward center, but the ball sailed over his head. Rodriguez wound up with a leadoff double off D.J. Carrasco, who then walked pinch-hitter Matt Stairs with one out and gave up an RBI single to Ian Desmond before Rick Ankiel’s grounder to second tied it at 3.

“It’s horrible, man,” Carrasco

said. “To just come in there and give the game away like that is very frustrating.”

Then in the 11th, Rodriguez’s hit got past second baseman Daniel Murphy, who pinch hit for Brad Emaus in the ninth after the Mets’ bullpen blew a 3-1 lead in the eighth. Duda scooped up the ball, but his throw to the plate was inaccurate and pinch-runner Wilson Ramos scored easily.

“The route that was taken, I thought he was going to get there,” Carrasco said. “I wasn’t really worried because we had a two-run lead at the time. It was the fact I couldn’t control the cutter later on. That’s what got me stuck.”

Drew Storen (1-1) pitched a scoreless 10th for Washington, which salvaged a 3-3 road trip and took two of three from the Mets thanks to timely hitting from its bench players and five innings of scoreless relief.

The Nationals have won three out of four since dropping four of five to start the season.



New York Mets catcher Josh Thole tries to reach a foul ball hit by the Nationals’ Ivan Rodriguez in the Mets’ 7-3 loss Sunday.

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Schwartzel wins Masters in dramatic finish

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Charl Schwartzel gave this Masters a finish it deserved.

On an amazing Sunday at Augusta National, where the roars came from everywhere and for everyone and didn't stop until it was over, Schwartzel emerged from the madness by becoming the first Masters champion to close with four straight birdies.

His final putt from 20 feet curled into the side of the cup for a 6-under 66, the best closing round at the Masters in 22 years. It gave the 26-year-old South African a two-shot victory over Australians Adam Scott and Jason Day.

"Just an exciting day," Schwartzel said. "So many roars, and that atmosphere out there was just incredible. A phenomenal day."

Indeed, this final round had it all.

First came a fist-pumping charge by Tiger Woods, who erased a seven-shot deficit in nine holes only to go flat on the back nine. Then came the stunning collapse of 21-year-old Rory McIlroy, who put his name in Masters lore for all the wrong reasons.

Still leading by one shot as he headed to the back nine, McIlroy hit a tee shot next to the cabins left of the 10th fairway and twice hit a tree to make triple bogey. He three-putted from 7 feet for bogey on the 11th, four-putted from about 12 feet on the next hole and buried his head into his forearm as the shock began to settle in.

McIlroy shot 80, the highest final round by the 54-hole leader since Ken Venturi in 1956. Not since Jean Van de Velde at Carnoustie had some-

one blown at least a four-shot lead going into the last round of the major.

So wild was this steamy afternoon that eight players had at least a share of the lead on some point during the back nine. The steady hand came from Schwartzel, whose only bogey came on the fourth hole as this Masters was just getting warmed up.

He got up-and-down from behind the 15th green for birdie to briefly tie for the lead, only for Scott to stuff his tee shot into 2 feet up ahead on the par-3 16th. Schwartzel answered with a 15-foot birdie to catch Scott atop the leaderboard again.

Then came the pivotal 17th, where Schwartzel made a 10-foot birdie. It was the first time all day he had the lead to himself, and he finished it off in style.

South Africans now have won two of the last three majors, following Louis Oosthuizen winning at St. Andrews last summer. This one came on the 50th anniversary of Gary Player becoming the first international player to win the Masters.

"I am absolutely delighted for Charl and South Africa. Congratulations and very well done to him. That is how you finish like a champion!" Player said on Twitter.

In so many respects, this looked more like 1986 when Jack Nicklaus charged on the back nine to win a sixth green jacket over a Hall of Fame cast of contenders. There were twice as many possibilities at this Masters, though, from Woods and former Masters champion Angel Cabrera, from Geoff Ogilvy and Luke Donald, from K.J. Choi and Bo Van Pelt, who made two eagles on the back nine.

Schwartzel set the tone early when he chipped in from some 75 feet across the green for birdie on the opening hole, then holed out from the fairway on No. 3 for eagle. Just like that, McIlroy's four-shot lead was gone.

The cheers were impossible for McIlroy to ignore.

From the second green, where



Masters winner Charl Schwartzel, right, shakes Phil Mickelson's hand after donning the traditional green jacket Sunday in Augusta, Ga.

he was scrambling to make par, McIlroy could hear the noise ahead of him for Schwartzel's eagles. Moments later came another roar to his right on the seventh green, where Woods stuffed one close for another birdie.

Woods' red shirt looked a little brighter. He walked a little taller. And the cheers kept coming.

The biggest boom from the gallery came on the par-5 eighth, when Woods knocked in an eagle putt to reach 10 under and tie for the lead. There was no mistaking that sound, or who it was for.

Over the next few minutes, more cheers could be heard from all corners of Augusta each time Woods' score was posted on a leaderboard. He still had the back nine to play, and momentum was on his side.

Not for long, though.

He missed a 3-foot par putt on the 12th, failed to birdie the par-5 13th with a 7-iron for his second shot. Then, after twirling his 7-iron with a shot so pure it settled 4 feet away on the par-5 15th, he missed the 4-foot eagle putt.

Woods closed with a 67, his best final round ever here. But he shot a 36 on the back nine, and that doesn't win the Masters, certainly not this one.

"I got off to a nice start there

and posted 31," he said. "And then on the back nine, could have capitalized some more."

Which shot would he like to have back?

"Oh, we can't do that," Woods said. "We do that every week and we would go crazy, wouldn't we?"

Schwartzel finished at 13-under 274 and moves to No. 11 in the world, making him the No. 1 player in South Africa. He becomes the sixth South African to win a major.

"It's been such a short time to think about what can happen. It's a dream for me," Schwartzel said. "It's obviously the highlight of my golf career, by a long way. I always thought if there was one I would win, it would be this one."

For Scott and Day, it was bitter disappointment for themselves and their country. The Masters is the only major an Australian has never won, and it has become a rallying cry for so many players who watched Greg Norman endure years of heartache.

Scott, who switched to a long putter in February, took the lead for the first time with a short birdie on the 14th and had the look of a winner with his tee shot to tap-in range on the 16th, and a clutch par save from the bunker on the 17th.

He missed his 25-foot birdie putt on the final hole that he ran 4 feet by and settled for a 67.

"I don't think I can ask for anything more," Scott said. "I had a putt at it at the last — not my best, but everything else was pretty good today."

Day came to life at the end with consecutive birdies that allowed him to shoot 68 and join Scott at 12-under 276. He hugged his wife before going into the scoring hut, only to see Schwartzel play the 18th without any drama.

"I couldn't do any more than what I just did today," Day said. "Charl played even better golf."

Woods tied for fourth at the Masters for the second straight year, joined by Ogilvy (67) and Luke Donald (69). Ogilvy ran off five consecutive birdies on the back nine — unforgettable at any other Masters but this one filled with so many highlights. Donald was in the mix until hitting 9-iron into Rae's Creek on the 12th for double bogey.

He rebounded beautifully, however, and showed his greatest emotion on the 18th. With an awkward lie near the bunker, he scooped a shot that hit the flag and bounced back off the green, and Donald chipped in for birdie.

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Hope ends Belles' winning streak at four games

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

While the Belles' four-match winning streak came to a disappointing end this weekend, the team left with knowledge of what it will take to challenge top MIAA opponents in the upcoming conference tournament.

After a dominating performance against non-conference foe Bethel College (8-5, 3-0 MIAA) Friday, the Belles' streak was snapped Saturday in Holland, Mich. against MIAA opponent Hope College. The Flying Dutch quickly rebounded from a 9-0 loss the previous night against Division

II opponent Grand Valley State to hand the Belles (9-6, 2-2) a 7-2 defeat.

Saint Mary's quickly fell behind in the doubles portion of the match, getting swept in three matches. Senior Jesssica Kosinski and freshman Mary Catherine Faller played in the closest doubles match of the three, but still lost 8-4.

"Hope was just more aggressive than we were [in doubles]," senior No. 1 singles player Jillian Hurley said. "We let them control the points and were constantly on defense."

Following doubles play, the Belles were down 3-0 and faced the challenge of needing to win five of six matches to

salvage a victory.

"It's definitely disheartening and frustrating to enter singles play down 3-0," Hurley said. "But the strength of our team lies in singles play, so we were a little optimistic."

Nonetheless, the Belles could not overcome the deficit as their No. 1 and No. 2 singles players posted the team's only victories of the match.

In a three-set match, Hurley avenged her loss last season to fellow senior Katherine Garcia with a come-from-behind victory. Hurley fell 6-2 in the first set but rebounded to win the final two sets 6-2, 6-3.

"[What decided the match]

wasn't so much skill level as it was confidence," Hurley said. "After the first set, I stopped feeling sorry for myself and pulled it together."

Meanwhile, Kosinski defeated Hope sophomore Leah LaBarge in straight sets, 6-3, 7-5.

On Friday, the Belles defeated cross-town rival and NIAA opponent Bethel College 5-1, in a match in Mishawaka.

The Belles' lone loss came in the No. 1 doubles match in which the freshman duo of Margaret Boden and Hurley

fell to the Pilots' Molly O'Grady and Whit Neuenschwander, 8-3.

Following doubles play, the Belles needed only three singles matches to win as Kosinski, Faller and senior Mary Therese Lee all easily dispatched their opponents in straight sets.

The Belles look to climb back above .500 in MIAA conference play Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Alma College.

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was over, hold the ball to get different people in. We weren't able to get those better shooters in effectively, though."

The offensive frustration is not a new problem for the Irish this season. Coyne said, as she has in the past, that the rest of the roster needs to meet the intensity level of the team's leaders.

"It's unacceptable," Coyne said of the lack of offensive execution. "We just don't have enough people stepping up. Our key personnel continue to show up but we don't have enough people stepping to their level."

Coyne said that at Notre Dame, teams are expected to achieve a level of excellence. She said her coaching record mirrors those expectations.

"At Notre Dame, there's an expectation," she said. "It demands excellence. It's as hard on [the players] as it is on anyone else. We're just not in that frame of mind. I, myself, am used to winning. I win, the kids I coach win, my teams win. It's just what we do."

Although the Irish have not lived up to pre-season expectations, Coyne said their talent level and desire has never been an issue.

"These kids are talented enough," Coyne said. "They have great attitudes and they work really hard, it just doesn't

happen for us on game day. I'm not saying it's not going to be hard, but I still think we can turn this around."

Coyne said she told her team after the loss to Syracuse she believed they had the ability to right the ship. Coyne also said she expected to be watching plenty of film upon returning to South Bend.

"I told the team after the game, 'Maybe we can be one of those surprise, get-it-together teams,'" she said. "When we get back I'm going to go back and look at film again with an open mind and try to figure out what's wrong. I still think the kids have it in them."

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teams created a friendly atmosphere, it was all business once the events started. Team Hoosierland beat the Commonwealth 103-96 in the men's competition, and prevailed 104-96 on the women's side. Irish athletes played a large role in the Indiana victory, and strong performances were seen across the board.

Distance runners were the stars of the day for the Notre Dame women. Junior Molly Hirt won the 5,000-meter run in 17:18.83, and was closely followed by freshman Meg Ryan, who finished second. Irish runners also placed first and second in the 1,500 meter run, where sophomore Rebecca Tracy and freshman Kelly Curran finished in 4:24.43 and 4:27.26, respectively.

On the men's side, the Irish throwers had an especially good showing, led by senior John Belcher. Belcher placed third in the shot put, and fol-

lowed that up by winning the hammer throw with a personal best.

"[Belcher] had a really good day on Saturday," Hills said. "He threw over 57 meters in the hammer, and that's a personal record for him."

Another Irish thrower who performed well was freshman Andrew Brock.

"[Brock] had a pretty good day in the shot," Hills said. "As a freshman, throwing over 45 meters like that is really good."

Although Saturday's meet was a great change of pace for the Irish, their schedule continues to sprint forward. The Irish will be back in action this week, and will try to divide and conquer as they compete across the country.

The multi-eventers will travel to Lawrence for the Kansas Relays, while the other Irish athletes will compete at the Mt. SAC relays in Walnut, Calif., and the Dave Rankin Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind.

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we strung hits together ... and we played really strong defense so we prevented them from getting on and scoring." A couple of freshman led the charge in the victory, as pitcher Callie Selner recorded two strikeouts with the bases loaded to end the first inning. Meanwhile, first baseman Chrissy Porter delivered the game's only run with her fifth-inning home run — the first of her career. Despite the team's strong performance, Saint Mary's disappointed in the second game.

"We just haven't proven that we can play 14 innings in one day," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. "Our pitching has been struggling a little bit and our run production has been down. When we struggle on defense, it shows on the offensive side instead of being able to draw the line [between the two]." There was no rest for the weary, however, as the Belles had to return home for a Sunday doubleheader against North Central (14-6, 1-1 CCIW). In the opener, Saint Mary's failed to get a hit in all five innings of the shortened game and fell 12-0. The Belles lost the second game 8-1, but showed improvement both from the pitcher's circle and the batter's box.

Junior Angela Gillis took the ball for the first time this season for the Belles and turned in an impressive performance, even while her team was hampered by a number of untimely errors. "Angela Gillis pitched a fantastic game," Sullivan said. "I think every one of her runs must have been unearned. She hit every spot, she missed her spot three times. We can't ask for any more. She fielded her position well, she got a base hit, so she was fantastic. We throw her in against a team that was shelling us in game one and she was just awesome, lights-out. We are definitely going to have to keep going with her." Despite Gillis' praiseworthy performance and a few other

scattered highlights, Sullivan said that she was unimpressed by her team's showing on Sunday. "[We displayed a] lack of confidence, we did not come out with any intensity or energy, and we had way too many errors," she said. To ensure that they are victorious moving forward, the Belles will have to focus on bringing base runners home, Sullivan said. "When we have runners on, we need to score them," she said. "We were really good at doing that in the first 10 games, we haven't done that since." Having lost seven out of their last eight games, the Belles will have to pick themselves out of

the mid-season slide. With six doubleheaders remaining before the conference tournament, Saint Mary's is tasked with demonstrating that it can play at a high level for an extended period of time. "I think we need to do better and pick ourselves up and have more confidence," Enayati said. "We are a great team and we have really great players. We just need to believe it, and everything else is just mental." The Belles will not have to wait long to prove that they are capable of playing better, as they travel to Franklin on Tuesday for a non-conference match-up.

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SOFTBALL

Irish stretch winning streak to nine games

By KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

Seven players recorded three hits on the day for the Irish and six hits went for home runs as Notre Dame's balanced and persistent offensive attack brought down Syracuse in back-to-back games Sunday in New York. Though travel complications for Notre Dame (24-10, 5-0) did not allow the scheduled Friday game to be played, the pair of victories brought the Irish winning streak to nine games, matching their longest of the season. In addition, the Irish squad remains undefeated in Big East play. Despite an early homer for the Orange (24-10, 3-5), Notre Dame was able to quickly even up the count as senior infielder Katie Fleury smashed a home run of her own in the top of the second. The big hits continued as sophomore catcher Amy Buntin crushed a two-out two-run homer, which sailed over the fence and gave the Irish a comfortable lead. Senior infielder Heather Johnson and junior infielder Dani Miller followed up with back-to-back home runs — the second time the pair has done so this season. "I think everyone stayed really composed and just jumped all over those pitchers," Miller said. "It wasn't just the home runs; everyone was contributing. It's really exciting to see back-to-back line drive doubles to score or just textbook softball." Offensive support came from senior catcher Alexia Clay, who led the Irish with three runs scored and helped the squad best the Orange 9-2 in the home opener. In the second contest Syracuse pitchers were faced

with equally formidable batting as Miller smashed her second home run of the day to kick off the first inning, and Fleury was quickly brought home by solid hits from Buntin and senior outfielder Brianna Jorgensborg. Though Syracuse evened up the score, Johnson brought her hitting streak to a whopping 16 games with a third-inning homer that put the Irish back on top. Clutch hitting by Notre Dame left very few players on base, resulting in a 7-4 win. "We did a lot of little things right," Miller said. "The pitchers kept us in the games, and the hitters produced runs. We didn't leave a lot of runners on base, which is a great indicator of how well we are working together right now." In the opener freshman pitcher Laura Winter struck out nine in a complete game for her sixth-straight victory, while the tandem of Winter and senior pitcher Jody Valdivia was able to close out the second game. The Irish will return home for the remainder of the week, starting with a Tuesday doubleheader with Bowling Green and closing out with more Big East play next weekend against Louisville. According to Miller, the squad is feeling confident about maintaining its undefeated conference record as it marches closer to the Big East tournament. "We are definitely feeling good," Miller said. "These were good wins, and I know that we are already looking forward to carry this momentum to next weekend against Louisville."

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got so many other guys you're worried about on the perimeter. At the end of it all, you have to find him on the inside because they do. It takes one guy to make a mistake, and he makes you pay for it."

The Hoyas fought back and were in control of a 3-2 lead well into the second quarter, but the Irish answered with a pair of goals. Comeau kept Georgetown in the game, however, as he completed a hat trick with his third goal of the half, making the score 4-4 at halftime.

Notre Dame's defense made its necessary adjustments at the half and held the Hoyas to only one goal in the third quarter. The sole goal was pivotal though, tying the game at five heading into the final quarter.

"We've proven ourselves to be a pretty good defensive team," Corrigan said. "We make it hard on people. We make them earn their goals. [The Hoyas] had to earn theirs today. We gave them a lot of extra chances today because of some mistakes. That was a little disappointing, but it was good to know our defense and [sophomore goalie] John Kemp were up to the challenge."

Senior midfielder David Earl led the Irish with two goals and one assist. Earl drew a penalty on the Hoyas with three minutes remaining, which led to a man advantage and a game-winning goal by junior midfielder Max Pfeifer.

"[The key to the game was] good possessions toward the end of the game. It's a one-goal game, so you never want to give possessions away," Earl said. "We got good shots, [took] our

time on offense and obviously [were] able to bury some [goals]. At the end we were able to keep them away from scoring and play some good defense at the end of the game."

Corrigan said he has been able to rely on his co-captain to make plays during crunch time.

"David Earl is just a stud. He does everything for us. We've come to count on him doing everything," Corrigan said. "At the end of the game, whether we're on offense or defense, David Earl's going to be on the field, and we're going to be counting on him to make a play. That's just about everything you could say about a guy."

Earl said the Irish and Hoyas have several players on their rosters who attended Georgetown Preparatory in Maryland, so the Irish had added incentive to snag the victory against this particular team.

"I think about 10 kids on our team know about 10 kids on their team, so between them, it was definitely a rivalry," Earl said. "They beat us last year, so it was nice to come away with the victory today."

Corrigan said the Irish enjoyed earning the victory at home under the sun.

"It's like a spring sport here at Notre Dame — lacrosse. Who'd have figured?" he said. "It was a great day to get a win. I don't know if we played as well as we were hoping to, but that credit goes to Georgetown. They are a very good and talented team. We knew it was going to be a game until the last second, and it was."

The Irish return to action for their final home game Saturday against St. John's at 7 p.m. at Arlotta Stadium.

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Irish, IU win Border Battle

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

It was still a track meet, with the same events, same standards and the same familiar faces. But the Kentuckiana Border Battle was different from any other meet for the Irish, and was a welcome change, at that.

The premise of the Border Battle is simple: an annual

battle for track supremacy between the states of Indiana and Kentucky. Notre Dame teamed up with rival Indiana to form Team Hoosierland, taking on The Commonwealth team of Kentucky and Louisville. The pairing of athletes that so often compete against each other resulted in some great competition, and some great friendships.

"It's a very interesting

meet," Irish junior thrower Andy Hills said. "We see Indiana a couple times a year, and Louisville's in the Big East with us, so we see them all the time. It's cool to go down there and compete with people you've gotten to know over the years. It makes it fun for everybody."

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an outstanding pitching duel between two right-handers, Connecticut's junior Matt Barnes and Notre Dame senior Brian Dupra. Both aces matched each other through six scoreless frames, with each giving up their only earned runs in the seventh.

"It was disappointing because we played at a really high level for seven innings, as did Connecticut, but we blinked first," Irish coach Mik Aoki said. "Our level of play dropped a little bit in the eighth and faded in the ninth. But I think it is one of those things where we are learning. We have shown flashes of playing at a high level. There are just some matters of consistency."

Trailing 2-1 in the bottom of the eighth, Notre Dame wasted a golden opportunity when it put two runners aboard with only one out

and the heart of the lineup due up. But the Huskies' bullpen induced pop-outs from standout freshman first baseman Trey Mancini and fifth-year senior right fielder Herman Petzold to end the threat.

The Irish threw away another chance in the bottom of the ninth when they brought the winning run to the plate with no outs, but couldn't get the ball out of the infield in the 3-1 loss.

The second game of the series featured more offensive inconsistency as the Irish couldn't build on an early 1-0 lead after Mancini slapped a two-out RBI single to right field to start off his 3-4 afternoon.

Senior right-hander Cole Johnson lasted only 4.1 innings, giving up five earned runs. The right-hander struggled with his control as the game progressed, walking three batters — all of whom eventually scored.

"He wasn't as sharp as he been in other outings," Aoki said. "But in that first inning

we kind of took him out of rhythm a little bit in terms of making those two errors behind him. He should've been out of the inning but suddenly he had to go and throw 15 more pitches to get out of the inning with some real pressure against him."

Mancini led the charge in Sunday's finale, going 2-4 with four RBI including a solo bomb to left field in the top of the third for his fifth home run of the run. Petzold also added four RBI to help the Irish take a 9-0 lead after three innings, giving senior right-hander Todd Miller plenty of breathing room to record the win.

"Plain and simple, in order to beat good teams you have to play at a high level from the first pitch to the very last," Aoki said.

Notre Dame has the week off until they resume Big East play with a series this weekend against West Virginia.

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football. Everybody's jumped to conclusions that Mike Floyd is going to play football. Mike has so many things on his plate that he has to handle before he can even think about football.

"This is fluid. This is everyday evaluating. He may come in tomorrow and say, 'Hey coach, I can't do this,' or 'This is too difficult.' This is everyday talking to him and making sure he's taking the right steps to number one get his degree, and number two, personally, he's got to take care of things we talked about that our absolutely crucial to his success as a student and as a young man."

Floyd remains scheduled to appear in court on May 2.

"It's only been three weeks," Kelly said. "This young man needs time to get some things in order. He's doing the right things, we've put together a plan that he has to follow, that he wants to follow. He's the one that said, 'Listen, I need to do these things to be right.' There's a lot of work that has to be done, there are a lot of hurdles that he has to cross first."

The junior became Notre Dame's all-time leader in touchdown receptions (28) and second all-time in catches (171) last season.

Notes

♦ Kelly will appear as a guest analyst for the NFL Network on Saturday, April 30, in its coverage of the First Year Player Draft. Kelly will join Alabama coach Nick Saban, Wisconsin coach Bret

Bielema and North Carolina coach Butch Davis on the network.

"I'm going to do it only from a perspective of a college football coach, how you get to this point, because I have no idea how those guys [prospects] are rated by the NFL," he said.

♦ The 82nd Annual Blue-Gold scrimmage will be televised live on the Versus Network Saturday, April 16, marking the first time the spring game will be televised nationally.

"We're excited about that," Kelly said. "[Broadcaster] Tom Hammond will be doing the game, so the NBC talent will be there. It's going to be exciting. I hope that we can live up to those expectations of being on TV. Right now we're a little thin in certain areas, but we'll make it exciting. It will be a good opportunity to showcase our football team on Versus."

♦ Freshman wide receiver Daniel Smith remains inactive after suffering a Grade 1 hamstring injury in practice two weeks ago. Kelly said the recovery process has revealed a strength deficiency in Smith's leg that existed prior to the injury.

"As we've gone back to look at this, he probably had a deficiency in that leg when he came on campus," Kelly said. "This is almost about strengthening as much as it is the hamstring [injury]. We're grading it as about a 30 percent deficiency in that hamstring. We're going to get him back, but whether he gets back in time for the spring game is questionable at this time."

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FOOTBALL

Floyd remains suspended, but could rejoin team with time

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Junior wide receiver Michael Floyd will remain suspended indefinitely from football activities after meeting with the Office of Residence Life last week, Irish coach Brian Kelly said Saturday. According to a press release, Floyd will continue his educational pursuits and will have the opportunity to rejoin the football program after meeting certain requirements set by the university

and Kelly.

"Michael has shared with me the outcome of his hearing with our Office of Residence Life, and I'm happy that he has the opportunity to move forward both academically and athletically here at Notre Dame," Kelly said in a press release Saturday. "However, this does not change the fact that Michael is still a suspended member of our football team."

While he is appreciative of the chance to move forward, Floyd said he will not disclose the specifics of his meeting.

"I've met with the Office of Residence Life and, while I don't plan to discuss the details, I'm grateful that I still have a chance to earn my degree from Notre Dame and be a member of the football team," Floyd said in a press release. "I know that I still need to meet requirements set by the university and coach Kelly, and that I have a lot of work to do that and to prove that I've grown from this experience. I'm sorry again for the poor decisions I've made and for letting so many people down."

Floyd was arrested the morning of March 20 for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. At the time, Kelly said Floyd would not return to football activities until legal and university disciplinary matters "had run their course."

"Academics and personally, he's got a lot of things in front of him, a lot of hurdles he has to go through before we even start thinking about football," Kelly said. "We are so far removed from the football end of this. What I'm pleased, what Mike told and shared with me, is he's going to be in school.

The most important thing for Michael Floyd is to get his degree."

Kelly said Floyd, a sociology major, remains 25 credit hours away from graduation and will continue his pursuit of a degree next year. However, Kelly would not give a timetable as to when Floyd could return to the gridiron.

"I can only comment on what I do as a football program," Kelly said. "Michael is suspended, and that's indefinite. This is not about

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Hoyas handled

Irish win Big East thriller in final quarter

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

It took all four quarters of a tightly-contested afternoon for the No. 2 Irish to defeat rival Georgetown 7-6 in front of a packed stadium in their Playing for Peace game Sunday.

The Irish (8-0, 3-0) opened the game with a goal from junior attackman Sean Rogers, but the one-point lead did not last long. Georgetown (5-5, 2-2) sophomore attackman Travis Comeau quickly responded, as he and Rogers exchanged a pair of goals to end the first quarter even at 2-2. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said Comeau presents several problems for any defense.

"He's so nifty and he gets the tough ground balls inside on rebounds and stuff like that," Corrigan said. "He's hard to find and cover because they've



Irish junior Sean Rogers hits the turf after a shot during Notre Dame's 7-6 win over Georgetown Sunday in Arlotta Stadium. Rogers had two goals.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles drop three over weekend

By JOSEPH MONARDO
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The Belles dropped three of their four weekend games, but recorded a win against No. 13 Adrian, the last remaining undefeated team in college softball.

Saint Mary's (11-10, 1-5 MIAA) snapped Adrian's (25-1, 5-1 MIAA) 24-game winning streak with a 1-0 victory over the Bulldogs in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader before dropping the second game 11-2. The win was the first in conference play for Saint Mary's this season, and was a fitting reward for a well-played outing by the Belles.

"It was amazing, it is a great feat to beat the only undefeated team in all three divisions," junior outfielder Lauren Enayati said. "We worked really hard, stayed up the whole time and

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BASEBALL

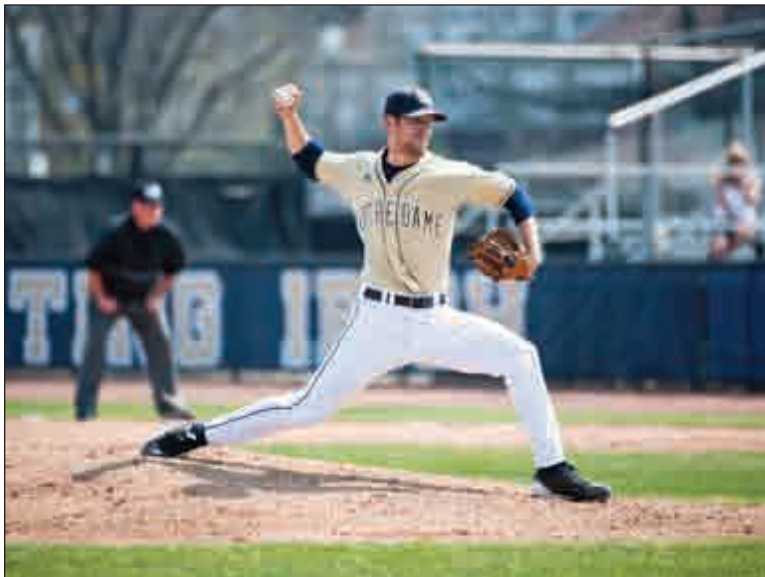
Outburst prevents sweep

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

Heading into possibly their toughest home series of the season, the Irish were looking to make a statement against a team filled with major league prospects. Despite losing the series, Notre Dame still accomplished this goal.

The Irish (13-16-1, 4-5 Big East) continued their offensive struggles by dropping the first two games of the big series with conference rival Connecticut (17-11-1, 7-2), but rebounded Sunday with a 14-run outburst in what is Notre Dame's biggest win of the year thus far.

The series opener featured an outstanding pitching duel



Irish senior pitcher Todd Miller hurls a pitch toward the plate during Notre Dame's 14-4 win over Connecticut Sunday in Eck Stadium.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Inconsistency troubles ND team over weekend

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame returned from its east coast swing this weekend having again shown maddening inconsistency. The Irish (5-7, 2-2) defeated Villanova 15-4 Friday before falling to Syracuse 12-7 Sunday.

Notre Dame began the weekend with a convincing win over a team it was heavily favored to beat. The Irish blanked the Wildcats (4-5, 0-2) 16-0 last season and again dominated the 'Cats behind sophomore attacker Betsy Mastropieri's four-goal, five-point game.

On Sunday, the Irish and

Orange (5-6, 3-0) started the game on fire, as Notre Dame jumped to an early 3-2 lead. Heading into the second half trailing 8-5, the Irish finished the game committing 11 of their 14 turnovers and scored only twice. Senior attacker Ansley Stewart led Notre Dame with three first-half goals.

According to Irish coach Tracy Coyne, her team's loss came down to a lack of poise.

"We lacked composure," she said. "We were trying to execute our offensive sets and just couldn't get it done. I wanted us to run the fast break out of transition, and then when it

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