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Army ROTC cadets take to the field for training

Sophomores and freshmen spend weekend running combat simulation drills at Culver Military Academy

By DAN BROMBACH
News Writer

For sophomores in Notre Dame's ROTC program, the annual spring Notre Dame Field Training Exercise (NDFTX) leadership weekend is a formative and exciting opportunity to apply their extensive training outside the confines of the classroom.

Sophomore Pat Bedard said ROTC members applied their knowledge in a real-world environment at this weekend's training exercises at the Culver Military Academy in Cul-

ver, Ind.

"It was a culmination point of our learning so far," Bedard said. "We basically took everything we had learned up to that point and put it to the test in a real-world atmosphere."

Senior Trevor Waliszewski said the event is crucial, because it gives sophomores an invaluable taste of what it will be like to assume a true leadership role.

"For the sophomores, [NDFTX] is basically their first opportunity to be in a leadership position," Wal-

iszewski said. "It gives them some really good experience, a chance to step up and finally be the one issuing the orders."

Bedard said the NDFTX weekend plays a significant part in preparing sophomores for their upcoming duties as ROTC upperclassmen.

"The event really serves to get us sophomores ready for next year, where we'll be responsible for controlling the upcoming freshman and sophomores," he said. "It's about getting first-hand experience, about learning to

take charge of a squad, of a platoon, to take control of another group of people and have confidence."

As a senior evaluator, Waliszewski said it was exciting to watch and provide feedback as the sophomores grew into their leadership roles over the course of the weekend.

"It was great to watch sophomores really step up and prove they had some leadership skills, and also to sit back and be able to help, to say 'You can do this better' or 'Here's something you can

work on," Waliszewski said.

Senior NDFTX primary organizer Joshua Sandler said the weekend's training was meant to challenge young cadets and push them to their limits, but not be so difficult as to set anybody up to fail.

Bedard said some of the participants, although excited, feared judgment before the weekend. But this fear quickly turned to assuredness as the event progressed, he said.

"Everybody was nervous

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Activist shares story of poverty

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

Author, activist and scholar Willie Baptist highlighted the serious challenges America faces in the fight against poverty and homelessness when he shared his personal experiences with poverty during a Monday discussion.

The Higgins Labor Studies Program sponsored the talk, which was held in Geddes Hall.

In his introduction of Baptist, John Wessel-McCoy, an organizer for the Poverty Initiative and Poverty Scholars program at New York City's Union Theological Seminary, said the program's mission "came out of the great history of organizing what Willie Baptist embodies."

"[The Poverty Initiative] is dedicated to raising up generations of religious and community leaders committed to building a social movement to end poverty led by the poor," Wessel-McCoy said. "We don't want to make it kinder, gentler or slightly better. We want to end it."

Wessel-McCoy said mobilizing the poor to fight systemic causes of poverty is crucial to American social progress and the elimination of the growing wealth gap.

"We have the productive capacity and means to ... lift the load of poverty, and the

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Engineers compete nationally



Photo courtesy of Matthew Kudija

Notre Dame's team for the 2012 Design/Build/Fly Competition stand with their plane in front of the Cessna plant in Wichita, Kan. The competition ended a day early due to extreme weather.

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

Fifteen aerospace engineering students traveled to Wichita, Kan., this weekend to test a remote-controlled model airplane they designed in the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Design/Build/Fly Competition.

Junior Greg Obee said each team in the competition submitted a report outlining the design of its plane, and then tested the plane opposite other teams' aircraft in three "missions."

"This year, the three missions were a speed-based mission to complete as many laps of a course as possible in a set timeframe," Obee said. "Mission Two was to carry eight simulated passengers in the aircraft ...

Then Mission Three was to carry two liters of water up to an altitude of 100 meters, and then drop it at 100 meters automatically."

Junior Matthew Kudija said the competition was cut short due to dangerous weather before the Notre Dame team could complete all three missions.

"There was a tornado Saturday night that caused the competition to be cancelled [Sunday], a day early," Kudija said. "We flew Mission One and successfully completed it. We flew Mission Two, and due to a power failure, landed off the runway and therefore did not receive a score for it. Then we were unable to reattempt Mission Two and to attempt Mission Three, because it was cancelled on Sunday."

Despite not finishing the

competition, Kudija said the Notre Dame team, comprised of aerospace engineering majors ranging from freshmen to seniors, fared well in the standings.

Out of 68 reports describing how the planes were designed, the Notre Dame team's report tied for third place. He said its airplane was ranked 20th in mission performance when the competition was halted.

"Our plane was definitely more stable and one of the best flying planes there," he said.

Obee said the team faced stiff competition, because the event involved international teams from Turkey, Israel and Italy, as well as teams from other American universities. Most of

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Fr. Kollman appointed CSC director

Observer Staff Report

Fr. Paul V. Kollman, associate professor of theology, has been appointed executive director of Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns (CSC), effective July 1, the University announced Monday in a press release.

Kollman succeeds Fr. Bill Lies, who was recently named vice president for mission engagement and church affairs. The CSC was designated a University institute under Lies' leadership.



Fr. Paul Kollman

"I'm humbled and honored to be asked to lead the Center for Social Concerns," Kollman said in the press release. "I look forward to building on the vision of my predecessors, Center founder Fr. Don McNeill and Fr. Bill Lies, and working with the host of talented and committed colleagues who have made the Center a vibrant place of engaged scholarship and service learning. I'm confident that together we can deepen the Center's role in bringing together education of mind and heart, a goal long central to the mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross and of Notre Dame."

Kollman, who spent this se-

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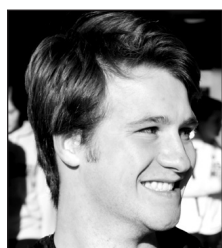
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED FOR THIS WEEKEND?



Aaron Contreras

junior Knott

"Pigtostal."

Andrew Blonigan

sophomore St. Edwards

"Getting stronger."

Lindsay McSweeney

sophomore Breen-Phillips

"Pigtostal."

Clayton Smith

sophomore St. Edwards

"Eating healthy."

Hope Dubuque

sophomore Breen-Phillips

"Pigtostal."

Mia Counts

sophomore Pasquerilla East

"Squirrel catching."

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



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Seniors Brendan Fitzpatrick (middle back), Kelsie Kiley (middle) and Junior Kathleen Bracke (camera) shoot a short film in the Knute Rockne Memorial Gymnasium for their Advanced Filmmaking final on Sunday.

OFFBEAT

Northern Spanish town buries former mayor killed in 1936

MADRID — A Spanish mayor says her northern town held an official burial ceremony for one of her predecessors and three other townsfolk after their bodies were found in an unmarked dump dating from the country's civil war.

Pilar Perez, who presides over the town council of Torrellas, says the bodies were discovered and exhumed in October 2010. DNA analysis revealed they were those of former mayor Gregorio Torres and residents Luis Torres, Feliciano Lapuente and Marcelino Navarro.

All four had been driven out of town and shot by

forces loyal to Gen. Francisco Franco in 1936 after the beginning of the war, which lasted until 1939.

Relatives and around 200 residents attended a ceremony at the town hall on Saturday before a formal burial in the town's cemetery.

Burglar arrested in shower after champagne, meal

JOSHUA TREE, Calif. — Police say a naked burglar has been arrested while taking a shower after he sipped champagne and ate a meal in a Southern California family's home.

San Bernardino County sheriff's Sgt. Steve Wilson says 25-year-old Michael Calvert was arrested at

gunpoint by deputies while he lathered up in the shower Thursday night.

KCDZ radio says that after helping himself to a bottle of champagne and a meal, Calvert decided to take a shower in the Joshua Tree home. The Mojave Desert community is 130 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

The homeowners called 911 after returning home at 8:10 p.m. and hearing someone in the shower.

Calvert was booked for investigation of residential burglary. He's in jail with bail set at \$25,000 and was not available for comment.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Mauro Magatti, professor of sociology at the Catholic University of Milan, will be giving a lunchtime talk from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Eck School of Law for all faculty and students. Lunch is free and available on a first come, first served basis.

William A. Sirignano, professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at the University of California-Irvine, will deliver a lecture titled "Turbine Burners: Flameholding in Accelerating Flow Over a Cavity" from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at 138 DeBartolo Hall.

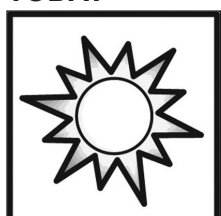
Beatriz Roldan Cuenya, associate professor of physics at the University of Central Florida, will deliver a lecture titled "Structure, Chemical State, and Reactivity Investigations of Size- and Shape-selected Nanocatalysts under Operando Conditions" from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall.

Amartya Sen, winner of the 1998 Nobel Prize in Economics, will deliver a lecture at the 18th Annual Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Lectures in Ethics and Public Policy from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Sen is known for his commitment to addressing the challenges faced by the world's poorest people. The event is sold out.

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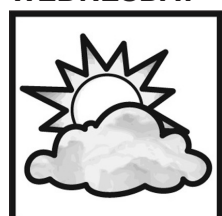
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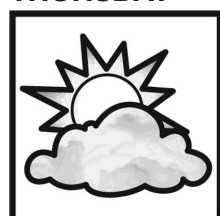
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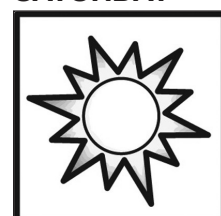
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Student founds Haitian non-profit

By CHARITHA ISANAKA
News Writer

When biology graduate student Victoria Lam traveled to Leogane, Haiti, through Notre Dame's Haiti program last year, she returned with an idea for promoting sustainable development in the Caribbean nation.

Lam said she began the non-profit organization Swell Cause, to help Haitians start their own businesses.

"There is a perception of Haiti as being subsistent on aid," she said. "However, in going there, it was obvious that the primary requests were not for food, clothes or money. Rather, people wanted jobs. I started Swell Cause because I saw the need for long-term development and employment."

Swell Cause aims "to provide the education, training, and support needed for Haitians to start sustainable, scalable businesses, which will not only provide jobs for the region, but will highlight Haitian goods, services and natural resources," Lam said.

Lam said she believes a sustainable livelihood is the longest-lasting assistance a person can receive.

"Starting a program that provides entrepreneurship and management education seemed like a logical way to give people the tools to succeed," she said.

Swell Cause will provide basic marketing, accounting, management and business plan classes, as well as skill-building workshops, to Haitians trying to open



LAUREN KALINOSKI | Observer Graphic

businesses.

A successful Haitian entrepreneur will mentor each aspiring business owner in his or her field of interest. Lam said participants would also receive capital, such as raw materials, space, marketing and facilitation of funding.

Lam said she hopes to eventually develop curricula and workshops tailored to specific industries, such as tourism, hospitality and retail.

"I would like participants not only to have a formal education, but also additional skills that would help their business," she said.

Swell Cause receives support from social venture incubator Notre Dame's Fellow Irish Social Hub and the Law School's Community Development Project. Lam said Swell Cause also receives support from non-governmental organizations Surf Haiti and the Papaza Center for Handicapped Children.

Lam said she wants to create employment and economic stability in Jacmel, Haiti, by using surfing as a means of stimulating tourism and long-term development.

"We just had a Surf and Social Service event to introduce students to how surfing can be used as a means to lift people and communities up, and are currently trying to spread the word about our initiatives to gain some more momentum," Lam said.

Lam said she hopes to visit Haiti to better understand the community's needs and discuss how to decrease regional economic deficits.

"There may be glaring deficits in many areas of this country, but one thing they have an overwhelming stock of is resilience," she said.

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SMC students fundraise for cystic fibrosis research

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary's Editor

For five senior marketing majors at Saint Mary's, picking a charity for a marketing management class project was one of the easier tasks they have taken on this semester.

As part of the class, students must create a fundraising event for a charity of their choice. One group, composed of seniors Antonia Infante, Ashley Ward, Debbie Neal, Liz Leeuw and Jessica Vravis, chose the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, because the members have multiple connections with the disease.

"My 18-year-old sister has cystic fibrosis (CF)," Leeuw said. "This is one of the reasons why we chose to raise money for CF and all of the families it affects."

Ward said the group chose to sell tickets to the South Bend Silver Hawks game scheduled for April 20 to target the South Bend community, especially children.

"I remember when I was younger and our school would have a night where all the kids and families would come to 'The Cove,' or Coveleski Stadium, where the Silver Hawks play," she said. "It was always a really fun time for everyone involved."

Ward said she babysits for a local two-year-old child with cystic fibrosis, and the boy's grandfather purchased 50 tickets for his business.

The group has sold more than 100 tickets in total, Infante said, and if they sell 100 more, a guest of their choosing may throw the first pitch at the game.

Vravis said the Silver Hawks made organizing the fundrais-

er fairly simple.

"When we were deciding on what type of event we wanted to hold, we realized that having a fundraiser for a current event would be the best route to take," she said. "The Silver Hawks already participate in charity events, so this outlet was perfect for our cause."

Neal said the group created a Facebook page for their fundraiser and hung posters and flyers around campus. They also sold tickets in the Student Center, she said.

"We have also advertised for our event at Urban Swirl in Granger, [Ind.], and we were selling tickets at Sam's Club all weekend," Leeuw said. "In addition to these advertisements, we have been handing out little bells for people to personalize that have a message about CF on them."

Ward said raising awareness of cystic fibrosis is important to the group, because it is not a well-known disease or a cause to which people often donate.

"Research has come so far over the years, and it is all due to donations and people wanting to help," she said.

Ninety cents of every dollar raised for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation support research, Leeuw said.

"We really want CF to get the awareness it deserves," Leeuw said. "Let's make CF stand for 'Cure Found.'"

Tickets are available to students, faculty and the greater community and cost \$6 each. Donations are also accepted. Ticket orders can be sent to Leeuw at leeuw01@saintmarys.edu by Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Contact Jillian Barwick at jbarwi01@saintmarys.edu

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mester teaching theology at Tangaza College in Nairobi, Kenya, was selected for his commitment to service in his experience as a teacher and administrator, Don Pope-Davis, vice president and associate provost for undergraduate studies, said in the press release.

"Fr. Kollman's scholarship and teaching, his commitment to Catholic social teaching and his administrative experience all uniquely equip him for leadership of the Center for Social Concerns," Pope-Davis said.

Kollman has worked with the Center since 2004, including his recent tenure as its acting director. In 2009, he and CSC assistant director Rachel Tomas Morgan co-authored an article in the New Theology Review on the challenges and opportunities of service-learning programs at Catholic universities.

Kollman's theological scholarship and teaching involve

African Christianity, mission history and world Christianity. He has pursued research in eastern Africa, Nigeria, South Africa, Europe and the United States. He has published articles and reviews in several journals of theology, African studies and religious studies, and authored the book "The Evangelization of Slaves and Catholic Origins in Eastern Africa." He is currently working on a book about the Catholic missionary evangelization of eastern Africa and a study of the Catholic Charismatic Movement in Africa.

"I'm humbled and honored to be asked to lead the Center for Social Concerns."

Fr. Paul Kollman
professor of theology

In addition to his commitment to the CSC, Kollman serves as a fellow of three Notre Dame institutes: the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies.

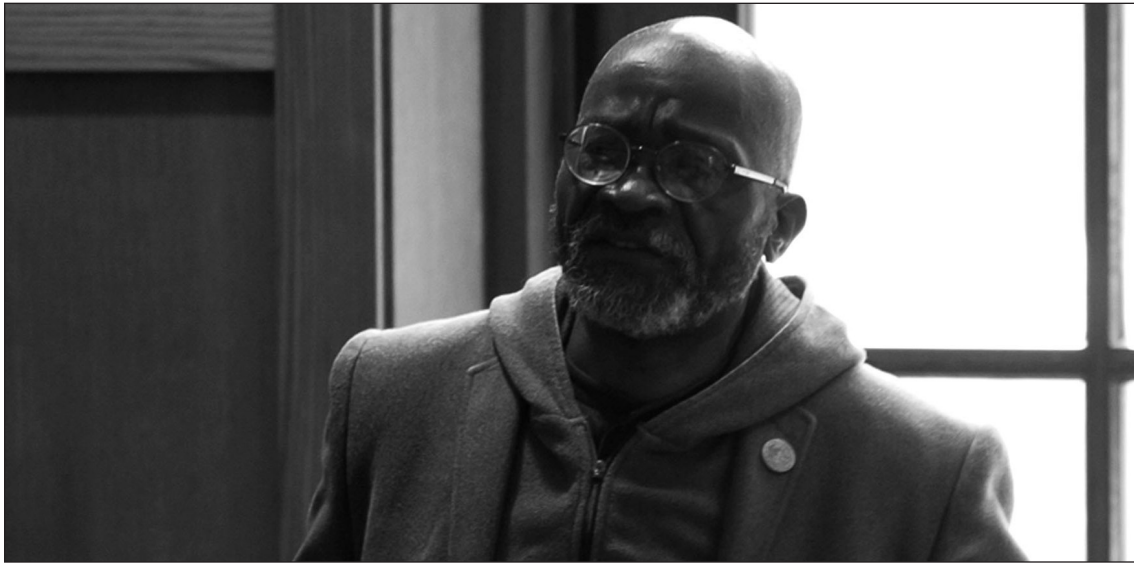
A Cincinnati native and 1984 Notre Dame alumnus, Kollman earned a master's degree in theology from the University in 1990 and a doctoral degree from the University of Chicago Divinity School in 2001.

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GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

Author Willie Baptist discusses ways to address poverty in America and his personal experiences with homelessness in Geddes Hall on Monday.

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fact that we have growing ranks of poor in America is what we feel is the defining issue of our time," he said. "We must build a network of leaders who are organizing, working in congregations as religious leaders and engaging the plight and fight of the poor."

In a short film promoting his book "Pedagogy of the Poor," Baptist, a formerly homeless father who now serves as the scholar-in-residence of the Poverty Initiative, said the poverty organizing movement must address root causes of American poverty to find a solution.

"We have to look at the root structure of what produced the problem ... The polarity of wealth and poverty in America means that the people most affected by it need to organize and be educated to solve problems," he said. "Poverty scholarship is an understanding of the complexity and globalized character of poverty."

According to the film, the polarity in wealth distribution has led to a situation of "abandonment alongside abundance," in which the top five percent of American earners have enjoyed unprecedented gains in wealth in recent years, while 46 million Americans live below the poverty line and one-third of the population lives on incomes just above that threshold.

Baptist said this and sev-

eral other contradictions characterize the reality of American poverty.

"Every year, 46 billion pounds of food are thrown away in America, when it only takes 4 billion pounds to feed everyone in the country for a year," he said. "California is capable of producing enough food for everyone in the world, but people go hungry in our own country. These are the antagonisms that we face today and that each and every one of you confronts on your watch."

Baptist used the rhetoric of the Declaration of Inde-

"[The book] challenges us to take up Martin Luther King Jr.'s manner and become real scholars through engaged scholarship, theology and intellectualism because poverty is a complex, globalized problem due to the current technological revolution that renders people superfluous to production worldwide."

**Willie Baptist
poverty activist**

pendence to highlight these unjust contradictions and urge his audience to take action to eliminate them.

"Every one is created equal ... We all have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. But how can you have the right to life if you don't have a home or a decent job?" he said. "This immoral, irreligious contradiction we face challenges us to take a stand to do something like others in American history."

Baptist said his book, co-written with Union philosophy professor Jan Rehmann, challenges readers to consider their role in the fight against poverty.

"What do you see is right or wrong? How will you live out your life?" Baptist said. "[The book] challenges us to take up Martin Luther King, Jr.'s manner and become real scholars through engaged scholarship, theology and intellectualism because poverty is a complex, globalized

problem due to the current technological revolution that renders people superfluous to production worldwide."

Baptist said his experience as an organizer for the United Steelworkers laid the foundation for his efforts to organize the poor and homeless, especially in his work with the National Union of the Homeless.

"When I organized with the [National] Union of the Homeless, we were working with 25 local unions in 25 states at its height," Baptist said. "Union members were becoming homeless union members, and homeless people were organizing homeless people."

The public perception of homelessness as a self-inflicted condition has presented an obstacle to fighting the issue because it overlooks the knowledge and talents of homeless people, Baptist said.

"Despite the public opinion of homeless people as those who can't fight for themselves, there's a rich reservoir of geniuses having to manipulate with meager means how to get from one day to another, but we allow that to lay waste in considering the consequences of poverty," he said.

Baptist, an African-American male who was once homeless, shared an anecdote about an encounter with a middle-aged Caucasian woman in Philadelphia in which his presence inflicted "the most God-awful fear in her eyes." He said such encounters impede progress in American social relations.

"Dr. King suggested that we have to somehow overcome the miseducation and stereotypes that exist that keep me from knowing the story of that lady and her knowing what my story is," he said. "This is the challenge before us to keep our nation moving forward."

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after lightning cancelled their regularly-scheduled exercise.

"It may not have been a great learning experience, but it was definitely the most fun part of the weekend," he said.

Although the NDFTX weekend is over, Sandler said the ROTC program will spare neither time nor effort in continuing to prepare freshmen and sophomores for their upcoming leadership roles.

"The plan moving forward is to continue to push cadets to their potential, constantly striv-

ing to cut down on wasted time and to enhance training value," he said.

Waliszewski said the event is a great way to build unity and foster enthusiasm in the ROTC department, as well as to create anticipation for the future.

"It definitely boosts morale, gets everyone excited about being in the program and gives us a mini-taste of what our careers are going to be like," he said.

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Author lectures about women's dietary health

By CHRISTIN KLOSKI
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By dieting in accordance with their menstrual cycles, women can feel satisfied with their bodies and their emotions, "Fertility, Cycles and Nutrition" author Marilyn Shannon said at a lecture Monday.

The lecture was part of Saint Mary's first official Food Week, which provides students tips on how to live a healthy lifestyle. The week's events focus on food choices, nutrition facts and sustainability in food.

Shannon said women who improve their overall health will also improve their menstrual cycles because irregularities, such as cramps, long cycles and premenstrual syndrome, are caused by poor diets.

Shannon said women must better their diets and take essential vitamins to make their cycles more regular. Adequate sleep, moderate exercise and proper weight gain or loss also contribute to healthy cycles, she said.

"Nutrition is the number one way to improve the body, but so is eating whole foods and taking the right vitamins," Shannon said.

Shannon said women who have no or little premenstrual

syndrome take in more vegetables, dietary fiber, vitamins and vegetable oils than other women. These reduce symptoms, but also improve a woman's health.

Shannon said there are 12 rules women should follow for better nutrition, including eating plenty of whole plant foods, avoiding trans fats and drinking pure water instead of soft drinks and caffeinated beverages.

"When you go to the store, choose a variety of food and change the routine," she said. "Pick something you usually don't eat."

Variations in the diet allow the body to obtain the essential vitamins found in different food groups, Shannon said. She said women must be confident in their dieting and follow the 80-20 rule.

"Follow your diet or nutrition balance 80 percent of the time, but you can have 20 percent for things outside of the diet," she said.

Shannon said self-care for better cycles and fertility makes a difference in women's lives.

"Improved nutrition is the natural way to start," she said.

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the other teams designed and built their planes in conjunction with classes, while Notre Dame's team did so as an extracurricular activity.

"A lot of the teams we competed against are school-sanctioned groups," Obee said. "They're competing for class, they're competing for a grade. They have a lot of faculty help ... whereas we are completely doing it voluntarily."

Even without the incentive of grades, Kudija said the team began preparing for the competition when the rules were released in August.

"Most of the fall semester was spent designing the aircraft and building the prototype that we finished by Christmas break," he said. "Then during the spring semester, we spent a lot of time testing that prototype, making design changes and building our final aircraft."

Kudija said the team took some risks on its aircraft that paid off in the competition.

"We decided as a team to take two pretty significant risks this year to challenge ourselves," he said. "The first was that we went with a fly-

ing-wing design, which is not your conventional design and had some additional challenges especially with stability. Secondly, we went with a foam and fiberglass composite construction, instead of using the more traditional balsa wood."

Kudija said the competition is a good way for aerospace engineering majors to put their skills into practice.

"This is a project that gives aerospace students an opportunity to get involved and really get some hands-on experience applying the things we learn into the classroom to an actual design problem," he said.

Even though this is only the second year Notre Dame fielded a team for the competition, Obee said he wants students to continue to participate for years to come.

"We're really trying to keep the freshman and sophomore classes involved so that as Matt and I graduate, we will be able to keep this team going from year to year," he said. "We started it together last year ... but it's definitely something we want to see continue from year to year from now on."

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going in because the leadership was kind of breathing down our necks, but looking back now that the event is over we're all glad we did it," Bedard said. "It was a big boost to our confidence."

Despite the weekend's intense training, Bedard said ROTC members were able to cut loose and enjoy themselves during a game of paintball "Civil War"



INSIDE COLUMN

Get 'Bully' online

Like many highly intelligent, self-important members of society, I only lend my attention to the most noble and artistically highbrow forms of entertainment. All right, none of that's true; well maybe just the self-important part.

Truth be told, I watch a lot of "South Park." Like, a lot of "South Park." And for non-fans of the show, any hippie can tell you that the show, for all its inappropriate and asinine humor, often can hit the nail directly on the head of a touchy social issue. Popular or not, the people at "South Park" often have some very deep things to say about some very important things.

Last week's episode focused on bullying in grade schools, and more specifically on the attempts at schools and outside sources to stop bullying. Much of the show pokes fun at the new documentary, "Bully," which is receiving a lot of buzz that portrays it as an unflinching look at how bullying affects children and families.

Hidden among the bathroom humor and some very clever shots at the "Kony 2012" creators is one quote that struck a chord with me.

"If it needs to be seen by everybody, then why wouldn't you put it on the Internet for free?"

In the episode, one character is criticizing another for trying to make money off of a documentary made about ending bullying. It's a fairly clear and direct message to the people behind "Bully."

The film was given an R-rating by the MPAA, to which the Weinstein Company (the film's studio) adamantly and publicly protested. At first, the company claimed it would release the film unrated, which would render it basically unseen by the public, due to the fact that every major theater chain has a policy against screening unrated films.

"We're working to do everything we can to make this film available to as many parents, teachers and students across the country," said Stephen Bruno, Weinstein Company president of marketing.

They eventually cut some profanity out and the film received a new PG-13 rating, allowing children to see it in theaters.

But that's not the point. As the "South Park" character said, if it's so important that parents, teachers and students across the country see this documentary, and its message and content is so necessary for our nation's school systems, then why not put it on the internet for free? Wouldn't that be the right thing to do?

I understand that the studio deserves to make money for its work; I am not opposed to that. So I propose a compromise.

Late last year, comedian Louis C.K. released his newest comedy special for \$5 online. He made \$250,000 in just 12 hours. If the studio behind "Bully" did something similar, they could make a return on their investment while allowing everyone in the country to access it for a fair price.

I don't disagree that everybody needs to see this; bullying needs to be curtailed. But if the "Bully" makers really believe that, they should do something about it.

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Kevin Noonan

Scene Editor

Instagram: Nostalgia born to sell

On April 9, a seemingly insignificant photo application called Instagram announced it was being purchased by Facebook for a massive billion dollars. 18 months ago, Instagram didn't exist.

Blake J. Graham

It was just an offshoot of an idea rattling around

Erudite Techno-lust

Kevin Systrom's and Mike Krieger's heads.

In Jan. 2010, Systrom was bold enough to show a mobile app named Burbn (after his drink of choice) to a couple of investors at a party. The concept was vague: a location-sharing app similar to four-square, but with some odd photo-sharing functionality. The investors there decided to put \$500,000 up, and Systrom began to search for a co-founder. He found a coding expert with a background in psychology, linguistics and philosophy. Mike Krieger joined the two-man Burbn team.

Only after a short time of working together, they realized that Burbn as a product wasn't possible. The idea was too complicated, but Systrom, who always had an eye for photography, decided the company could focus on the side photo component they had been developing. When Apple's iPhone 4 came out, they found the perfect device to match their premise. Users could use their app to take a photo, make minor adjustments, add a note and share it. They renamed the app Instagram, as it was an instant telegram.

When it was new, the app experienced tremendous success: 25,000 users in the first 24 hours. Now, Instagram has expanded to Android and iOS mobile operating systems and has a user base of over 40 million.

As the deal was Facebook acquisition of Instagram was announced, many reacted in horror, surprise or confusion. "Instagram is selling out," the loyal shrieked through tears. "That's way too much money," the economically-

conscious observed tapping on their calculators. "What's an Instagram?" the confused mumbled to their neighbors.

No, Instagram is not selling out. They're not the Beatles — they can't lose their flavor. They're just selling. And for those who have been loyal users since the beginning, it breaks my heart to tell you this was always their plan. It was the plan of every investor who put a dime into the company. They had to sell at one point. Why? Because Instagram has no revenue, nor did it have plans to monetize the application. There weren't going to be ads on the service, nor would they charge for additional features. When you opened up Instagram, all users encountered the purest possible experience, because those making it knew eventually some large company was going to come along and purchase it. They also can't change much under Facebook — the service is simply too large. Everything people love about Instagram will essentially remain the same. The biggest difference is now, the company is bank-rolled by a giant. And the Blue Behemoth doesn't want their investment to sour. Anything Systrom and team need, Facebook will foot the bill.

Yes. One billion dollars is a lot of money. In fact, it's one percent of Facebook's theoretical worth. Two days before the Facebook announcement, the company was valued at \$500 million, based on a new \$50 million investment that happened the week prior. Overnight, those investors literally doubled their money. There are many reasons why Facebook would pay that much money for a small company run by thirteen people. The most conclusive is Facebook runs on photographs, and Facebook is awful at photographs. Photos on Facebook are soulless and ugly, where photos on Instagram are simple, meaningful and sexy. People put photos on Facebook so people can see them, but people add photos on Instagram because they like to make

them. Another difference is Facebook is full of photos taken of users, where Instagram is composed of images taken by users.

Instagram's set of photo filters and tweaks give its users control over the photos they take. Not everyone is an artist, but nearly everyone has a camera on their smartphone. Because people have cameras, they take pictures. And, whenever someone is about to press the shutter button, they have to go through a series of artistic decisions: how to hold the camera, where to frame the shot, at which point to focus, etc. The mere fact that everybody has the tool makes them act as artists, even though many have little perceivable skill.

The point of taking a photograph is to capture a moment in time. But the moment the shutter closes and the image is stored, many of the fleeting components of that moment are lost. The smell on the air, the mood of the subject, the sounds in the background and whatnot vanish in the final capture. The photograph represents a visual fraction of the composite moment. Instagram filters provide preset means to tweak the image until it, on average, matches the sentiment external to the image. Being a professional photographer wielding a DSLR is a chore. People practice and train for years to master that art. Instagram is important to users because they can control something they had little handle on previously without going through grueling training or purchasing expensive tools.

Instagram makes its users happy. The people on Instagram truly love the service because they believe they are creating a chronicle accurate to who they are.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity."

George S. Patton
U.S. general

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Beware of hidden 'income' when filing educational expenses

Tax time came as usual this spring. I am aware of the federal income tax and the basics of how the tax structure operates — you make “x” amount of money, you pay “a” amount to the government; you make “y” amount of money, you pay “b,” and so on.

Robby Smith
The Battalion

As a student, I was unaware, however, of how to factor scholarships into taxes. I file my taxes independently, as I am sure many students with complicated family situations do. I've held multiple part-time jobs during the past year, and was aware of the approximate amount I would be required to pay. To save money on tax preparation, I asked my boyfriend's dad to help me file mine this year. He has used tax preparation software Turbo Tax to file on behalf of his family for years.

After inputting all of my personal

and W-2 information, we began to go through the series of questions to determine how much I owed the refunds for which I qualified — investments during the past year, whether I am a new home or car owner, family size and other questions of the like.

When we came to the part on scholarships and educational expenses, we looked to my 1098-T form from the Howdy financial aid portal. I typed in the amount of aid I received, subtracted the total amount paid to the University in tuition and then reported the balance of that amount as “income.”

The reported amount was high — I have a full-ride in scholarships, and received additional aid this past year with my summer study abroad. I am thankful for the scholarships, which pay my educational expenses, but wasn't so thankful when I realized that I owe taxes on more than \$10,000 of “income.”

After subtracting the costs of text-

books and a summer school class I took at Blinn, I was still paying almost \$1,000 in taxes just on my scholarships, in addition to taxes on my income from my part-time jobs. I was shocked. I didn't know where that money would come from — the only possibility was sacrificing the money I needed for rent during the summer.

I enlisted the help of my grandparents' accountant to double-check things and make sure I hadn't overlooked any education expenses. After digging through paperwork, he found a few expenses I had yet to report that lowered the amount I owed.

I was lucky to have family and friends who helped navigate the tax season, but I still learned much from the experience. Students with scholarships should be prepared to pay taxes on any funds not deemed “educational expenses.” If your scholarship — like mine — pays for room and board, that

money is taxable. Educational expenses include costs of tuition, books, computers and equipment, but not room and board. Though your scholarship donor already paid taxes on this money when they earned it, it is taxed a second time when you receive it — kind of like an inheritance tax or a tax on gambling winnings.

Do not be caught off-guard or unprepared. Whatever scholarship you have, budget to save some of this amount during the year so that you're ready when tax season rolls around. I was caught with insufficient savings, due to insufficient planning and lack of awareness. Don't make the same mistake.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Save St. Edward's lofts — and dorm identity

Every pamphlet, tour and administrator brags about dorm life at Notre Dame. Most students stay in the same dorm all four years, and each hall is a community. Our system succeeds, because each hall has its own particular identity. This is only the case because Keenan Hall is different than Keough Hall, Walsh Hall is different than Welsh Family Hall, and so on. These differences and traditions give each incoming student something to be proud of, and each upperclassman something to hold on to.

The Office of Residence Life and Housing (ORLH) wants to change that.

I live in St. Edward's Hall, and I've grown to love it. We're old, we're small and we're family. We don't have air conditioning, we don't have nice lounges and we barely have a working elevator. But this doesn't really matter, because what makes St. Edward's Hall such a great home is the student-built lofts that turn our cramped rooms into the best living spaces on campus. Our lofts are safe. There hasn't been a collapse in years, the lofts have never been a fire-hazard and I haven't heard of anyone falling off during my time here.

Next year, ORLH will begin phasing out the lofts in favor of modular furniture. By 2013, every room will have the same mandatory, uniform and boring furniture as other dorms. But St. Edward's without its lofts is like Dillon without its size, or Siegfried without its athletics, or Zahm without its crazy. ORLH, by stripping St. Edward's Hall of one of its few perks, is only going to push upperclassmen off campus, and the traditions of our oldest dorm with them. We'll quickly lose most of what makes St. Edward's so great.

By banning lofts, ORLH is slowly destroying one of the best aspects of Notre Dame: dorm identity. Why not end SYR's, dorm mascots and everything else that makes a hall a home? This is just one step towards the conformity that will turn our dorms from vibrant communities into the lifeless apartment complexes of other schools.

So, if members of administration listen at all to students, I beg you: save St. Edward's Hall.

Daniel Sullivan
freshman
St. Edward's Hall
April 17

SMC postings meant to inform about representatives

In response to Rebekah Wielgos (“Postings at SMC,” April 12):

As a part of our Women's Awareness week, Feminists United decided to focus on politics. There have been many events this past year that will affect many women, including Saint Mary's women. To educate the student body, we chose to display posters of major leaders in both the Democratic and Republican parties.

We used a variety of politicians to show the diversity of both ideologies. This included Republican Senator Olympia Snow, a supporter of women's rights. We did not promote one over the other. These posters showed that feminism goes beyond partisan politics.

The purpose of the posters was to inform the students about how representatives support women's rights, or don't. The posters were not aggressive because we were just stating facts. Many politicians or states have been commenting or passing laws concerning women's rights, and not all women on campus are aware of this fact, so we decided to publicize it.

We reported politicians' legislative record on certain policies, like the Violence against Women Act. We could have cited our sources, or been more detailed, yes, but then would anyone have read our posters? Short, sweet and to the point was our goal.

Additionally, our posters (and our entire Women's Awareness Week) were approved by the Student Involvement Office.

The purpose of the posters was to promote our panel that targeted women's role in politics and women's issues — nonpartisan issues. We had a fantastic discussion that was, as you say, “charitable, open-minded and constructive.” The audience enjoyed the topics, and felt the environment was welcoming and tolerant.

In the future, please contact us if you have issues with the way we conduct our club, or come by a meeting or an advertised panel sponsored by our club to have an open and welcome discussion. Our club willingly promotes discussion of different opinions in an attempt to grow and learn as feminists and supporters of equality for all.

Sincerely,

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This Week's Mix - Party While You Can

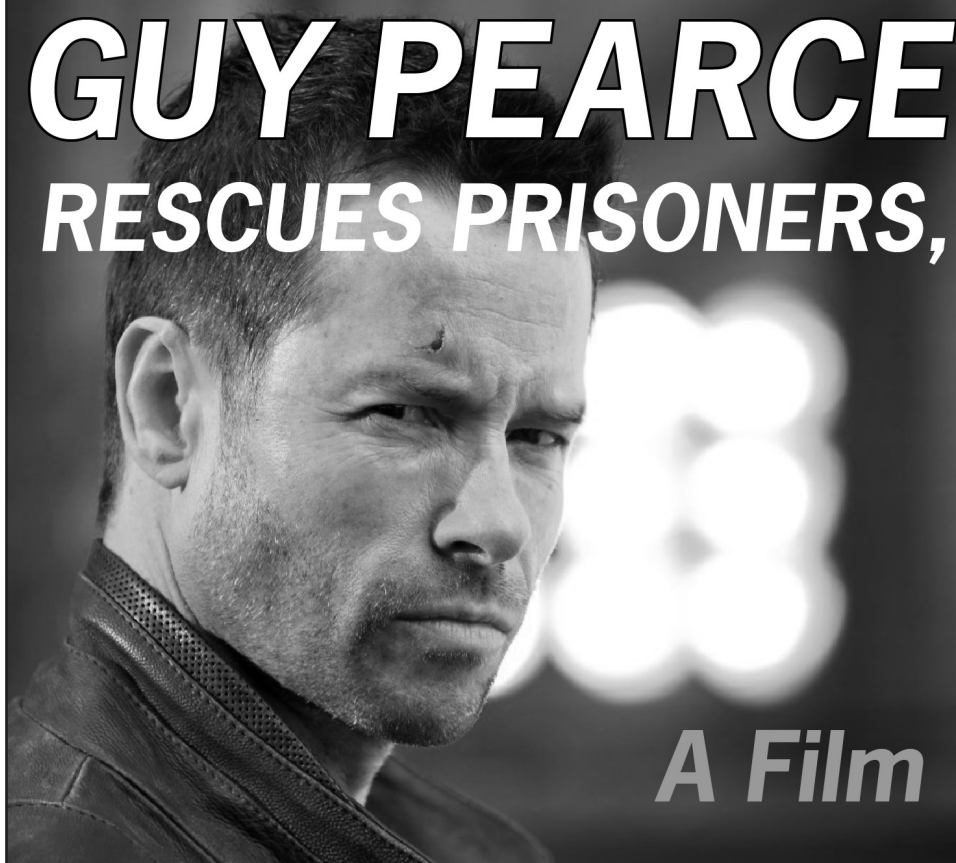


by Kevin Noonan

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The last round of midterms are over, and finals are just around the corner. But they're not here yet. Take advantage of this time, put speakers up to the windows and blast some music onto the quad. Party now, while you still can.

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By KEVIN NOONAN
Scene Editor

Guy Pearce's "Lockout" isn't a particularly good movie. The plot is a little confusing, with the kind of last-minute plot twist that manages to pull off the post-"Sixth Sense" Shyamalan paradox of the audience absolutely not seeing it coming, but also totally and completely not caring.

The acting, outside Pearce and one of the villains, is stiff at best. The special effects are at brief times impressive and visionary, but inevitably devolve into a video game-like blurriness and artificiality.

The characters, mostly as a result of the plot-by-"Mad Libs" and the Hayden Christensen-inspired acting performances, are mostly uninteresting, unsympathetic and undeveloped.

But come on. Is anybody who's seen the trailer going to the theaters expecting "The Dark Knight?" No. Is Guy Pearce supposed to portray a man struggling with inner psychological issues, or some artsy junk like it's a Colin Firth movie? No. Also, sidebar, no offense is meant to Colin Firth — great actor.

"Lockout" is a cheap thrill, a B-movie with low aspirations, little depth and lots of explosions. It's not the greatest B-movie of all time (see: "Killer Klowns From Outer Space") but it clearly knows the formula for success, and delivers on that formula.

The film is produced by Luc Besson, a man with a history of slick, commercially-minded films, which often trade substance for style. Besson also produced the 2008 Liam-Neeson-kicks-butt celebration, "Taken," another example of a film that succeeds in spite of its lack of storytelling depth.

Much like "Taken," Besson's latest film places much of the burden on the shoulders of its leading man. And in this case, the leading man is more likeable, and equally as hard-core as Neeson in "Taken" (Mr. Neeson, please don't come track me down and exact revenge for saying that).

Guy Pearce once again proves himself to be a fantastic actor with an unbelievable range of ability, both dramatically and physically. He is the shining star that takes this film from extremely mediocre to wonderfully and delightfully average.

Pearce plays Snow, a former CIA agent in the near future — 2079 — caught up in a murder investigation. Pearce claims innocence, but is convicted without trial and sentenced to 30 years "stasis," a medically-induced coma, aboard "MS-1," a new prison that floats around in space. It's the same prison which, conveniently,

hosts Snow's partner, who is the only person in the universe who knows where a mysterious briefcase is hidden. This briefcase can supposedly prove Pearce's innocence.

But when a philanthropic trip to the prison by the President's daughter, played by Maggie Grace, who also played Neeson's daughter in "Taken," results in a massive prison breakout and hostage situation (I told you, thin plot), it seems Snow is the only one who can get her out alive.

Snow is clearly a relic of an older generation, despite being a fairly young guy. He wears t-shirts when everyone around him is in suits and battle gear. He carries a shotgun, even though clearly the weaponry has advanced far past that point. And he smokes cigarettes and continually plays with a Zippo lighter, which another character in the film points out is far past out-of-style.

Pearce's portrayal of Snow as a sarcastic, common-sense genius of covert combat is brilliant, and goes beyond the cliché notions of a character which everyone has seen a million times before.

It's Pearce's style and humor that make the film, not to mention his general awesomeness as a professional butt-kicker.

The real question about this film, though, is why Pearce, a star in highly-respected and successful films such as "L.A. Confidential," "Memento," and "The Count of Monte Cristo" is in it.

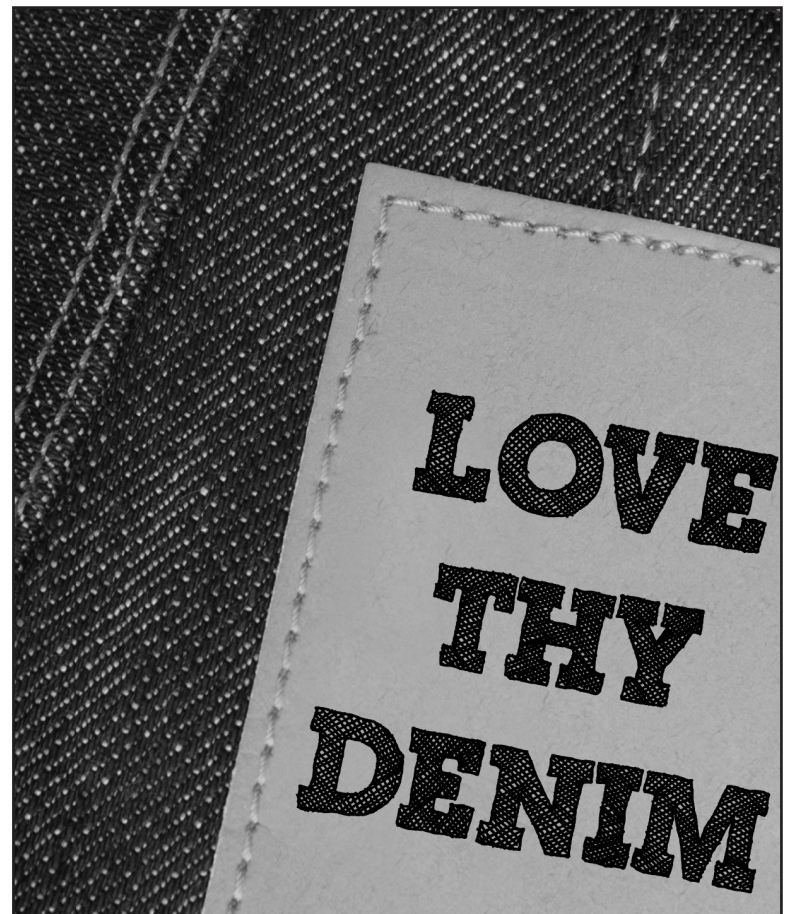
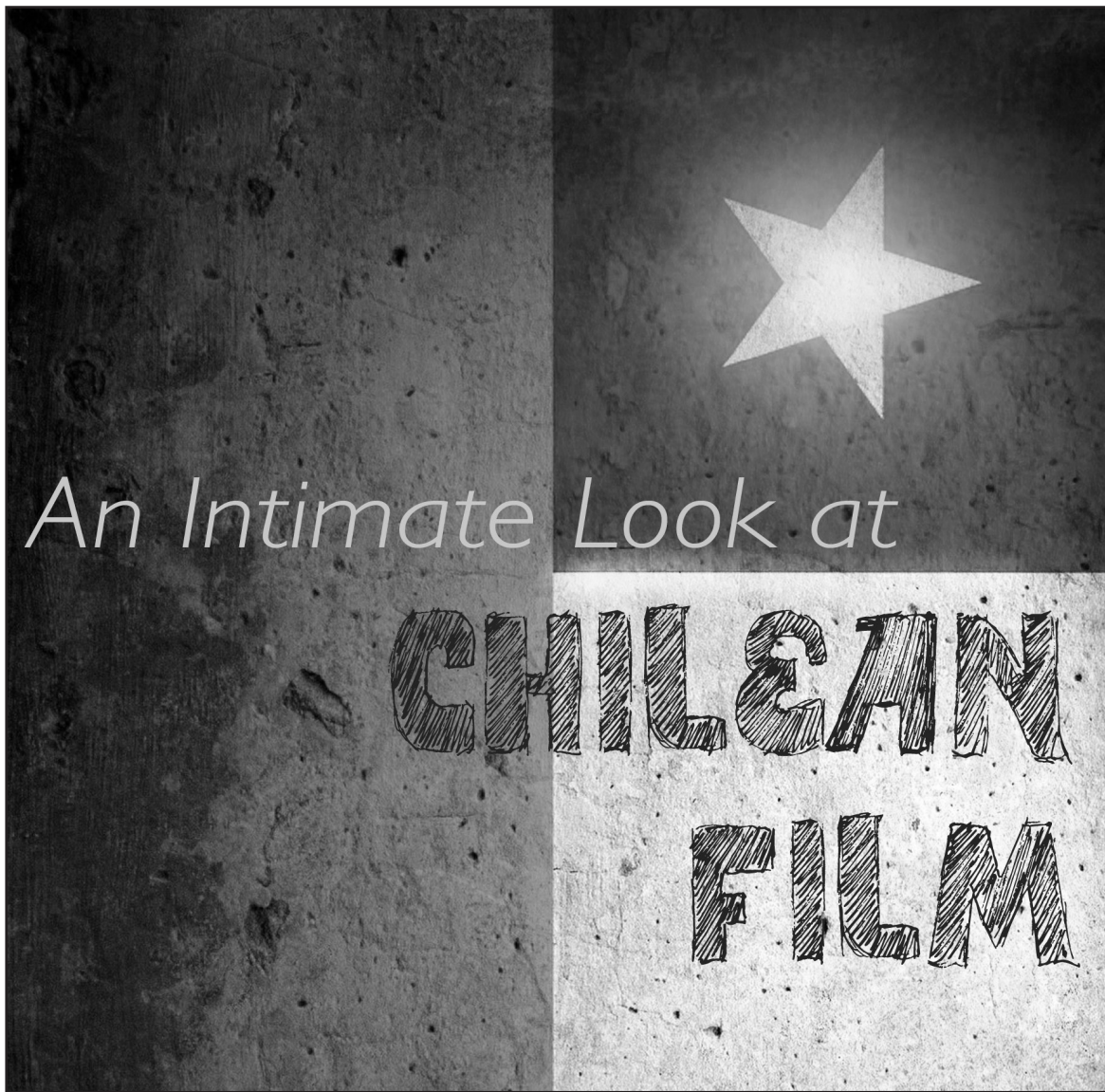
It's a question for which I don't have answer, but I believe Jim Craig would say there are about thirty thousand of them, all sitting in his New York bank account. Thank goodness he is in this movie, though, and hopefully somebody in Hollywood will give him a reward for saving "Lockout" from the unforgiving jaws of bland mediocrity.

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"Lockout"

Director: James Mathier, Stephen St. Leger
Producer: Luc Besson
Studio: EuropaCorp, Canal+, Cine+
Starring: Guy Pearce, Maggie Grace





By KEVIN NOONAN
Scene Editor

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC), the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and the Institute for Educational Initiatives collaborated to bring the first-ever Chilean film festival to Notre Dame this week.

The event, officially titled “A Festival of Chilean Film,” begins Thursday at 6:30 p.m., with a discussion panel featuring three of the most prominent directors in Chilean cinema — Ignacio Agüero, Gonzalo Justiniano and Andrés Wood.

In addition to being decorated Chilean filmmakers, the three all received Holy Cross education as boys, attending St. George’s College in Santiago, Chile.

“[The filmmakers] will be here starting on Thursday to talk about their work, to talk about the lasting legacy of Chilean film, specifically in the post-1970s era, and how they’ve been instrumental in rebuilding the industry under a lot of kind of severe limitations within the country in terms of the restrictions,” Ted Barron, senior associate director at DPAC, said.

Barron refers to the political coup of the 1970s, in which army general Augusto Pinochet violently overthrew the democratically-elected government and brutally put down any dissenters, placing industries such as film in a position of what Andrés Wood once called a lasting restriction of “self-censorship.”

According to Barron, though the Performing Arts Center has featured series of films from around the world before, this is the first time it has focused so specifically on Latin America.

Steve Reifenberg, executive director of the Kellogg Institute, explained why Chile was an important place to start, especial-

ly for Notre Dame.

“The Kellogg Center, since it was founded 30 years ago, has had a long and deep association with Latin America, and a special relationship with Chile. In the 1980s, when there was a military government in Chile, many leading academics and policy makers came to Notre Dame and came to Kellogg, and ever since, we’ve had a really close relationship with Chile,” Reifenberg said.

After the discussion panel, the first film of the festival will screen Thursday at 9:30 p.m. Justiniano will introduce his film “b-happy,” which follows a teenage girl who must make hard choices to escape her troubled family, and finds solace in the form of poetry.

Friday will feature two films by Wood, the most internationally-acclaimed director of the group. His newest film, “Violeta Went to Heaven” will show at 6:30 p.m. The movie is a biography of Chilean singer and cultural icon Violeta Parra, and received the honor of the 2012 Sundance Film Festival World Cinema Jury Prize.

Immediately following will be perhaps the internationally-famous film in the Chilean industry, Wood’s “Machuca.” The film was one of the first in Chilean history to illustrate the events of Pinochet’s coup, and follows young school boys in the midst

of the chaos. The movie was featured at the 2004 Cannes Film Festival.

Agüero, a documentary director, will introduce two of his films on Saturday evening. “100 Children Waiting for a Train” will screen at 6:30 p.m., followed by “Agustin’s Newspaper.” The first tells the story of children who are introduced to cinema for the first time, and the education that ensues.

The second takes a questioning look at the role of Chile’s oldest newspaper, which was pro-coup in the 1970s, in the dissemination of information to the people.

All the films are in Spanish, but have English subtitles or voiceovers. Reifenberg said the language gap, or a lack of knowledge about the history of the country, should not scare students away.

“The films are pretty different, but they touch on specific things to Chile, but they’re really universal themes of love and loss and hope. These are really wonderful stories,” he said. “These are not films that are putting big barriers to being able to enter in. They’re just great films, and students should take advantage.”

Tickets are \$3 for each film, and the panel discussion is free.

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A Festival of Chilean Film

Where: DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
When: Thursday-Saturday, starting at 6:30 p.m.
Featuring: Panel discussion with Chilean directors Andrés Wood, Ignacio Agüero and Gonzalo Justiniano.
Films: “b-happy,” “Violeta Went to Heaven,” “Machuca,” “100 Children Waiting for a Train” and “Agustin’s Newspaper.”

“You can’t live your life in the same pair of jeans that feel like you’re wearing pajamas.”

Challenge accepted, Mom.

My mom chastised me with this comment while shopping for interview suits over Easter Break. She was tired of me complaining about how one blazer made my shoulders look big, how another pair of pants fit weirdly around my hips, and on and on when she, my grandmother, my sister and even the fitting room attendant disagreed.

I was not impressed though, not even with the capri chinos in a fantastic orange color. I didn’t want to grow up, to be forced out of my favorite jeans into a suit.

It’s okay though. I loved the color of those chino pants, so I found my favorite pair of jeans in almost that exact same color. And while I haven’t yet broken them into the pajama-like feel of my other pair, I’m sure they’ll get there.

But this column is not about my struggle to join the real world, fashion-wise. This is a call for everyone to celebrate the denim in their lives.

Celebrate the versatility of jeans. Throw on a sweatshirt and flip flops for a super casual look, or don a nice blazer, top and boots to class the closet-staple up.

The story of American jeans begins a little less than 150 years ago. In 1873, Levi Strauss received a patent to make the first pair of riveted men’s work pants out of denim. And thus, the first pair of jeans was born. Only cowboys and other hard laborers wore jeans until about the 1950s, when the style became popular among teenagers. From then on, jeans were a staple of almost every American closet.



Mary Claire O'Donnell

Scene Writer

Fashions have changed a lot since jeans became mainstream, and accordingly, jeans have come in many forms. Bell-bottoms. Bootcut. Tapered. Acid wash. High-waisted. Skinny leg. Overalls. Shorts. Boyfriend. Dark wash. Light wash. White. Black. Green. Purple. You name a style, color or fit, and jeans have probably come in that form at some time or another.

I’m not fashion-savvy enough or fashion history-savvy enough, however, to begin to discuss these changing trends in denim clothing. I have noticed, however, that while all types of jeans have passed in and out of fashion through the years, even in our short 18 to 22 years of life, the idea of that favorite pair is eternal.

I’m talking about that special pair of jeans that make you feel better every time you put it on. Those jeans can make you feel invincible, sexy, anything. Whatever you need to make it through the day.

Rock those jeans. Find them in multiple colors or washes. Because everyone deserves to feel that way. You feel the cool denim on your legs as you slide them on, and you’re empowered. Look good, feel good. Maybe everyone at the dorm party, bar or club is in a dress or skirt. Don’t worry, they’ll never look as good in your jeans as you do.

Now, there’s no problem if you prefer skirts or dresses, corduroys or chinos to jeans. I just want to take a second to celebrate jeans because too often people, male and female, are criticized because “all he or she wears is jeans.”

Embrace that. There’s nothing wrong with jeans, and there’s nothing wrong with you. And do as I did — enter a profession in which it is more than acceptable to wear jeans at least every Friday.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

MLB takes time to remember Robinson

Never has a nightmare felt so good.

On a day where every major league player donned Jackie Robinson's famous No. 42, broadcasters and public address

announcers had a nightmare trying to decode who was who. Who's that warming up in the bullpen? Who's that in the on-deck circle? Who's that making the pitching change?

Jackie Robinson and Jackie Robinson and Jackie Robinson.

He was everywhere on the field Sunday afternoon — just as he was everywhere in the news when he broke

baseball's color barrier in 1947. The hall of famer racked up a career .316 average and six consecutive years in which he hit over .300.

But no one really cares about his stats. And if they do, they're not the right stats. They

remember the numerous death threats, the multitude of hate mail, the many flying cleats — but they also remember the one remarkable life he lived.

His courage and talent opened the door for two* black baseball players, first Hank Aaron and then Barry Bonds*, to break Babe Ruth's long-standing home run record. His footsteps allowed Matt Kemp, Prince Fielder and Brandon Phillips to sign huge deals with major league squads. His heroics gave C.C. Sabathia and David Price the opportunity to play the sport they love at the highest level possible.

Despite the fact that just 8.5 percent of major league rosters made up of black players, "Jackie Robinson Day" on Sunday was a success.

My initial thought when this happened for the first time a few years ago was "Wow, they must

really need to sell some jerseys." But then I realized how genuine Major League Baseball was about this endeavor. They did it year after year to honor one of the game's best.

They didn't do a "Nolan Ryan Day" or a "Cy Young Day." They didn't do a "Ty Cobb Day" or a "Joe DiMaggio Day." This was special — and it worked.

There were special tributes at every stadium from Washington to Los Angeles, from Miami to Toronto. His family, his former teammates in the Negro Leagues and even the Tuskegee Airmen were all involved in the festivities.

Perhaps nothing could have seemed as right as when the Dodgers, Robinson's old team, took the field Sunday on the West Coast. Vin Scully, the voice of the Dodgers, summed it up best during his broadcast: "Before Ellsbury. Before Kemp. Before Ichiro, Mo, and Thomas. Before Gwynn. Before Ozzie. Before Murray, and Carew.

Before Frank. Before Ernie. Before Aaron, and Mays. There was Jackie."

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blue lettering and red numbers, looked particularly good with No. 42 back on them.

The whole day was a success. Why do I say that? Because I am writing a column about it. Because people are talking about it. Because the Jackie Robinson Foundation is being helped.

Because people take time to remember him.

So next time you see retired numbers hanging on an outfield wall, from an upper deck balcony or on flags rustling in the wind, note which one is everywhere, simply because one day is not enough.

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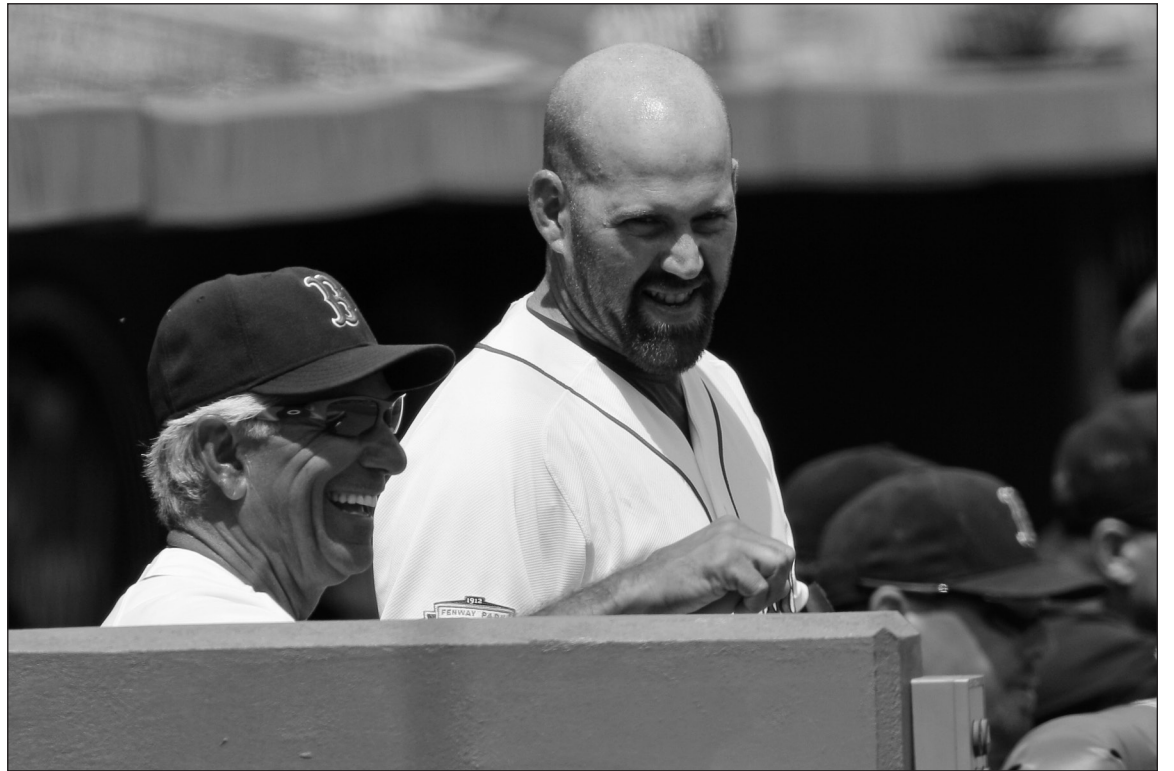
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MLB

Valentine, Youkilis make up



Red Sox third baseman Kevin Youkilis, right, talks with manager Bobby Valentine during a spring training baseball game in Fort Myers, Fla. on March 27.

Associated Press

BOSTON — Kevin Youkilis' teammates came to his defense Monday after Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine questioned his commitment to the game and then apologized to his third baseman.

During an interview aired Sunday night on WHDH-TV, Valentine said he didn't think Youkilis was "as physically or emotionally into the game."

That drew a sharp response from Dustin Pedroia before Monday's 1-0 loss to the Tampa Bay Rays.

"I know he plays as hard as anybody I've ever seen in my life. I have his back and his teammates have his back," the second baseman said.

After the game, first baseman Adrian Gonzalez also supported his teammate.

"All you can do is tell Youk we love him. All it says is we have each others' backs," he said. "We're pulling for each other on the field and in the clubhouse. We've got a strong bond."

On Monday morning, Valentine said he apologized when Youkilis came into his office and asked for an explanation.

"I don't know if he accepted my apology," Valentine said. "It was sincere."

Youkilis had a poor spring training and is batting .200 (6 for 30), but Valentine said his comments weren't

aimed at motivating him. After a 2-for-20 start, he was 4 for 10 in the first three games against the Tampa Bay Rays. He missed Monday's series finale because of a minor groin injury.

"I'm more confused than anything," Youkilis said before the game. "Everybody knows I go out and play the game as hard as I can."

If Valentine's intent was to have Youkilis' teammates rally around him, it may have worked.

"I really don't know what Bobby's trying to do, but that's not the way we go about our stuff around here," Pedroia said. "He'll figure that out. The whole team is behind Youk."

Asked if Valentine was trying to motivate Youkilis, Pedroia said, "maybe that works in Japan" — where Valentine used to manage.

The manager said after the game that he spoke to Pedroia and "he's cool. He says he gets it."

Valentine took over on Dec. 1 for the more laid-back Terry Francona, who led the Red Sox to two World Series championships in eight seasons.

Valentine said that in the interview he was just answering a question about how Youkilis may be feeling during early season struggles.

"I don't think he's as physically or emotionally into the game as he has been in the past for some reason," he

said in the interview before Boston's 13-5 win on Sunday. "But (on Saturday) it seemed, you know, he's seeing the ball well, got those two walks, got his on-base percentage up higher than his batting average, which is always a good thing, and he'll move on from there."

On Monday, Valentine said, "I should have been more specific. Physical is about your swing, emotional is about not being happy when he doesn't hit a ball off the wall."

Youkilis hit a career-low .258 last season, when he was limited to 112 games by several injuries. Going into this season, his ninth with the Red Sox, he was batting .289 with 129 homers and 550 RBIs.

He said he talked Monday with Valentine about the manager's comments but gave no details. Youkilis said he doesn't think his passionate approach to the game has changed.

"I go out and just play the game. It doesn't matter one way or another. There's things that happened over the years with a lot of different things in baseball," he said. "For me it's not an issue."

Valentine said he doesn't want Youkilis to think "I was jabbing at him."

"I'd be surprised if Kevin didn't know I was totally behind him," he said. "We're big boys. I think he'll get it. If not, I'll talk to him a lot more."

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Today in History

With the world anxiously watching, Apollo 13, a U.S. lunar spacecraft that suffered a severe malfunction on its journey to the moon, safely returns to Earth.

On April 17, 1790, American statesman, printer, scientist, and writer Benjamin Franklin dies in Philadelphia at age 84.

The Ford Mustang, a two-seat, mid-engine sports car, is officially unveiled by Henry Ford II at the World's Fair in Flushing Meadows, New York, on April 17, 1964. That same day, the new car also debuted in Ford showrooms across America and almost 22,000 Mustangs were immediately snapped up by buyers. Named for a World War II fighter plane, the Mustang was the first of a type of vehicle that came to be known as a "pony car."

Eddie Cochran, the man behind "Summertime Blues" and "C'mon Everybody," was killed on this day in 1960 when the taxi carrying him from a show in Bristol, England, crashed en route to the airport in London, where he was to catch a flight back home to the United States. A raw and exciting rocker with a cocky, rebellious image, Eddie Cochran was very different from the polished and packaged idols of Elvis Presley and the arrival of the Beatles.

On this day in 1976, Mike Schmidt of the Philadelphia Phillies hits four consecutive home runs in a game against the Chicago Cubs. Schmidt was only the fourth player in the history of Major League Baseball to accomplish this feat.

The first major antiwar protest of 1972 is held. The demonstration, held at the University of Maryland, was organized to protest the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC).

Heavy eruptions of the Tambora volcano in Indonesia are letting up by this day in 1815. The volcano, which began rumbling on April 5, killed almost 100,000 people directly and indirectly. The eruption was the largest ever recorded and its effects were noted throughout the world.

President John F. Kennedy waits for word on the success of a covert plan to overthrow Cuba's government on this day in 1961.

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NBA

Lawson, Afflalo lead Nuggets past Rockets

Struggling Wizards take down first-place Bulls in Chicago; surging Pacers defeat Minnesota

HOUSTON — Arron Afflalo scored 26 points, Ty Lawson had 25 and the Denver Nuggets continued their playoff push with a 105-102 victory over the fading Houston Rockets on Monday night.

Al Harrington added 15 points and Andre Miller had 13 assists for the Nuggets, who swept back-to-back games with the Rockets, the team directly behind them in the Western Conference standings.

Denver began the night holding the No. 7 spot in the Western Conference, one game ahead of the Rockets. Houston was only one game ahead of Phoenix and 1 1/2 games ahead of Utah, who were both playing later Monday.

Goran Dragic and Chandler Parsons scored 21 points apiece for the Rockets, who have dropped four straight after a four-game road winning streak.

Denver led 75-74 after three quarters, and the fourth was tight all the way to the end.

The Nuggets took a 99-98 lead into the final 2 minutes, and Afflalo found Harrington with a wraparound pass for an easy layup with 1:19 left to make it 101-98. Parsons rattled in a jumper from the free-throw line, but with all the Nuggets standing on the sideline, Lawson hit a 3-pointer from the corner with 45 seconds left to silence the noisy crowd.

Patrick Patterson hit a short jumper, and Luis Scola had a chance to tie it, but his runner in the lane rattled out with 6 seconds left. Afflalo, a 79 percent free-throw shooter, split two free throws with 3.9 seconds remaining, giving the Rockets a chance

to tie it.

But Parsons' desperation 3-pointer hit off the front of the rim, and Denver sent Houston to its fourth straight home loss, a season high.

Brewer scored all 11 of his points in the second half, and the Nuggets finished 9 for 18 from 3-point range to win in Houston for the first time since October 2010.

The Nuggets shot 33 percent (8 for 24) in the first quarter, and McGee missed a point-blank layup on the first shot of the second as Denver trailed by as many as 11 points.

But with Houston center Marcus Camby sidelined with a back injury, Denver got some easy baskets down low. Afflalo cut inside for consecutive layups to trim the deficit to 38-33 and force Rockets coach Kevin McHale to burn a timeout.

The Rockets, meanwhile, went cold in the second quarter, missing 8 of their first 11 shots, including three 3-point attempts. Kyle Lowry hit a 3-pointer with 5:41 left in the first half, but Houston missed its next two shots and Lawson swished an answering 3 with 4:36 to go before the break. Afflalo then drove for another layup to tie it at 41-all.

Houston finished the half with a 10-3 burst, capped by Courtney Lee's second 3-pointer, to lead 51-44. Despite the rally, Denver shot only 36 percent (16 of 45) in the first half.

The Nuggets made 9 of their first 14 shots out of the break. Harrington made two 3s, and Afflalo scored in the lane to put Denver up 67-66. Lee swept in



Rockets forward Luis Scola backs down Nuggets forward Kenneth Faried, center, during Denver's 105-102 win at Houston on Monday.

for a layup, and Houston moved back in front with 3:49 left in the quarter.

The teams swapped the lead five more times, and Denver took a one-point lead to the final quarter.

Wizards 87, Bulls 84

Kevin Seraphin had 21 points and 13 rebounds, John Wall scored 16 points, and the Washington Wizards beat the short-

handed Chicago Bulls on Monday night.

Richard Hamilton scored 22 points to lead the Bulls, who played without stars Derrick Rose and Luol Deng. Rose was out with a sore right foot as he missed his 24th game of the season, and Deng sat out due to sore right ribs.

After two straight games of clutch 3-pointers in the finals seconds to force overtime in wins against Miami and Detroit, the Bulls missed a third chance when Hamilton's 3-pointer was blocked by James Singleton with 5.9 seconds left and C.J. Watson missed in the final seconds.

The Bulls' lead on Miami in the Eastern Conference dropped to 2 1/2 games with five games remaining. The Heat beat New Jersey earlier Monday night.

Rose injured his foot in Sunday's win at Detroit, when he bounced back from a dismal two-point performance against the Heat on Thursday by scoring 24 points and making a 3 in the final seconds to force overtime. Deng also injured his ribs Sunday.

Trailing 68-57 early in the fourth quarter, the Wizards got back in the game with a 13-0 run. Maurice Evans hit a jumper over Hamilton then he made a 3. Brian Cook tied the game at 68 with another 3 and Shelvin Mack's jumper gave the Wizards a 70-68 lead.

Wall found Singleton for a dunk to put Washington up 82-77 with 1:40 left. Watson answered with a jumper for Chicago and then appeared to have a steal but referee Tony Brothers called a foul on Watson to the dismay of Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau.

After Wall made one of two at the line, Watson hit another jumper to get Chicago to 83-81. After Mack turned it over, the Bulls failed to take advantage, committing a turnover on the offensive end. Wall then made two free throws to put the Wizards up 85-81, but Watson made a 3 to get Chicago back within one with 16.5 left.

Evans finished with 14 points, 10 in the fourth quarter.

The Wizards led 43-40 at the half. Seraphin had 10 points

and six rebounds in the first two quarters.

Boozer and Hamilton each had nine points for the Bulls.

Pacers 111, Timberwolves 88

The Indiana Pacers approached Monday night's game against the Minnesota Timberwolves as though they were facing the Chicago Bulls or the Miami Heat.

The Pacers rolled to a 25-point lead in the first 9 minutes and beat the Timberwolves for their fifth consecutive win.

This young team is starting to get it.

"We came out with the killer instinct tonight," Pacers coach Frank Vogel said. "That set the tone for us. That's what we want to go into the playoffs with."

David West had 22 points and 10 rebounds, Danny Granger scored 19 points, Paul George had 18 and Roy Hibbert added 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Pacers, who solidified their grip on the No. 3 position in the Eastern Conference standings.

Indiana has won eight of nine games, but none of the other wins started this well. The Pacers generally have been stronger in the second half than in the first, but this time, they did the right things from the opening tip.

"I think the biggest thing is that we continue to build good habits," West said. "We're coming out and trying to make the right play every single time. I think that's imperative for us. We continue the momentum we're starting to build and hopefully, we'll be playing some of our best ball a week-and-a-half from now."

Indiana scored at least 100 points for the 10th time in 11 games.

"We've been trusting the pass," George said. "Everybody's been willing to share the ball, and we've been moving."

Jose Barea had 14 points and nine assists and reserves Michael Beasley and Derrick Williams added 13 points each for Minnesota, which lost its 10th in a row. Kevin Love, one of the league's top scorers and rebounders, sat out for the third consecutive game with a mild concussion and a neck strain.

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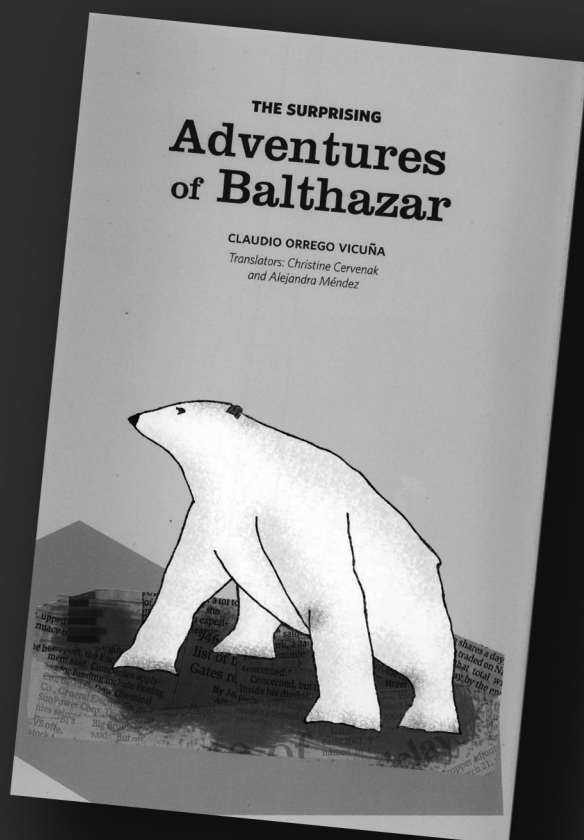
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CLUB SPORTS

Sailing team wins conference in blustery conditions

Men's Ultimate A-Team hosts East Plains Conference Championship, Notre Dame-B travels to Michigan

Special to the Observer

This weekend, Notre Dame sent sailors to Dexter, Mich., to race in the championship for the Midwestern Collegiate Sailing Conference, which counted as the quarterfinals for the national sailing championship. The top five teams would qualify for semifinals in Annapolis, Md.

When the team arrived it was windy and wavy, which made for some challenging sailing. But freshmen Patrick Power and Maddy Skorcz started the weekend in strong fashion with a pair of first-place showings in their first set. Solid competition throughout the day had the Irish fighting for the fifth qualifying spot, with UIC trading the lead with every set. At the end of the first day, Notre Dame was in sixth place, six points behind UIC.

The second day was almost cancelled due to thunderstorms, but as soon as the lightning cleared, the sailors headed out into another rainy and windy day. In the final races, Notre Dame's sailors battled hard against UIC. However, UIC was able to protect their lead, and Notre Dame finished sixth.

Men's Soccer

The Irish tied Western Michigan 1-1 in Kalamazoo, Mich., this weekend in their first competition since resurrecting the club.

The Irish dominated the Broncos for the entire game, creating many opportunities in front of goal, but were unable to finish. Junior Ricardo Romero scored the lone goal on a dazzling free kick midway through the first half.

The Broncos began threatening late in the second half, and eventually won a free kick with four minutes left. On the ensuing play, the ball was crossed in, and after a scramble in the box, the Broncos score to tie the game. The Irish had one more chance to score on a corner in the closing minutes, but failed to capitalize.

Women's Ultimate

Notre Dame's women's team traveled to Galesburg, Mich., from April 14 to 15 to compete in Eastern Great Lakes Conferences. With six bids to the regional event, the women were looking to secure their place within the top six teams.

The A-team opened the tournament with a game against Indiana. The women went down 0-2 at the beginning, but eventually began to trade points. Senior Kelly Nickodem made great cuts and junior Allie Hawkins laid out for scores. However, the Irish lost 9-8. The team followed the loss with easy wins against Grand Valley State and Ball State. Senior captain Ashley Satterlee was patient with the disk, and found cutter junior Kelsey Taylor in the end zone.

In their final game of the day, the Irish played Purdue. The women needed to secure the win in order to advance to the championship bracket Sunday. The team came out extremely hard and shut down Purdue's offense, winning 11-2. Sophomore Mara Stolee and junior Erinn Riley made great strides in their play throughout the day.

On Sunday the women squared off in the semifinals against Michigan. They struggled to score against one of the nation's top teams, losing 15-4. The women faced Indiana in their next match. After losing Saturday, the Irish were determined for revenge. The team played great defense, winning 15-6. Junior Kelly Taylor sent hucks downfield for scores, and senior captain Victoria Hadlock put accurate throws into the end zone.

In their final game of the tournament, the women played Michigan State in the second-place match. The women traded points throughout most of the game, struggling with both fatigue and injuries. Sophomore Molly Carmona made great catches in the rainy weather. Notre Dame was determined to seal the victory, however, they eventually lost 11-9. The A-team finished third in the 11-team

field, and secured their bid to the regional.

The B-team opened Saturday with games against Purdue, Ball State and Indiana. The women were unable to secure a victory, but displayed offensive prowess. Sophomore Kim Kowalski sent beautiful throws downfield.

The women defeated Grand Valley State 10-9 in their final match of the day.

On Sunday, the B-team faced off against Michigan-B and Western Michigan. Though they lost to both squads, they scored efficiently against Michigan-B, finishing their season strong.

The women's A-team will next compete at the Great Lakes regional from April 28 to 29 in their most important tournament of the season.

Men's Ultimate

Both the Notre Dame men's teams competed in conference championships this weekend. Notre Dame-A was at home in South Bend, competing in East Plains Conference championship, while Notre Dame-B travelled to Ann Arbor, Mich., for the Eastern Great Lakes Developmental Conference championship.

Notre Dame-B finished in third place with a 4-2 record on the weekend, while Notre Dame-A won the tournament and their first conference title since 2009. Notre Dame began their weekend with a comfortable win 13-7 against Western Kentucky. In the following game against Indiana, the team fell 13-10. Facing Kentucky, Notre Dame-A continued their sloppy play but was able to secure a 13-11 win, thus earning a place in the semifinal against Purdue.

The next morning, Notre Dame fell behind early to the Boilermakers. Near the end of the first half, the Irish were able to turn the tide, and went to half on-serve trailing 7-6.

A huge layout by junior Charlie Bowen early in the second half energized the squad. That led to a short run by Notre Dame to take a two-break lead that they

would hold for the rest of the game. Increased pressure on the Purdue handlers created a number of turnovers, along with an emphasis on short and quick movement of the disc was key in the windy conditions.

The win sent Notre Dame to the championship game against Ball State. Once again, Notre Dame started slow, falling behind 2-0. After those first two points, Notre Dame finally flipped the switch. Intense defense and efficient offense led by senior handlers Mike DellaPenna, Adam Barsella, James Denué and Sean Jackson made the difference as Notre Dame cruised to a 13-6 victory to win the conference title. Junior handlers Dan Bolivar and Collin Mackett had impressive Sundays, each throwing multiple scores to cutters senior Will Cernanec, sophomore Conor Hanney and juniors Zack Woodruff and Jonathon Koch. The freshman trio of Jason Wassel, Kyle Hill and Erich Kerekes also had strong defensive performances throughout the tournament.

Notre Dame-B finished undefeated on Saturday with wins over Indiana-B, Kalamazoo-B and Michigan State-B. Sunday began with a loss to Michigan-B to finish pool play, and then a loss in the semifinal to Indiana-B to eliminate them from championship contention.

The team would bounce back, however, to take third place over Michigan State-B. Junior captain Andrew Romero and sophomore captain Jordan Lange led the team all weekend. Freshmen Keith Podgorski, Peter Hall, Kevin Song and Steven Zurawski gave strong performances.

Notre Dame-A will look to continue their winning ways in two weeks at the Great Lakes regional championship in Naperville, Ill., where they hope to secure one of the two region's bids to nationals.

Cycling

A strong rainstorm, coupled with sandy roads, led to 8 of thirteen riders crashing

in this weekend's race. The club is currently ranked first in D-II standings. Junior Joe Magro is ranked first among all riders in D-II.

In road-race results, the club took first in men's "B" and men's "C," and third in men's "A." Junior Phil Palmon was 22nd in men's "D." While in men's "C," sophomore Josh Corcoran and freshman Michael Chifala finished sixth and ninth, respectively.

Junior Brian Hurley and sophomore Luke Tilmans finished fourth and fifth in men's "B;" and junior Carolyn McCann took sixth in women's "B." Freshman John Pratt, Magro and senior Nate Lee finished third, sixth, and 14th, respectively in the men's "A" line-up.

Palmon was 12th in men's "D" circuit race. Freshman Jim Snitzer took first in the men's "C" event, followed by Chifala, 13th, and Corcoran, 16th. McCann was seventh in women's "B." In men's "A," Pratt was ninth, Magro, 17th and Ansel 24th among all finishers.

Next week, the club will host the Midwest Collegiate Cycling Conference championship. The team time trial will start and stop at the Greene Intermediate Center in South Bend. The road race for each division will be 31, 46, 61, and 76 miles, along a 15-mile rolling terrain loop.

The Criterium will be conducted Sunday, finishing in front of the College Football Hall of Fame. It begins at 9 a.m., and the last race starts at 1:15 pm.

Women's Water Polo

Notre Dame claimed the MWCWPA conference championship this weekend, with a thrilling one-goal win over Grand Valley State in the finals. With 48 seconds remaining in the game, the Irish maintained possession until time expired.

The victory avenged the Irish lone conference loss during the season. Notre Dame-B squad placed fifth in the tournament. The Irish now advance to the national championships, to be hosted at Florida State in May.

SMC GOLF

Belles face conference foes in postseason qualifying tourney

By ANDREW CARDOZA
Sports Writer

Today the Belles travel to Holland, Mich., for the MIAA NCAA qualifier to compete for a spot in the postseason national tournament.

"This meet is what the season leads up to," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. "We have to realize we belong here and can compete with any teams. We have put in a lot of work this season, and our team knows what we are capable of performing on the golf course."

In the qualification match,

the Belles face competitive play from conference rivals Olivet, Hope, Calvin, Adrain and Trine. The Belles have seen most of their opponents throughout the season tournaments and conference play.

"This will be a great meet to see how much we have grown as a team," Hamilton said. "This meet gives our players the opportunity to reach for postseason play, which is one our top team goals. I expect nothing but a great team performance and a fantastic day of competition on the green."

Hamilton is looking for everyone to be on their best game while making sure they improve on their mistakes. This will be the first qualification tournament for the Belles this year.

"We need to work together as a team on the course, we are a team and need to support and encourage each other," Hamilton said. "Everyone will need to play their personal best and give it their all. The beauty of a qualification meet is it gives you the opportunity to put yourself in the postseason by playing your very best."

The Belles are coming off a nice performance from the Illinois Wesleyan Spring Fling Tournament in Normal, Ill. In a field of 17 teams that included 10 NGCA top-25 teams, Saint Mary's rounded out the top five with a fifth-place finish and a two-day team score of 660. The Belles hope to grow from this performance and use it to their advantage in the qualification tournament.

"This meet will not only be a competitive meet but it will be a very big meet for our school," Hamilton said. "We will learn a lot from this

meet and hopefully we will continue to play golf for the next couple of weeks."

The Belles will not only look for strong performances on the course but they will try to consistently play well as a team.

"Last meet we finished very strong," Hamilton said. "We need to take that momentum and carry it into this qualification match."

The MIAA NCAA Qualifier begins Tuesday and will be played in Holland, Mich.

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O'Connor

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to a rough start when he was knocked out of the season opener against Duke after receiving a hit to the head, which also caused him to miss Notre Dame's only loss of the season against Penn State. On April 1, the injury bug bit again when O'Connor suffered a sprained ankle against St. John's, forcing him out of the following week's win over Providence. He said he is now recovered from both injuries.

In addition to the bothersome injuries, O'Connor is also facing a decrease in statistical output from a year ago. After finishing in the top-20 in the nation in face-off percentage last season at .553, O'Connor is currently outside the top-50 in the country at .432 this year. But the lower production has not had an effect on his mindset.

"It's kind of a team philosophy not to worry about individual statistics," he said. "I have noticed it, but it hasn't discouraged me at all. I try to see

in other aspects that I'm helping the team ... So I just try to make sure that every face-off is at least a 50-50 groundball, and try to contribute as much as I can within my ability."

That ability has not just been taking face-offs, but scoring goals this year, as well. After recording no points last season, O'Connor scored a critical goal off a face-off win with just over two minutes left in an 8-7 victory at Ohio State on March 21. He also added tallies against Rutgers and St. John's.

"In high school, I scored a lot, but it's definitely a good feeling to have that recognized [from] a team standpoint ... kind of contributing [with] a big goal against Ohio State - a

big momentum swing - or a big goal against St. John's to keep a run going," he said.

While he has scored three goals off face-off wins this year, O'Connor is still utilized solely in face-off situations, and not in the settled offense. Though he is hopeful he can eventually evolve from a face-off specialist to an all-around offensive or defensive contributor for the Irish in upcoming seasons, he is currently focused on doing whatever possible to help his team win the ultimate prize in May.

"I think that we could definitely win the national championship," O'Connor said. "When we're focused all week preparing to play a game, and we prepare ourselves to go up against the competition, we're as good as anybody in the country."

"Where we get down is maybe after the first quarter. Against Rutgers, [we] got up to a 6-1 lead and then let up on the pedal a bit. We lose our focus, and that's where we kind of let other teams get back into the game. But if we stay focused 100 percent during the game, then we can compete with anybody."

Notre Dame's next matchup is at Villanova on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

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NHL

Chara's late goal gives Bruins 2-1 series lead



Boston right wing Rich Peverley celebrates after scoring a goal during the Bruins' 4-3 win at Washington on Monday night.

Associated Press

Zdeno Chara scored the tie-breaking goal during 4-on-4 play with less than 2 minutes left, and the reigning Stanley Cup champion Boston Bruins finally solved playoff rookie goalie Braden Holtby, beating the Washington Capitals 4-3 Monday night to take a 2-1 lead in the first-round series.

Chara's shot from the right circle appeared to get deflected on its way past Holtby. The Bruins captain also had two assists.

Tim Thomas, last season's playoff MVP, made 29 saves and ignored the taunting from fans who held up photos of President Barack Obama, reminding Boston's goalie that he turned down a trip to the White House in January with his teammates.

Game 4 is Thursday in Washington. After that, the best-of-seven Eastern Conference series shifts back to Boston for Game 5 on Saturday.

Brian Rolston, Rich Peverley and Daniel Paille also scored for the Bruins.

Alex Ovechkin, Alexander Semin and Brooks Laich got Washington's goals. Laich scored on a breakaway with 6 minutes left to make it 3-3, but Chara came through with 1:53 remaining for second-seeded Boston.

Holtby, who blocked 72 of 74 shots through the first two games, was good but not great Monday, making 25 saves.

The action was more free-flowing than it had been in the series, and perhaps the teams were due. The Bruins ranked second in the NHL during the regular season with 269 goals, and no team had more players with 20 goals than Boston's six. The Capitals have emphasized defense lately, but they still boast talented forwards such as Ovechkin, Semin and Nicklas Backstrom.

Game 1 went to overtime before Boston won 1-0, and Game 2 wasn't decided until the second extra period, when Washington claimed a 2-1 victory. Two games and a whopping total of four goals.

There were four goals in 1½ periods Monday, and a lot more hitting and fighting and penalties. After one prolonged skirmish involving a handful of players, Capitals defenseman Karl Alzner made a fist and rotated it near his eye, as if to say to one of the Bruins, "Why are you being such a crybaby?"

Ovechkin attempted to set the

tone right away, flattening defenseman Dennis Seidenberg with a big, roar-inducing hit less than 30 seconds in. About 10 minutes later, Ovechkin was at it again, rattling Rolston, one of the five hits the Russian accumulated in the first period.

Nearly every save made by Holtby — especially snatches with his glove — drew raucous cheers from the red-clad fans in the stands. He caught a 1-on-1 try by Milan Lucic in the first period, inspiring chants of "Holt-bee! Holt-bee!"

The spectators tried to bother Thomas, mocking him by chanting his name and showing signs that made reference to his decision to skip the trip to visit the president. Thomas, who was born in Michigan and went to the University of Vermont, said at the time he believes the federal government "has grown out of control."

Chara is Boston's best defenseman and it's likely not a coincidence that Washington went ahead 1-0 on a power play with him in the penalty box for roughing.

The Capitals capitalized 29 seconds into the 5-on-4 chance, with Laich corralling the puck, keeping it in the zone and dropping it to Semin, who made it 1-0 at 16:00 of the first period.

Ovechkin was credited with a secondary assist on the goal, the first of the series on a power play. Until then, Washington was 0 for 5, Boston 0 for 7.

The opening 20 minutes ended with a bit of a scrum several feet to the sort seen in the rowdy Flyers-Penguins series, but there was enough improper contact that two players began the second period off the ice: Washington's Backstrom for cross-checking, and Boston's Lucic for roughing.

With some 4-on-4 action, the teams produced two goals in 13 seconds.

Boston tied it at 1, with Peverley scoring off a slap shot from the left circle 35 seconds into the period.

It didn't take long for Ovechkin to respond.

Limited to zero goals — and only four shots on net — through the first two games, the two-time NHL MVP put Washington ahead 2-1 at 48 seconds. Laich lobbed a pass up ahead, and Ovechkin pounced, beating Seidenberg to the fluttering puck and one-timing a shot under Thomas' left leg.

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Freshman Ashley Armstrong watches her shot during the 2011 Coca-Cola Junior Championship at Boyne Highlands.

Armstrong

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strength lies in her emotional stability on the course and not letting bad shots get to her.

Holt said her competitiveness has outweighed the struggles she had early.

"Ashley is a fierce competitor and has spectacular on-course demeanor," Holt said. "She has a great attitude and always gives 100 percent, so she is never out of it. Her competitive nature gets her through those tough rounds where not all of the shots are going her way, but she still comes out of it with a good score."

Armstrong said her golf game is marked by pattern of

behavior on the course.

"I am a very superstitious player," Armstrong said. "There isn't necessarily anything I do before I tee off, but when I'm playing, I have to mark my ball on the right side of the Sharpie line on my ball, or else I will miss the putt. Also, on par-threes I have to use a broken tee, or else I feel like I won't hit a good shot."

With a fierce competitiveness and superstitious nature in tow, Armstrong will lead the Irish into the Big East championship at the Reunion Resort and Golf Club in Orlando, Fla. starting Sunday.

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MLB

Strasburg earns second win

Associated Press

Washington - Stephen Strasburg pitched six innings for his second win of the season, to lead the Washington Nationals to a 6-3 victory over the Houston Astros on Monday.

Strasburg looked nearly unhittable for five innings, allowing just three singles, but the Astros got to him in the sixth for two runs and three hits.

Strasburg (2-0) walked one and struck out five. He hasn't allowed a home run in 50 1-3 innings - since Aug. 15, 2010. His ERA rose from 0.69 to 1.42.

Steve Lombardozzi had three singles and a two-run double in the sixth off Kyle Weiland (0-2) that gave Washington a 4-2 lead. Ryan Zimmerman followed with a two-run single.

Weiland started for the seventh time in his major league career and is winless in five decisions.

After Strasburg left, Sean Burnett got two outs in the seventh, Ryan Mattheus allowed an earned

run in the eighth, Tom Gorzelanny finished the eighth, and Henry Rodriguez pitched the ninth for his second save.

In the third, Ian Desmond doubled to left with one out. Lombardozzi bunted, but Weiland threw the ball away, and Desmond scored on the error.

Wilson Ramos hit his first home run with two outs in the fourth.

In the sixth, Jordan Schafer and Jed Lowrie led off with singles. On the ninth pitch of his at-bat, J.D. Martinez walked to load the bases. Carlos Lee flied out to center fielder Rick Ankiel, but Schafer elected not to attempt scoring. Ankiel's throw home was perfect.

After Strasburg struck out Travis Buck, Chris Johnson hit a two-run single to tie the score.

In the bottom of the sixth, Ankiel singled with one out, and with two outs, Roger Bernadina, batting for Strasburg walked. Desmond walked to load the bases, and Lombardozzi, who was starting because manager Davey Johnson wanted

to rest Danny Espinosa, slapped a double to left, and Zimmerman followed with the two-run double.

Weiland pitched 5 2-3 innings, allowing six runs and 10 hits.

The Astros scored their final run in the eighth on a single to Travis Buck and a triple by Johnson - his third hit of the game. They batted 2 for 14 with runners in scoring position.

NOTES: Strasburg singled in the fourth inning. He's now 2 for 31 as a major league hitter. ... Nationals RHP Chien-Ming Wang will throw a simulated game in Viera, Fla., on Wednesday, and if that goes well, he'll pitch in a minor league game. Wang has been on the disabled list with a left hamstring injury. ... TV evangelist Joel Osteen threw out the first pitch. He'll be conducting a service at Nationals Park on Apr. 28. ... The Astros have scored at least three runs in every game. ... Houston LHP Wandy Rodriguez (0-1, 2.38 ERA) is scheduled to throw against Nationals LHP Gio Gonzalez (0-0, 3.38 ERA) on Tuesday night.



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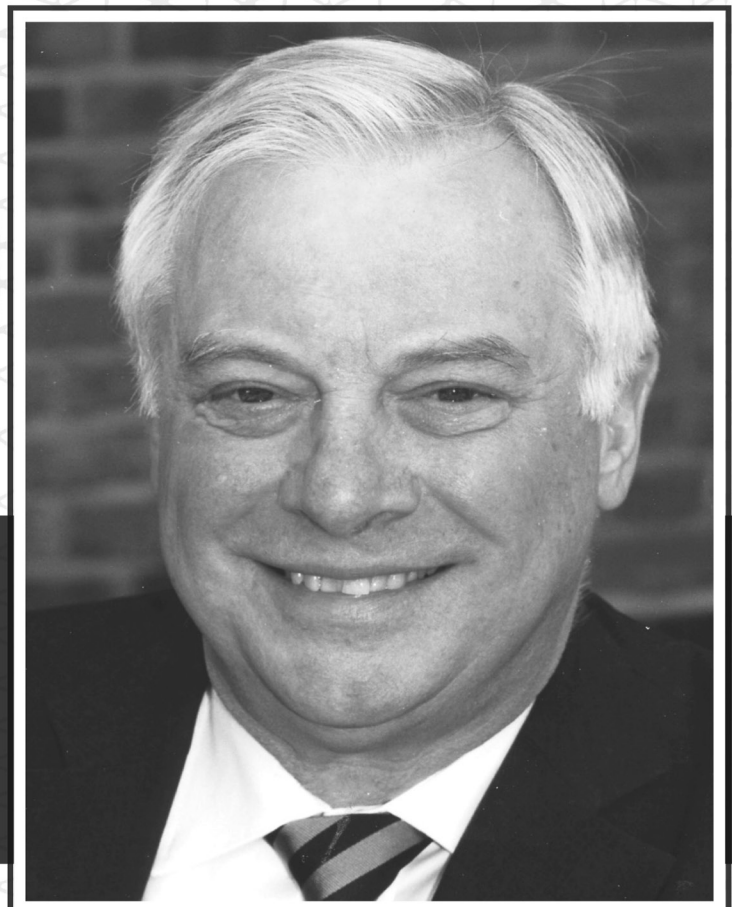
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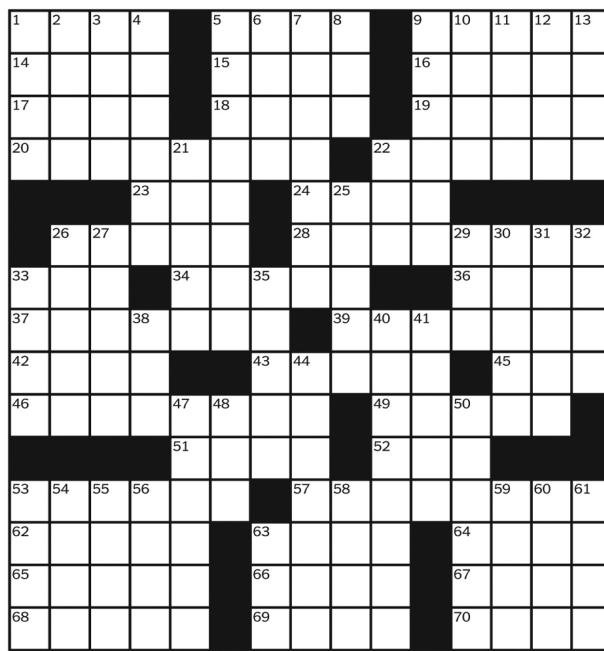


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- Across**
- 1 Above
 - 5 Badly rough up
 - 9 Despot's desire
 - 14 Wife whose face was never seen on "Cheers"
 - 15 Art Deco artist
 - 16 Response to "Am not!"
 - 17 Awestruck
 - 18 Tons
 - 19 Group valuing high I.Q.'s
 - 20 "Everyone off!"
 - 22 "Exactly right"
 - 23 NATO part: Abbr.
 - 24 Put-it-together-yourself company
 - 26 Toon Mr. ____
 - 28 "Often-restricted zone"
 - 33 Thanksgiving side dish
 - 34 Cow catcher
 - 36 Loft's locale
 - 37 "Bag remover, of a sort"
 - 39 *Jumper alternative
 - 42 Singers of "Voulez-Vous" and "Waterloo"
 - 43 Heroic Schindler
 - 45 Many a "Star Trek" officer: Abbr.
 - 46 *Wrestling move
 - 49 Good to go
 - 51 Norse prankster
 - 52 Limit
 - 53 *Deckhand, e.g.
 - 57 Unfruitful paths ... or a description of both words in the answers to the seven starred clues?
 - 62 "In the raw," "in the red" or "in the running"
 - 63 Architect with an avian name
 - 64 Cancel
 - 65 Assassin in black
 - 66 When repeated, a Polynesian island
 - 67 Heroine in one of Salinger's "Nine Stories"
 - 68 Four Holy Roman emperors
 - 69 U.S.M.C. truant
 - 70 "Man and Superman" playwright

- Down**
- 1 Ellipsoidal
 - 2 Singer Suzanne
 - 3 Cupid's Greek counterpart
 - 4 Shabby
 - 5 Beefy entree
 - 6 Janis's partner in the funnies
 - 7 Shangri-las
 - 8 Court cry
 - 9 Patagonian plains
 - 10 Snack with a Double Stuf variety
 - 11 Departed
 - 12 Gas brand with a tiger symbol
 - 13 Horse hue
 - 21 Popular vodka, informally
 - 22 Sun. message
 - 25 Mall info source
 - 26 Evasive response
 - 27 Tiny creature
 - 29 "Masterpiece Theatre" network
 - 30 Reacted to a massage, maybe
 - 31 Old pal



Puzzle by Jeff Chen

- 32 "The Lord of the Rings" tree creatures
- 33 "Woo-hoo!"
- 35 Keep on the shelves
- 38 Boy
- 40 What an otoscope explores
- 41 Tire feature
- 44 Hobos' hangout
- 47 Alpaca cousins
- 48 Suffix with ball
- 50 High points
- 53 ____-Soviet relations
- 54 Move text around
- 55 Isn't incorrect?
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- 59 Snack
- 60 Russian legislature
- 61 Beefy entree
- 63 Ring org.

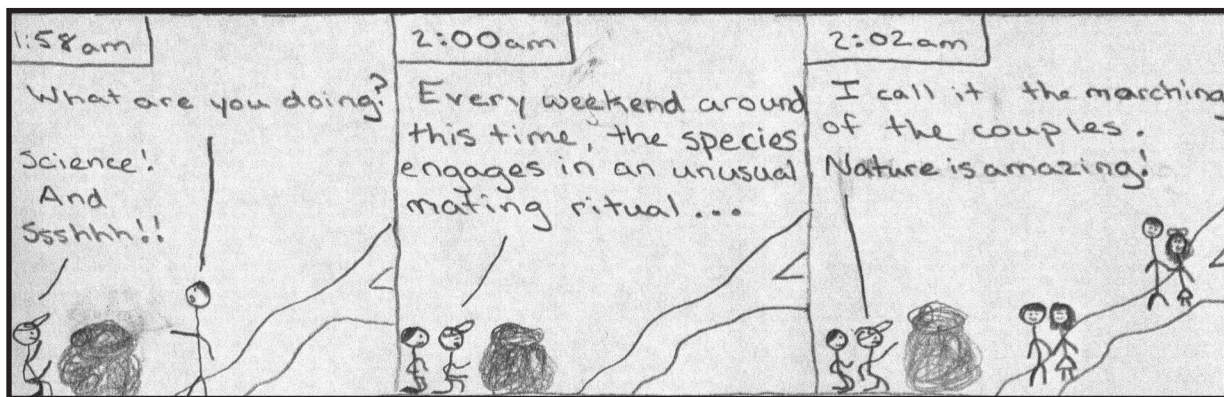
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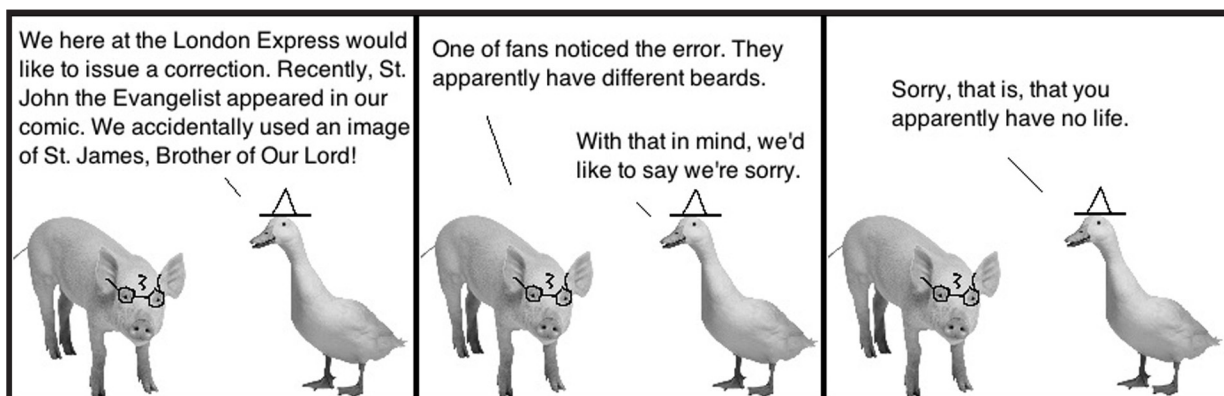
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Help will be offered if you show initiative. An old friend or lover will play a role in your life. Don't let something that happened a long time ago stand in the way of an opportunity that can change your life. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep things simple, even if those around you want to make a big splash. Being practical now will leave you more room to maneuver when you want to do something special or make a purchase. Structure will help you achieve your goals. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It doesn't matter what others think or do, as long as you are satisfied with your effort and the results. Doing what's best for you will send a message to anyone trying to take control of your life. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be realistic about what you can and cannot do. Travel to destinations that will educate you culturally. The information you gather now will help you determine where you want to put your time and how you want to help others. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Join in, go where the action is and share your thoughts and knowledge with the people you meet. Coming together and joining forces with people who share your interests and beliefs will lead to success in achieving your goals. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Open up and share with people who have something to offer in return. An opportunity to travel or visit friends or relatives will broaden your horizons and give you greater options for future advancement. Relocation is a possibility. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get involved in a project that will help you look and be your best. The changes you make now will influence the way someone treats you in the future. You will gain confidence and personal stability if you take positive action. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Self-deception can lead to a poor choice regarding love, money and personal gains. Think matters through to the end and determine if someone you are dealing with has ulterior motives before you commit your time, ideas or cash. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What you do for others will not be a waste of time. Love issues will surface if you spend too much time helping outsiders. Include the people you love most in your plans. The family that plays together stays together. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There is plenty to learn through observation. Watch how others react and what unfolds between friends, family or people you encounter in your community. Gravitate toward people who are willing to put in as much effort as you. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Concentrate on home and family and making the most with what you have. Greater stability will be yours if you put together a tight budget that will help you reach your personal goals. Self-improvement projects will pay off. ★★

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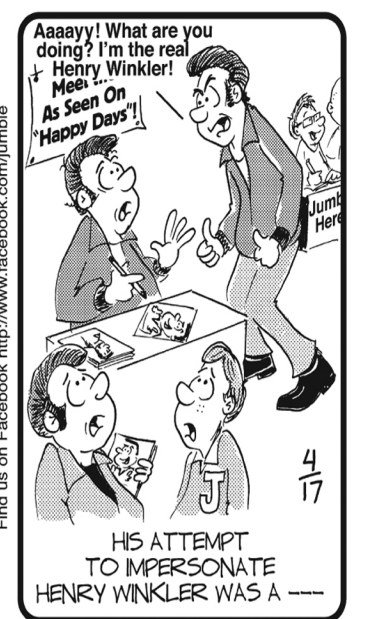
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MEN'S LACROSSE

Facing the enemy



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Sophomore midfielder Liam O'Connor gets back on defense after a face-off during Notre Dame's scrimmage with Robert Morris on Feb. 4 in Loftus Sports Center.

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

The goaltender is often considered the key position on a lacrosse team. Attackmen are frequently the recognized stars. But it is the face-off specialist who plays one of the most important, yet anonymous, roles on the squad.

For Notre Dame, that position is filled primarily by sophomore midfielder Liam O'Connor.

O'Connor is now in his second season as the top face-off man

for the No. 5 Irish (9-1, 4-0 Big East). The frequency of face-offs in lacrosse, which occur at the start of each quarter and after every goal, makes it a premium to find a player who can win extra possessions for his team.

O'Connor, who arrived at Notre Dame as the 10th best midfielder in the nation in his class according to Inside Lacrosse, added face-offs to his skill-set as a sophomore in high school, and has since developed his ability at the collegiate level.

"I always liked taking face-offs," O'Connor said. "My older brother Mike took them when he was in high school, and I never really started to really work on them until sophomore year of high school when I had my high school coach learn a bunch of stuff and he taught it to me. And ever since then, I got a spot on varsity lacrosse and started playing really well and just loved facing off."

O'Connor's season got off

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles host series against MIAA-leading Trine

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

The Belles ride a four-game winning streak into potentially their toughest challenge of the season, as they take on first-place conference foe Trine College on Tuesday.

Saint Mary's (20-8, 5-3 MIAA), currently tied for third place in the MIAA, has the opportunity to move within a game of first with a doubleheader home sweep of the Thunder (23-5, 5-1).

This weekend, the Belles swept both MIAA-rival Olivet and non-conference opponent Franklin College in doubleheaders. The first game against Olivet and the second game against Franklin both ended after five innings by mercy rule, as the Belles were ahead 16-1 and 11-1, respectively.

The Belles' offense exploded to score 38 runs over the course of the four weekend games, and Saint Mary's raised the team's batting average from .287 to .309.

Senior captain and left-fielder Kristen Nelson, the top Belles hitter on the season, went 4-for-7 with three doubles and five RBIs in the doubleheader sweep of Olivet.

The Belles pitching staff, anchored by sophomore Callie Selner, allowed just five runs in the four games. Selner, who pitched three complete games, improved her record to 11-5 and lowered her ERA to a team-best 1.99.

Meanwhile, the Thunder also ride a four-game winning streak into today's competition following recent doubleheader sweeps of Hope and Alma. Trine is an established conference powerhouse, having won the MIAA tournament four out of the past five seasons.

Trine's offense has been formidable throughout the season, batting .336 and hitting 20 home runs, compared to just five homers for Saint Mary's.

Additionally, their leading pitcher, junior Andi Gasco, holds a 14-2 record with a 1.49 ERA, striking out 109 batters in 108 innings pitched. Gasco is also a dual threat, as she leads the team with six home runs and is second with a .429 batting average.

Following the doubleheader with Trine, the Belles will play six-straight road games, starting Thursday with a doubleheader at MIAA-foe Albion College at 3:30 p.m.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Armstrong named player of the week

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

Leading Notre Dame to a 10th-place finish at the Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic at the University of Georgia from March 28 to April 1, freshman Ashley Armstrong tied for 13th place overall. For her performance, she was awarded Big East Player of the Week. Armstrong finished with an even-par 216 in the 18-team, 90-player field, consisting of 13 teams ranked in the top-50 nationally.

"I think it is great that Ashley was awarded this, because she deserves it," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "The tournament we played in Georgia was the toughest field of competition we have played all year. For Ashley to finish in the top-25 is a great accomplishment."

Despite receiving the award, Armstrong said she looks forward to contributing more to the team's success.

"I was very excited to win Player of the Week," Armstrong said. "It will be more important though that I play well at the Big East tournament to help out the team. It was awesome to be given this honor, but now I need

to prove that I deserved it."

Holt said Armstrong's heavy focus on the team actually was a drawback in the fall season. Holt said she and Armstrong recognized the freshman's first two rounds were stronger than her final round in tournaments.

"Her struggle was playing too much for the team," Holt said. "Golf is a very individual sport, and I think Ashley realized her teammates were looking to her for a good score on the last day and she put too much pressure on herself."

Armstrong said she has been working on this issue.

"I need to overcome the pressure and weakness for the postseason tournament," Armstrong said.

Holt said Armstrong has already improved, and the problem is no longer a concern.

"She is a very consistent player for us now," Holt said. "In the fall season, she was struggling to produce good scores all three rounds, but we worked on it and she now has consistency."

Armstrong said her golf

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Peters and Novosel selected in draft

Observer Staff Report

The Minnesota Lynx drafted graduate student forward Devereaux Peters with the No. 3 overall pick in the WNBA draft Monday, and the Washington Mystics drafted senior guard Natalie Novosel with the No. 8 pick.

Peters became Notre Dame's highest-drafted player ever, ahead of Ring of Honor member Ruth Riley, who was drafted No. 5 by the Miami Sol in 2001 after winning the national championship for the Irish.

In her career, Peters scored 1,319 points, 17th all-time for the women's basketball program. She became the first player in program history to ever record at least 1,000 points, 500 rebounds, 200 blocks, 200 steals and 200 assists in her career. In her final season, she averaged 11.8 points and 9.3 rebounds per game. She blocked 78 shots and assisted on 88 baskets.

Novosel finished her career with the second-most ever games played (144), free throws made (464) and free throws attempted (588). She scored 1,569 points, which ranks ninth all-time and shot 39.2 percent from behind the



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Senior Natalie Novosel, left, and graduate student Devereaux Peters, right, look on during the national championship game on April 3.

three-point line, which ranks fifth all-time in program history. During her senior campaign, Novosel averaged 15.2 points and 4.1 rebounds per game. She shot 82.9% from the field and 41.1% from behind the arc.

Novosel finished as a first-team All-Big East member for the last two seasons.

Stanford senior All-American Nnemkadi Ogwumike was selected with the No. 1 overall pick by the Los Angeles Sparks.