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Alumna to give 2012 Commencement address

By SAM STRYKER
Assistant Managing Editor

Notre Dame alumna Haley Scott DeMaria, who made an inspirational comeback from critical injuries sustained in a 1992 bus accident involving the Irish swimming team, will deliver the 2012 Commencement address, University spokesman



Haley Scott DeMaria

Dennis Brown told The Observer.

DeMaria will also receive an honorary degree at the May 20 ceremony, to take place in Notre Dame Stadium.

In a release, University President Fr. John Jenkins said he believes DeMaria's address will provide an appropriate message for those graduating.

"The courage, perseverance and faith Haley has demonstrated over the past 20 years have been remarkable and are a shining example for us all," he said. "She has spoken to scores of groups across the

country of the many challenges she faced in recovering from injuries suffered in the accident, always with a focus on God's grace and the love and support she received from her family, friends and Notre Dame.

"I'm sure that her words will be as inspirational to our graduates as they have been to so many others."

Former United States Secretary of Defense and director of the Central Intelligence Agency Robert Gates delivered last year's commencement address.

DeMaria suffered a broken

back and was paralyzed after a team bus returning from a meet against Northwestern slid off the Indiana Toll Road during a snowstorm Jan. 24, 1992. Freshmen Meghan Beeler and Colleen Hipp died in the accident. Most of the other passengers on board suffered injuries, with DeMaria the most seriously hurt.

Doctors told DeMaria she likely would spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair. A week after the accident, she regained feeling in her legs. DeMaria was standing and walking within a month.

DeMaria returned to take classes in the spring of 1992, and began swimming in the fall. On Oct. 29, 1993, she completed her comeback, swimming the 50-yard freestyle — and winning her heat.

DeMaria has said she is honored to share the story of her incredible comeback.

"It is moving, gratifying and inspiring to speak to people about my recovery," she has said. "It is a gift to pass along hope."

DeMaria has received several notable honors for her

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Experts discuss HHS contraceptive mandate at panel

By MARISA IATI
Associate News Editor

Four experts contended the recent Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) contraceptive mandate is an attack on religious freedom in a panel discussion Tuesday titled "Notre Dame and the HHS Contraceptive Mandate."

Daniel Philpott, a professor of international relations, moderated the Notre Dame Right to Life-sponsored event in the Eck Hall of Law and said the United States was meant to be an example of religious freedom.

"Many people feel, however, that in recent years ... there's been a move toward closure and increasing [governmental] control and management over the Church," he said.

"And perhaps nothing signifies that so much and exemplifies that so much as the recent contraceptive mandate."

Carter Snead, a professor of law and expert on public bioethics, said in March 2010, Congress passed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which required health care plans to cover certain preventive services to women without charging them out-of-pocket costs.

HHS asked the independent Institute of Medicine (IOM) to recommend which preventive measures should be covered, Snead said. In August 2011, the IOM determined all contraceptives, sterilization methods and forms of contraceptive education qualified.

"Some of the drugs that are approved by the FDA [Food and Drug Administration] ...

can function in certain contexts to cause the death of the newly developing human embryo, not only before implantation, but also after implantation," Snead said. "There is not just a religious liberty objection to the mandate. There is also what I will call a pro-life objection because it includes these kinds of drugs that have embryo side effects."

Snead said HHS authorized an exemption on Aug. 3, 2011 for religious employers whose purpose was to inculcate religious values, employed and served primarily people that shared its tenants and was a non-profit organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.

On Jan. 20, HHS announced a one-year temporary safe harbor to allow non-exempt



ASHLEY DACY/The Observer

Carter Snead, professor of law and public bioethics, speaks about the HHS contraceptive mandate at a panel Tuesday evening.

organizations that object to the mandate to find a way to comply, Snead said. He said

HHS later announced it would

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AT&T gives scholarship to ACE

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

The Beatles famously urged

Jo Jo to "get back" to Tucson; but a Notre Dame-based program recently urged AT&T to instead "give back" to the

Arizona city. AT&T gave \$800,000 to the creation of scholarships allowing impoverished students to attend three Tucson schools supported by the Notre Dame Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Academy (NDAA), under an Arizona tax credit program. Christian Dallavis, director of NDAA, said the contribution will create more than 300 scholarships for students to attend the three NDAA schools in Tucson: St. Ambrose, St. John the Evangelist and Santa Cruz. The NDAA program has been working to raise awareness of Arizona's cor-

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at&t scholarship

\$800,000
to create scholarships for students to attend 3 Tucson Notre Dame ACE Academy Schools

Target **\$118,000** to NDAA literacy program

New York Life: **\$100,000** for scholarships in Tucson schools

St. Ambrose
St. John the Evangelist
Santa Cruz

LISA HOEYNCK | Observer Graphic

Notre Dame student wins service award

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Service has always been a part of Erin Wright's life, and the Notre Dame junior finally is being recognized for her tireless efforts to the area.

Wright is the 2012 recipient of the Richard J. Wood Student Community Commitment Award from Indiana Campus Compact. According to a press release from the Center for Social Concerns (CSC), the award is given to a student at an Indiana college or univer-

sity for the impact they have on the citizens of the state and their community.

"I think it is very humbling and honoring to win this award," Wright said. "It's a good testament to the organizations I work with and the people they serve. This makes me want to stay involved and continue to work with them."

As a high school student, Wright was involved with her school's campus ministry. When she came to Notre Dame, getting involved in a

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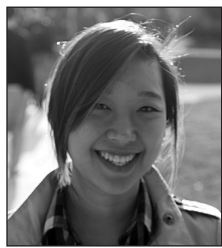
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CORRECTIONS

In the March 27 issue of The Observer, Heather Rakoczy Russell's name was misspelled in the photo caption of the article "Week celebrates Holy Cross." The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WILL YOU DO IN THE EVENT OF A ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE?



Drew Williams

junior
Stanford

"Be Will Smith."

Jeremy de la Cruz

freshman
Old College

"I would go to Basilica Mass and pray that the Holy Cross priests are good exorcists."

Jasmine Park

freshman
Breen-Phillips

"I would pretend to be a zombie."

Laura Josephson

freshman
Pasquerilla West

"I would hide in an underground bomb shelter."

Eric An

sophomore
Morrissey

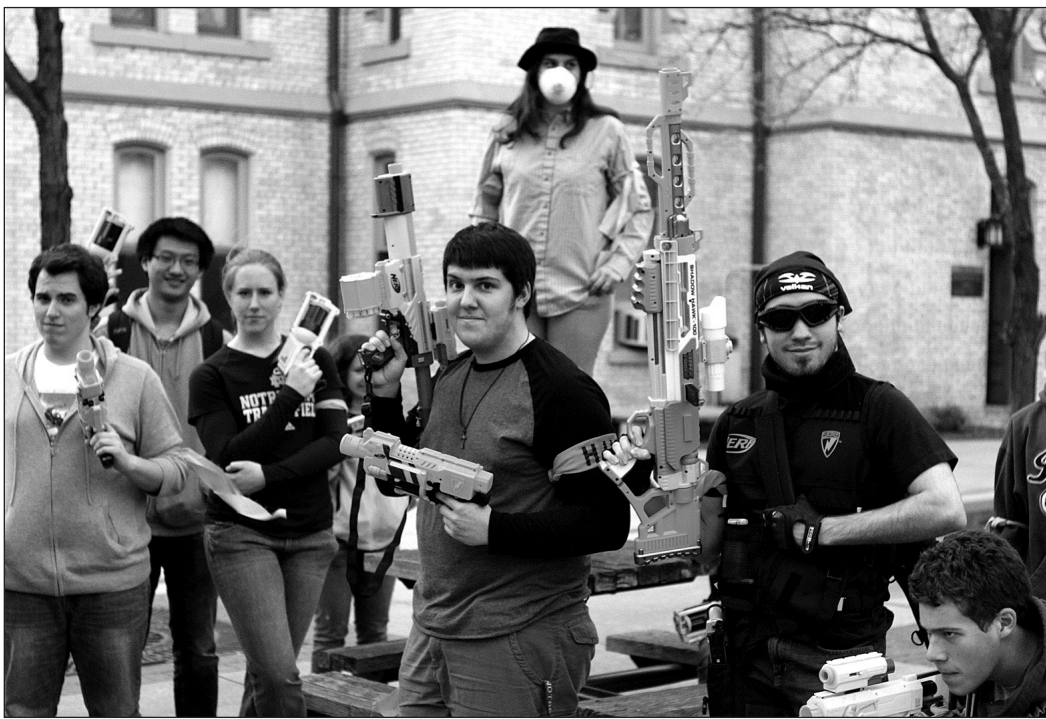
"Go on a cruise."

Patrick Dugan

sophomore
Morrissey

"Just stay in my basement."

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



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Senior Christine Fagan (back) leads the humans on their first mission at LaFortune Student Center during the Zombies vs. Humans game Tuesday night. The event runs campus-wide from March 27 through 31.

OFFBEAT

Real- Life "Hamburglar" strikes Maine McDonald's

AUGUSTA, Maine — A real-life Hamburglar has struck at a Maine McDonald's. Police say a young man, seemingly inspired by the pattie purloining character once featured in McDonald's advertising campaigns, ran between a car and the take-out window at the Augusta restaurant Sunday night as an employee handed a bag of food to a driver.

A witness flagged down an officer leaving a nearby convenience store. Lt. Christopher Massey, acting on a description of the hungry thief, found him in the parking lot of a rival fast food restaurant diving into a McDonald's bag.

Massey tells the Kennebec Journal the suspect swore and ran into the woods. He was never caught. Massey says the three young men who had their food stolen didn't know the burger thief. McDonald's replaced the stolen food, worth about \$20.

City lists aliens, holidays as test topics to avoid

NEW YORK — Companies that want to come up with the tests used to measure New York City students' progress are being advised to stay away from topics including aliens and vermin. A Department of Educa-

tion list of subjects to avoid also includes: junk food, birthdays, abuse, terrorism, holidays and Halloween.

The department included the list in a recently issued request for proposals to create the tests used to measure student progress in math, science, literacy and social studies. It says the listed topics could "evoke unpleasant emotions" or "appear biased."

New York University education professor Diane Ravitch says concern about test topics isn't confined to the nation's largest city. She says its something "testing companies have been doing for a long time."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame softball team will be playing a double-header against the University of Toledo tonight at 4 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium. Tickets cost \$5 for adults or \$3 for youth/seniors.

A colloquium titled "Gaseous halos and galaxy evolution: Latest results from the Hubble Space Telescope" will be given tonight at 4 p.m. at Nieuwland Science Hall.

A lecture on "Transforming Los Angeles: The Politics of Transit Design" will be given tonight at 4:30 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall.

A workshop for graduate students, faculty and staff titled "Preparing Material for Publication" will be held at tonight at 5 p.m. in 120 DeBartolo Hall.

A presentation titled "From Backpack to Briefcase" will be held tonight at the Mendoza College of Business to offer insight into the transition from Notre Dame to the business world. A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the event program will begin at 6 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium at Mendoza.

A Communiversity panel discussion titled "Deepening Our Roots" will be held at 7 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo Hall, with representatives from Robinson Community Learning Center, Unity Gardens, and the Northern Indiana Food Bank.

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

LOCAL WEATHER

	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
HIGH	66	50	56	56	58	72
LOW	37	37	42	44	42	55

Panel presents community perspective on successful reforms

By SHANNON O'BRIEN
News Writer

In response to the 2011-2012 Notre Dame Forum, four principals from South Bend schools came together with local parents, educators and ND students to give the community perspective on their schools' stories of reform and change.

"I think the conversation in the Forum has been very productive. But, it just seems to make no sense if we don't move forward from the Forum and involve our local educators in this discussion," senior Liz Chaten, the panel

facilitator, said.

The Education, Schooling and Society minor sponsored the event in response to the Forum in order to explore the issues on a local, community level. In addition to the panel discussion of local principles, a reception followed where other local organizations, teachers and principals shared their stories and displayed poster presentations.

Deb Martin of McKinley Primary Center, Karla Lee of Edison Intermediate Center, John Kennedy of South Bend New Tech High School and Darice Austin-Phillips

of Perley Primary Fine Arts Academy were the four principals featured in the panel discussion.

"After the Forum, I felt many Notre Dame students had such negative feelings towards the South Bend education system," Chaten said. "I wanted to give our students a chance to see the positive side of South Bend schools."

Each principal on the panel promoted the South Bend School Corporation and gave informative and inspiring presentations of the reforms and initiatives they have implemented in each of their respective schools.

"At McKinley, we have adopted the motto 'Learn like a champion today,'" Martin said. "This not only applies to the students, but also the teachers who promote, 'Teach like a champion today.'"

The principals also discussed how they went about planning their reforms.

"We focused our reforms on answering the question, 'What can we start to do to connect school material with real life experiences,'" Lee said.

Lee said Edison Intermediate Center has initiated off-campus experiences to help

students connect academics with the community including a "Science Day" where students spend the day at Jordan Hall of Science and get a chance to interact with Notre Dame students and professors.

Kennedy shared the new technological approach at New Tech High School, which focuses on 21st-century skills and emphasize the three C's: college, careers of tomorrow and citizenship. Austin-Phillips discussed reforms resulting in a thorough arts-integrated academic program and heavily involved parent-teacher organization.

After each principal completed a formal presentation, Chaten asked the participants a few questions about their feelings on some of the issues discussed at the Forum. Topics included the teacher accountability and common misconceptions in public dialogue on education.

"Accountability of both teachers and students is necessary," Kennedy said. "This accountability can be a good thing. Standards provide a sense of urgency for schools. If you spin that sense of urgency in a positive way, it can provide positive results."

At the end of the discussion, the panel addressed the community and Notre Dame students in particular by discussing what others can do to help education reform.

"Many people often underestimate the tremendous amount of supports students need; it's not just academic," Austin-Phillips said. "If you want to help reform education, think about ways you can become part of that change."

Lee recommended students visit local schools to inform themselves about the issues.

"What will be your impact and contribution to our future society? If you have not visited a South Bend school, go into a school and form your own perception and reality," Lee said.

Many students attended the event, including sophomore Lisa Chin and were able to start to form their own perception and attitude toward South Bend schools Lee mentioned in her advice to Notre Dame students.

Students who attended said the event helped them become more informed about education issues.

"It was so great that the [Education, Schooling and Society minor] brought these educators to Notre Dame. I attended the Forum, but there weren't any actual teachers represented," sophomore Lisa Chin said. "We are members of the South Bend community as Notre Dame students and it is definitely important that we know what is going on locally."

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Faith In Our Future

Join the University community in celebrating Blessed Basil Moreau, the Congregation of Holy Cross, and a legacy of faith, hope and love that 175 years later continues to nourish the Notre Dame family.

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.

holycrossweek.nd.edu



Student hosts book drive to benefit Center for Homeless

By CAILIN CROWE
News Writer

Senior Bridget Meade looks to harness the power of the written word, fighting poverty with the power of fairytales and nursery rhymes.

Meade is hosting a book drive at Saint Mary's to create a preschool library at the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

"Reading can be both enjoyable and powerful. Education is such a great way to fight poverty, and reading is one of the best ways to educate children," she said.

Meade is the founder of Mommy and Me, a literacy class at the Center. The program encourages and teaches parents to read to their children. The library will be made available to both the students in her class and other guests at the Center, she said.

Meade said she was inspired to create this class because of her own love of reading.

"Reading was such a huge part of my childhood that I thought it was a tragedy that some kids aren't being read to," she said.

Reading is a beneficial activity for both children and parents living in poverty, Meade said. The Mommy and Me class will help parents learn to enjoy reading to their children.

"Many parents in poverty were not read to as children, which makes it uncomfortable for them to read to their own children," she said.

The Mommy and Me class teaches parents reading to infants and toddlers is a powerful activity, benefitting a child's cognitive development and overall life trajectory, Meade said.

Meade said preschoolers enjoy classic fairy tales and nursery rhymes the most.

"The best books to donate are the old school classics," she said. Books will be accepted at a drop box in LeMans Hall through the end of the year, or contact Bridget Meade with questions about the book drive at bmdeade01@saintmarys.edu

Meade said.

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ACE

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porate tax credit scholarship program and has been in contact with many different companies, Dallavis said.

Arizona law allows companies to contribute their entire state tax liability to scholarships for Arizona students, and the companies who participate receive a 100% tax credit on Arizona state taxes.

"It does so much for kids and it doesn't cost them a penny," he said.

AT&T staff, also including some Notre Dame alumni, helped convince AT&T to make their contribution to NDAA scholarships, Dallavis said.

William Schmitt, Communications and Media Specialist with ACE, said NDAA is a comprehensive school-support program operating under the direction of ACE, a Notre Dame-based organization that has served Catholic schools nationwide since 1994.

NDAA partners with individual Catholic schools to help with everything from administrative to classroom support, Dallavis said.

The goal of the NDAA program is to extend "extraordinary" Catholic education to as many kids as possible, Dallavis said.

"Our ultimate goal is what we put on our t-shirts and display on a banner in each school. It is 'Our goals: college and heaven,'" he said.

Currently, NDAA works exclusively with the three Tucson schools, but the program already plans to add two more schools in Tampa Bay, Florida in the fall. Dallavis said the intention is to continue expanding the program nationwide, while remaining involved in all NDAA schools.

"Our involvement in Tucson may decrease as their need decreases. We would then be less involved there and focus our attention on other schools, but the Tucson schools will remain NDAA schools," he said. "We hope to create a nationwide

network of high-performing Catholic schools serving low-income communities."

Dallavis said he recently brought the principals from the three Tucson schools to Milwaukee, where they observed several model Catholic schools.

All three of the schools saw significant improvement in the first year of NDAA's involvement, which began in 2010, Dallavis said.

"We've worked very closely with teachers and principals to help improve instruction and the materials they have to teach with," he said. "In the first year, across all three schools, students gained as much as a month of two months in every content area. Teachers are closing the achievement gap their students are facing."

The NDAA intends to maintain its focus on students in the range from pre-school to eighth grade because there are already many strong Catholic high schools nationwide, Dallavis said.

"We are preparing kids from age three to eighth grade to be ready for a college preparatory high school," he said. "When they come attend our schools, they are significantly more likely to graduate high school and go to college." Dallavis said much of a student's attitude toward education and academic ability is determined early on.

"Students tend to be either on their way to college or not by the time they reach high school," Dallavis said.

Dallavis said NDAA appreciates AT&T's contribution and what allows the organization to accomplish. However, he said there are still more students in need who NDAA hopes to be able to help in the future.

"We hope this will be a long term partnership and that other companies will begin to make use of the Arizona tax credit program," Dallavis said. "Even with this contribution, there are more kids who need a scholarship to attend our schools, the need is lessened, but it still remains."

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Professors show off unique talents

By DREW PANGRAZE
News Writer

As a way for students to interact outside of the classroom with professors, Legends of Notre Dame hosted the fourth annual 'Professors Unplugged' event Tuesday night. This event gives freshmen a chance to see their professors' unique talents.

ND Ignite, a program in the First Year of Studies, organized this year's event to increase interaction between professors and freshmen, professor and event coordinator Sean Wernert said.

"We planned and worked with them [the students] to make the event something that they can be proud of and informative," Wernert said. "As we continue the event each year, we work with first-year students to remake and design the event as something that they will find interesting."

"We want students to see the path that professors have taken in their careers — what brought them to their chosen academic field and how they got to Notre Dame," Wernert said. "We also want students and faculty to interact outside the classroom in an informal environment."

Hugh Page, dean of the First Year of Studies, kicked off the event by reading three personally written poems. The first of those poems, entitled 'First Book,' stressed the importance of embracing and examining self.

"We are the first book we are ever given, but the one we read last and least attentively," Page said.

Following Dean Page, Abby Palko, professor of gender studies, chronicled her journey to Notre Dame, which included an eight-year stint as an 8th grade teacher.

"When I finally went to Notre Dame for my Ph.D after teaching I couldn't believe I was being paid to read," Palko said. "It was incredible."

Many of the professors revealed musical talents. Professors Annie Coleman and Josh Kaplan performed a duet together with an ukelele and a trumpet.

Sociology professor Eu-

gene Halton impressed with his harmonica playing skills. His music style was varied, ranging from Beethoven on a miniature harmonica to train sounds on a traditional harmonica. Between songs, Halton recalled his time at Princeton as a track and field athlete and the road that led him to Notre Dame.

Others, such as Professor Anne Venter, amused the crowd with wit and sarcasm.

"My talent is to use ridicule and sarcasm as the basis for good teaching," Venter said. "It is always done with love and respect."

Students who attended the event said they felt the event was a success.

"I'm really glad I went," freshman Sophie Loftus said. "They were all really talented and had great life stories."

Sean Wernert
professor

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develop rules that would try to satisfy non-exempt organizations by August 2013.

Richard Garnett, associate dean for faculty research at the Law School, said the HHS mandate is a threat to the religious freedom of minority groups.

“The religious freedom of ... communities like Notre Dame is not just the freedom to avoid being coerced into doing evil ... [but] to bear witness of the truth of the faith and to act with integrity and to act coherently in accord with their Catholic character as they understand it,” he said.

Garnett said the mandate potentially violates the free exercise clause of the First Amendment by exempting some religious believers but not others. He said the Religious Freedom Restoration Act requires the government to identify a compelling

essential preventive services that enhance the health of women ... in the administration's mind ... trumps any right that religious employers might have to refuse to pay for such essential services,” she said.

Everett said pregnancy is not a disease and many contraceptives are actually dangerous to women's health.

“We call on President Obama and our representatives in Congress to allow religious institutions and individuals to continue to witness to the faith and all its fullness, conscientious that it is precisely this faith that protects the dignity of women,” she said.

Gabby Speech, a senior and member of Notre Dame Right to Life, said female advocates of the mandate have charged to oppose it is to wage a war on women. But contraception cannot properly be called health care, she said. “Based on our standard conception of health, then fertility and pregnancy cannot be considered diseases

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Richard Garnett
associate dean
Notre Dame Law School

reason for imposing a burden on religious groups.

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Even if such an accommodation was made, the exemption would still be very narrow, Garnett said.

“To have that narrow exemption codified in our regulatory apparatus, it's like leaving a loaded gun around for a kid to pick up,” he said.

Lisa Everett, co-director of the Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, said the Obama administration flouted the principle of equal protection under the law by exempting certain groups and not others.

“The conviction of those currently in power that contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs constitute

that need a cure, and contraceptives are not medicines that cure fertility and pregnancy,” she said.

Speech said contraception is easily accessible through drugstores, doctors and in some states, through Medicaid. She said it is also available at religious institutions for non-contraceptive reasons.

“If you need contraception for a medically necessary reason that's not a contraceptive reason, you can get it here [at Notre Dame],” Speech said. “To say that opposing the mandate is a war on women is to twist the rhetoric.”

Everett said HHS could develop a policy allowing religious institutions to act in accord with their moral principles.

“To me, one possibility would be to have employers offer insurance coverage for family planning methods that are in accord with their moral principles,” she said.

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Speaker

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amazing comeback, including the Spirit of Notre Dame Award, Honda Award for Inspiration and Gene Autry Courage in Sport Award. She was named Woman of

the Year by the National Women's Leadership Conference in 1994 and a fellow of the Institute for International Sport. DeMaria is also the first vice president for the Notre Dame Monogram Club and will begin her two-year service as president starting in 2013.

DeMaria graduated in 1995, and now lives in Annapolis, Md., with her husband, 1995 alum Jamie DeMaria, and two sons. She has shared her story in a book and has plans for a movie.

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variety of service opportunities was a way to become engaged on campus, she said.

Wright is the president of Friends of the Orphans, a group that works in Honduras, interned last summer at St. Jude's Children Hospital through the CSC's Summer Service Learning Program, and is a poverty studies minor.

Wright said she is committed to service in her future, no matter where she ends up.

“I'm not sure what I want to do, I want to do some service, perhaps spend some time abroad,” she said. “I think I want to go to grad school and study global health. I want to work in development issues and how it relates to health care.”

As an intern at St. Jude's, Wright worked with patients and their families.

Wright is a poverty studies minor and has participated in many CSC seminars, including the Appalachia program and Urban Plunge.

Last year, she was part of a theology class who started a food co-op in the Monroe Park neighborhood, a local “food desert.”

In the press release, Cynthia Toms Smedley, director of the Educational Immer-



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Junior Erin Wright received the Richard J. Wood Student Community Commitment Award from Indiana Campus Compact.

sion Seminars at the CSC, said Wright is an advocate for people living on the margins of society.

“Erin has demonstrated a deep and abiding conscience for people living at the margins of our society,” Toms Smedley said. “Furthermore, her tireless efforts toward poverty alleviation have produced countless positive outcomes for her peer students, university staff and faculty, and for community members.”

Fr. William M. Lies, executive director of the CSC, nominated Wright for the

award. “As an educator, I am struck by the realization that many students come and go through our doors during our decades of university service,” Lies said in the press release. “Most students learn and contribute to our lives. However, once in a while, a special student enters our doors — a student that embodies our greatest values and bolsters our hope in the future. Erin Wright is that student.”

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National Archives receive historic art donation

Associated Press

DALLAS — Among the items U.S. soldiers seized from Adolf Hitler's Bavarian Alps hideaway in the closing days of World War II were albums meticulously documenting an often forgotten Nazi crime — the massive pillaging of artwork and other cultural items as German troops marched through Europe.

Two of those albums — one filled with photographs of works of art, the other with snapshots of furniture — were donated Tuesday to the U.S. National Archives, which now has custody of 43 albums in a set of what historians believe could be as high as 100.

Robert M. Edsel, founder and president of the Dallas-based Monuments Men Foundation for the Preservation of Art, which announced the discovery of the two new albums at a news conference, called them "key pieces of evidence taken from a crime scene that were prized possessions of Adolf Hitler."

Relatives of the two soldiers who took the albums contacted the foundation, which has previously donated two other albums in the series to the National Archives. They had read stories in the media about foundation's mission, which includes continuing the work of the Monuments Men, who helped Allied forces protect cultural treasures

during World War II and helped return stolen items after the war.

"We can only hope for more discoveries in the years to come," U.S. Archivist David S. Ferriero said at the news conference.

The Nazi agency Einsatzstab Ricsleiter Rosenberg created the series of albums to document the items taken from across Europe. Of the 43 albums identified so far, 39 were discovered in May 1945 at Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany. They were then used as evidence at the Nuremberg trials to document the Nazi looting before eventually going to the National Archives.

In 2007, the Monuments Men donated two additional albums after they were found in the attic of the family of a U.S. soldier, though the foundation has retained possession of one of those for the last few years as a teaching tool.

"I think there's a lot more of them out there," said Edsel, who noted that the albums were used as "shopping catalogs" for Hitler to select works of art for various museums.

Of the newly discovered albums, one contains photographs of 69 paintings that were taken as early as 1940. Most of those paintings appear to have been properly restituted, but an ERR database indicates four were

not. The other newly found album contains photographs of 41 pieces of furniture, mostly taken from the Rothschild family.

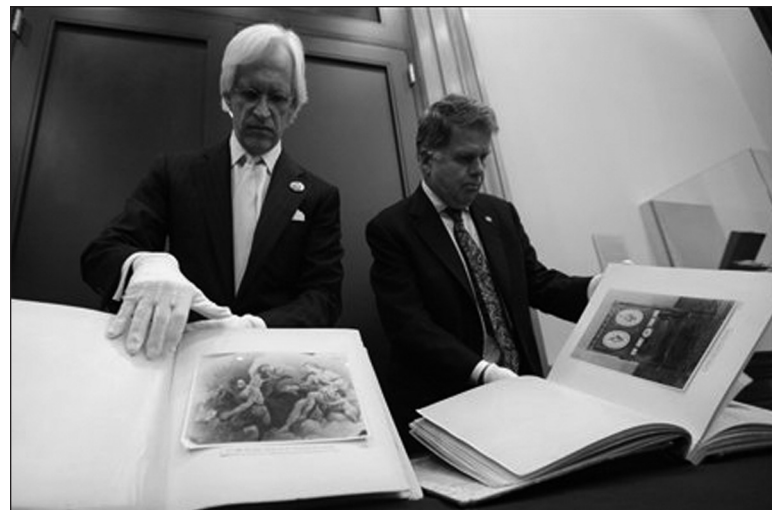
Edsel said that by 1951, the Monuments Men had processed and returned more than 5 million stolen objects.

"It was the greatest treasure hunt in history — one that continues to this day," Edsel said.

Greg Bradsher, senior archivist at the National Archives, said the recently discovered albums are a reminder of the massive amounts of property Hitler took and a reminder that "to this day, hundreds of thousands" of items are not with their rightful owners.

The albums are also "a reminder that a lot of soldiers in World War II brought souvenirs home — some of them were helmets, bayonets, medals, which are really bounty of war — but others picked up books, albums, other cultural property," Bradsher said.

One of the newly discovered albums, known as album 15, was taken by Pfc. Yerke Zane Larson, who served in the 501st Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division, the "Screaming Eagles." Cpl. Albert Lorenzetti, who served in the 989th Field Artillery Battalion, took the other album — known as album 7 — the



Archivist David S. Ferriero, left, and art preservationist Robert M. Edsel, right, display two albums of stolen artwork.

same week, also from Hitler's home, called the Berghof. Both are now deceased.

"When you consider what these soldiers went through, slogging their way through the loss of buddies, through horrible weather conditions, fighting, combat, etc., and then this momentous occasion when they had a chance to take a deep breath, go up there to the Berghof for no reason than to be able to tell their families and future generations, 'I stood where Hitler's home was,'" Edsel said. "That's what motivated the taking of these things."

Larson's daughter, Sandra Runde of Rapid City, S.D., said that she can remember

her father taking the album out once or twice when she was growing up. Runde said her father, who returned from the war to take a job sweeping the floors at a restaurant supply company before eventually buying it and working there till he was 80, didn't talk about the war and didn't elaborate on the album beyond saying that it was from Hitler's home.

"It was just tucked away somewhere," Runde said. Runde said her father, who died on his 87th birthday in 2009, gave the album to her about five years before he died. She said she's happy that it's now somewhere safe where people can appreciate it.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Blessed Nets fan

For most of my life, I believed the sports gods, those mythical beings who determine the fate of professional sports teams, would always be generous to me. As a New York Yankees and New York Giants fan, I have witnessed my professional sports teams win seven championships in my lifetime.

Brian Hartnett
Sports Writer

Somewhere along the way, however, I violated a cardinal rule for New York-area sports fans, one certain to condemn me to a disappointing fan experience: I chose to support the New Jersey Nets, possibly the most irrelevant franchise in professional sports.

I know what you're thinking. Yes, it's those Nets, the team who is relegated to the 50-minute mark of SportsCenter.

Yes, it's those Nets, the team whose most recognizable player is forward Kris Humphries, better known as the former "Mr. Kardashian."

Yes, it's those Nets, the team whose home, Prudential Center, resembles a sea of black during games due to the large volume of no-shows.

My reasons for liking the Nets seemed innocent enough. As a resident of the much-maligned Garden State, I felt immense pride at seeing a team representing New Jersey instead of the big metropolis across the Hudson River.

Truth be told, being a Nets fan wasn't painful initially, as my first years watching the team coincided with the Nets reaching consecutive NBA finals behind the play of flashy point guard Jason Kidd.

Naturally, the Nets management proved to be its biggest enemy and returned the team to its familiar cellar-dwelling position in a few years, trading off the team's stars and inexplicably deciding to move it to the greener ... errr, more concrete pastures of Brooklyn for the 2012-13 season.

As a result, the Nets currently resemble a rag-tag band of basketball misfits, a revolving door of uninspiring young players and washed-up veterans that have made a habit of losing.

And yet I still watch, even as the Nets coast to their fifth straight losing season. Why?

As cliché as it sounds, watching the Nets has allowed me to appreciate the little things in sports. With no grandiose expectations for the team, I can enjoy witnessing talented rookie guard Marshon Brooks emerge into a contributor, or watching forward Gerald Green perform spectacular dunks. I relish seeing the rare occurrences when center Johan Petro remembers he's an NBA player and watching star point guard Deron Williams carry the team to victory, as he did in an impressive 57-point performance earlier this month.

I also tune in, well, because I don't really have a choice — my two younger brothers have made it a goal to become the biggest Nets fans alive and watch their games the same way I watch Notre Dame football, screaming, questioning every decision and showing no restraint in cheering. From watching the team, we have created great memories, the latest of which involved us going to a Nets game for the price of a movie ticket.

So, although I endure another season with no playoff hopes for the Nets, I find myself strangely at peace. After all, as I write this column I spy a Super Bowl XLVI Champions shirt on my desk, as well as a calendar marked with the date of the Yankees season-opener. Yes, I think the sports gods still like me.

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Crunch time in the dining halls

The most important campus election of the year was held a week ago today, but hardly anyone I've asked had any idea it happened. I am referring to Notre Dame Food Services' Annual Serious Cereal Survey, which determined which cereals are to fill Our Lady's granaries next year. We are certainly fortunate to go to a school that allows us to democratically elect our breakfast cereal options, particularly when we are not free to choose our student leadership (slightly more irony than a bowl of Kellogg Product 19, no?). Though I understand that these elections are a privilege and not a right, I feel the urge to bite the hand that feeds. What good do these elections do, anyway, if they aren't done right?

Arnav Dutt
Guest Columnist

I am convinced that Food Services is committed to administering fair and transparent elections, the purpose of which is to satisfy as many of the Dining Halls' patrons as possible. It attempts to do this through a two-day election process. At lunchtime on the first day, (Monday, March 11 this year), Dining Hall grazers were given the opportunity to try out as many of the contenders as they could.

On the second day, lunch patrons voted by selecting their three "favorite" cereals from a long list of options. They were to number these options one to three, based on preference. The only other stipulations were that spots will be reserved next year for students with various allergies. Past years have made a bigger deal of the event itself — for example, some of you may remember last year when Tony the Tiger, Toucan Sam and their campaigns visited North Dining Hall. There is something for everyone in these elections.

But there are a number of things

wrong with the process, not the least of which is a publicity problem. The elections need to be better promulgated. I'm talking ad campaigns, snazzy posters, mascots, loud music, "Rock the Vote" events, stump speeches and the like. Very few people know we have a cereal election at all, and fewer still could tell you what day they're going to be held any given year. I myself am one of the former group, though I clearly I am all about this election.

I must admit I am a little confused by the move to allow everyone to test out the challengers. It is as if Food Services wants us to make decisions informed solely on taste. But there are other important criteria to evaluate as well — we ought to be given time to glance over candidates' nutritional facts, we ought to be given time to think over our votes in general and we ought to be able to judge incumbents based on their record in office. Does anyone actually eat Blueberry Morning? It ought to be accountable for that. I imagine the Dining Halls have a pretty good idea of which cereals are popular and which aren't.

Why, for that matter, should our most popular cereals' seats go up for reelection at all? Popular cereals shouldn't need to be elected again. If people eat way more Frosted Mini-Wheats than they do anything else, why should we have to spend our precious votes to renew our subscription? Actually we probably won't. Have you ever wondered why there are no Cheerios in North Dining Hall? It isn't because people don't like them. But if I am given three weighted votes, I will give undue preference to my special interests.

I love Frosted Mini-Wheats, Cheerios, Smart Start, Cinnamon Toast Crunch and Kashi, in that order. But I can only vote for three of them. And so, had I voted, I would have voted for the last three (which are slightly more esoteric

preferences than the others) and relied on others to vote for Cheerios and Mini-Wheats. Surely, this behavior explains why we have so many options, but no Cheerios.

Along those lines, this election really ought to be more of a special interests election. The onus should not be on the voters to balance conflicting interests. When we cast our ballots, we are electing more than just cereal. We are inadvertently endorsing ways of life. To prioritize Lucky Charms or Fruit Loops over granola is to prioritize fun over health. Why on earth is that responsibility placed in our hands? Also, since when can you make valid comparisons between healthy cereals and fun ones? They are apples and oranges.

We should not have to choose our cereals off one gigantic list. Rather, we should be asked to choose one from each category, so that we don't wake up one morning to discover that there are four healthy choices scattered among a wasteland of Cookie Crisp, Cocoa Pebbles, Fruity Pebbles, Trix and the like. By the way, the last two are the same exact thing. If you think they aren't, go back to high school.

Last, and most importantly: Disclose the results! If you want people to show up for the election, they need to believe that their votes count! Right now, this election is little more than a mysterious and unpredictable process that is full of unexpected upsets. You get the picture; we already have March Madness, and we like it better. Take this cereal survey a little more seriously. If anyone can give this student body an election that matters, it's you.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We have too many high sounding words, and too few actions that correspond with them."

Abigail Adams
Former first lady

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the Editor

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WEEKLY POLL

What are you giving up for Lent?

Huddle candy
Facebook stalking
Super Smash Brothers
Naps

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The short skirt and the hoodie

I actually remember when I learned what “rape” meant. I was in grade school and a city bus passed by when I was in the car with my mother. The big advertisement on the side of the bus showed a woman, obviously distressed, with a black background and big red words: “It’s not your fault. It’s rape.” After what must have been a conversation that my mom was not expecting at that moment, I understood. Of course it was not the woman’s fault!



Alex Coccia

Shard of Glass

It was the fault of the rapist!

But agency is too often lost in the conversation. Most of the time, “she was raped.” Or, to make matters worse, “She was raped because her skirt was too low; she was asking for it.” Where’s the mention of the rapist? The “short” nature of the skirt actually veils the entire responsibility of the rapist. This is a common discussion on how we talk about something as horrible as rape. Unfortunately, the passive, place-responsibility-on-the-victim response is all too common in these conversations and a dangerous

sentiment that moves into multiple sectors of our socio-cultural dialogue.

In my columns, I’ve written about rhetoric that is violent, divisive and that effectively evades addressing the actual issues. But nothing is more relevant now than the response rhetoric by some to Trayvon Martin’s death. President Obama’s, “If I had a son he’d look like Trayvon,” comment says a lot about the nature of dialogue that we have entered into as a nation, and it’s a good thing. President Obama’s comment, specifically, is appropriate because it focuses on the victim and his humanity. The Million Hoodie Marches that have erupted because of the inadequate response by the Sanford police department also focus on Trayvon — “Our son is your son,” said his mother.

But Geraldo Rivera of FOX News shared a sentiment that, like in the rhetoric on rape and sexual assault, does not view Trayvon as a son, but as an accomplice to his own murder, someone who is as much accountable for his own death as George Zimmerman. Rivera’s “different take” on the issue goes like this:

“I believe that George Zimmerman, the overzealous neighborhood watch-captain, should be investigated to the fullest extent of the law and if he is criminally liable he should be prosecuted. But I am urging the parents of

black and Latino youngsters, particularly, to not let their children go out wearing hoodies. I think the hoodie is as much responsible for Trayvon Martin’s death as George Zimmerman was. ... He wore an outfit that allowed someone to respond in this irrational, overzealous way.”

This is the reaction and the rationale that we have to worry about. It is license; it is excuse; it is distraction. It says to the victim, speak quietly, you never know when you’ll be asking for it; it says to those who foster prejudices, continue living with them; it says to the community, blame an article of clothing for the death, or the rape, or the beating or the discrimination.

Our clothing can say a lot about how we define ourselves, what we view as style, the message on our t-shirt that we want to send or the sports teams that we support. But our clothing says nothing about our intentions. The man in the suit and tie is just as likely to rob you of your money as the man wearing the hoodie.

Getting past our internal prejudices is something that Cornel West describes as “a perennial struggle”: “To recognize that the evil is inside each and every one of us, in part because of that treacherous terrain called history that has shaped, socialized and acculturated us.” So, it is true that we

cannot view the crime as beginning and ending with the criminal. Crime must always be viewed within a wider context than just the perpetrator. But that wider context means taking a look at our prejudices and confronting them — trying to eliminate our prejudices instead of safeguarding them. We cannot progress as a society when prejudices become the determinants for our deemed-to-be moral behavior, instead of moral behavior being the foundation to eliminate our prejudices. If we are passive in the dialogue, if we are passive in the response, if we lessen the accountability of the perpetrator by unloading that burden on the victim, then we are fostering a culture that says it is ok for people to shoot 17-year-old boys or for people to rape women.

It is not the hoodie’s fault or the skirt’s fault. We have to examine prejudices and this evasive rhetoric and move beyond both. Murder is the fault of a murderer; rape the fault of the rapist. Let’s not give them any excuses, because our society cannot afford excuses.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A blast from the past

Dear SUB,

I just wanted to say thank you for getting 1999’s hottest band, Third Eye Blind, to perform this past weekend! I couldn’t have been more excited! My roommates and I chatted on AIM about it pre-concert and then celebrated afterwards by watching all their appearances on TRL! Also, Hoodie Allen’s opening was amazing. Anytime you get a rapper from an Ivy League school, it’s a guaranteed success. In a competition between “who would I recognize the least if they were walking by me on the street,” he would definitely beat Sammy Adams (wait, wasn’t he here last week too?) So here’s to you, SUB. Thanks again!

Tim Keebler
senior
off campus

Se Kim
senior
off campus

Jack Mannion
senior
off campus

John Reardon
senior
off campus
March 26

Dear Americ-uh

To the young woman who left a note on my vehicle.

Yesterday, I was heading out with my fellow companions when I came across a letter on the windshield of my vehicle. You can only imagine my surprise as I excitedly hurried to read it. It was a note remarking on my fantastic parking skills. Let me take a moment to relive the letter for you.

“Dear Kung
Please park far, far away next time (preferably China).
-Americ-uh”

I was very much ecstatic at the mention of a new nickname — tickled, even. I did not know this individual, and yet they had taken the burden on themselves of fashioning me a new nickname — a very creative, well-thought-out one at that. Now, I consider myself quite a patient person and I do understand that my parking skills are far from superb. I do make mistakes — I will, of course, admit that. And honestly, I would have been appreciative of any note on parking pointers.

If I had received a polite note, I would have nodded my head in appreciation for your wisdom and observation; if I had received a hot-tempered threat, I would have been appalled that I had upset some-

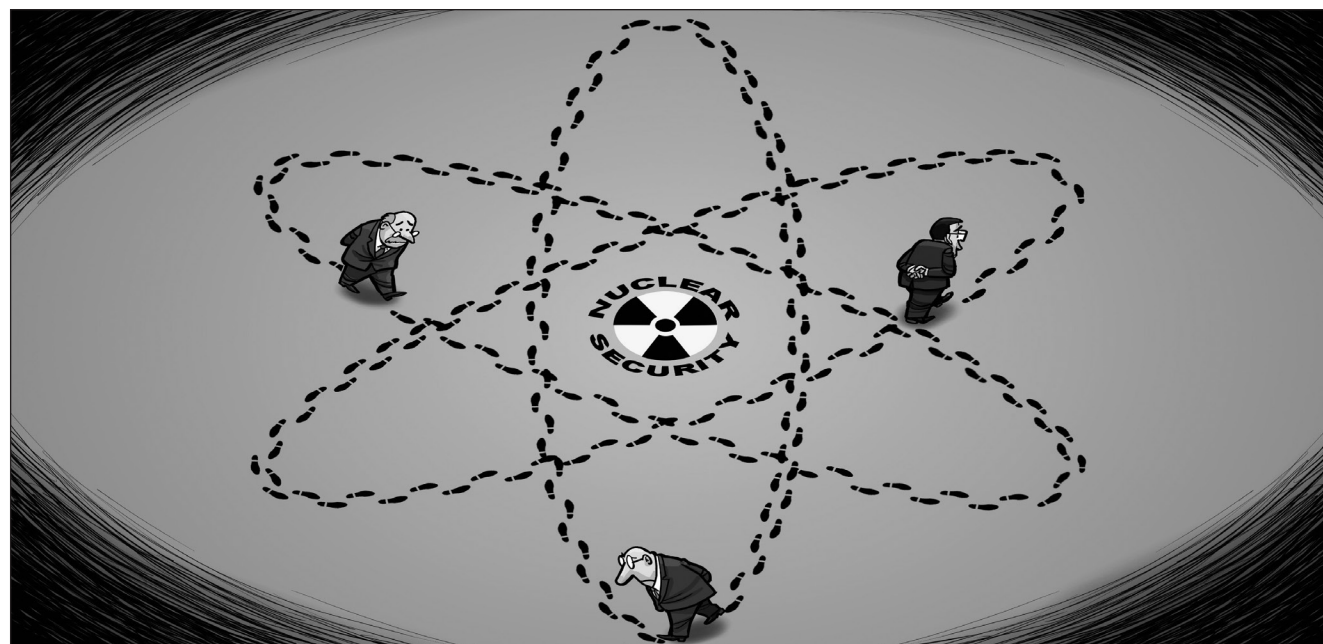
one so greatly and would’ve sought to apologize; or perhaps if I had received a vulgar message, I might have chuckled a little bit, shook my head and then gone on my merry way. However, the one thing that I do not tolerate to any extent is racism.

It disheartens me knowing that this past week was full of race awareness, but then a letter like this arrives on my windshield. I understand that you like to be known as “Americ-uh” but I hope I do not hurt your feelings if I refrain from calling you this in person. I do hope that you were not going so far as to claim your representation of the entire United States with this note. I, as an American, would not like to be represented by this, so please, if you are going to refer to yourself as anything, please do not let it be my country. I wish to continue believing that my country does not possess this ignorance and hatred. And please, the next time you desire to spread racism upon the cars of others, do not brag about your deeds in Ryan Hall’s restroom because there is always the chance you might be heard ... or seen.

With much love,
Kung

Angela Campbell
senior
Ryan Hall
March 27

EDITORIAL CARTOON



Please recycle
The Observer.

Style with Sean

The 10 Commandments of ND Menswear

1. Thou shalt not ride a scooter to class.

You look like you beat some 7-year-old kid at foursquare, and then took his pride and joy as a victory token. Getting one of the F-14 scooters from Notre Dame's fleet of electric powered vehicles is completely acceptable, though.

Sean Fitzgerald

Scene Writer

2. Thou shalt not wear thy Frosh-O T-Shirt more than once a week.

Your first experience at Notre Dame introduced you to the completely normal gender relations we have at this university. You met your Frosh-O date and proceeded to walk hand-in-hand to Stepan, only to promptly ditch her for your "real" friends. Seriously though, you don't need to wear a t-shirt every day of the week.



SEAN FITZGERALD/The Observer

This Dillon Hall Frosh-O shirt is to be worn to dorm events or bed. Only.

3. Thou shalt adhere to thy theme of thy SYR/Dorm Party.

Toga! Toga! Toga! If someone is willing to send you a Facebook invite and then proceed to fill you with their own hard-earned beverages one night, at least give them the common courtesy of showing up in the requested attire. Showing up fashionably late though is highly encouraged.

4. Thou shalt not wear jeans that are skinnier than hers.

If your girlfriend could wear them, then put them down. I beg you to put them down. Leave the skinny jeans to the better half. Actually, just give them to her. It will make her happy, and she'll look good in them. It's a win-win.

5. Thou shalt not pop thy collar of a collared shirt/polo for any reason.

One of the many reasons we love "The Jersey Shore." One of the many reasons you shouldn't do it.

6. Thou shalt not marinate in thy cologne.

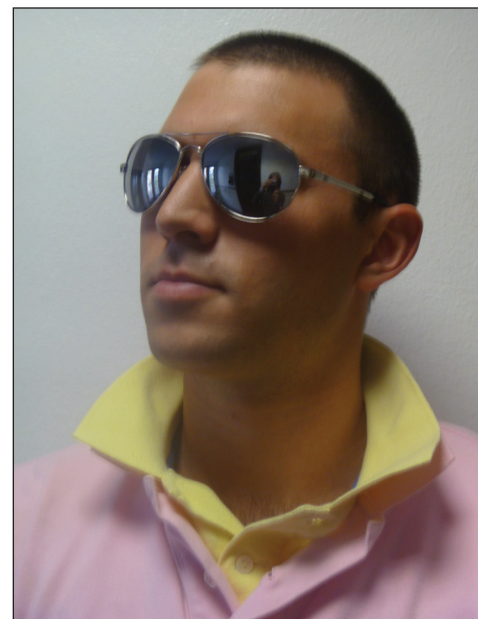
Science isn't even on your side. A study published in the European Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology (I do my homework, people) concludes cologne actually inhibits your attractiveness. Apparently, cologne masks your natural scent. Note: Do not confuse B.O. with your natural scent — B.O. is never attractive.

7. Thou shalt get to know thy tailor, or meet one if thou doth not know one.

Your tailor is what Sam is to Frodo or Chewbacca is to Han Solo: He'll save your life one day. A tailored look is the difference between looking good and being really, really, ridiculously good looking.

8. Thou shalt not sag.

Your pants should not be that low. No woman will ever use the words "handsome" and "sag" in the same sentence. That should be enough of an incentive.



Yes, that is a double popped collar. It is still inappropriate.

9. Thou shalt not wear the same attire two days in a row...or more.

If you don't want to do laundry the solution is to "Suit Up!" I actually did this once. I got a lot of laughs when I told people why I was suited up.

10. Thou shalt never look better than a Lady Domer or a Saint Mary's Belle.

This isn't really a commandment, as it is a fact. You could be in a perfectly cut three-piece suit and she could be in ... well, anything, and look better than you. Perplexing? Yes, but don't question it if you still want to have friends, or possibly reach the elusive dream of ring by spring.

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Baking with Brenna: Nutella Puffs



By BRENNA WILLIAMS
Scene Writer

Nutella is best described as “the food of the gods.” It is, as an Internet meme I recently saw aptly described, the thing that tastes better than skinny feels. I personally believe it has the power to bring anyone together — Nutella could be the key to world peace. The only thing that can make Nutella better is the addition of marshmallow fluff. Wrap those two ingredients up in puff pastry, bake to golden brown perfection and you have this week’s recipe: the Nutella Puff.

With only five ingredients, which are easily found in the grocery store, this recipe is an easy and tasty way to show someone you care. Plus, puff pastry makes everything look fancier, so you can look like a pro baker with little effort!

Ingredients:

Nutella
Marshmallow fluff
Frozen puff pastry, thawed
One egg, beaten

Tip: Egg whites are fine.

Sugar

Tip: You can use Splenda or a sugar substitute.

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Unfold and cut the puff pastry into squares. It’s up to you how large you want the pastries, but make sure there is plenty of room around the edges once the fillings have been put in.
2. Put a small spoonful of Nutella and marshmallow fluff in the middle of each puff pastry square.
Tip: Fluff is one of the stickiest substances known to mankind. In order to avoid fighting with it, spray your spoon with cooking oil to keep it slick.
3. Fold the square diagonally and seal the edges of the pastry by pressing them together with a fork.
Tip: Make sure they are sealed well. The pastry, as indicated by the name, will puff up while baking and the edges will come apart unless well sealed.
4. Brush the pastry with the egg and sprinkle a little bit of sugar on top.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 22 to 25 minutes, or until the pastry is lightly browned. Let them cool for five to 10 minutes before eating.

In less than 30 minutes, with five ingredients you’ve got a delectable Nutella treat sure to make anyone your new best friend.

Do you have a recipe you’d like to share with your fellow Domers? I’m always taking suggestions for new, fun and easy treats!

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Casual Charm at



The Emporium

By TESSA DeMERS
Scene Writer

Head downtown to East Bank Emporium for casual or classy dining, delicious food and excellent atmosphere.

East Bank Emporium is a restaurant located in downtown South Bend, in a quaint building full of little shops and rooms. Cute “This Way” signs lead diners wherever they may have the desire to go, giving the restaurant charm in the style of a rustic cabin.

The Emporium categorizes its atmosphere as “casual elegance,” and it is just that. Guests can choose to sit either outside or inside. The deck outside provides a relaxed dining experience with fresh air and a beautiful view of the river, bridge and the Morris Performing Arts Center (very nice when lit up at night). For a more fine-dining experience, diners should head inside for a dining room, complete with white tablecloths and romantic lighting. These two choices result in a broad spectrum of fashion in the guests dining at any particular time, from shorts and flip-flops to ties and cocktail dresses.

The atmosphere of the Emporium is a really nice. The lighting, the air, the views all add to the experience of the meal. Another important element at any restaurant is the service. The waiters at the Emporium are amazingly friendly and won’t hesitate to strike up a conversation with you. They do more than simply take your order, almost acting as if they are your old friends.

The food selection is varied, mostly American style — steaks, seafood, sandwiches, chicken dishes —

and will satisfy any palate. All dishes come with delicious, hot-out-of-the-oven, doughy bread that fills your mouth with happy warmth. Another fan-favorite is the garlic-mashed potatoes, which should definitely make an appearance on your plate, no matter what your main course is.

As for the entrée, there is a varied selection of food from plates that center around meat to completely vegetarian dishes. If you are in the mood for steak, the Emporium has a wide range, from ribeye to filet mignon, and even within those categories, different styles of seasonings. The Cajun Ribeye is very flavorful, using a fantastic blend of seasonings that work very well together — take it from someone from Louisiana.

The steaks were slightly tough and difficult to cut, but that could be attributed to the fact that restaurants have very different definitions of the levels of wellness, so they were a bit more cooked than usually preferred. At any restaurant, take care to describe the level of wellness, or pinkness, you are looking for in your meat, as opposed to just giving the usual key words, like medium-rare or medium-well.

The Polynesian Chicken was full of flavor as well, marinated in a special blend of ingredients and topped with pieces of pineapple. This dish is offered either by itself with pasta or rice, or as an addition to any of the steaks — in case you are feeling significantly hungry that night.

Personally, my favorite part of any meal is dessert, and the Emporium’s did not disappoint. It had the usual selection of cheesecake, chocolate cake, and strawberry shortcake. In addition, the restaurant had a delicious chocolate take on the usual pecan

pie, which came out warm and was extremely satisfying.

This restaurant is a great option if you are looking to get away from the dining hall. It has a good atmosphere for special occasions, or is simply a nice spot to meet up with some friends. And with its close proximity to the Morris, it would be a great place to have dinner before a show.

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Pinstripes, century-old curses and the impressive Rays have been

fun, but it is time for the baseball world to shift some of its focus to the National League version of the AL East.

It seems fitting to begin at the top. The Phillies, having won an MLB-best 102 games last season, will try to approach that impressive total again. Bad for the Phils are the departure of Roy Oswalt and the Achilles injury that will sideline their All-Star first baseman Ryan Howard for as much as two months. Good for the Phillies are Halladay, Lee and Hamels, along with Rollins, Pence, and Victorino. That will be more than good enough.

Finishing second in the division last year, with 89 wins, the Atlanta Braves missed the playoffs after an embarrassing September collapse. Sophomore slugger Jason Heyward was injured and awful all year, the bullpen burned out down the stretch and second baseman Dan Uggla struggled to get his batting average above .200 during the first half of his introductory season with the Braves.

However, there is much more to be optimistic about with the Braves than there is to be all 'Houston-Astros-fan' about. Uggla's forearms are back and bigger than ever, and Heyward is a serious bounce-back candidate. Their last two weeks notwithstanding, Jonny Venters and Craig Kimbrel pitched the best combined eighth and ninth innings of baseball in the majors, and seventh-inning specialist Eric O'Flaherty was absolute fire coming out of the bullpen, posting a 0.98 ERA and 67 strikeouts in 73.2 innings of work. With three highly-touted arms in Julio Teheran, Randall Delgado and Arodys Vizcaino ready to transition to the major leagues, the Braves' bullpen should only get better.

Another major story concerning the Braves is the nearing departure of Chipper Jones,

who has pegged this season as his last. Entering his 19th season, the future Hall of Famer has already admitted he isn't sure if his body will survive the season. Braves fans can almost certainly expect it won't, especially since he will start the season on the DL. As it prepares to watch the face of its franchise's golden age retire, Braves country should stand and cheer every time Larry trots out to third base this season. Standing ovation every inning. Seriously.

The Washington Nationals served as the division's median last year and racked up 81 victories for the first winning season in team history, as the Nats escaped from the NL East cellar for the first time since 2007. Amazingly, Washington made progress despite losing super-ace Stephen Strasburg, who pitched 24 innings in September, striking out 24 batters and accumulating an ERA of 1.50, to Tommy John surgery. With Strasburg back and outfielder Bryce Harper on the way out of the minor leagues, Washington should have no problem improving. In fact, the duo of Strasburg and Harper alone makes the Nationals one of the most interesting and promising teams in the sport. The Nationals add reliever Brad Lidge to a bullpen that features Tyler Clippard and Drew Storen and bring in starters Gio Gonzalez and Edwin Jackson to join Strasburg and Jordan Zimmermann. Also, first baseman Michael Morse has Giancarlo Stanton power.

Speaking of Giancarlo, the Miami Marlins are begging for center stage after only 72 wins in 2011. New stadium, new logo, new uniform, new colors, new manager, new shortstop, new reliever, and a new name for their beast right fielder – but will they be the same dysfunctional Marlins? Perhaps Ozzie Guillen has the magic recipe (which, somehow, requires two of the best shortstops in baseball). Either way, the Marlins made the biggest splash of the offseason by luring Jose Reyes south and Heath Bell east. If they don't implode, the Marlins could do something — If.

Infinitely less interesting, the Mets will finish last.

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Sports Writer

NFL

Payton seeks Parcels' counsel

Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Sean Payton has planned the New Orleans Saints' offseason, done some work on the upcoming draft and jotted down ideas for the start of training camp.

And now, with his season-long suspension set to begin Sunday, he is checking to see if mentor Bill Parcels would run the team while he serves his penalty for allowing a Saints assistant coach and players to operate a crunch-for-cash bounty system.

Speaking publicly for the first time since the Saints were sanctioned for targeting specific opponents, Payton said Tuesday he will soon decide whether to appeal his suspension, something Commissioner Roger Goodell said he would allow.

Payton also said he was meeting with Parcels, who lives near Palm Beach, site of the NFL meetings, to discuss the plan for the season.

"For me to be down here, if I didn't call him or try to set up a time to see him, I'd probably get his wrath," Payton said.

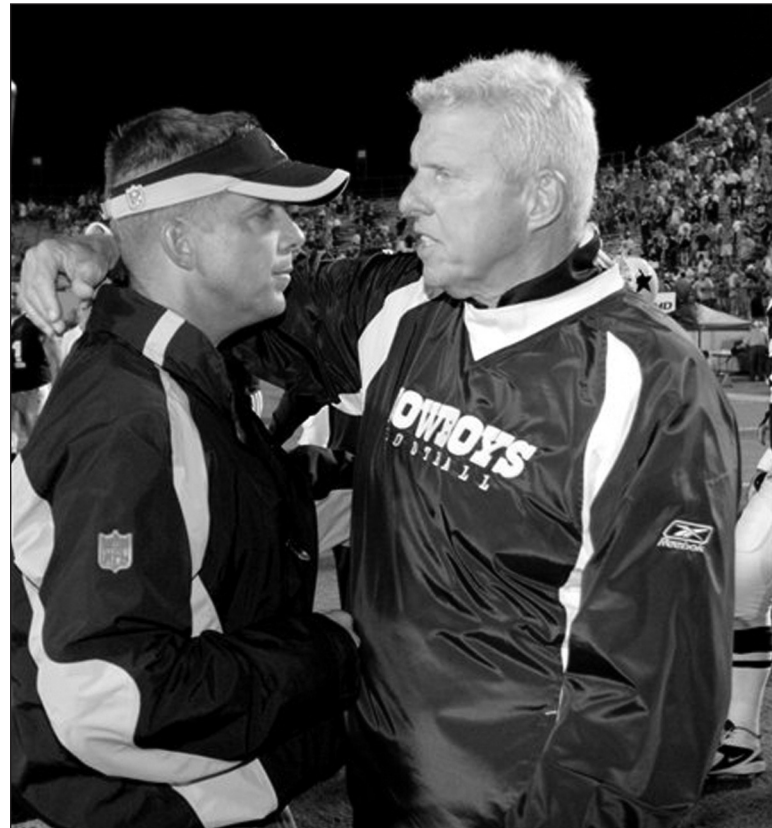
Payton said he, general manager Mickey Loomis — who is facing an eight-game suspension — and team owner Tom Benson are weighing a number of scenarios. Among them: Does Parcels want to coach?

If he appeals, and he has until Monday, Goodell said he would "probably" allow him to continue working past the intended start of his suspension. Goodell also said he would expedite the appeal process and his decision, meaning Payton might only get a few more days of work before having to step aside.

The NFL's investigation in New Orleans found that Payton initially lied to league investigators about the existence of a bounty and instructed his defensive assistants to do the same. Payton twice apologized for his role in an enterprise that offered payouts for knocking out opponents, saying he takes "full responsibility" for a system that operated for three years under his watch.

As many as 27 players could also be sanctioned for their role in the scandal.

"As the head coach, anything that happens in the framework of your team and your program, you're responsible for," Payton said. "And that's a lesson I've



Saints coach Sean Payton and then-Cowboys coach Bill Parcels hug after a 2006 game. The two met Tuesday to discuss the Saints' future.

learned. And it's one that it's easy to get carried away, in regards to a certain side of the ball or more involved offensively or defensively. And that's something that I regret."

Payton said he was confident he will coach the Saints again in 2013, and that his biggest challenge was realizing that for the first time in 39 years, he may not have an active role in football as a player or coach.

"You go through a range of emotions that kind of hit you," Payton said. "You're disappointed. You're disappointed in yourself that it got to this point. I think we're trained as coaches to begin preparation right away. I find myself reflecting on it, and you go through a lot of emotions."

Asked if he might work in broadcasting this season, Payton said anyone in his position would keep their options open. He said he hasn't been in touch with Gregg Williams, the former Saints defensive coordinator who ran the bounty system and was suspended indefinitely. Asked if bounties were what he envisioned when he asked Williams to build a defense, he replied, "No, obviously not."

Much of the conversation revolved around Parcels, the two-time Super Bowl winner who hired Payton as an offensive assistant in Dallas in 2003 and was a finalist for the Hall of Fame this season.

"He's a great teacher," Pay-

ton said. "Certainly I'm biased, having worked with him. But he's a Hall of Fame head coach. And I would also say there's some things probably set up in the framework of our program that would be exactly how he would have set those things up had he been the head coach here in '06. So there's some carry-over that way."

If Parcels returned to the sideline, he may have to wait another five years before becoming eligible for the Hall of Fame again. Parcels, who turns 71 in August, may not want to wait that long. Asked by Sports Illustrated on Monday if he had a desire to coach another team, Parcels said, "I don't think so."

In addition to the penalties for Payton and Loomis, the league suspended assistant head coach Joe Vitt for six games. Goodell also fined the Saints \$500,000 and took away second-round draft choices in 2012 and 2013.

Payton said he didn't want the scandal to "taint or tarnish" his team's recent success.

"We'll get through this," he said. "This will be a challenge. ... You know, we've gone through a lot of adversity and we've won a lot of games in really a short window of time. And I know our players are leaders both within the locker room and the coaching staff will look at this as a challenge and a little bit as an opportunity."

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MLB Wada struggles in first spring start as Orioles lose

Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla. — The first spring start for Japanese left-hander Tsuyoshi Wada didn't go exactly how the Baltimore Orioles planned it — not in length of appearance, and certainly not in the results.

Wada gave up four runs and four hits in three innings during the Minnesota Twins' 5-0 victory Tuesday. Wada walked two, struck out three and was pulled from his abbreviated performance an inning before planned.

"We like the guy a lot. It's just another progression. Usually, this time of year, I wouldn't say there's more intensity, but there's a sense of urgency with the games, so it's a good barometer to see where he is physically and everything.."

Buck Showalter
Orioles manager

Twins right-hander Anthony Swarzak, making his first start after four relief appearances, struck out three over 3 2-3 hitless innings. He retired the first eight batters before Rule 5 pick Ryan Flaherty walked in the third. Matt Wieters and Mark Reynolds walked with two outs in the fourth, and Swarzak was done for the day.

The Orioles were hitless until Robert Andino doubled off Glen Perkins with one out in the eighth and was thrown out going for a triple. It was Baltimore's only hit of the game.

Wada, who signed a two-

year, \$8.15 million contract over the winter, is competing with left-hander Brian Matusz for the fifth spot in the Orioles' rotation. Wada was brought along slowly after inflammation in his left elbow delayed his first appearance.

He could end up in the bullpen as a long reliever, but that's not how he's viewed at the moment.

"I just want him to attack the rest of his time down here and hopefully get to five or six innings, and that leaves our options to us," manager Buck Showalter said. "Right now, we're looking at him as a starter, and I don't want him thinking anything else."

Wada threw two innings in relief against the Atlanta Braves on March 18 in his other Grapefruit League game, allowing one run and one hit with three strikeouts.

The Orioles wanted Wada to go four innings against the Twins, but after he threw 18



Orioles pitcher Tsuyoshi Wada speaks to reporters after a workout in Sarasota, Fla., on March 1. Wada pitched Tuesday against the Twins.

pitches in the first and 30 in the second, the leash shortened.

"It didn't go that well. I'm not satisfied," he said through his translator. "I wasn't able to throw correctly with my normal form today. The first-pitch strike with the fastball I pitched was hit easily. I have to work on it more."

Wada gave up a run and two hits in the first inning, then allowed three runs on two hits and two walks in the second, the key hit a two-run double by Jamey Carroll.

"If I keep pitching like this, I know I won't be able to throw and be in the starting rotation," Wada said. "I might not even be able to throw in general (for the Orioles) if I keep up throwing like this. I was trying to have fun today; and it wasn't awkward or anything. I liked the atmosphere. I was really looking forward to pitching today. That's why I feel sorry for the crowd that came here to watch me."

Asked if he believes that he's running out of time to make the team, Wada replied, "Yes, I do."

Showalter isn't going to judge Wada on one start.

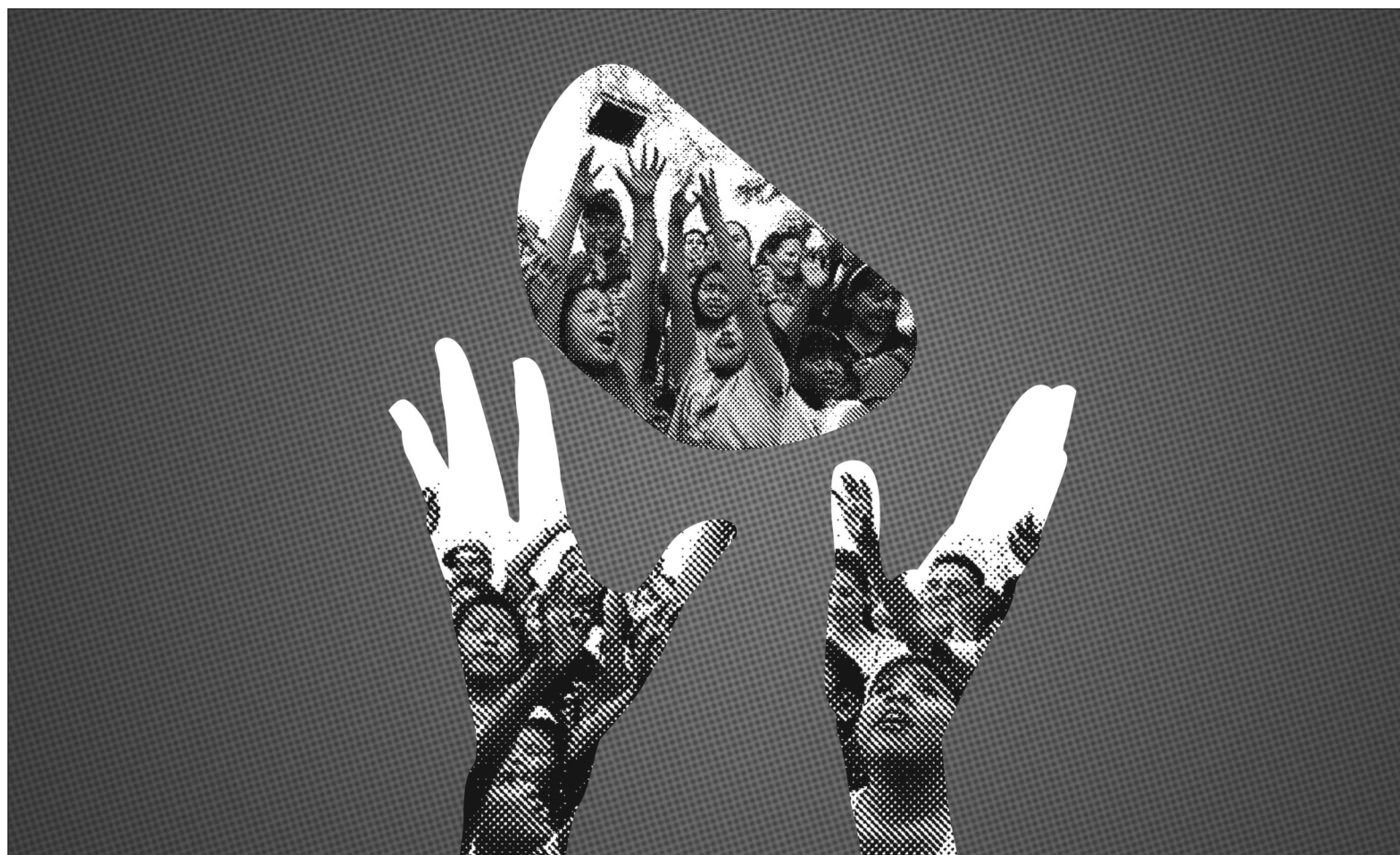
"We like the guy a lot," Showalter said. "It's just another progression. Usually, this time of year, I wouldn't say there's more intensity, but there's a sense of urgency with the games, so it's a good barometer to see where he is physically and everything."

Swarzak hadn't gone more than 2 1-3 innings before Tuesday, and he was carrying a 6.35 ERA in 5 2-3 innings. He retired 11 of the first 12 batters he faced before the back-to-back walks in the fourth.

"I don't care if it's spring training or the regular season. It doesn't matter. That's unacceptable," Swarzak said of the walks. "But back to the positive, definitely a good outing, definitely a step in the right direction. I felt a lot of good things in my delivery today. I was working downhill when I needed to. I had a few misfires, but was able to get back to what I was working on. That's always a good sign this early in the season."

"I've been told they're going to stretch me out. That's all they've told me, and that's OK with me. The less I know, the better at this point."

The Twins added a run off Chris Tillman in the fifth when Carroll walked, stole second and scored on Justin Morneau's one-out single.



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TENNIS

After defeating Federer, Roddick falls to Monaco

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — The buzz Andy Roddick got from beating Roger Federer turned into a hangover Tuesday, when Juan Monaco became a real headache.

Less than 24 hours after his upset win over Federer, Roddick endured a drubbing against Monaco, 7-5, 6-0.

Monaco, a patient baseliner seeded 21st, was unfazed by Roddick's big serve, and the match became a succession of long rallies. Roddick began to look weary as the match progressed and stumbled after several shots as the match slipped away.

For Roddick, the performance was a big comedown after he beat Federer for only the third time in 24 tries, temporarily silencing critics who say he should consider retirement.

Roddick's ranking has slipped to 34th, his lowest since 2001. He might return to the top 30 next week.

No. 2-seeded Maria Sharapova became the first semifinalist when she drubbed reigning French Open champion Li Na

6-3, 6-0. Sharapova had lost their previous four meetings.

"I just really wanted to change that," she said, "so I was extremely focused and, you know, looking forward to the match."

Sharapova seeks her first Key Biscayne title. She lost the final in 2005, 2006 and last year.

In other men's fourth-round play, No. 2 Rafael Nadal swept five consecutive games midway through his match and beat No. 16-seeded Kei Nishikori 6-4, 6-4.

The victory was by far Nadal's most taxing of the tournament, and he took a medical timeout late in the opening set for treatment of his troublesome left knee. Even so, he's one round closer to his first Key Biscayne title.

"I am not probably in perfect condition today with the left knee," he said. "But the important thing is to try to win as many matches as possible. For me this is an important tournament, and every victory has very, very big value for me, especially without being perfect."

Nadal, a three-time runner-up at Key Biscayne, lost the final last year to Novak Djokovic, and they

could meet again Sunday. The top-ranked Djokovic reached the final eight by beating No. 17-seeded Richard Gasquet 7-5, 6-3.

No. 8 Mardy Fish edged No. 12 Nicolas Almagro 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-3. Fish was relegated to the grandstand court for the third consecutive match, even though he's the top-ranked American man, but the slight didn't faze him.

"I certainly want to play on stadium court," Fish said. "But they've got to put someone out on the grandstand, and who's that going to be? Are you going to put Federer out there, or Djokovic, or Nadal, or Serena? I'm not going to go ahead of those guys as far as people coming to watch them play. You've got to go where you've got to go."

Monaco's victory spoiled a potential quarterfinal matchup between former high school teammates Fish and Roddick — not that fans seemed disappointed. Thanks to Miami's large Argentine population, Monaco enjoyed strong support from the stadium crowd, with fans singing in Spanish between points.



Andy Roddick returns a forehand to Juan Monaco during his 7-5, 6-0 loss on Tuesday at the Sony Ericsson Open in Key Biscayne, Fla. AP

The victory by the 27-year-old Monaco wasn't a shock. He has played well this year, winning Vina del Mar last month for his fourth career title and first since 2007.

Nadal has been bothered by

his knee since Indian Wells, where he lost to Federer in the semifinals two weeks ago. Nine games into his match against Nishikori, Nadal called a medical timeout and had a trainer tape his leg.

MLB

Diamondbacks to give state lawmakers free tickets

Associated Press

PHOENIX — It's been a year since the Fiesta Bowl scandal embarrassed legislators, but at least some Arizona lawmakers still like their perks.

The Arizona Diamondbacks have again offered free tickets to legislators for the baseball team's first game of the season, and a team executive said Tuesday that at least 40 of the 90 senators and representatives have accepted so far.

"A good time," said Rep. Doris Goodale, R-Kingman, said when asked what she'll get out of going to the game April 6.

Lawmakers won't break any rules by accepting the passes. And Sen. Judy Burges, R-Sun City West, said the tickets she's accepting for herself and her husband provide an opportunity for lawmakers to socialize and get to know each other away from the pressure-cooker of the Capitol.

The Fiesta Bowl scandal has led to criminal charges alleging bowl personnel were illegally reimbursed for campaign contributions. The politicians involved apparently weren't aware of the scheme.

In a separate issue that directly touched legislators, the Fiesta Bowl's internal investigation found that numerous lawmakers accepted free game tickets and trips to college football games. Many had not reported them on financial disclosure forms.

A prosecutor who investigated whether legislators violated gift and disclosure laws concluded no prosecution was warranted because state laws are so complex and contradictory.

The Diamondbacks' giveaway doesn't violate the state's general ban on giving gifts to lawmakers because the offer is made to all 90 members of the Legislature.

Team President Derrick Hall said the free tickets provided legislators are part of a tradition that he started about six years ago to make opening day a community celebration.

"It's just focused on opening day, making that more of a special event," Hall said. He also said the team makes sure it complies with all applicable laws.

The team's website says tickets for opening day range from \$5 to \$160, but Hall said the tickets that legislators will get will likely be unsold ones for lower-price seats in Chase Field's upper deck.

Hall said the team doesn't consider the event as a lobbying move, and team lobbyist Tom Dorn said the only legislative issue that he has worked on for the team so far this session has been a still-pending bill to allow guns in public buildings.

The legislation has been amended to exclude publicly-owned venues such as the sports stadium used by the baseball team.

"We simply want to protect our fans," Dorn said.

Burges said she considered the Fiesta Bowl scandal when deciding whether accepting the Diamondbacks' offer would be an image problem for the Legislature.

She said she concluded that the Fiesta Bowl's offerings made to other lawmakers were in a different league. "Those tickets to the football games were very expensive," she said.

Goodale said there are no strings attached to accepting the seats that she described as "up in the rafters."

"I never, ever take anything with any expectation there's a return. That's clear," Goodale said.

Hall said the team wasn't providing lawmakers with

anything at the game, but Dorn said his lobbying firm, which has other clients besides the Diamondbacks, separately had invited lawmakers to a pregame gathering at a nearby restaurant.

Rep. Debbie McCune Davis,

D-Phoenix, said she hadn't decided yet whether to accept opening day tickets, but she said she'd pay for them if she does, as she said she'd done previously.

McCune Davis said the real issue is that legislation pro-

posed in the wake of the Fiesta Bowl scandal to tighten the state's gift and disclosure requirements remains bottled up in the Legislature, not getting hearings.

"I think the public expects us to take action," she said.

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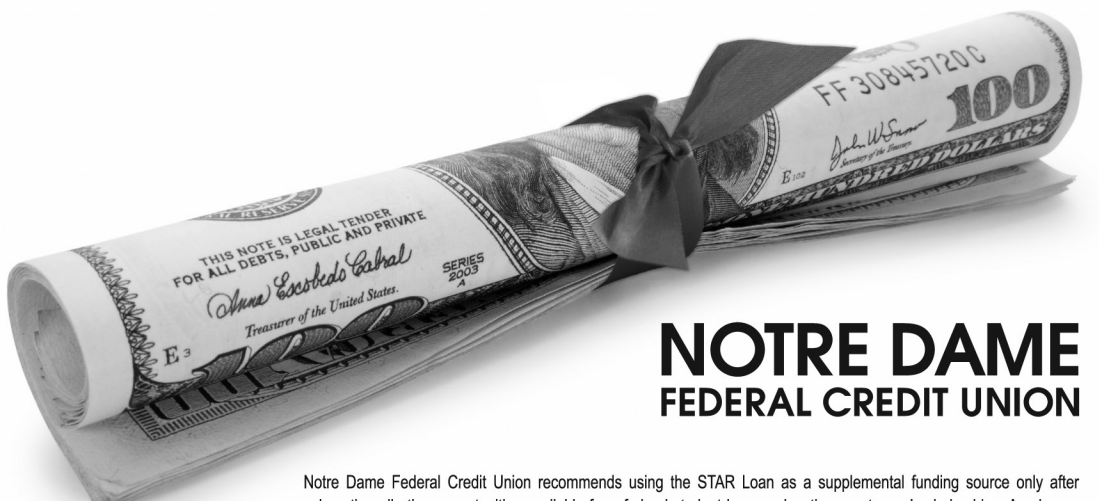
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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Baylor's dunking Griner headlines AP All-America team

Associated Press

Brittney Griner has dominated women's basketball all season.

Now the 6-foot-8 junior phenom is a unanimous selection to The Associated Press' All-America team Tuesday, a day after leading the unbeaten Lady Bears to their second Final Four in three seasons.

She was joined on the squad by Stanford's Nnemkadi Ogwumike, Notre Dame's Skylar Diggins, Delaware's Elena Delle Donne and Maryland's Alyssa Thomas.

"That would be a very strong team," Griner said. "I feel sorry for anyone who would have to play us."

Griner, who was on the first team for the second straight year, hasn't taken pity on her opponents. She has the Lady Bears two wins away from becoming the first team in NCAA history to go 40-0.

"I would never have thought it would be like this. It's amazing," Griner said. "Sometimes you forget what you've done. You don't sit back and enjoy it as you're so focused on a goal. It definitely has been a great year so far. I hope it finishes the right way, too."

Griner has been incredible all season, but raised her game over the past month. She's averaging 23.4 points, 9.4 rebounds and 5.2 blocks this season. Throw in two incredible dunks in the NCAA tournament and she's been unstoppable.

Griner and Ogwumike received 200 points and were unanimous choices by the 40-member national media panel that votes in the weekly Top 25. It's the fifth straight season that there has been at least one unanimous choice. Voting was done before

the NCAA tournament.

Ogwumike, who averaged 22.3 points and 10.3 rebounds, had been on the second team the past two seasons and was thrilled to make the first team this year. Yet she was more excited that her sister Chiney earned second team honors.

"Not a lot of people can say they play with their sister and win an award," the Stanford senior forward said. "I'm really proud of Chiney. She even has more to grow on as she's only a sophomore. For her to be one of the top players in the country as a sophomore is remarkable."

The Ogwumikes became the first sisters to be All-Americans in the same season. In 2009, Oklahoma's Courtney Paris earned first team honors while her sister was honorable mention. Kelly Miller of Georgia made the first team in 2001 while her sister Coco was honorable mention. It's never happened on the men's side, either.

Diggins became the first Notre Dame player to make the first team since Ruth Riley did it in consecutive years in 2000 and 2001. The junior guard was instrumental in helping the Irish win their first outright Big East regular season championship, averaging 16.6 points and 5.7 assists. Diggins knows that she'd probably have a lot more assists if she was playing with this All-American squad.

"I'd love to be the floor general for that team," Diggins said. "I'd probably average 20 assists. I can tell you right now, we'd be undefeated, we'd win every game by double digits."

Delle Donne carried Delaware to unprecedented heights this season. The 6-foot-5 junior led



Baylor's Brittney Griner, right, celebrates with teammate Jordan Madden in a win against Iowa State on March 3. Griner was unanimously selected Tuesday to the Associated Press' All-America team.

the nation in scoring averaging 28.1 points. She helped the Blue Hens go undefeated in the Colonial Athletic Association, win the conference tournament for the first time and earn their first Top 25 ranking. She capped off the season by getting the Blue Hens their first NCAA tournament victory.

Now she's the school's initial first team All-American. She was on the third team two seasons ago.

"This is truly a great honor to be considered among the top women's basketball players in the country," Delle Donne said. "I am proud to represent the University of Delaware and I share

this honor with my teammates and the coaching staff. Although the season ended earlier than we had hoped, this past year is one that I will always remember."

Thomas guided Maryland to the ACC tournament championship and was the conference's player of the year as a sophomore. She also has helped the Terrapins reach the NCAA tournament regional final.

"This is such an honor to be named an AP All-American as a sophomore because there's so many great players in the country."

Joining Chiney Ogwumike on the second team were Baylor sophomore Odyssey Sims, Miami

senior Shenise Johnson, Ohio State senior Samantha Prahalis and Wisconsin-Green Bay senior Julie Wojta.

The third-team members: Connecticut senior Tiffany Hayes, Kentucky junior A'dia Mathies, Duke freshman Elizabeth Williams, Tennessee senior Shekinna Stricklen and Miami senior Riquana Williams.

It marked only the second time since the All-America team was first honored in 1995 that no Tennessee or Connecticut player made either the first or second team. It also happened in 2005.

The preseason All-America team was Griner, Diggins, Ogwumike, Johnson and Stricklen.

MLB

Napoli homers twice, Rangers beat Padres

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Rangers manager Ron Washington wasn't going to take any chances with his starting shortstop.

Elvis Andrus left Tuesday's game against a San Diego Padres split squad after the second inning, but Texas went on to a 10-9 victory behind Mike Napoli's two homers.

"Once he said he felt a little tightness in his quad we took him out," Washington said. "We didn't give him a chance to say nothing."

Andrus came out with a tight right hip flexor muscle. He was 0 for 1 with an RBI.

Washington said he'll hold Andrus out of the lineup Wednesday but plans to start him Thursday night against San Francisco.

Napoli hit his first two home runs of the spring and Ian Kinsler had three hits for Texas.

"The two balls to Napoli weren't good pitches on my part," Padres starter Cory Luebke said. "But I think that results sometimes can be a little deceiving."

Luebke gave up five runs, eight hits and a walk over 4 1-3 innings, striking out six. Projected as San Diego's No. 2 starter, the left-hander had allowed only three runs in 14 innings during

his four previous starts. "I feel good," Luebke said. "I got up to about 90 pitches and still had a lot left in the tank."

Jeremy Hermida homered on consecutive pitches in the first and third for the Padres. Jeff Gyorko, Yasmani Grandal and Andy Parrino also went deep for San Diego.

"The ball was flying out of here today," Washington said. "If you got it up it was leaving."

Joey Butler tripled home the tying run in the bottom of the ninth and scored on a wild pitch to win it.

After the Padres scored twice in the top of the ninth to take a 9-8 lead, Matt Kata led off the bottom half with a double off Alex Hinshaw. Butler followed with a triple into the right-field corner.

Texas has won consecutive games for the first time since the opening week of Cactus League play.

Left-hander Robbie Ross led a parade of Rangers relievers to the mound, allowing two runs on four hits and a walk in two innings. He struck out one.

"He had a lot of fight in him," Washington said. "You're not going to be perfect in this game but he kept coming and that's what we want to see."



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the game, but we battled back and responded well later."

The Flames tallied one more run to gain a 4-0 advantage before the Irish (15-8, 3-0 Big East) answered with a rally of their own when Irish junior catcher and Big East honor roll member Joe Hudson's RBI triple provided a spark. With the score at 4-1, Irish sophomore outfielder and Chicago product Eric Jagielo started off the sixth inning with a double, eventually scoring on a sacrifice fly that brought the game within two runs. Then a critical UIC error allowed two more runs to come in for the Irish, and sophomore first-baseman Trey Mancini hit a solo shot in seventh to give the Irish a 5-4 lead.

Throughout the season, Notre Dame has continued to show its toughness when behind in games.

"I think that we have a good group of guys that do a good job of competing," Aoki said. "There is definitely a sense of resiliency. We went down against Pitt over the weekend and came back, too."

The difference on this particular night, though, was Notre Dame's inability to seal the victory. In the bottom of the seventh inning, UIC executed small-ball effectively, forcing the Irish into mistakes. The Flames laid down a sacrifice bunt that led to an Irish error, tying the game at 5-5. UIC junior outfielder Nick Addison then put down another bunt that put runners on the corners, which extended the inning and allowed for two RBI singles to push the UIC advantage to 7-5. In the eighth inning, the Flames continued their trend by threatening to squeeze bunt, which forced a wild pitch and allowed another run to score, making it 8-5.

"We were kicking the ball around in those innings a little bit," Aoki said. "Our defense has let us down, but hopefully that is a phase."

The Notre Dame bats quieted in the eighth and ninth innings, as UIC retired the side in both innings to earn the victory. Aoki said there has been a common thread in the team's losses.

"We just need to understand that this is the third game that we haven't taken care of," Aoki said. "We aided in a lot of Michigan's rallies, and against Purdue in the same way. We threw the ball around against a really quality team tonight, too, that we otherwise had under control. Fielding is a point of emphasis for us, but unfortunately we seem to make our errors in bunches, while in between we do a pretty good job of taking care of the ball."

With this focus in mind, Notre Dame will look to get back on the right track against Big East foe South Florida Friday night.

"It's a good, young group and maybe these are things you need to learn as a youthful team," Aoki said. "Hopefully we can get back on the right track."

Notre Dame and USF will meet in Tampa, Fla., on Friday with the first pitch at 7 p.m.

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MATTHEW SAAD/The Observer

Sophomore forward Natalie Achonwa shoots the ball against Maryland on Tuesday. Achonwa scored 18 points in 26 minutes.

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starters and trying to contain their best players, and then you have Natalie come in for 18 and seven," Terapins coach Brenda Frese said. "Obviously it's a difficult night at the office when you have other players contribute like that."

Diggins may have stolen the show with her first career triple-double, but the signature moment of the game was Achonwa's block of Maryland sophomore guard Laurin Mincy with just over 11 minutes remaining in the contest. Peters recovered the loose ball and fed Diggins on the fast break, leading to a quick layup and extending Notre Dame's lead to 24. A deflated Maryland team never recovered.

"I think I just really wanted to block her bad," Achonwa said. "I was just waiting for her to put it up."

Achonwa entered the game at the 15:07 mark of the first half with the score tied at 8-8. Over the next 10 minutes, Notre Dame would extend its lead to 15 with a 20-5 run during which the sophomore scored six points and grabbed five rebounds while Peters sat on the bench for extended minutes.

"I thought she was the player of the game when you take away Skylar's triple-double," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "For Natalie to come in, that's the best game she's played all year ... She really came out ready today. When Devereaux got in foul trouble I thought that was going to be a real problem for us on the boards, but Natalie came in and easily filled in that spot."

Achonwa fell just two points and two minutes shy of her previous career highs, but was named to the Raleigh Regional All-Tournament Team for her contributions off the bench. She became the sixth Irish player to reach double figures in scoring four games into the NCAA tournament.

Achonwa credits position coach Carol Owens for preparing the Notre Dame frontcourt mentally and physically for the challenge

of matching up against a much taller opponent.

"Carol Owens was saying all [the media] is talking about is [Maryland's] posts and how big they are and how are we going to defend," Achonwa said. "Tonight, me and Dev just wanted to step and show that, 'Yeah they're big, yeah they're strong, but we can be just as physical as them.'"

Achonwa's emergence could add a new wrinkle to Notre Dame's impending Final Four clash with Connecticut, the team's fourth matchup against the Huskies this season. The Irish face Connecticut in Denver on Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles routed by Britons, fall to 7-5 for season

By AARON SANT-MILLER
Sports Writer

With the lone exception of Saint Mary's 5-4 victory over St. Scholastica on March 13, the Belles have either won big or lost big this season. The trend continued Tuesday, as Saint Mary's lost to conference foe Albion 8-1.

Of the Belles' 12 matches so far, five have ended with a 9-0 margin, four have ended with an 8-1 margin, and two have ended with a 7-2 margin. Against Albion, (6-2, 2-0 MIAA), Saint Mary's (7-5, 1-1) could not match up to strong opposition.

"They are definitely a good team," Belles coach Dale Campbell said. "They are the defending conference champs, but we were maybe a little off our game"

The Belles lone victory was grabbed in the first doubles match by sophomore Mary Catherine Faller and freshman Kayle Sexton. The pair won by a decisive margin of 8-3 over Albion freshman Irene Chen and sophomore Marissa Cloutier.

The Belles struggled in singles play, as Albion won all six matches in straight sets.

Top singles player sophomore Mary Catherine Faller and fellow sophomore Margaret Boden at the sixth spot both played close matches, but were unable to claim victories. Irish freshman Audrey Kiefer played well in her singles match, but also lost a close match to Albion junior Marissa Messenger.

"One singles and five and six singles were pretty good matches," Campbell said. "We had de-

cent performances in all three of those matches."

Senior Sarah Towler for Albion continued her impressive spring campaign. Towler managed decisive victories in both the four spot of singles and the two spot of doubles. As a result, Towler remains undefeated in both singles and doubles play, with a combined record of 8-0.

Campbell said he rejects the idea of these losses affecting the mentality of the team.

"I don't think it really has a bearing in terms of mentally affecting anyone," Campbell said. "Whether you're playing singles or doubles, it's more of an individual thing as you're out there."

Furthermore, Campbell said the outcome might not actually be as one-sided as it appears on the score sheet.

"I think that even though 8-1 is the overall score, if you have three or four close matches it feels like you're a lot closer," Campbell said. "It doesn't feel at all like a dominating loss."

The Belles exit the match with some optimism because they played many of their matches close, Campbell said.

"When the players lose those close ones, they feel like they could have won overall, not just those individual matches," Campbell said.

The Belles will look to channel their strong performances into winning results when they return home this weekend. After three straight road matches, the Belles to host Alma at 4 p.m. Friday.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish use final inning rally to defeat Broncos

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

Under the lights of Melissa Cook Stadium, the Irish scored all five of their runs in the final inning to earn a 5-3 victory over Western Michigan in their home opener.

Junior catcher Amy Buntin capped the seventh-inning rally by Notre Dame (12-10) with her walk-off, three-run shot, her fourth home run of the season.

"Honestly, I wasn't trying to over-

think when I stepped into the box," Buntin said. "I was thinking, 'Put the ball in play hard somewhere.'"

Both teams struggled to score in the first six innings, facing impressive performances from both Irish sophomore pitcher Laura Winter and Broncos junior pitcher Meredith Whitney. In the seventh inning, Western Michigan (11-10) broke the scoreless tie and opened up a 3-0 lead with runs from senior right fielder Courtney Rousseau, junior second baseman Diana Patterson and freshman

pinch hitter Mackenzie Shepeck.

The Irish earned their first run with a homerun from sophomore outfielder Lauren Stuhr with no outs in the seventh, but after hitting in to two outs, Notre Dame still trailed 3-1.

Irish freshman infielder Jenna Simon extended the game when she sent a triple into left field and returned the Irish batting lineup to the top of the roster. With senior outfielder Alexa Maldonado up to bat, Western Michigan gathered at the pitcher's mound before issuing an in-



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Senior infielder Dani Miller swings the bat in a home game last year against St. John's. The Irish beat Western Michigan 5-3 Tuesday.

tentional walk to Maldonado, forcing junior outfielder Kelsey Thornton to step forward.

Despite her 0-3 standing for the day, Thornton put the ball in play for the Irish, allowing Simon to score a run and Maldonado to slide into second and barely escape the attempted tag-out. With two outs on the board, the Irish trailed 3-2.

As Buntin stepped up to the plate, the Broncos debated the call against Maldonado's slide. When play resumed, Whitney threw the first ball far outside, but the second sailed over the plate and Buntin connected for a home run.

"I just tried to stay nice and relaxed," Buntin said. "I knew she was struggling to throw strikes, so I knew to be ready if she brought the ball over the plate."

Buntin's shot was all the Irish needed for the victory.

"I knew it was a solid hit but I wasn't sure if it would quite make it

over the fence or not," Buntin said. "Once I was rounding first I got my answer, though."

Notre Dame recorded only four hits during the entirety of the game, two of which were Stuhr and Buntin's home runs in the seventh. Simon recorded Notre Dame's two other hits of the game.

The Irish have little time to celebrate before a double-header today against Toledo. The Rockets (7-17) hosted their own home opener last Wednesday with a 5-2 win over Wright State, followed by a 5-4 loss in game two of the double-header. In the 2010-11 season, they captured total eight wins, but are already looking to match that figure this season.

The Irish continue their home series today against Toledo at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. in Melissa Cook Stadium.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dragicevich to transfer, Broghammer will miss year

Observer Staff Report

Irish coach Mike Brey confirmed reports Tuesday of the likely end of two Notre Dame careers.

Brey announced that sophomore guard Alex Dragicevich will transfer from Notre Dame at the end of

the spring semester. Dragicevich averaged 6.6 points and 20.9 minutes per game in the 2011-2012 season, which included 10 starts. The Northbrook, Ill., native saw his playing time dwindle as the season progressed, splitting time with versatile freshman forward Pat Connaughton.

With senior forward Scott Martin seeking another year of eligibility, the emergence of Connaughton and sophomore guard Jerian Grant and incoming recruit and Missouri Gatorade Player of the Year Cameron Biedscheid, Dragicevich's playing time did not appear to have bright prospects to increase next season.

"I am sorry to see Alex leave our basketball program, but I fully support his decision to transfer to another school," Brey said in a statement to the media. "Alex has been a terrific representative of our basketball program and always has conducted himself with a great deal of class. My staff, players and I, in addition to our entire Notre Dame basketball family, wish Alex nothing but the best as he continues his playing career at another institution."

Brey also confirmed junior forward Mike Broghammer will miss next season, presumably ending the big man's injury-plagued Irish career. The Minnesota native struggled to overcome multiple surgeries in both knees, aimed at relieving tendinitis, and is seeking a medical hardship — which would allow him to keep his scholarship and graduate while freeing up a scholarship for the team. Broghammer averaged 1.7 points per game over 24 games in the 2011-2012 season.



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successful indoor season when she competes in the heptathlon in Texas.

"There are eight or nine girls who are going to be here who I competed against in Idaho [at the indoor championships]," Buttinger said. "There are 25 girls total and 15 or so who have gone to nationals before, so it'll be really competitive. This is [Loef-

fel's] first heptathlon ever and it will be a really good experience for her to be at this relay. This will be a really good meet in general for the both of us."

There is additional pressure for Buttinger and Loeffel to perform well this weekend, as it is the only opportunity other than Big East championships in which they'll be able to qualify for outdoor nationals.

"It's a little bit nerve-wracking because it's one of only two times we'll have to qualify for ationals," Butt-

inger said. "There's a little bit of pressure I guess, but it will be really fun to be outside."

While junior middle-distance runner Jeremy Rae is one of a handful of athletes not competing until the Stanford Invitational on Easter weekend, he said the meets this week present a nice chance for teammates to make a mark.

"The [meets] are good opportunities to get some Big East qualifying marks," he said. "For most of the team, this is their second meet of the

season. The main goal for the outdoor season is to build on our great indoor season and win the outdoor Big East title."

The transition from the indoor season to the outdoor season brings a change in events, Rae said.

"It's a little more difficult to win the outdoor title," he said. "There are no 500-meter, 1000-meter, or 3000-meter races, but there's the addition of the 100-meter, 4 x 100-meter, and 10,000-meter races. There's also the javelin throw outdoors instead of the

weight throw indoors. The addition of the short sprints and the 10,000-meter race make the outdoor meet a little more difficult."

The Irish are competing in the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays beginning today in Austin, Texas. The East Illinois Multi-Events Invitational begins tomorrow in Charleston, Ill., and the Purdue-Polhlein Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind., begins Friday.

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flies by quickly.

Jack Doyle said he uses his experience to help his brother focus the night before a game.

"Accomplish everything you can while you're there. It goes fast and we just try and put that perspective on it," he said. "You think, 'As a freshman I have four years, it's going to take forever.' Your older brothers can tell you that you have to enjoy every practice, every game, and enjoy your friends."

Doyle, who has a strong interest in the field of history, said he relates the game of lacrosse to our nation's past.

"I feel like lacrosse is a real spiritual game, being a Native American sport. The Native Americans were really spiritual people," he said. "The best players really kind of preach cherishing the game and respecting it. Before I go out and play a game or prac-

tice, it's kind of in the back of my mind, to respect the game and play lacrosse."

Seven games into his career, Doyle is already showing signs of developing into the next Irish star. He has recorded three goals and three assists and has helped Notre Dame achieve a 6-1 record, despite a challenging schedule.

He is working to surprise his team, however, by filling the shoes of the previous number 28 — a tall order for any player.

Brenneman agreed with the message that Doyle's brothers continue to preach.

"I'd say don't take anything for granted. Life at Notre Dame is short, especially playing lacrosse," he said. "Give every day to try and get better. Make your practice about your evolution as a player. Wearing a number means nothing except who you are inside. 28 or 98 — doesn't matter

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wanted to," McGraw said. "We scored inside and out. We just really did a fantastic job on offense. Skylar managed the game and to have a triple-double in a regional final, that's an amazing accomplishment."

The Irish outrebounded the Terrapins 46-27, despite Maryland's height advantage.

"I was really proud of our defense," McGraw said. "I think we read a lot about Maryland defense and size factor. I felt that we did a fantastic job in the half court man-to-man defense. We did a great job on the boards."

Diggins earned the title of the Regional All-Tournament Team's Most Outstanding Player. Achonwa, McBride and Novosel all joined her on the Raleigh Regional All-Tournament Team.

"I thought this was going to be a close game back and forth," McGraw said. "I



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Junior guard Skylar Diggins drives to the basket in Notre Dame's 80-49 win over Maryland. Diggins had a triple-double in the game.

thought at the end our leadership and experience would give us the edge. I thought we might get ten points ahead. I did not envision this. I'm amazed at how my team came out."

Notre Dame will head back to South Bend before the Final Four teams convene in Denver. The Irish are set to face Big East rival No. 3 Connecticut, whom the Irish beat twice in the regular season but fell to in the conference tournament final.

"I think this [Maryland] game is great momentum for

us going into [the Connecticut game]," Diggins said. "Our goal is getting back to the championship, which is what we have wanted to do all year. It's going to be a battle and it always is. There is nothing you could tell us about UConn that we don't already know. This team is prepared. We've played them a lot of times, and we just have to execute."

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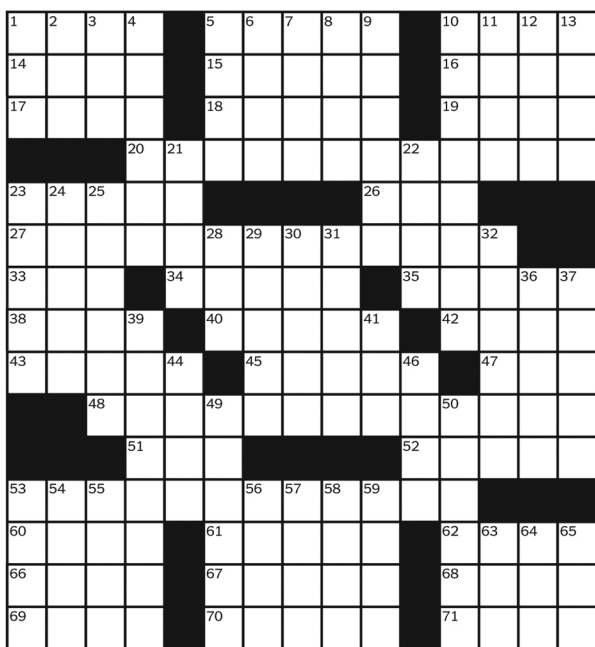
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 - 16 Austen heroine
 - 17 Jeering from the bleachers
 - 18 Broom made of twigs
 - 19 Crazy sort
 - 20 End of some medieval tournament action?
 - 23 Charger
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 - 27 Weapons that hit in a medieval tournament?
 - 33 Sum up
 - 34 Holy book
 - 35 Middleton and Moss
- Down**
- 38 Estuaries
 - 40 Track figure
 - 42 Flood survivor
 - 43 "The Most Happy ___"
 - 45 Imitated a wolf
 - 47 Spanish bear
 - 48 Really boring medieval tournaments?
 - 51 Actress Zadora
 - 52 Unwelcome growth
 - 53 Joking around at a medieval tournament?
 - 60 See 58-Down
 - 61 Noted declarer of bankruptcy in 2001
 - 62 Olympics jump
 - 66 W.W. II battle site
 - 67 Accustom
 - 68 "The occupation of the idle man, the distraction of the warrior, the peril of the sovereign," per Napoleon
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 - 3 Fracas
 - 4 Hamper
 - 5 Actress Mazar
 - 6 Fairly uncommon blood type, informally
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- 54 Anne Frank's father
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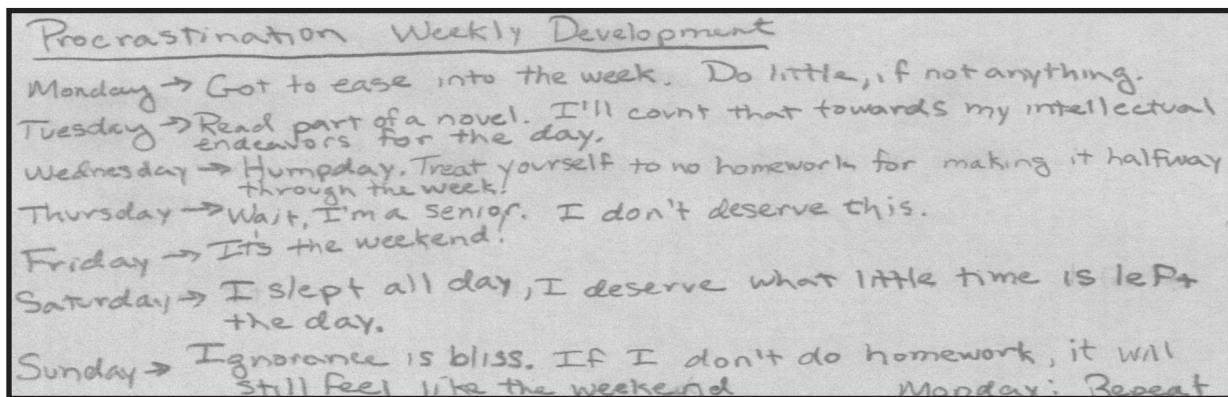
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By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. — For the second time in the tournament's history, each of the four No. 1-seeded teams will compete in the Final Four. Notre Dame will be featured among the other top teams — Stanford, Baylor and Connecticut — after a 80-49 win over Maryland in the Raleigh, N.C., regional final Tuesday at PNC Arena.

"I could not be prouder of this team to handle the expectations all year long of being a No. 1 seed with a target on our back and to make it to the Final Four," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

This will be Notre Dame's fourth trip to the Final Four in program history and the first time the Irish have ever qualified in back-to-back seasons.

"This puts us in more elite company" McGraw said. "This is something that [junior guard] Skylar [Diggins] has brought to our program. I think we now have a place with all the elite

programs in the country, and I couldn't be prouder of that."

Diggins led the Irish with her first career triple-double, the first triple-double by a Notre Dame player since 1990. She had 22 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists in 38 minutes of time on the court. Diggins also added five steals for the Irish.

"I think we felt the pressure," Diggins said. "I think that we embrace the pressure, and I think that expectations that others put on us doesn't exceed the ones that we put on ourselves anyway. We were very confident coming into this game, very loose."

Sophomore forward Natalie Achonwa came off the bench to put up 18 points for the Irish and shot 70 percent from the field. Starting sophomore forward Kayla McBride scored 16 points for the Irish, including two 3-pointers, and senior guard Natalie Novosel had 14 points.

"We scored every way we

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Notre Dame players celebrate with the regional championship trophy after their 80-49 victory over Maryland in Raleigh, N.C.

Achonwa steps up and fills the void

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RALEIGH, N.C. — Junior guard Skylar Diggins and senior guard Natalie Novosel were in true form, pacing Notre Dame to its second consecutive Final Four appearance with a combined 36 points, 16 rebounds and 11 assists Tuesday night. But on a night when graduate student forward Devereaux Peters finished 3-for-9 from the floor in just 20 minutes of action, sophomore forward Natalie Achonwa filled the gap, giving the Irish a much-needed boost off the bench.

The sophomore forward poured in a smooth 18 points and seven rebounds in 26 minutes, often battling the Maryland frontcourt as Notre Dame's only six-footer on the floor.

"We had a hard enough job obviously with [Notre Dame's] five

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Doyle shows glimpses of stardom as a freshman

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

Less than a year after the graduation of former Irish star-midfielder Zach Brenneman, freshman attack Conor Doyle has taken on the lofty challenge of filling his big shoes.

Doyle, who wears Brenneman's old number 28, said he is constantly reminded of who previously wore the jersey for No. 6 Notre Dame (6-1, 1-0 Big East).

"I've never worn number 28 before. It was the lowest number available, so I just picked it," Doyle said. "Then people are like, 'Hey, what do you think you're like Zach Brenneman or something?' It didn't even come to me that it was his number."

Despite their difference in position, Doyle and Brenneman have been compared to one another by their teammates. Doyle has started six of Notre Dame's first seven

games as a freshman, while Brenneman — now playing professionally in MLL for the Long Island Lizards — did not start, but played in all 17 Irish contests his freshman season.

"Zach was an amazing player, and Conor definitely has the potential to be as good — if not better — than Zach," Irish senior attack Sean Rogers said. "He has that potential, but potential is one thing. He has to go out and do it every day."

Doyle comes from a lacrosse family, having two older brothers, Kevin and Jack, who played midfield for the Naval Academy and Harvard lacrosse teams, respectively. He also has a sister in high school and a brother in fifth grade back home in Baltimore.

Doyle said his family motivates him to be the best he can be on the field.

"[My older brothers have] both been through a lot, and I definitely look up to them a lot.

They have both played more than me," he said. "I want to make my two brothers proud because I'm the middle child. I also want to set a good example for my younger sister and my younger brother."

Doyle said he exchanges texts and phone calls with his brothers before his games. He said they emphasize he must savor his lacrosse career because it

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Irish spread around country to compete

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After beginning the outdoor season by placing 10 athletes on the podium at the Victor Lopez Invitational on March 24, the Notre Dame track and field squads are taking their talents to various locations this week.

A select few multi-event competitors are headed to Texas to compete in the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays in Austin, Tex., today and tomorrow, while other athletes will travel to the Eastern Illinois Multi-Events Invitational, to be held tomorrow and Friday in Charleston, Ill. The majority of the team will be traveling in-state this weekend, heading to Purdue's

Polhlein Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind., for a weekend meet.

Senior multi-eventer Maddie Buttinger, freshman multi-eventer Carly Loeffel and junior multi-eventer Ted Glasnow are the only Irish athletes who are competing in the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays. The meet will be Loeffel's first-career collegiate outdoor meet and Buttinger's first outdoor meet after a stellar indoor season.

On March 10, Buttinger broke the school record in the pentathlon and took third at the NCAA Indoor Championships. Buttinger said she hopes to use momentum from her

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BASEBALL

Five-game winning streak ends

By BRENDAN BELL
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In the sole meeting between Notre Dame and the University of Illinois-Chicago this season, the Flames outlasted the Irish by a score of 8-5, snapping Notre Dame's five-game winning streak.

UIC (10-12, 4-2 Horizon) got off to a hot start, jumping out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning. The Irish infield committed two errors and Irish junior pitcher Patrick Veerkamp allowed two hits in the inning.

"We went down in the blink of an eye," Irish coach Mik Aoki said. "We didn't do a great job of handling the early part of

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Senior infielder Tommy Chase swings at a pitch during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Pittsburgh on March 24. The Irish lost to UIC 8-5 on Tuesday.