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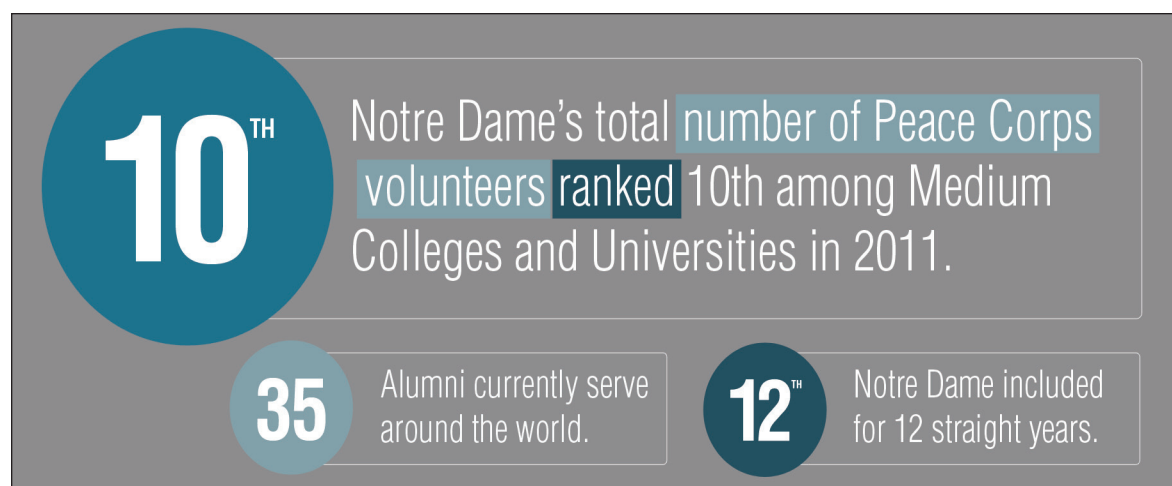
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ND listed as a top Peace Corps university

With 35 alumni currently serving, Irish ranks 10th on list of top schools to produce volunteers



BRANDON KEELEAN

By DAN BROMBACH
News Writer

Placing on the Peace Corps' list of top universities nationwide for the 12th straight year, Notre Dame has established a tradition of expanding learning beyond the classroom.

Notre Dame ranked 10th on the Peace Corps' list of Medium Colleges and Universities to produce the most Peace Corps volunteers in 2011.

According to a recent Notre Dame press release,

35 alumni currently serve in the Peace Corps around the world. Among that list is 2010 Notre Dame alumna Meghan Costello, who has spent the past 16 months in Rwanda.

Costello said her primary role in Rwanda is teaching English, yet her mission goes far beyond teaching itself.

"Peace Corps is different from other organizations because it is so much more than the primary assignment," she said. "It's about integration into a commu-

nity, learning about another culture and spreading American culture. Through these steps, you can find other ways to be useful in the community."

The prospect of joining the Peace Corps was something that Costello said she had always considered, and after joining, it became the perfect fit for her.

"I think Peace Corps was always in my head, a little thing inside that I always wanted, but didn't think I would ever actually experience," she said. "When it

became a part of my reality, I had the support of all my family and friends. It felt so right."

The atmosphere and the people of Notre Dame are what motivated Costello to join the Peace Corps, she said.

In addition, a study abroad trip to Rome helped her realize a passion for applying her education outside of the classroom.

"Studying abroad in Rome certainly helped in my desire to experience other cultures," she said. "I wanted to understand what I was reading in class and to experience the reality of these situations, whatever the reality was."

Although Costello said life in Rwanda can be difficult and lonely at times, she finds comfort in her tasks and responsibilities.

"The highlights always come with good work," she said. "I have recently been plunging into projects in my community, and they bring me joy — the kind of joy that comes after finish

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Observer announces top four

Observer Staff Report

Megan Doyle, Andrew Owens and Sam Stryker have been chosen to help oversee The Observer's operations in 2011-12, incoming Editor-in-Chief Allan Joseph announced Sunday.

Doyle will serve as managing editor, the No. 2 position at the paper, and Owens and Stryker will each assume the position of assistant managing editor.

Doyle, a junior majoring in English with a minor in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy, will assist Joseph in managing all aspects of The Observer's operations. Originally hailing from Granger, Ind., Doyle lives in Lyons Hall and is currently studying in London. Doyle served as News Editor in the fall semester and has a wide range of experience with The Observer,

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Symposium encourages interreligious dialogue

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

As one of the nation's most prominent Catholic university, Notre Dame will uphold the Church's commitment to peaceful interfaith dialogue by hosting a symposium featuring leading members of the world's foremost religions.



Cavadini

Understanding," which takes place Feb. 5 to 8 and is sponsored by the Institute for Church Life (ICL), brings together Buddhist, Sikh, Catholic, Muslim

and Jewish perspectives on the common element of holiness to facilitate admiration across religious boundaries, ICL director John Cavadini said.

"The reason we chose this focus is because we wanted it to be something irreducibly religious, like holiness, but also practical, as in holiness that has an effect in social or cultural renewal," he said. "We want to give people who think religion is only a source of violence or problems a way of seeing something irreducibly religious that has an obvious practical impact, not in spite of its being religious but because it is religious."

Cavadini said the conference's focus on stories of holiness stems from an idea outlined by Pope John Paul II in his encyclical letter, "Veritatis Splendor."

"[John Paul] reminded us

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Giant success for New York



AP

New York Giants linebacker Chase Blackburn intercepts a pass intended for New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski during the second half of the NFL Super Bowl XLVI game.

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

With its championship teams, thrilling commercials and star-studded halftime show, Super Bowl XLVI's Giants 21-17 win over the Patriots left students screaming in both joy and grief.

Sophomore Giants fan Nick Lupica said the game kept him captivated until the very end. "It came down to the last

quarter, which makes all games interesting," Lupica said.

Watching the game with both Giants and Patriots fans made for an exciting atmosphere, and regardless of the winner, Lupica said he was happy both teams made it to the championship.

"It was a split room," he said. "[But,] I was happy to see anyone but the Green Bay Packers or the Chicago

Bears make the Super Bowl," he said. "Notre Dame has too big of a fan base for both of those."

Junior Adam Wisbrock, a Packers fan, said he watched the game as a neutral third party, but was happy when the Giants won.

"I wasn't invested in either team, but I think I subconsciously wanted the Giants to

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OIT showcases new campus technologies

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

The Office of Information Technology's (OIT) Academic Technologies Lab (AT Lab) is bringing the latest technologies to both the students and classrooms of Notre Dame.

"A lot of what we do is learning about new and upcoming technologies and seeing how we can apply them toward education," Jessica Choi, coordinator of the open house, said.

The AT Lab hosted an open house Friday to introduce some of the technologies available for use by the University. The lab displayed several of its current projects, including small motion-sensing computers, panoramic imager robotic mounts (the GigaPan) and the Amazon Kindle.

Choi said AT Lab employees follow the latest technology news and conduct research to identify potential projects.

"We do a lot of testing, and then once we think it's appropriate, then it becomes a full-launch project toward education," she said. "Testing can vary depending on the technology. For a lot of our eReaders, we see if we can implement that. Instead of buying textbooks, we can use a Kindle."

One of the AT Lab's most successful projects was researching iTunes U, an application that enables educators to distribute video, audio and books, Choi said. Several University departments utilized

iTunes U to distribute course and promotional material.

Choi said if a technology is approved for campus-wide use, the lab's employees recommend it to faculty members that might benefit from it.

"We're working with the architecture department a lot with the GigaPan because it takes 3-D panoramic photos," she said.

Freshman Joey Copp said the Microsoft Surface program, a computing platform that enables users to manipulate digital content by touch, would be especially helpful in a biochemistry classroom because it can project a 3-D representation of a protein structure.

"I actually think that ... if you attach it to a projector ... this would be really helpful in my [biochemistry] class right now," Copp said.

Students and faculty are encouraged to visit the AT Lab, and they can borrow some of the Lab's technology such as microphones to record class lectures.

Choi said the Lab is continuing to discover which cutting-edge technologies would be most useful to the campus.

"Our current projects that are still in their initiation phases are the Siftables, Apple TV [and] Kindle," Choi said. "We're still working a lot with GigaPan, and the Kinect is something that's just been initiated."

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College archives document history

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

On the fifth floor of Bertram Hall, Sister Rose Anne Schultz of the Sisters of the Holy Cross recounts the stories of Saint Mary's College that started it all.

In the Heritage Rooms, Schultz gives tours and highlights the letters, artwork and religious items that belong to the sisters of the College. One such item includes the family tree of the Holy Cross.

"[The family tree] starts with Father [Jacques] Dujarie," she said. "Father Dujarie had this group of brothers called the Brothers of Saint Joseph. Father Dujarie was getting on in years and he wanted to do some advance planning, so he said to the bishop, 'Help me find someone to take over the brothers and be their director after I am too old to do it.'"

Schultz said this is how Blessed Basil Moreau, who was a young priest at the time, was given the task of leading the brothers in 1835.

"[Moreau] said, 'Why don't I get the priests and the brothers together to form one group' ... In his mind, [he] always had the vision of both men and women. He wanted priests, brothers and sisters," she said.

At this time in history, men and women were not allowed to share a religious community, Schultz said. Instead, the women in the community were called "pious girls." Eventually, after much deliberation with Rome, the Marianites of the Holy Cross, women of prayer, were founded in 1841.

"Moreau's vision was always global. The big issues [were] to see what needs to be done and do it," she said. "So with that, he



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Sister Rose Anne Schultz displays the family tree of the Holy Cross family in the Heritage Room of Bertram Hall.

had sent brothers off. However, when the priests and brothers got [to the U.S.], they were busy doing things and said [they needed] help."

Schultz said four young French women who had just made their vows were sent over to help the brothers. These women formed the basis of the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1844, the birth year of Saint Mary's College.

The main Heritage Room also houses boards that highlight each "Mother Superior," or leader of the congregation, and her accomplishments during her tenure. Mother Rose Elizabeth, one of the congregation's greatest leaders, is just one woman featured on the boards, Schultz said.

"At the time, different congregations were doing their formations," she said. "Finally, they said maybe we can get together and not change who we are, but share ideas. So, this group [headed by Mother Rose Elizabeth] became the first leader-

ship conference of women religious that still exists today."

Along with the boards, the main heritage room features a machine used to make the tiny pleats that made up the halo-looking white habit the sisters used to wear.

"This machine was invented by one of the sisters to make the habit, and it was very delicate and difficult work," Schultz said.

Along with the main room, two other rooms feature the international work the sisters have done in various countries, including India and Bangladesh. They also showcase tokens of individual Sisters of the Holy Cross, including the Olympic torch Sister Maura Brannick carried through South Bend on the way to Salt Lake City.

The congregation offers heritage tours for visitors Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Retreat focuses on faith, experience

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

Students took a break from the stress of college life Friday and Saturday to reflect on their faith.

Around 60 freshmen attended the third 24-hour Freshman Retreat at the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

Father Pete McCormick, director of the Freshman Retreat Program, said participants had a chance to form support structures with other freshmen and adjust to the college environment.

"Some freshmen think what's going on with them is unique to themselves, when in fact it's really a commonality between them," McCormick said. "Often times, freshmen worry that they are the abnormal ones. This retreat helps them settle into the Notre Dame experience."

McCormick said his role requires more behind-the-scenes preparation.

"I do a lot of work preparing

the sophomore team [leaders] and working with other leadership to organize the retreat," he said. "During the retreat, I listen to confessions, conduct adoration and celebrate Mass."

McCormick said the Freshman Retreat is a great outlet for freshman to meet their classmates.

"[It] exposes freshmen to a variety of people they would not otherwise come into contact with on campus," McCormick said. "It gives freshmen time to expand their horizons."

Freshman Emily Potucek said meeting people was one of her goals for the retreat.

"I've done similar retreats in high school and thought it would be cool to do with my Notre Dame class," Potucek said. "I wanted to make more friends in my class."

Potucek said participants mingled while discussing academics, social life and faith.

"We talked about adjustment to college and adjusting to the second semester," Potucek said. "We also talked about where

we are in our faith journey and how we can practice our faith here at Notre Dame."

Echoing McCormick's thoughts, Potucek said the retreat gave her the opportunity to converse with other freshmen who share similar interests.

"It was a great chance to see how other freshmen are practicing their faith here," Potucek said. "It was nice to meet other people who also hold that as a priority."

Freshman Melanie Mironovich said the retreat was a perfect way to step back from the stress of college life.

"You get really stressed in college, so the retreat was a good way to relax and get away from schoolwork," she said. "[The retreat is a chance to] slow down and really think about your choices ... You're forced to think about things you wouldn't normally think about. It makes Notre Dame feel more like a community."

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that Christians have moral heroism in common with the ‘great religious and sapiential traditions of East and West,’ so that made me think that we can admire people across cultural and religious boundaries as a kind of pedagogy,” he said. “If you can admire someone, it means you’re able to learn something from your admiration, so interreligious understanding comes from this pedagogy of admiration.”

Though interreligious understanding and dialogue may be commonly perceived as conversations over religious doctrine or pluralism, Cavadini said the symposium aims to dispel these misconceptions by promoting cross-cultural and religious admiration in spite of doctrinal differences between religions.

“It’s not about doctrine

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John Cavadini
ICL director

or collapsing all religions into one, but nevertheless it’s interesting that in spite of doctrines that are not reconcilable with each other, you can still admire the holiness of someone across cultural and religious boundaries,” he said.

The symposium opened Sunday with a screening of the critically acclaimed film “Of Gods and Men,” which tells the story of a group of Trappist monks who lived in peace with the largely Muslim community of Algeria until seven of them were assassinated during the Algerian Civil War in 1996. Fr. Armand Veilleux, a priest who knew the monks, will give a related presentation titled, “Of Gods and Monks: The Story of the Trappist Martyrs of Algiers,” on Monday night.

Sunday’s events also featured a Buddhist account of holiness from Dharma Master Hsin Tao, titled “Transforming Self and the

World: A Tale of Buddhist Spirituality.” He will also lead conference participants in a Zen meditation session at 2 p.m. on Monday.

Monday’s programming will also include the story of Bhai Sahib (Dr.) Mohinder Singh Ahluwalia, a visionary Sikh faith leader who operates a charitable organization in Birmingham, United Kingdom.

Muslim perspectives on holiness will take center stage during Tuesday’s events, which include presentations by Islamic scholar Abdolrahim Gavahi and the co-founders of the Open House Peace Center in Ramle, Israel.

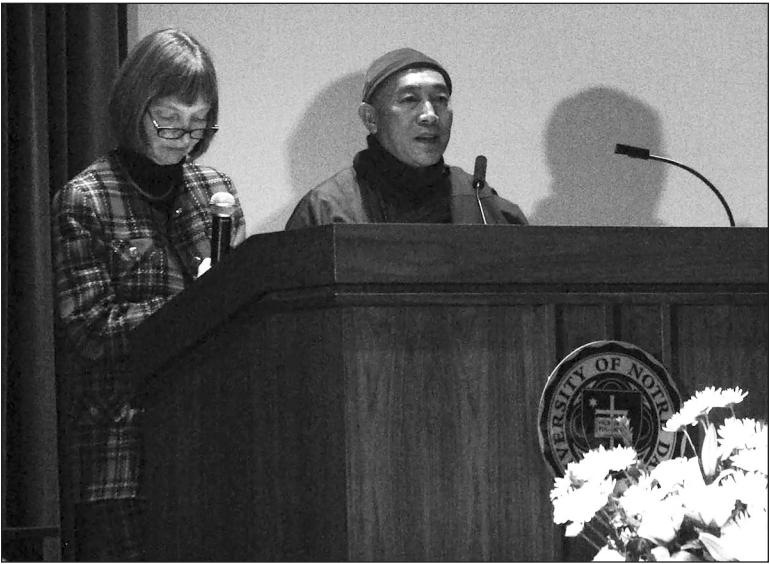
Based on the examples of holiness presented at the conference, Cavadini said he thinks interfaith dialogue should be generally encouraged, but Notre Dame plays a special role in this discourse as a religiously affiliated institution.

“I think we have an opportunity to get into [interfaith dialogue] in a unique way from secular universities where you simply study the religions,” he said. “But since we operate from the core of Catholicism, we have an opportunity to be a dialogue partner and engage persons of faith, not just the religions they represent.”

Cavadini said the University’s opportunity to engage in interfaith dialogue follows the example of Pope Benedict XVI and his efforts to promote interreligious discourse.

“The reason we have the Pope on the conference poster is because he convened an interfaith group in Assisi to pray for peace, so we’re following his lead on this,” he said.

Though the overarching goal of the symposium and others like it is to promote widespread interreligious understanding, Cavadini said



MAGGIE O'BRIEN/ The Observer

Dharma Master Hsin Tao and his translator speak in McKenna Hall at the “Stories of Practical Holiness” Symposium on Sunday.

that can only occur if people take the first step of engaging in genuine admiration.

“I want people to contemplate sources and well-springs of admiration and what that teaches us about people we may not agree with,” he said. “You’re guaranteed to learn something from genuine admiration.”

More information about the symposium and upcoming interfaith events is available at icl.nd.edu

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covering student government, the recent South Bend mayoral election and changes in the University’s sexual assault policy, in addition to co-founding “ND Minute,” The Observer’s multimedia news blog with Stryker.

“I’m very excited for this upcoming year with our incredible staff at The Observer, and I look forward to working together to publish our best paper possible for the student body,” Doyle said.

Owens is a junior majoring

in Political Science with a minor in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy hailing from Saginaw, Mich., and currently living in Carroll Hall. Owens has a wide variety of experience in his current role as Associate Sports Editor, covering football and men’s basketball this year and the women’s basketball run to the national championship game last year.

“I’m excited to work with The Observer’s talented and motivated staff, and I look forward to carrying on the great work of the outgoing Editorial Board,” Owens said.

Stryker, a junior, is majoring in Film, Television and Theatre and minoring in Me-

dieval Studies and Anthropology. The native of New Canaan, Conn., and Knott Hall resident currently serves as News Editor, where he helped co-found “ND Minute” and covered the cancellation of the Japanese study-abroad programs last year.

“I’m thrilled to take this new position at The Observer,” Stryker said. “I look forward to working with the paper’s talented and dedicated staff to continue its tradition of excellence.”

Joseph will take over as Editor-in-Chief on March 5, and the rest of the Editorial Board will assume their positions March 19.

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ing a tough paper or a long run.”

However, Costello said it is difficult for her to express in words how her time in Rwanda has been because she has yet to fully understand it herself.

“My experience in Rwanda is impossible to describe,” she said. “It’s everything that you’d picture it would be: enlightening, challenging, life-changing, difficult, rewarding ... it’s all those

things, but different than you could ever imagine.”

Looking toward the future, Costello said she is unsure of what her plans are, but her experience in the Peace Corps has broadened her perception of what careers are available in the business world.

“I am meeting fascinating people all the time here, and so many are doing great work,” she said. “There are so many cool jobs out there, and I want them all. We will have to see what life has in store for me.”

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Egypt to try nonprofit employees

Associated Press

CAIRO — Ignoring a U.S. threat to cut off aid, Egypt on Sunday referred 19 Americans and 24 other employees of nonprofit groups to trial before a criminal court on accusations they illegally used foreign funds to foment unrest in the country.

Egypt’s military rulers had already deeply strained ties with Washington with their crackdown on U.S.-funded groups promoting democracy and human rights and accused of stirring up violence in the aftermath of the uprising a year ago that ousted Hosni Mubarak. The decision to send 43 workers from the various groups to trials marks a sharp escalation in the dispute.

Egypt and the United States have been close allies for more than three decades, but the campaign against the organizations has angered Washington, and jeopardized the \$1.5



AP

Egyptian military personnel stand guard as officials raid one of the NGO’s offices in Cairo on Dec. 29.

billion in aid Egypt is set to receive from the U.S. this year.

On Saturday, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton warned Egypt that failure to resolve the dispute may lead to the loss of American aid. The Egyptian minister, Mohammed Amr, responded Sunday by saying the government cannot interfere in the work of the judiciary.

“We are doing our best to contain this but ... we cannot actually exercise any

influence on the investigating judges right now when it comes to the investigation,” Amr told reporters at a security conference in Munich, Germany. A few hours later, word of the referral to trials came.

The Egyptian investigation into the work of nonprofit groups in the country is closely linked to the political turmoil that has engulfed the nation since the ouster of Mubarak, a close U.S. ally who ruled Egypt for nearly 30 years.

Giants

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win,” he said.

Wisbrock said the final drive was the most exciting part of the game.

“It was most intense when Ahmad Bradshaw scored at the end instead of running out the clock for a field goal as time expired,” he said.

Sophomore Olivia Gutsell, a Colts fan, said the Patriots’ defeat was consoling.

“I’m glad the Patriots lost,” she said. “We were screaming at the only Pats fan in the room, and [everyone was] happy.”

Sophomore Leo Mironovich said he watched the Super Bowl, but not to see which team came out on top. Instead, it was the Super Bowl ads that drew him in and he said he was satisfied with most.

“It’s great bonding with friends, and the commercials with babies are always a fan favorite,” he said. “And since I’m a history major, the end of prohibition in the Budweiser commercial was funny, too.”

Mironovich said the Super Bowl is about much more than

winners, losers and ads.

“It’s great bonding with friends,” Mironovich said. “I just wanted to see a good game.”

Lupica said he also enjoyed watching the game with a group of his male friends.

“It was a straight bro-out,” he said.

Some students watched the game primarily to see its halftime show. The performance featured Madonna, Nicki Minaj, LMFAO, M.I.A. and Cee Lo Green.

Sophomore Nicole McMillan said she enjoyed the halftime show and thought the choice of performers appealed to a wide audience.

“Madonna was a good artist to pick for the Super Bowl because she speaks to different generations,” she said. “But I was sad that Nicki Minaj and M.I.A. didn’t get to say much more than a few lines.”

McMillan said the technology and spectacle of the halftime show lived up to the hype.

“I loved the stage and screens on the field because the visual effects were amazing,” she said.

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Komen frustrates supporters

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Dorothy Twinney first saw a Race for the Cure walk for breast cancer — “a sea of pink” traveling through her hometown of Plymouth, Mich. — she was so moved she sat in her car and wept.

This week, after watching The Susan G. Komen for the Cure breast cancer charity announce plans to cut funding to Planned Parenthood, then abandon those plans amid a public furor, Twinney decided she was done with the organization for which she raised thousands of dollars on three-day, 60-mile walks that left her feet bloodied and blistered, but her spirits high.

“It just feels like it’s all tarnished now,” the 41-year-old mother of two said. “Honestly, I’m not sure what they can do to change that.”

At week’s end, many longtime Komen supporters were feeling similarly conflicted. Some, depending on where they stood on the hot-button issue of abortion, called it more of a betrayal. Those who supported Komen’s grants to Planned Parenthood for breast-cancer screenings called the initial move to cut them politically motivated; those opposed to the grants said the same thing about the reversal.

The outrage clearly stunned Komen, the country’s most widely known breast cancer organization. “I think (Komen) has been horrified to be so caught up in this culture war,” said Eric Scheidler, executive director of the Chicago-based Pro-Life Action League.

Many women described feeling caught in the middle when The Associated Press first reported on Tuesday that Komen had adopted criteria excluding Planned Parenthood from future breast screening grants because it was the subject of an investigation launched by a Florida congressman at the urging of anti-abortion groups. The grants totaled \$680,000 in 2011.

Alyce Lee-Walker was one of them. A longtime Komen supporter, she’d never given money



Susan B. Komen 2010 Race for the Cure participants walk in Little Rock, Ark. Supporters have been frustrated by the organization’s indecision.

to Planned Parenthood. But when she learned of the funding cut, she immediately went online to donate \$188 — the 88 signifying good luck in Chinese.

She didn’t stop there. The small business owner from Pinehurst, N.C., went about removing all the pink-ribbon stickers, a Komen symbol, that she’d affixed to her belongings.

“I took them off my personal car, the business car, off the doors in the office,” she said. And that pink chef’s knife she bought at Williams-Sonoma, with some of the proceeds going to Komen? “I’m done with that, too,” she said.

When she worked on Wall Street, Lee-Walker once prowled the trading floor soliciting donations “from anyone who loved a sister, mother, wife — or who was a fan of breasts,” she quips. She raised \$15,000. But now, Komen’s reversal as well as its original move left her disgusted, she said: “It’s all political.”

Many shared that skepticism. “I’m wondering, is this really

what they believe now, or is it just all the bad press that made them do it?” asked Mary Gauvin, a 27-year-old mother from Fort Drum, N.Y. “I doubt their motivation a bit.”

Gauvin, a supporter in the past of both Planned Parenthood and Komen, said that now, if a friend asked for sponsorship in a Race for the Cure event, she would offer to give money instead to the American Cancer Society.

Also switching allegiance was Suzanne Strempek Shea, a novelist and college writing teacher in Northampton, Mass. “If someone asks me to sponsor them,” she said, “I’m going to say, ‘I wish you well, but I’m going to give the amount I’d have given you to Rays of Hope,’ another breast cancer support group.

The issue was particularly painful to Shea, 51. She is a breast cancer survivor who discovered early warning signs at a Planned Parenthood breast screening (the group does screenings and refers some patients for mammograms).

SYRIA

Clinton calls for support to combat Syrian violence

Associated Press

SOFIA, Bulgaria — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called Sunday for “friends of democratic Syria” to unite and rally against President Bashar Assad’s regime, previewing the possible formation of a formal group of like-minded nations to coordinate assistance to the Syrian opposition.

Speaking in the Bulgarian capital of Sofia a day after Russia and China blocked U.N. Security Council action on Syria, Clinton said the international community had a duty to halt ongoing bloodshed and promote a political transition that would see Assad step down. She said the “friends of Syria” should work together to promote those ends.

Clinton was bluntly critical of Saturday’s veto by Russia and China at the United Nations blocking action against the continuing violence in Syria.

“What happened yesterday at the United Nations was a travesty,” she said.

“Faced with a neutered Security Council, we have to redouble our efforts outside of the United Nations with those allies and partners who support the Syrian people’s right to have a better future,” Clinton told reporters after meeting top Bulgarian officials.

Such a group could be similar, but not identical, to the Contact Group on Libya, which oversaw international help for opponents of the late deposed Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi. However, in the case of Libya, the group also coordinated NATO military operations to protect Libyan civilians, something that is not envisioned in Syria.

Clinton warned that a failure to act would increase the chances for “a brutal civil war” as many Syrians under attack from their government moved to defend themselves.

U.S. officials said a friends group would work to further squeeze the Assad regime by enhancing sanctions against it, bringing disparate Syrian opposition groups inside and outside the country together, providing humanitarian relief for embattled Syrian communities and working to prevent an escalation of violence by monitoring arms sales.

“We will work to expose those who are still funding the regime and sending it weapons to be used against defenseless Syrians, including women and children,” Clinton said. “We will work with the friends of a democratic Syria around the world to support the opposition’s peaceful political plans for change.”

Clinton’s comments came as Syria’s opposition appealed for international backing along the lines she suggested following the double-veto at the U.N. Security Council that outraged the U.S., its European allies and Arab leaders and intensified fears that Assad would unleash even greater violence to crush protesters.

Meanwhile, a Syrian state-run newspaper vowed Sunday that Damascus will press its crackdown on the uprising until stability is restored. Early Saturday, regime forces bombarded the restive central city of Homs in what activists said was the deadliest incident of the uprising. They reported more than 200 killed, but the regime denied any bombardment and there was no way to independently confirm the toll.

As colleges obsess over rankings, students shrug

Associated Press

When US News & World Report debuted its list of “America’s Best Colleges” nearly 30 years ago, the magazine hoped its college rankings would be a game-changer for students and families. But arguably, they’ve had a much bigger effect on colleges themselves.

Yes, students and families still buy the guide and its less famous competitors by the hundreds of thousands, and still care about a college’s reputation. But it isn’t students who obsess over every incremental shift on the rankings scoreboard, and who regularly embarrass themselves in the process. It’s colleges.

It’s colleges that have spent billions on financial aid for high-scoring students who don’t actually need the money, motivated at least partly by the quest for rankings glory.

It was a college, Baylor University, that paid students it had already accepted to retake the SAT exam in a transparent ploy to boost the average scores it could report. It’s colleges that have awarded

bonuses to presidents who lift their school a few slots.

And it’s colleges that occasionally get caught in the kind of cheating you might expect in sports or on Wall Street, but which seems especially ignominious coming from professional educators.

The latest example came last week at Claremont McKenna, a highly regarded California liberal arts college where a senior administrator resigned after acknowledging he falsified college entrance exam scores for years to rankings publications such as US News.

The scale was small: submitting scores just 10 or 20 points higher on the 1,600-point SAT math and reading exams. Average test scores account for just 7.5 percent of the US News rankings formula. Still, the magazine acknowledged the effect could have been to move the college up a slot or two in its rankings of top liberal arts colleges. And so it was hard not to notice Claremont McKenna stood at No. 9 in this year’s rankings, which to people who care about such things sounds much sweeter



Students walk across campus at Claremont McKenna College. A senior administrator at the school resigned after falsifying college entrance exam scores to rankings publications.

than No. 11.

“For Claremont, there is I would think a psychologically large difference between being ninth and 11th,” said Bob Schaeffer of the group FairTest and a rankings critic. “We’re a top 10 school,’ (or) ‘we’re 11th or 12th’ — that’s a big psychological difference. It’s a bragging rights differ-

ence.”

If it was an effort to gain an edge, it backfired badly. Another popular list, Kiplinger’s “Best College Values,” said Friday it was removing Claremont McKenna from its 2011-12 rankings entirely because of the false reporting. The college had been No. 18 on its list of best-value liberal arts

colleges.

Competitiveness may be naturally human, but to many who work with students, such behavior among fellow educators is mystifying. Contrary to widespread perceptions, they say, students typically use the rankings as a source of data and pay little attention to a school’s number.

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Missing mushroom pickers found in Oregon

Associated Press

GOLD BEACH, Ore. — Three mushroom pickers lost six nights in the rugged forest of southwest Oregon with no food considered eating their dog, and used the screen on their dead cellphone and the blade of a sheath knife to flash a signal at the helicopter pilot who found them.

Dan Conne said Sunday from his hospital bed in Gold Beach that he and his wife and son spent the nights huddled in a hollow log with nothing to eat, and considered sacrificing their pit bull, Jesse, for food.

“She’s that good a dog, she’d have done it, too,” Conne said.

A volunteer helicopter pilot looking outside the search area Saturday spotted Dan and Belinda Conne, both 47, along with 25-year-old Michael, on the edge of a deep ravine in tall timber. They were about 10 miles northeast of the town of Gold Beach, roughly 330 miles southwest of Portland.

“The wife had the BlackBerry and I had the knife,” Dan Conne told The Associated Press. “I kept flashing. The wife said, ‘You’re blinding them.’ But I wanted to make sure they seen us. I wasn’t taking no chance.”

The three had given up hope and thought they were going to die when rescuers came.

“None of us thought we were coming out of there,” he said.

While lost, the cold and hungry family could see search helicopters and airplanes flying low and slow overhead, but they couldn’t get the pilots’ attention through the thick, coastal forest vegetation.

When they were found, the Connes were just five football fields from a road, and a mile from their Jeep.

The three were airlifted to a Gold Beach hospital, where they stayed overnight.

Dan Conne hurt his back, and Belinda Conne had hypothermia, Curry County Sheriff John Bishop said. All three

were hungry, and enjoyed their potato soup and sandwiches at the hospital.

Belinda and Dan Conne were discharged Sunday. Their son, who suffered frostbite, hypothermia and a sprained ankle, remained in the hospital for more treatment.

The family was spotted by Jackson County Commissioner John Rachor, spending his first day searching for them in his own helicopter with Curry County Sheriff’s Lt. John Ward.

Rachor had been up two hours and decided to go outside the search area, heading uphill from where the family parked their Jeep, instead of down.

“We couldn’t find anything in the obvious places, so we decide to go to the not-obvious places,” he said. “I kind of think outside the box on these things sometimes, and it pays off.”

Rachor is the same pilot who found a San Francisco family lost in a snowstorm in 2006 just 35 miles from where he found the Connes. In 2006, Rachor flew Kati Kim and her two young daughters to safety after spotting them near their car. James Kim died of hypothermia trying to hike out for help.

On Saturday, Rachor saw a movement on the edge of a deep ravine in tall timber. A man in tan bib overalls was waving his arms. Ward marked the spot on his GPS and called the Coast Guard for a helicopter to winch the family out. He also called a nearby ground team to give them immediate aid, then flew back to Gold Beach for fuel.

“The searchers were with us within 20 minutes of the first copter that found us,” Dan Conne said. “There must have been nine or 10 of them. They just kept coming out of that brush. It was just a real happy feeling, ‘cause we knew we wasn’t going to die out there.”

Romney extends lead in GOP race



AP

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney greets supporters after speaking at a caucus night watch party Feb. 4 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Now it’s on to Colorado, Minnesota and Maine.

With back-to-back victories fueling him, Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney is looking toward the next states that hold GOP nominating contests as main rival Newt Gingrich brushes aside any talk of abandoning his White House bid — all but ensuring the battle will stretch into the spring if not beyond.

Shortly after losing big to Romney here, the former House speaker emphatically renewed his vow to campaign into the party convention in Tampa this summer. His goal, he said, was to “find a series of victories which by the end of the Texas primary will leave us at parity” with Romney by early April.

Gingrich continued to shrug off Nevada’s caucus results in an appearance on Sunday on NBC’s Meet the Press.

“This is the state he won last time, and he won it this time,” he said of Romney. “Our goal is to get to Super Tuesday where we’re in much more favorable territory.”

But first, Gingrich must make it through Colorado and Minnesota, which both hold caucuses Tuesday. Maine follows on Saturday during a month that promises to be as plodding as January was rapid-fire in the presidential race. Romney will look to maintain his position of strength, if not build upon it, as his rivals continue d to

derail him even as their options for doing so narrow with each victory he notches.

The former Massachusetts governor held a double-digit lead Sunday morning over his nearest pursuer as the totals mounted in Nevada, where fellow Mormons accounted for roughly a quarter of all caucus-goers. Gingrich and Texas Rep. Ron Paul vied for a distant second. Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum trailed the field.

Santorum won the leadoff caucuses in Iowa and has trailed in the contests since then. He nonetheless insisted on Sunday that “our numbers are moving up continually.”

“I think we’re going to show improvement. This race is a long long way from being over,” Santorum said on Fox News Sunday.

And on ABC’s “This Week,” Paul maintained the results show voters are still up for grabs.

“I get energized because I know there’s a large number of people who are looking for another option,” Paul said.

With votes from 71 percent of the precinct caucuses tallied, Romney had 48 percent, Gingrich 23 percent, Paul 19 percent and Santorum 11 percent. Turnout was down significantly from 2008, when Romney also won the state’s GOP caucuses.

More than 24 hours after caucuses began, results from the state’s most populous county were still being tallied. The outcome

could affect the second- and third-place finishers.

“Our goal is to finish verification,” said Clark County GOP spokeswoman Bobbie Haseley. “There is no modern technology when it comes to how the voting took place and the counting.”

Romney’s victory capped a week that began with his double-digit win in the Florida primary. That contest was as intense as Nevada’s caucuses were sedate — so quiet that they produced little television advertising, no candidate debates and only a modest investment of time by the contenders.

A total of 28 Republican National Convention delegates were at stake in caucuses held across the sprawling state. Romney won at least 10, Gingrich at least four, Paul at least three and Santorum at least two. Eight were still to be determined.

That gives Romney a total of 97, including endorsements from Republican National Committee members who will automatically attend the convention and can support any candidate they choose. Gingrich has 30, Santorum 16 and Paul seven. It will take 1,144 delegates to win the Republican nomination.

Preliminary results of a poll of Nevada Republicans entering their caucuses showed that nearly half said the most important consideration in their decision was a candidate’s ability to defeat President Barack Obama this fall, a finding in line with other states.

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New Yorkers protest Yemeni President

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A protest against embattled Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh outside a luxury hotel in New York got heated Sunday when demonstrators saw him leave the building, with one charging toward him and another throwing a shoe.

“Everybody is living in fear of this guy at home, but here, he’s getting good treatment!” said Yemeni immigrant Nasser Almroot, a Brooklyn grocer.

The dozen angry protesters were kept behind police barricades across the street from the Ritz-Carlton hotel, which was teeming with security guards, both inside and on the sidewalk where Saleh passed.

The 69-year-old leader is visiting the United States for medical treatment.

He exited the hotel on Central Park South on Sunday afternoon and waved and smiled sardonically toward the yell-

ing protesters — even blowing them a kiss. Suddenly, one of them tried to charge across the street but was restrained by police, who wrestled him to the ground.

“He can’t help it, the killer is here,” Almroot said.

As the man bolted out, a shoe flew in Saleh’s direction. Showing the sole of a shoe is an insult in Arab culture, because it is on the lowest part of the body, the foot. To hit someone with a shoe is seen as even worse.

Saleh got into his car and his motorcade left for an unknown destination.

Since he arrived in New York about a week ago, the Yemeni president has kept a low profile.

His presence, however, has been controversial.

On Sunday, the protesters hoisted placards bearing photos of Yemenis badly bloodied and brutally killed during his government’s yearlong crack-

down on anti-Saleh demonstrations.

He signed a deal in November to transfer power to his vice president in exchange for immunity from prosecution.

An election is scheduled on Feb. 21 to select his successor in a nation mired in poverty and divided among powerful tribes and political factions.

While Saleh has been an anti-terrorism ally of Washington, the United States has not officially welcomed a leader accused of killing hundreds of people during an uprising against his 33-year rule.

Saleh traveled to the United States with permission for a private visit.

In June, he was badly injured in an attack on his presidential palace — an assassination attempt after which he spent months in Saudi Arabia being treated for massive burns from the explosion that ripped through his palace mosque as he prayed.

INSIDE COLUMN

Power of sound

Sound. You're always exposed to it. You hear it, you can even feel it, but sometimes you don't even recognize it. Until you notice a silence.

In my Moving Media class this semester, I've begun looking at, or in this case, listening to, things in some very different ways. We were recently assigned this project: Recreate a space or feeling simply by using sound.

Now, this doesn't seem too difficult. Get a recording device and go on an adventure around campus recording random things, right? Not quite. As soon as we stepped out of class, I felt like I was constantly searching for odd sounds. Sounds you wouldn't pay much attention to otherwise — the hum of fluorescent lights, how footsteps sound on different surfaces and the "horrible noise coming from the evil box underneath the window" ... Buddy the Elf then imitates the radiator. I digress.

But listening to things differently is strange. Especially with voices. It's amazing how many different sounds a voice can make, how it can transform pitch and volume and how subtle accents can play in. How one whisper can stand out in a silent room or the way voices rumble together in a crowd. Add in the weight words can carry when you listen to the content of the sound, and you've got something extremely powerful. Just think of famous speakers like Martin Luther King, Jr. Words can lead a crowd; they can inspire.

As for my project, it's actually quite overwhelming having to isolate one theme to work with, but it's been a new experience. As a photography major (yes, we exist), I work in stills. I don't have to worry about temporal aspects of a piece or the connotations sound and rhythm carry. This is something I love about photography, but also something that can be limiting. But since I get the opportunity to work with it now, I love getting to delve into sound. It's beautiful.


So even if you're rushing around, stop. Listen. Spend a day just listening to the world you live in. It's an interesting one. Even if something seems completely mundane to you, like the sound of people walking the paths on South Quad towards DeBartolo, it could be that very "everyday" sound you'll remember once you graduate. Sounds can take you places in that way.

After listening to the glorious sounds on campus — the hubbub in La Fun, your friends' voices, the chattering squirrels and whatnot — pop in some earphones and spend your day with a personal sound track. I'd recommend "Where is My Mind" by the Pixies for anyone with an excessively early or late class to walk to — since it hasn't seemed to be raining lately (hallelujah), which is honestly the perfect time to listen to that song.

But after that experiment, compare the two. Both are centered completely on noticing sound, just in very different ways. As for me, I'm going to continue enjoying this experience. This project was a good reminder for me to pause, listen and notice the place in which I was living in this one little way.

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Nicole Toczauer

News Writer

Girls like flowers and chocolate

Gentlemen, in case you haven't picked up on the not-so-subtle hints your girlfriends have been leaving you, Valentine's Day is a week from tomorrow. This much anticipated, yet simultaneously dreaded, holiday seems to stress everyone out.

There is always pressure about what to give and how much to spend, as well as confusion about whether or not she's lying when she says she doesn't really care about Valentine's Day.

Well, if I were you, I would assume she does actually care, and to avoid drama next Tuesday, let me remind you — girls like flowers and chocolate. Yes, the gift may seem a bit generic, maybe a little lacking in creativity, but the flowers and chocolate combination is almost always a safe bet.

So why am I, your guru on sustainability, so concerned with the issue? Valentine's Day puts a huge stress on our environment. Luckily, there are many sustainable alternatives.

With regard to flowers, if you haven't noticed, the winter weather here in South Bend is not ideal for their growth. This means the beautiful flowers you will be sending next Tuesday need to be shipped from tropical climates.

Long and refrigerated shipping means energy wasted in transportation.

Beyond just tropical climates, Hol-

Anna Gorman

Ask the GreenMan

land has a huge flower market. But unfortunately, growing 12,000 roses there emits 77,150 pounds of CO2. Part of the problem is the use of climate-controlled greenhouses necessary for their production.

Energy use aside, there are also many environmental impacts resulting from the fertilizers and pesticides used to make these flowers look so beautiful.

Don't be too distressed, though; there are organic, sustainable and fair-trade brands available at mega-retailers and florists across the U.S. For example, the Colombian brand "Floriverde" has set guidelines as to methods of drip irrigation (uses minimal H2O), organic fertilization, integrated pest control resulting in almost 50 percent less pesticide use and sensible waste disposal methods.

They offer social programs and benefits to their workers as well. While the standards vary between companies here and abroad, most companies strive for basic sustainable and environmental principles.

The prices are a little bit higher for these sustainability-focused brands, but flower prices are already pretty astronomical, so a few more dollars shouldn't be a big deal, especially for a special someone. If you're really into green, you could buy local to cut down on transportation costs and buy something in season, but I know that's asking a lot.

Now on to chocolates. I know you've heard my tangent on fair-trade chocolates before, so I'll keep this part

short. Growing cocoa for chocolate is usually tied with things like wars in Africa, the loss of rain forests, toxic pesticides and meager wages to child workers.

Buying organic and fair-trade chocolate is an easy way to help stop some of these injustices against both the environment and society. Plus, I swear it makes the chocolate a bit more delicious.

To sum things up, look for organic or sustainable flower brands such as Floriverde or Veriflora, at places like Walmart, Sam's Club, national food stores, 1-800-Flowers, etc.

In terms of chocolate, there are dozens of fair-trade and organic brands out there, just check online. Many stores are starting to incorporate fair-trade certified brands in their selections as well.

Next time you're at the store, keep an eye out for names like Sweet Earth Organic Chocolates, Madécasse Chocolate, Equal Exchange Chocolate, Taza Chocolates and Newman's Own.

Oh, and by the way, I like tulips. Just in case you were wondering ...

Email your predicaments to askthegreenman@gmail.com and let him answer you with a sustainable twist. The GreenMan will be here every other week to provide you with insights you never knew you were missing out on until now.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Protecting the University's right to choose

In response to Evan Graham's letter ("Protecting the right to choose," Feb. 2), I wish to make the case against the HHS mandate which forces Notre Dame to offer contraception in its health plans.

Mr. Graham is "happy that the right to choose has come full-force to Notre Dame," but he overlooks its coming is coupled with a much greater suppression of the right to choose.

Two rights are at stake here: first, everyone's right "to be able to take prescriptive contraceptives if they so desire," which Mr. Graham champions, and second, the right of a religious institution to act according to the principles of its faith. The HHS mandate violates the second for the sake of the first. Without the mandate, the second is intact and the first mostly unharmed. Considering the second is a core First Amendment right, and the first a hotly disputed branch of the evolving corpus of health care rights, which overrides the other?

The mandate falls to religious liberty even if it is allowed the full force of Mr. Graham's association of it with the right to contraceptives. But this association is also wrong. Without the mandate, everyone is still free to buy contraceptives. The mandate only makes a relevant difference for a very limited group: those very few people for whom coverage makes the difference as to whether or not they can afford contraceptives and those who are not already covered. Yes, few: Nine out of ten employer plans already cover contraceptives, and 99 percent of women who have had sex have used contraceptives (Guttmacher).

Even employees of conscientiously objecting institutions don't seem to have much of a problem getting contraceptives at the moment, and the argument for the mandate falls again right there.

Even if I were utterly convinced that the University should offer contraception in its health plans, I could never be happy that the progress embodied by the changing of this policy should come at the price of so crippling a blow to religious liberty.

Matt Cole

sophomore

Carroll Hall

Feb. 5

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Everywhere I go I find a poet has been there before me."

Sigmund Freud

Austrian psychologist

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WEEKLY POLL

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We have been blessed

Last Sunday, I walked out of the Senior Retreat with an overwhelming sense of pride for this great university we attend. The opportunity to reflect on my past three and a half years here, alongside my peers, filled me with a wonderful feeling of belonging and community that reminded me of many things that are so clear and obvious yet we often forget to appreciate.

Dee Tian

Confessions of a Christian Party Girl

First, we must all remember to be thankful. Always. Sure, it's easy to be thankful when everything is going well, but we must also remember to be thankful when it's not so easy to be. Too often do I take for granted the many blessings I have in my life. When it's 3 a.m. and I have two papers due and two exams to study for the next day, it's hard to be thankful for anything.

When you get in a fight with your significant other, and you're obviously in the right, why should you be happy about anything? However, it's in those moments it's most important to remem-

ber you're lucky to be here. Remaining grateful in times of trouble reveals our true character.

Second, we must continue to shine outside of Notre Dame. Many of us are concerned about our lives post-graduation. Whether we have jobs lined up or acceptances to graduate schools, the future is still very uncertain. I don't know about you, but I'm not ready to leave this place, now ... or ever. There truly is a magic in the sound of their name ... we have been blessed to be Fighting Irish for the last four years. But it's time to bring the magic of Notre Dame outside of South Bend.

It's easy to be good and genuine in a loving, caring community. However, you can't see light in light. In fact, light shines brightest in utter darkness. I think that's what we have to keep in mind. In entering "the real world," we must bring our light to places where it can really shine.

Third, we must remember to find God in others. It's okay to not adore every single person you meet (i.e. that obnoxious guy in your philosophy class who uses words you've never heard of), but we must remember God created

each of us in his image. None of us are perfect, but we all have loved ones, aspirations and fears. When you look at it like that, it's quite difficult to really hate anyone (even your best friend's ex who walks around like he owns the place).

Lastly, we must remember not to worry. In one of my favorite chapters in the Bible, Jesus does not suggest, but commands us not to worry.

In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus says, "Do not worry ... Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they ... But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

I think we're all guilty of this. We worry constantly — how will I get this absurd amount of work done, how am I going to do well on this impossible exam, is my friend upset with me because I was too forward, what will I do next year when I graduate? It's impossible to not worry, but we must trust that God knows our anxieties and hopes and dreams, and that He has a

plan for each of us. Once we make right our relationship with God, everything else will fall into place.

So whether you're a senior or a freshman, whether there are four amazing months left of your college career or three and a half years (lucky tykes), remember how lucky you are to be here. Sure, there will be times when we will be stressed out, times that we wish we could fast forward to the weekend, times we choose to ignore the beauty of this campus around us. But these times will be grandly overshadowed by the love we've found (in this not so hopeless place).

Although we have bright futures ahead of us, for now, they can wait. In risk of sounding cliché, let's treasure the moment, treasure our remaining time here, treasure our friends and treasure Notre Dame.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Contraceptives and control

I would like to reply to Notre Dame Right to Life officers' Jan. 31 letter, "Contraception and Dignity," touched off when it sternly condemned the use of artificial contraception. I am going to argue on behalf of the original letter's position by responding to some of the arguments made by "Contraception and Dignity," Feb. 3.

Emily Bienek, Joel Moore and John Galeziewski argued contraception can mitigate the harmful consequences of domestic violence, rape and drunken hook-ups. This argument fails because these problems cannot be solved by contraception. If women are really so afraid of being assaulted by friends, boyfriends, husbands and strangers they feel they must be taking contraception at all times to prevent unplanned pregnancies, our society suffers from a far greater problem than a lack of reproductive choice.

I would rather make the world safe from violence against women than hand out birth control pills to potential rape victims. Similarly, the fact that many Notre Dame students regularly get so drunk that they cannot control their behavior contributes to a host of problems of which unplanned pregnancies are only one. We can better resolve that issue by helping students drink responsibly than by constantly struggling to reduce the harm they do to themselves and others when they are drunk.

Bienek, Moore, Galeziewski and Anne Reser all made the point artificial contraception helps women by allowing them to regulate how many children they have and when they have them. This allows women to pursue other goals before starting a family and to responsibly regulate the size of their families once they have them. Abstinence before marriage and NFP during marriage can do the same things. Researchers at the University of Heidelberg in Germany found NFP is as effective as "the pill" at preventing conception, and (forgive the cliché) abstinence remains the only 100 percent effective means of preventing pregnancy and STDs.

John Galeziewski suggests NFP, even when properly used, is no different than other forms of contraception. On the contrary, NFP does not upset the delicate chemical balance within a woman's body in ways that could damage her health, as

hormonal contraceptives do.

It also does not fundamentally change the nature of the sexual act by chemically or mechanically eliminating one of its key functions, something all forms of artificial birth control do as well. Finally, NFP makes sex more intimate for couples that use it by giving them a greater understanding of the natural reproductive process and how to work within it to plan their families.

Anne Reser deplores the fact "there are still people who believe that a woman's dignity is somehow tied to her ability and desire to have children." I believe she has misunderstood "Contraception and Dignity" on this issue. At the risk of putting words in the authors' mouths, I believe the people behind "Contraception and Dignity" would not call a woman's reproductive ability the sole source of her worth. Rather, they would assert that a woman derives her dignity from all of the various and wonderful gifts God has bestowed on her by making her in His image, and that her ability to create and nurture life within her own body is merely one of these gifts, though it is an awe-inspiring and very important one.

Women do not need artificial birth control to protect themselves, plan their families or affirm their dignity. They can avoid unplanned pregnancies and STDs by abstaining from sex before marriage and regulate the births of their children within marriage by using NFP. They can better respect themselves by embracing their ability to bear children as an important part of their nature than they can by denying the beauty and significance of one of the greatest abilities of any human person, which they alone happen to possess. The only thing women (and men) "need" artificial contraception for is to have sex whenever they want and with whomever they want. Modern society thinks sex should be like television: entertainment on demand. Those of us who believe that sex is a total, loving and fruitful gift from one person of incommensurable dignity to another believe sex was meant for something more.

Elliott Pearce

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Knott Hall

Feb. 3

Save the bike shop

To the folks who run the bike shop:

It has recently come to my attention the bike shop will be closing. This is heart-breaking news. As a student who solely depends on her bike for transportation, I cannot thank the bike shop staff enough for all their time and hard work. They have helped me with my tires, derailleur, gears and so much more.

After I was hit by an unalert cab driver last semester, I thought I would have to find another way to get to school (I live three miles off campus). Rather, your staff was more than willing to do everything they could to help fix my bike.

I have run into countless students who also have had issues with their bikes (some minor, some quite drastic) and have been thrilled to find out Notre Dame has a bike shop. The bike shop does not get enough attention for how sustainable they are either.

Shutting down the bike shop is not only disappointing, it will hurt the Notre Dame community in many ways. I hope there are options to keep it open for future students. If I can do anything to help, I would be more than glad to do what I can. My information follows.

In conclusion, thank you. Thank you for everything you and your staff have given me these past years. Thank you for keeping Notre Dame sustainable. I hope you will reconsider your decision to close the bike shop.

Sarah McCroy

senior

Saint Mary's

Feb. 2

Vermin vouch for shop

I'm a junior in Carroll Hall, and I've had my bike repaired by the bike shop two or three times these past few years. Whether the problem was faulty brakes or a bent front wheel, my bike was always returned to me working better than it had been before, beyond the pertinent problem that needed fixing in the first place. On behalf of all men of Carroll, I plead that NDSP keep the bike shop open, or else condemn Vermin to perpetually long and tedious journeys to class as we attempt to survive the year without our precious (albeit prone to breaking) bicycles.

Jason Kippenbrock

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Feb. 2

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By **PATRICK McMANUS**
Scene Writer

On the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday before the Super Bowl, “Late Night with Jimmy Fallon” was filmed from the Hilbert Circle Theatre in downtown Indianapolis. It was the show’s first venture outside of studio 6B in New York’s Rockefeller Center. In support of NBC’s broadcast of the big game on Sunday, “Late Night” did its part to drum up excitement around football and the city of Indianapolis, though that hardly seems necessary. This reporter was lucky enough to be in the audience for the taping of Wednesday’s show.

The Hilbert Circle Theatre seats 1,781, which by Jimmy Fallon’s own off-screen estimation, is 12 times more than “Late Night’s” usual studio audience. The theatre is located in the center of downtown Indianapolis in Monument Circle, usually home to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, who for Wednesday’s program sat in with the “greatest band in late night,” the legendary Roots crew. Other differences from the show’s usual format included a guest announcer, as Steve Higgins stayed in New York to work on producing “Saturday Night Live.” Higgins was replaced by NFL Hall of Fame athlete Deion Sanders, who announced the show’s guests, Tracy Morgan, Tim Tebow, and the All-American Rejects, and the host, Jimmy Fallon.

Wednesday’s first segment after Fallon’s monologue was Head Swap, a humorous bit ostensibly about switching the heads of various celebrities, but actually centered on a lengthy introduction that tells the story of how the bit came to be. The skit’s incarnation featured, among other things, the kidnapping of Bob Costas. That video was followed by another, this one the final cut of Jimmy’s Subs Across America project, where viewers sent in videos of them catching and throwing Subway sandwiches in front of landmarks in their area. It was a very gimmicky bit, with obvious corporate overtones, but Mr. Fallon’s unflagging enthusiasm made it all work.

The first guest was “SNL” alum and “30 Rock” star Tracy Morgan, who for some reason wore a pair of bedazzled jeans. Mr. Morgan required only the slightest prompting from inquirer Fallon to go off on a variety of subjects, including how former Cowboys wide receiver Drew Pearson used to sell fish to his grandfather from a white van and how Morgan grew up with a crash-helmet adorned with Tom Brady (one assumes, of course, that everything Morgan says is entirely fictitious). Interestingly, cut from the broadcast version of the interview but a part of the afternoon’s taping, was a remarkable train of thought that took Morgan from collapsing at a Sundance Film Festival event and being visited in the hospital by “Mitch” Romney, to

Obama hasn’t done anything for him, drinking beer and arguing about the Knicks at Camp David, to drinking beer and arguing about the Knicks in the cockpit with Captain Sully, to inexplicably finding himself on the Hudson, to finally using a bird hitting the engine as an excuse to his wife.

The next guest, Tim Tebow, was not as funny, except for when he criticized Fallon’s singing in a bit that aired a few weeks ago that imagined a Tebow/David Bowie conglomeration. Tebow did of course discuss his charitable works, including building a hospital in the Philippines. He concluded by launching an autographed jersey into the crowd (it landed just three rows behind me!). The All-American Rejects’ performance concluded the show.

The biggest difference between the Fallon show in New York and Indianapolis must have been the audience. Sure, there were the grizzled New Yorkers who followed the Giants as much as they did Fallon to Indy, but the bulk of viewers were natives, whose cheers expressed sheer joy at seeing something live that had only come to them through the television.

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Masterpiece Classic’s host, Laura Linney, curled up with mugs of tea brewed in plug-in kettles, is a vision for college students who are ready to get lost in this year’s hit signature period drama, “Downton Abbey.” Smiling enigmatically, Linney sets the scene: a traditional Victorian family struggles to come to terms with the modern world.

MEGHAN THOMASSEN

Viewpoint Editor

Downton’s sociological theory is nothing to yawn at. This series has more secrets than social theory, more women of ill repute than ideologies of virtue — at least, not in places you would expect.

In the series, the Crawley family teeters on the brink of scandal in the sumptuous halls of Downton, while the staff simmers downstairs in the dingy kitchen. In the first episode (spoiler alert), the Titanic sinks, a footman kisses a visiting duke, a cripple is made the new valet and the only child left to inherit Crawley estate is female.

While the staff may be characterized by their varying degrees of insubordinate and bold behavior, it is the lovely head housemaid, Anna, and her beau, the crippled valet, Bates, who capture viewers’ hearts.

Anna’s articulate honesty makes even the sorrowful Bates smile. Their selfless love story should be a lesson to the likes of Mary Crawley, the eldest daughter, who abuses the heart of poor Matthew Crawley, her suitor (and cousin). Of course, she falls for him eventually, but this realization is conveniently timed with Matthew’s inheritance of the entire Crawley estate. Chuck and Blair better watch out: there’s a new masochistic couple in town.

For all the finery and good manners, Downton seems all the more vulnerable to corruption. The traditional Mr. and Mrs. Crawley watch on rather ineffectually, and sometimes enable their daughters as they descend into respective personal crises.

As the Crawley’s entertain a parade of suitors, the series riffs on Jane Austen’s theme of courting, marriage and husbands, or lack thereof.

Mary’s first lover, a Turkish ambassador, dies in her bed before anything interesting can happen. The youngest daughter, Sibyl, suffers as her intellectual side fails to gain her the kind of respect she desires and deserves. She eventually convinces her steadfast grandmother, Countess Violet Grantham (played by the brilliant Maggie Smith), to open Downton to wounded officers recovering from the trenches of World War I.

Meanwhile, middle daughter Edith, overlooked by everyone, including her mother, rebels by learning how to drive and having an ephemeral tryst with a local farmer.

The aristocracy disappoint again and again, so viewers naturally turn to the servants. While Anna and Bates fight his vengeful ex-wife for a life together, the meddlesome maid, Mrs. O’Brien, and the psychopathic footman, Thomas, pull Mrs. Crawley’s puppet strings, who in turn controls the strings of her husband. What motivates these malignant villains is unknown, but strange (albeit few and far between) exhibitions of mercy and compassion keep viewers guessing.

The best character, however, is Carson, the bear-like butler whose bark is worse than his bite. He stands by his lady, Mary Crawley, to preserve her honor, even when she is deeply in the wrong. His attitude doesn’t befit that of a servant, but a king — the other employees of Downton act accordingly.

Carson serves as a model for the rest of the house: determined but aging, loyal but deceived. Viewers cannot help but cheer every time Carson wins a fight, but with each loss, they suffer, along with the headstrong butler, the tragedy of an era gone by. On a side note, the fashion of

“Downton Abbey” may induce yet another retrospective trend, similar to that of the “Mad Men” craze catwalks experienced these past few years. Slender Mary frames the geometric, Orient-inspired gowns, which defined the British 20’s modernist movement. Fresh Sibyl boldly introduces the harem pant to women’s clothing, while Edith adheres to a wardrobe more resembling her grandmother’s than an unmarried girl’s. Towering heels and low-cut dresses a la Serena Vanderwoodsen may soon be replaced by the demure mystique of a British closet.

Drama defines Downton’s debonair delinquency. The characters’ eternal struggle to keep up appearances makes this series as addicting as it is visually stunning. As relationships develop and dissolve, viewers delve deep into the lives and loves of Victorian debutantes. Linney’s half-restrained smile speaks more than words; she knows her audience is in for a treat.

“Downton Abbey” airs Sundays at 8 p.m. on PBS as a part of Masterpiece Classic.

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NOTRE DAME *style spotter*



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By MARIA FERNANDEZ
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Name: Sydney Speltz

Spotted: North Dinning Hall

Casual and comfortable is always in style and Sydney sure knows how to work it. Her black leggings and beige empire waist windbreaker look great with her light brown leather boots. She completes this cool outfit with a printed green scarf and beaded hoop earrings. Sydney paired perfectly her go-to basics with special accessories, making this a simple yet chic look for a relaxing afternoon.

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First Aid Kit:

Swedish Duo Lets Out a "Lion's Roar"

By BRENNA WILLIAMS
Scene Writer

If you're a fan of folk music, you should definitely give First Aid Kit a listen. If you're not familiar with them, the band is composed of sisters Johanna and Klara Söderberg, who hail from a suburb of Stockholm, Sweden. After a successful American tour with their first album last year, the duo is back with their sophomore album "The Lion's Roar."

First Aid Kit can be thought of as the Justin Bieber of Europe, gaining notoriety after their cover of the Fleet Foxes' "Tiger Mountain Peasant Song" went viral in 2008. They later performed the song alongside the actual band in Holland.

Their momentum continued with their EP release later that year, eventually crossing the Atlantic to take the American indie and folk scenes by storm. In 2011, they earned a place as one of the most talked about musical acts at the South by Southwest festival with songs off their first full-length album "Big Black & the Blue."

The sisters caught the attention of American indie heavyweights such as Jack White and Bright Eyes front man Conor Oberst, their former tour mate who appears on this album in "King of the World." Bright Eyes member and music producer Mike Mogis also took notice, stepping in to produce "The Lion's Roar."

Their music has been described as "haunting" and "melancholy" and they have been compared to their inspiration The Fleet Foxes more than a fair share of times. However, the most impressive quality of their music is its *à la* self-assurance. No matter your mood, there will probably be a track on this album that suits you.

The album opens strong with the title track "The Lion's Roar," which showcases the lyric-writing abilities of the duo. The

music is simple, foregrounding the lyrics, which tell a story of confusion, lessons learned, and the knowledge that comes with experience.

The heavily promoted single "Emmylou" is pure folksy goodness. The music itself feels influenced by Bright Eyes' more recent work with a bluegrass undertone that works surprisingly well.

Perhaps the best cut on the album is the obligatory lost-love track "To a Poet," in which the sisters slow down the pace of the album to embrace and accept the pain of loss and distance. The song doesn't sugarcoat the way it feels to lose. The beauty of the track comes from the simplicity of the tune and the honesty of the lyrics — clearly one of the women is sharing an intensely personal experience.

Overall, "The Lion's Roar" is a solid album, diverse in its themes and sounds and sure to please current fans of First Aid Kit while earning them new ones.

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"The Lion's Roar" First Aid Kit

Recommended cuts: "Emmylou,"
"The Lion's Roar,"
"To a Poet"



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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Revamp recruiting and return to old traditions

The Super Bowl? You want me to write about the Super Bowl?

No, today is my day to hold the vaunted title of Sultan of Sports. I get to fix whatever I want, however I want. Heck, I could legislate the Steelers out of existence, not that it would help my beloved Browns very much.

And no, the Super Bowl doesn't need fixing.

What does? I'm glad you asked.

Let's start with football recruiting. As it stands right now, it's absolutely a preposterous process. These are 17- and 18-year-old boys deciding where to go to college. Let them make the decisions themselves. Create an early signing period so kids who decide before their senior year of high school can relax during their senior year instead of being hounded by coaches and journalists alike — all of whom are doing nothing but making an already tough decision even tougher.

More importantly, let's change the culture around recruiting. Right now, coaches drive the process, not the student-athletes. Before a coach can even talk to a player, he should have to seek permission of the athlete himself; if a player doesn't want to consider a school, he shouldn't have to. Return some sanity to the lives of the prospective athlete and his family.

I'd ask to restore some sanity to the lives of the fans who obsessively follow recruiting, too, but I'm pretty sure that's not much less than asking someone to draw me a square circle.

Recruiting isn't the only thing broken in college football. Let's play more early-season nonconference games like Ohio State-Texas, Michigan-Notre Dame and LSU-Oregon. Let's play fewer games like Ohio State-Akron, Michigan-San Diego State and LSU-

Northwestern State. Let's have a playoff to determine the national champion. Let's return to the roots of college football while taking advantage of the opportunities of this century. That means, yes, having a Big Ten championship game — but playing it outdoors in December in Soldier Field. That means letting players celebrate freely again, but mandating the use of so-called "concussion-proof" helmets.

The NBA? Where do I even start? How about this: too many games, too many empty seats. How do we fix it? Fewer teams. That's right, Charlotte — wave goodbye to the Bobcats, although by the looks of it very few of you will miss them anyway.

Other college sports? Go back to 64 teams in the NCAA men's basketball tournament. 68 is just silly, and the only thing the play-in game did was force all of us to get our brackets submitted before we were ready. Make the Frozen Four rotate between St. Paul, Minn., and Boston every year. No one in Florida cares about it this year.

Let's pretend Major League Soccer never happened and get the top European teams to play regularly in America instead.

In a completely selfish move, let's move the NHL's Blue Jackets to the Eastern Conference.

Let's get the Tiger Woods of the early 2000s back. I don't particularly care what we have to do to get it.

Let's all agree NASCAR isn't a sport, but an excuse for a bunch of people to have a big party every weekend. There's no shame in that.

Most of all, let's make today a holiday. There is no reason we should have to be at work or school today, the day after the Super Bowl.

And I thought I couldn't find anything to fix about the Super Bowl.

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NCAA Men's BASKETBALL

Hurricanes upset No. 7 Duke

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — No. 7 Duke won four national championships over the years while being driven by what Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski says was energy, effort and hunger.

When the Blue Devils didn't necessarily have those things Sunday, they couldn't even beat Miami.

The Hurricanes stunned Duke 78-74 in overtime, dropping the Blue Devils out of their three-way tie for first place in the Atlantic Coast Conference and likely taking some of the luster off the Duke-North Carolina game later this week.

The Blue Devils couldn't handle Miami's 6-foot-10, 284-pound Reggie Johnson, who scored five of his career-high 27 points in the overtime and added a season-high 12 rebounds.

But more distressing to Krzyzewski — once again — the Blue Devils played for too long without the all-out effort that has marked his program's rise among the nation's elite.

"A Duke team should play with energy for 40 minutes, or 45," Krzyzewski said. "Go outside right now and you look at the banners — there are quite a few of them up there. They were not won without energy, without hunger, with no complacency, with people really wanting it."

"And we've wanted it a lot, and we've won a lot. We're supposed to play hard and with energy all the time. Those are givens. Those should be givens."

Instead, the Blue Devils (19-4, 6-2) have lost two of their last three games at Cameron Indoor Stadium and have dropped multiple home games for the first time since going 15-4 there in 2006-07. Krzyzewski at the time compared his team's only home win in the past two weeks — a victory over St. John's — to an AAU game because of Duke's occasional lack of intensity.

Seth Curry scored 22 points and freshman Austin Rivers added 20. Mason Plumlee had 13 rebounds for Duke, which missed all six of its free throws in overtime and wound up being beaten at home by a Florida-based conference rival for the second time this season. Duke had its 45-game home winning streak snapped two weeks ago by No. 21 Florida State.

"The biggest emphasis



Miami's Reggie Johnson goes up for a shot during the first half of the Hurricanes' 78-74 victory on Sunday in Durham, N.C.

for us was to protect our home court," guard Quinn Cook said. "We've got to get better."

The Blue Devils had plenty of chances in the extra session. They trailed 75-74 with Cook on the line, but he missed two free throws with 27.2 seconds left.

After Johnson missed two foul shots with 26.2 seconds left to give Duke another shot, Cook missed badly on a running jumper with about 15 seconds left. DeQuan Jones extended Miami's lead to 77-74 with two foul shots with 12.9 seconds left.

Rivers and Ryan Kelly missed 3s in the final seconds and Johnson added a free throw with one-tenth of a second remaining to silence the subdued arena.

Miami outrebounded the Blue Devils 48-43 and outscored them 38-26 in the paint.

"I feel I had the hot hand the whole game," Johnson said, adding that new coach Jim Larranaga "was trying to ride me a whole lot. My teammates found me in good positions — catch and score."

Kenny Kadji added 15 points for the Hurricanes (14-7, 5-3), who blew a 16-point lead in the second half, then regrouped to claim their first big victory for their first-year coach.

"To come in here and play with the kind of poise we did, play the kind of defense we did — especially in the first half and in the overtime — was some-

thing that we can be very, very proud of," Larranaga said.

That poise gave Miami its first victory ever at Cameron and just its second win over Duke since joining the ACC. The Hurricanes are on their first four-game winning streak since 2008 and have won three consecutive ACC road games for the first time.

Johnson scored the Hurricanes' first four points in overtime before Malcolm Grant's open-court layup put Miami up 75-69 with 2:10 left.

Miami forced 14 turnovers and was cruising before going cold midway through the second half, managing only one field goal during the critical stretch that coincided with Duke's rally.

Miami went up by 16 points three times, the last on Kadji's open 3-pointer from the key that made it 53-37 with 14½ minutes left. But a putback by Johnson was the Hurricanes' only field goal for quite over the next 8½ minutes.

Duke, which missed 15 of 18 shots during the stretch that put it in such a huge hole, got equally hot during the 16-2 run led by Curry that put the Blue Devils right back in it.

"For 24 minutes, I just think we were not very good at all," Krzyzewski said. "We had no energy and they did. ... Then in the last 16 minutes of regulation, I thought we played extremely well and gave ourselves an opportunity to win."

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BREAKDOWN

by Jack Johnson
I hope this old train breaks down
Then I could take a walk around
And, see what there is to see
And time is just a melody
All the people in the street
Walk as fast as their feet can take them
I just roll through town
And though my windows got a view
The frame I'm looking through
Seems to have no concern for now

So for now
I need this
Old train to breakdown
Oh please just
Let me please breakdown

This engine screams out loud
Centipede gonna crawl westbound
So I don't even make a sound
Cause it's gonna sting me when I leave this town
All the people in the street
That I'll never get to meet

If these tracks don't bend somehow
And I got no time
That I got to get to
Where I don't need to be

So I
I need this
Old train to breakdown
Oh please just
Let me please breakdown
I need this
Old train to breakdown

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NBA

James' dunk secures Miami's win over Toronto

Associated Press

MIAMI — LeBron James took a hard foul and clearly was not happy. So the next time he saw the ball, he made sure no Toronto player could reach him.

James' steal and dunk with just more than two minutes left gave Miami some breathing room, and the Heat held on to defeat the Toronto Raptors 95-89 on Sunday. James finished with 30 points and Dwyane Wade added 25 for the Heat (18-6), who won for the 10th time in its last 12 games and moved within one game of Chicago (20-6) for the best record in the Eastern Conference.

"We stuck with our principles," James said. "And that's to defend."

Chris Bosh scored 12 points against his former team, which trimmed Miami's 15-point edge to three in the final minutes but never captured the lead. Mario Chalmers added 11 for Miami.

DeMar DeRozan 25 for the Raptors, who got 17 apiece from Jerryd Bayless and Linas Kleiza.

"I liked our disposition," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said. "I liked the way we approached it. I liked the way we competed."

Kleiza's 3-pointer with just under five minutes left got Toronto within eight, and another 3 from Bayless as the shot

clock expired on the next Raptors' possession cut the Miami lead to 85-80 -- the closest the game had been since early in the third quarter.

Bayless scored again to get the Raptors within three and cap a 12-0 Toronto run. And after Bosh missed a fadeaway from the right baseline, Bayless tried a 3-pointer to tie. It bounced off, and with the game in the balance, James went to work.

He was fouled by James Johnson and made two free throws with 2:20 left, not before letting anyone around him know he wasn't pleased with the physicality of the play. The next time James touched the ball, he didn't give the Raptors a chance to foul him—his steal and two-handed slam with 2:07 left gave Miami an 89-82 edge and all but ensured the win.

"Good back-to-back plays for our team and I was happy I was able to make them," James said.

James—who leads the NBA in first-quarter scoring this season (9.1 points a game) -- got off to another big start, making his first five shots and scoring 12 points in the opening quarter. He's now shooting just under 60 percent in first quarters this season.

While scoring wasn't an issue, the Heat were far from in the clear.

Casey told the Raptors that

establishing pace and limiting turnovers—especially early—would be big keys. Seemed like his team got the message: The Raptors matched a season-high with 27 points in the first quarter, and turned the ball over only five times in the first half. That, combined with DeRozan tying his season best with 16 points in the opening two quarters, kept the Raptors close.

"It just shows that we can compete with anybody," DeRozan said.

Miami's lead was only 53-48 at the break, and that was even after James and Wade combined to score 22 points in the opening quarter on 8 for 9 shooting.

"We knew it was going to be one of those grind-out kind of games," Wade said. "We understand that a lot of teams do that when they play the Heat—come out on fire."

In the third quarter, the Heat finally took control—not surprisingly, when the defense picked up a notch.

Toronto missed all but one of its shots over a seven-minute stretch of the third, a span where Miami started with a 55-54 lead and increased it 73-57. Chalmers hit back-to-back 3-pointers late in the 18-3 run, James made a fadeaway with 3:27 to play in the period to close the flurry.

"Our energy was good," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.



Miami Heat's Norris Cole reaches for the hoop during Miami's 95-89 win over the Toronto Raptors on Sunday at home.

"Even throughout the game, I didn't have a problem with the energy. ... It was more of a real concentration and a discipline toward the end of the (shot) clock. And that's something we'll have to continue to get better at."

And, just as Casey feared, turnovers proved decisive. Toronto committed eight in the third, which Miami turned into nine points. Miami gave the ball away only twice in the third, and the Raptors didn't score on either.

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NCAA MEN’s BASKETBALL

Spartans exact revenge on Wolverines 64-54

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Every time Trey Burke was poised to drive the lane, it seemed a white jersey was in his way.

And when Tim Hardaway Jr. tried to shoot Michigan back in the game in the second half, the Wolverines instead fell further behind.

Burke and Hardaway were a combined 5 of 21 from the field, and No. 23 Michigan couldn’t overcome its back-court struggles in Sunday’s 64-54 loss at No. 9 Michigan State. The Wolverines lost to the Spartans for the first time in four meetings and remain stuck in a win-one, lose-one rut as the Big Ten season heads toward the home stretch.

“Sometimes we’re on, sometimes we’re off,” Burke said. “They were just a better team today.”

Burke had 11 points on 4-of-11 shooting, but the 5-foot-11 point guard struggled to create anything in the lane after scoring 20 points in a win over the Spartans last month.

Hardaway had an even rougher afternoon. He went 1 for 10 and finished with only four points while the Michigan State fans taunted him with chants of “Not like daddy!” in the second half. Hardaway’s father, the former NBA player, was sitting behind the Michigan bench.

Hardaway tried attacking the basket and shooting from the perimeter, but nothing seemed to work.

“They’re in and out — or they’re either short or long, but they’re on line,” he said. “I can’t get upset with that. As long as they’re on line, and they look good and feel good, just keep on shooting.”

Michigan State’s Draymond Green had 14 points and 16 rebounds, equaling the entire Michigan team’s total on the boards. The Wolverines were outrebounded 40-16, and the Spartans had nearly as many rebounds on offense (12) as

Michigan did on defense (13).

The Wolverines (17-7, 7-4) went scoreless for the game’s first 5:09, and although it took the Spartans (18-5, 7-3) a little while to pull away, they led by as many as 14 points in the half. Burke’s 3-pointer just before halftime made it 30-22, but Michigan couldn’t pull any closer.

It was 45-37 with 8:35 remaining, but Green pushed the lead back to double digits with a jumper. Zack Novak made a layup for Michigan, but Green answered again inside to make it 49-39.

Starting with a loss at Iowa on Jan. 14, Michigan hasn’t won or lost consecutive games in over three weeks.

Green played with a sprained left knee.

“There aren’t many guys on this team that this game means more to than him,” Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. “Draymond didn’t want to go out losing four in a row to them.”

The Spartans took control with a 17-7 run in the first half and pulled away with eight straight points to take a 57-40 lead with just under 3 minutes left after Brandon Wood tracked down an offensive rebound and made a 3-pointer.

Hardaway missed his first six shots. He’s had rough shooting stretches all season but has also made his share of big plays late in games, including in Michigan’s 60-59 win over the Spartans on Jan. 17.

“We were trying to do everything we can. When he struggles like that, we just have to continue to work with him,” Michigan coach John Beilein said. “He had a bad night, but he’ll try to grow from this experience. I love coaching that kid.”

Keith Appling and Branden Dawson each scored 10 points and Wood added nine for the Spartans, and stopping Burke and Hardaway was a team effort.

ND WOMEN’s TENNIS

Irish rebound after Tennessee loss

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

The Irish split their two games in Tennessee over the weekend, falling to the Volunteers 6-1 on Friday before gaining momentum and defeating Vanderbilt on Sunday 5-2.

To start off the weekend, the No. 24 Irish faced off against No. 17 Tennessee.

Senior co-captain Shannon Mathews started her second week in the No. 1 singles position and gained the only point for the Irish by defeating the Volunteers’ No. 24 Natalie Pluskota. The rest of the squad was unable to gain any momentum, each falling in only two sets.

“It’s always challenging playing teams at their home with the crowd against us,” sophomore Britney Sanders said.

Senior co-captain Kristy Frilling said that Notre Dame did not play to the best of its ability.

“I think Tennessee is a good team, but I also think the score wasn’t indicative of how we can play,” Frilling said. “The doubles point is always crucial, and I think it’s really important for us to get that first point.”

The Irish took on No. 18 Vanderbilt at their home court to round out the weekend. After a battle that took over five hours, Notre Dame clinched the win 5-2.

Against the Commodores, Notre Dame came out with more energy than in its previous contest and earned the doubles point with victories from partners Mathews and Frilling, as well as the pair of junior Chrissie McGaffigan and sophomore Kellner.



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Irish senior Shannon Mathews serves during Notre Dame’s double-header Jan. 22 against Missouri and IPFW at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Mathews dropped her singles match in two sets against Vanderbilt’s Jackie Wu. Frilling and Sanders both closed their matches in three sets. Frilling won after three sets of 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, and Sanders dropped her first set 4-6 before coming back and winning the final two 6-4, 6-4.

Kellner and McGaffigan also took their matches to three sets apiece and snatched the final two points for the Irish.

“We all came out much stronger against [Vanderbilt],” Frilling said. “We played much more aggressive and confident, and that really helped us in the end.”

[Vanderbilt] is a great team and we won all our matches in three sets, and that will really help boost our morale.”

Sanders said an attitude change on behalf of the entire team was key to the win Sunday.

“We realized we didn’t have anything to lose,” Sanders said. “Vanderbilt was ranked higher than us, so we just gave it our all out there. Instead of playing to not lose we played to win.”

The Irish will begin a string of home matches Saturday against North Carolina at 11 a.m.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Mahoney leads Belles to win

Observer Staff Report

Senior forward Patsy Mahoney put up a career-high 29 points in Saint Mary’s 59-55 conference win over Olivet on Saturday.

Mahoney shot nearly half the team’s points, went 78

percent from the field and made 83 percent from the foul line. She brought a spark to an offense that was otherwise only shooting 31 percent for the game.

The Belles (11-11, 7-6 MIAA) reached the .500 mark for the season after beating

the Comets (6-15, 4-8 MIAA) in a win that required them to focus on the fundamentals.

Senior forward Kelley Murphy’s 14 boards added to the team’s plus-nine rebound margin over the Comets for a 12-6 difference in second chance points for the Belles.

In the first half, the Belles and Comets exchanged leads until Mahoney hit a three point shot, increasing the gap to five points. By the end of the half, Saint Mary’s had taken a 33-23 lead.

The Belles led by 18 points in the second half, but with two minutes remaining, Olivet managed to climb back into the game. With 13 seconds left on the clock, Saint Mary’s held Olivet down 57-54. Olivet got the ball off a Murphy turnover, then turned the ball back over to the Belles. Mahoney went up for two foul shots, made them both and sealed the 59-54 victory.

Another key factor for Saint Mary’s was its 22-30 shooting from the foul line, compared to Olivet’s 8-14.

Now 7-6 in MIAA play, Saint Mary’s is making its final push to reach the four-team playoff for conference champion held from Feb. 23 to 25. Three MIAA games stand in their way.

Saint Mary’s will face Adrian at 7:30 p.m. at home Wednesday in the Think Pink Game for breast cancer awareness.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Rae defends title, Irish notch six victories at Meyo Invite

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

The 25th installment of the annual Meyo Invitational played out Friday and Saturday in the Loftus Sports Complex and contained all of the elite competition and impressive performances that have come to define the event since its inception.

The host Irish captured six victories, and the field as a whole rewrote seven meet records during the weekend.

Highlighting the meet for Notre Dame was junior middle distance runner Jeremy Rae, who defended his title in the Meyo Mile, a signature event of the Invitational. Rae completed the distance in less than four minutes for the second consecutive year with his time of 3:59.31.

“It was unbelievable,” junior sprinter Brendan Dougherty said. “He is an amazing athlete. It was a lot of fun to watch. Second year winning the male mile is a big deal,

so I think everybody on the team is proud of him.”

Rae had to battle through the pressure that comes with an attempt to repeat a winning performance, especially with his parents making the trip down from Ontario to watch their son race.

“The time was kind of a bonus, getting under four is always fun,” Rae said. “But really seeing as how it’s at home and in front of all my teammates, and my parents were here, and friends came down to watch the race I put a lot of pressure on myself to make sure I won the race ... just to be able to [win] again is a big relief and a lot of pressure off my shoulders.”

Sophomore sprinter Patrick Feeney also scored a victory for the Irish with his school record time of 46.73 in the 400-meter race. The reigning conference champion in the event, Feeney crossed the finish line just .07 seconds ahead of freshman sprinter Chris Geisting, who took sec-

ond.

“They are both excellent runners and I think they make each other better,” Dougherty said. “Pat gets out really fast and that makes Chris get out faster. Chris finishes so strong that it makes Pat finish stronger. They are great runners.”

The pair also contributed to an Irish win in the 4x400-meter relay, in which Dougherty, Feeney, sophomore sprinter Jarrod Buchanon and Giesting recorded a time of 3:10.4. Giesting overtook the Rutgers team with less than 100 meters remaining to secure the come-from-behind victory for Notre Dame.

“In years past, our 4x400 hasn’t been as strong, so it’s extremely exciting that we’ve been doing so well,” Dougherty said. “With guys like Chris and Pat, it’s always fun to watch because you never know. Even if we are behind, we probably have a chance to win, just knowing that Chris is getting the baton last.”

On the women’s side, freshman Emily Frydrych placed first in the 1000-meter relay with her Big East championships qualifying time of 2:48.94 on Friday for Notre Dame’s first victory of the weekend. On the following day, Frydrych placed second in the unseeded mile and qualified for the conference meet again with her time of 4:53.95.

Freshman sprinter/hurdler Kaila Barber won the 60-meter hurdles and recorded a Big East championships qualifying time of 8.44 on the meet’s second day. Also on Saturday, sophomore sprinter Aijah Urssery captured the third and final victory for the Irish women with her Big East qualifying time of 7.48 in the 60-meter dash.

The meet witnessed record-breaking performances in the women’s long jump, women’s distance medley relay, men’s 1,000-meter run, women’s weight throw, men’s 500-meter run, men’s long

jump and women’s 800-meter run.

“It’s pretty amazing,” Dougherty said. “The level of talent that was there, I would guess it rivaled anywhere in the country in that day, so it’s a lot of fun to be in a meet like that.”

With only one meet remaining before the Big East championships begin on Feb. 18, the Irish feel confident that they are ready to face the conference’s best athletes.

“Certain events, we look really good ... across the board we are pretty good,” Rae said. “The Big East [championships] is [one of the most important meets] of the season because everybody is working together to drive the team to win.”

The Irish return to action on Feb. 10 when they travel to Allendale, Mich., for the Grand Valley State University Big Meet.

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ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING

ND closes regular season with win over Ball State

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

Notre Dame concluded its regular season with a win Saturday, placing first in nine of 13 events on its way to a 143-100 victory over Ball State in Muncie, Ind.

Senior Amy Prestinario led the attack for the Irish (6-6), picking up wins in two individual events. Prestinario won the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle events and also swam one leg for the 200-yard freestyle relay team, which concluded the meet with a narrow victory.

Notre Dame’s talented group of freshman swimmers made a significant impact in the meet, winning three events for the Irish. Freshman Erin Foley won the first race of her Irish career, breaking away from the field to win the 1,000-yard freestyle event. Freshman Bridget Casey continued her recent streak of success, claiming first place in the 200-yard freestyle event, and freshman swimmer Emma Reaney added another victory to her list of first-year accomplishments, winning the 200-yard individual medley race for the fifth time this season.

The Irish also received points thanks to strong performances from sophomore Kelly Ryan and junior Jaime Malandra. Ryan took first in the 100-yard backstroke race, withstanding a late charge by Reaney to earn the

victory. After placing second in the 1,000-yard freestyle event, Malandra rebounded to win the 500-yard freestyle competition.

“Jaime has been doing a really awesome job, and she showed it yesterday,” Foley said. “To swim the 1000-yard and 500-yard [freestyle events] and win them both in the span of about thirty minutes is really impressive.”

The Irish diving team also contributed to the team’s winning effort, with junior diver Jenny Chiang winning one individual event and finishing second in another. Chiang won the 1-meter diving event by a comfortable margin, finishing 38 points ahead of the second place finisher, Irish freshman diver Jordan Russell, while also finishing second in the 3-meter event, losing by just 1.55 points.

With the regular season finished, the Irish will turn their

attention to the Big East championships.

“I think that the team is peaking at the right time and will have a lot of fast swims at the [Big East championships],” Foley said. “We’ve been training really hard for this meet, so I think that it’s going to be a good meet for us.”

The Irish diving team will compete at the Big East Diving championships in Pittsburgh, Penn., next weekend, while the swimming team will compete at the Big East Swimming championships in Pittsburgh from Feb. 15- Feb. 18.

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Irish without a series sweep since accomplishing the feat against Alaska in mid-November.

“It’s really disappointing [to lose] going into the third period with the lead,” sophomore defenseman Stephen Johns said. “We had a few breakdowns out there and that was the difference in the game.”

Notre Dame held a 2-1 lead heading in to the third behind goals from freshman defenseman Robbie Russo and Johns.

Russo struck first with a one-timer slap shot from the top of the left face-off circle, beating Falcons junior goalie Andrew Hammond over his left shoulder. The score was Russo’s fourth goal of the year, all on the power play. Johns capitalized on the power play again for the Irish, whipping a wrist shot from the blue line past Hammond. The goal marked the third straight game Johns has registered a point for Notre Dame.

Hammond rebounded from the rough start to record 20 saves on the game.

“[Hammond] makes a difference,” Jackson said. “He made some big saves tonight. We still need to find a way to finish in those situations. He definitely was a difference maker in net.”

The Irish appeared to extend the lead to 3-1 nearly six minutes into the second period after sophomore defenseman Kevin Lind shot a pass from sophomore center T.J. Tynan past Hammond. The goal was reviewed and the original call was upheld.

At 10:18 of the second period, Falcons junior center Marc Rodriguez was called for a 10-minute misconduct penalty, resulting in his ejection from the game. The ejection was part of a nearly four minute stretch where the Falcons racked up four different penalties. The Irish, however, were unable to take advantage of the opportunities.



SARAH O’CONNOR/The Observer

Irish junior left wing Nick Larson skates up the ice during Notre Dame’s 3-2 loss to Bowling Green on Saturday.

“I think our team has more offensive ability than what we’re showing,” Jackson said. “When we keep the game simple and grind it out, get pucks to the net, we score goals.”

After firing 13 shots on goal in the first period, Notre Dame managed just five in the second period and four in the third period.

“You have to give Bowling Green a lot of credit, they played really hard, right till the end,” Johns said. “It just wasn’t our night tonight.”

Falcons freshman center Ryan Carpenter scored two goals in the third period to give the Falcons a lead they would not give up. Carpenter’s second goal came with just 1:38 left in the third period.

“Bowling Green did a good job in the third period,” Jackson said. “They were getting everything to the net, and our guys were making drop passes. That’s the difference.”

With the goalie pulled and time winding down in regulation, the Irish almost scored a late equalizer. With less than five seconds left, Bowling Green had the puck pinned deep in their own zone. The puck squirted out to Irish junior center Riley Sheahan, who had an open look, but Hammond denied him with a glove save to end the game.

While Hammond started both games for the Falcons,

Notre Dame once again used two different netminders. Junior goalie Mike Johnson started during Notre Dame’s win Friday night and sophomore goalie Steven Summerhays played Saturday.

Johnson notched 24 saves in the win while Summerhays stopped 21 shots in the loss.

“They have both had their spells where they’ve played extremely well,” Jackson said. “I didn’t think Steven played poorly tonight. With the exception of last Friday night, we’ve been getting good goaltending.”

The Irish got goals from Tynan and junior left wing Nick Larson Friday night, with Larson’s score coming at 5:45 of the third period.

Jackson said the difference from night to night was simple.

“[Bowling Green] scored two [more] goals,” he said. “They play hard, they compete hard, they execute their system well. I expect that they’ll only get better.”

Notre Dame faces No. 7 Ferris State next weekend in a crucial conference series. Friday’s game will be played at the Compton Family Ice Arena and Saturday’s contest will take place in Big Rapids, Mich. Both games start at 7:05 p.m.

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scored more than 10 points, including Mallory with 14, sophomore forward Natalie Achonwa with 16 and graduate student forward Devereaux Peters with 11, sharing the offensive wealth.

“[Passing] has been the hallmark of our team,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “We are an incredibly unselfish group. It starts at the point [guard position] with Skylar. She is doing a great job with her assist-to-turn-over ratio.

“We find somebody that has a better shot than we do, and we are willing to give it up. We don’t care about the credit. We just want the win. That’s something I’ve been really proud of all year long.”

Despite the point-heavy first half, McGraw didn’t see the defense she wanted to see against the Blue Demons.

“I still complained about the defense at halftime,” McGraw said. “I was just overall disappointed with the defense the entire game. Our transition defense gave up layups and our post defense struggled. You have to credit [DePaul]. Their post play was outstanding. They just played so well, and we couldn’t guard them one-on-one.”

Notre Dame’s early lead allowed McGraw to substitute bench players earlier than usual, specifically ju-



DILLON WEISNER/The Observer

Irish graduate student forward Devereaux Peters grabs a rebound during Notre Dame’s 90-70 win over Depaul on Sunday.

nior guard Kaila Turner, who added six points for the Irish.

“I subbed too early and we went flat,” McGraw said. “That was disappointing. The posts just weren’t ready to play today. I think that was the most disappointing part of the game ... Our posts just weren’t able to defend.”

Mallory and the Irish kept DePaul’s leading scorer, junior guard Anna Martin, in

check, as she shot just 17 percent from the field.

“Brittany Mallory was outstanding as always,” McGraw said. “She locked down their leading scorer. She did a magnificent job as she does every game.”

The Irish travel to Syracuse, N.Y, to take on the Orange at the Carrier Dome on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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FENCING

Irish fencers impress at Northwestern Duals

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

The No. 4 men’s squad and No. 3 women’s team combined to go 12-2 at the Northwestern Duals on Saturday. The day’s only blemishes were a pair of one-point losses, one for each side of the team.

“We’re all very happy about the outcome of the tournament,” senior epeeist Diane Zielinski said. “The level of competition was much harder than the previous weekend at the [Notre Dame] Duals. We have improved as a team and our losses [this weekend] were extremely close, which shows how much potential our team has.”

The women’s squad (25-6) followed up an undefeated weekend at the Notre Dame Duals with a 7-1 showing in Evanston, Ill. The Irish split their two opening matches, a 17-10 win against North Carolina and a close 14-13 loss to Duke, before winning their final six matches against Stanford, UC San Diego, Temple, Cal Tech, Princeton and Stevens Tech.

“There are still areas of improvement to be made,” Zielinski said. “Our coaches and captains have been working collaboratively in our relentless effort to defend our championship.”

The men’s team (29-6) went 5-1 on the day against some stiff competition. The Irish opened the Northwestern Duals with wins

against Duke, UC San Diego and North Carolina before facing Princeton.

The Tigers downed Notre Dame 14-13 in a match that came down to wire. An epee battle between two longtime rivals decided the match as Irish junior James Kaull fell to Princeton junior Jonathan Yergler. Yergler, a two-time All-American, earned a 5-3 victory in a hard-fought match.

“I have been competing with Jonathan Yergler since I was eight years old,” Kaull said. “The number of close bouts we have had against each other is probably in the hundreds. The bout this weekend is a continuation of that rivalry. This weekend he beat me, [but] I will use this bout to better my preparation for NCAA Championships.”

Kaull carried the Irish epeeists and finished with an 8-3 record at the Northwestern Duals. Senior Reggie Bentley led the way for the foilists with nine wins, while sophomore Kevin Hassett went 11-2 to pace the sabreurs.

The women’s team will travel to Durham, N.C. to try their luck against the Blue Devils again on Saturday. The men are off until Feb. 17, when they will join the women’s team for the USA National Junior Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Irish senior guard Scott Martin and Marquette forward Jae Crowder fight for possession during Notre Dame's 76-59 win Saturday.

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Marquette hung around throughout the first half, thanks in large part to Notre Dame's poor shooting from beyond the arc. The Irish shot just 3-10 from distance before the break and went into half-time with a four-point lead. Notre Dame extended the lead slowly throughout the second half, but turned the tide strongly in their favor when senior guard Scott Martin buried a jumper as the shot clock expired to give the Irish a nine-point lead with just over eight minutes to play. That started a 16-3 run which included 3-pointers from Martin, Grant, Connaughton and Atkins, putting the game out of reach.

"We did hit a couple amazing ones," Atkins said. "Scott [Martin] hitting that last-second one. That was when I thought we were going to win this game."

The Irish shot a sizzling 57.7 percent from the floor in the second half, including 8-13 from beyond the arc in the second half.

"I hope we're starting to get in that territory with shooting," Brey said. "I think we're a better shooting team than the numbers have said, and maybe this could jump-start us shooting it from behind the arc."

The win over Marquette moves the Irish to 7-3 in the Big East, placing them in fourth in the conference, only a half game behind second-place Georgetown.

"We're still changing," Brey said. "Last year's team was last year's team on December 20. They were really good, but they weren't changing. We're still changing, we're still learning about our group."

"Why not us? We have one heck of a strong resumé. Our resumé is very strong with what we've done. It's exciting to think about that that's possible with this team after where we were. But I think our guys are very focused on showing up on Selection Sunday. And God bless them, they should be, because they've put us in this position with their focus and business-like approach to go get it."

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish end preseason play strongly

By MEGAN GOLDEN
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The Irish discovered their new-look team in three shortened scrimmages against Robert Morris on Sunday at home. No. 9 Notre Dame topped the Colonials in all matches by scores of 8-5, 5-1 and 2-1, respectively.

The first match lasted three periods and featured a high-scoring first quarter. Notre Dame led 4-2 heading into the second period, when both teams exchanged multiple goals to make it a 6-4 Irish advantage.

The Colonials struggled offensively in the second match, which lasted just one quarter. The heated match quickly became one-sided, as all the bounces went in favor of the Irish.

Robert Morris opened the third match with an immediate goal, taking an early 1-0 lead. The Irish responded in the middle of the period to tie the game, but both teams struggled to find the net in the final 10 minutes. Notre Dame went on to win 2-1 after scoring with 20 seconds remaining in overtime.

"This is a practice day; it's a practice day with another team. It's another day toward us being prepared on Feb. 18th [against Duke]," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "My expectations are geared toward that and not toward whatever the scoreboard said at

any point during the scrimmage. I think that we're getting better, and we are finding some different people. We've got some guys hurt, some guys stepping up today and playing and doing a good job."

Notre Dame opens the season against No. 2 Duke and will face No. 20 Drexel, No. 12 Hofstra and No. 5 Denver over its next five games.

Corrigan said Robert Morris provided the Irish defense with a chance to experiment against a Canadian-style offense similar to that of Notre Dame's upcoming opponents.

"They're a very talented offensive team, and they put a lot of pressure on you," he said. "They've got a lot of Canadians; they play a unique style, an almost box-type style. [They] keep everything real tight and force everything inside, which is great for us. That was a great go for us, great preparation for our season, no question."

Corrigan added the Irish are not preparing specifically for Duke's arrival until the team polishes its fundamentals.

"I think there was a lot of good stuff out there, but I'm disappointed in our fundamentals, and that's something that we preach, something we all believe in not just our coaches but our players," he said. "We just simply didn't execute fundamentally today the way we are capable of executing, and

that's where we've got to start, particularly early in the year like this. We've got to be sound, and we're still a work in progress."

Notre Dame fell to Duke in the quarterfinals of the NCAA championships last season. Upon conclusion of the 2011 season, the Irish lost former co-captains and midfielders David Earl and Zach Brennehan to the 2011 National Lacrosse League Draft.

Corrigan said Notre Dame has adjusted its style of play to be focused more on the team playing as one unit.

"I think we found out in the fall that we're at our best with this team when we're not trying to saddle up and ride one guy," he said. "We could do that some last year; Dave and Zach could make something out of nothing. I don't think that's who we are this year, and I think our guys know it, but I think we're still learning how to do it in game situations."

"When we're really sharing the ball, and playing unselfishly, and everybody's communicating well and we're really playing as a group, we've got a lot of guys that can make plays in that kind of scenario."

Notre Dame will open its regular season at home against No. 2 Duke on Feb. 18.

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MEN'S TENNIS

New lineup yields mixed results

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

The No. 30 Irish started this weekend with a 6-1 win at No. 39 Wake Forest on Friday before falling to No. 10 Duke 6-1 on Sunday afternoon.

Notre Dame (5-3) dominated the Demon Deacons (4-3) early, winning all three doubles matches to take the doubles point and winning five of the six singles matches. Irish coach Bobby Bayliss was particularly impressed with his squad's ability to handle a difficult environment.

"Any time you go on the road, you're concerned about making adjustments and whether our guys will handle the crowd well," Bayliss said. "And so I think from that end we did a reasonably good job."

However, the Irish were unable to keep the momentum going against the talented Blue Devils (6-0). Notre Dame kept many matches close early, but Duke pulled away to earn the win.

Irish senior Sam Keeton was the only singles winner for Notre Dame on Sunday, after being the only player on the Irish to lose against Wake Forest. Sophomore Greg Andrews also dropped his first singles match of the season against the Blue Devils.

Bayliss made a noticeable change in his doubles lineup for this weekend by teaming seniors Casey Watt and Niall Fitzgerald together, along with junior Spencer Talmadge with Andrews. Previously, Fitzgerald had been paired with Talmadge and Watt with Andrews. The switch provided mixed results, with both

groups winning Friday, but only Talmadge and Andrews prevailing Sunday.

"We really felt we needed to mix up our doubles. We had lost the doubles point several times in matches where we felt we could have won it, so we took the same two teams and we just switched personnel," Bayliss said. "Spencer and Greg are right now playing great doubles ... Casey and Niall have some nice things together, some nice chemistry, but [are] a little bit inconsistent on the returns and [did not have] a high-enough first-serve percentage today."

The Irish return to action when they travel to No. 62 Northwestern on Tuesday.

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SMC SWIMMING AND DIVING

Belles' comeback falls short against rival Albion

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

The final score may show a 153-125 loss for St. Mary's after swimming against conference rival Albion at home Saturday, but the Belles (1-7, 0-6 MIAA) had a solid performance on their Senior Recognition Day considering they don't have any divers.

The Britons (2-3, 2-3 MIAA) got out to a 24-0 lead after the diving portion of the meet, but St. Mary's kept it competitive during the swimming events, falling by the narrow margin of 129-125.

Belles coach Mark Benishek said he was satisfied with the end result given his team's initial deficit.

"It was a great meet for the girls,

especially from the standpoint of where we're at in the season," Benishek said. "I know it isn't really reflected in the score, but the thing is that we don't have any divers rights now, and it's tough to recover from being down by 24 before we even start swimming."

When the Belles did eventually hit the water, they tried to make up for the initial deficit. Junior Liz Palmer and senior Katie Donovan turned in strong performances for St. Mary's. Palmer finished third in both the 1000-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle races, while Donovan won the 200-yard freestyle competition and came in third in the 100-yard freestyle event.

In addition to Palmer and Donovan, the Belles were led by their

usual cast of upperclassmen.

Senior Audrey Dalrymple won the 100-yard breaststroke, the 200-yard breaststroke and 200-yard individual medley races. Fellow senior Megan Price had wins in the 1000-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle events.

Junior Kristyn Gerbeth recorded a trio of second place finishes in the 50-yard freestyle, the 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly races.

Saturday marked the first meet for the Belles since Jan. 20, and the team took full advantage of the two-week layoff to train harder and get stronger, Benishek said.

"We've been training a lot these last two weeks as we geared up for Albion, and I think it really

showed," Benishek said. "Also, when you factor in our training trip over winter break, we've been getting a lot stronger. I think it showed today with some really phenomenal times and some great time drops."

The loss to Albion closes out the regular season for St. Mary's, but the team remains optimistic heading into the MIAA championships that begin Feb. 15. The Belles had a strong showing at last year's conference championship, a finish Benishek is looking to improve upon.

"My expectations for the team are still pretty high," Benishek said. "Every year you try to set a new bar. Last year was my first as the head coach, and they exceeded my

expectations with the fifth-place finish in the conference championships ... I'm looking to see more of the same this year."

St. Mary's is one of the smaller teams in the MIAA, a reality heightened by the loss of sophomore Alex Kane, who is studying abroad.

"We're even smaller than we were last year," Benishek said. "But we're at the same level as a team and probably even a little stronger strength-wise and swimming-wise."

St. Mary's concludes its season with the MIAA championships, which begin Feb. 15 in Holland, Mich.

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Bar habitué's order, maybe

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Replaceable part of a phonograph

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Antonym: Abbr.

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Blowhard's claim

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Interstate sign

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Vega's constellation

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Big name in underwear

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Pile up

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Show with skits

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Alternatives to buttons

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Contract negotiators, for short

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Critic of the selfless

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Weathercaster's pressure line

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Chicago mayor Emanuel

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Jacob's twin

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Unwilling to budge

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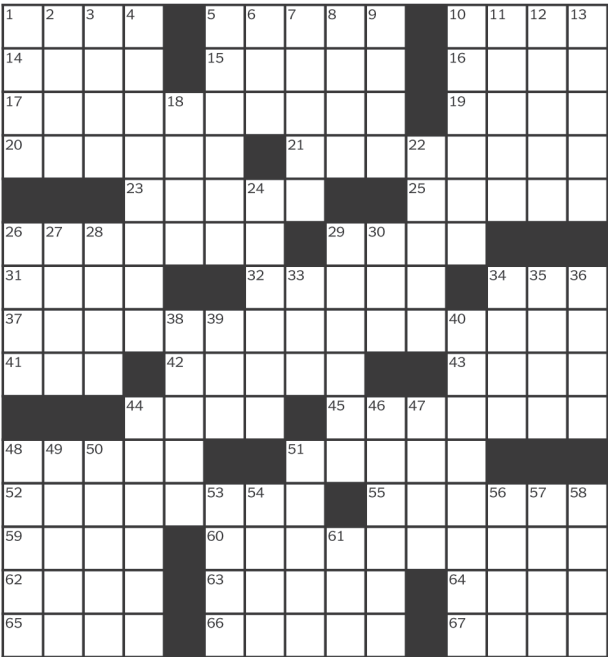
Place for a facial, for short

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"___-Tiki"

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With 57-Down, memorable "Seinfeld" character, with "the"



- Puzzle by Kristian House

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Charlie Brown toy that's often "eaten" by a tree

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Steel component

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Show host

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TV's Clampetts, e.g.

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Mideast bigwig

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Nutlike Chinese fruit

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Two-dimensional measure

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Hosiery shades

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Drunk

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Post-lecture session, informally

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Ones named in a will

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Woodworking or metalworking class

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Superman costume part

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"Vidi," translated

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Pitcher Maddux with four Cy Young Awards

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Fond du ___, Wis.

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Frankie Muniz, 26; Keri Hilson, 29; Margaret Cho, 43; Little Richard, 79.

Happy Birthday: Get your priorities straight and make whatever moves are necessary to improve your emotional, financial and physical well-being. Don't wait around for someone else to make a move. It's up to you to make things happen. Don't fear disappointment or complaints when they are necessary components to getting on with your life. Recognize what you want and go after it. Your numbers are 1, 13, 15, 24, 28, 33, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take your goals seriously. Do as much for as little as possible. It's the quality you give others for a good price that will lead to your advancement. Conservative and thoughtful dealings will leave a lasting impression. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Shopping, getting together with youngsters or a loved one, or even creating some interesting surprises for the people you cherish will all turn out well. Don't waste time trying to impress when all you have to do is be yourself. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Engage in plans that can lead to a better position. Putting a little bit of money into self-improvement will bring high returns. Network, talk to your bank manager or deal with any agency or institution that can help you advance. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An emotional issue is likely to hold you back. Don't allow your uncertainty or someone else's to ruin a partnership that has potential. Work around any problems you foresee with caution, intent on making improvements. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't worry about making last-minute changes. It will turn out better for you in the end and help you avoid someone who makes you feel uncertain. Don't let a work or financial project cost you. Stick to whatever budget you set. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A trip will enhance your knowledge and awareness, whether the journey is physical or spiritual. Open your heart and share your thoughts. You will meet people who are heading in the same direction. Your adventure will clarify what to do next. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep things playful and avoid any discussions that have the potential to disrupt your personal or professional world. Bringing emotions into the mix will end in disaster. Don't play favorites or you will pay for being unfair. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Present whatever you have to offer visually. A lack of understanding is likely to occur if you try to explain your position. Taking an active role in a plan you want to execute to make your work more efficient will pay off. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get your home ready for the festive season. Open your doors to friends and group get-togethers. An opportunity to express your feelings for someone should be acted on carefully. You don't want to send the wrong impression. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on home and family. Making your residence a fun, comfortable safe haven for the ones you love should be your intent. Don't allow outsiders to take up your time or lead you in a direction that takes away from what's most important. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your ideas need to be executed with an element of surprise in order to get the highest return. Good fortune can be yours as long as you don't let jealousy, possessiveness or anger interfere. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stick close to home and do not engage in travel or communication that has potential to turn insidious. Protect what you have and watch out for anyone who is trying to start an argument or take advantage of you. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are outgoing, ambitious and opportunistic.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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MARCP

TUNBOY

SMYORT

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

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Jumbles: MOVED SMELL OXYGEN ABACUS

Answer: Once you've looked at one shopping center, you've — SEEN A MALL



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Thrown down

ND continues hot-streak, notches third straight win over ranked opponent with victory over No. 15 Marquette



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Irish freshman forward Pat Connaughton dunks the ball during Notre Dame's 76-59 win over No. 15 Marquette on Saturday. Connaughton led all scorers with 23 points.

By ERIC PRISTER
Senior Sports Writer

For Irish coach Mike Brey, it was a season-changing win.

Over the course of Notre Dame's 76-59 blowout win over No. 15 Marquette, Brey said he saw his young and inexperienced team transition from boys to men.

"I continue to be very, very proud of the team I work with," he said. "I thought today we took another step and played like men. And we're very cruel competitors when we have a chance to put it away, so I'm thrilled to see that from this group."

"Seeing that today, that was a cruel way of getting it done today. We've been winning games, but that was a different and another step forward as far as our mentality, our maturity, and I'm going to refer to them on Monday when I see them again."

The Irish were led by the youngest and most inexperienced among them, namely freshman guard Pat Connaughton, who scored 23 points on 9-12 shooting and added a career-high 11 rebounds. But Brey said Connaughton, who is also a pitcher for the Irish baseball team, has been a man from the day he started at Notre Dame.

"He was grown up when he got here," Brey said. "Watching him that July and [he] got in a little late, there was a fearlessness and a belief that he was really ready. Anybody who stands on that mound and has the game on his shoulders, there's a psyche there that maybe other freshman don't have. He's

had the game on his backside many, many times. So lining up a [3-pointer] to put you up six or converting key free throws, I think that really converts over. People are still surprised how athletic he is. He rebounded, he blocked some shots, so he was really flying all over the place."

Connaughton was one of four Irish players who finished in double-figures against Marquette. Sophomore guard Eric Atkins scored 18 and added five assists, while fellow sophomore guard Jerian Grant led the team with eight assists and chipped in 12 points.

"They might [underestimate us], because you look at us across the board and we don't have one kid that everyone's afraid of," Connaughton said. "We have an entire team that people are starting to be afraid of. And that's a dangerous thing, because when you have a team, especially one that's this young, that's coming together this much at this point at the season; we're hitting our stride."

The real key for Notre Dame, Brey said, was passing, which allowed the Irish to score 16 points more than their conference average heading into the game against Marquette. Of Notre Dame's 28 made baskets, 22 were assisted.

"I just don't think anybody passes it any better than us in the country," he said. "I think that's one of our greatest strengths, and when you have guys delivering open shots a little more than we have in the past on a day like this, it's beautiful to watch."

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish down DePaul, stay undefeated in Big East

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The Irish won their 20th straight game for the third time in program history after beating DePaul 90-70 at the Purcell Pavilion on Sunday. No. 2 Notre Dame is just three wins shy of tying the consecutive record set by the 2000-01 team that went on to win the national championship.

"We love to win, but we always have space for improvement," Irish fifth-year guard Brittany Mallory said. "We can see that today because we gave up 70 points to DePaul. That's not what we're proud of. We're always looking to get better on both ends."

Eight of the last 12 games between Notre Dame (23-1,

10-0 Big East) and DePaul (17-7, 5-5) came down to single-digit margins.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Irish looked strong. Notre Dame closed out the first half with 56 points, its third highest first-half score this season. The Irish shot 72 percent from the field and 85 percent on three-pointers before the break.

Senior guard Natalie Novosel shot 8-for-12 from the field, highlighted by three 3-pointers and 17 points in the first half. She finished with 21 points to lead the Irish in scoring. Junior guard Skylar Diggins earned a double-double with 11 points and 10 assists.

Three more Irish players

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame settles for split

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

The search for the elusive sweep continues. After defeating Bowling Green 2-1 on Friday, No. 6 Notre Dame could not beat the Falcons again, losing 3-2 Saturday night.

The loss marked the third in the last five games for Notre Dame (16-11-3, 11-8-3-0 CCHA), who slipped into a tie for fourth place in the CCHA standings with Miami and Ohio State.

"It's very frustrating, but we had plenty of chances to score goals and we didn't," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "You can only put guys in position to score, and we lacked that ability to finish tonight."

The split with the Falcons (9-16-5, 4-14-4-3) leaves the

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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Irish sophomore forward Anders Lee looks for the puck during Notre Dame's 3-2 loss Saturday to Bowling Green.