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HHS compromise leaves questions for University

Professors say Obama administration's revision does not specify policy's exemptions for self-insured firms

By SARAH MERVOSH
Managing Editor

The revised contraception mandate, which shifts responsibility for funding contraception from religiously affiliated institutions to insurance companies, will apply to self-insured employers like Notre Dame, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced last week.

However, Notre Dame profes-

sors say the Obama administration has not specified how this exemption would work for institutions like the University.

"The problem is that, it's not clear how this compromise is going to be handled for firms that self-insure, which are the majority of large firms," economics professor William Evans said.

Law professor Carter Snead called last week's announcement a "vague, unenforceable

promise."

"[The Obama administration] promised to try to 'work it out' for self-insurers," Snead said. "No elaboration."

University Spokesman Dennis Brown said finding a solution for self-insured employers is among the "unresolved" issues University President Fr. John Jenkins and other religious leaders are working with the Obama administration to sort out.

Evans said it would not be financially feasible for Notre Dame to buy health insurance from a provider as a way for the University to not directly fund contraception.

"I think the costs would be prohibitive," Evans said. "If it were a cost-efficient way to be providing health insurance, they'd be doing it right now and they're not."

Evans said most large firms self-insure so risks are spread

out among a large pool of employees.

"It is a lot cheaper for them to be their own insurance company than to pay someone else," he said. "You want a large risk pool. If you have some fairly high expenses, that's going to be averaged out by people who have low expenses."

Brown said it would be "feasible, but very expensive" for

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Students celebrate Mardi Gras holiday

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

When most people think of Mardi Gras, they probably imagine raucous parades down Bourbon Street filled with music, floats and the infamous Mardi Gras beads.

But junior Emily Degan said one of the misconceptions about Mardi Gras is that it is scandalous or full of misbehavior.

"It's definitely not just Bourbon Street and craziness," she said. "It can be a family atmosphere. You can pick your own Mardi Gras. It's a strong misconception that it can't be fun for all ages."

Degan said this family atmosphere and sense of community are the best things about the Mardi Gras season, which runs from the Epiphany in January through Fat Tuesday, or the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

"Everything is so much fun

and everyone is in such a good mood," the New Orleans native said. "There is good food everywhere."

Degan said she returned to the Big Easy for a Mardi Gras ball last Wednesday.

"In New Orleans, we have debutante balls, known as Mardi Gras balls," Degan said. "A lot of the Mardi Gras organizations who put on parades have Mardi Gras balls, or just balls alone."

At Mardi Gras balls, female college juniors are presented into society at the ball as "maids in court," she said.

"The people in the ball were masked, but I was unmasked and wearing a white, large gown," she said.

Degan said she had almost forgotten what it was like to celebrate Mardi Gras, New Orleans-style. After the ball, she was able to attend some parades before she returned to

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People reach for beads as a float passes by during the St. Paul Carnival Association parade Sunday in Pass Christian, Miss.

Alumna addresses anorexia

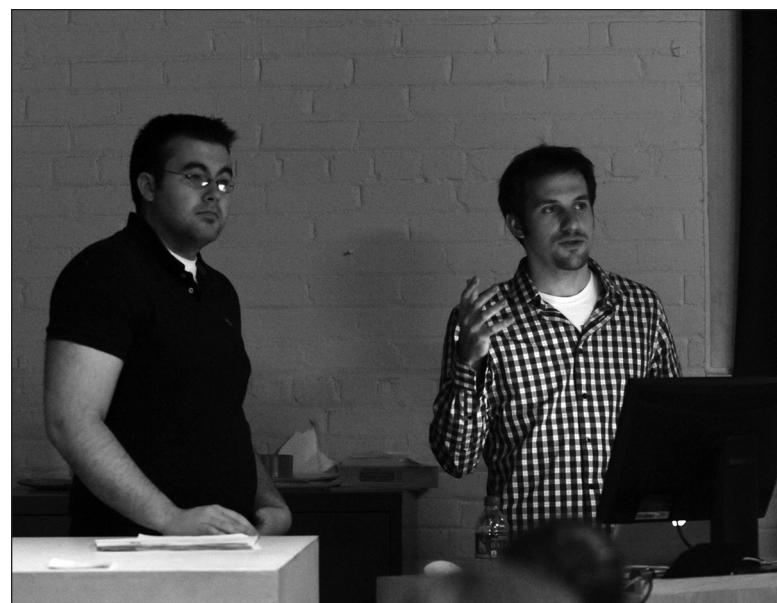
By KAITLYN RABACH
News Writer

As part of Love Your Body Week at Saint Mary's, Christina Grasso, a 2011 College alumna, shared the story of her personal battle with anorexia, titled "Down the Rabbit Hole," with the Saint Mary's community Monday.

Grasso, a current intern in the New York City fashion industry, likened her experience with anorexia to the title character's tumultuous journey in Alice in Wonderland.

"Like Alice, I felt trapped," said Grasso, who has fought anorexia for nearly a decade.

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Seniors Hal Melia and Ryan Belock speak at We "Art" ND, a meeting to discuss the arts at Notre Dame, on Monday in Riley Hall.

Scholar honored for scientific work

By DAN BROMBACH
News Writer

The Notre Dame faculty added another award to its collection of accolades when Kristin Shrader-Frechette, professor of philosophy and biological sciences, was honored with the Jean Mayo Global Citizenship Award in recognition of her body of work in both global health and pollution-related environmental justice.



Shrader-Frechette

Along with a group of Notre Dame students and several faculty members, Shrader-Frechette works to combat environmental injustice in poor and minority communities, she said.

"Environmental injustice occurs whenever poor people or minorities experience disproportionately heavier pollution burdens, as indeed they do throughout the world," Shrader-Frechette said.

She and her team provide free scientific and ethical assistance to poor communi-

ties to improve quality of life and serve as the community's voice and advocate, Shrader-Frechette said.

"Our goal in this environmental justice work is to save lives, especially the lives of children, to ensure use of the best science to analyze pollution problems and to help ensure that poor people and minorities can exercise their rights to know about, and to consent to, pollution risks," Shrader-Frechette said.

Although she is on sabbatical this semester, Shrader-Frechette said she is currently engaged in three unique

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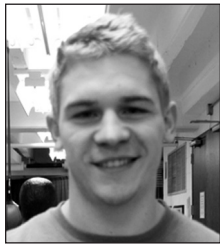
QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BENGAL BOUTS NICKNAME?



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senior
off-campus

"One tough son
of a' Beach"



Brian Tower

senior
off-campus

"Wobbly
Wobbidy"



Eric Tommarello

freshman
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"Fess the Mess"



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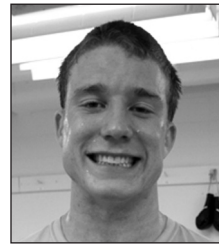
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Junior Neils Seim pounds a punching bag during training on Monday afternoon for his upcoming Bengal Bouts boxing match. The quarterfinal round begins at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

OFFBEAT

Woman heads to trial for stealing two dollar pumpkin

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A 23-year-old college student from New Mexico is scheduled to go to trial for allegedly stealing a small pumpkin worth two dollars.

KOAT-TV in Albuquerque, N.M., reports that Lauren Medina will go before a jury and Moriarity Magistrate Judge Steve Jones on Tuesday. She is accused of taking the pumpkin in October 2011 from McCall's Pumpkin Patch in Moriarty.

Her sister, Annette Atencio, says Medina spent \$75 on food that day but forgot to pay for the pumpkin she picked up as she was leav-

ing. Atencio says her sister offered to pay but was refused and then handcuffed.

Atencio says she's in disbelief that the theft charge against her sister was not dropped.

She says her sister could have pleaded guilty and be given probation, but refused.

Female inmates put pig image in police decal

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Female prison inmates are to blame for a prank that put the image of a pig in a decal on the doors of some Vermont state police cruisers.

Department of Corrections Commissioner Andy Pallito tells WCAX-TV fe-

male inmates at the prison work center in Windsor are responsible for altering the decal in 2009. But he says figuring out specifically who did it is impossible unless someone confesses.

The pig in the 16-inch decal was first noticed by a state police trooper washing his car Feb. 1.

One of the spots on a cow in the state crest was changed to the shape of a pig, a derogatory term for police.

State police say they believe the pig decal has been added to about 30 cruisers in the past year.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Students will have an opportunity to thank those who donate to the University at the "Thanksgiving in February" event held in the Sorin Room of LaFortune from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today. Free food will be provided. The event will be held tomorrow at the same time and place.

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive in the LaFortune Ballroom from noon to 6 p.m. today. Appointments are available through on-line registration.

The Association of Women in Matheamtics of Notre Dame will hold a bake sale in the LaFortune Elevator Lobby today from 3 to 6 p.m. Each item costs one dollar and Domer Dollars are accepted.

The run-off election for sophomore class council will take place via an online link from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. The two tickets proceeding to the run-off election are that of Kevin McMannis, Cristin Pacifico, Ryan Newell and Kai Gayoso and that of Tim Scanlan, Nathan Foje, Andrea Palm and Emily Voorde.

Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the Denny Moore Award for Excellence in Journalism, named after the University's late Associate Vice President for Public Affairs. Candidates may be nominated by faculty, staff or fellow students. The deadline is Friday, March 2.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, email detailed information about an event to obsnews.nd@gmail.com

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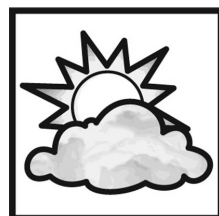
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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group discusses medical amnesty

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

Members of Campus Life Council (CLC) discussed medical amnesty and the avenues Notre Dame can take to combat the use of conflict minerals in electronics during their meeting Monday.

Student body president Pat McCormick asked council members if they believe the University should include some form of medical amnesty in its policies. Medical amnesty protects students in need of medical assistance, and the related Good Samaritan policy protects the student who seeks assistance for the student in need.

CLC has spoken in favor of medical amnesty in the past, McCormick said.

Ed Mack, O'Neill Hall rector, said the student body of Notre Dame is held to a higher standard of helping others, even if it means facing disciplinary risk.

"It always strikes me that it would seem better if the student body said, 'I stand first for my brother or sister,' rather than the perception of 'I'll worry about myself and maybe take care of one in need,'" he said. "I think more highly of you."

Ronald Vierling, rector of Morrissey Manor, said in two instances this year, students were not punished for helping other students, even though they themselves were intoxicated. These situations place the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) in a difficult position, he said.

"Did we penalize the student? Of course not," he said. "Frankly, our NDSP often casts a blind eye, but it's state law. There will be things they have to do to follow

through with that."

Vierling said a policy of medical amnesty is not needed if students uphold the level of honor expected of them and take appropriate action in difficult situations.

"Do we need something legislating an obvious standard?" he said.

McCormick said some students still hesitate to help peers in need for fear of punishment, despite the standard of integrity they are generally held to by supporting their fellow students.

"We believe this standard is innate and honor it, but from a student perspective, there are cases where there is no mercy shown," he said. "Instead, there's punitive measure taken against the student that runs counter to our higher aspirations as a community."

McCormick said the issue will be addressed in Wednesday's Senate meeting.

CLC also discussed the issue of conflict minerals and how it relates to the Notre Dame student body. McCormick said student advocates raised Student Government's awareness of the devastating effects of the mining of conflict minerals in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Regional scrambles for natural resources like these conflict minerals are the principal driver for human abuse and armed conflict in Congo, he said.

McCormick said Notre Dame has used its investment portfolio to influence global justice in the past, and it can do so now to make a statement about its position on this issue.

"It would advance compliance in companies to source where their minerals are coming from," he said. "Minerals are making their way from places with human atrocity and into our cell phones and electronics."

Students can take responsibility on the issue of conflict minerals by writing their congressmen and purchasing electronics from certain companies over others.

"Students can assign grades to congressmen and congresswomen to increase awareness," McCormick said. "And they can use consumer purchases as a way of voting for particular supply chains."

He said student advocacy can be a powerful form of leverage for broad issues like the problem of conflict minerals.

"The choices we make downstream to the extraction process are contributing to violence and human atrocity," McCormick said. "If we can get students involved, that creates a sense of broader solidarity beyond borders that Notre Dame aspires to."

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Ed Mack
O'Neill Hall rector



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Suzanne Wilson, a department chair at Michigan State University, discusses teacher education programs Monday in the Eck Center.

Professor speaks about teacher education

By CAROLINA WILSON
News Writer

With education reform emerging as a hot-button issue among the American public, Suzanne Wilson, university distinguished professor and chair of the Department of Teacher Education at Michigan State University, outlined her research on developing measures for tracking learning in teacher education programs during a lecture at the Eck Visitor Center on Monday.

In "Teacher Preparation in an Era of Reform," Wilson discussed the essentials of teacher education, the current American position on this topic and the ways in which her research could impact teacher reform.

"[My research] could be a revolution in how we think about teacher education problems," she said.

Wilson said her biggest question regarding teacher education reform concerns the current status of the issue in terms of its larger historical context, asking whether or not we are at a "historical moment" in the history of education in America.

Wilson spoke about three current themes in the dialogue about education reform: equity and equality, efficiency and effectiveness.

Regarding equity and equality, Wilson said it is our nation's duty to provide its children with equal educational opportunities.

"This is the promise we made as a nation, as the world's leading democracy, giving all of our children in our country an equal education," she said.

Wilson said this theme is the "center" of all discourse regarding education reform, and it constantly raises questions about the relative level of equality in our educational system.

According to Wilson, efficiency can be measured by a teacher's "added value," a new concept in education re-

form that refers to whether or not a student would be more successful in school based on the efficiency of his or her current teacher.

Wilson equated the final theme of effectiveness to the "discourse of accountability." Critics of the education system frequently point to the ineffectiveness of current teacher preparation methods, but Wilson said those critics should ask better questions and "fight for better programs."

These improved programs, or "alternate routes," are already in place in some school systems and include residency programs and other routes for people of color and male

teachers to diversify the teaching workforce, she said.

Wilson added she believes change in the educational reform for teachers is a positive one, but cited universities as being "extremely

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Suzanne Wilson
chair
Department of Teacher Education
Michigan State University

slow and getting in the way of change" in terms of teacher education reform.

One hindrance to progress is the disproportionate focus on ranking individual teachers, rather than making comparisons within teacher education programs themselves, Wilson said.


"We create standards. We create scoring rubrics. We rank ourselves. Everyone wants to be number one," she said.

In lieu of grading systems, Wilson suggested a new approach to teacher education reform based on the pragmatism of Frederick Taylor, encouraging leadership through practice rather than knowledge alone.

To conclude the lecture, Wilson said teacher education programs must renew their focus on instructing teachers in how to teach their students.

"We haven't spent enough time studying what it takes to help somebody learn something," she said.

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Elections in Mexico: Change or Continuity?


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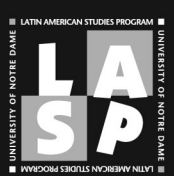
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Chef outlines raw food health benefits

By JILLIAN BARWICK
News Writer

Saint Mary's kicked off "Love Your Body Week" with a presentation by Michele Dahms, a certified raw food chef and lifestyle instructor, who spoke to students about the importance of healthy eating in everyday life, especially in relation to women's health.

"Women are the ones that have to take care of themselves first before taking care of their families," Dahms said. "That is why having 'Love Your Body Week' on your campus is so great."

Dahms said people have strayed from the real purpose of food as a source of nutrients, and obesity and other chronic health issues stem from the body's lack of nutrients as a result of an unhealthy diet.

Dahms presented the audience with a 10-year-old McDonald's burger and an order of fries that showed no signs of mold. She also held up a 7-Eleven Slurpee cup containing more than 20 packets of sugar inside, the equivalent of the Slurpee's sugar content.

"An average teenager eats a cup of sugar a day currently," Dahms said. "Our bodies are getting more and more calories without the nutrients because of the foods we eat, which is not helping our systems."

Adhering to a healthy diet can improve a person's overall lifestyle, from increasing mental clarity to maintaining a healthy weight and improving skin quality, Dahms said. "As you start eating healthier, you can get to know your body better, the things it likes and doesn't like, and what healthy options are a good fit for you," she said.

In a PowerPoint presentation, Dahms outlined the basic principles of vegetarianism and veganism and different types of raw foods to demonstrate some methods of

healthier living.

"Some of the main food groups of raw foods are fresh fruit, vegetables, natural fats and grains," Dahms said. "Nutritional benefits from raw foods include vitamins, which are complete nutrients in whole foods and isolated nutrients. Raw foods also contain enzymes, which are catalysts for all of our bodily functions."

The digestive system functions more regularly when it receives the enzymes it needs to break down foods,

Dahms said, and raw food provides a good source of these enzymes and other substances involved in basic functions of the body.

"Water, protein, natural fats, digestion aid and acid-

alkaline balance are all attributes of raw foods," Dahms said. "Cells function better when balanced, and being acidic weakens the immune system, so it is important to have a balance between acid and alkaline."

Contrary to popular belief, people do not have to make dramatic changes to improve their diet and lifestyle, Dahms said. Drinking more water, eating salad before lunch and dinner and consuming raw fruits and vegetables as snacks can improve diets, she said.

"You have to be the ones that take the responsibility. It's the choices that you make that no one can make for you," she said. "Have your friends join in with you."

In conjunction with the Real Food Campaign on campus, Saint Mary's will dedicate the week of April 16-20 to food, with each day focusing on a different aspect of food.

"This is the first generation that will not outlive their parents in age," Dahms said. "If you don't take care of your body, where are you going to live?"

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"Women are the ones that have to take care of themselves first before taking care of their families."

Michele Dahms
chef and lifestyle instructor

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Notre Dame to switch from self-insurance to an outside insurance company, adding this option was a "moot point" based on Sebelius' announcement last week.

Though the University is self-insured, Notre Dame works with Meritain Health, a third-party administrator that processes insurance claims and provides administrative services to the University.

Donna Hofmeister, director of marketing for Meritain, said

the company is "still evaluating" if and how the latest policy changes will affect Meritain. However, she said if the law requires Meritain to pay for contraception for Notre Dame employees, the company plans to do so.

"We intend to fully comply with any obligations that result from this change," she said.

As it stands, Evans said the

Obama administration has not figured out how to accommodate religiously affiliated employers that self-insure.

"We intend to fully comply with any obligations that result from this change."

Donna Hofmeister
director of marketing
Meritain

"I have no idea what their path is going to be and how to get out of this box," he said. "There is no easy solution to this."

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campus.

"I hadn't been home for Mardi Gras since I was a freshman," she said. "I forgot about the whole season. In New Orleans, it's not just one day. There are three or four parades every weekend. It was fun being home."

Each parade is different from the next, Degan added. From throwing beads to attending multiple parades in one day, the parade culture of New Orleans is an integral part of the Mardi Gras celebration.

"Everyone on the floats is masked," she said. "There is this big culture around the parade. Floats are often satirical, making fun of local

politicians or controversial topics. Different crews put on different parades, and each is known for something. One might be the political one, while one has just male or female riders."

Degan said she will not be able to celebrate Mardi Gras today in true fashion as she normally does due to an untimely exam.

"I will wear my beads and eat some New Orleans-style food at the dining hall," she said.

Sophomore Elizabeth Owers said she didn't appreciate the glitz and glam and community generated by a New Orleans Mardi Gras until she came to Notre Dame.

"It's more than just what you see on television," the New Orleans native said. "I'm lucky that I got to spend time before coming here as both a spectator and participant in

Mardi Gras parades."

Owers said the Mardi Gras season offers something for everyone.

"For us — my sister and myself — we always marched in parades," she said. "You also get to spend time with your family, and it's a great showing of community."

Though she won't be returning home for Mardi Gras, her family will be making a trip to campus to spend time together.

"I'll miss being a part of [the celebration in New Orleans]," she said. "I didn't realize how much I miss being there. Notre Dame doesn't really do anything to celebrate, beyond the dining halls. But my family will visit, so I'll see them."

Traditionally children get the entire week off of school, Owers said.

"You spend all day at the parades," she said. "Or sometimes you go on vacation. It's about spending time with your family."

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pro-bono environmental justice projects around the world. She is studying the fallout from radiation leakage after the earthquake and nuclear reactor disaster on children in Fukushima, Japan, the effects of a hazardous waste dump on Native Americans in upstate New York and the harmful impact of a Superfund site on an African-American community on Chicago's South Side.

Shrader-Frechette said she and her colleagues

use concrete evidence of environmental injustice to provide victimized communities with the opportunity to stand up to wealthy, powerful polluters.

"By providing detailed scientific and public-health evidence and assessments about specific health threats that a given community faces, then sharing these results with the members of the community, often we can help empower them so that they can force noxious facilities to clean up and to obey the law," she said.

Despite the University's relatively small student population, Notre Dame has far more students who are passionate about and willing to engage in this kind of environmental justice work, Shrader-Frechette said.

"Every year I find at least five times more students here than at large state schools who want to do this work," she said. "Notre Dame's incred-

ible students make all this pro-bono work possible. I love them."

Shrader-Frechette added she hopes the award will bring increased recognition to her cause and help to combat public ignorance of environmental injustice.

"A major current problem is that people are often unaware that poor people and minorities are the 'canaries in the coal mines' of pollution," she said.

Although it may not impact the lives of most people, Shrader-Frechette said all people have a responsibility to fight environmental injustice.

"Stopping environmental injustice is our duty because we unfairly benefit, both medically and economically, when we [perhaps unintentionally] impose our environmental burdens on poor people and minorities, especially children," she said.

"If we don't work to help stop this injustice, we are part of the problem."

Shrader-Frechette said being recognized for her work is a truly humbling experience.

"My only concern, after receiving the award, is that many Notre Dame faculty members deserve it more than I do," Shrader-Frechette said.

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Kristin Shrader-Frechette
professor of philosophy and biological sciences

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professor of philosophy and biological sciences

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"I never imagined embarking on a journey that could nearly kill me, but if there is anything I have learned throughout all of this, it is that if it happened to me, it can happen to anyone."

Grasso grew up in a small town in Pennsylvania with dreams of working in the fashion industry. As a young girl, she focused on dance, gymnastics and fashion, all of which place value on image perfection and thinness.

"I have always been very driven," Grasso said. "I struggled for perfection in all of my endeavors. I tried to numb the pain of never feeling good enough."

Her illness began at age 13, but Grasso was not officially diagnosed with anorexia until she was a 19-year-old student at Saint Mary's. She said she remembers dieting for the first time at age seven, and by eighth grade, she began to eat even less.

"I made accomplishment after accomplishment," Grasso said. "But nothing felt as good as losing another pound. I was running on self-hatred."

Grasso said her illness worsened as she grew older. Her loved ones began to express their concerns for her health, but she herself could not grasp the seriousness of her own problem.

"I was blindly unaware of the fact that the only one I was hurting was myself," Grasso said.

In addition to dramatic changes in eating habits, Grasso's anorexia also included excessive workouts, experimentation with laxatives and

dietetics and frequent purging.

Grasso explained thinness is just one side effect of anorexia, as she also experienced hair loss, bruising, low body temperature, low blood pressure, low heart rate and susceptibility to multiple organ failure.

"I could have died at any given moment," Grasso said.

"I felt like in my four years here eating disorders were such a taboo topic. We really need to get the dialogue going and make sure that people know it is not a shameful thing to have an eating disorder."

Christina Grasso
2011 alumna
Saint Mary's

"I never wanted or intended to die, but every night I went to bed not knowing if I would wake up."

Grasso continued to spiral into her own "rabbit hole" until one life-threatening incident opened her eyes to the seriousness of her illness.

"Because my body had such a lack of nutrients, I fainted quite often," Grasso said. "One time while driving outside of Chicago, I blacked out at the wheel. It was around that time, my junior year in college, that I acknowledged I have a problem."

With the support of her family and friends, Grasso engaged in several different types of treatment, but she continued to relapse into the disease.

After several unsuccessful treatments, Grasso's physician recommended inpatient treatment at a center for eating disorders.

"This is when I realized there were no further treatments for me to try," Grasso said. "I was at the end of the line."

Grasso was released from the treatment center in mid-

August and now resides in New York City, where she works in a public relations firm within the fashion industry. She is currently in recovery, but she said each day is a fight for survival.

Grasso said one of her biggest challenges has been working in an industry where perfection and thinness are seen as the norm.

"I must continue to always be conscious of my thoughts," Grasso said. "This is a difficult industry for me to work in, but I do it not only for the little girl that always dreamed of being here, but also for the person that this illness has shaped today."

Laura Glaub, Love Your Body Week co-chair, expressed her gratitude for Grasso and said she is an inspiration to herself and others.

"I was planning on doing Love Your Body Week activities for one day, but Christina inspired me to make it a week-long event," Glaub said. "She is such an inspiration and her presentation is a great kick off for the rest of the week's events. She incorporates family, friends and the media, all topics that will be covered this upcoming week."

Grasso said events like Love Your Body Week have the power to make changes in society's perception of eating disorders and body image.

"I felt like in my four years here eating disorders were such a taboo topic. We really need to get the dialogue going and make sure that people know it is not a shameful thing to have an eating disorder," Grasso said. "This idea of it being kept hush-hush just perpetuates how victims thrive off of secrecy. Events like this show it is okay to talk about it."

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Glenn celebrates orbit anniversary

Associated Press

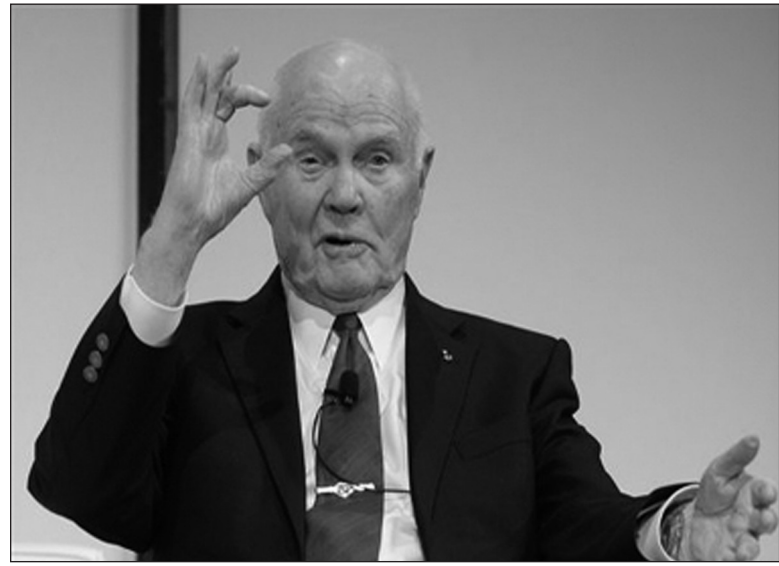
COLUMBUS, Ohio — John Glenn made his historic space-flight alone in 1962 but celebrated its 50th anniversary Monday among hundreds of people within his orbit, from fellow headline-making astronauts and NASA's administrator to family, friends and students at Ohio State University, where the public affairs school bears his name.

They watched footage of the launch, laughed at his enduring sense of humor and showered him with applause, praising the man who became the first American to orbit the Earth on Feb. 20, 1962.

Neil Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon, told the audience at the celebratory gala that Glenn was "no ordinary pilot." There was a need for leadership in the space program in the early 1960s, Armstrong said, and Glenn "literally rose to the occasion."

The former astronaut and U.S. senator from Ohio, now 90, circled the Earth three times in five hours and was viewed as a national hero for helping to lead the United States into space.

"I think the hero thing is in the




Senator John Glenn speaks at a celebration Monday honoring his legacy on the 50th anniversary of his orbit around the Earth.

eye of the beholder," Glenn said during a question-and-answer session with Annie, his wife of nearly seven decades. "I don't look at myself that way."

Asked about his heroes, Glenn said he admires different qualities in different people, such as the perseverance of former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona, who was severely injured in a shooting last year.

Her husband Mark Kelly, a retired astronaut and commander of the space shuttle Endeavour's final mission, was the night's featured speaker and said he was honored to be sitting between two of his own heroes, Armstrong and Glenn. He brought the audience a message from Giffords: "Be passionate. Be courageous. Be strong. Be your best."



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INSIDE COLUMN

Lamentation of the Disney Channel

Once upon a time, there lived a little girl who grew up without the Disney Channel. She didn't spend Saturdays with Lizzie McGuire or nights anticipating DCOMs. She grew up wondering what "Zenon" was and what Johnny Tsunami was all about. She made it through childhood, but there was still a part of her that wondered what she had been missing.

Carrie Turek

Scene Writer

As a child who grew up deprived of the Disney Channel, I entered college hoping to make up for lost time. Sadly, though, when I flip to channel 50, Kim Possible and Ron Stoppable have been replaced by cartoon fish and dancing preteens. What happened to the good old days of "Even Stevens" and "Lizzie McGuire?" Did Phil ever return to the future?

I remember growing up watching recorded versions of Disney Channel Original Movies on VHS. My best friend would tape the specials, and I would watch them after they aired. I still remember a very young Hilary Duff in "Cadet Kelly" and a pre-scandal Lindsay Lohan in "Get a Clue." Today though, all that's left are sour Lemonade Mouths and triple-threat stars who can neither sing, dance nor act. Where has the quality gone?

For some reason, I always had this idea that the Disney Channel "release" of an original movie was a big deal — something that called for popcorn and late-nights. As I got older (let's say somewhere around age 18), that idea began to wear off.

Still cable-less at home, college gave me a much anticipated opportunity to see what I had been missing. As I soon learned, it wasn't much.

I experienced my first Disney Channel release in real time during the first few weeks of college freshman year. It was Sept. 3, 2010. I watched "Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam." Epic, I know.

But "Camp Rock 2" did not come with popcorn. I don't think it even came on during the night, when all real movie-watching takes place. The child in me was disappointed. But still I held on to hope that "Camp Rock" was just a fluke — that the real joy and magic of the Disney Channel would still come to light.

My new college friends laughed at me as I tried to catch "Hannah Montana" and "Suite Life." They could not seem to understand my need to prove how great the Disney Channel was. But even I became disillusioned.

Soon, even "Hannah Montana" left the air. Zack and Cody were relegated to the 2 a.m. slot and new shows featuring identical dancing children cropped up. "Fish Hooks" aired much too often, and "Shake It Up" was a mystery to me.

"Phineas and Ferb" was the channel's only saving grace. The hopeful Disney fan in me is just plain sad that all of Disney's talent lies in two (very cute) cartoon boys.

So, Disney Channel, bring back the favorites and "getcha' head in the game."

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Holy Half Marathon, feat. You

More than anything else, the Holy Half is about the runners. As race directors, we take special considerations to pay individual attention to each person participating in the Holy Half. We have hired professional photographers to capture everyone's uniquely definitive race moments, we will acknowledge runners by name as they finish, and we have rented more port-a-potties than in years past to ensure that no one experiences any distress during the race. Fun fact: In the business, an extra-large port-a-potty is known as a "Comfort Inn." We are still waiting for word on the "La Quinta."

Carolyn Green

Guest Columnist

Running should be about you — your motivations, your goals and your desires. Some people run for fitness, others run to procrastinate on homework and others run to simply get away. Most often, people run for a combination of many different factors. For me, running is personal time with myself. I find I have my best, most intimate thoughts while running. Never have I gone for a run and regretted it afterwards.

In the same fashion, people run the Holy Half for many different reasons. Sophomore Jake Frego says he is running the Holy Half to "discover where Carroll is located." Frego, who participated in the Holy Half last year, loves running for the companionship aspect of the sport. He prefers not to use an iPod when he runs, but to ponder life's persistent questions with the person running next to him. Frego's go-to race

strategy is pre-race carbo-loading, so he is hoping South Dining Hall is well stocked with spaghetti the night before the Holy Half.

Cassie Mead, who moved to South Bend from Hawaii with her boyfriend, a Submarine Lieutenant and Notre Dame ROTC instructor, is running the Holy Half as her first attempt at the 13.1-mile race. Mead works for the Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association, for which she is doing a separate fundraiser along with the Holy Half. Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, or HCM, is sometimes referred to as the "enlarged heart" disease, and is the leading killer of young athletes. Even though the Holy Half course will be slightly colder than Mead's favorite place to run (Diamond Head Crater in Honolulu), Mead will rely on her dedication to her cause and her running partner, Lauren Fenlon, to make it to the finish.

Fenlon and Mead run together on a regular basis. Fenlon played lacrosse for Notre Dame and graduated in 2011 with a major in sociology. She now works as an administrative intern in the Athletics Department and says her favorite thing about running is, "You don't need anything; you just lace up your shoes and get out there!" Fenlon's race strategy is to stick with Mead and remember her favorite quote, "No matter how hard life gets, we only have one chance, which is why we owe it to ourselves to make the best of it for as long as we have it."

Both Seamus Donegan and Kerri Whelan are from New York State, but they come to the Holy Half for different

reasons. Donegan has never run more than ten miles before, and is running the Holy Half for fun and for the challenge. Whelan, on the other hand, says she is "all about endurance," and her favorite place to run is "circles around her competitors." Whelan names Charlie Weis as her celebrity crush and says her favorite part about running is the finish. Donegan, whose guilty pleasures include warm chocolate chip cookies from South Dining Hall and anything baked by Adam Joslyn, has no specific race strategy. He has only run one race before, a 5-K, but says, "We value the things we work the hardest for."

On March 24, people of all shapes, sizes, backgrounds and experience levels will cross the finish line of the Holy Half. No matter their differences, or why they choose to run the Holy Half, they all deserve equal recognition. Of course, not everyone will walk away with a medal (this isn't CYO basketball), but all will have accomplished something great. Some people will finish their first half-marathon, others will set a new personal record and everyone will help to raise money for local South Bend charities.

Decide why you will run the Holy Half. To borrow a quote from that one famous guy, "Run like a champion today."

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Another belief of mine: that everyone else my age is an adult, whereas I am merely in disguise."

Margaret Atwood
Canadian novelist

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WEEKLY POLL

What are you giving up for Lent?

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My personal vision of purgatory

I had a harrowing experience this weekend. My idyllic Saturday at the Art Institute of Chicago was interrupted by a prophetic vision of purgatory. If you don't mind, I am going to use my column this week to try to make sense of the awful, awful things I was shown. I hope some of you will get something out of this, too, or else my vision was in vain.

Arnav Dutt

Guest Columnist

Article One: Whether There Is a Purgatory After This Life?

Objection 1. It would seem that there is not a Purgatory after this life. For it is said (Kodak 14:13-16): "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. From henceforth now, saith the Spirit, they are spared having to look at all those awful vacation photos that no one ever looks at, let alone the nebbishes who take them. For our God is a God of love, and He reserveth such torment only for the gravest, most unrepentant sinners."

Objection 2. If indeed there exists a place where people have to look at my pictures from the Art Institute for an indefinite period of time, it wouldn't be that bad. Like, I took the cutest pictures! Karen saw them, and she

absolutely loved them. She said the angles I took were "artsy." Why did you get me this camera for Christmas if you aren't interested in my pictures? You're so unsupportive.

On the contrary, after this life, there are some not yet loosed from sins, who can be loosed therefrom; and the like have charity, without which sins cannot be loosed, for "charity covereth all sins" [Proverbs 10:12]. Hence they will not be consigned to everlasting death, since "he that liveth and believeth in Me, shall not die for ever" [John 11:26]; nor will they obtain glory without being cleansed, because nothing unclean shall obtain it, as stated in the last chapter of the Apocalypse (verse 14). Therefore some kind of cleansing remains after this life.

Further, Gregory of Nyssa points out that, so long as the images you are capturing with your camera aren't themselves immoral or copyrighted or anything like that, and so long as you are not acting contrary to any nearby signs banning the use of cameras, or perhaps just flash photography, the act of taking pictures itself is morally neutral. But as Origen pointed out before him, taking too many vacation pictures, particularly of things that just aren't that special or that aren't

even unique to you, is unequivocally a venial sin.

Indeed, somewhat amazingly, the rest of Tradition, Scripture and Aristotle sheds no more light on the matter of the sinfulness of taking immoderately many vacation pictures. I would go out on a limb and suggest that blowing through a gallery while taking still-life pictures of paintings that have already been photographed several thousand times by professionals really ought to stamp your ticket to gehenna. But that's just a hunch.

As such, there has to be somewhere to put people who pull those shenanigans during their purgation. And, the fact is, we are no less free from sin than we are from the urge to take stupid pictures now and then, when we find ourselves removed from our normal routine.

I answer that from the conclusions we have drawn above (III, 86, 4-5; Supplement, 12, 1), it is sufficiently clear that there is Purgatory after this life. For if the debt of punishment is not paid in full after the stain of sin has been washed away by contrition, nor again are venial sins always removed when mortal sins are remitted, and if justice demands that sin be set in order by due punishment, it follows that one who after contrition

for his fault and after being absolved, dies before making due satisfaction, is punished after this life.

And it totally follows that you have to watch a slideshow of all the lonely, unwanted, unloved vacation photos ever taken while you're there.

Reply to Objection 1. Look, I saw what I saw. It's there. Maybe if you stop taking your camera everywhere, you'll only have to sit through the equivalent of a graduation party slideshow before you're done.

Reply to Objection 2. Thanks to Google, we can now look up perfectly good professional photographs of just about every great work of art ever. For example, the Art Institute of Chicago has a web-database of pictures of its works. I understand if you want to pose in your pictures, but if you're just taking pictures of things that have already been shot ... As a side note, many of the world's best museums have teamed up with Google to create the Google Art Project, which ... Wait! — why are you walking away? Come back! I'm not finished!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Irish against ALS: A call to action

Here at Notre Dame, it seems like we have a group for everything. But I've noticed a gap. ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, doesn't have representation here. That might seem logical, because it's a neurological disease that affects voluntary muscles and is usually contracted between 40 and 60 years of age. However, ALS is becoming more common, and there is no cure and little treatment. You may have seen Steve Gleason's story at the Superbowl, or Friday night's episode of "Say Yes to the Dress," which featured a young couple's struggle with ALS. More and more people are contracting ALS and the ages are getting younger. The next victim could be any of us, and if it's not today, it could be soon.

ALS is not very well known. I didn't find out about it until my grandma passed away from it a few years ago. I didn't have an outlet and didn't know how to help. I want to change that for anyone who is struggling, and I want to give direction for those looking to help. I'd like to start a group for support, awareness and fundraising for ALS. I want to start here and get the word out so that we can spread awareness and find a cure. Students here have a lot of drive. I know we can make a difference and prevent more cases in the future. In the meantime, those of us here who have experienced the disease can support each other.

I can't do all of this on my own. I'm looking to see who else is interested and who else has been affected. I encourage you to check out the Facebook page "Irish Against ALS" and look out for more news and information on campus. This disease seems like a remote possibility, but the next victim could very easily be one of us. Let's do all that we can to keep this disease from taking any of the Notre Dame family.

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The advertising photoshop epidemic and you

When the impossibly skinny get even skinnier, there's really only one product to blame: Photoshop. But Photoshop doesn't misguide people — people with Photoshop misguide people.

A new bill proposed in Arizona last week would require all airbrushed ads to come with disclaimers like "This photo has been altered by post-production techniques. Similar results may not be achieved." The Arizona Republic reported that "the bill has little to no chance of success."

Rep. Katie Hobbs (R-Phoenix) introduced House Bill 2793 in order to address advertising that depicts people looking more idealistic than the product would be able to provide for a customer. Arizona is the first state to consider such legislation.

"We need to bring attention to these body-image issues, especially with young girls," Hobbs told The Republic. "Girls need to know that they don't have to look perfect."

Many readers of articles concerning this legislation give negative feedback. The overall feeling is that the bill is a waste of time, and that politicians have bigger issues to deliberate over.

Another large consensus I was able to draw from the audience was that the legislation was unnecessary as Photoshopped models in advertisements is now common knowledge. Advertisers would be able to save time and ink by instead labeling those ads that weren't Photoshopped.

But the same could be said for cigarettes — the fact that they can lead to lung cancer is common knowledge now in the U.S., but the law still requires cigarette advertisements to contain a disclaimer. Why should ads promoting impossible physical standards be any different?

But the question lies on more than how this would change a reader's perception of an ad, but also how this would impinge on advertisers. Would it be a positive change, encouraging advertisers and product developers to work harder on their products in order to show truthful results in their advertisements? Or

would this encroach unfairly on the artistic creativity of advertisers?

This bill will likely not pass further than simple speculation, but it still opens up the debates on the concept of truth in advertising versus freedom of interpretation.

However, I believe advertisers have a responsibility to portray truth just as much as a journalist. At the end of the day, advertisers answer to a client, but that reality should not put the advertiser's integrity in jeopardy.

One can argue that any form of Photoshopping in an ad is a means of artistic expression — like art, it represents a window into an idealized fiction. But art is meant to inspire emotional introspection. Art doesn't pretend to be reality. Ads sporting a 6-foot-4 woman with a 13-inch waist, with a product name sprawled across the page, illustrate an unattainable perfection presented as an attainable one.

The simple fact is, regardless of how well-known the practice of Photoshopping models to sell products is, it is also a lie. Sure, most people know it's a lie, but that doesn't make it any less of one.

The products that these pictures of physically manipulated men and women are selling cannot do what the models promise. No amount of Dolce & Gabbana clothing can make Madonna look 25. No, Adele did not lose 15 pounds for that Vogue photo shoot. And I don't care if she has an inch-thick layer of Lancome coverup on her face; Julia Roberts' face is not actually plastic.

I, for one, would like to see some form of this law pass in the U.S. It would be nice to see how advertisers (at least, those uncreative and clichéd ones) deal with having their crutch pulled out from under them. Maybe then we would see more real art in advertising.

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SCENE

Selects

Fat Tuesday Edition

There's never been a better day to indulge in all your favorite foods than Fat Tuesday. With Lent just around the corner, scarf down all the best food you can eat while you can. With so many options to choose from, this special Fat Tuesday edition of Scene Selects is your guide to the best seasonal food around.

1 Shrimp Creole

This classic Louisiana Creole shrimp and rice dish is the perfect culinary complement to any Mardi Gras celebration. You may not be able to celebrate in New Orleans, but you can bring the holiday to Notre Dame with just a pinch of cayenne seasoning, vegetables, shrimp and white rice. So wear some festive purple, green and gold beads around your neck and celebrate with delicious New Orleans cuisine before the Lenten fast begins.

2 Easter Candy

Luckily, the wonderful workers at the Huddle have put out the Easter candy in time to gorge on before Lent and Spring Break diets start. Whether your poison is pure sugar or chocolate, you are covered with a selection ranging from Peeps to caramel-filled eggs. These treats are perfect for pick-me-ups in between classes or late night indulgences. Feast away!

3 Beignets

While beignet literally means "bump" in French, it's more fondly known as the deep-fried, smothered-with-powdered-sugar pastry. Beignets are an essential part of any Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans. You can buy them stuffed with fruit or maple fillings, covered in frosting. It's like a donut married a cake and had powdered-sugar beautiful children together. They are best served with a nice cappuccino or hot chocolate. Beignets are the bomb.

4 Shamrock Shakes

You may not be quite in the mood for St. Patrick's Day celebrations just yet, but it is never too early for a Shamrock Shake. To make up for no-meat Fridays, why not treat yourself to the perfect minty treat courtesy of your neighborhood McDonald's? Even for mint-phobes, this shake is the perfect antidote to perma-cloud blues, with the sweet overpowering the mint for a dessert to please all.

5 King Cake

One of the best traditions of Mardi Gras is the colorful king cake. This is the centerpiece covered in purple, yellow and green sprinkles and frosting. The cake is usually baked in a twisted version of the bundt cake. Not only is this dessert delicious, but each cake hides a small toy baby. Whoever has the piece with the baby in it is the king for the night. Varieties include cream cheese, praline, cinnamon, strawberry, chocolate and more.



Lenten promises:
a how-to guide

By MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL
Scene Writer

Happy Mardi Gras! Tomorrow Lent begins, and we all know what that means — we have to give something up. Oh, and Easter arrives in about eight weeks. Your Lenten promise has to be the perfect mix of God-fearing Catholicism and temperance. This can often be a tough balance to strike, but it is achievable. And so here are some tips for devising your Lenten promise as you enjoy the fondue in the dining hall today.

To begin, here are two basic tenets of any good Lenten promise:

- 1. One-up your friends**
Life's a competition, and nothing says Christian spirit like making your love for Jesus into one. It's all well and good to give up chocolate for Lent, but everyone does that. Give up chocolate and run two miles everyday. Your friend is only going on Facebook once a week? Have someone change your password for the entirety of the Lenten season. And remember, in order to best one-up your friends, don't announce your promise until your friends have already told you theirs.
- 2. Make sure everyone knows**
What else are social networks for but to publicize your inner-most thoughts to the world. This Lenten season, use Twitter or Facebook unless you gave them up to let the world know your promise and also your progress on keeping that promise. Maybe even think about making yourself a Lenten Twitter, like @fastingforjesus. Sample tweets for someone giving up candy can include, "Walked past the candy wall today without even looking at the Swedish fish #winningLent #20days," or "Bit into a Kit Kat bar, spit it out but still feel guilty #sinner #grotto-tripnow."

And here are some other things to possibly consider when making your Lenten promise:

- 3. Don't give up something you need**
If you have a serious caffeine addiction and you cannot function without a morning and afternoon cup of coffee/tea/Diet Coke, don't give that up. For one, you will just be cranky and annoy all your friends. And two, your school-work will suffer, and neither you, nor Jesus, nor your parents would want that. Lent is for giving up superfluous things in life, not essentials. Try trading the Triple Grande Nonfat Upside Down Caramel Macchiato Extra Hot for just a regular coffee. Your wallet will also thank you.
- 4. Give yourself Sundays**
Lent commemorates Jesus fasting for 40 days in the desert, but Lent itself is 47 days long. No one expects you to be better than Jesus, so take a free pass on Sundays to even out the numbers. But in all seriousness, sometimes you have a really bad week or a stressful night and that bar of chocolate or 20 minutes on Facebook is exactly what you need to decompress. Catholic guilt can be overpowering, but don't let it get to you too much. Notre Dame can already be a high stress situation. Don't allow Lent to make it any more stressful the season is about taking time to reflect on your life, not make things monumentally harder.
- 5. If you don't want to give something up, do something**
Sometimes it is really hard to figure out what you want to give up for Lent. So don't give up anything. Devote an hour or two a week to helping out at a local community organization or through a group on campus. There are tons of organizations that are always looking for volunteers. You'll put your Catholicism into action and help better the South Bend community. And who knows, you might like it so much you'll continue doing it after Lent.

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This Week's Mix — By the Bayou



by Courtney Eckerle

- 1 "Do Whatcha Wanna" — Rebirth Brass Band
- 2 "Lulu Revenue Dans La Village" — Ann Savoy
- 3 "Go To The Mardi Gras" — Professor Longhair
- 4 "Ain't That Lovin' You Baby?" — Jimmy Reed
- 5 "Iko Iko" — The Dixie Cups
- 6 "Dig A Little Deeper (feat. The Pinnacle Gospel Choir)" — Jenifer Lewis
- 7 "Funky Liza" — New Orleans Nightcrawlers
- 8 "Cote Gelee Two Step" — Lost Bayou Ramblers
- 9 "Jambalaya on the Bayou" — Hank Williams
- 10 "Down in New Orleans" — Dr. John
- 11 "Down in New Orleans (Finale)" — Anika Noni Rose

No Mardi Gras is complete without the Cajun music that brings Bourbon Street right to South Bend. Well, not really, but it's fun to pretend. With all the fiddling, French and sweet saxophone, it's not hard to get into the Mardi Gras spirit. Just don't get too crazy with the beads. Let's start this playlist off with a Cajun-fried version of "I Love Rock 'n Roll," end it with songs from "The Princess and the Frog" soundtrack and get crazy ya'll.

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By COURTNEY ECKERLE
Scene Writer

Heartless Bastards truly lived up to its name by releasing its new album "Arrow" on Valentine's Day. Hailing from Austin, Texas, the band is fronted by lead singer Erika Wennerstrom. The group got its name from a pub trivia game asking what the name of Tom Petty's band was (The Heartbreakers), and one of the wrong options was "The Heartless Bastards". While its name might have started from a joke, the band has proved it's not, as "Arrow" serves as another great addition to the band's stellar rock discography.



Photo Courtesy of www.heartlessbastards.com

It's a rare and wonderful thing for a band to have a front-woman with such a commanding voice, and Wennerstrom's vocals are stunning — the only current comparable setup is The Alabama Shakes.

The band's producer on this venture, Jim Eno of Spoon, showcases Wennerstrom's voice while also focusing on the guitar and rhythm. The result is a powerhouse pairing that can hold its own next to her voice, as well as some time for jamming.

In true write-what-you-know fashion, "Arrow" is an album about traveling and journeys. In "Marathon," the six minute album-opener uses a race as a metaphor for life, asserting that life is a "long race home."

While not a unique concept at all, the arrangement of the song laced with Wennerstrom's coarse velvety voice makes it human and heart wrenching. The song's unusual pairing of unobtrusive and powerful makes "Marathon" a track to watch out for as a complement to a scene in a movie.

"Parted Ways" continues along the same vein, but with a kick: "I just don't see things the same way now / since we parted ways ... The hum of the wheels they are carrying me home." The Texan influence on the band shows with the

pleading, "I need a little bit of whiskey and a little bit of time to ease my troubled mind."

"Gotta Have Rock and Roll" leans on electric guitar pulses and percussion to get its engine revving, while "Simple Feeling" starts off as an intense clash of guitar and percussion, with Wennerstrom's voice floating overhead.

"Only for You" shows off Wennerstrom's range by mixing gorgeous high notes and her signature deeply broad, musky tone. It's the perfect song for meeting eyes over a crowded bar with the opening line, "Been a while since I've felt this way about someone / that really really like to know you / All your eyes sing the song to me."

"Skin and Bone" is one of the stand out tracks, a bittersweet rock song about hometown blues. With lyrics, "dilapidated buildings ... At least my town is coming down and is hard for me to stay."

"Late in the Night" is all the things a good rock 'n roll song should be attitude mixed with killer electric guitar and drums. "Low Low Low" mixes it up with guitar-picking, Mississippi John-Hurt style and a down home feeling with broad, honest vocal acoustics.

Hailing from Ohio, Wennerstrom has a blues-rock sound that seamlessly and impressively melds with the country and folk influence of the band's Texan base. Heartless Bastards is really anything but its namesake, and "Arrow" simply channels all the complexities of human longing and wandering, resulting in what might be the group's strongest project yet.

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"Arrow" Heartless Bastards

Label: Partisan Records

Best Tracks: "Only for You," "Skin and Bone" and "Gotta Have Rock and Roll"

For fans of: The Black Keys, Spoon and the White Stripes



SPORTS AUTHORITY

Lacrosse offers thrilling alternative to baseball

As the weather has turned warm-ish and the sun has begun making cameo appearances in the South Bend sky, there have been at least three columns in this fine paper celebrating that, finally and gloriously, it's baseball season once again.

I'd like to challenge that.

While pitchers and catchers reporting is the traditional mark of baseball's return from the off-season, I don't know if we can qualify this as its true arrival.



Jack Hefferon

Sports Writer

Spring training, when all thirty clubs flee the cold weather for the warmer diamonds of Florida and Arizona, is an over-celebrated date, helping to break the monotony of February sports and giving talk radio another source of material. We won't see these teams back up north until the calendar says April and the thermometer says 50, at least.

In the meantime though, there is a sport that has cut its hibernation short and braved the cold.

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to lacrosse season.

Lacrosse is a sport that has yet to establish a place in America's consciousness, which is ironic considering it is America's first sport. It's been played in this country for nearly a millennium, or about 700 years longer than "America's pastime." In addition, it's the fastest growing sport over the past decade at

both the high school and collegiate levels. Unfortunately, none of that has translated into anything more than fringe popularity for the sport.

Yet.

A short pitch for the sport: It's like hockey played in the air, with transition play and set offenses resembling something like basketball. It has physical play that can appeal to any football fan,

but is more likely to result in bruised arms than concussions, which is why it's exploding at the youth level as well.

Games only last about two hours and average a total of around 20 goals, which is plenty of scoring, but few enough to make each score worthy of a celebration.

The sport has dipped into the professional ranks with Major League Lacrosse, founded in 1998. The fledgling league has maintained a steady presence of six teams, with several failed expansions and folded teams dotting its history. However, it holds a television deal with ESPN and plans once again to expand next year.

But as professional lacrosse flounders along, the college game has thrived for a number of years. The sport maintains a strong following on the east coast, and the Final Four on Memorial Day weekend has consistently drawn well over 100,000 fans, second only to men's basketball in attendance. And with new programs springing up every year, college lacrosse can only grow from there.

And for the average Notre Dame student, access to a high level of lacrosse can be found right on campus. Both the men's and women's teams braved 30-degree weather last weekend to upset top-10 opponents at Arlotta Stadium, and they'll be back out there this weekend. The men boast one of the nation's best defenses, and the women's high-powered offense has already gotten off to a record-

setting start, posting 17 goals against No. 6 Stanford. So do yourself a favor and make the walk over to a game this week-

end, however chilly it may be. Take a spot on the mound that runs right next to the field and experience a sport that you might not hear about every day.

Yet.

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

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Big Ten title still up for grabs

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State has surged to the top of the Big Ten standings, winning five straight, including a game at Ohio State, to snatch sole possession of first place.

Tom Izzo isn't ready to celebrate.

"Not even a little bit," Izzo said Monday.

The sixth-ranked Spartans aren't comfortable with only a one-game lead over the eighth-ranked Buckeyes and No. 11 Michigan with four games left in the regular season, potentially setting up a fantastic finish in the conference race.

"To be in first place means nothing at this point in the season," Michigan State's do-it-all forward Draymond Green said.

No. 16 Wisconsin is just two games behind Michigan State and 23rd-ranked Indiana is lurking close enough to have a chance to rally for at least a piece of the Big Ten title if the Spartans have a setback.

"There's still four or five teams that have a definite shot at winning it," Izzo said.

Who and where the contenders play may prove to be pivotal.

Michigan State might have the toughest road to claim its third Big Ten championship in four seasons, playing at Minnesota on Wednesday night before hosting Nebraska, traveling to play Indiana and closing the regular season March 4 at home against the Buckeyes.

"I think we have the toughest four games left," Izzo said. "With Minnesota, playing for their playoff lives; and Indiana down there, I think they've lost one game at home; the trap game with Nebraska in between and Ohio State at the end.

"I don't feel very comfortable — and I'm not paranoid about it."

Izzo, though, wouldn't have believed it if he was told a few months ago that his team — unranked in The Associated Press' preseason poll — would be alone in first place with two weeks left.

"I am pleasantly surprised at how we've been defensively and offensively and even rebounding," he said.

In conference games, Michigan State leads the Big Ten in field-goal percentage on offense and defense and its rebounding margin overall ranks No. 3 in the nation.

The two-time defending Big Ten champion Buckeyes need to bounce back from



Michigan State coach Tom Izzo watches his team with shooting guard Brandan Kearney during a victory over Minnesota on Jan. 25.

losing Saturday night at Michigan, a week after losing on their home court to Michigan State, to have a shot at a three-peat.

Ohio State hosts Illinois, which has lost five straight and eight of nine to put Bruce Weber's future in doubt, and Wisconsin this week before hitting the road to face Northwestern and Michigan State.

Buckeyes coach Thad Matta said he is trying to get his players ready to roll after what he called a "tough loss" against the Wolverines.

"As we go into Tuesday's game, it'll be a test," Matta said. "As a coach as crazy as it sounds, you're excited to see how your guys respond."

Michigan has won three straight to get in a position to possibly win its first Big Ten title since 1986 — four years before senior guard Stu Douglass was born — with what appears to be a favorable schedule.

The Wolverines, who have earned their highest ranking in the AP poll since Dec. 31, 1996, are the only team among the Big Ten's top five without a game left against a ranked opponent. They play at Northwestern on Tuesday night, host Purdue on Saturday night, and finish the regular season on the road against Illinois and Penn

State.

"We don't play Michigan State or Ohio State or the top of the Big Ten to win it," Douglass said. "We play some teams that you got to stay mentally focused and game plan for, especially a team like Northwestern. We know we can't relax with their system."

Wisconsin, which won the Big Ten title outright in 2008, closes the regular season at Iowa and Ohio State before going home to play Minnesota and Illinois.

Indiana has just three games left against Big Ten teams, playing at Minnesota and hosting Michigan State and Purdue with long-shot hopes of coming back from the pack to share part of the Big Ten title for the first time since it was in a four-way tie with Ohio State, Wisconsin and Illinois a decade ago.

Michigan coach John Beilein insisted he hasn't looked at who the contenders play, but acknowledge his program has a chance to end its Big Ten title drought.

"If we're in that mix this time of the year, that's good," Beilein said. "I haven't done any math on anything in regards to that, but I know someone is going to have to win road games and protect their home because it is so tight at the top."

"To be in first place means nothing at this point in the season."

Draymond Green
Michigan State forward

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UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Real Madrid preps for CSKA test

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Real Madrid will be aiming to continue its perfect run in the Champions League on Tuesday when it faces CSKA Moscow in subzero temperatures on the Luzhniki stadium's artificial pitch.

Madrid goes into the last-16 match after winning all six of its group games in the competition and also in fine form domestically, having won 18 of its last 19 matches to lead Barcelona by 10 points in the Spanish standings.

For CSKA, the first-leg match will almost be a season-opener as the Russian league is on a winter break till mid-March.

While Madrid is in fine form with Kaka, Marcelo and Sami Khedira all returning to the lineup for Saturday's 4-0 rout of Racing Santander, Angel di Maria's return was bittersweet after the Argentina international appeared to aggravate a right leg muscle injury as the match ended will miss Tuesday's game.

Fullback Alvaro Arbeloa returns to the squad while striker Gonzalo Higuain is also available.

"We need to now focus on the match against CSKA. Everyone's happy (with our play), we have two days to recover now and we're a happy group," Madrid coach Jose Mourinho said. "We've got a long trip ahead ... but our motivation is high even though we know it won't be easy in Moscow."

Though it's getting warmer in the Russian capital, the tem-



Real Madrid forward Cristiano Ronaldo races past his defender during Real's 4-0 win over Racing on Saturday at Santiago Bernabeu.

peratures are expected to range between minus 8 degrees (17.6 degrees Fahrenheit) and minus 10 degrees Celsius (14 degrees Fahrenheit).

"The ball resembles a piece of plastic when it freezes," CSKA coach Leonid Slutsky said. "A stone. It's painful to catch or block it. And it doesn't bounce high from the pitch."

Madrid's Brazilian playmaker Kaka said the cold would be a negative factor for both teams.

"We have to prepare well and play a phenomenal match," Kaka said.

Midfielder Xabi Alonso backed him.

"Now we return to a competition that is very important for us," Alonso said. "We all know what we're playing for and it's funda-

mental to get a good result away from home."

CSKA has sold its Brazilian star playmaker Vagner Love to Flamengo, but has signed 22-year-old South Korean midfielder Kim In-sung from Gangneung.

Sweden midfielder Pontus Wernbloom has joined from AZ Alkmaar in a four-and-a-half-year deal, becoming the Russian side's second January buy after forward Ahmed Musa, who arrived from another Dutch club, VVV Venlo.

"You never know for sure when it comes to new signings," Slutsky said. "Only competitive games can prove it was a right deal."

The home side is meanwhile still without injured first-choice goalkeeper Igor Akinfeev and Japanese midfielder Keisuke Honda.

MLB

Manny signs minor league deal with A's

PHOENIX — Manny Ramirez found a taker in Oakland — at a bargain price.

The suspended slugger agreed on a minor league contract Monday with the Athletics that is worth approximately \$500,000 if he's added to the big league roster.

The A's announced the deal and said Ramirez is expected to report to spring training by the end of the week, in time for Oakland's first full-squad workout Saturday. He is a non-roster invitee.

The 12-time All-Star is due to serve a 50-game suspension for his second positive drug test before he can play for the A's. Barring rainouts, his first game could be May 30 — on his 40th birthday. But that didn't deter general manager Billy Beane and the Athletics.

"I am very pleased Billy was able to add Manny to our team," owner Lew Wolff said in an email. "I look forward to welcoming him and the entire team that Billy and his people have assembled for the coming season."

ESPN first reported earlier in the day that the sides had reached an agreement, speaking directly to Ramirez.

The A's made public their interest in the enigmatic outfielder, who had been working out in Florida this winter. Starving for offense, Oakland finished third in

the AL West last season at 74-88 and ranked 12th out of 14 American League teams in runs.

For the small-budget A's, Ramirez presents little financial risk. They don't have to pay him during his suspension and will give him per diem money during the club's spring training stint in Phoenix, which is shorter than usual because of two season-opening games in Japan next month.

Oakland sent representatives to Florida this winter to watch workouts by Ramirez, who retired from the Tampa Bay Rays last season rather than serve a 100-game suspension. For Ramirez, this could become a chance to help mend his reputation — at least a little bit — and serve as a positive clubhouse influence on a young team.

The A's recently agreed to terms on a \$36 million, four-year contract with highly regarded outfielder Yoenis Cespedes, a Cuban defector who has expressed interest in playing with Ramirez.

At baseball's winter meetings in December, it was announced that Ramirez had applied for reinstatement. He had his suspension for a second failed drug test cut to 50 games because he sat out nearly all of last season. MLB had announced his retirement on April 8, saying he was notified "of an issue" under the drug program.

Recognize Excellence

Nominations are sought for two awards that recognize excellence in teaching and advising.

Dockweiler Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising

Student, faculty and staff nominations are sought to identify faculty or professional staff members whose involvement with undergraduates inspires students to reach their academic and career goals. Nominees may be members of the academic advising and career counseling staffs or members of the faculty and staff who:

- Facilitate learning outside the classroom
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Nominations are due Tuesday, February 28. Three faculty or staff will be chosen.

Submit online nominations at provostawards.nd.edu.

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Student and faculty nominations are sought to identify faculty who:

- Create environments that stimulate significant student learning
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- Foster students' ability to express themselves effectively within the discipline

Nominations due by Tuesday, February 28. Twenty recipients will be selected.

CLUB SPORTS

Squash turns in solid showing at National Championships

Men's volleyball knocks off No. 1 Wisconsin-Oshkosh en route to winning the Hoosier-Illini Classic

Special to The Observer

Squash

Notre Dame opened play in the Collegiate Squash National Championships Friday at Penn's famed Ringe Courts, adjacent to the Palestra. The Irish faced Illinois-Springfield in the first match, and got off to a great start, winning 7-2. Freshman Reilly Bench, sophomore Paul Mickan, freshman Mike O'Neill, junior Kevin Sandner, senior Dennis Grabowski, sophomore Joe Whalen and freshman Mike McGraw registered wins for the Irish. Senior Ryan Jenks and sophomore T.J. Sarda lost close matches at the one and three positions. Everyone played well, and the Irish were feeling confident after a big first-round win.

Success gave way to heartbreak in the next match, which took place against NYU on Saturday morning. Mickan, Grabowski, sophomore Clayton Smith and Whalen won their matches at 4, 7, 8 and 9, respectively, as the Irish fell 5-4.

Notre Dame then lost to Northwestern on Saturday afternoon, 7-2. Highlights for the Irish included a grueling victory for No. 3 Sarda, who won in five games (two of which went to extra points), and the smooth victory of No. 5 O'Neill, whose consistent play led to a win in three straight games. No. 10 McGraw also recorded a 3-0 victory in exhibition play.

The Irish closed with a win over Ithaca College in what was a hard-fought battle by both teams. The Irish were forced to sub out Whalen for McGraw due to a shoulder injury sustained by the former during his match against Northwestern. McGraw would go on to play superb squash, but would eventually lose to Ithaca's talented No. 9 player. Sarda's initial victory in the third slot was further offset by the early loss of Sandner. Smith would then win his game in the eighth position, and O'Neill and Mickan would record blazingly fast wins in their respective slots. With Ithaca victories at both No. 1 and No. 2, the match hinged on the play of Grabowski in the No. 7 position. After losing his first game, the motivating words of Irish coach Geoff McCuen and a supportive audience propelled Grabowski to win three consecutive games and secure the match for the Irish, 5-4.

Boston University would go on to win the Hawthorne Cup and this Division, beating Charleston in the finals, 6-3. But the exceptional leadership of Grabowski and fine play from Jenks and others present a promising future for the club.

Men's Volleyball

The men's volleyball team returned home with another trophy this weekend as it won its second tournament of the year at the University of Illinois in the Hoosier-Illini Classic. Opening with pool play on Saturday, Notre Dame got off to a good start by beating the University of Illinois-Chicago in straight sets, 25-22, 25-20, followed by a hard fought win over Pittsburgh in three sets, 25-23, 23-25, 15-10. Ohio State was out for revenge after the Irish beat them twice in the fall, and nothing went right in a 25-16, 25-20 loss to the Buckeyes. This loss put Notre Dame in

second place in the pool, and it would have to beat Ohio State's B team to earn a trip to the Gold Bracket. After a tough first game, the Irish bounced back to defeat the Bucks in three sets, 22-25, 25-21, 15-10.

An early, 8 a.m. start on Sunday against the University of Illinois-B team was exactly what Notre Dame needed to get back on track, and after routing the Illini in straight sets, 25-14, 25-19, the Irish were set to face Michigan State for the first time this year. The Spartans had just knocked off No. 3 Indiana to advance to the quarterfinals, but nothing was stopping the Irish, and the Irish rolled MSU, 25-19, 25-19.

For the second straight year, Notre Dame squared off against No. 1 Wisconsin-Oshkosh in the semifinals of the Hoosier-Illini Classic, and this time, it was the Irish who were out for revenge after losing to the Titans in the national championship last year, and again two weeks ago at the Conference Play Day at Marquette. It was a thrilling match from start to finish, and the Irish exacted their revenge in a wild, three set match, winning 26-24, 21-25, 15-11. While the sour taste of the Irish's trip to Marquette two weeks ago was washed away after they knocked off Oshkosh in the tournaments semi-finals, another challenge lay ahead as No. 5 Illinois awaited them in the finals.

Not a single player on this Irish team had beaten the University of Illinois-A team in their career, and the Illini also had a huge amount of support from the hometown fans in attendance. However, Notre Dame opened up a quick lead in the first game, and completely removed the crowd from the action. Illinois seemed out of energy, and the Irish went on to a 25-17 victory in the opening game. In the second game, the Illini seemed to find a spark though, and the tables turned on the Irish as Illinois sprinted to a 25-15 win. After all of the drama and excitement that the weekend held for this tournament, the decisive game three of the championship game certainly lived up to expectations. In what was supposed to be a game to 15, neither team had any desire to lose. The fight was intense as both teams traded points well beyond a normal third game score. Notre Dame's defense was spectacular the entire weekend, and it proved to be the deciding factor as the Irish finally finished off their opponent 25-23.

This weekend was a huge success for the No. 2 ranked Irish, and as this team hunts for a national championship, beating top-ranked teams like Oshkosh and Illinois is a giant step towards that goal.

Fishing

The fishing club participated in the Dam to Dam ice fishing contest this past weekend. The Irish fished the Muskegon arm of Croton Lake in Newaygo, Mich. They had six participants among thousands of other friendly competitors. The contest was laid back, with the focus on having fun out on the ice.

The club caught six fish, none of which were large enough to place at the end of the competition. Despite having never set foot on a frozen lake before,

sophomore Lindsey Smith caught the team's largest fish, a fat nine-inch yellow perch, a good-sized specimen for that species. She also caught four fish total, the highest tally on the team. The weather was cooperative and made for a comfortable day on the ice.

The club had a great time fishing a new lake and experiencing a new and different type of fishing. Each person who attended expressed great interest in making the tournament an annual event for the fishing club, and Notre Dame plans to participate in the contest on an annual basis, and hopes to do better each year.

Tennis

This past weekend the Notre Dame club tennis team competed in the USTA Midwest Tennis On-Campus Sectionals. The sectionals event was held in Madison, Wisc., at the Nielson Tennis Center. Teams were placed into eight pools. Notre Dame was placed in a pool with Lorrain County CC, IUPUI and Northwestern. The team's players competing in the event were freshman Ed Broun, freshman Casey Leary, freshman Ed Kielb, freshman Matt Hing, senior Lukas Mansour, freshman Elle Harding, junior Anna Wanzek and freshman Christine Rush.

In the first round of play Friday, Notre Dame took on Lorrain County CC. Rush and Wanzek took the women's doubles 6-1 and Kielb and Mansour also took the men's doubles 6-1. Leary won the men's singles 6-1, and Harding won the women's singles 6-0. Finally, Harding and Broun defeated Lorrain 6-0 in mixed doubles to give Notre Dame a 30-3 victory.

Friday afternoon, the second round against IUPUI was completed. In this round Harding and Wanzek won the women's doubles 6-2 and Leary and Broun won the men's 6-1. Christine Rush played an intense match for the women's singles, but despite her hard work and great sportsmanship IUPUI won the match 6-4. Mansour helped the team out by taking the lead and winning the men's singles 6-2. To finish the more difficult round off, Rush and Hing came out fighting to take the mixed doubles 6-1. The team's hard work and patience lead to a 28-12 win over IUPUI.

Later that night, Notre Dame faced Northwestern in its toughest match of the day. Leary and Broun fought hard in an intense doubles match to earn a win at 6-3. Rush and Harding also had a great match and took the women's doubles 6-2. The round was on the upswing, but both Kielb and Wanzek faced tough opponents in singles and would lose 6-3 and 6-1, respectively. The mixed doubles was sent out in hopes of earning a third win for Notre Dame and Hing and Wanzek played some intense points before dropping the set 6-1 to Northwestern.

Notre Dame played some great matches this round, but Northwestern came out on top 23-17 as the top seed in the pool. Notre Dame received second-place in its pool. The team was excited after a great first day of play and began to plan for the initial rounds of the Gold Bracket play that would start Saturday. The


Gold Bracket was where the top two seeds from each pool were placed to have a chance at attending USTA Tennis on Campus Nationals.

Saturday morning Gold Bracket play began and Notre Dame went into a match against Michigan State after State defeated Cincinnati. In doubles, Harding and Rush lost a close match 6-2, and Broun and Leary took control and won men's doubles 6-3. Kielb and Wanzek played the singles, and Wanzek had another difficult 6-1 loss. Kielb was extremely close to earning a win in a very intense match, but Michigan State's player managed to defeat him 6-5 (3) in a tiebreak. The team was in a tight situation as the mixed doubles went on, because at this point Notre Dame was down by seven games. Rush and Mansour went out ready for a challenge in an attempt to win the set and go into overtime to even the game score.


The mixed doubles was neck and neck, but eventually Rush and Mansour had a close 6-5 (2) loss in a tiebreak.

The 27-19 game loss to Michigan State was unfortunate for the team because it meant that Notre Dame was in the back draw of the bracket with no opportunity to play for a chance at nationals. Despite the disappointing defeat, the Irish rose up and went on to play the University of Michigan. The opponent in this match came as a surprise after University of Wisconsin (B) took out the defending sectionals champions.

Notre Dame played hard, but unfortunately things didn't end well. In the women's doubles Rush and Harding played a good match, but dropped the set 6-4. In the men's doubles, Kielb and Mansour faced a tough 6-0 defeat. Notre Dame also lost both the singles sets 6-1 despite Hing and Wanzek's efforts to hold on in the no-ad deuce format. To end the round, Broun and Harding made Notre Dame proud by earning the team's only win, an 8-5 victory in overtime play. Michigan defeated Notre Dame to move on to the next round of play, but the Irish stayed strong.



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NBA

Williams scores 38 to help New Jersey slow the Linsanity

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Linsanity ran into reality: All-Star Deron Williams wasn't getting embarrassed by the Harvard guy again.

Williams scored a season-high 38 points, outplaying Jeremy Lin and leading the New Jersey Nets to a 100-92 victory over the New York Knicks on Monday night.

Lin began his remarkable run against the Nets about two weeks ago, but Williams and the Nets were ready for him this time.

Lin finished with 21 points, nine assists and seven rebounds, but Williams outscored him 36-11 through three quarters, when the Nets led by 18. Lin shot only 7 of 18 and the Knicks lost for the second time in 10 games since his emergence against the Nets on Feb. 4.

Carmelo Anthony, clearly rusty in his return from a seven-game absence with a strained right groin, shot 4 of 11 and scored 11 points.

Williams scored 18 in the third quarter, including 12 straight Nets points during one surge. Clearly amped up for the rematch — maybe too much so, because he fouled out with 3:07 left — he skipped across the court with three fingers in the air after burying a second straight 3-pointer during his blistering stretch.

MarShon Brooks had 18 points for the Nets in their third game in three nights.

They shut down a Knicks offense that rang up 104 points against the defending cham-

pion Dallas Mavericks on Sunday, when Lin had 28 points and a career-best 14 assists.

But Williams was locked in this time, and the U.S. Olympian could've gone for plenty more if not for spending most of the fourth quarter on the bench in foul trouble. But by then he had the Nets too far ahead for the Knicks to catch.

The Knicks had their five-game winning streak against the Nets snapped and failed again to move back over .500.

Baron Davis had three points in 9 minutes in his Knicks debut after overcoming a herniated disk in his back. Expected to be the starter whenever he became available, he'll be Backup Baron as long as Lin keeps it up.

The Knicks were 8-15, coming off losses on consecutive nights, and had already fallen into a double-digit hole against the Nets on Feb. 4 when Lin got his chance, coming off the bench for 25 points in a 99-92 victory.

So uncertain of his NBA future at the time that he refused to get his own place to live, Lin slept on teammate Landry Fields' couch the night before that game.

The days of sleeping on couches and riding the benches are long gone.

Lin had since averaged 25 points and 9.2 assists, the most remarkable story in the NBA this season. And even the Nets have been impressed. Coach Avery Johnson praised Lin and downplayed the notion that his stats were a product of Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni's system, though Johnson also wasn't buying a certain com-

parison that has been popping up more regularly.

"I've heard a lot of different stories and even I got a question from even my daughter whether Lin was in (Steve) Nash's category. So we don't want to go there, OK?" he said. "It's only been nine games. Give the kid a chance.

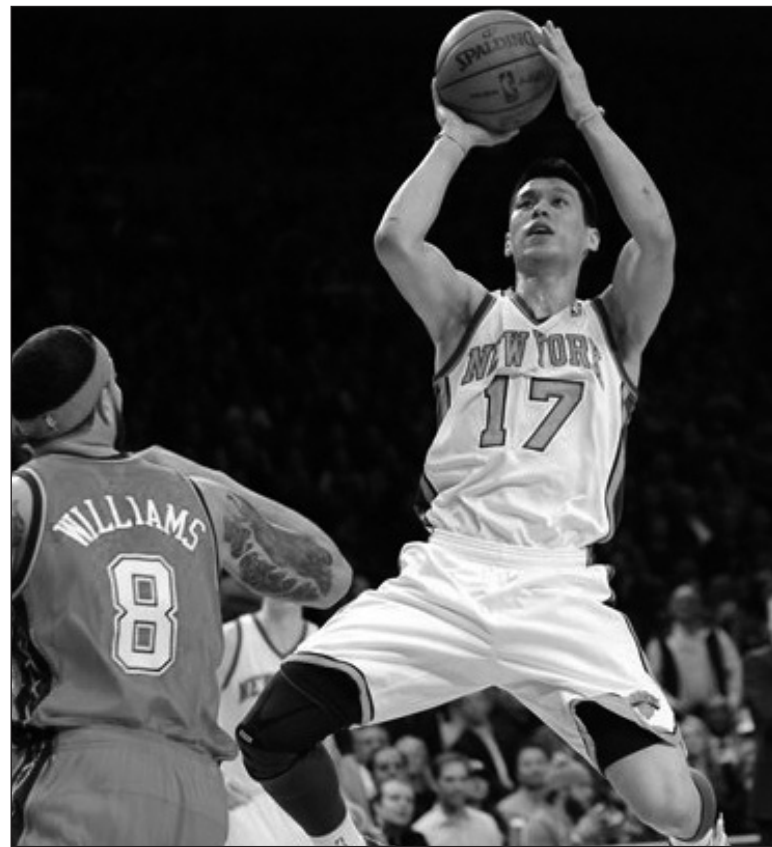
"It's a great story and he's inspiring a lot of kids, but let's give the kid a chance to play a whole season, maybe even play a playoff series, before you know, we start putting him in Nash's category."

Nor is he in Williams' category. The All-Star point guard was in constant motion with or without the ball, powering his way to the basket on drives or hitting from well beyond the 3-point arc — once while being fouled by Lin for a four-point play.

It was a learning experience for Lin, anonymous last month but a marked man in the league now.

Knicks ratings have surged — Sunday's victory earned ABC's third-highest overnight rating ever for a non-Christmas broadcast — and celebrities are packing Madison Square Garden again. New parents Jay-Z, a part-owner of the Nets, and Beyonce were in the crowd for this one.

Lin graced the cover of Sports Illustrated and was the subject of a sketch on "Saturday Night Live" and there's no telling how far his celebrity will rise. The online sports book bovada.lv even is giving 5 to 1 odds he'll go on a date before the NBA finals are over with Kim Kardashian, split from Nets forward Kris



Knicks guard Jeremy Lin puts up a shot against the Nets on Monday at Madison Square Garden. New Jersey won 100-92.

Humphries.

Humphries, booed as usual since their brief marriage, had 14 points and 14 rebounds, and drew technicals on the Knicks when Anthony tried to trip him and when Tyson Chandler followed him to the bench jawing during a timeout.

The only question left for Lin was what he would do with Anthony, who was hurt 6 minutes into Lin's starting debut two nights after that Nets

game. Both players scoffed at the idea that Anthony would mess it up, and Anthony has even said he went to D'Antoni and told him to give Lin more minutes — though the coach had no recollection of it.

Anthony's first basket came off a connection with Lin, setting a pick and popping out for a jumper. But the Knicks' offense went stagnant in the second quarter, and Williams took over the game in the third.

Campbell

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"It was good for us to see a high quality team, especially for the freshmen," Campbell said. "It was good for them to see the level of competition they should be, and can be, competing at."

He added Saint Mary's discovered what it needs to work on and what it can do to improve its game moving forward, Campbell said.

"We learned to be more aggressive as a whole," Campbell said. "We are going to work on targeting shots, playing at a greater pace and being more aggressive at the

nets, especially in our doubles matches."

Freshman Kayle Sexton and sophomore Mary Catherine Fuller both put up strong fights in their respective single matches. Sexton, in her first collegiate match, battled back before falling 6-2, 6-2. Fuller, the No.1

seed for the Belles, matched up against Spartan junior Erika Lim, who is No. 2 in the regional rankings. Fuller dropped the first game 6-0, but showed promise as she took three games in the second set before falling 6-3.

"Mary Catherine showed she is a competitor," Campbell said. "She lost to Lim in the fall pretty quickly, but learned from that match and put up a battle this time around."

There are still no absolute goals set for the Belles this season, but Campbell said he believes they will start setting specific objectives as they begin conference matches.

"We competed well and I saw a lot of positives we can build on," Campbell said. "It will just take some time and experience for us to start figuring it out."

Saint Mary's looks to shake off its first loss when it takes on Olivet on Sunday at Michigan State at noon.

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Irish sophomore forward Natalie Achonwa goes up to block a Providence layup attempt during Notre Dame's 66-47 win over the Friars on Feb. 14.

Cardinals

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Irish defense, going 3-for-16 from the field and 1-for-8 from three-point range, while missing all seven shots in the first half.

"It's never easy going against the [third]-best team in the nation," Schimmel said. "Just shots weren't falling that usually fall. I just tried to get my other teammates involved."

Though Notre Dame held Schimmel to just two points in the first half, Louisville sophomore guard Antonita Slaughter came off the bench with six points, three boards and a steal in the first half to help the Cardinals keep it close going into halftime.

Notre Dame junior guard Kaila Turner shifted the momentum at the end of a closely-contested first half with a three-

pointer that gave Notre Dame a 28-25 edge at the break.

But the Irish broke the game open early in the second with a 12-4 run to take their first double-digit lead of the contest, one they never gave up for the remainder of the game.

"I was really pleased with the second half," McGraw said. "I thought we looked like our old selves again. We scored easily, we had 40 points and I'm just really happy with the way we moved the ball, shot the ball, drove the ball in the second half."

The one area in which the Irish continue to struggle is on the boards. Even in a game in which the opposition did not lead once, the Cardinals still outrebounded Notre Dame, 32-28, and offensively, 15-7.

"[Rebounding is] a problem area," McGraw said. "We need more from the guards, McBride and Novosel, and [sophomore Natalie] Achonwa. Those three need to do a much better job on

the boards."

Despite the slow start and lackluster rebounding, McGraw said she feels her squad is back in a good mental state going into its last two games of the regular season.

"I think the whole team feels happier," she said. "I think we all feel like we played better. We look better; it just was better. We're really, really feeling good."

The Irish are primed for a Big East regular-season championship, with just two foes standing in their way — South Florida on Saturday at home and No. 4 Connecticut at the formidable XL Center in Hartford two days later.

"I would say Notre Dame [will win the conference], just because they're older and they're wiser," Schimmel said. "[Connecticut] is pretty young, so I'd say Notre Dame."

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Marlatt

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though we were down two goals."

Marlatt buried two goals in the back of the cage behind Duke junior goalie Dan Wigrizer to help lead the Irish offense. His second goal, which came with 5:59 left in the fourth quarter, seemed to put the game out of reach as Notre Dame took a commanding 6-2 lead. Marlatt also admitted to feeling pregame nerves, but said those anxieties were alleviated by the preparation of the coaching staff and the rest of the team.

"We were definitely nervous after not playing at all last year," Marlatt said. "Everyone was, really, since it was our first game. But the way we practiced — so hard and so intense — made the game pretty easy. The coaching staff did such a good job preparing us that we felt pretty confident by game time."

Both players were understandably excited to find success in their first career appearances, but O'Hara and Marlatt both were quick to note the win was a total team effort.

"I think we were very well-prepared," O'Hara said. "We knew mostly what to expect out of Duke. With the way coach [Gerry] Byrne teaches

us to play [defense], we have one of the best defenses in the country with nine or 10 guys who all play great, and especially with [junior goalie] John Kemp in net."

Marlatt echoed a similar team-centric sentiment.

"[My] first goal was a great look from [sophomore attack] Westy [Hopkins]," Marlatt said. "He was more of a finisher last year. That was his first career assist, so it was cool to help him out with that, and the second one was a great look by [junior midfielder Ryan] Foley ... They were both products of good offense."

Saturday's performances by Marlatt and O'Hara were far cries from their freshman campaigns, when neither played, much less traveled to away games. But the sophomores both said they realized that the struggle was part of the transition to collegiate lacrosse and learned from the experience.

"Last season, 10 of us [then-freshmen] didn't travel with the team to away games," Marlatt said. "So it was frustrating. We were all used to playing every day in high school, but we got through it together. [O'Hara] had two all-Americans ahead of him on defense and I had two all-American midfielders ahead of me, so we learned by watching them play."

O'Hara added the freshman campaign provided an opportunity to acclimate to the

collegiate game, a significant learning curve.

"Last year was more of a learning experience," he said. "We focused on learning the system and getting used to the speed of the college game compared to high school. Watching the guys ahead of us last year compete really set the tone for this year."

Getting past the first game was important, Marlatt said. Now the roommates are hoping to build off their strong debuts against Duke. The first opportunity to continue their newfound success comes Sunday against Penn St.

"Just getting that first game out of the way really helps us as far as nerves go," Marlatt said. "From a team perspective, the first game is big, but now we have to focus on Penn St. ... Our coaching staff does a good job of getting us focused and prepared week-to-week."

Starting a winning streak is on O'Hara's mind as well.

"[Saturday] was a good win, especially to get one under our belt," O'Hara said. "But we can't get too cocky. We need to keep building and keep getting better for the rest of the season. We play a tough team every week, so we have to keep it up throughout the whole year and use it in the playoffs."

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Andrews

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"[The backhand] was not one of my strengths last season and I have really made some strides in improving that."

Despite his strong play thus far into his collegiate career, Andrews has remained humble. "[Andrews] is one of the most humble kids I have ever coached," Bayliss said. "He comes in every day with the same intensity and really leads by example. There is no cockiness at all with him. He just wants to do whatever he can to help the team win."

As a sophomore, Andrews

set goals for both this season and the remainder of his career. "I set a goal for myself at the beginning of the year to be a top-50 singles player nationally," Andrews said. "As a team, I want to see us win the Big East and compete well into the NCAA tournament. For the rest of my career, I think it's a bit hard to have specific expectations, but I do know I want to continue to become the best player and the best teammate that I can."

Andrews and the No. 30 Irish return to the court Sunday when they host Michigan State and Marquette at the Eck Tennis Center at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. respectively.

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Perfect

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stuff."

The Belles' perfect 21 free throw shots set a new MIAA record previously held by Calvin. Nine of those foul shots came from senior forwards Kelley Murphy and Jessica Centa, who led the Belles with 19 and 12 points, respectively.

Murphy, Centa and senior

guards

Maggie

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Henley said.

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that year, and they had a big say in that. We've just been able to build off that over the last four years. I think that every single one of them has done remarkable things both on and off the court here at Saint Mary's."

Having earned the fourth and final seed in the MIAA tournament, the Belles will face off against No. 5 Calvin (15-1, 23-1) in the first round of the conference tournament. The Knights are familiar foes for the Belles,

who defeated Henley's squad 73-52 on Feb. 15.

"Neither team is going to have anything new," Henley said. "We are going to be very familiar with Calvin. Our preparation is going to be the same. We just have to

find a way to put 40 minutes together instead of just 20, which seems to be the case over the last two times we've played them."

The Belles will travel to Grand Rapids, Mich., on Thursday night to face Calvin in the first round of the MIAA tournament.

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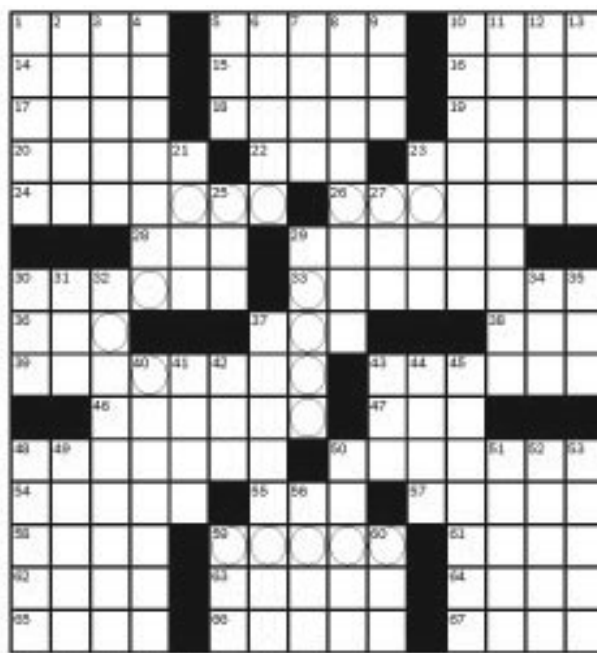
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Belles senior guard Katie Sullivan looks to make a pass during Saint Mary's 66-63 win over Wheaton on Nov. 15.

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Tick off
 - 5 Wash
 - 10 Mimics
 - 14 Skunk's defense
 - 15 Under way
 - 16 Attract, as an audience
 - 17 Dickens wrote one about two cities
 - 18 They're frowned upon
 - 19 What an office seeker seeks
 - 20 Blockheaded
 - 22 In medias ____
 - 23 Human or kangaroo
 - 24 Red salmon
 - 26 Not a pretty sight
 - 28 Cleaning substance
 - 29 Banded marbles
 - 30 Most negligible
 - 33 Currently
 - 36 Sports org. in a 1976 merger
 - 37 Blow away
 - 38 Leased
 - 39 Sticks out
 - 43 Showily stylish
 - 46 River on the Texas/Louisiana border
 - 47 Hightailed it
 - 48 & 50 Dutch painter represented by this puzzle's circled letters
 - 54 Warning at a station
 - 55 Cairo-to-Addis Ababa dir.
 - 57 It used to be called the Hermit Kingdom
 - 58 Evidence of a ship's passing
 - 59 Be sassy, with "off"
 - 61 Fateful day in March
 - 62 Ovine mothers
- Down**
- 1 Applesauce maker
 - 2 The 43rd state
 - 3 Kind of acid in breakfast cereal
 - 4 Something redheads tend to do
 - 5 Outlaw
 - 6 In front of, old-style
 - 7 Kind of deafness
 - 8 Slammer
 - 9 Flying saucer fliers, for short
 - 10 Counseled
 - 11 Season-ending events on "The Bachelor"
 - 12 "Peter Peter Pumpkin ____"
 - 13 Writer Stieg Larsson, e.g.
 - 21 People are always searching for them
 - 23 Alpha-gamma connector
 - 25 Still
 - 27 Go slightly off course
 - 29 Win by ____
 - 30 Chinese chairman
 - 31 Opposite of rise
 - 63 Cream of the crop
 - 64 Wasp's home
 - 65 "____ we forget"
 - 66 Indian emblem
 - 67 "Pardon me, would you have any ____ Poupon?"



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- 32 Rodent-eating reptiles
- 34 "You're calling because ...?"
- 35 Messy dorm room, say
- 37 Broke off from a group
- 40 Most risqué
- 41 "Deutschland ____ Alles"
- 42 What a lot of partiers make
- 43 ____ Angelico
- 44 Long and lean
- 45 Not stopping
- 48 "I'd like to buy a ____ Pat"
- 49 Deeply impressed
- 50 Sting Ray, e.g., informally
- 51 "Large pepperoni with extra cheese," e.g.
- 52 V-formation fliers
- 53 Overly quick
- 56 Diamonds, e.g.
- 59 Shook hands with, say
- 60 What a seamstress may take up

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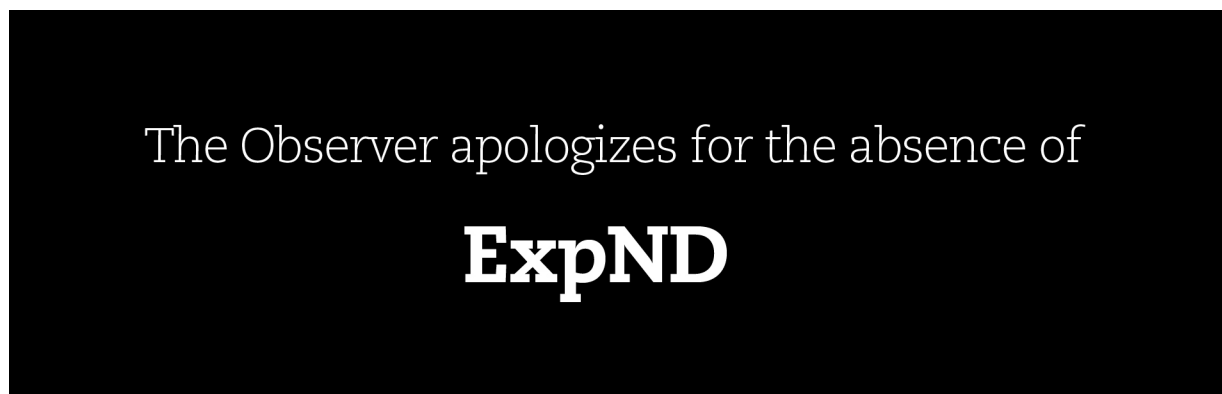
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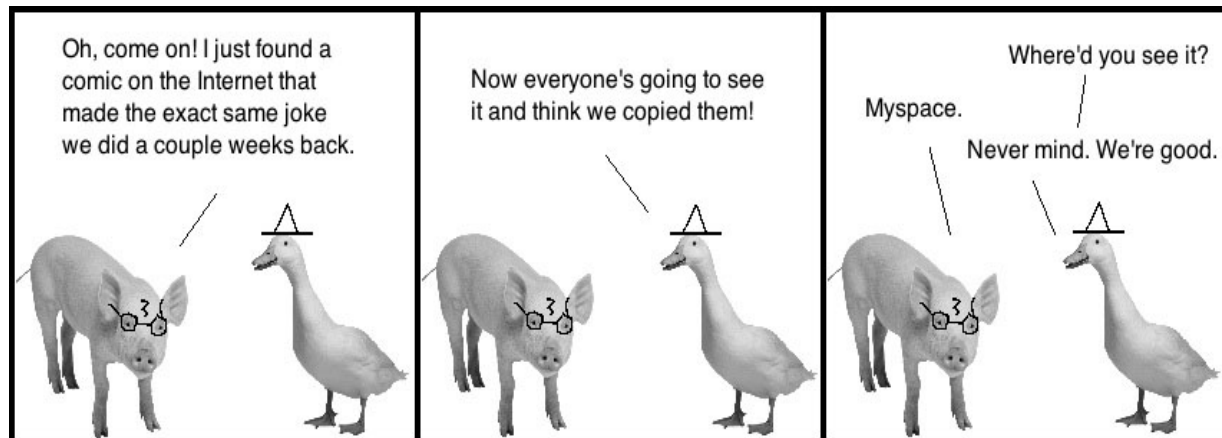
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Back in the groove



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Irish junior guard Skylar Diggins drives to the basket during Notre Dame's 66-47 win over Providence on Feb. 14.

Irish get back to winning mindset with commanding win over No. 19 Louisville

By KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

With a commanding 68-52 win over No. 19 Louisville, the No. 3 Irish appear to be back on track in pursuit of their first Big East title since sharing the crown with Connecticut in 2001.

After West Virginia snapped Notre Dame's 21-game win streak in a 65-63 loss Feb. 12, the Irish (26-2, 13-1 Big East) have their swagger back, according to junior guard Skylar Diggins.

"I think we're finally getting back to playing with our swag, playing our style of basketball. And it feels good. We're having fun out there again," Diggins said. "We're smiling, we're laughing ... With that tough schedule, we took it too serious,

kind of lost the fun in it."

The attitude shift was apparent as the junior guard paced the Irish with 21 points, seven assists, three steals and three rebounds in the win over the Cardinals (19-8, 8-6). Continuing her breakout season, sophomore guard Kayla McBride contributed 15 points to the effort, while graduate student guard Brittany Mallory added 13 and graduate student forward Devereaux Peters chipped in 10.

The Cardinals have now lost four of their last six games, as the Irish defense suffocated their leading scorer, sophomore point guard Shoni Schimmel. Schimmel admitted she was shaken up by the

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SMC TENNIS

Belles lose in opener to CWRU

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's opened its season with a rough start, falling to No. 14 Case Western Reserve University 9-0. The Belles (0-1) continued to fight despite being swept in two doubles matches and two singles matches.

Belles coach Dale Campbell said he thinks the young team, consisting of only freshman and sophomores, gained valuable experience in playing the ranked Spartans (1-0).

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MEN'S TENNIS

Andrews displays exceptional play, continues to improve

By WALKER CAREY
Sports Writer

While the Irish have battled some inconsistency this spring, they can count on sophomore Greg Andrews at No. 2 singles to produce consistent performances, evident in his impressive 11-1 mark this season. Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said he is not surprised with the strong play of the sophomore from Richland,

Mich.

"To tell you the truth, I am not surprised by the way [Andrews] has played," Bayliss said. "I had pretty high expectations for him going into the season. He works very hard, is a great athlete and has quite the weapon in his forehand. When you combine those three tools, you are going to have some considerable success."

Andrews made a tremendous impact during his fresh-

man campaign last season. The impact was so strong that Andrews was named Big East Freshman of the Year.

Despite his immediate success and smooth transition to collegiate athletics, Andrews said he feels he has made some considerable improvements to his game this season.

"I am much more composed now than I was last season," Andrews said. "As a freshman, I would get frustrated a

lot if things were not going my way. I am definitely learning how to deal with disappointment better and move past some frustration."

Bayliss echoed many of the same sentiments.

"[Andrews] has really gotten better at controlling his composure on the court," he said. "For being such a humble and soft-spoken guy, [Andrews] has the tendency to get down on himself sometimes, but this

season as a sophomore, he has been much more level-headed and composed on the court. He is really doing a great job with it." Andrews was quick to give credit to Irish associate head coach Ryan Sachire for helping him to improve in the technical side of his game. "[Coach Sachire] and I have spent a lot of time working on my backhand," Andrews said.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Roommates shine in starting debuts

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

What were you and your roommate doing on Saturday? Whatever it was, it probably didn't consist of knocking off the No. 2 lacrosse team in the nation with a 7-3 win in your first varsity appearance.

Sophomores midfielder Jim Marlatt and defenseman Stephen O'Hara did just that Saturday. In their collegiate debuts, O'Hara started for the Irish defense and helped hold the potent Blue Devil attack to three goals, while Marlatt received significant playing time in the midfield and responded with two goals.

The roommates were happy to be a part of a winning effort against Duke, Marlatt said.

"We hadn't played in over a year in a game that mattered," Marlatt said. "The coaches prepared us well and it was a big game. The first game is always big, but when you're playing your rival it's even bigger."



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Irish sophomore midfielder Jim Marlatt evades a defender during a Feb. 5 exhibition against Robert Morris.

O'Hara got the starting nod for the Irish (1-0) and played a key role in holding the Blue Devils (1-1) scoreless for over 40 minutes. After feeling a little nervous before his debut, O'Hara said he settled in even after the Irish went down 2-0.

"I was a little nervous at first considering how big of a game it was and also since it was my first time playing," O'Hara said. "I thought we stayed pretty calm even

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SMC BASKETBALL

SMC earns senior day win with perfect day at line

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

Led by five starting seniors, the Belles finished their regular season Saturday with a 68-49 victory over Kalamazoo.

By scoring 33 points off Kalamazoo turnovers and shooting a perfect 21-for-21 from the free-throw line, the Belles (9-7, 13-12 MIAA) turned in an impressive Senior Day performance at the Angela Athletic Facility.

The home victory was a fantastic finish to the regular season, Belles coach Jenn Henley said.

"I think Saturday's game was a really good game for us," Henley said. "I thought we played very well on both ends of the floor. I think it was a great way for our seniors to end their careers at home here."

Tied at 17 midway through

the first half, it appeared as if the last-place Hornets (2-14, 4-21) would give the Belles a competitive game. But a 15-2 run by Saint Mary's near the end of the first half gave the Belles a big lead they never relinquished.

The Belles' dominance continued through the second half, and after the 17:47 mark, the Belles' lead never dropped below seven. The Belles' ability to force turnovers and convert them into points proved to be the biggest difference, Henley said.

"Defensively, we caused a lot of problems for Kalamazoo," Henley said. "We had 16 steals, which I thought was great. It was a good way to go out defensively. I also thought our transition game looked good offensively. Again, when you hold a team to 49 points, you have done some good

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