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Third Eye Blind rocks Notre Dame

Veteran band plays for a sold-out Stepan Center crowd with newcomer Hoodie Allen



COURTNEY ECKERLE/ The Observer

Stephan Jenkins, lead singer of Third Eye Blind, performs for the crowd at Stepan Center Saturday night. Third Eye Blind played after opener Hoodie Allen, treating students to performances of songs from the five albums they have released since 1999.

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

Students experienced a blast from the past when Third Eye Blind took the stage Saturday night for the annual Student Union Board (SUB) spring concert at Stepan Center.

The band, in its third performance at Notre Dame, played several of its early hits to a

sold-out crowd of nearly 2,000 students, SUB concert programmer Lauren Keating said.

"We sold all of the tickets the day they went on sale, which was great," Keating said. "If you were going to see a band like Third Eye Blind anywhere else, tickets would usually cost somewhere between \$40 and \$50. When you would usually pay that kind of money for a

show like this, I think \$15 is an incredibly reasonable price."

Keating said rapper Hoodie Allen's opening performance energized the crowd before Third Eye Blind took the stage.

"Hoodie Allen ... did a great job of engaging with the crowd. He performed a freestyle rap about Notre Dame, and incorporated everything from [men's basketball coach Mike] Brey

to [Club] Fever, which was a definite crowd-pleaser," Keating said. "I've talked to several people who had never heard his music before the concert but left as new fans."

Keating said students were enthused by the selection of Third Eye Blind for the annual spring concert. "I thought we

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Pub sparks scholarly discussion

By MARISA IATI
Associate News Editor

Students and professors can step outside the classroom to discuss intellectual matters in an informal setting through the new Student Pub.

Sophomore Neal Ravindra, academic affairs director for student government, said the Dean's Fellows, the College of Arts and Letters and student government co-sponsor the Student Pub.

"It's kind of founded in the idea of the Oxford University pub model where [authors C.S.] Lewis and [J.R.R.] Tolkien used to go to the pub and talk about their different literary ideas over drinks," he said.

Student body president Pat McCormick said the pub helps foster a "community of learning" on campus, incorporating both faculty and the student body.

"This was another opportunity to really advance this effort in a way where we can create a space on cam-

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Holy Half runners conquer campus

By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer

Saturday morning, 1,120 runners toed up to the starting line for the eighth annual Holy Half Marathon and 10k race before most on campus had even eaten breakfast.

Sponsored by the Class of 2014, the event raised approximately \$30,000 in support of Hope Ministries, the St. Joseph County Public Library and the Literacy Council of North Central Indiana.

Student organizer Carolyn Green said the event planning team was pleased with the race's turnout.

"The goal was to make an opportunity for students to interact outside of [normal] campus events ... this was a really unique way for doing that," she said. "Really, it is a physical accomplishment, but it becomes something bigger than yourself, because it's not only fulfilling something that is a part of the Notre Dame tradition, but we



DILLON WEISNER/ The Observer

Leprechaun Michael George leads the pack of more than 1,000 runners as they start the Holy Half Marathon on Saturday morning.

also raised \$30,000 for local charities."

The biggest challenge for race coordinators was overcoming the negative effects of the scorching heat during last

year's race, Green said.

"The administration was kind of reluctant to have the race this year because of all the in-

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Website tracks usage of campus laundry rooms

By CAROLINA WILSON
News Writer

Gone are the days of going to your dorm's laundry room with an armful of dirty clothes, only to find a room of occupied washers and dryers.

Last week, student government and Notre Dame Food Services (NDFS) announced the campus launch of LaundryView, a website that shows the availability of washers and dryers on campus at any given time.

Yiting Zheng, chair of Student Senate's campus technology committee, was a driving force behind the launch of the site at Notre Dame. The program is also available in a mobile version for further convenience.

"I hope it will be a useful tool for the students [by] preventing forgotten laundry in

the machines and extra trips down the stairs looking for an open machine," Zheng said.

Zheng said Casey Cockerham, former chair of the campus technology committee, helped make the launch of LaundryView a reality during his term.

"[Cockerham] did a little research, talked to student government members from other colleges and decided it was a project we should pursue," she said.

The idea was proposed at one of the committee's meetings during the 2010-2011 academic year after, learning about a similar system in place at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Zheng said. She said Cockerham spoke with David Prentkowski, NDFS director, about the possibility

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT MADE THE 90s AWESOME?



Michelle Lundholm

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"Pokeman."



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"Tomagatchi."



Concha Prado

sophomore
Lewis


"Backstreet Boys."



Ryan Andersen

junior
Duncan

"Chumbawamba."



Ryan Smith

freshman
Zahm

"We did."



Greg Habiak

freshman
Keenan

"Furbies. No wait — my birth."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com

COURTNEY ECKERLE/The Observer

Senior Kathryn Austin and other students throw their hands in the air at the Third Eye Blind Concert on Saturday. SUB sponsored the sold-out event, which was open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students.

OFFBEAT

Reality TV star ‘flour bombed’ on the red carpet

HOLLYWOOD, Cali. — Just before 8 p.m. after finishing posing for the photographers at an event for her new fragrance, True Reflection, at the London Hotel off of Sunset Blvd., Kim was speaking to the house crew on the red carpet when a young woman strolled up to the reality star and dumped a bag of what appeared to be flour on Kim's head.

She came from Kim's left, with a Zip-Lock baggie," an Access Hollywood staffer on the scene said, noting the bag had about three fists full of white powder, believed to be flour.

According to the Access

staffer, who witnessed the event, no one stopped the woman, as she approached Kim.

"She went in between Kim and her publicist and started dumping the bag on Kim's head and shoulders," the staffer recounted.

Only a small amount of the powder actually touched the reality star, landing on her head and shoulders.

Navajo Nation looks for Grand Canyon Development

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Generations of Navajo families have grazed livestock on a remote but spectacular mesa that overlooks the confluence of the Colorado and Little Colorado rivers. This

is the East Rim of the majestic Grand Canyon — the last with no development.

But ancestral tradition and the tranquility of the landscape could be subject to change if the Navajo government's plans are realized for a resort and aerial tramway that would ferry tourists from cliff tops to water's edge.

The vast 27,000 square-mile Navajo reservation abuts Grand Canyon National Park, and tribal leaders say they're losing out on tourist dollars and jobs for their people by leaving the land undeveloped.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Campus Ministries will host Notre Dame Encounter #113 this weekend. Come together to examine your faith and commitment to follow Christ. **Submit your application by tonight.**

Stop by the **LaFortune Ballroom** today from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** to participate in a **blood drive** hosted by Sorin College. All participants will be entered in a drawing to win an iPad 2. Register at <http://bit.ly/SORIN>.

The **ND German Club** will be hosting its annual Sound of Music Sing-Along tonight in **Washington Hall** from **7-10 p.m.** The club invites you to dress in costume and enjoy the classic musical for free.

There will be a panel discussion entitled **"Partners in Mission: Working side by side with the Congregation"** from **8 to 9:30 p.m.** tonight in **Geddes Hall/ Center for Socials Concerns**. This lecture is part of **Holy Cross Week**.

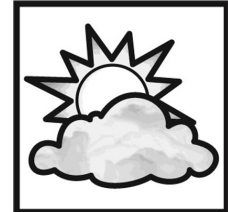
Tuesday, **J. Christopher Love**, the Latham Family Career Development Professor of Chemical Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will present a seminar discussing **single-cell bioanalytic processes complex cellular systems** from **3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** in **DeBartolo Hall**.

Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. Father Peter McCormick will be presiding a **senior class Mass** at the **Basilica of Sacred Heart**.

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


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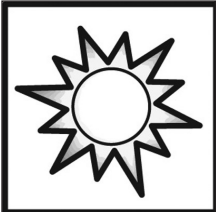
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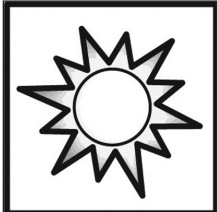
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FRIDAY



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Week educates campus about Haiti

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

This week, several Notre Dame campus organizations will hold a variety of events in support of Haiti Awareness Week and the work the University does in the poverty-stricken Caribbean nation. Sponsored by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Haiti Working Group, Friends of the Orphans, the Notre Dame Haiti Program, ND Fighting NTDs and ND-8, Haiti Awareness Week will feature cultural events, lectures on development and a conference focused on the country's unique issues.

Senior Megan Stoffer, leader of the Haiti Working Group, said this week allows all Haiti-focused campus groups to collaborate and share the work they do with each other.

"This week, ND Fighting NTDs is having a TOMS shoe giveaway, and Friends of the Orphans is having sign-ups for a 24-hour fast next week to benefit an orphanage," she said.

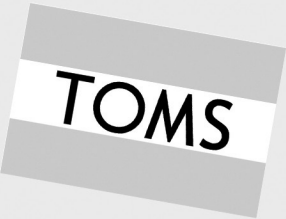
ND-8, the student organization that works toward achieving the Millennium Development goals, will help promote greater understanding about microfinance and the tourism industry in Haiti, Stoffer said.

The Kellogg Institute's Haiti Working Group is also collaborating with the other groups on campus to sponsor lecturers and other events throughout the week, Stoffer said.

She said the week's most important event is Saturday's

Haiti Awareness Week

• Begins with a TOMS Shoe Raffle Monday



• Closes with the Haiti Working Group Conference: "Transforming Dialogue Into Action: Passion with Purpose in Haiti"

Haiti Working Group Conference, titled "Transforming Dialogue into Action: Passion with a Purpose in Haiti." The conference will feature perspectives from Catholic Relief Services representatives, InterVol and the Notre Dame Haiti Program, among others.

"The Haiti [Working Group] Conference is bringing together a bunch of Midwestern colleges with Haiti groups, and there will be a lecture from a doctor who goes to Haiti and discussion [about it]," she said. "There will be a panel discussion geared towards how students can be effective with the aid and development they get involved in."

Senior Tania Mathurin, a member of the Haiti Working Group, said she thinks this week is an excellent way to educate Notre Dame students about the ongoing issues and problems in Haiti.

"I'm actually Haitian, and I heard about the Haiti Working Group after being abroad," she said. "I got interested in some of the things they were doing and think it is a great way to show the culture and teach students more about Haiti."

Mathurin said she is very excited about the conference because it presents an opportunity to educate the public about development and aid in Haiti, as well as elements of Haitian culture, including a concert by the Chicago-based Haitian group D-Lux.

"This is a great way not only to learn but also to learn more about effective ways to do development and aid," she said. "I'm also really looking forward to the Haitian band that's playing at the conference. It will be different and exciting."

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Saint Mary's welcomes prospective students

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary's Editor

Sunday's welcoming South Bend weather warmly greeted a new crop of prospective students visiting campus for the "Meet Me at the Avenue" event at Saint Mary's.

The annual, invitation-only event showcased Saint Mary's and its campus to women who have been accepted to the College, but may or may not have made the official decision to attend, junior Meghan Feasel said.

Feasel, a student worker in the Alumnae Relations Office and an admissions office volunteer, served as a tour guide for the event, which hosted approximately 600 admitted students and family members.

"As a student who volunteers to lead tours, I take it upon myself to make the incoming students love Saint Mary's as much as I do," Feasel said. "This event is a great way to provide ample information to the students and their parents."

Feasel said prospective students were encouraged to ask tour guides any questions they had about the College.

"This year, there was a 'green card' system, so guests were able

to write down their questions and hand it to their tour guides to answer," she said. "This eliminates the 'I don't feel comfortable' issue of asking questions in front of parents."

In addition to campus tours, prospective students learned more about each other and the College through icebreaker activities, a panel discussion on student life at Saint Mary's and a club and activity fair in the first floor of the Student Center, Feasel said.

"In the morning, the groups participate in icebreakers as a way to introduce themselves," Feasel said. "Team building exercises are also used to help the girls get to know the rest of the group, since they may be attending Saint Mary's together next year."

Feasel said the variety of activities leads some students to spend much of the day exploring campus with their families.

"There are so many things you can do during 'Meet Me at the Avenue,'" she said. "Girls can set up a First Source Bank account, or they talk to professors in their intended majors. They can even see the dorms."

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pus that would serve as a place for students and faculty to meet in an informal setting," McCormick said. "That was something that had been a hope of ours, as a way to try to build up a community of learning here on campus and to provide ways for students and faculty members to come together and get to know each other in a more holistic way."

Senior Malcolm Phelan, a member of the Dean's Fellows and coordinator of the Student Pub, said a University alumna developed the idea when she was an undergraduate. Phelan said Assistant Dean Joe Stanfiel later took an interest in the Student Pub and approached student government leaders with the idea.

"[The Student Pub] allows students and professors to relate on a different level, a much more fulfilling level for both parties involved," Phelan said.

Ravindra said the Student Pub is an opportunity to discuss various issues and promote intellectual engagement outside the classroom.

"[Participants] would be standing or walking around, discussing whatever issue of the times they want to discuss," he said.

The College and student government held a pilot run of the Student Pub on Friday in the Hospitality Room of South Dining Hall, Ravindra said. He said the event featured free snacks, coffee and soda, as well as alcoholic beverages for purchase.

"In my group, we discussed education reform, healthcare reform, the HHS mandate and also

just general Notre Dame stuff, like what Notre Dame students care about or are interested in," Ravindra said. "There would be maybe a professor sitting at a table and then students would come up to them and introduce themselves and conversation would go from there."

Ravindra said he thought the pilot run went "wonderfully."

"I would love to see it become a part of Notre Dame culture, to engage the intellect and stimulate conversation with professors and other students outside the classroom," he said. "And so it's just one more venue for students to jump on that opportunity."

Phelan said he foresees the Student Pub becoming a popular event and, eventually, a tradition.

"Hopefully it's something that will go on and the demand is here," he said. "Basically the [first] event went really well. We ended up having 50 people come through."

Although the Student Pub is currently open only to professors from the College of Arts and Letters, Ravindra said he hopes participation will expand in the future. He said the coordinators are in the process of developing a permanent name for the pub.

The coordinators plan to advertise the Student Pub more in the future, Phelan said.

"We're going to up the scale a little bit, since the first one went so well, and hopefully we get to the point where it's kind of standing-room only," he said.

Ravindra said he is excited about the ongoing development of the pub.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for students," he said. "It's still developing, but I think it shows wonderful promise for the future."

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Sunday, March 25 at 7:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

SUNDAY VESPERS

Gather on Sunday evening to pray through the intercession of Blessed Basil Moreau, beatified in 2007, for the intentions of the University community, vocations to religious life and priesthood, and the zeal to make God known, loved and served.

Monday, March 26 at 8:00 p.m.
Andrews Auditorium, Geddes Hall

PARTNERS IN MISSION: Working side by side with the Congregation

Reflections by **John Affleck-Graves**, University Executive Vice President; **Joseph Russo**, Director, Student Financial Strategies Program and **Heather R. Russell**, Associate Vice President, Residential Life. **Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C.**, Notre Dame President Emeritus, will chair the discussion.

Light reception to follow.

Wednesday, March 28 at 8:00 p.m.
Andrews Auditorium, Geddes Hall

BROTHERS IN MISSION: Life and work in the Congregation

Reflections on the past, present, and future of Holy Cross by **Rev. Thomas Doyle, C.S.C.**, Vice President for Student Affairs; **Rev. William Dailey, C.S.C.**, Visiting Associate Professor of Law and **Mr. Patrick Reidy, C.S.C.**, Holy Cross seminarian. **Peter Kilpatrick**, Dean of Notre Dame's College of Engineering, will chair the discussion.

Thursday, March 29 at 5:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

SPES UNICA: The Cross, Our Only Hope

Join the University and Holy Cross community at Mass with **Rev. James King, C.S.C.**, Religious Superior of the Congregation of Holy Cross at Notre Dame, presiding and celebrating the Cross as our only hope.

All events are open to the public and free of charge.

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Obama chastises North Korea

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — In a direct challenge to North Korean leaders, President Barack Obama implored them “to have the courage to pursue peace” while warning of the wrath of the world if they don’t. Failure, he said Monday, would mean a future without dignity, respect or hope for its people.

Obama stood by his pledge for a globe without nuclear weapons, declaring flatly that the United States has more than it needs and can cut its arsenal without weakening its security or that of its allies. That assessment put him on a collision course with congressional Republicans who say any significant cuts would undermine the U.S. ability to deter aggression.

As Obama spoke of peace in the midst of an international nuclear summit, tensions rose in the Korean peninsula. Seoul warned it might shoot down a North Korean rocket carrying a satellite if it violates South Korean territory. The United States maintains the launch amounts to a test of North Korea’s rocketry.

In unusually personal terms, Obama said he spoke of his wish for further nuclear reductions as the president of the only nation ever to use nuclear weapons, as a commander whose country’s nuclear codes are never far from his side, and as a protective father eager to erase the threat of nuclear annihilation.

Obama also met on the sidelines of the summit with outgoing Russian President Dmitry Medvedev. Later he planned to sit down with Chinese President Hu Jintao, whom he was



President Barack Obama and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak hold a bilateral meeting in Seoul.

expected to press for help in dealing with North Korea.

Following their meeting, Obama and Medvedev acknowledged continued tensions between their countries on key issues, including Syria and missile defense.

Still, Obama aimed his most stern remarks to North Korea’s leaders, saying the internationally isolated country needs to change its ways because continuing down the same path will lead to “more broken dreams” and “more isolation.” His blunt remarks came a day after he visited the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea and described the experience as akin to witnessing a “time warp” of despair.

“By now it should be clear,” he said. “Your provocations

and pursuit of nuclear weapons have not achieved the security you seek, they have undermined it. Instead of the dignity you desire, you are more isolated.”

Speaking at Hankuk University, Obama said that the international community has made progress in reducing the threat of nuclear material but says “we’re under no illusions.”

“Even as we have more work to do, we can already say with confidence that we have more nuclear weapons than we need,” he said. “I firmly believe that we can ensure the security of the United States and our allies, maintain a strong deterrent against any threat, and still pursue further reductions in our nuclear arsenal.”

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we had a really positive response from students once we announced the band selection, and that definitely showed at the concert,” she said. “A lot of people came to the show dressed in 90s clothes, and ... students seemed to really embrace the idea of making it an all-day event leading up to the concert.”

Junior Kat Wilson said the band’s performance of songs like “Jumper” and “Semi-Charmed Life” evoked nostalgic feelings.

“It brought me back to the good old days of Pokemon and ‘All That,’” she said.

Junior Brynne Miller said she enjoyed hearing Third Eye Blind play its most popular songs, but she also appreciated its tributes to current popular artists.

“I really enjoyed it when [Third Eye Blind] did the Calvin Harris cover,” Miller said.

Sophomore Bill Leigh said he thought the band gave a crowd-pleasing performance and he said he appreciated its extension of gratitude to the audience.

“I thought it was really good, and I especially like when bands thank their fan base,” Leigh said. “They definitely did that and did a good job playing. My favorite song they performed was ‘Never Let You Go.’”

Junior Betsy McGovern said she and her friends woke up at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday to make the trek to LaFortune to purchase tickets.

“It was definitely worth waking up early for the tickets,” she said. “The whole

concert was really fun, but it was especially awesome when they played ‘Jumper’ and ‘Semi-Charmed Life’ because everyone went crazy.”

Junior Eric Stumpf said Third Eye Blind’s performance demonstrated the band’s eagerness to perform for Notre Dame students.

“They did an exceptionally great job getting the crowd involved and creating a fun concert atmosphere,” he said. Stumpf, a longtime Third Eye Blind fan, said the band provided a broad sampling of their repertoire during the concert.

“I’ve wanted to see Third Eye Blind for a very long time and was so glad I got to before they stopped touring,” he said. “I think they did a good job integrating their newer, less well-known songs with their bigger hits.”

Though the concert was an enjoyable experience overall, Stumpf said he had one complaint about its venue.

“The only thing I can complain about is how ungodly awful the acoustics of Stephan are,” he said. “If you didn’t know the lyrics to the songs before the concert, you would have thought the singer was speaking gibberish.”

Keating said SUB has worked with the same concert production company for roughly 15 years, but the company’s owner told Keating this year’s concert was the biggest production it has put on at Notre Dame.

“Everything, including the lights, speakers and even the stage, were bigger and more elaborate than in previous years, and all of that played into making the show such a success,” Keating said.

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Two Miss. students shot over weekend

Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant on Sunday expressed his sorrow at the shooting deaths of two college students in the state over the weekend.

Late Saturday, 21-year-old John Sanderson of Madison, Miss., was shot to death in a Mississippi State University dormitory, though the killing appears to be isolated, according to university officials.

Early Sunday, a 19-year-old freshman at Jackson State University died from being shot in the face and killed at an off-campus apartment pool party in Jackson. Police identified the victim as Nolan Ryan Henderson III of Atlanta.

Bryant said in a statement that he and his wife Deborah were “saddened to learn that Mississippi lost two college students this weekend.” He said he’s spoken with university leaders and instructed the state public safety commissioner to assist in the investigations.

“Those perpetuating these crimes will be apprehended and held accountable,” he said. “Mississippi does not take these instances lightly, and rest assured, we will continue to provide a safe learning environment for students at all our

Mississippi College and University campuses.”

At Mississippi State, university president Mark Keenum said in a statement on the school’s website Sunday that the killing of Sanderson was the first time a student had been shot on the campus. Keenum said officials could reveal few other details because of the ongoing investigation.


University spokeswoman Maridith Geuder said police received a call about the shooting at Evans Hall around 10 p.m. Saturday. Police were on the scene within a minute. Sanderson was taken to Oktibbeha County Hospital, where he died.

Three male suspects fled the building in a blue Crown Victoria, officials said. No arrests had been made Sunday.

Shortly after the shooting, the university began sending a series of text message alerts to students. Police officers stepped up patrols to make sure the campus was safe, Keenum said.

The four-story Evans Hall holds about 300 male students and is located on the north side of campus. The campus of about 20,000 students is located in a rural area in the northeastern part of the state, about 125 miles northeast of Jackson.

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Cheney transplant sparks debate

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Doctors say it is unlikely that former Vice President Dick Cheney got special treatment when he was given a new heart at age 71 that thousands of younger people also were in line to receive.

Still, his case reopens debate about whether rules should be changed to favor youth over age in giving out scarce organs. As it stands now, time on the waiting list, medical need and where you live determine the odds of scoring a new heart — not how many years you'll live to make use of it.

"The ethical issues are not that he had a transplant, but who didn't?" Dr. Eric Topol, a cardiologist at Scripps Health in La Jolla, Calif., wrote on Twitter.

Cheney received the transplant Saturday at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Va., the same place where he received an implanted heart pump that has kept him alive since July 2010. It appears he went on the transplant wait list around that time, 20 months ago.

He had severe congestive heart failure and had suffered five heart attacks over the past 25 years. Cheney has had countless procedures to keep him going — bypasses, artery-opening angioplasty, pacemakers and surgery on his legs. Yet he must have had a healthy liver and kidneys to qualify for a new heart, doctors said.

"We have done several patients hovering around age 70" although that's

about "the upper limit" for a transplant, said Dr. Mariell Jessup, a University of Pennsylvania heart failure specialist and American Heart Association spokeswoman. "The fact he waited such a long time shows he didn't get any favors."

More than 3,100 Americans are waiting now for a new heart, and about 330 die each year before one becomes available. When one does, doctors check to see who is a good match and in highest medical need. The heart is offered locally, then regionally and finally nationally until a match is made.

"You can't leapfrog the system," said Dr. Allen Taylor, cardiology chief at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital. "It's a very regimented and fair process and heavily policed."

Jessup and Taylor spoke Sunday from the American College of Cardiology's annual conference in Chicago, where Cheney's treatment was a hot topic.

Patients can get on more than one transplant list if they can afford the medical tests that each center requires to ensure eligibility, and can afford to fly there on short notice if an organ becomes available. For example, the late Apple chief Steve Jobs was on a transplant list in Tennessee and received a new liver at a hospital there in 2009 even though he lived in California.

That's not done nearly as often with hearts as it is for livers or kidneys, said Dr. Samer Najjar, heart

transplant chief at MedStar Washington Hospital Center. Each transplant center decides for itself how old a patient it will accept, he said.

"Most centers wouldn't put somebody on" at Cheney's age, said University of Pennsylvania bioethicist Art Caplan, who has testified before many panels on organ sharing issues.

"I've been arguing for a long time that the system should pay more attention to age because you'll get a better return on the gift" because younger people are more likely to live longer with a donor organ, Caplan said.

News reports detail other successful heart transplants in septuagenarians.

In Canada, a man described as a home builder and philanthropist received a heart transplant when he was 79 at the University Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He lived for more than a decade with the organ, dying in 2010 at age 90.

In Texas, a 75-year-old retired veterinarian received a heart last year from a 61-year-old donor, but he had been a marathon runner and was presumably healthier than many of his peers.

Cheney will have to take daily medicines to prevent rejection of his new heart and go through rehabilitation to walk and return to normal living. He was former President George W. Bush's vice president for eight years, from 2001 until 2009.

Nation's churches stand in solidarity with Martin



AP

Churchgoers at Middle Collegiate Church in New York wear hoodies in support of justice for slain Florida teen Trayvon Martin.

Associated Press

EATONVILLE, Fla. — Wearing hooded sweatshirts similar to the one that Trayvon Martin wore on the night he was killed, many preachers and worshippers echoed calls for justice Sunday in the shooting death of an unarmed black teenager in Florida last month.

The one-month anniversary of Martin's death is Monday. He was shot while wearing a "hoodie" as he walked home on a rainy night in a gated community. The neighborhood watch volunteer who shot him, 28-year-old George Zimmerman, is the son of a white father and Hispanic mother, and the demands to charge him in Martin's slaying have grown ever louder. He had called police to report the hooded figure as suspicious; the 17-year-old Martin was carrying a bag of Skittles and a can of iced tea, talking to his girlfriend on his cellphone.

In African-American and other religious centers from Florida to Atlanta, New York and Chicago, messages from pulpits couldn't help but touch on a seemingly avoidable tragedy that continues to be rife with more questions than answers. But while the call continued for the arrest of Zimmerman, there were also pleas to use the incident to spark a larger movement.

"How do we turn pain into power?" the Rev. Jesse Jackson asked a standing-room only congregation of hundreds while preaching at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Eatonville, Fla., about 20 miles from the site of the Sanford shooting. "How do we go from a moment to a movement that curries favor?"

Jackson preached a sermon entitled "The Substance of Things Hoped For." He called for Martin's "martyr" death to be used as an opportunity to revive the Civil Rights Commission and draw attention to long-standing issues. Very young children and teens sat in the choir behind him.

"The blood of the innocent has power," Jackson said to shouts of "Amen" and loud clapping.

Jackson invoked the names of Emmett Till, the 14-year-old boy bludgeoned and shot to death in Mississippi in 1955 for supposedly whistling at a white woman, and slain civil rights figures Medgar Evers and Martin Luther King, Jr.

"There's power in the blood of Emmett Till! There's power in the blood of Medgar Evers! There's power in the blood of Dr. King!" declared the 70-year-old Jackson, who marched with King.

Jackson made a direct plea to change the "Stand Your Ground" self-defense law that many believe authorities in Florida used to avoid arresting him.

Amid the outcry over the lack of charges against Zimmerman, the Sanford police chief and state's attorney in the case have both stepped aside. The U.S. Justice Department has opened a civil rights probe into the shooting, and a grand jury is scheduled to meet April 10 to consider evidence in the case.

Zimmerman's attorney has said he believes the case falls under Florida's stand-your-ground law, which dictates that a person has the right to stand his or her ground and "meet force with force" if attacked. Attorney Craig Sonner has said Zimmerman is not a racist.

After Jackson's sermon, congregants said the civil rights activist's message resonated.

"This kind of activism never stopped in the church, that's what they do for us in the black community," said 34-year-old Nacia Bradley of Orlando. "That's what they're here to do."

Black churches have long served as catalysts for change and were instrumental during the civil rights era.

"The activism (in the church) is bigger and better than ever," said Kenneth Byers, 47, of Orlando. "Everything Rev. Jackson said was right on time."

At Chicago's St. Sabina Catholic Church, a predominantly black congregation, the Rev. Michael Pfleger wore the hood of his robe over his head while celebrating Mass. Pfleger, who is white, has long spoken out against violence.

During Mass, one congregant held a sign reading, "We are all Trayvon Martin."

In New York City, Middle Collegiate Church pastor Jacqueline Lewis said the church must assume both a spiritual and political role to end "the epidemic" of racism. She encouraged her congregants to send packages of Skittles to Sanford police, sign an online petition and attend an April conference on building multiracial congregations.

It's that sense of activism that resonated with Michael Ambrosini, who left the service wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt. He said he attends the church in part because "such violence dictates strong political action, and this church takes action."

In the nation's capital, the pastors of Reid Temple AME in Glenn Dale, Md. and Metropolitan AME in downtown Washington, both wore hoodies.

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Scholars agree: US still on top

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Anyone worried about an erosion of America's global status might consider this modest fact: Facebook is the dominant social network in Mongolia.

Along with its pervasive social media, the United States leads in myriad other ways — from the allure of its movies and music to the reach of its military. It's tough to match a nation that deploys troops to Australia and central Africa, propels Beyonce to global stardom, and produced the Twitter-style technologies that abetted the Arab Spring.

"American entrepreneurs are defining the digital age," said Harald Leibrecht, the German government's coordinator for U.S. relations. "And when looking for the 'next big thing,' we very much expect it to come from over the Atlantic as well."

So what's with all the talk about America in decline? There seems to be a forest's worth of recent books raising that possibility, with gloomy titles such as "That Used to be Us." Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney suggested that President Barack Obama considers the U.S. "just another nation."

Abroad, foreign policy experts are following this discussion with a mix of bemusement and concern. A dozen of them, in nine countries on five continents, shared their thoughts with The Associated Press — agreeing that the U.S. stands alone as a global superpower, yet perceiving an array of weaknesses that could undermine its stature as numerous emerging powers seek a bigger role on the world stage.

Cited most often: the partisan political gridlock in Washington — viewed as hindering efforts to tackle other long-term problems.

"Some U.S. vulnerabilities are quite obvious," said Dmitri Trenin, a Russian expert on diplomatic and security policy, in an e-mail from Moscow. "The issue of debt ... too loose financial regulation, social inequality which is punishing America's middle class."

Trenin, director of the Carnegie Moscow Center, predicted the U.S. will nonetheless remain pre-eminent for decades, yet questioned the ability of America's political elite to interpret and respond wisely to global developments.

"This is not always impressive, and some comments made on the election stump are downright depressing," he said.

Narushige Michishita, a professor at Tokyo's National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies and adviser to Japan's government on security issues, views the debate in the U.S. over its global stature as a sign of insecurity. He says it has prompted to Japan to look to other strategic partners to bolster its position in Asia.

"It is clear in relative terms that the U.S. is starting to decline in comparison with China," said Michishita. "As U.S. commitment and influence starts to decline ... it is inevitable China will expand."

Pope urges Mexicans to fight with faith

Associated Press

SILAO, Mexico — Pope Benedict XVI urged Mexicans to wield their faith against drug violence, poverty and other ills, celebrating Sunday Mass before a sea of hushed worshippers in a visit that has warmed many Mexicans to a pontiff they often saw as austere.

Many in the crowd said they were gratified by Benedict's recognition of their country's problems and said they felt reinvigorated in what they described as a daily struggle against criminality, corruption and economic hardship.

The pope delivered the message to an estimated 350,000 people against the backdrop of the Christ the King monument, one of the most important symbols of Mexican Christianity. The statue recalls a 1920s Roman Catholic uprising against the anti-clerical laws that forbade public worship services such as the one Benedict celebrated.

"We pray for him to help us, that there be no more violence in the country," said Lorena Diaz, 50, who owns a jeans factory in nearby Leon. "We pray that he gives us peace."

With his first visit to Mexico, the pontiff appeared to lay to rest doubts that he was a distant, cold pope who could never compare to the charisma and personal connection that his predecessor, John Paul II, forged over his five visits to Mexico. Many Mexicans said they were surprised by their depth of feeling for Benedict.

On Sunday, he charmed the crowd by donning a broad-brimmed Mexican sombrero.

"Some young people rejected the pope, saying he has an angry face. But now they see him like a grandfather," said Cristian Roberto Cerda Reynoso, 17, a seminarian from Leon. "I see the youth filled with excitement and enthusiasm."

He charmed them again later Sunday when he was serenaded by a mariachi band and



AP

Pope Benedict XVI waves from the popemobile wearing a Mexican sombrero as he arrives to give mass near Silao, Mexico.

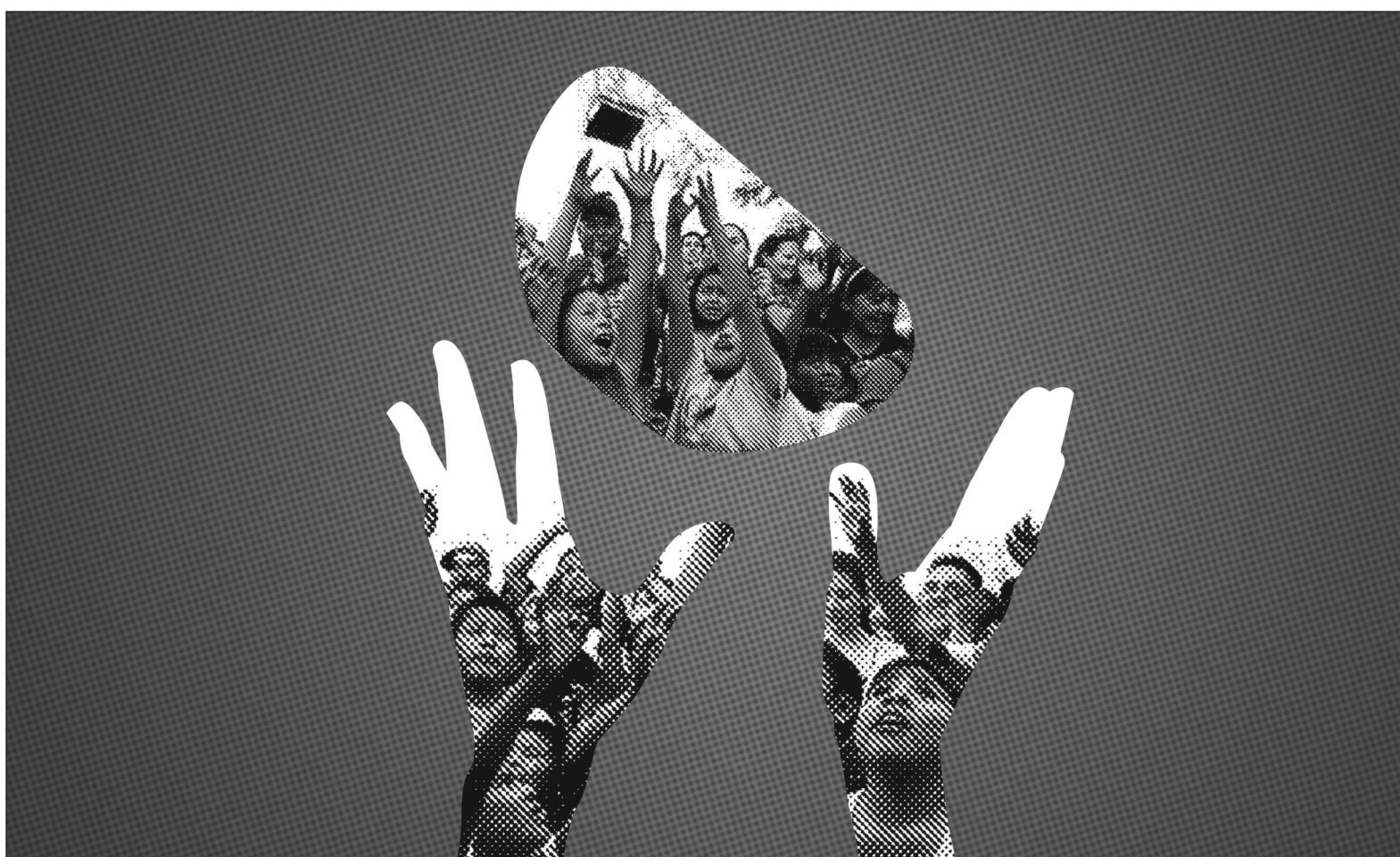
presented with another sombrero at the entrance to the school where he was staying.

"I've made a lot of trips, but I've never been welcomed with such enthusiasm," Benedict told the wildly cheering crowd in off-the-cuff remarks. "Now I can understand why Pope John Paul II used to say, 'I feel like I'm a Mexican pope.'"

Esther Villegas, a 36-year-

old cosmetics vendor, said Benedict's image in Mexico has been changed greatly by the visit.

"We saw a lot of happiness in his face. We are used to seeing him with a harder appearance, but this time he looked happier, smiling," Villegas said. "A lot of people didn't care for him enough before, but now he has won us over."



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Senators contest legality of asking for passwords

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Two U.S. senators are asking Attorney General Eric Holder to investigate whether employers asking for Facebook passwords during job interviews are violating federal law, their offices announced Sunday.

Troubled by reports of the practice, Democratic Sens. Chuck Schumer of New York and Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut said they are calling on the Department of Justice and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to launch investigations. The senators are sending letters to the heads of the agencies.

The Associated Press reported last week that some private and public agencies around the country are asking job seekers for their social media credentials. The practice has alarmed privacy advocates, but the legality of it remains murky.

On Friday, Facebook warned employers not to ask job applicants for their passwords to the site so they can poke around on their profiles. The company threatened legal action against applications that violate its long-standing policy against sharing passwords.

A Facebook executive cautioned that if an employer discovers that a job applicant is a member of a protected group, the employer may be vulnerable to claims of discrimination if it doesn't hire that person.

Personal information such as gender, race, religion and age are often displayed on a Facebook profile — all details that

are protected by federal employment law.

"We don't think employers should be asking prospective employees to provide their passwords because we don't think it's the right thing to do. While we do not have any immediate plans to take legal action against any specific employers, we look forward to engaging with policy makers and other stakeholders, to help better safeguard the privacy of our users," Facebook said in a statement.

Not sharing passwords is a basic tenet of online conduct. Aside from the privacy concerns, Facebook considers the practice a security risk.

"In an age where more and more of our personal information — and our private social interactions — are online, it is vital that all individuals be allowed to determine for themselves what personal information they want to make public and protect personal information from their would-be employers. This is especially important during the job-seeking process, when all the power is on one side of the fence," Schumer said in a statement.

Specifically, the senators want to know if this practice violates the Stored Communications Act or the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. Those two acts, respectively, prohibit intentional access to electronic information without authorization and intentional access to a computer without authorization to obtain information.

French candidates analyze shootings



France's President and candidate for the upcoming election, Nicolas Sarkozy delivers his statement during his electoral campaign in Strasbourg, eastern France.

Associated Press

PARIS — A week that terrified France may be just what Nicolas Sarkozy, an underdog in the race for presidential elections in April and May, needs to win a second term.

Or not.

The conservative president is vaunting his tough-on-crime credentials, but polls show voters still think jobs are what matters most. And with unemployment near 10 percent after a half-decade under Sarkozy, most still favor Socialist Francois Hollande.

Sarkozy's campaign strategists are tapping the fear that gripped many in the country last week, after a radical Muslim Frenchman gunned down children and a rabbi at a Jewish school. Police tracked down Mohamed Merah two days later and killed him as he jumped out a window, guns blazing.

With four weeks left before voting begins, the events disrupted the presidential campaign and revived concerns about religious extremist-inspired terrorism. And Sarkozy

painted himself as France's savior.

"I assume responsibility for all decisions that led to the definitive neutralization of this monstrous killer," Sarkozy said at a campaign rally Saturday, doing nothing to conceal his pride.

He dismissed suggestions that the gunman could have been a victim of circumstance, a poor, minority youth from neglected housing projects rejected by the French state but embraced by fundamentalists.

"No, France is not guilty. No, there is not a climate in France that can explain these crimes, because these crimes are inexplicable and inexcusable," he said.

He may be winning over some voters from the anti-immigrant, anti-Muslim far right. But France's Muslims, who number some 5 million, fear a backlash, and Sarkozy may be alienating others with his violent language and fear-mongering.

Hollande, a moderate and inoffensive leftist who wants to raise taxes on the rich, re-

mains at the top of polls released in recent days — even though security is one of his weak points.

Hollande asked why the gunman wasn't arrested despite being on a counterterrorism watch-list. On a campaign stop Sunday in Corsica, he suggested Sarkozy was to blame for unusually high murder rates there in recent years. France next president must "assure everyone's tranquility, but at the same time there are all the other emergencies" such as income inequality, unemployment and pensions, Hollande said.

From early on in his career, Sarkozy styled himself as a crime-fighter and protector of the French. As mayor of a well-off Paris suburb in 1993, he helped negotiate with a hostage-taker strapped with explosives in a nursery school. Elite police killed the kidnapper and Sarkozy helped carry children to safety.

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Hunger Games takes box office by storm

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "The Hunger Games" has filled fan appetites with a \$155 million opening weekend that puts it near the top of the domestic record book.

The huge haul marks the third-best debut ever in terms of revenue, behind the \$169.2 million opening for last year's "Harry Potter" finale and the \$158.4 million opening of 2008's "The Dark Knight."

"Harry Potter" and "Batman" were well-established franchises. "The Hunger Games" set a revenue record for a non-sequel, taking in more than twice what the first "Twilight" movie did with its \$69.6 million opening weekend.

"This is the birth of a franchise. To launch in this fashion is mindboggling," said David Spitz, head of distribution at Lionsgate, which now also owns the "Twilight" franchise after its purchase of Summit Entertainment.

While it's already a blockbuster on its North American home turf, "The Hunger Games" had a much slower start overseas. The film took in a modest \$59.3 million in 67 markets, including Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia

and Australia.

The "Harry Potter" finale took in a record \$314 million overseas in its debut last summer, and half a dozen other films have opened with more than \$200 million outside the United States.

Even "John Carter," a dud domestically, managed to take in more than "The Hunger Games" overseas, launching with \$70.6 million in 55 international markets two weekends ago.

Still, "The Hunger Games" amassed a worldwide total of \$214.3 million in just a few days.

Domestically, it also was by far the biggest start for a film opening outside the busy summer and holiday seasons. According to Sunday studio estimates, "The Hunger Games" came in nearly \$40 million ahead of the previous March record-holder, 2010's "Alice in Wonderland" at \$116.1 million.

"The Hunger Games" slid into the No. 3 spot on the domestic revenue chart ahead of "Spider-Man 3," which opened with \$151.1 million in 2007. Factoring in today's higher tickets prices, "The Hunger Games" sold fewer tickets over opening weekend than "Spider-Man 3," though.

INSIDE COLUMN

Snow over bros

Why go to Notre Dame? Southern frat kids may be your answer. My experiences in life have led me to believe that sometimes, an appreciation of what is all around you comes only when you leave it behind, step over the fence and test if the grass is, in fact, greener on the other side.

Dan Brombach

News Writer

At no time was this more apparent than during my spring break trip to Destin, Fla. Don't get me wrong, Destin was beautiful and I had an amazing time, but the whole trip also served to squash any reservations I had about choosing to attend Notre Dame. I won't lie — the thought of going to a southern school like Alabama or Florida and being able to enjoy blue skies and white sandy beaches almost year-round was certainly a tempting one. I also won't deny that South Bend can be a dismal place to live in the long winter months, during which it has all the cheerful atmosphere and warm, enjoyable weather of a Siberian work camp. Going to crowded dorm parties is sometimes the only way to get warm, provided you don't mind the overwhelming smell of sweat, stale beer and social anxiety.

All thoughts of weather aside, the reason why my decision to attend Notre Dame was so strongly validated came down to one thing: at Notre Dame, I don't have to deal with southern frat boys.

Frat stars infested seemingly every place we went on our vacation, exhibiting behavior so consistently intoxicated, haughty and belligerent that it would have put even Charlie Sheen to shame. The amount of muscle shirts and snap-back hats per square-inch made most of the college students we encountered resemble the unholy offspring of the "Jersey Shore" cast and a college lacrosse team.

Most of you are probably familiar with the expression, "If I had a nickel for every time 'blank' happened, I'd be rich."

Well, I can confidently say that if I had earned a nickel for every time I heard someone say "bro," "chill" or "pledge" during my trip, I might have made enough money to actually fit in with all the pretentious frat kids living off their parents' trust funds.

Flying out of Destin, I reflected on how much this glimpse into what my college experience could have been had made me appreciate the students who surround me everyday at Notre Dame.

I won't say that all students at southern universities are like the ones I encountered, and I've met my share of pretentious classmates, but I feel a connection with the students of Notre Dame that was noticeably absent from my interactions with students from other schools.

Only by stepping over the fence into this radically different atmosphere did I gain an appreciation of how special the culture of mutual respect at Notre Dame truly is.

Give me that over the beach any day.

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Greening graduation

For the freshmen and sophomores thinking, "I can't wait for spring break next year!" or the juniors that can't wait to live it up as seniors in the fall, believe me when I tell you that it's just around the corner.

Michelle Fuhrman

Ask the Greenman

I'll be honest; I've been somewhat in denial that I will be leaving my home under the dome. The reality of being awarded my diploma and being sent out into the real world slapped me in the face Wednesday when I attended the Graduation Fair. However, what got me excited and made me know I was leaving Notre Dame in a good place was seeing all the sustainability initiatives on display from the university and their vendors.

To preface this, I recently came across an article that highlighted Michigan Tech for using caps and gowns made from recycled water bottles. I thought this was a novel idea, but that got me wondering about Notre Dame's graduation set-up.

Clearly, not wanting to be outdone by a Michigan school, it inspired me to ask Donna Hodges, vice president of Oak Hall Cap and Gown, if her company had similar sustainable practices in place. She told me the gown I had just acquired is made of about 23 plastic water bottles that were extracted from landfills. Point Irish! Hearing this eased my competitive knee-jerk reaction at least for a moment.

"Water bottles to gowns — how

can that happen?" you may be asking yourself. Once the used bottles are collected, they are broken down in a process that forms fibers that are woven together to create fabric. For Oak Hill Cap and Gown, this process occurs entirely within the United States and creates domestic jobs. One Notre Dame graduation ceremony takes three full tractor-trailers of water bottles from landfills. The best part is that the recycling continues even after you wear it on graduation day. Post-ceremony there will be bins placed on campus for seniors to recycle their gowns, where they will be remade into furniture and carpet. Touchdown Irish!

Next, I went to order my announcements and was thrilled to learn that Balfour, the company who prints the announcements, uses 50 percent recycled post-consumer cards and envelopes and 100 percent recycled materials for all of their packing supplies. Chris Barr, the representative from Balfour, told me all about how 10 years ago the quality of fine recycled material was not able to withstand the 30,000 pounds of pressure that is required to press the Notre Dame seal on to the paper. Due to better technology and knowledge, next year the company will be making announcements from 100 percent recycled fine paper," Chris Barr, a Balfour representative, said.

Class rings are another area where Balfour exhibits expertise in social responsibility by becoming the first class ring manufacturer to endorse No Dirty Gold's "Golden Rules." This

policy encourages the mining industry to extract and manufacture gold under higher social, human rights and environmental standards. These standards include responsible disposal of toxic wastes, safe mining practices and promoting social and environmental justice. Balfour also has a "No Dirty Diamond" Policy, and ensures that their diamonds come from conflict-free sources.

As I walked away from the counter carrying my 23 recycled water bottle equivalent gown in a reusable shopping bag provided by the Notre Dame bookstore, I thought to myself Notre Dame if I have to graduate, at least I am doing it in a green way. It is not easy to do the background work to ensure that suppliers and vendors use sustainable practices, and I commend the university's efforts for ensuring that our school is associated with companies that have high social and environmental standards. Even though I'm experiencing a mix of emotions as the big day comes near (only 8 weeks away!), I am proud to go to a university that lets me make a green choice. Maybe this whole graduation thing won't be so bad after all.

Have a question about the environment or how to go green in your personal life? Ask the GreenMan! Seriously. The GreenMan will be here every other week to answer your eco-related questions: email askthegreenman@gmail.com

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Stand your ground?

When news broke regarding the death of Trayvon Martin, a teenager from Florida, the public was horrified. A neighborhood watch volunteer shot Martin on a rainy night, claiming he attacked because he felt he was in danger and had to defend himself.

The Daily Free Press Staff

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According to an article published in The New York Times yesterday, a grand jury is set to hear evidence pertinent to the case next month, in addition to an investigation being conducted by the Justice Department. This time last week, a petition boasting 500,000 signatures called for the volunteer in question, George Zimmerman, to be prosecuted for his crime.

The incident has drawn significant criticism to the "Stand Your Ground" law, which is especially vague with regard to self-defense. Approved in

2005, the law states that an individual is not required to retreat when in danger, and in many situations if one were to claim they acted in self-defense, they can be exempt from arrest.

With such a public outcry surrounding the Martin case, a review of this law is definitely in order. While being permitted to defend yourself in a threatening situation is necessary, holding no accountability for potentially destructive actions will only promote abuse of the law.

Another issue raised by the unfortunate incident is how the police handled the case. Zimmerman allegedly relayed information to police officers saying that he suspected Martin was "on drugs" and he was "just walking around, looking about."

When he emerged from his car toward Martin, a 911 operator warned Zimmerman against following the teenager. In addition to such an ambiguous law regarding self-defense, lenient gun laws in Florida have also contributed to a rise in such incidents.

Unfortunately, an innocent teenager lost his life because an overzealous neighborhood watch volunteer stereotyped him.

Furthermore, an article published by the BBC yesterday detailed that police forces didn't press charges against Zimmerman possibly because he wanted to become an officer himself. Such a blatant bias toward the man who killed an innocent boy will only hinder the judicial process, as well as tarnish the police force's reputation for keeping its jurisdiction safe.

This situation should serve as a warning that attention must be paid to existing laws and police force conduct; perhaps after such a review careless incidents like these won't continue to frequent news headlines.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We have so much time and so little to do. Strike that, reverse it."

Roald Dahl
British author

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WEEKLY POLL

What did you think of the Third Eye Blind concert?

It was awesome!
I went for Hoodie Allen
I didn't get a ticket
Who's Third Eye Blind?

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Between faith and reason

Pope John Paul II called faith and reason the “two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth” in his encyclical “Fides et Ratio.” The Pope believes human beings come to know truth through a combination of faith and reason. The absence of either one will impair our ability to know ourselves, the world and God. The two, in fact, exist harmoniously.

Dee Tian
Confessions of a Christian Party Girl

Aquinas also articulated a similar argument. Because the light of reason and the light of faith both come from God, there can be no contradiction between them.

Or can there?
Many of my philosophy and science courses have caused me to wonder about the relationship between faith and reason. Often, it seems the tension is now said to be between religion and science.

I think it’s interesting that, as students we take many courses from different disciplines, but we rarely try to synthesize what we learn from each. Many times, what we learn in these courses are actually contradictory. In

ecology, we learn that sexual selection was the mechanism by which evolution worked and that there is no truly altruistic act (depressing). In psychology, we learn that there are many reasons for our motivations and desires. In genetics and anthropology, we discuss the question of nature versus nurture — are we born a blank slate, or are our natures mostly genetically decided? In philosophy, we question Mackie’s Problem of Evil and the issues of free will and determinism.

I walk out of these courses interested but slightly confused, and sometimes even concerned. What did all these things mean for my faith? My values? How I view the world? But like most busy college students, I dismiss these worries quickly in favor of partying, watching TV or doing homework. I didn’t have time to think about these things with my insane schedule of balancing friends, work and extracurriculars.

Unfortunately, this semester, I was forced to consider how my beliefs may conflict with the “truths” I was being taught in class. I signed up for a seminar that explored the theological and philosophical impacts of Darwin’s evolution.

I never previously saw a problem with evolution and the existence of God. I thought, “Simple, God worked through evolution.” I could hold onto my religion while being a 21st century person of science, right? Wrong. It was not that easy.

The class challenged me to reevaluate how I viewed God and the world. Details of philosophical and scientific arguments aside, it seemed that evolution provided many problems to the traditional Christian God.

So what to do now? Dismiss God? Well there was no way I could do that. Dismiss evolution? That doesn’t seem very reasonable either. For the first time, I was forced to attempt to reconcile two seemingly conflicting truths.

I’m not sure if I’ve made too much progress, but I think it’s important for us (as students, Christians and human beings) to not just take everything we learn in class at face value and to consider how they interact. Wasn’t that the original purpose of universities? To pursue truth and knowledge?

While I refuse to believe science alone can ever provide all the answers, I also refuse to be completely ignorant of its findings and theories. It drives me nuts when students and professors

dismiss areas outside their expertise as unimportant. As I harped about in my article “Thou Shall Not Judge,” how arrogant was it for my philosophy professor to look down on business majors?

At the same time, how frustrating when someone doesn’t know the answer and so decides just not to think about it (guilty as charged).

At Mass one Sunday, a priest said that Notre Dame was one of the few places left where smart people still believed in God. How impactful. Notre Dame’s mission has always been to educate, not just the mind, but the heart and spirit as well.

I would love to be able to understand the harmonious relationship between faith and reason as easily as the Pope and Saint Aquinas. I may not be there yet, but I’ll definitely continue trying. Through both faith and reason, I hope to better know myself, the world, and God. Is ignorance really bliss? Maybe. But I would argue not.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Humans vs. Zombies

On it’s exterior, Humans vs. Zombies may have the appearance of a simple game of tag. Looking further though, it goes much deeper than that. Humans vs. Zombies reflects humanity’s subconscious desire for a world in chaos, where their personal actions actually matter in the big picture. It fulfills the desire to beat all odds and be the champion of humanity — if you’re a human. If, on the other hand, you’re a zombie, it’s your opportunity to lose all known fears and go all-out, destroying whatever is left of order.

As the human teams loses members to the zombie hoard, each individual becomes closer and closer to their team’s last hope. As players turn into zombies, they find themselves as part of a growing, unstoppable force attempting to overwhelm the ever-shrinking remnants of the human team.

People formerly nameless to one another clump together in teams on either side. The random individual can take the role of a leader for their team, or can become a feared name among both sides. People come up with crazy strategies, as what would be normally considered insane may now be a viable option. In the end, whether humanity survives, or whether the zombies take over, everyone has participated in a epic, entertaining apocalyptic scenario.

Humans vs. Zombies is having it’s third play-through this month from March 27 to March 31, and the more people that play, the more fun the game becomes. It’s free, and registrations are open for all at <http://hvszsource.com/nd> and close this Saturday, March 24.

Come join the battle for (or possibly against) mankind next week. You may very well be the force that determines the fate of civilization.

Matt Coats
sophomore
Siegfried Hall
March 25

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UWIRE

Social networking may stave off Israel-Iran conflict

The Israeli and Iranian governments have both exchanged quite a lot of threats that entail large-scale bombing runs on each other. President Barack Obama recently stated the United States would defend Israel, especially if that required the use of military force, inching us closer and closer to all-out war.

Yet, maybe there exists the assertion that these threats are merely political figures flexing their military muscles.

Under such politicking, one must ask, do these political figures truly represent their citizens’ intentions?

To place the domestic environment in perspective, U.S., Israeli and Iranian citizens almost never talk to each other. The only contact that really occurs is among our elected officials and ambassadors.

There are some Israeli citizens who disagree with their elected officials and their statements, instead seeking out the Iranian citizens directly, conveying passive messages of peace and love.

Writers, teachers and graphic designers Ronny Edri and Michal Tamir are leading a campaign on “IsraelLovesIran.com,” encouraging fellow Israelis to join in on the positive conversation surrounding the similarities between the people of Jewish and Islamic states.

The website makes a strong effort to address all “fathers, mothers, children, brothers and sisters” of Iran. The campaign’s leader, Edri, wants them to know that “war is not on his radar.” His artistic creations, containing images of Israeli citizens advocating for cooperation, certainly reiterate constructivist art, aiming to effect social change.

The campaign has received support from thousands of citizens, a majority coming from Israel.

This demonstrates another effective use of social networking to create change that could very well radiate to a global stage. Through social networking, the citizens are talking among themselves, circumventing their elected officials and delving straight into the domestic heart of each other. This certainly shows the world there is a shining niche of people who believe in peace and cooperation in stark contrast to their warmongering administrations.

As students and social network users, we too have the opportunity to effect real change in our political and domestic environment. This represents a changing world, where we can exercise our citizenship electronically from our bedroom, where we can reach out to thousands of people.

We should commend Edri for his efforts and mirror his constructivism into our own lives. We each have a unique way in which we can participate in such overarching matters. Whether you are a writer, musician, painter or whatever, change can still come from your creative mind. The Israeli citizens are certainly beginning to realize this, and are reintegrating constructivist art to convey their message.

Who knows, given the political instability in Iran, maybe this movement will prevent war with them.

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SEMI-CHARMED COLLEGE LIFE

By COURTNEY ECKERLE
Scene Writer

Past weekend nights playing Rock Band clearly prepared students for Saturday's Third Eye Blind SUB Spring Concert featuring Hoodie Allen. People were jamming on their air guitars and air drums, eyes closed, pretending the music was coming straight out of their fingers.

In other words, the makings of a good old-fashioned rock concert. There was even one small, flickering lighter raised before it was squelched by concert ushers.

Hoodie Allen started off the night right with a solid opening act. He got the crowd revved up, swaying their arms back and forth and even chanting along to his song "James Franco."

Allen was clearly excited to be playing at Notre Dame, and like any good Domer, had obviously done his homework.

During a freestyle South Bend rap, he dropped names of local establishments like Legends and Finny's, even saying he might hit up Club Fever after the show. To which a student in the audience loudly corrected him, "Dude, you don't go to Fever on a Saturday."

Allen made his feelings about USC clear, which without getting specific, clearly matched those of the crowd. Judging by the reaction, he might have made a thousand Notre Dame fans for life from his comment.

In between acts, several groups in the audience raised three fingers into the air as a "Hunger Games"-esque salute to Third Eye Blind.

When the band made their entrance, they were greeted by a crowd that had raided the closets of "Saved by the Bell" characters in an ode to a group that represents all that was great about the 90s.

All the classic songs were there, "Jumper", "Never Let You Go" and saved for the grand finale was

"Semi-Charmed Life," which drew a huge explosion of energy from the crowd. A very polite mosh pit almost started.

Some of the band's song choices left something to be desired, and the crowd's energy flagged a bit, but that is going to happen at a concert where the crowd only knows about four of the band's songs.

Third Eye Blind might not be poised for a takeover of this decade, but what made the concert was the audience. Dancing, jumping, air guitar-ing, even a bit of grinding (which is weird to Third Eye Blind) made the concert a blast. The kind of concert that makes you remember what college is all about: good friends and good tunes.

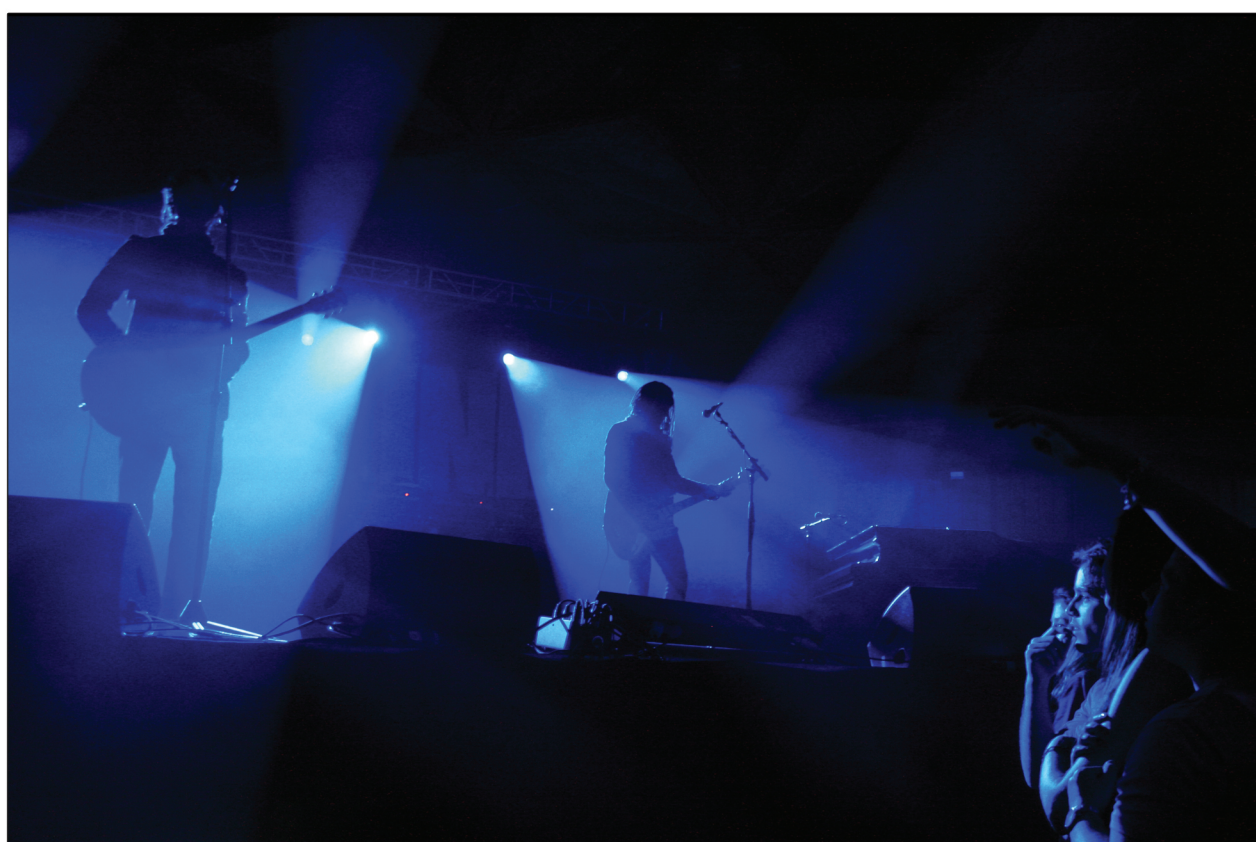
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SUB Spring Concert

Performers: Third Eye Blind and Hoodie Allen

Where: Stepan Center

Top Tracks: "Never Let You Go," "Jumper," "Semi-Charmed Life" and "James Franco"



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By MARIA FERNANDEZ
Scene Writer

Name: Jenny Piccione

Spotted: North Quad

Jenny laid out in the quad and enjoyed the sunny, warm weather with this casual and colorful outfit. Her flower-print skirt looks great combined with a simple pink shirt and silver flats. It is a comfortable and trendy ensemble, perfect for spring.

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The odds are in "The Hunger Games" favor



By SAM STRYKER
Assistant Managing Editor

It is one thing to be perhaps the most-hyped movie of the year. It is another to deliver on that excitement — and luckily for the legion of fans of "The Hunger Games," the film adaptation of the wildly popular novel is a thrill-a-minute blockbuster.

For those of you who live under a pop-culture rock, "The Hunger Games" tells the tale of a post-apocalyptic North America, known as Panem, with twelve districts ruled over by the imposing Capitol. As retribution for their rebellion, each of the districts annually offers up two tributes — one male, one female — to participate in a televised competition to the death known as The Hunger Games — think "Survivor" meets "Gladiator." The film's heroine, Katniss Everdeen, and the love-struck Peeta Mellark are chosen as District 12's tributes for the 74th Hunger Games, where their relationship is tested as they fight to survive the competition.

Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, and Liam Hemsworth star as the love triangle of Katniss, Peeta and Gale Hawthorne, respectively. Lawrence, who grew up in the real-world District 12 of Kentucky, is pure force as Katniss — she takes no prisoners, striking the perfect balance between beauty and toughness. Hutcherson and Hemsworth are strong counterpoints in their roles — Peeta as the outgoing baker's son, and Gale as Katniss' brooding hunting partner. Move aside, Edward and Jacob — Peeta and Gale aren't just eye-candy, but they kick some butt as well.

The action in the arena is fast-paced, despite the film's 142-minute running time. While this may be long, and the camera handling was at times shaky, "The Hunger Games" truly captures the spectacle author Suzanne Collins portrayed in the novel. The film respects both the epic scope of the event and the real people who not only compete in the games, but also enact them in the first place. We even go behind the scenes of the event, into the Game-makers control room, an inspired addition to the film.

Capitol babysitter Effie Trinket, alcoholic trainer Haymitch Abernathy, Katniss' stylist Cinna and the nefarious President Snow round out the colorful cast of supporting characters. While Katniss, and to some extent Peeta and Gale, is the focus of the movie, the supporting characters, in particular Effie (Elizabeth Banks) and Haymitch (Woody Harrelson) provide some comic relief to a film already sizzling with tension. An uproarious

cross between Lady Gaga and Miss Manners, Effie steals every scene she is in. Haymitch, while not as developed a character as he is in the novel, nevertheless provides support to a lost Katniss and Peeta while also milking his own sad-sack ways for a few laughs.

Fans of the novel will not be disappointed. Collins was brought on to help write the screenplay, and it shows. In terms of plot, very little fails to make it from the book to the movie. Even more of the relief is director Gary Ross didn't try to add too much that wasn't in the book. This was a smart move — the lack of tampering allows for the roller-coaster experience of reading the novel to make the transition to the big screen with ease. One thing that does not translate as well, however, is the development of the characters' personalities. Despite the long running time of the film, the connections between the gallery of "Hunger Games" figures never seems fully-developed. However, this is not a film made for awards season — what it lacks for in emotional depth, it makes up with in over two hours of sumptuous costumes, crackling action and beautiful people.

Even for those who haven't read the book, "The Hunger Games" is not just an awe-inspiring popcorn flick. The movie is a remarkable commentary on what young adults struggle with — newfound responsibility, human loss, romantic troubles — all the while juxtaposed against a sick envisioning of our reality television obsessed, 24-7 media cycle-crazed modern culture. Katniss is an inspiration to viewers to stand tall, keep our head held high and march on. The action and beauty of the "Games" may draw viewers in, but the film was a reminder of the strong characters that made the book so great. So volunteer as tribute to see "The Hunger Games" as soon as you can, and may the odds be ever in your favor.

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"The Hunger Games"

Directed by: Gary Ross

Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth, Elizabeth Banks and Woody Harrelson



SPORTS AUTHORITY

Tiger’s return makes golf more interesting

Can you hear that roar? Did you catch that flash of red? Yep, Tiger Woods is back. And I could not be more excited about it. In case you haven’t heard, Woods won his first PGA Tour tournament since 2009 yesterday. Yes, that’s right. It has been almost three years since Tiger won an event that matters.



Allan Joseph
Editor-in-Chief

Since then, he’s gone through one of the biggest downfalls in sports history, stopped competitive golfing entirely, entered rehab, fired his caddy, lost his swing coach, struggled mightily and faded from relevance as he dropped out of the top-10 in the rankings. But now, he’s back. To be sure, Woods is but a shadow of the golfer he once was. At 36 years old, he no longer has the athletic dominance that allowed him to simply overpower fields. After the complete upending his life underwent, he struggles to find focus on the golf course like he once did. Perhaps the most striking difference is that the mere appearance of the name “Woods” on a leaderboard is no longer enough to shake anyone unfortunate enough to be standing in Tiger’s way. But at his core, Tiger is still the same golfer. He’s a phenomenal ball-striker with perhaps the best iron play in history. He struggles to keep his driver in the fairway, and his putting is inconsistent at times. Most importantly for the PGA Tour, Woods is a personality. When was the last time the Masters was a relevant tournament? When Woods returned in 2010. Did you

watch the 2011 edition, when you knew Tiger wouldn’t be a factor? Didn’t think so. Will you watch this year? Absolutely. Like it or not, Tiger was absolutely the driving force behind golf’s increasing relevance in the 2000s. Step back for a second and think about this: he made golf — yes, the sport of old men and Jim Nantz whispers — popular beyond the country club. People knew something, anything about professional golf. As Tiger went, so went the TV ratings. Wherever Tiger went, the massive galleries followed — and wouldn’t stop growing.

No offense to Luke Donald, but he’s not exactly inspiring a whole lot of commercials as the world’s No. 1 golfer. That’s why it’s so exciting to have Tiger back. He makes golf fun again. There was a certain thrill of watching Woods roar past an entire field in the blink of an eye — one

moment, he was fading from contention on Saturday; the next, he was at the top of the leaderboard. Of course, nothing matched the experience of watching Tiger take on the final day of a major tournament in a red shirt. On the one hand, the setting was suspenseful, and the outcome was in doubt. You knew Tiger was going to win, and so did he. That’s what he lost. Hopefully, that’s what he’s found again. Forget the marital infidelities. Don’t worry about the layoff. Just listen for the roar, and watch for the red. Tiger’s back.

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PGA

Woods wins Palmer Invitational

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Florida — Two weeks after another injury scare, and two days before his former coach’s book goes on sale, Tiger Woods looked dominant as ever in that red shirt on Sunday to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational. It was his first PGA Tour victory since a sex scandal at the end of 2009 led to one of the greatest downfalls in sports. And with the Masters only two weeks away, Woods looks more capable of ever than resuming his pursuit of Jack Nicklaus in the majors. Woods closed with a 2-under 70 for a five-shot win over Graeme McDowell. The question two weeks ago was when he could play again. Now, it’s whether he can get back to player who once ruled golf.

Even though he won the unofficial Chevron World Challenge last December, this was meaningful for Woods — a full tour event against a strong field, and a performance so clean that he was never seriously challenged on the back nine.

The final hole was a mere formality, and Woods tapped his putter on the ground waiting for his turn, knowing that 30 months without a win on the PGA Tour was about to win. He walked off the green with his arm extended, waving his cap to a raucous gallery.

“It does feel good. It feels really good,” Woods said before signing his card. “It’s been a lot of hard work.”

Woods finished at 13-under 275 for his 72nd PGA Tour win, one short of Nicklaus for second place on the career list. But that’s not the record Woods wants. He has 14 majors, four shot of the Nicklaus standard, and he tries to end a four-year drought at the Masters, which starts April 5. “I am excited, no doubt,” Woods said. “I’m looking forward to the momentum I’ve built here.”

It was the first time Woods had all four rounds under par since he returned from his personal crisis at the 2010 Masters.

McDowell made a 45-foot birdie putt and a 50-foot eagle putt early in the round to try to stay close, though he was never closer than two shots after starting with a double bogey. He closed with a 74.

Ernie Els failed in his bid to get into the Masters. The three-time major champion started the final round three shots behind, but twice missed par putts inside 3



Golfer Tiger Woods salutes the crowd after winning the Arnold Palmer Invitational on Sunday. Woods earned his first victory in 30 months.

feet and shot 75. He would have needed a two-way tie for second to crack the top 50 in the world. Instead, he tied for fourth and will have to win the Houston Open next week to avoid missing the Masters for the first time since 1993.

This day belonged to Woods, as it used to at Arnie’s place.

Only two weeks ago, Woods was taken off Doral in the middle of the final round with tightness in his left Achilles tendon, the same injury that caused him to miss three months last year, including two majors. It turned out to be a mild strain, and Sunday was the eighth straight day that Woods played golf — starting with a practice round last Sunday at Augusta.

His injuries have received more attention in the last year than the personal life crisis that cost him his marriage and corporate support. But in the last week, Hank Haney’s book — “The Big Miss” — was mailed out to various media outlets, another distraction for Woods.

The book is go on sale Tuesday, and while it deals mainly with Haney’s six years teaching Woods, it raises questions about Woods’ fascination with the Navy SEALs and whether that contributed to his injuries, and it portrays Woods as self-centered and rarely satisfied, a side of him that Woods has sought to keep private for so many years.

The win at Bay Hill, his record seventh in the event, puts the focus back on golf.

“He was a man on a mission today,” caddie Joe LaCava said.

“He was pretty jacked up. He was out there to prove himself.” Woods goes to No. 6 in the world, his first time back in the top 10 since May 22. He had gone 923 days — dating to Sept. 13, 2009 — since he last won on the PGA Tour at the BMW Championship. And it was his first win on any tour since Nov. 15, 2009, when he won the Australian Masters at Kingston Heath.

Twelve days later, Woods ran his car into a fire hydrant, and revelations poured on about his extramarital affairs. He has not been the same since then, and players began to wonder if his mystique could ever return.

This was a step. A big step. Woods renewed his reputation as golf’s greatest closer, winning for the 38th time in 40 attempts when he had the lead going into the final round.

It was McDowell who took down Woods in shocking fashion at the end of 2010 by rallying from four shots down to beat him at the Chevron World Challenge, something long considered unthinkable. And it was McDowell, speaking for so many others on tour, who suggested last August that the red shirt on Sunday was not as intimidating as once was.

McDowell gave Woods a big cushion on the opening hole when his approach buried so badly in the bunker that only the top half of the ball could be seen. He blasted out through the green into another bunker and made double bogey. That gave Woods a three-shot lead, and McDowell never got closer than two the rest of the way.

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US Open: 2000, 2002, 2008
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Tiger Woods's average clubhead speed is 125 mph, while the average person's speed is 84 mph.

Tiger Woods has won six Optimist International Junior World Titles, the first coming at the age of eight.

Jack Nicklaus Major Wins
Masters: 1963, 1965, 1966, 1972, 1975, 1986
US Open: 1962, 1967, 1972, 1980
The Open Championship: 1966, 1970, 1978
PGA Championship: 1963, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1980

Nicklaus won 18 Major championships and 73 PGA Tour events, second to Sam Snead.

Nicklaus was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1974.

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MLB

Johnson, Marlins defeat Rays

Associated Press

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Josh Johnson had to work out of a few jams Sunday in pitching five scoreless innings for the Miami Marlins in a 5-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays. “A little bit of everything,” Johnson said of his fifth start. “Some good, some bad, some ugly, but I got my pitch count up and got my adrenaline going that last inning, so it was good.” Miami’s opening-day starter, Johnson allowed three hits, struck out four and walked five. He threw 45 of 79 pitches for strikes. He walked Evan Longoria in the first, threw a wild pitch and walked Carlos Pena, prompting catcher John Buck to head to the mound. “I knew he was a little out of whack,” Buck said. “Every time he was delivering the ball it looked a little different. I could see a bunch of his chest, the spin of the ball would change.” The next two innings were far smoother for Johnson, who hit an RBI double to deep left-center in the second. “Everything was on time. My tempo was a lot better. I was going after guys, throwing quality pitches. That’s what I’ve been looking for all spring,

those two innings right there,” Johnson said. Johnson encountered trouble in the fourth, giving up a leadoff single to Longoria and loading the bases with walks to Pena and Luke Scott. He induced Jose Molina to ground into an inning-ending, 6-4-3 double play. Johnson escaped another jam in the fifth, with runners on second and third and no out. He struck out Ben Zobrist and Matt Joyce, then retired Longoria on a flyout. “You have to do whatever you can to get guys out,” Johnson said. “That’s one of those times you go for the strikeout.” Marlins head athletic trainer Sean Cunningham and pitching coach Randy St. Claire went out to check on Johnson in the fifth, but he shook them off. They were concerned about a fingernail, which digs into his skin when he throws his slider. Johnson said it’s just something he deals with and has played through for a while. “That’s normal for him from what I hear,” Marlins manager Ozzie Guillen said. “JJ threw the ball very well. I’m very happy where he is at right now.” Rays starter Wade Davis struggled in what could be his final bid to make Tampa

Bay’s rotation. Davis gave up four runs, seven hits and three walks in 4 2-3 innings with two strikeouts. He threw 52 of 91 pitches for strikes as his ERA rose to 4.91. It wasn’t an ideal outing for a pitcher competing with fellow right-hander Jeff Niemann for a spot in the starting rotation. “I would have loved to have done a lot better,” Davis said. “The past couple of spring trainings I’ve had some rough springs. I’ve definitely excelled better this year than I have in the past. But at the same time you want to do better, and I’m definitely on a better track of being ready for the season that I have been in the past physically. My stuff’s sharper, I’ve added more weapons to my repertoire and ultimately it’s not up to me.” Rays manager Joe Maddon liked what he saw from Davis at the start, when he struck out Hanley Ramirez after the speedy Emilio Bonifacio tripled down the left-field line. “I thought he started out great,” Maddon said. “I really liked the first inning a lot, and then after that it just, the stuff just went away a little bit. Nothing wrong with him physically, but I really liked the first inning a lot and I thought we were going to see more of that, and then it seemed like after home run it went back into that high-80 range. He still threw some pretty good breaking balls but lost a little bit of his fastball.” Davis gave up homers to Buck and Bryan Peterson in the fourth, which extended Miami’s lead to 4-0.

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Marlins manager

NBA

Smith, Hawks outlast Utah in four overtimes



Jazz forward Al Jefferson fouls Hawks forward Zaza Pachulia during Atlanta’s 139-133 quadruple-overtime win over Utah on Sunday.

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson was exhausted by the time the Hawks and Utah Jazz had dragged each other into a fourth overtime — in Atlanta’s third game in three nights, no less. “It was unbelievable,” he said. “I just had to laugh it off. I’ve never played in a game like that.” Johnson scored 37 points, Josh Smith added 22 and the Hawks ended Utah’s six-game winning streak with a 139-133 victory Sunday night in the NBA’s first quadruple-overtime game since 1997. The four overtimes tied for the third-longest game in NBA history. It was the ninth NBA game to go four OTs and the first since Phoenix beat Portland 140-139 on Nov. 14, 1997. Al Jefferson finished with 28 points and 17 rebounds, and Paul Millsap had 25 points and 13 boards for the Jazz before both players fouled out in the final overtime. “We’ll take a moral victory out of this one,” Millsap said. “This was a good ball team we played tonight. They played excellent defense. We just didn’t get it done.” Atlanta has won four straight and six of seven. The Hawks improved to 30-20 and moved one-half game ahead of Indiana for fifth place in the Eastern Conference. “It would happen on the third (straight night), but it shows the toughness of this ballclub to be able to push through that many overtimes and come out victorious,” said Smith, who fouled out with 1:57 left in the first overtime. “It was a special win, and I think we’ll probably appreciate this win more so than any other win during the season thus far.” Johnson ended the first quarter with 18 points after going 8 of 8 in the period. He missed eight of his next nine shots, including a potential game-winning runner with 3 seconds left in regulation, before hitting a 3-pointer that forced the third overtime. With 16.9 seconds remaining in the fourth OT, Johnson’s 20-foot jumper over C.J. Miles gave the Hawks a 135-131 lead. “I got some great looks in that

first quarter,” Johnson said. “I got into a rhythm early and for whatever reason it took me a little while to get that rhythm back, but other guys stepped up and made plays.” Jeff Teague, who had 18 points and nine assists, added a pair of free throws with 13 seconds to go to make it 137-133. Johnson’s two free throws sealed the victory with 5.5 seconds remaining. Zaza Pachulia, who pulled down 20 rebounds, hit a short jumper in the final seconds of the second quarter that gave the Hawks a 17-point lead, their biggest of the game. Utah rallied with a 27-9 run, giving the Jazz their first lead since early in the opening period. Millsap’s 16-footer made it 65-64 with 3:23 left in the third. Jefferson gave the Jazz their biggest lead of the game when his turnaround 12-footer made it 109-104 in the third OT, but Utah never went ahead in the final two periods. “It’s over with,” Jefferson said. “We’ve just got to get ready for tomorrow. That’s why you get in shape. We can’t make any excuses. It was their third game in three nights. They found a way to pull it out in the end.” The Jazz, who have won only one road game when they trailed after three quarters, fell to 7-17 away from home. They began the day as one of six teams separated by only 1 1/2 games for the final five playoff spots in the Western Conference. “We showed a lot of character and fight,” Utah coach Tyrone Corbin said. “That’s what we need on the road in the second half to win. We’ve got to make sure we understand that’s what’s going to make us have a chance.” Utah’s biggest lead in regulation came when Gordon Hayward’s two free throws made it 93-89 with 5:31 left in the fourth. Hayward scored 19 points and Devin Harris handed out 10 assists for the Jazz. Not surprisingly, Johnson was delighted when Jefferson and Millsap both picked up their sixth foul in the last OT. “I was so happy when they fouled out, man, you wouldn’t even believe it,” Johnson said with a smile.

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FENCING

Irish finish third at NCAA championship



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Sophomore foilist Rachel Beck competes in the Midwest Fencing conference championship at the Joyce Center on March 4.

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

The Irish captured third place in the NCAA championships Sunday in Columbus, Ohio, finishing behind Ohio State and Princeton. Notre Dame failed to defend its 2011 national championship.

Irish coach Janusz Bednarski was pleased with the outcome, considering the relative youth and inexperience of this Irish squad compared to championship teams in the past.

“I’m really happy that we made the top three, losing the second place finish to Princeton by only one bout,” Bednarski said. “It was a satisfying moment. Of course we’d like to be second or first. But in general, we had a very young team.”

The fencers had a slightly different reaction to the outcome. As competitors, they wanted to go in and capture another crown.

“We’re disappointed as a collective,” junior James Kaull said. “We go into every championship thinking we have a very legitimate chance of winning it, and when that doesn’t happen, you just have to go back to the drawing board and figure out what you have to do better next season.”

Notre Dame was able to capture titles in one weapon, men’s foil. The top performer for Notre Dame in that contest was senior Enzo Castellani. He was the only Irish fencer to finish in the top three of his weapon. For that effort, Castellani received first-team All-American honors.

All other weapons were near the top, but the cumulative results landed the Irish in third. Some other top finishers for Notre Dame were senior Reggie Bentley, who finished fifth in the men’s foil, and Kaull, who finished seventh in the men’s epee. Both were named second-team All-Americans.

“We performed pretty strongly,” Bednarski said. “From the attack fencing position, it caught up to us because of the intensity of the bouts.”

Bednarski lauded his team’s effort, as they experienced a

strong push from Penn State and St. John’s in an attempt to knock Notre Dame from the podium position. The intensity of high-pressure bouts can catch up with a team, Bednarski said. That happened to the Irish on Sunday.

“A lot of kids spent a lot of effort to keep attacking the winners,” Bednarski said. “They did what I predicted they would. They were simply fighting. As long as they had any power, they were under the mood to attack. They did a great job.”

Kaull stressed how different this year’s squad was from last year’s championship team. For that reason, the Irish had to figure out who they were as athletes and as a team during the year.

“We had to just really create an identity for ourselves,” Kaull said. “We had to do that in the most pressure situation like NCAA championships. We didn’t win it, but we learned a lot about ourselves as a team and who we are as competitors.”

Over the course of the season, the Irish had to mature quickly, because of veterans they lost to graduation and Olympic training.

“There were a lot of growing pains,” Kaull said. “We’re growing into ourselves. I think that’s the big theme of this year.”

The result gives Notre Dame something to build on for the future. The Irish are a perennial force in collegiate fencing, and next year will be no different. A stronger, more experienced squad will produce stiffer competition among teammates to earn the privilege to compete.

“I will have a very good situation with competition for a starting position on the team,” Bednarski said. “Usually it’s very good for a team to have internal competition for a spot.”

“[The future] is very bright,” Kaull said. “We have a lot of kids coming back from the Olympics next year. We have a lot of good freshman recruits and a lot of veteran leaders who understand their roles and know how to lead. They’re confident in what they have to do to bring home another championship.”

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SMC TENNIS

Belles rebound against Judson

By AARON SANT-MILLER
Sports Writer

Even though Saint Mary’s was not able to overcome regionally-ranked Wheaton, the Belles were able to shine in their second match of the weekend, beating Judson 7-2.

Wheaton (15-1), ranked No. 8 in the Central Region, took all but one of the singles matches in beating Saint Mary’s 8-1. In five singles matches, the Thunder were able to claim straight-set victories.

“They were stronger than us in the singles for the most part,” Belles coach Dale Campbell said. “I know they are a [regionally] ranked team, but they just had overall more depth than us.”

In the sixth singles spot, sophomore Margaret Boden managed a solid come-from-behind victory over junior Julia Carey.

“Margaret Boden played very well,” Campbell said. “She

won us a hard-earned match.”

The Belles (7-4) struggled to compete in the doubles matches, typically one of the team’s strengths.

“I thought we played a little bit closer in the doubles,” said Campbell. “I definitely thought we could compete with them in the doubles and had some chances.”

In the end, Wheaton managed to sweep all three, something that disappointed Campbell.

Conversely, the Belles set the tone early against Judson (5-11) sweeping all three of doubles matches.

“We played better,” Campbell said. “All in all, we played well.”

Following this impressive start, the Belles were able to shine against the Eagles in singles play, capturing four of the six matches. It began with sophomore Mary Catherine Faller, playing in the one spot, who defeated Judson junior Alexa Schofield. Following Faller’s victory, both freshman Shannon Elliot and Jackie Kjolhede took

victories in their respective matches at the third and fourth positions. Sophomore Margaret Boden, who claimed a victory in the sixth spot, wrapped up the singles victories.

“They definitely had some good players, but we still pretty much controlled that match,” Campbell said.

Regardless, Campbell said the team is improving. As Campbell sees it, this is something that will prove to be vital for such a young team. The Belles are entirely made up of freshmen and sophomores.

“We’re such a young team, but we’re gaining a lot of experience and getting better,” Campbell said. “We still have to make a couple changes to make to do well in our conference, but we’re getting better.”

Tuesday the Belles will return to play when they travel to Albion to face their conference-rival Britons at 4 p.m.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary’s splits with North Park

Observer Staff Report

After falling 5-2 in its opening contest, Saint Mary’s responded with a dominant performance, shutting out North Park in a 4-0 win in the second game of the doubleheader.

The opener was a closely contested, defensive contest for much of the game. The game was scoreless until the top of the sixth inning, when the visitors pushed across three runs.

The Belles (11-5, 0-2 MIAA) an-

swered with a run in the bottom of the sixth when sophomore pitcher Cassie Selner scored on a fielder’s choice.

North Park (11-5) added two runs in the top of the seventh, silencing Saint Mary’s comeback attempt.

In the second game, the Belles rode a strong pitching performance from senior pitcher Monica Palicki to a shutout victory.

Saint Mary’s got on the board early, scoring three runs in the third inning. They pushed their first run across on senior outfielder Kristen Nelson’s RBI triple. A throwing error allowed Nelson to score. The Belles scored their

last run of the inning on junior catcher Morgan Bedan’s RBI single.

This would prove to be all the run support Palicki needed, as she closed out the game without allowing a single North Park run.

Saint Mary’s added an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth inning on freshman first baseman Jordie Wasserman’s RBI single.

The win marked Belles coach Erin Sullivan’s 150th career victory at Saint Mary’s.

The Belles are next in action when they travel to Defiance Monday, with first pitch scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

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MEN’S GOLF

Notre Dame finishes sixth in 12-team field



Irish freshman Patrick Grahek takes a swing during the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic on Sept. 26 at Warren Golf Course.

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

For the second tournament in a row, Notre Dame found itself in the middle of the pack, watching Alabama claim the title at the Linger Longer Invitational in Greensboro, Ga. The Irish finished in sixth place in the 12-team field. The Crimson Tide shot a dominating 26-under par over the three rounds, outpacing second-place Georgia by three strokes. The Irish combined to shoot an 18-over par (882 strokes), just three shots behind fifth-place Kentucky.

“Overall, it was a middle-of-the-road performance that led to a middle-of-the-road finish,” Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. “The field was actually very good. It had more ranked teams than the Schenkel [Invitational] had two weeks ago, but we still need to get better.”

After 36 holes of golf Saturday, the Irish sat in fourth place, but were jumped by Oklahoma on Sunday in the final round. For Kubinski, the struggle has been to find the third and fourth scores to complement the top two.

“We have two or two-and-a-half scores, and that’s just not going to cut it against teams like Alabama and Georgia,” Kubinski said. “We need to get better performance out of the bottom of our lineup.”

Notre Dame was paced by reigning Big East Golfer of the Week senior Max Scodro, who finished with a five-under par score of 211, good for a share of fourth place. Alabama sophomore Cory Whitsett took first with an eight-under par 208. The finish by Scodro marked the seventh-consecutive tournament in which the senior recorded a top-25 finish. Scodro fired below-par scores in the first two rounds before settling in at par in the third.

Sophomore Niall Platt was the next highest finisher for the Irish, posting a one-under par, good for a share of 14th place. His second round three-under par tied with Scodro’s second for the lowest scoring round of the tournament for the Irish.

Senior Chris Walker and sophomore Andrew Lane rounded out the scoring for Notre Dame, finishing at nine-over par and 19-over par respectively. It was Lane’s first time in the lineup

on the season, replacing senior mainstay Tom Usher.

“Lane played well for one of his first looks all spring,” Kubinski said. “But he didn’t manage his misses as well as we’d like. He’d get a number of birdie looks, but then end up hurting himself with a number of bad shots.”

Whether or not Lane remains in the top five will remain to be seen. With Kubinski perceiving a lack of production at the bottom of the lineup, changes may still happen, and Usher is certainly still in the mix.

“We’re going to get Tom [Usher] back in there for sure,” Kubinski said. “He’s just been exhausted recently, and his play at the Schenkel really showed it. We’re going to reevaluate in the next few weeks what our lineup is going to look like going forward, but it’s definitely not the last you’ll see of Tom or Andrew [Lane].”

The Irish return to the course April 9 at the All-American Intercollegiate in Houston.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Irish shut out Golden Eagles

By KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

Despite the absence of sophomore Britney Sanders — the No. 4 singles player who secured the lone singles point for the Irish in their last match — No. 17 Notre Dame cruised to a 7-0 shutout home victory over Big East opponent Marquette on Sunday.

Sanders played one extra match in the fall, so had to sit out one spring match. According to Irish coach Jay Louderback, Notre Dame (13-5, 2-0 Big East) felt confident enough against the Golden Eagles (10-6, 3-1) to take the opportunity to sit Sanders for the contest.

“We just felt like this was a good one for her to sit out,” he said. “And to do that, we felt like we needed to flip the doubles around just to make us tougher at all three spots.”

The change in the doubles lineup was not enough to prevent the Irish from capturing their ninth-consecutive doubles point, as senior Kristy Frilling teamed up with sophomore Julie Sabacinski at No. 1 doubles and won 8-4. At the No. 2 spot, the other half of the nation’s No. 1 doubles pair, senior Shannon Mathews, paired with freshman Katherine White to win 8-3. The only traditional doubles team — junior Chrissie McGaffigan and sophomore Jennifer Kellner — rounded out the third doubles victory on the day. At 8-3, McGaffigan and Kellner secured their sixth-straight match at the position.

Stepping in at No. 2 doubles and No. 6 singles was White, who earned her first singles victory since Jan. 29. Louderback said after a long absence due to a shoulder injury, White needs to get back in her groove.

“Her big thing is to just get her playing matches. She missed almost a full year with shoulder surgery before she came in and it’s just a matter of getting comfortable playing matches again,” he said. “She played against Hawaii and lost in three sets, but played a great first set, and then started making a few errors. And today she



Irish sophomore Julie Sabacinski returns a shot during Notre Dame’s 6-1 loss to Duke on March 3 at the Eck Tennis Center.

played a very good first set, and backed it up and played a good second set, too.

“So it was good to see her play two good sets in a row. And she has the ability to be good, it’s just a matter of getting her more match experience right now. But it was good to see her come out and play well. She also played well at doubles, too.”

The 7-0 victory brought the Irish to 8-3 at home, a tally that is assisted by the team’s familiarity with the court surface in South Bend, according to Louderback.

“You go to some places where the courts are really slow and you have to play a long, long match and some places where the ball doesn’t come up really high and it’s fast. So it’s much easier at home, because you’re used to your facility,” he said.

Another advantage of Sunday’s match was the unusually warm March weather, a benefit that Louderback says will pay off for the Irish come the NCAA tournament.

“It was great for us, because I don’t know when we’ve played an outdoor match in March — I don’t know if we’ve ever played an outdoor match in March,” he said. “So it was nice to be able to play outside today. We’ve only been indoors twice

in the past three or four weeks and the NCAAs are outdoors, so just getting outdoors was big for us today and especially just playing an outdoor home match — we don’t have a lot of those.”

But before the national tournament, the Irish have several important conference matches ahead of them. At 2-0 in Big East play, Notre Dame will face DePaul, South Florida and Louisville in the upcoming weeks, which will give it a better gauge on conference standings.

“We’ve got three big ones coming up in the Big East. And [DePaul, South Florida and Louisville] will probably be three of the top six teams in the conference, so that will give us a little bit more of an idea. And those two teams, DePaul and South Florida, are both good — South Florida is ranked No. 30 and DePaul is ranked [No. 49]. So they’re both very good teams. And then Louisville on the road will be a tough match. So we’re excited to get some more of the Big East matches in.”

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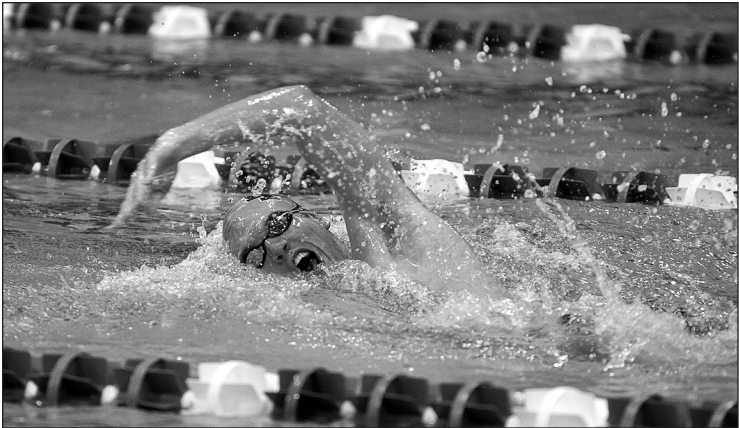
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MEN’S SWIMMING

Dyer leads ND to best finish in school history



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Irish sophomore Frank Dyer races in the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 27. Dyer earned All-American honors this weekend.

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame officially ended its season Saturday, closing out one of the best years in school history. The Irish finished 6-4 in dual meets, won their fifth Big East conference title and added individual accomplishments across the board.

Most exciting was the naming of the first Irish All-American for the program, when sophomore Frank Dyer finished fourth in the 200-yard freestyle Friday at the NCAA championships.

“I just rode the momentum we had coming out and eventually got into the [200-yard freestyle] final,” Dyer said. “Being named All-American is great and to have that next to my name for life is really special, especially when I can represent Notre Dame.”

His time of 1:34.00 earned him fourth place and 15 points for the Irish, the first points on the board for the team in its history.

“Obviously the team’s support has been crucial getting here. After my morning swim on Friday, I received texts and tweets from my teammates showing their support and that’s really what encouraged me,” Dyer said. “I had [junior] Bill [Bass], my family and my

coaches here but the guys back home pushed to me perform at my best level.”

The Irish sent Dyer and Bass to the NAAs at the King County Aquatic Center in Federal Way, Wash. This marked the first year in program history multiple Irish swimmers competed in the event.

Bass swam in the 100-yard butterfly Friday, finishing in 48.33 to earn 38th place.

Both swimmers also competed Saturday, the final day of competition. Dyer took 39th in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 44.04 and Bass placed 30th in the 200-yard butterfly in 1:46.64.

“I am extremely happy with my performance,” Dyer said. “It’s exciting to surprise yourself and now I can build on the confidence I’ve gained going into next year.”

Their combined efforts seated the Irish in 28th place at the end of the weekend. This season’s success has only added motivation to the squad.

“This team put in a lot of hard work all year,” Dyer said. “Next year, our team is going to be the best this program has even seen and we’ll be ready to perform at the national level.”

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TRACK AND FIELD

Both squads win in Houston



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Irish senior Kevin Schipper prepares to compete in the pole vault during the Blue and Gold Invitational on Dec. 2. Schipper won the pole vault at the Victor Lopez Invitational with a mark of 5.15 meters.

By AARON SANT-MILLER
Sports Writer

Both Irish squads were able to make a dominant impression in their first outdoor meet of the season, winning the Victor Lopez Invitational in Houston at Rice University.

“It was excellent,” Irish coach Joe Piane said. “We had good things on both sides, from both genders, and it was a pretty good meet.”

“This meet was more individually based. So there were many athletes who could have helped us score a lot more who we didn’t end up taking.”

Piane highlighted the fact three of the four runners who captured an NCAA title in the distance medley during the indoor season stayed home, as well as senior Maddie Buttlinger, who competes in multiple events.

Individually, the Irish started the first day well, capturing four victories. Both the men and the women nabbed the first spot in the hammer throw, as senior Andrew Hillis won with a toss of 54.62 meters and sophomore Vivien Devaney followed suit with a toss of 52.82 meters.

This dominance continued in the women’s 1,500-meter run, where five Irish runners were able to place in the top eight. Sophomore Kelly Curran, who finished first with a time of 4:26.80, headed off the pack. Sophomore Alexa Aragon was close behind, taking second with a time of 4:27.01. Piane said these performances stood out.

“Both girls ran exceptionally

well and showed a lot,” Piane said.

The men also impressed, with senior Jordan Carlson claiming first place in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Carlson led the competition with a time of 9:00.57, with other Irish runners also landing in the top-four. Senior Kelly Lynch took third with a time of 9:13.58 and senior Joe Miller took fourth with a time of 9:14.16.

On the second day of competition, the Irish were led by senior Kevin Schipper, who took first place in the pole vault with an impressive 5.15 meters. The Irish shined in the women’s pole vault as well. Sophomore Kelly Burke claimed second with a vault of 3.85 meters.

Freshman Kaila Barber continued the success with a runner-up finish in the 400-meter hurdles, finishing the race in 59.04. Also succeeding on the track were the Irish men who competed in the 400-meter dash. The group was headed by freshman Chris Giesting, who took second with a time of 46.59. Following close behind was sophomore Patrick Feeney, who took third with a time of 47.18.

The Irish men continued strong performances in the field events, as sophomores Andrew Brock and Logan Renwick both took third in their respective events. Brock excelled in the shot put, where he finished with a toss of 16.92 meters and Renwick impressed in the triple jump, with a leap of 14.38 meters.

The Irish men and women excelled in their team events as

well, as both squads finished second in the 4x400-meter relay. The group of men, comprised of Giesting, Feeney, junior Brendan Dougherty and senior Mitchell Lorenz, cruised to their success with a time of 3:07.51, establishing a new school record, shattering one that had stood in place for nearly twenty years.

“That really stood out,” Piane said. “It was just a very good performance.”

Also making an impression were the women. Consisting of runners junior Natalie Gieger, sophomore Megan Yanik, freshmen Jade Barber and Kaila Barber, the 4x400-meter relay claimed their second-place spot with a group time of 3:39.67.

Piane couldn’t help but note that this was a step in the right direction, leading the team toward the end objective of this spring season.

“Our goal every year is to do well at the Big East meet and get people to the NAAs and we’re well on our way to doing that,” Piane said.

The Irish will look to continue this impressive start to their outdoor campaign this week. The team will split up, with some athletes making the trek to the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays in Austin, Tex., on Wednesday and Thursday, others going to the Eastern Illinois Multi-Events Invitational in Charleston, Ill., on Thursday, and a final group travelling to the Purdue Poehlein Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind., on Friday.

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ND SOFTBALL

Weather halts three-game series

Observer Staff Report

The Irish traveled to Washington this weekend to face the Georgetown Hoyas in a three-game series. Due to weather, all three games were cancelled. No makeup date is currently set, but possible changes will be announced on UND.com if and when they are made.

Prior to this trip, Notre Dame (11-10) traveled to Fullerton, Calif., over spring break for a five-game series at the Judi Garman Classic. The squad went 2-2 in the tournament, missing the last game due to rain. The Irish triumphed 16-0 over Cal State Fullerton on March 14 and 2-0 against Iowa on March 15. That after-

noon they fell 2-1 to Michigan. They closed the trip with a 7-2 loss to Washington on March 16 and a rainout cancellation against Arizona State on the 17th.

The Irish host their first home game after 21 road games Tuesday against Western Michigan at 6 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium.

WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish open conference play with victory over Louisville

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

Returning to Arlotta Stadium after four games on the road, the No. 6 Irish scored nine consecutive goals over a 16-minute stretch to overcome a sluggish start and outlast Louisville 13-11 in their Big East conference-opener Saturday.

Coming off of a win against No. 18 Cornell, the Irish (7-0, 1-0 Big East) looked slow out of the gate, allowing the Cardinals (2-6, 0-1 Big East) to jump out to a 5-1 lead early in the first half. The Irish offense was stifled early on by Louisville junior goalie Danielle Pawliw, who notched nine saves in the opening half.

“I just thought we lacked focus early in the first half,” Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said. “I think we were taking advantage of whatever opportunity presented itself, not necessarily the best opportunities, and we rushed our shots, which is not characteristic of us.”

After Halfpenny called a timeout midway through the first half, the Irish rediscovered their first spark on offense, as sophomore attack Lindsay Powell scored at the 9:35 mark to end a long scoring drought for Notre Dame. The Irish then followed it up with three additional goals, one coming from senior attack Maggie Tamasitis in the final few seconds of the half, to go into the break tied 5-5.

Coming into the second half with momentum, the Irish went on a furious scoring run early, notching three goals in the first 90 seconds to widen their lead to 8-5. Powell would then add two consecutive goals for Notre Dame, increasing the team’s lead to 10-5 before Louisville sophomore midfielder Colleen O’Malley ended the Cardinals’ 23-minute scoreless stretch with a goal at the 23:55 mark of the second half. Halfpenny said the team’s scoring run resulted largely from increased patience at the offensive end.

“I think our shooters, instead of rushing their shots, took an extra second to see the goal and that obviously helped us out,” Halfpenny said. “They contained us nicely down to the low angles and once we got the ball moving to the backside a little more, we started to see more success.”

The Cardinals continued to challenge the Irish down the stretch, outscoring the Irish 6-3 during the last 23:55 of the second half, but late goals by Powell and sophomore attack Lauren Sullivan iced the game for the Irish, keeping their undefeated record intact.

The Irish saw eight different players score in the victory, with Powell and her four goals leading the way. The Irish also received key contributions from Tamasitis, who scored two goals and added four assists to contribute six points overall and junior midfielder McKenzie Brown, who notched two goals. Powell attributed her strong offensive outburst to strong fundamentals and sense of teamwork present in her fellow team members.

“It’s our whole team working together that makes me look good when I score goals,” Powell said. “This happened in the second half, when we started playing together as a team and playing our game of lacrosse.”

Notre Dame also received a stellar showing on the other end

of the field from junior goalie Ellie Hilling, who stopped eight shots en route to her seventh-straight win in goal.

With the win, the Irish improve to 7-0 on the year and remain one of two undefeated programs in the nation, the other being perennial power and top-ranked Northwestern. Despite their early success, Halfpenny said the Irish are not done improving and will continue to stay focused on the immediate tasks at hand.

“Seven games in, I do think we certainly feel a sense of confidence, but we’re not done improving yet,” Halfpenny said. “Today, we developed a couple more sophomores and freshmen right there during the game. Honestly, 7-0 to us is great, but it’s just a number and just a path, so we’re staying focused on the next game.”

That next step for Notre Dame will come next weekend when the Irish travel east to face Big East foes Rutgers on Friday and



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Irish junior goalkeeper Ellie Hilling passes the ball during Notre Dame’s 13-11 win over Louisville on Saturday. Hilling finished the game with eight saves as the Irish stayed undefeated.

Loyola Maryland on Sunday.

“We have to get better at ground balls and some of the other basics,” Halfpenny said. “If we can hammer home our basics, I think we’re going to be successful, but the road doesn’t get any easier. This team travels really well, and I know how hungry they are for the Big East, so we’re going to be ready for the next game.”

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Junior defenseman Matt Miller tries to stop Penn St. senior attack Matthew Mackrides during Notre Dame's 4-3 home loss on Feb. 26.

Rutgers

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the lead to 7-5. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said Rutgers' second-quarter resurgence was a result of poor defense, especially against picks.

"Our pick play is very frustrating right now and we don't think it's very complicated, but we're not executing and that's getting us in trouble," Corrigan said. "We're struggling in some other areas too on defense that we should be better at and we're not."

The third quarter consisted of more back-and-forth action, as the Irish couldn't break away from the Scarlet Knights.

Rogers scored the second of his four goals — all of which came in the second half — with 3:33 to go in the quarter to give Notre Dame a two-goal lead. That lead was short-lived, though, as DePaolera came from the behind the Irish cage with just 16 seconds to go and scored to cut the Notre Dame lead to one.

The Irish pulled away at the start of the fourth quarter, as Marlatt and Rogers each scored in the first three minutes of the period to give Notre Dame some breathing room.

"We just knew we had to win the [fourth] quarter," Rogers said. "With our defense, we knew if we could put some goals on the board it would be harder for [Rutgers]. We had a couple good bounces and we were able to finish our chances."

Notre Dame dominated the ground ball battle 38-19 and repeatedly came up with loose balls in the offensive zone, giving the offense more chances. Rogers, who led the Irish with four points against Rutgers for the second consecutive year, converted two of those opportunities into goals in the fourth quarter.

"It was good to get the better of the ground ball play in the second half," Corrigan said. "I thought that was a very important part of the game, because we made some plays out of those ground balls that ended up being big."

Notre Dame had to fight off two penalties in the final frame, but junior goalie John Kemp and the rest of the Irish defense were up to the task. Kemp re-

corded seven saves and helped the Irish hold on for the win.

Corrigan said he is always satisfied with a win and is pleased to be 6-1, but he knows the Irish didn't play as well as they could have.

"I'm a little torn on this one," Corrigan said. "It's always good to get a win — and for us to go through a week and get three wins in eight days is really good so I don't want to be too down on our guys but I'm very disappointed in the consistency of our play today. At this point in the year, we should be better in some areas where we're not. I'm glad we'll have a chance this week to go back and address those things we know we can do but we're just not doing every time ... We're thrilled to be 6-1 and in a position now with a little time this week to focus on getting better."

The Irish are back in action Sunday at 1 p.m. when they travel to East Rutherford, N.J., to take on St. John's in the Big City Classic.

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Starter

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on naming a starter and said there may be more than one.

"I believe there's going to be more than one quarterback," Kelly said. "I think if there's no clear break as we go through the spring, I think this process continues to evolve as we work through preseason camp."

Kelly said he wants the quarterbacks to cut down on the turnovers and minimize mistakes a year after the Irish committed 29 turnovers — ranking 110th in the country.

"We're a lot more decisive with the football [this spring]," Kelly said. "We've told our quarterbacks, 'Be the eraser of a bad play.' They're understanding that if they take care of the football, they've got a chance to be very successful."

Rees, who started the final 12 games in 2011 for the Irish, enters camp as the incumbent after throwing for 2,871 yards and 20 touchdowns, but with 14 interceptions.

"I think [my experience] is something that is pretty valuable," Rees said. "It just adds some comfort level out there when you start going live and start doing some things."

Kelly and new Irish offensive coordinator Chuck Martin have simplified the offense to make for a fairer competition between the four candidates. Although a change like this may seem to take an advantage away from an experienced player like Rees, he said it has been helpful.

"I've been in this offense for two years now," Rees said. "There's not much they could put in that I haven't run. The process of what we've been putting in has been really good and it's been helpful to all the guys, learning-wise."

Hendrix, who received significant playing time in

games against Stanford and Florida State, said he is still learning and improving.

"I'm better today than I was yesterday," Hendrix said. "Every mistake I make, I learn from. Every single rep I take, I'm taking mental reps like I've never taken before."

In limited action in just five games, Hendrix threw for 249 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. He also ran for 162 yards, good for third-best on the team.

"I'm extremely confident in my own ability," Hendrix said. "Right now, I'm just doing the absolute best that I can. I'm having a blast out there. I'm starting to understand. The pieces are starting to fall into place for me as I watch plays develop. I'm starting to get it and that's really exciting for me."

"Every guy obviously thinks they're the best. If you don't think you're the best, then you should probably just not come to practice."

Golson, like Hendrix, sat out his first year on campus and views the experience as a positive one.

"[Sitting out last year] was a blessing," Golson said. "Being on scout team and going against the first-team defense helped me out a lot. I got used to the speed of the game real quick. I think the only thing I was lacking after that was the footwork."

Golson said he also developed rapport with some of the scout team wide receivers, including spring standout freshman DaVaris Daniels, which can help him make a smooth transition into the starting job.

While Golson has adjusted to the speed of the college game, Kiel has not yet.

"The speed of the game is ten-times faster and the guys are a lot better," Kiel said. "It's a lot different but for this being the third practice, I think it is going pretty well. I'm finally starting to get into it and getting into a routine."

Kiel — the nation's top-rated high school quarterback — was a late addition to Notre Dame's incoming recruit-

ing class after decommitting from LSU at the last minute in January. The six-foot-four Columbus, Ind., native said the team welcomed him with open arms.

"The quarterbacks have been great to me and have welcomed me," Kiel said. "And that goes along with all the guys. They have been so great. When I first got here, no one asked me any questions about LSU. They just knew they were glad to have me on their team. To have that family atmosphere is huge and made me feel very part of the team very quickly."

Running backs impress

Junior running back Theo Riddick, who is making the transition from wide receiver to the backfield, split reps with freshman running back George Atkinson III during Saturday's practice.

Riddick broke a few long runs during the scrimmage, including one where he tried to run over junior safety Zeke Motta. He also had a long run that ended when he was pushed out of bounds at the opposition's 10-yard line.

"[Riddick] did some good things today," Kelly said. "He caught the ball out of the backfield. He really gives us such great options as it relates to matchups, coming out of the backfield, running the football."

"He's got that background as a receiver, really puts him in a good position to help our football field."

Atkinson also received carries during the scrimmage with junior running back Cierre Wood out with a minor leg injury.

"We really wanted to see George today," Kelly said. "This is really George Atkinson's opportunity to get a lot of reps. It was nice to see him do a nice job."

Kelly said he was pleased with a running attack that saw the first 17 rushes go for at least seven yards.

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- Across**

1 Patriot Allen with the Green Mountain Boys

6 Things "bursting in air"

11 With 17-Across, value of some opinions

14 Pageant headgear

15 Sans-serif typeface

16 Many, many years

17 See 11-Across

18 *Some reddish-orange caviar

20 Work unit

21 Silent performer

22 Renders null

23 *Major road

27 Steve of "The Office"

28 Prisoner

31 *Nancy Pelosi was the first person ever to have this title in Congress

35 Hypothetical cases

38 French king
- 39 Driver's licenses and such, in brief

40 *Parliamentary procedure

47 Big supermarket chain

48 See 26-Down

52 February occasion, some of whose honorees can be found in the answers to the five starred clues

56 Four straight wins to start the World Series, e.g.

58 Tidy

59 Ash holder

60 *Really hunger for

62 Had title to

64 Buckeyes' sch.

65 Snoozed

66 World, in Italian

67 Mind-reading skill, for short

68 Part of the body above the waist
- 69 Show of overwhelming love

Down

1 "And so on, and so on"

2 ___ del Fuego

3 Where airplanes are repaired

4 "A work of ___ is a confession": Camus

5 "If I Ruled the World" rapper

6 Fundamental

7 Commercial suffix akin to "à go-go"

8 Distance runner

9 Blast sound

10 Ljubljana dweller

11 Dish marinated in sweetened soy sauce

12 Lumber

13 Low bills

19 "___ Rae" (Sally Field film)

21 Not very spicy

24 Not masc.

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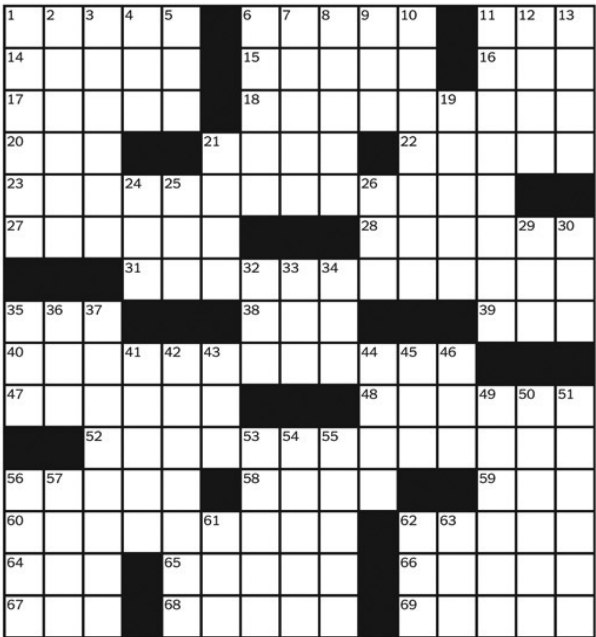
30 Hesitant sounds

32 Dog sound

33 Cow sound

34 Francis Drake, Isaac Newton or Mix-a-Lot

35 Needle



Puzzle by Samuel A. Donaldson

- 36 PETA target

37 What a ramp does

41 White-feathered wader

42 Purposely ignore

43 Surgery sites, for short

44 Word before know and care
- 45 Suffix with differ

46 Hi-___ monitor

49 "No idea"

50 Texas city on the Rio Grande

51 The "L" of L.B.J.

53 Bury

54 Areas explored by submarines
- 55 Keep one's ___ the ground

56 ___ gin fizz

57 Scaredy-cat

61 ___-Jo ('88 Olympics track star)

62 Meditation sounds

63 "Holy moly!"

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Trying something new will feed your mind and satisfy your needs. A change is overdue and should be welcome, even if you aren't convinced it's what you want. Let each scenario play out fully before you say yes or no. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be overly sensitive if you don't get what you want. Strategic planning will be the only route to take if you don't want to be disappointed. Networking will enhance your chance to work alongside someone you feel has talent. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take your time. Observe what everyone else is doing and base whatever decision you make on facts and figures. Too much of anything will lead to problems with authority figures. Getting involved with the wrong person will disrupt your personal life. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): What you do now will make a difference to a cause you believe in or to someone who can offer you something in return. A serious partnership will boost your reputation, enabling you to associate with a higher caliber of people. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be willing to accept change, but don't let it cost you. You mustn't foot the bill in order to make an impression. Being frugal will send a much better message and help you discover if someone you are dealing with has ulterior motives. ★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can learn a lot by observing what others do. Take up a hobby that will help you expand your mind or improve your image. You'll gain confidence if you face challenges head-on. Participation will be key to getting ahead. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't put up with anyone trying to bully you into something you don't want to do. Put time and energy into fixing up your digs and making your home more comfortable and adaptable to your current needs. A partnership needs to be re-examined. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Communication is the name of the game when it comes to love and making personal decisions about home and family life. You'll come across as sincere and will get the best response if you present a well-thought-out plan. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Recognizing what's behind the reaction you get from others will be half the battle. Don't panic if you don't like what you hear or see. It's your prerogative to go along with a plan or opt for something that's suits you better. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Wheel and deal, buy and sell, invest and keep everyone amused with your entertaining way of presenting what you have to offer. Love is in the stars, and nurturing what you have will pay off. ★★

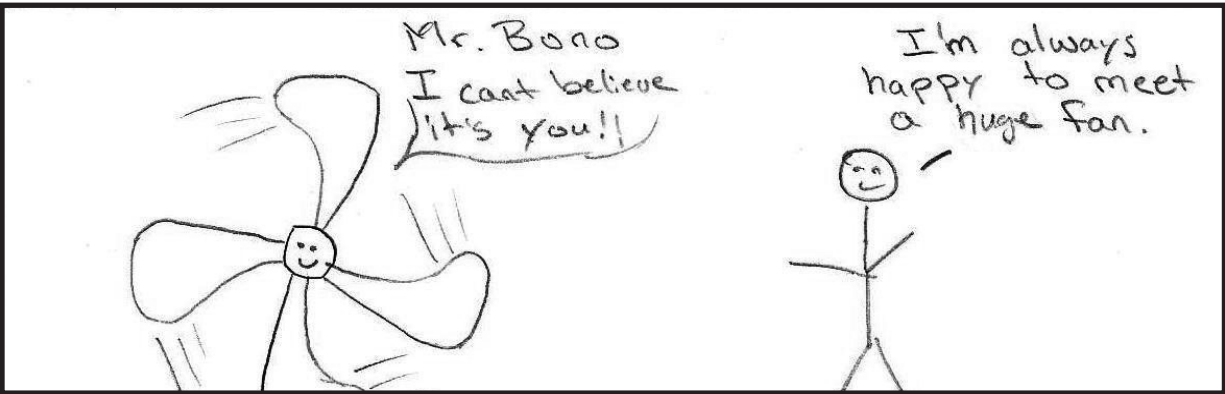
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Elite Eight bound

Bonnies held to Sweet 16 record-low 35 points

By CHRIS MASOUD
Senior Sports Writer

Raleigh, N.C. — No double-doubles, no highlight-reel baskets and no exciting lead changes. No. 4 Notre Dame's 79-35 victory over No. 21 St. Bonaventure in the semifinals of the NCAA tournament's Raleigh Regional was simply a casual, dominant defensive performance from the opening tip.

The Irish defense never relinquished, forcing 21 turnovers and holding St. Bonaventure (31-4, 14-0 Atlantic 10) to just nine field goals, the fewest ever in an NCAA tournament game. Averaging 14.3 points per game, Bonnies leading scorer senior Jessica Jenkins was held scoreless for this first time this season.

"I'm really pleased with our defense," Irish coach Muffet

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MATTHEW SAAD/The Observer

Junior guard Kaila Turner looks for a teammate to pass to during Notre Dame's 79-35 victory over St. Bonaventure in Sunday's regional semifinal game held in Raleigh, N.C.

Bench contributes to Sweet 16 win

By MOLLY SAMMON
Senior Sports Writer

Raleigh, N.C. — Notre Dame took the opportunity to test its bench in its 79-35 win over St. Bonaventure on Sunday, qualifying for the Elite Eight, while several nonstarters received significant playing minutes, a rarity in Sweet 16 competition.

Each player contributed at least eight minutes of time on the court to keep the starters rested and the back-ups well-versed in competitive situations as the tournament continues.

"When you go down through the team, you realize that they are all the type of player that just hates to lose," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Thirty-one of Notre Dame's 79 points came from five different non-starting players: sophomore forward Natalie Achonwa, senior guard Fraderica Miller,

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BASEBALL

First Big East series brings sweep of Pittsburgh

By ANDREW OWENS
Assistant Managing Editor

Due to a strong showing from their pitching staff and timely hitting throughout the weekend, the Irish swept Pittsburgh in a perfect 3-0 start to conference play.

The sweep gave the squad its first home sweep to open Big East play since 1998 and the first sweep overall to begin its conference schedule since 2008, with both series coming against Georgetown.

Notre Dame (15-7, 3-0 Big

East) won 6-5 Friday in dramatic fashion, with a lead-off, walk-off home run by freshman right fielder Ryan Bull.

"It was a great experience," he said. "I had never done something like that before. It was really exhilarating and my parents were here [from Minnesota], so I'm just glad they could see it."

The Irish trailed the Panthers (10-11, 0-3) by four runs in the fourth inning and two in the eighth in-

ning, but rallied back to tie the contest on a one-out, two-run double by sophomore first baseman Trey Mancini.

"I just think it was an overall really good team effort," Bull said. "Everybody contributed in a positive manner and we were stringing hits together, putting up some runs and when somebody may have had a play that wasn't so hot, somebody else was there to pick them up and we were all contributing."

Junior pitcher Adam Norton followed Bull's performance with a stellar outing on the mound in Notre Dame's 3-2 win Saturday. The right-hander tossed 8.1 innings of five-hit ball, yielding only two first-inning runs. All five of the game's runs were scored in the first inning.

"[Our pitchers] are strike-throwers and I think all three are great competitors, in particular Norty," Irish coach Mik Aoki said. "He just goes out there and has

no fear about putting his stuff in the strike zone. He doesn't seem to get rattled ... I really think, from a numbers standpoint, we're a little behind what those guys did last year, but they're every bit as effective."

The Irish erased a 2-0 deficit in the bottom of the first with a two-run single from junior catcher Joe Hudson. Senior infielder Tommy Chase gave Notre Dame a lead it would not relinquish

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish beat Rutgers, continue win streak

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

In their Big East Conference opener, the No. 6 Irish beat Rutgers 12-9 at Arlotta Stadium on Sunday to win their fifth-consecutive game.

Notre Dame (6-1, 1-0) exploded for five first-quarter goals from five different players and got out to an early lead against the Scarlet Knights (4-5, 0-2). Sophomore midfielder Jim Marlatt scored an unassisted goal less than 90 seconds into the game and the Irish didn't look back as they concluded the first quarter leading 5-1. Senior attack Sean Rogers said the key to the quick start was simply ex-

ecuting the game plan.

"We had a general idea of what we wanted to do coming in and what plays we wanted to execute against [Rutgers]," Rogers said. "Our offense did a great job running those to completion at the start of the game and we were able to finish all our opportunities."

The Scarlet Knights came out aggressively in the second quarter and fired 11 shots after only recording six in the first frame. Senior midfielder Will Mangan and sophomore attack Nicholas DePaolera led the charge with two goals each and helped Rutgers cut

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FOOTBALL

Quarterback competition continues

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Associate Sports Editor

For the first time since its 18-14 loss to Florida State in December's Champs Sports Bowl, Notre Dame suited up in full pads for Saturday's practice. And all eyes were on the quarterbacks — all four of them.

Juniors Tommy Rees and Andrew Hendrix, sophomore Everett Golson and freshman-enrollee Gunner Kiel all took snaps with the first-team offense during Saturday's scrimmage that included a heavy dose of the run game.

Irish coach Brian Kelly has not placed a timetable

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Sophomore quarterback Andrew Hendrix takes a snap during spring practice Saturday at LaBar Practice Fields.