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Obama modifies contraceptive mandate

Notre Dame still required to pay for contraceptive services

By SARAH MERVOSH
Managing Editor

President Barack Obama's modification to the contraception mandate, which shifted responsibility for funding contraceptives from religiously affiliated institutions to insurance companies, does not apply to Notre Dame because the University is self-insured.

Law professor Carter Snead said institutions that self-insure effectively function as the insurance company under the new policy. As a result, he said Notre Dame will be required to provide and pay for contraceptives in its insurance plan.

"I'm not persuaded that this shift is meaningful for

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President Obama announces a modification to his contraception policy Friday. The new policy shifts responsibility for funding contraceptives from religiously affiliated groups to insurance companies.

Professor reflects on HHS bill reform, election implications

By SAM STRYKER
News Editor

President Barack Obama announced a compromise in the Affordable Care Act Friday, mandating that insurance companies, not religious institutions, will be responsible for providing free preventive care to women.

Such a move comes with significant political implications, former political columnist for the South Bend Tribune and journalism professor Jack Colwell said.

"[Obama] certainly had politics in mind, just as his critics had politics in mind," he said. "This is a presidential election year so everything he does is going to be, in some respects, political."

Under the original plan announced Jan. 20, religious institutions would not be exempt from

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Revue receives rave reviews



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Keenan residents rehearse a dance number for the 37th annual Keenan Revue, which took place over the weekend in Stepan Center. The men performed for more than 4,000 students.

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

After three nights of risqué comedy and envelope-pushing musical numbers, the 37th annual Keenan Revue came to a successful close, director Brian Bettonville said.

"We've received entirely positive feedback so far," he said. "We love that people loved [the Revue,] and we're happy to provide that for them."

Producer Raymo Gallagher said "The Revue Strikes Back"

was a consistent success throughout all three shows.

"All the staff and actors are very proud of the show they put on all three nights because it was a great product," he said. "We could tell by reactions throughout the show that people were enjoying it, and we got positive reviews from students and even some parents in the audience."

Though the two-hour Revue included parodies of pop culture and skits focused on the quirks and traditions of Notre Dame, but Bettonville said a few acts stood out to audience

members.

"The performers of the final song, 'December 1963,' did a phenomenal job every single night," Bettonville said. "A short called 'The Dark Knight Rises' also got a good crowd response."

Junior Mike Butler said the "SAOPA" skit, which put a unique Notre Dame twist on the recent Internet censorship debate, was the highlight of his first Revue experience.

"My favorite skit was the censorship one for sure," he

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Observer announces new Editorial Board

Observer Staff Report

Seven new editors will join The Observer's Editorial Board in 2012-13 and two current editors will retain their positions, incoming Editor-in-Chief Allan Joseph announced Sunday.

Juniors Chris Allen, Jillian Barwick, John Cameron, Kristen Durbin, Sarah O'Connor and Suzanna Pratt, along with sophomore Kevin Noonan, will assume their positions on the Editorial Board after Spring Break.

Junior Brandon Keelean will return as Graphics Editor, while sophomore Meghan Thomassen will return as Viewpoint Editor.

Allen, an Alumni Hall resident and native of East Brunswick, N.J., will serve as Sports Editor. An accounting major, Allen covered the Notre Dame hockey team on its Frozen Four run in 2011 and coordinated The Observer's coverage of interhall football in 2010.

Barwick, a communication studies major at Saint Mary's College, hails from Wayne, N.J. and lives in LeMans Hall. Barwick will serve as Saint Mary's Editor after a year of covering Saint Mary's news for The Observer.

Cameron and Durbin will take over as news editors. Cameron is a finance and political science ma-

ior currently studying abroad in London. A resident of Keough Hall and native of Rolling Meadows, Ill., Cameron has significant experience covering student government and reporting on campus-community relations.

Durbin originally hails from Prospect Heights, Ill., and lives in Walsh Hall. The American Studies and Arts and Letters preprofessional studies major has extensive experience with "ND Minute," The Observer's news video blog. She also covered organized-labor issues at Eddy Street Commons.

O'Connor, a McGlinn Hall resident and native of Omaha, Neb., will serve as Multimedia Editor. A junior computer science major, O'Connor is also a member of The Observer's Photography Department and has spent significant time upgrading the multimedia section of The Observer's website.

Pratt is an anthropology and peace studies major hailing from Seattle, Wash., and a resident of Pangborn Hall. Pratt has been The Observer's lead hockey photographer and covered the campus-wide celebration following the death of Osama bin Laden. Pratt is currently studying abroad in Australia and will take over the photo department when she returns in the fall.

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SMC Sophomore Parents Weekend unites families

By BRIDGET FEENEY
News Writer

President Carol Ann Mooney and the class of 2014 welcomed a special group of visitors Friday as Saint Mary's College celebrated its annual Sophomore Parents Weekend.

Allie Richthammer, committee chair and community liaison for the event, said the Class of 2014 Board wanted to give students and parents a unique way to experience Saint Mary's.

"We hoped to have a weekend for the sophomores and their families to get to know one another and for the parents to experience their daughters' lives at (Saint Mary's)," she said. "Events like these serve to strengthen the bonds and friendships of Saint Mary's girls."

The weekend began on Friday with the parents' arrivals, "mocktails" and a silent auction in Spes Unica. On Saturday, students and their parents celebrated Mass and attended a banquet dinner with President Mooney. The weekend concluded Sunday with brunch in the Noble Family Dining Hall.

For some students, the distance between home and Saint Mary's is short enough that they can easily see their parents throughout the year. However, for sophomore Christa McColl, this weekend was a special event.

"My parents are not able to come for that many weeks out of the year because I am from Georgia, so this weekend is the perfect opportunity for them to make the journey up," she said.

Even students who see their parents on a regular basis appreciated Sophomore

Parents Weekend, simply because it gave them the chance to bring family to campus.

Sophomore Hannah Karches said she enjoyed giving her parents a glimpse of her life at Saint Mary's.

"I loved spending time with my parents and introducing them to my friends," she said. "I also really enjoyed meeting some of my friends' parents for the first time."

Sophomore Ellen Smith said she appreciated having the opportunity to spend time with her parents outside of the traditional Notre Dame football game weekends.

"My parents usually come down for a day or two in the fall for a football game, so [seeing them for a whole weekend] is pretty rare," she said. "I knew it was going to be a fun weekend because they were here."

Although the event was only three days long, the Class of 2014 Board planned Sophomore Parents Weekend for three months.

"We started planning around November," Richthammer said. "Planning the weekend was definitely stressful, but we have a great board."

Despite the stress and months of organization, Richthammer said the work paid off.

"[The Board] had no idea what to expect leading up to the weekend, so seeing the events come together was incredible," she said. "My parents were surprised when they found out we were eating with President Mooney. I loved seeing them rubbing elbows with the president."

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Olympics raise awareness, funds



JULIE HERDER/ The Observer

Students participate in inner tube water polo in the Rolfs Aquatic Center on Saturday for the Late Night Olympics. The event works to raise awareness and funds for St. Joseph County's Special Olympics.

By LISA SLOMKA
News Writer

The summer Olympics in London may not kick off for a few months, but that didn't stop Notre Dame students from testing their athletic abilities early. Residence halls assembled teams and partnered with the Special Olympics of St. Joseph's County to host Late Night Olympics on Saturday.

The event celebrated its 26th year at Notre Dame collecting donations for the Special Olympics.

Tim Novak, RecSports coordinator of special events and family programming, said the idea for Late Night Olympics actually originated somewhere besides Notre Dame.

"Late Night Olympics has been around [Notre Dame] for a while," he said. "[But] it came from Indiana University (IU). They used to have an activity called Spirit of Sport, which was an all-night sporting event. Our director

of RecSports is from IU, and she brought that idea with her."

The idea to team up with the Special Olympics for this event, however, originated at Notre Dame.

"The Special Olympics approached [our director] ... 26 years ago," Novak said. "[They] asked her if there was a way we could collaborate, and she thought [Late Night Olympics] might be a good way. We've been doing [it] every year since."

Novak said that although this year didn't bring in as many donations, it was still successful.

"This year [donations] were a little bit down from last year," he said. "We had a little bit less of a response from the student body, but we're still over \$3,000 right now, and that's without even counting a lot of the money that we got in penny wars. We

could probably be in the \$3,500 to \$4,000 range depending on how that adds up."

Novak said student participation in the night's activities also dwindled. But, she said, it's quality, not quantity that really matters.

"[Student participation has been] going down a lot lately," he said. "It's kind of been tapering off, but the people that come are still really enthusiastic and energetic. I really appreciate the people that take the time to come and participate. People have a lot of fun."

Novak said RecSports is looking for ways to increase the number of participants.

"We're always looking for new ways to make [the event] better to encourage students to come out, so we're always looking for feedback from people," Novak said.

Despite the lack of numbers, Novak said the event will still be able to meet its fundraising goal.

"We provide enough funds for the special Olympians to attend their summer games down in Terre Haute, Ind., so it's definitely a big fundraiser for them," he said. "It's really great being able to help them out."

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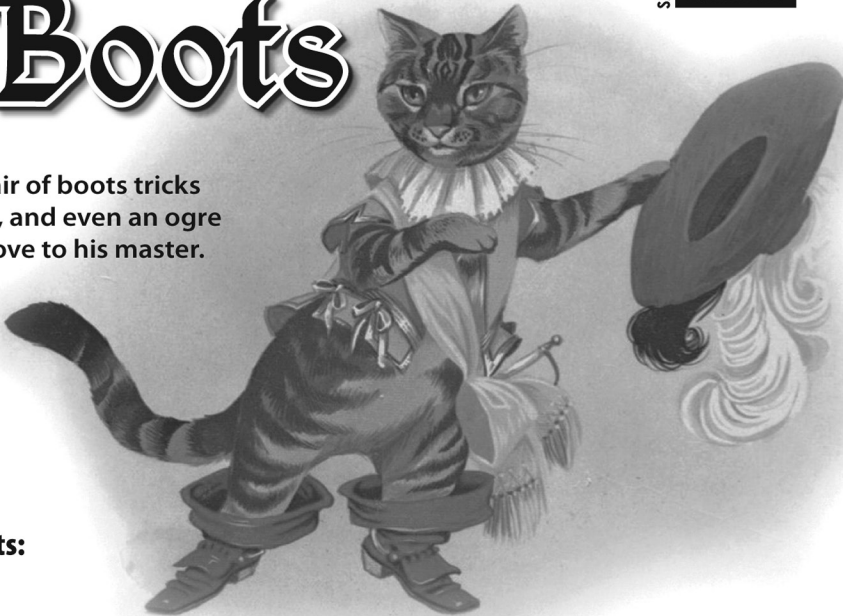
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College recognizes Women’s Appreciation

By SARAH SWIDERSKI
News Writer

Women’s Appreciation Week at Saint Mary’s College kicks off today with a variety of events aimed to spread awareness of issues many women encounter on a daily basis.

“[This week approaches] women’s issues from several different perspectives because feminism comes in many different forms,” Jean Osberger, co-chair of Women’s Appreciation Week, said.

The week, hosted by the Student Diversity Board (SDB), begins with a supplies drive for St. Margaret’s House, a women’s day center in South Bend.

The drive will collect non-perishable food items, in-season women’s clothing (especially in sizes large and extra large), toiletries (in regular and travel sizes), feminine hygiene products and baby items. Donations will be collected through Friday in collection boxes located in every residence hall.

“St. Margaret’s is a safe haven for women who are struggling in various ways in life,” SDB Representative Anabel Castaneda said. “It’s really great when we, as students, can help make another woman’s life a little easier. By helping them in any way possible, we are living out the teachings of Saint Mary’s.”

Tonight, SDB will also show the film “Miss Representation” in Vander Vennet at 7:30 p.m. Castaneda said the film portrays sexism in the media.

“This video really helps viewers put the role of females in the media into a bigger perspective,” she said. “The movie reflects on

politicians, news anchors, and a lot of big names. It talks about how image is more the deciding factor in creating female celebrities rather than the news they tell or the roles they play. There should be no depth to how people see women. The film really focuses on looking at females as strong, capable people.”

On Thursday, Saint Mary’s will host the International Student Women’s Issues Panel in the Warner Conference Room at 7:30 p.m. The panel will feature Saint Mary’s students from around the globe including representatives of Tanzania, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Australia and China. The students will discuss the daily struggles women in their home countries face.

Osberger said the aim of the panel is to change misconceptions about the countries and address challenging issues in each nation.

The week concludes on Friday with “Girl-Power Pump-up Music” in the Noble Family Dining Hall.

Osberger said she encourages all students to come to this week’s events.

“[The week] will be fun and informative,” she said. “[Students will] learn something new and the events will redefine what feminism is.”

Castaneda said she hopes the events will broaden student perspective.

“I really hope that students will be able to see what other opportunities there are to fight the stereotypes put against women,” she said. “They will be able to see what they can do, as an individual, to help better the world as a whole. One small action can then lead bigger movements.”

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Lecture explores vulnerability

By CAROLINA WILSON
News Writer

The philosophy of St. Edith Stein is seen through the lens of vulnerability, Wheaton College professor Dr. Sarah Borden Sharkey said in the keynote address for the seventh annual Edith Stein Conference held at McKenna Hall over the weekend.

The Conference, titled “Encountering Vulnerability: Courage, Hope and Trust in the 21st Century,” explored the role that suffering and vulnerability play in humans’ lives.

Renée Roden, chair of the fundraising committee for the Edith Stein Project, said the lecture left a lasting impact.

“The Edith Stein Project carries on her vision by challenging all the conference participants to discover what our calling is as human beings – the universal calling of all human beings, and our own individual vocation,” she said. “And that is the teaching that is at the core of Edith Stein’s philosophy – the transcendent nature of the human being.”

Sharkey’s speech addressed the magnitude of Stein’s philosophical and religious work, along with her unique desire to share with others the importance of perseverance and vulnerability.

Sharkey began the address with a historical description of the life of Stein.

Born in 1891 in Breslau



MAGGIE O'BRIEN/ The Observer

Professor Sarah Borden Sharkey of Wheaton College delivers the keynote address at the Edith Stein Conference on Feb. 10.

as the youngest of 11 children, Stein lived in a peaceful and stable Europe. Her success in school reinforced her hopes and anticipations to continue her education at the university level.

In 1913, Stein began work with Dr. Edmund Husserl, a professor of philosophy at Gottingen University, Sharkey said.

After volunteering as a nurse in Austria during World War II, Stein converted to Catholicism while committing to the holy and celibate life.

“[Stein] was neither married, nor pursued a career where women were welcomed,” Sharkey said. “But, she pursued.”

Sharkey said Stein applied to post-graduate programs, but was rejected due to her gender.

Stein’s perseverance led her to write a letter to the Prussian ministry about sexual discrimination regarding hiring in the work

place. Her plea was responded with a proclamation that sexism should not be allowed in hiring occupations, Sharkey said.

Sharkey used Stein’s teaching to deliver a message to the audience.

“Protect rather than tear down others,” she said.

She quoted Stein saying, “You can recognize faults and failings of others if you’ve experienced those faults and failings.”

Reflecting on the title of the Conference, Sharkey said Stein felt it was a vocation to suffer with Christ by accepting that suffering makes us stronger.

Sharkey said the audience should recognize that we belong to a world of meaning and values. Stein believed these values shape the way the community engages with the world around them.

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said. “I thought it was really cool how they incorporated all the stuff that happened to [the Revue] last year and just bounced back and used it all to make the show even better.”

While last year’s Revue was altered throughout the week-end in response to criticism about its coarse humor, Bettonville said this year’s Revue remained relatively constant throughout the weekend.

“One skit was cut, and there were many more tweaks than full changes,” he said. “All these decisions are left up to us, so nothing was explicitly cut and we made alterations ourselves with suggestions.”

Junior Dallas Buns said

issues with last year’s Revue didn’t affect his expectations for his first time attending the Revue this year.

“I heard some people complaining about the lack of original material in the Revue, but for me, everything was new,” he said. “I was pretty impressed with all of the choreography throughout the show.”

Though the Revue is sometimes cited as an outlet for taking campus stereotypes too far, Buns said he thinks the show’s jabs at different groups were all in good fun.

“A night full of poking fun at just about every different group of people ... is great,” Buns said. “I think it’s important to be able to laugh at yourself or have fun poked at you.”

Senior Lauren Metayer said she enjoyed the Revue over-

all, even if some of the humor “seemed forced.”

“I thought the Revue was pretty good, and the Pokemon skit in particular was really witty and creative,” Metayer said. “Some of the jokes about Saint Mary’s girls seemed forced and predictable at times, but I may just have a soft spot for Saint Mary’s since I transferred from there to Notre Dame.”

With another year of the Revue under their belts, seniors Gallagher and Bettonville are optimistic about the future of the campus tradition.

“I think this year sets it up to be a good Revue next year, and I don’t foresee any issues that would prevent them from putting on a show next year,” Gallagher said. “A lot of actors and guys on staff are coming back next year, and they know what it’s about, so it should be



DILLON WEISNER/ The Observer

Keenan’s performers practice a dance routine designed to elicit laughs from the audience.

good.”

Looking forward to next year, Bettonville did not give specifics, but guaranteed the event will aim to please.

“We haven’t picked our suc-

cessors yet, but the Keenan Revue will always move forward,” Bettonville said.

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providing preventive healthcare, including contraceptives, in their minimum insurance package. The Department of Health and Human Services (HSS) granted these institutions a year to comply with the legislation’s specifications.

Colwell said Friday’s move was seen as an accommodation to the religious institutions that were concerned about providing these services.

The move by the president will be successful in controlling any lasting political damage, though the damage could have easily been avoided, Colwell said.

“I think initially the president was hurt somewhat by [this],” he said. “Why on earth they thought it would take a year to reach a compromise nobody seems to understand.”

“That sounds like bureaucracy in

the Health and Human Services Department. When the pressure was on, they quickly reached a compromise.”

Colwell said Obama’s conciliation was made with a specific group of American voters in mind.

“I think what he was doing was going after Catholic voters who were understandably upset about the first decision that was made ... there was a lot of dissatisfaction,” he said.

The Catholic portion of the American population was a group Obama could not risk losing in November’s presidential election, Colwell said.

“There are a lot of Catholic officials and voters who tend to support him,” he said. “If he was going to alienate some of them, that could have a big effect on the election.”

Colwell said Friday’s compromise should be effective enough to satisfy this group of voters.

“I think he did [enough]. It seems to be a reasonable accommodation,” Colwell said. “In fact, it is so reasonable you have to wonder why that wasn’t the plan in the first place.”

At the same time, the new plan still allows for women to receive cost-free preventive healthcare such as contraceptives. Colwell said that without this concession, Obama would have risked alienating another block of voters.

“Also, it has continued to make sure there would be birth control free of charge available to all women,” he said. “If he had gone back on that, that would have cost him a lot of votes from women who think that is very important.”

The original decision to have religiously affiliated institutions provide preventive health services drew the ire of Catholic bishops. Colwell said Obama made the compromise with political allies in mind.

“I don’t think there was so much concern with the bishops as it was about some of the people who have tended to support President Obama and the healthcare legislation,” Colwell said. “Some of them were upset and he was in danger of losing support.”

These supporters include Vice President Joe Biden and Senator Bob Casey (D-Pennsylvania.) However, Colwell said Obama did not risk losing support from Sister Carol Keehan of the Catholic Health Organization.

“She has been a supporter of the president on healthcare matters,” he said.

Despite reaching a compromise Friday, Colwell said Republican presidential candidates would not agree with any accommodation Obama proposes. Taking this approach runs the risk of driving female voters away from the Republican Party, Colwell said.

“They have a real danger. If the Republican nominee is seen as opposed to birth control, then that’s a big, big plus for Obama in the election,” Colwell said. “There already is a gender gap where women tend to vote more Democratic ... and if the Republican nominee would seem as opposed to contraceptives, that gap would be even wider and it would be harmful to the Republican nominee.”

Colwell said the party is also making a gamble by shifting the focus away from economic issues. Doing so could change the dynamic of the election.

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Colwell said that while the mandate seemed to initially hurt Obama politically, Friday’s accommodation could ultimately have beneficial implications.

“Initially it was a negative,” he said. “It could turn out to be a positive if the Republican nominee is seen as opposing contraceptive devices. Also, it might help him focusing on what the healthcare legislation does.”

Colwell said since many American’s don’t know what the Affordable Care Act does, Friday’s compromise may shed light on the positive aspects of one of Obama’s signature legislative accomplishments.

“Now there is a lot of focus on what it would provide for women — free access to contraception,” he said. “It’s focusing on this as a preventive measure, something that can hold down medical costs. If people focus on that and agree with that, then it could be a plus for [Obama.]”

Colwell said discussion of the subject would die down and only resurface if the Republican presidential candidate pursued the matter.

“I think it’s probably one of those issues that erupted and captured all of the headlines for several weeks,” he said. “I think it will simmer down some. It will basically be up to the Republican presidential candidate and Republican leadership in Congress if they want to pursue this.”

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this shift is meaningful for us,” Snead said.

University Spokesman Dennis Brown said Notre Dame is self-insured, but works with Meritain, a third party administrator that processes the University’s claims and provides administrative services. Calls and emails to representatives from Meritain over the weekend were not returned.

University President Fr. John Jenkins, who has spoken out against the contraception mandate, called Friday’s announcement a “welcome step.”

“The widespread concerns expressed by Catholics and people from other faiths have led today to a welcome step toward recognizing the freedom of religious institutions to abide by the principles that define their respective missions,” he said in a statement Friday. “We applaud the willingness of the administration to work with religious organizations to find a solution acceptable to all parties.”

However, Jenkins said the University still plans to work with the government on unresolved issues regarding the contraception debate.

“We look forward to joining the U.S. bishops and leaders from other religious institutions to work with the administration to resolve them,” Jenkins said.

Many are calling Obama’s new plan a “compromise” because it addresses concerns about religiously affiliated organizations paying for a product they do not believe in, while still giving women access to free contraceptive services.

Professor of political science Michael Desch called Obama’s plan a “bookkeeping” change.

“It was clearly a compromise position in the sense that the contraception mandate is still there, it is just more of a bookkeeping thing,” Desch said. “It has been placed on the insurance companies rather than the institution.”

Snead, however, said he does not consider Friday’s modification a “compromise,” even for institutions that do not self-insure. He said the new policy still requires religiously affiliated groups to purchase insurance that provides a service that goes against the groups’ moral beliefs.

“It is naive to imagine that the services are truly cost-free and that these costs will not be passed along to the employers who purchase these plans,” Snead said.

However, Desch said the modification was a realistic compromise for Obama and religious groups.

“[Notre Dame’s] ideal scenario would have been [for the government] to completely back off the mandate for contraceptive coverage, but I think it would have been unrealistic to expect that the Obama administration could walk that far back,” he said. “So this is a classic political compromise — both sides can point to it and say they got something out of it.”

Desch said he believes the contraception debate will

be just one of many religious issues to pervade politics in the future as the religious and private sector of life increasingly converges with the public and secular sector.

“There are going to be a lot more conflicts like this down the road,” he said. “It’s an opportunity to make Notre Dame the focus for creative thinking about a new balance between faith and the public sphere.”

“It’s a challenge in the sense that issues like this are difficult to resolve, but it is also an opportunity for the University to play a leading role in rethinking, moving forward, how we balance faith and the public sphere.”

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops released a statement Friday opposing the new policy. Bishop Kevin Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend could not be reached for comment Friday because he was out of the country.

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Midwest militants to stand trial

Associated Press

DETROIT — Seven members of a Midwest militia accused of plotting to overthrow the government are set to stand trial, where jurors will decide whether federal authorities prevented an attack by homegrown extremists or simply made too much of the boasts by weekend warriors who had pledged to “take our nation back.”

Opening statements are set for Monday once a jury is seated in the trial of members of the Hutaree militia, who are charged with conspiring to commit sedition, or rebellion, as well as weapon crimes.

Following the March 2010 arrests in southern Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade said the time had come for authorities to “take them down.” An undercover agent had recorded the group’s leader, David Stone, saying the militia needed to “start

huntin’” police soon.

But since their capture, only one of nine people charged has struck a plea deal, an unusually low number in a case with so many defendants. Their attorneys have maintained a consistent stance: The anti-government talk was simply colorful yet aimless bluster akin to frustrated pals drowning sorrows around a campfire.

“I’m going to fight it tooth and nail,” David Stone’s wife and co-defendant, Tina Mae Stone, said during a break in jury selection last week. “It was just a bunch of good ol’ boys out to have fun. We did survival stuff. I did it mostly to spend time with my husband. People tell me, ‘good luck.’ I don’t need luck. I’ve got God on my side.”

The militia prepared for survival in case of domestic chaos or an attack on the United States, attorneys Todd Shanker and Richard Helfrick said in a

court filing. They noted the group even had a website and promoted its weekend outings.

“Regardless of the charges in the indictment, there is no dispute that the aims of the Hutaree militia included the free exercise of their 1st and 2nd Amendment rights, including freedom of speech, association, assembly and the right to bear arms,” said the lawyers, who represent David Stone Jr.

The indictment, however, describes a more sinister band. The government says the Hutaree, based in Michigan’s Lenawee County, was an anti-government group committed to fighting authorities who belong to a so-called “New World Order.” The defendants are accused of conspiring to someday ambush and kill a police officer, then attack the funeral procession with explosives and trigger a broader revolt against the U.S. government.



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The moving and surprising stories of three “violence interrupters” (activists who aim to protect their Chicago communities from the violence they once employed) come together in the latest film from acclaimed documentarian Steve James (*Hoop Dreams*). Shot over the course of a year, *The Interrupters* follows the work of an innovative organization, CeaseFire, which seeks to minimize violence in Chicago by addressing the problem at its source.



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“The Vow” outsells competition



Channing Tatum and Rachel McAdams star in the new movie “The Vow,” which debuted at No. 1 in the box office this weekend. “The Vow” beat out the new thriller “Safe House,” among other films.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Love triumphed over action at the weekend box office with a No. 1 debut for the romantic drama "The Vow."

Studio estimates Sunday show that the love story starring Rachel McAdams and Channing Tatum took in \$41.7 million to come in ahead of two new action tales and the first 3-D "Star Wars" re-issue.

Landing a close second with \$39.3 million was Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds' action thriller "Safe House." Coming in solidly at No. 3 was Dwayne Johnson's family action sequel "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" with \$27.6 million.

And adding to George Lucas'

riches was the 3-D premiere of "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace," which was No. 4 with \$23 million. That raises the lifetime domestic total for "Phantom Menace" to \$454.1 million.

This was the first non-holiday weekend that four movies opened with more than \$20 million each, said Paul Dergarabedian, analyst for box-office tracker Hollywood.com. The only other time when four new releases did that well was over Christmas weekend in 2008, he said.

"It felt like a summer weekend to me," Dergarabedian said. "This was like a great big valentine from Hollywood to the audience, or from the audience to Hollywood."

The four big debuts maintained

Hollywood's strong business during the normally sleepy winter. Overall domestic revenues totaled \$193 million, up 19.3 percent from the same weekend last year, when "Just Go with It" led with \$30.5 million.

So far this year, domestic receipts are at \$1.2 billion, 19 percent ahead of 2011's.

"I really believe people are in a movie-going mode," said Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal, which released "Safe House." "There have been great choices so far this year. I feel honestly that the mild weather has helped them enjoy winter-time for what it is. They're not stuck inside, they're not snowed in. Maybe people like to get out of the home rather than cocooning."

Officials investigate Whitney Houston's death

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Investigators worked Sunday to piece together what killed Whitney Houston as the music industry's biggest names prepared for a Grammy Awards show that will undoubtedly feel as much like a memorial as a celebration.

Coroner's officials say they will not release any information on Houston's autopsy at the request of police detectives investigating the singer's death. Capt. John Kades says an autopsy was scheduled Sunday, but that a security hold prevents him from releasing any details on its status or whether any probable cause of death has been established.

Beverly Hills Police Lt. Mark Rosen said that his agency may release more details Monday about Houston's death, but it will depend on whether detectives feel comfortable releasing any information. A member of Houston's entourage found the 48-year-old singer unresponsive in her hotel room at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Saturday, just hours before she was supposed to appear at a pre-Grammy gala.

Houston's body arrived at the morgue early Sunday. An official determination of her cause of death will likely take weeks while investigators await the results of toxicology tests.

Beverly Hills Police Lt. Mark Rosen said there were no signs of foul play when Houston was found by a member of her entourage. Paramedics worked to revive Houston, but were unsuccessful and the singer was pronounced dead shortly before 4 p.m. He said he could not comment on the condition of Houston's room or where she had been found.

Meanwhile, Houston's daughter was transported by ambulance to a Los Angeles hospital Sunday morning and later released. A source close to the family who did not want to speak given the sensitivity of the matter said she was treated and released for stress and anxiety. Bobbi Kristina Brown, 18, who is Houston's daughter from her marriage to singer Bobby Brown, had accompanied her mother to several pre-Grammy Awards events last week.

"At this time, we ask for privacy, especially for my daughter, Bobbi Kristina," Bobby Brown wrote in a statement released about an hour after she was transported from the hotel. "I appreciate all of the condolences that have been directed towards my family and I at this most difficult time."

Sunday's Grammys were to feature a musical tribute to Houston by Jennifer Hudson, and the show is likely to feature remembrances from fellow musicians on the red carpet and during the live telecast. During a show Saturday night at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Elton John called Houston an "angel" and the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. He then performed his melancholy classic "Don't Let the Sun Go Down On Me."

Houston herself won six Grammys and had been expected to perform at the pre-awards gala Saturday night thrown by music impresario Clive Davis, her longtime mentor.

Davis went ahead with his

annual party and concert, which were held at the same hotel where Houston's body was found — and where it remained for most of Saturday night. He dedicated the evening to her and asked for a moment of silence.

The singer seemed fine

Houston had been at rehearsals for the Davis concert on Thursday, coaching singers Brandy and Monica, according to a person who was at the event but was not authorized to speak publicly about it.

The person said Houston looked disheveled, was sweating profusely and liquor and cigarettes could be smelled on her breath. It was the latest of countless stories about the decline of a uniquely gifted and beautiful artist, once the golden girl of the music industry.

The Rev. Al Sharpton remembered Houston while preaching Sunday morning at the Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles.

"Yes, she had an outstanding range," he said. "Yes, she could hit notes no one else could reach. But what made her different was she was born and bred in the bosom of the black church."

The congregation applauded and answered him with shouts of "Amen" and "Tell it!"

"A lot of artists can hit notes but they don't hit us. Say words but they have no meaning. Have gifts and talent but no anointing. Something about Whitney that would reach in you and make you feel," Sharpton said.

A sensation from her very first album, she was one of the world's best-selling artists from the mid-1980s to the late 1990s. She awed millions with soaring, but disciplined vocals rooted in gospel and polished for the masses, a bridge between the earthy passion of her godmother, Aretha Franklin, and the bouncy pop of her cousin, Dionne Warwick.

Her success carried her beyond music to movies, where she became a rare black actress with box office appeal, starring in such hits as "The Bodyguard" and "Waiting to Exhale." Bishop T.D. Jakes, a Texas minister and producer on Houston's final film project, a re-make of the 1970s release "Sparkle," said he saw no signs she was having any substance issues. He said Houston was a complete professional and moved the cast and crew to tears two months ago when she sang the gospel hymn "Her Eyes on the Sparrow" for a scene shot in Detroit.

"There was no evidence in working with her on 'Sparkle' that there was any struggle in her life," Jakes said Sunday. "She just left a deep impression on everybody."

She had the perfect voice and the perfect image: gorgeous, but wholesome; grounded, but un-loving. And she influenced a generation of younger singers, from Christina Aguilera to Mariah Carey, who when she first came out, sounded so much like Houston that many couldn't tell the difference.

But by the end of her career, Houston had become a stunning and heartbreaking cautionary tale. Her album sales plummeted and the hits stopped coming; her once serene image was shattered by a wild demeanor and bizarre public appearances.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Staying the course

It is said that our generation is largely apathetic. They say we are lazy and selfish and only care about ourselves.

I go to Notre Dame, so I know they're wrong.

This university tells a different story. We have students spending spring break in Appalachia to try to understand the unique issues the region faces. We have students insisting we Stand with Sudan through the Playing for Peace tour-

nament. We have students traveling to Cambodia, Uganda and South Africa to provide witness to human rights abuses.

Last weekend, college students from across the country gathered on our campus to discuss prosperity and progress at the Human Development Conference. Over the next few weeks, Notre Dame students will participate in the annual Bengal Bouts boxing tournament to raise money for Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh.

Notre Dame's leaders address social justice issues in our local communities as well. Students are challenging food insecurity in South Bend through the eND Hunger campaign. They are developing meaningful relationships with the nuns at Saint Mary's Convent.

And they are advocating for an officially recognized Gay-Straight Alliance, not to contravene Church teaching, but to ensure that every member of the Notre Dame family feels at home on this campus.

A few days ago, I met Cynthia and Felisha. They are 8 and 10 years old, they have the energy of caffeinated cocker spaniels, and they are endearingly sassy. They are also homeless. As I spend time with Cynthia and Felisha, I wonder how being homeless has shaped their childhoods. I envision where they might be 10 or 20 years from now, and it is difficult for me to accept that I will never know.

Cynthia and Felisha remind me that our job is not done. The students of this university do many great things, but much remains to be accomplished. The difficulty lies in staying the course of advocating for justice despite our overcrowded to-do lists.

In 1842, Rev. Edward Sorin declared that our University must be "a powerful force for good" in the world. It is now on all of our shoulders to fulfill that dream and to propel it forward into the future.

We know that we face a world in need, and we have heard the adage that to whom much is given, much is expected. Sometimes, though, we need to be reminded not to become discouraged. Seekers of social justice face many obstacles, and change almost never happens overnight. It is easy to consider our efforts fruitless.

But the realities of our world pose a challenge to all of us. It is a challenge to stand up for something, even and especially when it is easier to look the other way. It is a challenge to live in a manner that demonstrates our belief in the existence of one human family, even though we will always encounter opposition. And it is a challenge to prove to earlier generations that they are wrong.

We are not apathetic, we do care and we are fighting.

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Marisa Iati

News Writer

What can we do about racism? "Probably not much." "Nothing."

Popular answers would likely fall somewhere within that range. It's such an embedded institution, you might say, there's no hope of overturning it — at least in the foreseeable future.

Hien Luu

Asiatic Gaze

What if racism isn't even the issue? What if, akin to addressing the consequent B by addressing first its cause A, we could address a deeper issue that fuels racism itself?

Racism has nothing to do with color, just as sexism has nothing to do with sex or gender. At the end of the day, racism is based more on the attribution of moral, social and political significance to a person's pedigree. In other words, a person is to be judged based not on his or her personal actions and character, but rather on the collective actions and characters of his predecessors.

It sounds stupid to us, but only when boiled down to these sentences. It's apparent, though, when it festers in a seemingly harmless way in our minds through preconceptions and judgments. In reality, this is how racism works.

When viewed in these terms, racism is simply the lowest, most crudely primitive form of collectivism. This is cause A. Collectivism manifests itself in every instance in which we hold other human beings simply as members of groups rather than individuals.

At the core of each instance is the neglect of the individual and belief the collective is the source of identity and value. It is the driving force behind every loss of individual freedom in our personal, social and political lives.

Here, things begin to look hope-

ful for us. If collectivism is at the root of racism, then it's a simple matter of focusing on individualism, right? Well, not really.

We should instead be looking to individuation. Individualism involves comparison and competition. It involves an imbalanced self-centeredness and self-elevation propped up by unfounded value judgments of others. Ultimately, individualism is a destructive force that drives people apart.

Individuation, on the other hand, a term used in psychology, involves a growth that maintains both balance and unique individuality. To really possess all of these things individuation entails — independence, self-determination, original thought — is an extremely difficult feat for all of us. We bend each and everyday to others' expectations and wishes, telling ourselves the whole time that we are freethinkers.

Even for those of us who make it a task to be an individual, we simply look to the media to tell us how to be an individual. Through meticulously messy hipster clothing, peculiarly placed piercings, outlandish colored hair, stated obscure yet quirky interests, we can all be "individuals."

What they sell you, then, is merely an illusion of that individuality you so desperately seek.

At the end of the day, the most independent person could be the most normal-looking guy or gal in the room since individuation relies more on your willingness to sacrifice social acceptance for your freethinking than your willingness to sacrifice your freethinking for social acceptance.

Perhaps there is no need to go as far as the media and the industries to see the powerful arm which collectivism wields in our daily lives. We could look to our dorms, dining halls and classrooms. How much are we learning in

our classes? How striking or controversial or shocking are our interpersonal conversations? Are we really doing much besides getting the grades and the piece of paper called a degree? Or are we all living the lives others have told us are right, true, and a guarantee for happiness?

You're probably thinking this article has strayed from the issue of racism, but you cannot truly address racism if you do not first and foremost address its cause. To succumb to this method of thought and way of living is to be a victim of collectivism. To succumb to this method is to be a participant in the mainstream conversation that perpetuates preconceived notions of just about everything.

We, more often than not, will make our decisions based on these embedded and unoriginal notions. We will expect whites to have it all coming to them. Or inversely, we will expect non-whites to cruise through life because of affirmative action and government handouts. We will expect blacks to behave one way, Asians another.

In summary, we will expect traits independent of a person's race to be dependent upon it. If we each could be our own individuals, we might begin to understand others as individuals as well.

If we can begin to understand others as individuals, we wouldn't be making value judgments of a human being based on an imagined collective of many. If collectivism didn't exist, racism wouldn't exist.

Thus, the most simple yet most difficult solution to racism: be yourself.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The responsible use of contraception

Over the past few weeks, Catholic leaders have accused the Obama administration of insensitivity to the "Catholic conscience" and called for a reconsideration of the recent H.H.S. mandate that universities and other Catholic institutions include contraceptives in their health care insurance package.

President Obama has responded to their concerns by placing the burden of contraceptive coverage directly on the insurance companies. Catholic leaders should now heed the Gospel admonition that when we find fault with others, we should not overlook our own faults. "Why do you see the speck in your brother's eye but fail to notice the beam in your own eye?" (Matthew 7:3).

What better time than now for the Catholic community to return to a discussion of whether there is a moral difference between a "natural" and artificial contraception and to begin a discussion about the role that the responsible use of contraception may play in protecting women's health and preventing unplanned pregnancies, too many of which lead to abortion.

The discussion of the morality of contraceptives abruptly ended in 1968 when in his encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, Pope Paul VI over-ruled the recommendation of his own commission that the Church change its teaching on artificial contraceptives.

The failure of this encyclical to convince Catholics and non-Catholics is a problem for the magisterium and the faithful. Catholic leaders should be no less concerned about the "sense of the faithful" than they are about expressing their objections to the H.H.S. mandate. Members of the Notre Dame community can do both the Church and the country a service by engaging in humble and honest self-examination.

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The new sexy: Authenticity

When you hear the word “sexy,” what images or people pop into your mind? When I asked some Notre Dame students this question a few days ago, names like Rihanna, Bradley Cooper, Megan Fox, Katy Perry and Idris Elba were mentioned. In many ways the concept of sexy depends on the “eye of the beholder,” and what we behold is influenced greatly by what the culture calls “hot.”

David Moss
Dr. D @ the GRC

Typically the term sexy refers to those attributes of an individual that can be easily assessed, usually by a quick glance. The new sexy isn’t really that new, but authenticity has lost its staying power in the technology driven, 24/7, competitive college environment.

Although authenticity is based on something other than social standing or incredible good looks, it has the potential to enhance a person’s sexy quotient exponentially.

Everyone I have talked to about the new sexy agrees that authenticity creates an environment where great relationships can flourish. Both women and men say this is the kind of sexy they’re looking for. The question becomes, how do we make the new sexy a reality in our community.

What does it mean to be authentic? When something is authentic, it is worthy

of trust. You can rely on it, you can depend on it, you can believe in it. We all know the difference between an authentic friend and one who we suspect might have a hidden agenda. In Proverbs 18:24 it talks about a friend that “sticks closer than a brother (or sister).”

The Mayo Clinic and other medical researchers have written extensively about the health benefits of authentic friendships/relationships. These relationships can boost your happiness, increase your sense of belonging and purpose, reduce stress, help you cope with trauma and assist you in avoiding unhealthy lifestyle habits. In many respects our ability to live authentic lives will determine our quality of life both now and as we age.

The first and most important step in authenticity is to, “Know thyself.” So often we are encouraged to look at others to find out who we are, instead of paying close attention to who we are deep inside. What are your strengths and challenges, dreams and ambitions, likes and dislikes? What is your passion or, as they say in the South, what stirs your grits?

Take some time to discover your family history. What makes your family story inspiring, quirky and uniquely wonderful? Whether we like it or not, our family is the foundation of our lives, and as we build upon that foundation, it is important to know all we can about the bricks we

have inherited. Secondly, “To Thine Own Self Be True.” To the level you have discovered step one, apply that knowledge to the practical, everyday choices we all must make. Do I go to Fever when in fact I would rather get into a good book? Do I silently participate in the promulgation of a racist or sexist environment, or do I speak up at the appropriate time?

Do I enable poor behavior by pretending that is cool when in fact it is probably one of the dumbest things I’ve ever heard?

This step is where the rubber hits the road and a certain amount of sacrifice is mandated. If you are being true to yourself, it will be impossible for you to participate in, or approve of, everything that comes across your path.

We’ve all done things that don’t fit who we claim to be — this is called being human. If you haven’t done so already, now is the perfect time to begin the process of bringing consistency into your personality formation. The sooner you begin, the sooner you can move to authenticity, which becomes irresistibly sexy and a natural magnet for other authentic individuals who will find you desirable.

Forming authentic relationships is a futile process when individuals swing like pendulums . . . one day praying the Rosary and the next day scheduling a booty call.

The third step in the new sexy is to find the authentic person in others and celebrate, encourage and support their autonomy. Once the first two steps are underway, this third step happens with very little effort.

When you know who you are and you are able to walk consistently with that knowledge, you gain a natural appreciation for the stories of other people.

Their story is equal to yours, no better or worse. This allows you to engage socially without unrealistic expectations, to make reasonable choices about the activities you get involved in, and gives you the ability to respectfully challenge the inconsistencies you see in yourself and in your friends.

In addition, because you have wrestled with your own inconsistency, you recognize the necessity of administering grace to others on this journey of growth and development. May this be the beginning of making the new sexy common place on our campus.

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Appeal to the public first

The past month has had me thinking a lot about Catholic teaching regarding abortion and contraception. Several of my friends went to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. a few weeks ago, and the news for the past few days has been filled with stories about the health insurance mandate on Catholic employers to provide contraceptive services to its employees.

Andrew McGloin
Guest Column

Although I lean left politically, I value my Catholic faith, and I can understand the efforts of Catholics to make the law correlate more closely to their beliefs. They certainly have made sound arguments backed by the First Amendment for their right to limit the services they provide in their health care plans, and I can certainly sympathize with their efforts to work against pro-choice legislation.

However, I can’t help but have doubts as to how far these efforts can really go. Many states already have laws similar to the contested mandate for contraceptive services, and the Supreme Court has clearly established a women’s right to choose in Roe v. Wade.

I do not mean to belittle the ambitions of Catholics involved in these pursuits, and I hope that they can fulfill their goals or reach a suitable compromise. However, to override Roe. v. Wade would likely require a constitutional amendment defending an unborn child’s right to life, and such a bill would be highly unlikely to even get through Congress, let alone be ratified by the 38 states required for legalization.

The efforts of Catholics in regards to the health care mandate are a little more promising, but the Obama administration seems determined to provide women with contraceptive services regardless of whether the insurance

company or the Catholic employers pay for it. The ability of Catholics to promote their beliefs through legislation is at best uncertain.

However, I think Catholics can and do have much more success in influencing individual people. Every day, people are drawn to the Catholic faith and are inspired by its teachings. When Catholics work to inform women about alternatives to abortion or contraception, and explain their objections to certain contraceptive practices, I believe they have much more potential for success than they do lobbying government, where they face strong opposition from social liberals.

If women working for a Catholic employer had no interest in using the contraceptive services provided to them, or if women as a whole tended to choose adoption over abortion, then the fact that these services were available would be much less significant. Furthermore, if citizens become more supportive of the Catholic viewpoint on these issues, then even Democrats will begin to appeal to the Catholic perspective, even if only slightly.

I encourage Catholics to dream big and to work for legal protections to the right to life. However, I want to remind them that taking small steps can go a long way. Convincing people to make better personal decisions on their own is much more effective than forcing people to comply through legislation. By appealing to the general public first and lawmakers second, I think that Catholics can be successful in accomplishing their goals.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Taxation must align with broader policies

I was disappointed to see Thursday’s articles on the flat tax address it as an isolated issue. If there was a roughly even playing field for generating income, a flat tax would be eminently reasonable.

If we lived in an agrarian society, for example, in which most families had a modest farm and some were more diligent in running them, we could identify merit as the operative principle of differentiation (simplifying, of course), and a flat, rather than progressive, taxation model would fit.

I think this has been born out in some societies historically. Did we recently forget the basic principles of fairness? No, but it didn’t start with progressive taxation. It started with, among other dynamics, government policies supporting an economic model that structurally embraces enormous income stratification.

For example, national investment in transportation infrastructure and communication technologies, as well as the colonization of resource-rich lands and the enactment of free-trade agreements, all create the possibility of businesses and economies with a wide-based, pyramid-like structures.

The sheer size of the resulting entities and wealth concentrations necessitates corporate laws and direct government interventions that socialize the resulting risks, while privatizing the enormous potential profits. These profits are on a scale created not by the powers of those riding the crest of these money waves, but by the structure of the economy itself. People are needed to operate the levers of the wealth channels and populate the penthouses on the top, and more people are needed to operate call centers and espresso machines at the base.

As long as corporate law and government policy build upon technological and other pressures that push towards unprecedented income stratification, tax policy must reflect the resulting structural inequalities and be progressive.

The ideal political platform will be realistic about the current need for progressive taxation, for both fairness and gathering adequate tax revenue, while looking to principles such as subsidiarity to create long-term policies that could chip away at the stultifying, pyramid-like contours of almost every structure in our economy.

If the vigor fiscal conservatives put into arguing for a flat tax could be channeled into imagining some conditions for its appropriateness, that would be quite a start.

Bert Fitzgerald
Class of ‘09
South Bend, Ind.
Feb. 10



Award-Winning Authors to Visit Campus for Literary Festival

By BRANDY CERNE

Scene Writer

Kurt Vonnegut. Norman Mailer. Tennessee Williams. These are just three of the illustrious authors that have visited Notre Dame's campus over the 45-year history of the Notre Dame Literary Festival. This year, four new authors will be added to that list of distinguished names: Jaimy Gordon, Bonnie Jo Campbell, Daniel Borzutzky and Blake Butler.

"The purpose of the Literary Festival is to foster literary life on campus," Arnav Dutt, co-chair of the Notre Dame Literary Festival Committee, said. "We want to bring authors that people read, whether it's in their classes or for fun. I guess a little bit more basically, we want to encourage reading. We want to encourage literary life, writing and we want people to have fun."

Each author will participate in a reading throughout the week. The readings give students the opportunity to meet the authors in person, listen to them read from their works and ask questions.

Dutt and fellow co-chair Aubrey Butts had the task of selecting writers to add to the long and reputable history of the Literary Festival. Dutt said there were limitations the committee had to work around.

"South Bend is cold, the sun doesn't shine here very often, we have a limited budget ... Obviously, we feel some pressure," Dutt said. "The very first year of the festival saw Kurt Vonnegut, Joe Heller, Ralph Ellison, Norman Mailer and William F. Buckley. Some really great writers came in the early years and continued to come for quite some time. When you're in my position you do feel a certain responsibility to bring another big name."

This year, that big name is Jaimy Gordon, a 2010 National Book Award winner for her novel "Lord of Misrule." Gordon has written six books, including "She Drove Without Stopping," "Bogeywoman" and "Shamp of the City-Solo," as well as numerous short fiction pieces, poems and essays.

Gordon also happens to be good friends with Campbell, a Notre Dame alumna. Campbell won acclaim for her most recent novel, "Once Upon a River," released in the summer of 2011. Campbell was also a National Book Award finalist in 2009 for "American Salvage," a collection of stories. She also has written the novel "Q Road" and the story collection "Women & Other Animals."

In addition to their respective readings, Gordon and Campbell will participate in a panel together.

"That'll be a blast because those two have a real rapport," Dutt said. "We try to get some variety too. Variety is definitely something we're after when we're selecting the others."

Borzutzky, who will give a poetry reading, will bring that variety. Borzutzky has published two volumes of poetry, "The Ecstasy of Capitulation" and "The Book of Interfering Bodies," as well as a collection of fiction and translations of Chilean works.

This year's group of authors is rounded out by Butler, another novelist and the writer of books

"There is No Year" and "Nothing: A Portrait of Insomnia."

Dutt said the authors are excited to come to Notre Dame.

"We were fortunate," Dutt said. "There's a lot of writing talent in the Midwest ... All four are based in the Midwest. One, Campbell, writes about the Midwest, and the rest of them write about various, diverse subjects, and they're from pretty close by."

"It's convenient for them and it's great for us, because these are the authors who are regularly read in classes on campus. They certainly have won popular awards."

Appealing to students is integral to the Literary Festival's success and ability to lure successful writers in the future.

"I feel like reading has more competition as a pastime here and certainly the festival has competition," Dutt said. "There are a lot of great events on campus ... I think the campus can benefit from events like this."

While in recent years the programmers have focused on recognizing relatively unknown authors who have a promising future, in the past, it has featured some of the most highly regarded and well-known writers of the twentieth century.

"We've brought some of the greatest literary figures, at least in the American tradition, but also Nobel Prize winners from other countries," Dutt said. "Some really big figures have come here and really given the school a reputation for being able to attract that sort of guest author."

"I imagine that especially in the 70s, 80s and 90s a large part of the perception of Notre Dame as kind of a giant in the academic world, despite its isolation geographically [and] its lack of proximity to big literary cities ... was due to the festival."

Dutt said students should cultivate a literary environment on campus.

"There's quite a tradition there just waiting for everyone to embrace. It's probably one of the most illustrious and unique of Notre Dame's traditions, at least on the academic side."

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Scene Writer

Her words spoke to us. Her songs touched our hearts and souls. And now she is gone, taken from us on the brink of her comeback.

Let’s take a second to pay some much-deserved respect for a legend, a diva in every sense of the word. This is for you, Whitney. My broken heart is with you now.

For those of you unfamiliar with Whitney — I know, it’s a shock, but there are a few people unfamiliar with this amazing woman and her work — below is a brief life story.

Whitney Elizabeth Houston was born Aug. 9, 1963 in Newark, N.J. She grew up in a musical household. By age 11, she was performing with her gospel-singing mother and received her first contract offer at 14.

In 1985, she released her debut album, “Whitney Houston,” to critical acclaim and embarked on a career that would span two decades with numerous hits and awards. In fact, according to the Guinness World Records, Whitney is the most-awarded female act of all time with 415 total career awards as of 2010. Her top hits include “I Want To Dance With Somebody,” “When You Believe” and “I Am Every Woman.”

But Houston was not just a musical talent. She also appeared in a handful of films, beginning with a starring role in “The Bodyguard” (1992) opposite Kevin Costner. Other noteworthy films, most of which she also provided soundtracks for, include “The Preacher’s Wife” (1996) and the made-for-television film “Cinderella” (1997).

In 1992, Houston married R&B singer Bobby Brown, and thus began her downward spiral. Brown had a few run-ins with the law and put in some jail time. Houston’s drug use also started, or at least increased, during her marriage. She began showing up late to interviews and canceling shows, and when she did appear, she was unhealthily skinny, sparking rumors of drug abuse. The couple finally divorced

in 2007, but Houston was never the same.

Whitney had a troubled last decade of her life, but she also had an influential and chart-topping career. Physically she is gone, but she is still here with us in spirit. So let’s celebrate her.

Clive Davis, Houston’s mentor, said it best in a statement released a few hours after her death about not cancelling a pre-Grammys party Houston was supposed to attend.

“Simply put, Whitney would have wanted the music to go on,” Davis said. “And her family asked that we carry on.”

And so we will, in any way we can. It’s hard, because without her, we have nothing. But expressing grief is the best way to work through it. Social media has become a popular way of expressing grief and posting tributes. Channeling your inner Whitney through outfits and actions also works. Just remember to keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Whitney truly was every woman. She paved the way for black female artists in the music industry, much in the way Michael Jackson, another legend lost tragically early, did for black males. She fell head over heels for a man and, blinded by her emotions, made some bad decisions. Her bad decisions just happened to be extremely self-destructive, unfortunately.

She was a patriot. Her rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner” from the 1991 Super Bowl was the only act to turn the national anthem into a huge pop hit. She fought for human rights, refusing to work with agencies that did business with the then-apartheid South Africa.

Carry on the memory of Whitney. Carry on her proud moments, her amazing achievements and her beautiful songs. Remember her message of girl power, her message of hope for the broken-hearted and her anthem for nights out with friends.

We will always love you, Whitney. It’s not right that you’ve been taken from us, but it’s okay. You’re in a better place.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Enjoy the last year of the glorious tournament

I'm a little early on this topic, but when the proper time comes, I will no longer be contributing to the Sports Authority series.

So if nothing else, rip this column out and set it aside until March 6. On that wonderful day, the final edition of the maddest portion of March Madness begins: the Big East Tournament. Unfortunately, due to the evil known as conference expansion, the Big East Tournament will never again stand as gloriously as it does now.

Thus, I implore you: Enjoy this year's classic. Thoroughly enjoy it, every single one of its five days.

Enjoy the first day, Tuesday, when the bottom eight Big East teams fill Madison Square Garden with the smells of hope, despair and dwindling careers. If you doubt any of these eight teams, do so at your own risk. Connecticut started an 11-game winning streak on last year's opening day. You may remember that winning streak ended with star guard Kemba Walker overpowering Butler for the National Championship.

Enjoy Wednesday, when the fans taking a long weekend start packing the greatest arena in sports. Of day two's four games, I guarantee at least two come down to their last 30 seconds, if only because of the innate energy of the building.

Enjoy Thursday, when the top four teams in the conference get off their laurels and join the fray. Those four teams, possibly even including Notre Dame, represent the finest basketball in the country. Yet, one will lose on this third day. One will run into a buzz saw like Connecticut was last year. At least one Tuesday or Wednesday squad will have meshed with Madison Square Garden. The ironically circular arena is known for giving shooters woes. As a newcomer to this appetizer to the Big Dance, the top-four team who loses will not have adjusted to the vast sightlines. Those sightlines were designed for Billy Joel and Elton



Douglas Farmer
Editor-in-Chief

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John, not Jerian Grant and Eric Atkins.

The quarterfinals were the site of the legendary Connecticut vs. Syracuse game in 2009. That saga stretched six overtimes, even though Syracuse celebrated on the scorers' table at the end of regulation. I repeat: six overtimes.

Enjoy Friday's semifinals. The Big East Tournament's final four is a sight to behold, both on and off the court. On the court, Friday is when the hot team is revealed for what it is: either it had a good week or, with a win, it can prepare to hear CBS announce its name Sunday.

Off the court, the stands fill with B-list celebrities, perhaps one or two A-listers for a bit. Dozens of rows behind them, fights will break out as beer hastens the arguments between Saint John's fans and everyone else. The Garden will buzz for the last 10 minutes of the first semifinal, as fans of all four remaining teams fill Jeremy Lin's play place.

Enjoy Saturday, a day no Notre Dame team has ever had the chance to relish. The fifth of five days straight out of

Jimmy Chitwood's utopia, the winner receives an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament. The loser holds its breath.

Enjoy this year's Big East Tournament. Pittsburgh and Syracuse, last year's regular

season conference champion and this year's safe bet for the same title, respectively, are both leaving the conference. Don't be too surprised if Connecticut or Georgetown follows suit.

In their place come Southern Methodist, Houston, Central Florida and, belatedly, Memphis.

It won't be the same. Will it even return to Madison Square Garden? We can only hope.

For now, leave behind hope and worry.

For now, rip this column out and set it aside.

On March 6, enjoy.

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PGA

Mickelson wins tournament

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — He knew his game was getting close, and he broke through with flair Sunday in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

That turned out to be Phil Mickelson, not Tiger Woods.

In a big, big way.

Mickelson went from a six-shot deficit to a two-shot lead in just six holes, closed with an 8-under 64 for a two-shot victory over Charlie Wi and gave Woods a Sunday thrashing not many saw coming.

Mickelson and Woods played in the second-to-last group, and Mickelson beat him by 11 shots. He won for the fourth time at Pebble Beach, and became only the ninth player in PGA Tour history with 40 wins.

"Pebble Beach ... it feels awesome no matter what number it is," Mickelson said.

It was anything but that for Woods, who was reduced to a supporting role on a cool, overcast day along the Pacific. Right when it looked as though Woods might still be in the game after holing a bunker shot for birdie on the par-3 12th, Mickelson answered by pouring in a 30-foot par putt.

Mickelson seized control for good with a 40-foot par save on the 15th hole, and he played it safe — Mickelson is capable of that every once in a while — on the 18th hole and still made birdie.

Wi, who started the final round with a three-shot lead, four-putted for double bogey on the opening hole and never quite recovered. He closed with back-to-back birdies for an even-par 72 and his fifth runner-up finish on tour.

It was the third straight week on tour that the winner started the final round at least six shots behind a 54-hole leader going after his first tour victory.

The shocker, though, was how Woods fell apart.

He has been taking big strides with his game over the past few months, and he looked poised to break through after a 67 in the third round at Pebble Beach got him to within four shots of the lead.

But he failed to make birdie on the easy opening stretch at Pebble Beach, and even when he made his first birdie at the par-5 sixth, Mickelson poured in a 20-foot eagle putt to take the outright lead.

"I didn't hit it as bad as the



AP

Tiger Woods, left, congratulates Phil Mickelson for winning the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am golf tournament Sunday.

score indicated, but I putted awful," Woods said. "As good as I felt on the greens yesterday, I felt bad today. Anything I tried to do wasn't working. Consequently, I made a ton of mistakes on the green."

Two weeks ago in his 2012 debut at Abu Dhabi, Woods was tied for the lead with unheralded Robert Rock going into the final round and didn't break par, tying for third.

Woods used to own Mickelson, but that changed at the 2007 Deutsche Bank Championship. This was the fifth straight time Mickelson posted the better score when playing in the same group as Woods in the final round.

Mickelson has won three of those tournaments, although they have yet to be in the final group on those occasions.

Mickelson started his season sluggishly, failing to crack the top 25 at the Humana Challenge and Phoenix Open, and missing the cut at Torrey Pines. He said his putting was as good as ever, and it was a matter of getting his game in sync.

It simply sang on Sunday, mostly his amazing touch on the greens — a long eagle putt at No. 2 that caught part of the hole, long two-putts for par and enough birdies to make him a winner at Pebble Beach again.

"It feels just amazing," Mickelson said. "I felt like my game was there, but coming out the first couple of weeks, I posted some horrendous scores and started to question it. To be able to play the way I did the last 18 holes really means a lot."

Ricky Barnes closed with a 67 and finished third. Kevin Na tied for fifth and earned a spot in the Match Play Championship in two weeks at Arizona.

Wi talked about battling the demons of self-doubt, and they must have had the first green surrounded. Equipped with a three-shot lead to start the final

round, Wi four-putted from 35 feet above the hole for a double bogey.

Just like that, the game was on.

That still wasn't enough for Woods to get in on the action. Standing in the sixth fairway, Woods was only one shot out of the lead, yet the sleeves of his red shirt and his name on the leaderboard didn't seem to make him stand out the way it has before.

The opening holes had something to do with that, and watching Mickelson play alongside him.

Mickelson nearly holed an eagle putt across the second green; Woods missed a 5-foot birdie putt that stayed 2 inches above the hole. Mickelson holed a 15-foot birdie putt down the hill at the fourth; Woods had a 30-foot putt up the hill that was 3 feet short. Mickelson's tee shot on the par-3 fifth settled a foot from the cup. Woods missed his birdie putt from 12 feet.

Yes, there was a big charge at Pebble Beach — from Lefty.

Mickelson started the day six shots behind and went two shots ahead with an eagle on the sixth hole. Woods then vanished in a series of blunders — missing a 2½-foot par putt on the seventh, missed a 5-foot par putt on the eighth, and a third straight bogey at No. 9 when he hit his approach into the bunker.

The only hope for Woods came on the 12th, when he holed his bunker shot. It looked like it might be a two-shot swing, pulling him to within three of the lead, until Mickelson made his 30-footer for par.

On the next hole, Mickelson hit an approach to 2 feet and Woods' tee shot landed in a divot.

"It's frustrating because I had a chance," Woods said. "All I had to do was get off to a good, solid start. And I didn't do that."

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Choking on salt water
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Who don't see their greed as a flaw

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Well I'm not giving in
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Swim, swim
Just keep your head above
Swim

MEN’S GOLF

Coach signs contract extension



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Freshman Peyton Vitter eyes his target at Warren Golf Course during the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic on Sept. 26. The Irish finished sixth in the tournament.

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

Fresh off a three-month winter break, the Irish will resume their season in Florida sunshine Monday at the Match Play in Orlando with some added assurance about their future. During the break, Irish coach and 2011 Big East Coach of the Year Jim Kubinski signed a three-year contract extension through the 2013-2014 season. The new deal follows a successful year where the Irish won their third Big East championship under Kubinski's tutelage. Kubinski said the Irish return this season as favorites for the league title. "It's great to be a part of the Notre Dame community for eight years," Kubinski said. "My wife and kids love liv-

ing here and being a part of this. The sense of community and dedication to athletics is second to none. [The athletic department] liked the direction we are going and how we have positioned ourselves in the national spotlight." But things haven't fallen exactly in line for the Irish so far this season, Kubinski said. Notre Dame's early struggles have dropped them to 55th in the latest Golfstat rankings, but Kubinski is confident his team will pull through in the spring. "We came into the fall season with really high expectations after winning the Big East last year and we started nicely," Kubinski said. "But those last three tournaments to end the season were pretty tough. We had guys battling some injuries and changing their swings so we feel like we can improve

off that." Leading the Irish is reigning Big East Player of the Year senior co-captain Max Scodro. According to Kubinski, Scodro broke the Notre Dame record for least amount of strokes in a semester during the fall season. The senior was also invited to play at the Patriot All-America Invitational during the winter break, where he finished tied for 44th among some of the best golfers from every division in the NCAA. "The way Max is playing, the sky is the limit," Kubinski said. "He will have the opportunity to turn pro after graduation. And if he can match or better his play from the fall, he will definitely be in the considerations for All-American."

The Irish will play at Reunion Resort in Orlando, Fla., which will also play host to the Big East championships in late April. The double-elimination tournament features a different set of rules, more focused on individual, one-on-one matchups with members of the opposing team. "It's a pretty mixed field with a lot of Big East teams," Kubinski said. "It'll be good to get some competition and work on things early in the season. "We are the No. 1 seed and are expected to win, but crazy things happen in match play so we will have to stay focused and kick off the season with a good start." Notre Dame will begin the first round of the Match Play at the Reunion Resort in Orlando, Fla. on Monday against Loyola-Chicago.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish finish preseason, look to open season

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
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The No. 20 Irish finished their preseason with a pair of away exhibition games against Johns Hopkins and Virginia Tech over the weekend. Senior attack Maggie Tamasitis orchestrated the Irish offense in both games, working from behind the net in most instances. Tamasitis — along with fellow seniors Megan Sullivan and Jordy Shoemaker — was named a captain for the Irish this season. Last season, Tamasitis notched 46 assists while also chipping in 21 goals for a team-high 67 points.

"I think that [the girls] have been really open to the new style we're implementing," Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said last Wednesday. "The transformation has been a daily transformation. It's been really exciting to see them understand that our change won't be an endpoint. It's going to be a constant work in progress."

While the Irish lost All-Americans Shaylyn Blaney and Jackie Doherty to graduation, they return a solid core of talent. Sophomore midfielder Kaitlyn Brosco leads the midfield. As a freshman, Brosco scored 32 goals and tallied eight as-

sists. Junior midfielder Jenny Granger will also be back for the Irish after scoring 26 goals and dishing out 12 assists last season. Notre Dame returns three of its top four leading scorers from last year in Tamasitis, Brosco and Granger. "We continue to move forward," Halfpenny said. "Some days we're like a locomotive moving at light speed. We had an intrasquad scrimmage the other day and I was pleasantly surprised with where we were at." On defense, the Irish will have huge holes to fill after the departure of Doherty and former defender Lauren Fenlon. Doherty and Blaney combined for 85 of Notre Dame's 188 caused turnovers while Fenlon was crucial to the defense's communication.

"We lost a lot to graduation," Halfpenny said. "This year's team is brand new. These kids are really talented. I have a number of talented players that have just continued to develop right now." Junior goalkeeper Ellie Hilling will assume the starting goalie position after starting in all 19 contests last year. She posted a 9.67 goals against average and a .423 save percentage. The Irish will officially open their season Feb. 19 with a home date against Stanford.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Five athletes compete at Grand Valley State

By AARON SANT-MILLER
Sports Writer

With the Big East indoor championships fast approaching, most of the team used this past weekend to prepare for the championship meet. But last Friday, five Irish runners competed in one final meet before the team moved forward, running in the GVSU Big Meet at Grand Valley State's Kelly Family Sports Center.

The athletes competed because they either were unable to do much racing up until Friday during the season or needed another race to compete in the Big East championship meet, Irish coach Joe Piane said.

"There were some guys who needed another race and we were happy that we were able to provide that for them," Piane said.

Freshman George Atkinson led the Irish with a fourth place finish in the 200-meter dash. Atkinson, also a Notre Dame football player, finished in a blazing 22.01 seconds. The time not only helped him place well in the race, but also qualified him to compete next weekend at the Big East championships.

Sophomore Bennett Jackson, who also plays for the Irish football team, finished sixth in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.23 seconds.

"Bennett ran well in the hurdles and every time he runs he gets even better," Piane said.

Also running was Atkinson's brother, freshman Josh Atkinson. The brothers ran together in the 60-meter preliminaries with Josh Atkinson finishing 13th at 7.03 seconds and George Atkinson finishing third at 6.85 seconds. George Atkinson went on to race in the finals for the 60-meter dash, finishing 10th with a time of 6.99 seconds.

"George set a [personal record] in the 60-meter so that was a big race for him," Piane said. "Also, Josh has been solid all year and this race was no different."

Sophomore Bryce Wood rounded out the men's team. Wood also competed in the preliminaries for the 60-meter hurdles and placed 24th with a time of 8.80 seconds.

The Irish women had only one racer, freshman Jade Barber. Barber competed in the women's 60-meter hurdles and placed 17th in the preliminaries with a time of 9.14 seconds to qualify for the finals. In the finals, she finished 10th with a time of 8.87 seconds.

"Jade did a really good job with the hurdles and could very well make the finals this weekend at the Big East race," Piane said.

Meanwhile, the rest of the Irish runners were given the week off to prepare.

"You can't race every weekend, so this was a great weekend to have off for those who didn't need another race," Piane said.

One of those runners who had the weekend off was ju-

nior middle distance runner Jeremy Rae.

"This is the first week we've had off in awhile, so we just took advantage of the opportunity and put in some hard work," Rae said.

This hard work will help the team in many ways for the race, some less obvious than others, Rae said.

"Working hard this weekend gives us the ability to back off and rest a little bit during the week, which will pay off this upcoming weekend," Rae said.

The Irish will continue to prepare for the Big East championships, which take place Saturday and Sunday in New York City.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish win two of three over weekend

By WALKER CAREY
Sports Writer

The Irish took to their home court three times this past weekend, earning wins over Wisconsin and IUPUI and suffering a loss to No. 6 Kentucky.

The No. 30 Irish (8-4) opened the weekend sweeping Wisconsin (2-1) 7-0 Friday night. Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said the victory had some extra significance for his team.

"It was great to get the sweep and the victory over Wisconsin," Bayliss said. "Wisconsin has given us some real tough matches over the year, so to go out there and play real well really meant something to us. It was an important and impressive victory."

Facing Kentucky (9-0) in their first match Sunday afternoon, the Irish put forth

a valiant fight before eventually falling to the Wildcats 4-3.

"The loss to [Kentucky] was a thriller and we unfortunately came out on the wrong end," Bayliss said. "Since the beginning of the season, I have thought that we have the capability of being an elite team, so it was great to see us play a very elite team so close. You always want to get a victory, but I am really happy with the way we played and the way we fought. There are a lot of positives that we can take from that match."

Sophomore Greg Andrews earned a 6-3, 6-2 victory at No. 2 singles over nationally ranked No. 13 Alex Musialek. The victory brought Andrews' record on the season to 10-1.

"[Andrews] has been playing very well for us," Bayliss said. "He has gotten some big victories over some very good

players. He was very sharp Sunday and was able to get an impressive victory over a strong opponent."

The Irish finished their weekend schedule by knocking off IUPUI (2-5) 7-0 in a match in which Bayliss was able to give a few players some rest.

"We had a lot of guys who were pretty spent, so it was nice to be able to give them some rest," Bayliss said. "The guys we had in the lineup who are not usually starters came in and got the job done, so that was good for us. I was proud of the way everyone worked and was obviously happy to come away with the victory."

The Irish return to action this Saturday when they travel to Ann Arbor, Mich., to take on No. 28 Michigan.

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Big East

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sweep both events at the Big East championships.

“I’m very happy with my performance,” Nemetz said. “I wasn’t really going in with expectations, but the meet definitely worked out well.”

Freshman, Michael Kreft, added 31 points of his own, taking third and fourth in the 3-meter and 1-meter dives, respectively. Senior Sean Rademaker and freshman John Andrade also qualified for the 1-meter final and took seventh and eighth, respectively.

Four of the eight finalists in the 1-meter event were Irish athletes.

“The team’s performance was really great,” Nemetz said. “We had four guys get to finals in the 1-meter. Everyone was pretty proud of that.”

The Irish will begin the swimming portion of the championships Wednesday with a 57-point lead over second-place Pittsburgh. Perennial favorite and defending champion Louisville is 102 points behind. Last season, the Irish were second to Louisville in the final standings, losing by 214 points.

“It was a good weekend because we gave ourselves a lead over Louisville, which will help the swimmers,” Nemetz said.

Not only did the Irish sweep the diving events, but diving

coach Caiming Xie also won Big East Men’s Diving Coach of the Year.

“I think Coach Xie deserved it,” Nemetz said. “There weren’t any other teams with four guys in the finals of one event and a Big East champion on both boards.”

Overall, Nemetz said the Irish were happy with their performance this weekend.

“I think this meet shows how much our team has progressed throughout the season,” Nemetz said. “Everyone competed much better than they have all season.”

The swimming team will try to hold on to the lead the divers provided in Pittsburgh. For the divers, focus shifts to the NCAA Zone diving championships in March. Nemetz and Kreft, along with freshman Ted Wagner and junior Ryan Koter, will represent the Irish at the event.

“I’m going to keep training,” Nemetz said. “I’m going to get ready for NCAA Zones by polishing my dives, and getting more consistency is important.”

The Irish divers will compete in the NCAA Zone diving championships beginning March 9. The swimming team will resume the Big East championships Wednesday in Pittsburgh.

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ND Women’s SWIMMING AND DIVING

Irish stand in second at Big East

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

Notre Dame’s divers helped spur the Irish to a strong showing at the Big East diving championships in Pittsburgh over the weekend. A first-place finish and multiple top performances vaulted the team into second place in the overall Big East team standings.

Junior diver Jenny Chiang brought home the victory for the Irish in Saturday’s 3-meter dive event, finishing with a score of 320.90 to win the title by 11 points. Chiang has now won three consecutive 3-meter dive titles, becoming only the sixth individual and second diver to win three Big East titles in one event.

“It’s definitely exciting to win the title for the third year in a row,” Chiang said. “I was a little disappointed after the 1-meter dive, but I came through in the 3-meter.”

Chiang placed third in Friday’s 1-meter dive event, finishing one place behind Irish freshman Allison Casareto.

Casareto concluded the event with a score of 283.80, edging out Chiang by three points and falling just four points behind the winner, Connecticut’s Danielle Cecco. This performance earned Casareto and Chiang All-Big East honors, marking the first time Casareto has received such honors and the fourth time for Chiang.

Casareto also reached the finals in the 3-meter dive, placing seventh with 247.45 points.

“Allison performed really well for her first Big East meet,” Chiang said. “To be able to come in as a freshman and accomplish what she has is huge.”



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Junior Jaime Malandra swims the 1650 freestyle at the Shamrock Invitational held at the Rolfs Aquatic Center on Jan. 28.

With the divers’ strong performances, Notre Dame currently sits in second place in the Big East women’s team standings. The Irish, who have accumulated 71 points, sit three points behind Louisville heading into the swimming portion of the Big East championships.

Chiang attributed the team’s success over the weekend to the divers’ consistency and sharp mental focus gained during practice and competition.

“Being consistent and able to handle pressure are key in competitions,” Chiang said. “We have managed to stay mentally focused and not let pressure affect

our performances.

“I think that these abilities come largely through practice, which is a big time commitment both in-season and during the off-season.”

Notre Dame will look to build on the success of the diving team when the swimming team heads to Pittsburgh to compete in the Big East swimming championships, which run Wednesday through Saturday. The Irish will attempt to win an unprecedented 15th title in only 17 years as a Big East member.

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gained control midway through the round, ending it with a fierce uppercut.

Hemington was awarded the victory by unanimous decision.

Keegan “Unicorn and Butterflies” Somers def. Alec “Hot Like Sauce” Hollis

In a closely contested fight, the senior Hollis attempted to set the tone early, connecting on a right hook at the start of the first round. Hollis remained on the offensive for the rest of the round, but the freshman Somers proved able to counter several of his punches.

Both boxers landed fierce punches throughout the second round, but neither was able to gain full control of the fight.

Hollis started out the third round with a flurry of punches but Somers successfully turned the momentum, fighting off Hollis and landing his own series of punches to end the round.

In a split decision, Somers took the victory.

Josh “Pride of the South” Whelan def. J.D. Zarate

The sophomore Whelan and law student Zarate both traded punches throughout the first round, with Whelan rebuffing Zarate’s attempts at low body shots.

The second round followed a similar pattern, with both boxers trading jabs, until Whelan broke away at the end, landing an intense flurry of body shots on Zarate to conclude the round.

Whelan overpowered Zarate in the third round of the fight, utilizing a series of low body shots to force Zarate onto the ropes twice during the round. Whelan’s final round efforts helped him earn the victory by unanimous decision.

Andrew “Fess the Mess” Fessler def. Pat Gallagher

The senior Fessler wasted no time getting to work in this fight, landing several low body shots on the freshman Gallagher to begin the first round. Despite attempts by Gallagher to fend off the attack, Fessler continued to throw and land well-timed jabs. Fessler concluded the first round with a quick uppercut to the face that left Gallagher wobbling back to his corner.

As a result, the referee called the match at the beginning of the second round, awarding Fessler the victory.

Sunoh Choe def. John Gawey

In a powerful demonstration of boxing, the junior Choe came out and overpowered law student Gawey from the very beginning. Choe started out the round on the offensive, attacking with a strong series of body shots that Gawey was not able to counter. Choe broke through with a tough punch to the ribs that knocked Gawey down.

With Choe showing no signs of stopping his attack in the second round, the referee decided to end the fight, awarding Choe the victory.

Andrew “The King of Sting” Dupont def. Rene Casiano

In a close match, senior Dupont began the match with the upper-hand on graduate student Casiano, forcing him against the ropes and keeping Casiano at bay with a series of quick jabs.

The second round was more of a defensive battle, with neither boxer landing too many punches. Dupont was able to once again push Casiano onto the ropes, but Casiano quickly

evaded his grasp.

Casiano looked poised to come back in the third round, landing an uppercut on Dupont early. His efforts were not enough though, as Dupont was awarded the victory by unanimous decision.

Joel “Hashtag” Hlavaty def. Josh Smith

The sophomore Hlavaty came out firing and took an early lead in the fight, dominating the first round due to a rally of jabs and body punches.

Hlavaty started out the second round just as fast, but the freshman Smith held off any big shots and continued to fight with tenacity leading into the third.

In the final round, Hlavaty showed no sign of stopping and pushed onward, ultimately winning by unanimous decision.

158 Pounds

Mark “Felder? I Barely Knew Her!” Felder def. Michael “Uncle Ben’s Finest” Rice

Graduate student Felder set the tone for the fight early in the first round, coming out with a strong attack that featured a powerful left hook and left the sophomore Rice wobbling toward the corner at the end of the round.

The second round was marked by several punches to the upper body by Felder, two of which knocked Rice into the ropes. Felder used a few uppercuts to land several headshots on Rice.

Rice landed the first punch of the third round but was quickly countered by Felder’s strong flurry of punches. After Felder moved Rice into the ropes, the referee decided to stop the match and award the victory to Felder.

Sean “Dark Side of the Moon” Mullen def. Michael “Silence of the” Lamb

In a battle of Wisconsin natives, the senior Mullen came out swinging, unleashing a rapid fire of punches to begin the first round. The sophomore Lamb tried to counter with a series of high jabs but was quickly fought off by Mullen.

Mullen dictated the tempo of the fight in the second round, landing several headshots and high body shots. After ducking Lamb’s punch, Mullen successfully moved Lamb back into the ropes to finish the round.

The final round saw both boxers swinging at each other with fast series of punches. Lamb landed a few headshots, but his efforts were not enough, as Mullen captured the victory in unanimous fashion.

Nick “El Toro” Yulan def. “Fat” Robert “Bobert” Blume

The first round saw both fighters come out and establish periods of intermittent dominance. It was the sophomore Yulan’s performance, however, that established the advantage, as he briefly knocked the junior Blume down with a strong body shot.

Blume put up a strong performance in the second round, getting out on the offensive and landing several upper body shots.

Fatigue set in during the third, with both boxers fading toward the end of the round. But Yulan made his case early in the round with a powerful right hook that almost knocked Blume down. This effort helped Yulan win the fight in a split decision.

Greg Cunningham def. Dan Shapiro

The senior Cunningham and

the junior Shapiro exchanged punches all match, but Cunningham gained an edge in the final round and defeated Shapiro by unanimous decision.

Cunningham started out fast with a solid rally of shots to the body. Shapiro then countered by pushing the pace as Cunningham tried to respond on the move against the ropes. Cunningham then threw a flurry of body punches, but Shapiro held off the attack for the remainder of the round.

Shapiro could not continue to hold off Cunningham in the final round though, as Cunningham won by unanimous decision.

Peter “Ye Ye” Teneriello def. Mike Magill

In a bout that changed momentum in the final round, Teneriello defeated Magill by unanimous decision.

Magill started out round one with a flurry of jabs, as Teneriello dodged and moved around the ring. Teneriello became more aggressive in the second round, though, and dealt out jabs to Magill. Magill managed to land a few jabs to Teneriello, but Teneriello still held a solid advantage heading into the third.

Teneriello kept up this momentum, and Magill struggled to make any solid contact during the final round.

Teneriello’s boxing skill and persistence earned him a unanimous decision win in a battle of seniors.

Joey Kim def. Jake “Bonesaw” Wrigley

Two aggressive boxers went toe to toe, as the junior Kim earned a hard fought victory over the sophomore Wrigley.

Kim started out the fight with a rally of body shots, but Wrigley responded towards the end of the round with counterpunches to the head. In the second, Wrigley was the one controlling the



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Senior Will O’Laughlin, right, fights junior Gong Weng, left, on Sunday in the first round of the Bengal Bouts 142 lbs. division.

tempo, managing to force Kim into a corner. In the third round though, Kim once again took control, knocking down Wrigley. Wrigley took a knee, but soon got back up and responded in the closing minute.

He made a push forward, but Kim’s endurance proved to be the difference, wearing Wrigley down and earning Kim the victory by split decision.

Tim “Timbow Slice” Kissling def. John “The Sandman” Sandberg

The senior Kissling won a close match against the sophomore Sandberg that was decided by a few key moments in the second round.

In the first, Kissling hit Sandberg hard to pause the fight, but the two then exchanged shots equally for the rest of the round. The key to the fight though, was when Kissling knocked Sandberg down in the second round. Sandberg managed to push forward for the rest of the round, getting a strong rally of punches


in before the final bell.

It was not enough though, as Kissling’s strong second round earned him the victory by unanimous decision.

Danny Leicht def. Scott “Bootstrap” Rousseau

The junior Leicht took advantage of his experience in his victory over the freshman Rousseau. In the first round, Rousseau started the fight with intensity by constantly pushing towards Leicht, who took advantage of this forward lean and found the holes in his defense. Throughout the fight, Leicht used precise hits to keep Rousseau from getting too close. In both the second and third rounds, Leicht consistently hit Rousseau as he tried to rush towards him. In the final round, Leicht chose his spots to be aggressive and seal the win in a unanimous fashion.

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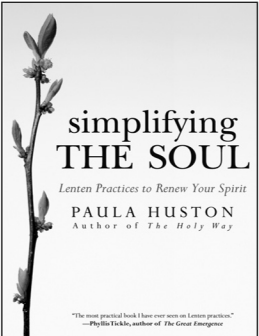
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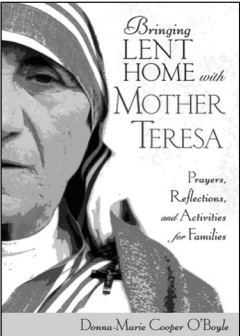
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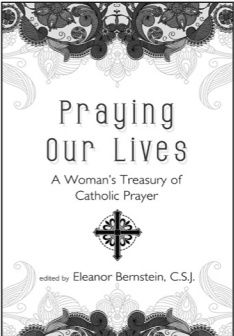
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Andy Fausone def. Bob “Little Guy” Pak

In a competitive match, Fausone rallied in the final round to win by unanimous decision.

In the first round, Pak and his fellow freshman Fausone exchanged shots early. Fausone soon took control, trapping Pak against the ropes, but Pak managed a big counterpunch that stunned Fausone. A flurry of jabs to the face by Fausone knocked Pak to the ground.

Pak landed a rally of uppercuts at the end of the second round that gave him momentum. But in the third round, Fausone retaliated with his own flurry of punches.

In a hard-fought battle, Fausone was awarded the victory in unanimous fashion.

142 Pounds

Chris “Heavy Hands” Hinman def. Tony “Milk Was a Bad Choice” Maher

The law student Hinman used his set of heavy and quick hands to overpower the senior Maher from the start. Hinman began the fight with a set of tough body shots, quickly forcing Maher into the corner in the first round.

The second and third round followed a similar pattern, with Hinman landing several series of low body shots to keep Maher at bay. Maher tried one last attack in the third round, but Hinman knocked him back into the ropes, en route to a unanimous season win.

Jackie “The Forgetful Housecat” Garvin def. Matt Fallon

This closely contested match opened with an evenly-matched first round, as the sophomore Garvin and the freshman Fallon both landed head shots.

The second round saw much of the same, with neither boxer gaining clear control of the fight. Fallon tried to gain an advantage on Garvin with a set of quick, high punches, but Garvin kept up a strong defense.

Garvin distinguished himself in the third round, landing several low body shots followed up by a few shots to the face, drawing blood from Fallon. This strong final effort helped

Garvin earn the victory in a split decision.

Will O’Laughlin def. Gong “Can’t Touch This” Weng

Senior O’Laughlin and junior Weng entered the ring with a visible intensity that would characterize the entire fight. The first round saw both fighters land some big punches, with O’Laughlin connecting on several headshots and Weng landing several unblocked body shots.

Weng began the second round on the attack but was soon countered by O’Laughlin, who landed two headshots and kept Weng on the ropes at times.

Weng proved successful at ducking some of O’Laughlin’s strong blows but could not evade a strong headshot and fierce uppercut that forced him into the ropes. The two fighters traded blows throughout the remainder of the match, but O’Laughlin did just enough to earn the victory by split decision.

Charles “Charlie” Lee def. Connor “Mama Bear” Chelsky

In the quickest bout of the day, the junior Lee defeated the freshman Chelsky by stoppage in the first round. Lee came rushing in and stunned Chelsky early on, stopping the fight. Chelsky showed persistence and got back in the ring, but Lee came out again with a tremendous rally, drawing blood from Chelsky.

The fight was then stopped again, and Lee was declared the winner.

Nick Rowek def. Elliott “Elmo” Trostel

Rowek stuck to a consistent style against Trostel, ultimately winning by unanimous decision.

The junior Rowek went low on his freshman counterpart early with a flurry of body shots, a strategy he employed to his advantage throughout the bout. Trostel started out the second round with a rush of jabs, but Rowek held him off and continued to land body and head shots.

Trostel came into the third with a good exchange and combination of punches, but Rowek caught him off guard with a strong shot to the body.

At the end of the round, Rowek held Trostel’s final push and

won by unanimous decision.

Kevin “Kat Daddy” Katalinic def. Armando Cordoves

In a unique matchup between a freshman and a law student, the younger Katalinic defeated Cordoves by stoppage.

The two exchanged big punches early as Cordoves first put up a rally against Katalanic, but Katalinic responded and put Cordoves against the ropes until the end of the round.

In the second, it appeared that Cordoves had a dead arm, yet he pushed on and kept fighting. After a short stoppage to treat his arm, Cordoves came back and had a late rally on Katalinic. Cordoves’ shoulder gave out once again, though, and the fight was stopped in the second round, giving Katalinic the victory.

148 Pounds

Ryan “Ho-Cro Heart” Power def. Rob Luceri

True to his name, the senior Power opened the match with a relentless series of powerful punches, forcing the sophomore Luceri into the ropes in a matter of seconds. Luceri made a valiant attempt to stop Power, but the senior continued to knock him around the ring, concluding the performance with a demonstrative punch that left Luceri on the ground.

As a result, the referee awarded Power the victory by knockout in the first round.

Casey “Man Beast” Allare def. Tom La

In a battle of Texans, junior Allare took control of the match from the start, landing a series of body shots on senior and Observer photographer La to begin the first round. La made several attempts to land headshots on Allare but was repelled by Allare’s strong defense.

Allare continued his strong performance in the second round, landing several more body shots and pushing La around the ring at the beginning of the round. La started to break through at the end of the round, notching a few body shots to keep Allare in check.

La made one final stand in the third, pushing Allare in the ropes early in the round. Allare regained his composure to put up a strong defense, ultimately earning him the victory by



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Senior Sean Mullen, right, punches sophomore Michael Lamb on Sunday in the first round of Bengal Bouts 158 lbs. division.

unanimous decision.

Tighe “One Touch Son of a” Beach def. Tom “I’m Not Here to Make Friends” O’Brien

The first round saw both fighters come out with strong intensity, which would continue throughout the match. O’Brien landed a headshot to start the round, but the senior Beach came back to force his sophomore opponent onto the ropes.

Both fighters fended off flurries of punches in the second round, utilizing strong defenses to keep the match close. Beach made a slight break-through by landing a strong left hook to O’Brien’s face, again knocking him against the ropes.

Beach took control in the final round with a series of powerful jabs, nearly knocking O’Brien through the ropes at one point. This effort earned Beach the victory by split decision.

Alex Calderon def. Stephen “Stevie” Charnley

Thanks to a persistent attack, the junior Calderon defeated the freshman Charnley by unanimous decision.

In the first round Calderon charged in, controlling the tempo for most of the round and pushing Charnley against the ropes. The fight was stopped shortly into the second round as Calderon came back in for the attack. Later in the second, Calderon went back in for the knockout, but Charnley avoided

a flurry of attacks until Calderon finally landed an uppercut on Charnley.

Despite Charnley holding off a knockdown, Calderon managed to win by unanimous decision.

Joe Brogan def. Garrett Garcia

Brogan defeated his fellow freshman Garcia by unanimous decision in a closely contested match.

Garcia started off the first round with the upperhand but Brogan ended the round with a flurry of punches. Brogan began the second with the same momentum before Garcia responded with a few uppercuts that stung Brogan. Garcia dodged and weaved early in the third round, but Brogan eventually connected and started to pin him against the corner. He shook Garcia, and the fight was paused.

Brogan held onto the advantage and won by unanimous decision.

Eric “Squirrel” Tommarello def. Ian Cronin

Backed by a loud supporting crowd, the freshman Tommarello conducted strong punches from the outset, causing the fight to be stopped momentarily so that the trainers could tend to Cronin for a bloody nose. Cronin came back with tenacity, but Tommarello countered, stopping the fight again with a punch to the sophomore Cronin’s nose.

In the second round, Tommarello continued to land big uppercuts to the face and body, but Cronin pushed forward and made a rally of his own in the final portion of the round.

Tommarello controlled the tempo in the final round though, holding off any major rallies and winning by unanimous decision.

154 Pounds

Calvin Hemington def. Peter “The Wild Irish Rose” McGinley

The sophomore Hemington set the tone of this fight with a strong performance from the beginning of the first round, landing a wild series of body shots on McGinley and forcing him against the ropes.

Hemington continued his performance in the second round, landing several headshots and left hooks on McGinley. The freshman countered with a quick set of punches at times but was mainly on the defensive for the rest of the round.

McGinley made efforts toward a comeback in the third round, beginning with a flurry of punches, but Hemington re-

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points and 22 total points to seal the Irish victory.

“[Atkins and Grant] really believe we are going to win,” Brey said. “We’ve not had a backcourt like that in our history ... When they sense the moment, they’ve made big plays for us.”

Cooley, who finished with 22

points and 14 rebounds, was a force in the low-post all afternoon, hitting all five of his shots in the first half while also recording four blocks. The junior had the task of defending the Blue Demons’ leading scorer, holding sophomore forward Cleveland Melvin to 16 points. Cooley also drew a big charge with just over a minute left in the game to stifle the DePaul attack.

“In the first half we didn’t re-

ally have that fire under us that we have had in the last couple of games,” Cooley said. “[The charge] was a huge defensive play. The goal from the beginning was to get [the ball] in the post. It allowed me to score and allowed us to get a nice little run going.”

Notre Dame came into the game seventh in the country in least turnovers committed, averaging just 10.5 turnovers per game. But the Irish turned the

ball over nine times in the first half, leading to an 11-0 points-off-turnovers margin in favor of DePaul.

“I’m really impressed with DePaul,” Brey said. “They just have a lot of guys who can put it in the basket. They don’t turn it over, and man do they speed you up. It wears on you and exhausts you.”

The Blue Demons also got a major boost from their bench play, outscoring the Irish bench, 40-10, led by senior guard Jer-

emiah Kelly’s 17 points. However, the Irish managed to outscore DePaul with 50 points in the second half on 59.6 percent shooting from the field for the game.

Looking to add to their six-game winning streak, the Irish will host Rutgers on Wednesday with tipoff at 7 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion.

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Senior guard Natalie Novosel attempts a game-tying shot with 1.5 seconds left in Notre Dame’s home loss to West Virginia on Sunday.

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said.

Diggins led the Irish with a career-high 32 points. Graduate student forward Devereaux Peters grabbed 17 rebounds and recorded a career-high six blocks, but added only four points. Sunday’s game marked the fifth time in the last six games that Peters has reached at least 15 rebounds, becoming the third Irish player to have five such games in a single season. She is the first to do so since Shari Matvey in the 1979-1980 campaign.

Despite Peters’ effort, Bussie led the Mountaineers’ domination down low with her 22 points, eight rebounds and three blocks.

“She’s an aggressive player and she really got us deep and was finishing,” Peters said of Bussie. “We couldn’t stop it. We weren’t keeping her out of the paint and she was getting easy layups. We weren’t doing our job on defense.”

The Irish offense struggled in the game’s opening stanza as early fouls and turnovers prevented Notre Dame’s normally potent scoring attack from taking control. The two teams traded baskets for the entire first half, with neither side opening up a lead of more than five points. West Virginia’s defense limited the Irish offense to a two-pronged attack, with 28 of Notre Dame’s 33 first-half points coming from Diggins and senior guard Natalie Novosel.

“I thought West Virginia played a great game,” McGraw said. “They are a very, very good team. They are a very good defensive team, they got us out of our rhythm and besides Skylar, nobody could really get anything going offensively.”

Despite their struggles, the Irish carried a 33-30 lead into halftime. Sparked by an 11-5 run to begin the second half, Notre Dame proceeded to push its lead

to 11 points with just over 13 minutes left on the clock. The Mountaineers responded with a quick 7-0 run of their own and were able to stay with the Irish the rest of the way.

“We didn’t execute the offense like we have been. We weren’t able to put the kind of numbers that we usually do on the board,” McGraw said. “We were not shooting the ball well from the perimeter, and trying to drive it, they packed it in and took it away.”

“Down the stretch, we are such a smart team and today we just looked flustered.”

The loss snapped the second-longest winning streak in school history for the Irish, whose only other loss this season came Nov. 20 against No. 1 Baylor.

“[I’m] really disappointed,” McGraw said. “Really, really disappointed for everybody. But hopefully that gets the pressure off our back and now we can settle in and start playing our game again because we really didn’t play our game today.”

With only four games remaining in their regular season schedule, including road games at No. 20 Louisville and No. 3 Connecticut, the Irish will have to regain their composure in a hurry. Diggins said Notre Dame’s loss Sunday came from a lack of intensity.

“We obviously became complacent,” she said. “We didn’t play any defense. We haven’t practiced with intensity this week and it showed. So we have to come back, it’s not the end of the season, it’s a loss, a bad loss.”

“You know this league that we play in, and we know it, too — any team can lose and we were at home ... We have to learn from this loss, but you have to let it go and get ready for the next game.”

The Irish will look to rebound Tuesday when they host Providence at 7 p.m.

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about competing harder and being difficult to play against.

“I felt we were doing that, but then we gave up two early goals, and it was more a matter of trying to shake that up and trying to move forward.”

The move worked initially, as junior center Riley Sheahan scored on a slapshot later in the first, finally slipping a puck past the previously impregnable Nelson. However, Ferris State closed out the game with three more goals, pushing their unbeaten streak to 12 games with a 5-1 victory.

“We started off with them giving up a couple of early goals and got off track,” Jackson said. “I actually thought we played pretty well in those next 30 or 40 minutes before they scored the third goal. We had chances, and their goaltender played really well, but right now we’re fighting it. Scoring goals has really become an obstacle.”

With the series sweep, Notre Dame now falls into a tie for seventh in the conference, with just four games left to play before the CCHA playoffs begin. The road will get no easier for the Irish this weekend, as they’ll have to travel to take on No. 20 Miami. There,



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Freshman defenseman Robbie Russo corals the puck during Notre Dame’s Feb. 10 3-0 loss to Ferris State at the Compton Family Ice Arena.

Notre Dame will have to earn every goal and point, as it tries to climb out of its current three-game skid.

“I’m not worried about [getting six points at Miami], I’m just worried about getting any points right now,” Jackson said. “I want to make sure we focus on Friday night. We’ve got to get back on track. They’re a very good hockey team ... and we’re playing in their building, so I expect it to be a challenge.”

Each game takes on more importance in determining Notre Dame’s postseason fate. Johnson said the key

for the Irish might lie in doing the simple things right and letting everything else fall into place.

“I think that we just need to get back to the basics — back to what we do best,” Johnson said after Friday’s game. “And I think with the team we have, we need to know that good things will happen if we do.”

Notre Dame will look to snap its losing streak when it travels to Miami this Friday and Saturday.

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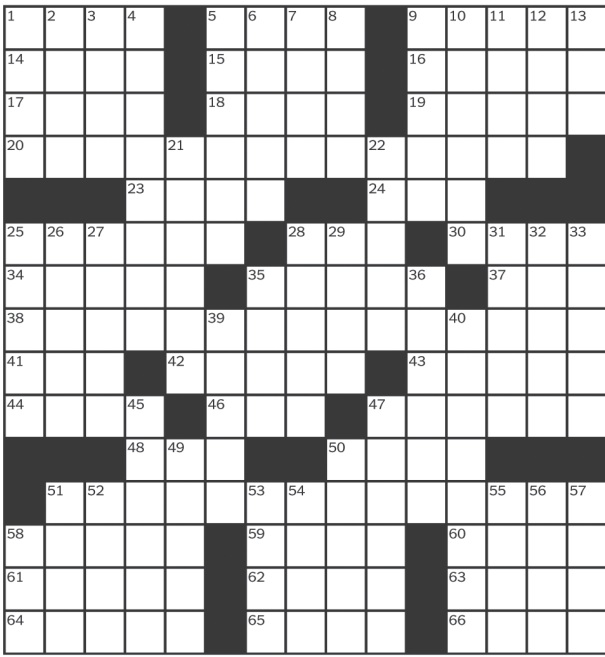
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Mike Posner, 24; Christina Ricci, 32; Josh Brolin, 44; Chynna Phillips, 44.

Happy Birthday: Put more emphasis on contracts, agreements, legal matters and finances, but also focus on your personal, emotional, mental and physical health and well-being. This is a year of personal reform, and it must be used to push you into a position that will eventually bring you greater freedom. Strive to reach your goals and you will excel. Your numbers are 6, 9, 17, 23, 30, 39, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take care of your responsibilities, but don't let others' burdens bring you down. Fair is fair, and doing too much for someone else will cause an imbalance in your relationship. Focus on what you are trying to achieve. You cannot buy love. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Offer your services to a worthy cause. What you do for others will enable you to turn a negative in your life into a positive. A secret you've been harboring must be dealt with in order to liberate you, emotionally and financially. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Work on a project that will bring you greater freedom. Doing something you love will make you realize what's important to you. An innovative plan coupled with a good marketing ploy will attract someone unique and willing to help. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't count on anything or anyone. It's important to follow through and to be prepared to go it alone if necessary. You aren't likely to win a popularity contest, but you can satisfy your own needs by acting on your plans. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): New experiences will be eye-opening. Talk to people who interest you or who share your goals. Love is on the rise, and spending time with someone you hold dear to your heart will enhance your relationship. Invest in home and family. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Go over some of the jobs you've been involved with lately and you will discover something about the way you deal with your peers and how you can more effectively pursue future goals. Let your imagination wander. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): An old idea or relationship will play a heavy role in a decision you make. Don't let your emotions lead to overspending or overindulgence. Focus on creative projects that will enhance your reputation and boost your confidence. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll question everything you do, as well as what others do and say. Consider your options and stick to a decision you come up with on your own. Doing what someone else wants will not lead to happiness. Express your thoughts. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Consider ways to boost your knowledge and skills. You want to be in a position that puts you in demand. Working on self-improvement in the confines of your own home will be worth it when you can show off the results. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stick close to home and take care of yourself. It's important not to get rundown or to take on too much when you should be focusing on you and fine-tuning what you have to offer. Protect your assets and possessions. ★★

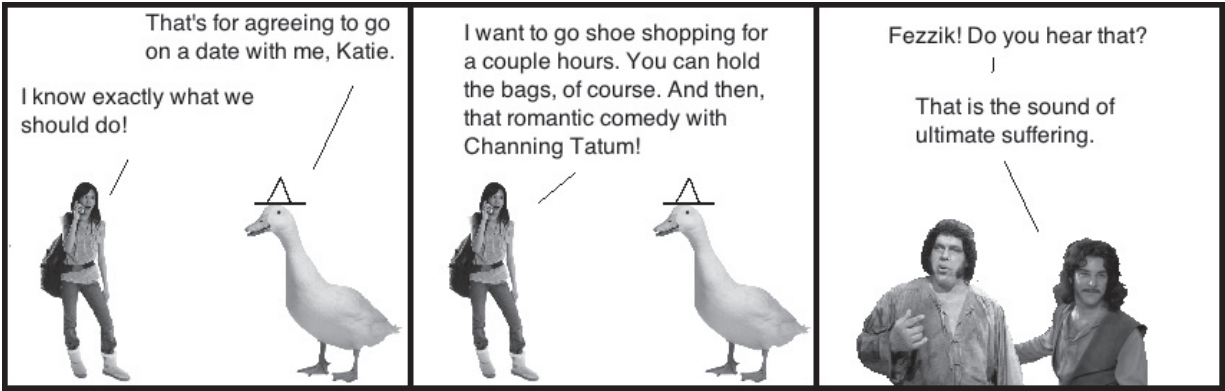
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do whatever it takes to secure your emotional, financial and physical state. Recognize what needs adjusting and commit to follow through until you are satisfied with the results you achieve. Love is highlighted. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Go over your personal papers and make adjustments that will ensure the stability of your financial situation. A partnership may be enticing, but make sure it isn't going to limit you or anyone else involved before you proceed. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are intuitively intelligent. You are charming, gracious and popular.

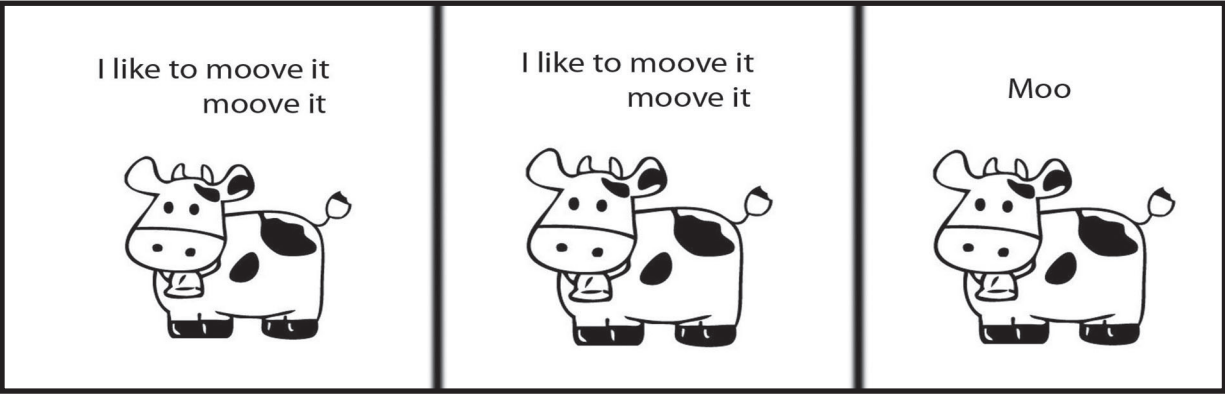
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Too high a climb



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West Virginia guard Christal Caldwell, left, celebrates after the Mountaineers defeated the Irish 65-63 at Purcell Pavilion on Sunday.

Mountaineer victory ends second-longest win streak in program history

By JOSEPH MONARDO

Sports Writer

On a day that was supposed to be a celebration of progress and a beacon of hope, No. 2 Notre Dame suffered its first loss in 22 games, falling to West Virginia 65-63 Sunday.

In the days leading up to the game, which was part of the national "Play 4Kay" event, the Irish raised \$204,682 to help combat cancer in the name of former North Carolina State coach Kay Yow. After the successful fundraising effort, the Irish (24-2, 11-1 Big East) found themselves in a dogfight with the Mountaineers (18-6, 8-3).

Notre Dame clung to a two-point lead entering the final 1:30 of regulation, but a field

goal from West Virginia junior center Asya Bussie as the shot clock expired tied the game with 37 seconds remaining. After a missed shot by junior guard Skylar Diggins, the Irish fouled Mountaineer sophomore guard Brooke Hampton with four seconds remaining. Hampton sunk both free throws and the Irish were unable to convert a last-second attempt as the Mountaineers escaped with a two-point upset.

"I feel like we have been building up to this game for a couple of weeks now. [We] haven't really played well in a long time and I think the pressure really got to us today," Irish coach Muffet McGraw

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Divers grab Big East lead

By JONATHAN WARREN

Sports Writer

Looking to capture their second Big East title in four years, the Irish traveled to Pittsburgh over the weekend for the Big East swimming and diving championships. Notre Dame finished the diving portion with a 57-point lead over the rest of the field.

Freshman Nick Nemetz led the team with two first place performances in the 1-meter and 3-meter dives, scoring 40 points for the Irish. Nemetz is the first Irish freshman to ever

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cooley leads charge against DePaul

By ANDREW GASTELUM

Sports Writer

The Irish broke the 80-point mark for the first time in conference play this season en route to a hard-fought 84-76 win over DePaul on Saturday. Led by a double-double from junior forward Jack Cooley, Notre Dame (17-8, 9-3 Big East) extended its season-high winning streak to six games.

"I told our team, that's as good of a win as the previous two Saturdays because of what we deposited in the bank," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We were very human today. For us to try to figure it out and get out of here and do enough to win, I'm really proud of them. We took another step forward."

DePaul (11-13, 2-10) troubled Notre Dame until the final minutes, pressuring the Irish backcourt with a full-court press that contributed to Notre Dame's 12 turnovers.

Tied at 68 with 6:38 left in the game, a technical foul on DePaul coach Oliver Purnell jump-started a 7-0 run for the Irish,



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Irish forward Jack Cooley, right, aims for the basket during Notre Dame's 84-76 victory over DePaul at home Saturday.

highlighted by a three-pointer from sophomore guard Alex Dragicevich.

After each team traded baskets, sophomore guard Eric Atkins' runner with 1:57 left gave the Irish a seemingly comfortable six-point lead before DePaul

sophomore guard Brandon Young hit a quick three-pointer to cut the lead back to three. But sophomore guard Jerian Grant hit four free throws late to add to his 15 second-half

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BENGAL BOUTS

Boxers compete in first round action

By BRIAN HARTNETT and
BRENDAN BELL

Sports Writers

133 Pounds

James "Golden" Doan def.
Jake "Rambo" Frego

The first fight of the day began with an evenly matched first round. The senior Doan began the round with a series of strong punches, but the sophomore Frego managed to keep the senior on the defensive for the remainder of the round.

Doan started the second round with an increased intensity, pushing Frego against the ropes at one point. Frego fought back with some hard punches, but Doan managed to fend off his attack.

The final round saw the two boxers trading series of punches. Frego finished the round with a flurry of punches, but Doan managed to

dodge several of them. In the end, Frego's efforts were not enough to overcome Doan's strong performance, and Doan won in a split decision.

Mark Frego def. Tim "Klinks" Klinker

Going back-to-back with his brother, freshman Mark Frego came out of the gate firing, starting the first round with an intense series of punches and keeping his fellow freshman Klinker on the defensive throughout the round.

The second round took on a considerably slower pace, with neither fighter landing many punches.

Klinker tried to turn the match around with an aggressive start to the third, but Frego regained control with a powerful set of punches, landing some body shots. This helped Frego earn the victory by unanimous decision.

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HOCKEY

Irish drop both ends of home-and-home against Ferris State

By JACK HEFFERON

Sports Writer

With the CCHA standings tightly grouped late in the season, No. 9 Notre Dame entered its weekend series against No. 5/6 Ferris State looking to earn valuable points in conference and get back to scoring goals. Despite firing 59 shots and controlling much of the flow of play, the team was unable to do either, as the Bulldogs (20-8-4, 14-6-4-1 CCHA) swept

the Irish (16-13-3, 11-10-3-0) and held them to just one goal on the weekend.

The weekend began with Friday's game at the Compton Family Ice Arena, where the Irish were shut out for the first time in nearly a year, but not for a lack of trying. Bulldogs senior goaltender Taylor Nelson stopped all 31 Irish shots and junior left winger Kyle Bonis scored twice in the second period, including a power play goal to open the scoring.

Ferris State sealed the deal in

the third period, killing off two consecutive powerplays to start the period. The Bulldogs jumped on an Irish turnover in the defensive zone to put the game away at 3-0. The Bulldogs may have only taken 23 shots, but their defense ensured that the lead would stand.

"Against a team like Ferris, you have to play a very patient game," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said Friday. "We may have played better, but we still turned the puck over in

a few key situations that ended up in goals against or in penalties, and that's how they beat us."

After Friday's loss, Notre Dame travelled to Big Rapids, Mich., for a chance to split the series Saturday. Sophomore goaltender Steven Summerhays got the start for the Irish after junior Mike Johnson lost the night before, but Summerhays did not survive the first period. After a few strong opening shifts, Notre Dame surrendered the opening goal less than five

minutes in, then let through another just 51 seconds later. With that, Jackson pulled Summerhays for Johnson, in an attempt to swing momentum.

"I didn't blame Steven on the first goal, but I thought the second one he should have had. [Pulling him] was more about the situation," Jackson said. "The timing of scoring two quick goals just went against everything we had talked about earlier in the day

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