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'The Shirt' unveiling to take place Friday

Event will feature free food and prizes as well as appearances by former Notre Dame football stars

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Every year, Notre Dame fans wait with bated breath to see what The Shirt, their uniform on football Saturdays, will look like. The wait is over Friday when The Shirt will be unveiled at 5:30 p.m. in front of the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

Junior Lauren Couey, The Shirt unveiling coordinator, said many student groups

will perform at the event, including Project Fresh, the band, cheerleaders, the bagpipe band and the Glee Club, among others.

Former football players will also appear at the event, Couey said.

"Robert Hughes, Golden Tate and Allen Pinkett, who will also be our MC for the day, [are coming]," she said. "Having former players will be pretty exciting, along with [Irish coach Brian] Kelly and the [current]

players."

Couey said the event will also feature games and food.

"There will be inflatables for kids, a corn hole toss tournament, trivia with prizes and free food," she said. "Jimmy John's and Hot Box have donated food, so we are pretty excited about that."

Senior Paul Baranay, vice president of The Shirt Committee, said this year's unveiling will showcase the

charitable aspect of The Shirt.

Couey said Fr. Tom Doyle, vice-president for student affairs, will appear at the event for the first time to speak about the late Sr. Jean Lenz, one of the founders of The Shirt.

Baranay said the event will highlight not only The Shirt's design but also the charitable efforts made possible by proceeds from The Shirt.

According to The Shirt

Project website, the profits from The Shirt support student groups on campus and establish memorial awards for particular Notre Dame students.

Baranay said the final design has been in place since early February, and while he cannot explicitly reveal anything about The Shirt, he said the format of the event gives a hint.

"One thing I can say is

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Panel affirms immorality of capital punishment

By MARISA IATI
Associate News Editor

Two Notre Dame professors and a retired local priest asserted capital punishment is immoral at a Wednesday panel discussion.

Adjunct Instructor of Writing and Rhetoric Ed Kelly said he opposes the death penalty for three reasons.

"First of all, there are systems of privilege and oppression in place in this country that I think make it virtually impossible for the death penalty to be applied fairly and justly," he said. "Consequently, we have many people of color and many, many poor people who find themselves on death row, and that's unfair."

Kelly said he believes it is

impossible to combat violence with violence, and that state-sanctioned violence is nonsensical. He said he also opposes the death penalty because people who are not imprisoned often have much more in common with prisoners than they expect.

"I have four children," Kelly said. "None of my daughters has been raped. Our only son has not been killed ... Still, I would argue that all people are redeemable, that redemption is possible for everyone. Thus, I'm opposed to the death penalty."

Fr. Tom McNally, a retired priest who volunteers as a chaplain at the Indiana State Prison, shared his experience speaking with prisoners on death row

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Father Tom McNally shares his experiences of working with prisoners on death row to emphasize the depravity of capital punishment on Wednesday in the LaFortune Ballroom.

ROTC PASS IN REVIEW



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Cadets from the Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC branches march in Wednesday's Pass in Review ceremony at Arlotta Stadium. Students received awards for outstanding service during the event.

Scholars to discuss Catholicism, Islam

By MARY KATE NELSON
News Writer

Muslim and Catholic scholars will engage in interreligious dialogue during "The Church and Islam: An International Colloquium at the University of Notre Dame" on Thursday and Friday.

Keynote speaker Fr. Samir Khalil Samir, who advises Pope Benedict XVI on Islamic matters, will discuss the relationship between the Catholic Church and Islam Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Andrews Auditorium in

Geddes Hall, according to a University press release.

Prominent Muslim scholar and president of the World Religions Research Center Dr. Abdolrahim Gavahi will then respond to Samir's speech.

Professor John Cavadini said these two addresses serve as a valuable example of official interreligious dialogue.

"It is important not just to talk about [interreligious dialogue], but to actually do it," Cavadini said. "This

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Junior football player Zeke Motta shaved his head Wednesday in support of the fundraiser "The Bald and The Beautiful," benefiting the St. Baldrick's Foundation, Memorial Hospital and Pantene Beautiful Lengths. Now in its fourth year, the event has raised more than \$115,000 for cancer research and awareness.

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Saint Mary’s student enjoys New York fashion internship

By BRIDGET FEENEY
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For some, living in New York City and working in the fashion industry is an unattainable dream. For Saint Mary’s senior Brenna Lasky, that dream has become a reality.

Lasky has spent this semester interning in New York City for Rent the Runway, a company that allows customers to borrow designer dresses and accessories at a reasonable price.

Lasky said Rent the Runway is the “Netflix of fashion” because it is convenient, affordable and easy.

“It allows you the opportunity to wear amazing designer dresses and jewelry for only a fraction of the cost [90 percent off the retail price],” she said. “It’s perfect for those times that you want something really special, or even just for the weekend, because honestly who wants to wear the same thing twice?”

In addition to offering dresses for rental, Lasky said Rent the Runway sends customers an extra dress in a larger size as a backup and offers in-

surance for spills, snags and tears so customers are not responsible for the entire price of the dress if an accident happens.

“It’s really just the whole package and any fashion lover’s dream,” she said.

Lasky said Rent the Runway is more than just a store that provides customers with designer dresses. She said the company provides a unique way for college students to participate in exciting entrepreneurial opportunities.

“As cheesy as this may sound, it’s what’s becoming a culture,” Lasky said. “With over 150 major schools across the country now participating, it’s a solid network of entrepreneurial, fashion forward college girls who are working together to promote this amazing brand, and quite frankly, what many believe is the future of e-commerce.”

Last semester, Lasky said her internship as a runway rep at Rent the Runway allowed her to relate her professional responsibilities to Saint Mary’s. She said it was a fun way to stay involved at the College while

gaining valuable experience.

“As a Runway rep, your main job is to create and execute a comprehensive strategic marketing plan to drive Rent the Runway membership, customer acquisition and engagement on campus,” she said. “Runway reps aim to promote Rent the Runway in the style of their school, while developing entrepreneurial, leadership and business management skills in marketing and fashion.”

Lasky said she took this semester off to participate in two internship opportunities. Currently, she is living in New York City serving as an intern with Rent the Runway’s College Marketing team, which is responsible for managing over 150 schools around the country, and is also completing an internship at Condé Nast.

Though her entire time spent with Rent the Runway has been a beneficial and worthwhile experience, Lasky said moving to New York City to intern in the company headquarters and working with other people who share her passions have been the most exciting aspects of her internship.

“Honestly, it’s all been great, but my time spent here in New York working at their corporate offices has definitely been a highlight,” she said. “The office is full of smart, energetic and passionate people who love fashion so it’s definitely a fun environment to be in and something I look forward to every day.”

Though Lasky said she has not had the opportunity to travel or meet designers, she has had her share of “cool opportunities.” Last month, Rent the Runway hosted their second annual Capstone weekend in New York City, which Lasky said was a great learning experience with fun events planned throughout the weekend.

“Tons of reps from all around the country flew in for [Capstone],” she said. “The weekend was full of designer speakers including Lilly Pulitzer, Halston Heritage and Lancome, so we were able to learn and take away a lot from that.”

Lasky said the weekend was not all business.

“Interviews for full-time and summer internship positions [with Rent

the Runway] took place, as well as an exclusive designer sample sale where season-old dresses at all price points were sold for only \$50 each, so that was really great,” she said. “I swear it was like that scene from ‘Confessions of a Shopaholic’ in there at one point.”

Despite the glittering gowns, bejeweled accessories and designer shoes, Lasky said her job posed some challenges. On top of her Rent the Runway responsibilities, Lasky said she also had to balance her schoolwork with her internship responsibilities.

“Like any extracurricular, I’d say just juggling my time and trying to fit it in with school [was a challenge],” she said. “In my case, Rent the Runway was usually the one that won out though!”

Lasky said she will continue her work with Rent the Runway as a merchandising intern this summer and is in the process of recruiting interested students for next the 2012-2013 Rent the Runway team.

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SENATE

Group suggests changes to IDs

By MARISA IATI
Associate News Editor

Student Senate discussed possible changes to University identification cards at its meeting Wednesday. The group also passed resolutions concerning discriminatory harassment and campus safety.

Robert Casarez, senior business analyst for the Office of Auxiliary Operations, said the University is considering expanding the services offered by identification cards.

Senators suggested improvements such as accepting Domer Dollars for food sold in residence halls, creating the capability to scan cards through wallets and enabling students to distribute their dining hall meals more freely instead of restricting them to swiping into each meal only once.

Casarez said other community members suggested making iden-

tification cards more aesthetically pleasing and using them to record attendance at events.

Casarez also said his office plans to facilitate the use of Domer Dollars off campus, beginning in the fall. He said this arrangement would initially apply to one or two vendors but could expand if it proves profitable for the merchants and the University.

“It doesn’t have to be limited to just food at Eddy Street Commons ... It could be Martin’s, it could be Walmart, it could be Meijer,” he said.

Senate passed a resolution requesting the University “directly and promptly respond to the evi-

dence of harassment presented at the March 5 town hall meeting and publicly condemn harassment of any kind.”

The resolution also asked the Office of Student Affairs and Office of Institutional Equity to compile a task force to investigate Notre Dame’s discrimination policies and the University’s efforts to address diversity.

Another resolution requested the University investigate and improve the perception of safety on campus, possibly by increasing lighting and video surveillance on Mod Quad, God Quad, D2 and D6 parking lots, and the outskirts of campus.

The group also passed a resolution implementing the Co-Campus Council as a permanent entity.

Kelsey Eckenrode, director of community relations for student government, said representatives from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, Holy Cross College, Indiana University South Bend and Ivy Tech Community College participate in the Council.

“It’s just a good way to get rid of the ‘everybody hates Notre Dame, slash, Notre Dame thinks they’re better than everyone’ [perception],” she said. “It builds community, and I’m hoping we could implement this Co-Campus Council as a permanent entity instead of just a one-year trial run.”

Senate also passed a resolution to add the position of Campus Ministry Representative to student government’s executive board.

The group approved freshman Maggie Wilmouth to serve as student body secretary. The previously approved secretary had to resign due to scheduling conflicts.

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Activist gives speech advocating food industry reform

By KAITLYN RABACH
News Writer

Food activist Temra Costa gave the keynote address of Saint Mary's Food Week, titled "The Roots of the American Meal," in Carroll Auditorium on Wednesday evening. The week is sponsored by the Saint Mary's Sustainable Food Committee.

Kimberly Roland, the head of this committee, said she believes Costa was the perfect activist to inspire Saint Mary's women to make a change in the food industry.

"I think it is important to raise awareness on the variety of food issues that exist," Roland said. "It is important to have Temra on our campus because she focuses not

only on food issues, but how women are involved in this industry. Her talk can inspire and empower women on this campus."

Costa talked about the history of the food industry to date.

"How did we get here?" she asked. "How did we get to the point where we praise big farm lands that are making us money, but are simultaneously making us sick?"

She said events such as the Great Depression, both world wars and the rise of companies such as McDonald's all impacted the food industry we know today.

Costa said the government has played an essential role in shaping the food industry.

"The dust bowl disaster was due to the government teaching farm-

ers to produce the most goods without teaching them how to properly care for their soil," she said. "Even today, the foods that make us the most sick are owned by the government."

She also discussed women's historical role in the food industry, which was the topic of her book, "Farmer Jane: Women Changing the Way We Eat."

"A lot of people do not know about the 'farmerettes' of World War I," Costa said. "This 'Women's Land Army' was composed of women who were empowered to work in the fields and take over for the men that were overseas."

Costa said she believes women are a driving force in the food industry.

"Women take charge of putting the food on the table in their own homes and in the community," she said. "This is a responsibility that comes naturally to women. Someone once told me that a good organizer organizes women first, and I think this is true when fighting for justice in the food industry."

Costa expressed the need for education and awareness on sustainable agriculture.

"Today, I think we are in a real literal food fight," she said. "We as eaters need to push the agenda and change the way we look at food."

She said the first step in changing the agenda is examining your own diet.

"Start with what you are eating," Costa said. "Start looking at

the foods you are consuming and remember to buy locally."

Educating the youth on these issues is essential in making a difference, Costa said.

"If we start healthy habits at a young age it will continue into adulthood," she said.

Costa said she encourages all college students to raise their voices and demand for their schools to buy locally.

"Being a college student you have little say in what your dining hall provides, so you must step up and ask that your food service buys locally and provides organic foods," she said. "Voice your opinion."

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Women's soccer club excited to debut next fall

By ANNALEIGH MCDONALD
News Writer

The Women's Soccer Club will take to the field this fall when RecSports allows the formation of club teams for sports with Notre Dame varsity teams for the first time.

Freshman Ally Kirst, an officer of the Women's Soccer Club, said the team came to be after junior Emma Russ spent the past year negotiating with RecSports.

"We are very excited to finally be able to start up," Kirst said.

Freshmen Alexis Pala and Shannon Hogan will join Kirst as officers of the club team.

Pala said Notre Dame needed a soccer club because of the

large difference between the varsity and interhall teams. Many female students have played competitive soccer in high school, but neither the interhall nor the varsity teams provide a comparable environment to that of their high school teams, she said.

"This club is for girls who are committed and have a love for soccer, but don't want the commitment that the varsity level calls for," Pala said. "It's more serious and competitive than intramurals, but less than a varsity sport."

Kirst said the team will practice two to three days per week and have 10 regular season games during the fall semester, not including tournament

games.

They will compete against teams in the Midwest Alliance Conference, which includes schools such as Purdue University, the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Indiana University, she said.

The club is looking for a roster of about 24 girls, Kirst said. Although the officers are mostly looking for girls who have some experience and skill from playing competitive soccer, Kirst

said they would like to see anyone with any interest in soccer try out.

"We are looking for talented players, of course," she said, "but also team players as well."

Pala said the team wants to bring the spirit of soccer to non-varsity players.

"It will bring back the feeling of being a part of a team and having a commitment to it," she said.

Even though next year will be the first year of the team's

existence, Pala said the girls already have high hopes for the team's success.

"We would love to be a dominating club within our league, but more than that we want to be a valuable addition to this campus and be a good outlet for female students," Pala said. "Our goals are to be successful, to create a strong team environment, and to grow as people and players."

An information meeting for the Women's Soccer Club took place Wednesday, but interested students can contact any of the officers. Tryouts will take place in the fall.

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that there is a reason we are focusing on players this year," he said. "[This season] is the 125th anniversary of the football program, and that will be worked into the unveiling as well."

Couey said she is excited to see who turns out for the event.

"Since I've been setting everything up, doing all the little pieces, it is hard for me to even picture it all together to see it actually all

come together," Couey said. "Seeing everyone there and the excitement is what I am really looking forward [to]."

Baranay said he is excited for the student groups to perform.

"I'm most excited to see the students and the community turn out. It is always a huge event," he said. "As for the program itself, I am actually most excited about the student groups because they are the ones that benefit from The Shirt so it is always great to see them perform."

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Colloquium

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is an example of real live dialogue on a theological level. I'd like our students to see it happening."

Friday morning at 9 a.m., Catholic Notre Dame professors Gabriel Said Reynolds and Lawrence E. Sullivan and Muslim scholars Mehdi Azaiez, Rashied Omar and Rasoul Rasoulipour will participate in a panel discussion on respecting each other's religion, according to the press release.

Reynolds and Sullivan will discuss their appreciation for the Muslim faith, and Azaiez, Omar and Rasoulipour will discuss their appreciation for the Catholic faith.

Reynolds said this panel discussion will prove individuals can recognize holiness in religions different from their own.

"The purpose of this is to show that the more deeply rooted you are in your faith, the more you can recognize the logic and beauty of another religious tradition," he said. "There are too many examples of believers who don't recognize this logic and beauty."

Cavadini said he also sees great value in Friday's panel discussion.

"This is a beautiful exercise of the imagination," he said.

Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m., Samir will return to

**"The Church and Islam:
An International Colloquium"**

Thursday at 8 p.m.
Andrews Auditorium in Geddes Hall
Lecture on relationship between the Catholic Church and Islam under Pope Benedict XVI

Friday at 9 a.m.
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Panel discussion on mutual appreciation of Catholicism and Islam

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present a lecture on the relationship between Arab Christians in the East and their Muslim neighbors in DeBartolo Hall 126.

"This is often a forgotten, neglected topic," Reynolds said.

Jean-Louis Pierre Cardinal Tauran, whom Pope Benedict XVI delegated to undertake official inter-religious dialogues, was originally scheduled to speak Thursday. He can-

celled due to health reasons less than two weeks ago, Cavadini said.

Despite that setback, Cavadini said he is looking forward to the colloquium.

"I think it will be a very high profile and interesting event," he said. "We need all the mutual understanding between Christianity and Islam we can get."

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shortly before their executions. He said tensions run high in the small rooms where executions occur near midnight.

“The men come in [and] they’re on a gurney,” McNally said. “I always wave and bless them, a last blessing, and they wave back ... They close the blinds, and then a poison is injected ... All the time that this is going on, there’s just this heaviness in my heart.”

McNally said his experiences witnessing prisoners’ executions have caused him to consider capital punishment “terribly unfair.”

Jay Tidmarsh, a professor of law, said capital punishment is unjust because some prosecutors will ask a court to put a prisoner to death while others will not.

“Different prosecutors in the state have different attitudes,” Tidmarsh said. “The arbitrariness in that sense of the death penalty is, to me, stunning.”

It’s not the quality of the act [that determines whether someone is put to death] ... In many circumstances, it is the quality of the person who decides whether or not to seek the death penalty.”

The judicial system deludes all involved to believe they are not responsible for putting someone to death, Tidmarsh said.

“We’re supposed to have systems of rules that are relatively fair and neutral,” he said. “The reality is in our system no one actually is responsible for putting someone to death. We have divided up the system of responsibility in such a way where it’s always somebody else, or we believe, at least, that it’s always somebody else.”

Tidmarsh said the Supreme Court has made clear that automatic death sentences for certain crimes are unconstitutional. Instead, whether someone is put to death must be decided on a case-by-case basis.

“You have to allow individuals to mitigate, to explain,” Tidmarsh said. “It can’t be automatic.”

Kelly said he does not believe

capital punishment does not deter crime.

“In fact ... the surest way to make a person violent is to punish him, and of course, capital punishment is the worst form of punishment,” he said.

It is difficult, however, to argue capital punishment is “cruel and unusual,” as described by the United States Constitution, Tidmarsh said.

“If you believe that the Constitution ought to be interpreted faithfully to the meaning of the people who originally adopted it, they executed people back then for lots of crimes that today we would never execute someone for,” he said “[But] what wasn’t cruel 200 years ago might be cruel today.”

If most states abolish the death penalty, the Supreme Court might rule capital punishment cruel and unusual under evolving notions of decency,

Tidmarsh said.

Kelly said although he is generally in favor of sentencing prisoners of capital crimes to life imprisonment, parole should be possible for prisoners who prove they have changed for the better.

“What you really need to do is take

prisoners who have been put in prison and have them work on transforming,” he said. “It’s quite possible for the lives of people who have done terrible things to be halfway decent, even the imprisoned.”

Tidmarsh said he thinks many prisoners are sentenced to death because victims’ families demonstrate an unwillingness to forgive the perpetrators.

Kelly said executing criminals rarely helps family members heal.

“People talk about closure,” he said. “But there’s really no closure for many families.”

It is important for Catholics to oppose the death penalty, Kelly said.

“I think Sr. [Helen] Prejean [an advocate for the abolition of capital punishment] would argue that all life is sacred, not just innocent life,” he said. “And if you believe all life is sacred, how can you believe capital punishment is okay?”

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Ed Kelly
adjunct instructor

Secret Service agents dismissed

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Moving swiftly, the Secret Service forced out three agents Wednesday in a prostitution scandal that has embarrassed President Barack Obama. A senior congressman welcomed the move to hold people responsible for the tawdry episode but warned “it’s not over.”

The agency announced three agents are leaving the service even as separate U.S. government investigations were under way.

The Secret Service did not identify the agents being forced out of the government or eight more it said remain on administrative leave. In a statement, it said one supervisor was allowed to retire and another will be fired for cause. A third employee, who was not a supervisor, has resigned.

The agents were implicated in the prostitution scandal in Colombia that also involved about 10 military service members and as many as 20 women. All the Secret Service employees who were involved had their security clearances revoked.

“These are the first steps,” said Rep. Pete King, R-N.Y., chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, which oversees the Secret Service. King said the agency’s director, Mark Sullivan, took employment action against “the three people he believes the case was clearest against.” But King warned: “It’s certainly not over.”

King said the agent set to be fired would sue. King said Sullivan had to follow collective bargaining rules but was “moving as quickly as he can. Once he feels the facts are clear, he’s going to move.”

The embarrassing scandal erupted last week after 11 Secret Service agents were sent home from the colonial-era city of Cartagena on Colombia’s Caribbean coast after a night of partying that reportedly ended with at least some of them bringing prostitutes back to their hotel. The special agents and uniformed officers were in Colombia in advance of President Barack Obama’s arrival for the Summit of the Americas.

A White House official said Wednesday night that Obama



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In this Oct. 28, 2008 file photo, a Secret Service agent stands near then-presidential candidate Barack Obama.

had not spoken directly to Sullivan since the incident unfolded late last week. Obama’s senior aides are in close contact with Sullivan and the agency’s leadership, said the official, who requested anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

In Washington and Colombia, separate U.S. government investigations were already under way. King said he has assigned four congressional investigators to the probe. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, led by Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., sought details of the Secret Service investigation, including the disciplinary histories of the agents involved. Secret Service investigators are in Colombia interviewing witnesses.

In a letter to Sullivan, Issa and Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, the committee’s ranking Democrat, said the agents “brought foreign nationals in contact with sensitive security information.” A potential security breach has been among the concerns raised by members of Congress.

The incident occurred before Obama arrived and was at a different hotel than the president stayed in.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, the ranking Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, said news of the three agents leaving Secret Service was a positive development.

“I’ve always said that if heads don’t roll, the culture in a federal agency will never change,” the Iowa lawmaker said in a statement. “Today’s personnel actions, combined with the swift removal and investigation, are positive signs that there is a serious effort to get to the bottom of this scandal.”

New details emerged Wednesday. A 24-year-old self-described prostitute told The New York Times that she met an agent at a discotheque in Cartagena and after a night of drinking, the pair agreed the agent would pay her \$800 for sex at the hotel. The next morning, when the hotel’s front desk called because the woman hadn’t left, the pair argued over the price.

“I tell him, ‘Baby, my cash money,’” the woman told the newspaper in an interview in Colombia. She said the two argued after the agent initially offered to pay her about \$30 and the situation escalated, eventually ending with Colombian law enforcement involved. She said she was eventually paid about \$225.



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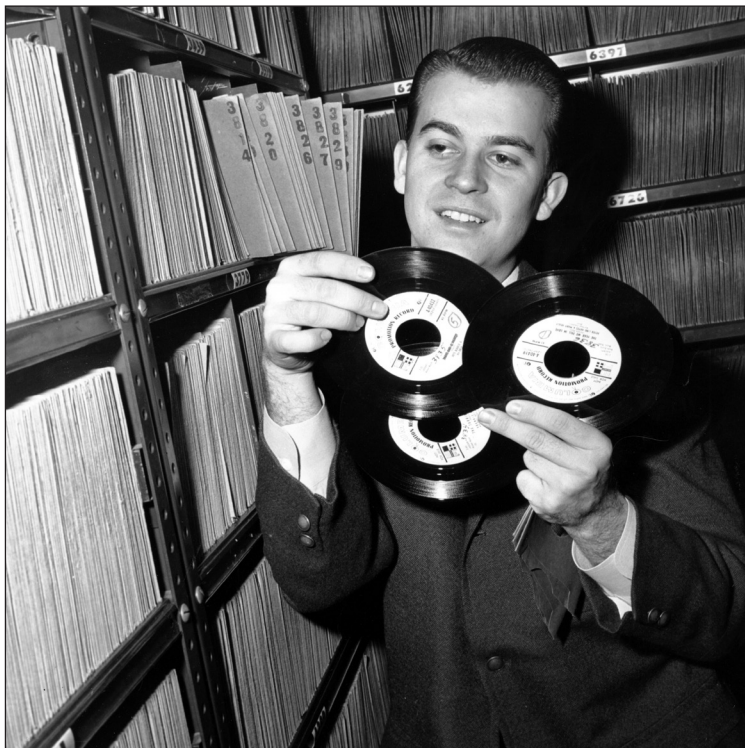
LOS ANGELES — Dick Clark, the ever-youthful television host and producer who helped bring rock 'n' roll into the mainstream on "American Bandstand" and rang in the New Year for the masses at Times Square, has died. He was 82.

Spokesman Paul Shefrin said Clark had a heart attack Wednesday morning at Saint John's hospital in Santa Monica, where he had gone the day before for an outpatient procedure.

Clark had continued performing even after he suffered a stroke in 2004 that affected his ability to speak and walk.

Long dubbed "the world's oldest teenager" because of his boyish appearance, Clark bridged the rebellious new music scene and traditional show business, and equally comfortable whether chatting about music with Sam Cooke or bantering with Ed McMahon about TV bloopers. He long championed black singers by playing the original R&B versions of popular songs, rather than the pop cover.

Ryan Seacrest, who took over main hosting duties on the countdown show from Clark after years of working beside the legend, said in a statement Wednesday that he was "deeply saddened."



In this Feb. 3, 1959 photo, Dick Clark selects a record in his station library in Philadelphia. Clark died Wednesday of a heart attack.

"I idolized him from the start, and I was graced early on in my career with his generous advice and counsel," Seacrest said. "He was a remarkable host and businessman and left a rich legacy to television audiences around the world. We will all miss him."

He thrived as the founder of Dick Clark Productions, supplying movies, game and music shows, beauty

contests and more to TV. Among his credits: "The \$25,000 Pyramid," "TV's Bloopers and Practical Jokes" and the American Music Awards.

"Dick Clark was a true pioneer who revolutionized the way we listened to and consumed music," record executive Clive Davis said in a statement. "For me he ranks right up there with the giants of our business."

Subway terror suspect confesses, apologizes

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An admitted al-Qaida recruit testified Wednesday that he and two friends were determined to "weaken America" by strapping on suicide bombs and attacking New York City subways around the eighth anniversary of 9/11, but now hopes for redemption.

"I believe my crimes are very bad," Najibullah Zazi said on cross-examination. "If God gave me a second chance, I would appreciate it and will be a very good human being."

Earlier, Zazi told a federal jury at his alleged accomplice's trial that he slipped detonator ingredients into the city on Sept. 10, 2009, after the chemicals extracted from beauty supplies passed a test run.

Using code words, he then frantically emailed one of his al-Qaida handlers to get the exact formula for building homemade bombs to go with detonators.

"The marriage is ready," Zazi wrote — signaling that he and two of his radicalized former high school classmates from Queens were ready to die as martyrs.

Zazi said the plot — financed in part by \$50,000 in credit card charges he never intended by to pay back — was abandoned after he noticed that everywhere he drove in New York, a car followed.

"I think law enforcement is

on us," he recalled telling one of his co-conspirators, Zarein Ahmedzay. Later, he said he told the third man, Adis Medunjanin, in a text message, "We are done."

The 26-year-old Zazi testified for a second day at the trial of Medunjanin in federal court in Brooklyn. He was to return to the witness stand on Thursday for more cross-examination.

Prosecutors say that Zazi, Medunjanin and Ahmedzay — after growing upset over the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan and receiving terror training at an al-Qaida compound in Pakistan — together hatched what authorities have described as one of the most serious terror plots since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Medunjanin, 27, a Bosnian-born naturalized U.S. citizen, has pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction, providing material support to a terrorist organization and other charges.

Medunjanin has denied he was ever part of an al-Qaida operation. His lawyers have sought to show that — unlike Zazi and Ahmedzay — he had no direct involvement in the efforts to assemble bombs.

Zazi and Ahmedzay, both of Afghan descent, pleaded guilty in 2010 and were jailed without bail after agreeing to become government witnesses in a bid for leniency. Ahmedzay testified earlier this week.

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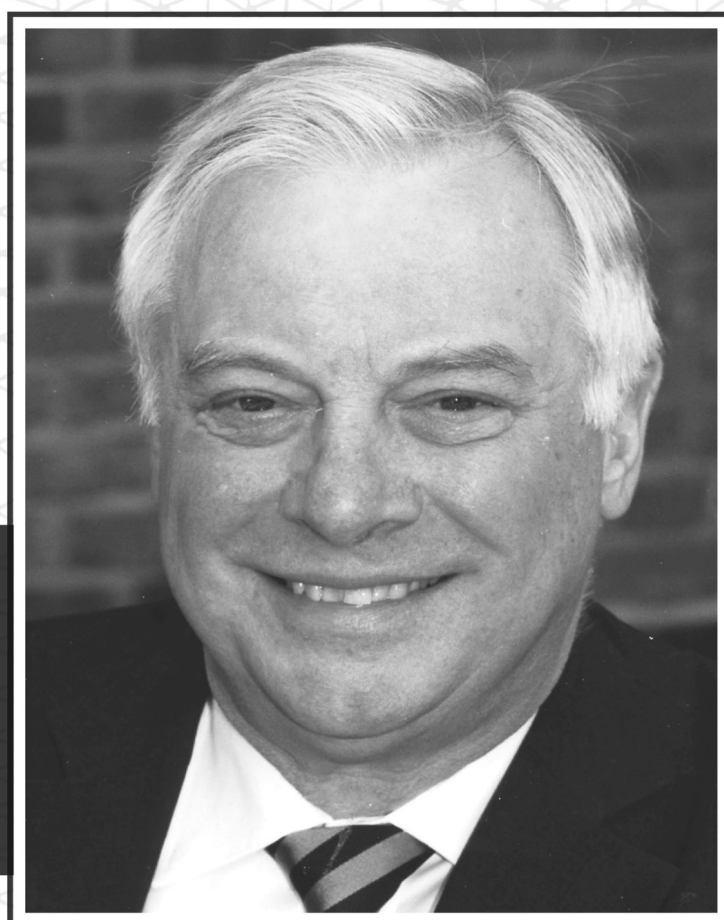
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As I am writing this, there are 99 days, 22 hours and 11 minutes until the opening of the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

But really, who's counting?

Every four years the world comes together to celebrate in the competition of sports. Fighting across the world seems to be at a stand-still as sports give us something to cheer for, something to hope for and above all something to agree upon. Yet sadly, there is something missing this time around.

Isaac Lorton

Sports Writer

Is it the table tennis, badminton, synchronized swimming or even handball? No ... Unfortunately, baseball and softball will not be making an appearance this year. These two sports are the first events to have been cut since polo in 1936.

Seriously, why baseball and softball? Baseball and softball have spread their popularity across the globe in the past decade. That is everywhere but Europe, which holds a tremendous amount of power in the International Olympics Committee (IOC). Since both baseball and softball are truly American sports, is this a shot on the world level against America?

Some might say yes, and I might be inclined to agree, but this is also a shot against many South American countries and many Asian countries. In the 2009 World Baseball Classic (WBC), the final four teams were Japan, Venezuela, Korea and the States, but the U.S. did not even advance. It was Japan against Korea with Japan coming out on top. The IOC claimed that baseball was not popular enough, especially with the best of the best, our MLB players, staying home. Ironically, the IOC also argued baseball played in favor of the U.S. Yet, as the WBC showed the world's best players can compete and even beat players — Major League players at that — of the U.S.

So tell the IOC baseball has not become a world sport.

The dominance factor for the U.S. might have been a more valid and compelling argument when voting to get rid of softball at the world level, as they out-scored their opponents 51-1 in the 2004 Olympics. But there have been plenty of other sports dominated by one country, such as Great Britain and soccer, which was not voted away. As time went on, other countries overthrew the powerhouse. Also, why would the 98 males on the 106-person IOC vote against seeing the likes of Jenny Finch and Kat Osterman competing on the television all summer, throwing fastballs at the equivalent of a 100 mph baseball. As some girls enjoy watching the Patriots for Tom Brady and the Yankees for Derek Jeter, why can guys not enjoy softball for Jenny Finch and Kat Osterman? It is definitely better than watching the weight lifters.

There is hope, though, for baseball and softball in the 2016 Olympics. Since the dreaded 2008 vote which caused baseball and softball to be replaced by golf, there have been events, like the WBC, to give the IOC something to consider. So hopefully in 2016 we can all sit down and enjoy a hot dog and watch baseball and softball, instead of racewalking and equestrian.

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The Notre Dame option

I'm sure you've seen them. They meander through campus clutching folders with a sense of bewilderment, trailed by sets of parents snapping photos. They wear sweatshirts from the bookstore so new that they still have the tags. Their moms stop you in front of CoMo to ask how to find South Dining Hall.

Grace Concelman

Options and Futures

They're the accepted students of the Class of 2016, and they have fewer than two weeks to decide where to attend. It's time for them to weigh their options.

In finance, an option is a contract between a buyer and a seller that includes the "option" of a future transaction. There are two basic types of options: calls and puts. The buyer of a call option has the right to buy an asset at a specified price from the seller if he chooses to exercise his option. The buyer of a put option has the right to sell the asset if he chooses to exercise.

In both cases, the seller of the option is obligated to take the other side of the trade if the buyer chooses to exercise. But, if the buyer chooses not to exercise, the contract is void. To compensate the seller for the risk of not knowing whether the buyer will exercise, the buyer pays the seller at the outset to purchase the option.

The bright-eyed accepted students probably don't realize they hold a call option with Notre Dame. They paid for

the option via their application fees, and, after being accepted, they have the right, but not the obligation, to enroll next fall.

They probably hold options with other schools as well, all expiring May 1, but, unlike financial options, they can only exercise one.

How should they choose? From an economic perspective, it's simple: Of the options they hold, which will give them the highest payoff?

When they exercise the option, they'll be purchasing an asset, specifically a Notre Dame degree. Yes, they still have to put in the time and hard work, but if they pay the tuition and take the classes, they'll put themselves on the track to graduation. The payoff is the value of the degree minus the cost of tuition.

But how should they measure the value of a diploma from Notre Dame? Should they look at rankings, curriculums or class sizes? How about job placement or alumni networks?

These metrics are certainly useful in valuing a college degree. They're rational, quantitative and easy to organize into pro and con lists that get spread out over the kitchen table. With something as important as a college choice, it's comforting to know the numbers support your decision.

But if I still think numbers are everything, I've failed to learn Notre Dame's greatest lesson. It might be possible to assign a value to a Notre Dame degree, but, in the end, that value isn't the payoff of the option.

During four years here, while you're busily sitting in a lecture, logging late nights at the library or dashing to another group project meeting, what you're really getting is not just a Notre Dame degree, it's a Notre Dame education.

There's a difference between a degree and an education. The degree is made up of credit hours, papers, and exams. It's necessary because it gets us a job or entrance to graduate school, but it doesn't shape us as young adults. That's where the education comes in.

The education is made up of the kinds of discoveries that will stick with us throughout the rest of our lives. Discoveries like the fact that sometimes it's important to study and sometimes it's important to play pickup basketball, that getting coffee with your professor might help you find your passions and that the best way to make friends is spontaneous late-night puddle jumping.

The education makes the option payoff much harder to assess. It doesn't lend itself to quantitative values. In the end though, it's all that really matters. It's the true payoff of the option. That's why I'm thankful I chose Notre Dame.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can only be young once. But you can always be immature."

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US columnist & humorist

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Why baseball matters

I've been waiting and hoping for a chance to write about baseball this entire school year. And with this being the last column I'll write this year, it's now or never.

Yeah, a few small opportunities came and went, but not once did I take advantage. First there was the World Series last October, but to be honest I just couldn't bring myself to write about the Cardinals.

Then a new semester arrived and with it spring training. But my grand notions of writing about the wonder of warm days in states far away, full of green grass, blue skies and our favorite teams arriving at their respective camps while we toiled away under a grey Indiana sky were undermined by 60-degree days here in February and March.

And just a few weeks ago there was Opening Day, the one day a year when all teams are equal, full of hope and eager to prove their worth over the 162 games that lie ahead. And just like

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Guest Columnist

that, after one day my beloved Cubs were in last place and haven't budged since. Don't get me wrong — I'm not giving up hope yet. But I didn't think it was appropriate for me to be writing about the abundant signs of hope that come with a new season when it wasn't even May yet and my team was already giving games away.

But now my day has come and I'm not letting it slip away. It isn't just for my enjoyment that I write about baseball. I write about baseball because it matters.

It matters because without it a significant portion of English vernacular and American culture would be absent. Answering a big question would not be "hitting a home run." That weird guy who lives around the block would be somewhere other than "out in left field." Teachers couldn't throw you curve balls on tests, Jay-Z would be forced to wear a New York hat instead of his signature Yankee cap and the word 'Sox' would just be a typo.

Baseball is important because it has the extraordinary ability to simplify

things. When studying DNA models, ATC curves and GOP history gives you headaches, give your brain a break by studying Lincecum's ERA, Pujols' RBIs and Cabrera's OPS.

Speaking of stats, baseball is a prime lesson in attention to detail. Every sport keeps track of numbers, but none to the extent that baseball does. Ridiculous as it may be, there is something to be said about a group of people that keep track of every last measurable fact, all the way down to the number of changeups a certain pitcher throws to left-handed batters during away games at night in August. Some might call a baseball fan's obsession with statistics weird but you'll never hear it called careless.

Our nation's presidents have known for many years the importance of baseball. In fact, every president since Taft has thrown out at least one ceremonial first pitch while in office except for Jimmy Carter, who went on to do so after he had left office. Baseball has forever been and always will be our national pastime. Love it or hate it, you

still have to respect a sport that began in America and has stayed basically the same for more than two centuries.

In the grand scheme of things baseball is insignificant, which makes it matter that much more.

Baseball parks are filled each night with fans waiting to watch their teams face off. Players of all ages from all different countries continue to come together just to play a game. Given the status quo of the world around us, a world which too often seems to be enveloped by conflict, taking the time to play a game seems all the more worthwhile. Games matter. Baseball matters.

So with summer approaching and the long days and warm nights almost here, do yourself a favor and spend some of that time taking in all of the greatness that baseball has to offer.

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Think before you swipe

As our generation continues to more frequently use credit cards to pay for most of our transactions, it has become increasingly important to protect our financial and identity security.

Global Payments Inc. (NYSE: GPN) reported March 30 a security breach which could affect 1.5 million credit card users in North America. The criminals who hacked the data system potentially left with "Track 2" information: account numbers and expiration dates. This information was not entirely useful for the hackers, as they did not come away with cardholder names or Social Security numbers.

Global Payments is a payment processor company which serves as an intermediary between retailers and banks, processing transactions for MasterCard (NYSE: MA) and Visa (NYSE:V). When you swipe your card somewhere, your card number and other sensitive financial information is directed to firms such as Global Payments, which then send it to Visa or MasterCard before those firms finally send the information to the bank which issued the card.

Although computer hackers have been and will continue to prey on all financial service companies, these payment processor companies are the most vulnerable aspect of our credit card system. Banks have taken aggressive measures to protect themselves and their clients' information, but these intermediary companies have remained vulnerable.

As a common countermeasure to these breaches, banks, credit card companies and payment processors such as Global Payments are encouraging credit card users to regularly check their transaction history online for unauthorized payments.

This is something which should be done routinely, not just because the media reports a potential security breach to your credit card provider. If you think you may be a victim of theft you should also inform all three credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion).

Projections show mobile Internet usage will surpass desktop computer Internet usage in the next two years, causing the number of online purchases made with mobile phone applications to jump as well.

This unfortunately gives hackers the upper hand: The small screen sizes allow illegitimate sites to trick viewers more easily than they would when viewed on a desktop computer. Even the touch screen feature of all smart phones poses serious risks for users as they may unknowingly touch a hidden link. Another huge problem is that mobile browsers and their operating systems do not get updated regularly with security fixes in the same way laptop and desktop systems do, leaving

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mobile phones more vulnerable to malicious online activities.

There are several ways to protect yourself from theft. First, you should try making purchases on desktop computers, not your smartphone. The next time you pay for gas, use an ATM, or any stand-alone kiosk. And whenever possible, pay for goods and services with a credit card, not a debit card. Some hackers can set cameras nearby and record you entering the pin number of your debit card. They are also able to record the information on the magnetic strip of your card. This gives hackers access to your financial information, so they can make withdrawals straight from your bank account.

Though hackers have been increasingly successful stealing personal financial information, we may be on the cusp of a new technology which could potentially make credit cards extinct. This new technology is called Near Field Communication, more commonly referred to as NFC.

This technology looks to take smartphones to an entirely new level. We currently enjoy using smart phones for emailing, texting, playing with countless apps and uploading Facebook photos. NFC seeks to combine all of these smartphone features and our wallets together.

When two NFC-compatible devices are within a few inches of one another, they will wirelessly transfer data. This would mean you can pay your bar tab, rent movies or pay for parking meters and vending machines by simply tapping your smartphone. The proximity of the wireless transfer of data significantly reduces the chances of theft.

To gain a head start on this new industry, credit card companies are partnering with firms such as Verizon (NYSE: VZ), AT&T (NYSE: T), and others to develop NFC-enabled devices.

Currently, smartphones are essential to many individuals' daily lives. But in the future, smartphones will also contain a person's life. This technology is expected to replace credit cards, business cards, driver's licenses, student IDs, fake IDs and even the actual keys to our cars and homes.

Until this technology is fully developed, I would recommend following the steps previously mentioned for protecting credit card usage and limiting online payments on mobile phones.

With an eye to the future, however, I would encourage investors to research tech companies and phone companies such as Verizon as they expand their research and development into NFC technologies.

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Rapper Eminem

By MARIA FERNANDEZ
Scene Writer

The annual Coachella Festival in Indio, Calif. is the place to be for music and fashion enthusiasts alike. This year, the event has been extended from the usual three days of parties and music to two consecutive three-day weekends.

The Coachella Festival began Friday and ended its first weekend on Sunday. Although some performances far exceeded others, the event was an overall success.

Here are some of the best performances and fashion trends to expect for this coming second weekend.



Lily Collins (left) and Emma Roberts

The Music

From rock and indie to hip-hop and electronic music, the festival showcases many of the top and up-and-coming artists from around the world, singing live in different tents and stages throughout the Coachella Valley.

Some of this year's artists include The Black Keys, Afrojack, Bon Iver, Beirut, Florence and the Machine, Avicii, among many others.

Friday was marked by its evening performances. The Black Keys' popular and energetic rock tunes attracted a large crowd of music lovers. They performed some new songs such as "Lonely Boy" and "Hell of a Season", as well as "Everlasting Light", one of their top hits.

After The Black Keys came Swedish House Mafia, also with an incredible performance and amazing bright stage lights. Electronic music fans went crazy when they performed one of their best tunes, "Save the World".

Saturday was also filled with great performances. Some of the artists were Bon Iver, Radiohead, Kasabian and Miike Snow.

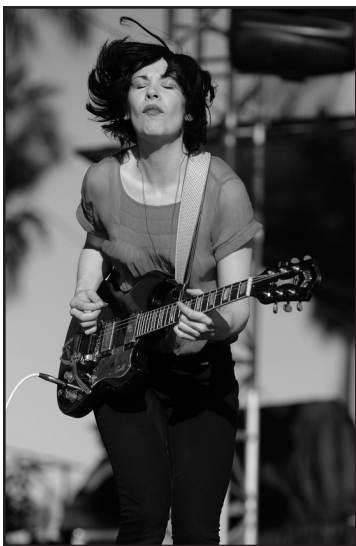
However, David Guetta's always-entertaining show pumped up the audience, especially when he played one of his latest songs, "Without You," with surprise guest, Usher.

Sunday's performances ended Coachella's first week on a great note. Both Goyte and Florence and the Machine hit it big by singing their famous hits "Somebody I Used to Know" and "Dog Days Are Over" respectively.

However, it was Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg's closing performance that exceeded everyone's expectations and perfectly concluded this first weekend.

They stole the show with special guests such as Eminem, 50 Cent, Warren G and Wiz Khalifa, and a hologram of West Coast rap legend Tupac.

Featuring the same lineup, Coachella's second weekend promises to be as exciting and entertaining as the first.



Carrie Brownstein, Wild Flag



Pelle Amqvist, The Hives



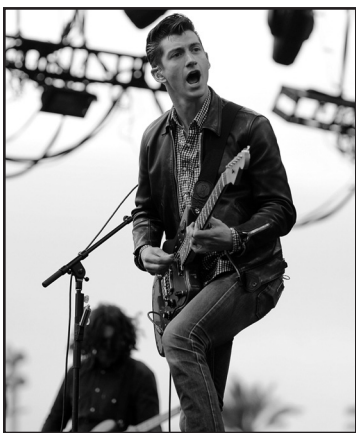
Dan Auerbach, The Black Keys



Reggae singer/songwriter Jimmy Cliff



Thom Yorke, Radiohead



Alex Turner, Arctic Monkeys



David Hasselhoff

The Trends

You cannot talk about Coachella without mentioning fashion. The festival is the perfect venue to sport new and upcoming trends while still keeping it comfortable and casual.

Florals and bohemian prints along with relaxed silhouettes dominated this year's Coachella scene.

Brazilian model Alessandra Ambrosio sported a short and flowy light pink dress paired with brown boots and a bright printed scarf, perfect for a warm day in the California desert.

Nicole Richie and Lily Collins also followed this boho-chic trend with loose flower-printed dresses.

Another trend that was very much present among celebrities and festivalgoers was leather and animal print items.

Kate Bosworth wore black leather shorts combined with a leopard print t-shirt, while Alexa Chung also opted for safari tones, wearing an army green oversized shirt over a beige dress.

Overall, Coachella's first week was filled with amazing artists and performances and with a lot of trendy people, suggesting an even better second weekend.

Check out the highlights of some of the first weekend's best performances on the Coachella 2012 channel on YouTube.

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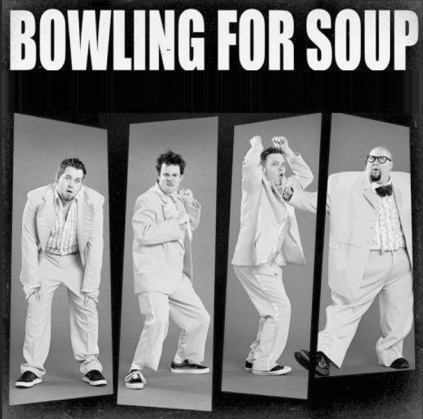
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Masters of Chilean Cinema
Panel Discussion
When: 7 p.m.
Where: DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
How Much: Free

This weekend's Chilean Film Festival kicks off Thursday night with a free discussion with three prominent Chilean directors — Ignacio Agüero, Andres Wood and Gonzalo Justiniano. The directors will discuss Chilean film, past and present, and one of Justiniano's films will follow the discussion. Check it out all weekend.

Bowling for Soup
When: 10 p.m.
Where: Legends
How Much: Free

The pop band most famous for its nostalgic single "1985" will be at Legends on Saturday to give Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students the chance to remember how awesome it was to be in eighth grade. So grab a group of friends and head to Legends, and reminisce about the times before you had a cell phone or knew what an iPod was.

Blue-Gold Football Game
When: 1:30 p.m.
Where: Notre Dame Stadium
How Much: Free

Football season is almost here. It can be smelled in the air, although that might be those weird trees. In any case, the first sign of next season comes Saturday, when the football team takes the field for its spring game. Who will start at quarterback? Who will start at designated fair-catcher? The first clues come Saturday.

Blue Man Group
When: 4 p.m.
Where: Morris Performing Arts Center
How Much: \$34

The group known for outrageous performances while decked out in all blue and not speaking (even after the show they stay in character) travels to South Bend this weekend to perform at the Morris. They are in the middle of a nationwide tour, and the show promises to be an exciting. No word on if Tobias Fünke will be there.



According to the tagline for "Beastly," the "Beauty and the Beast" rip-off, love is never ugly.

This movie however, well ... it's like one of those dogs that gets crowned ugliest dog in the world: So unbelievably hideous it's totally adorable, which is what makes "Beastly" a perfect best worst movie.

Vanessa Hudgens plays a soft-spoken smart girl named Lindy, and the only explanation given for her name is that her father is a drug addict. Enter Alex Pettyfer's character, the



Courtney Eckerle
Scene Writer

rich and hot popular guy Kyle, who is smart, self absorbed and universally hated.

Mary Kate Olsen is no stranger to best worst movies, as shown by any of the Olsen twins' many atrocities, including several straight-to-video masterpieces.

However, her role in "Beastly" takes the best worst cake, eats it too and then casts a spell on it.

Olsen plays Kendra, a teenage Wicca who sports what can only be described as a blonde Snooki poof that has been nested in by birds for a few months. Wearing leather and odd black eye liner is all one needs to cast life ruining spells apparently, which she does after Kyle of-fends her.

Kendra casts a spell on Kyle that makes him "as ugly as his soul" — harsh. Especially since he's actually not that bad looking,

just kind of veiny, bald and with a lot of tattoos. So he can't have been that awful.

The gist of the spell is Kyle has to find someone to love him in one year or he will be hideous forever. He can see that time is passing by a tree tattoo on his arm that changes with the seasons and actual trees outside that change with the seasons.

Naturally, Kyle finds out once he leaves school that stalking people via a Facebook-like page that he was not as well liked as he thought he was.

However, as Lifetime warns us, Facebook-stalking turns to actual stalking. Kyle begins following Lindy at night, wearing a black hoodie.

He sees her going through her various charitable deeds, like being kind to homeless people. You know, typical stuff 17-year-old girls do in New

York. All the stuff people would see you do if they followed you for a day.

After Kyle sees one of Lindy's father's drug deals go bad and the drug dealers threaten to kill her, he blackmails her father into having Lindy come live with him "so he can protect her."

A strange twist for a love story to borrow from a stalk and murder story, and it is a complete surprise when Lindy doesn't end up like that girl in "Taken".

Once he has her captive in her house, he tries to buy her love with Chanel and Tiffany, which she of course scoffs at because, you know, she's deep. Give her Goodwill and homeless person garb any day of the week.

Kyle finally manages to win her over by providing a huge carton of her favorite candy,

and begins building her a greenhouse. Now their love story makes sense. Anyone who buys me a lifetime supply of Peanut M&Ms and builds me a greenhouse filled with roses can look like Chucky, stalk me all they want and I'll be smitten.

At the very last possible second, Lindy tells Kyle she loves him, breaks the curse and finds out he's actually a super hot rich guy. If only the same rules applied when going through pictures from Finny's on Saturday morning.

"Beastly" can be summed up perfectly by Lindy: "What can I say, I'm substance over style."

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Tannehill’s quick rise looking Russell-esque

It’s time to break out the industrial-sized bucket of hair gel, Mel Kiper, Jr. The 2012 NFL Draft approaches.

A week from tonight, the annual spectacle that is the NFL Draft will commence with much fanfare as the nation’s best college football players will hear their names called at Radio City Music Hall in New York, take pictures with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and then get to work on becoming as successful as last year’s top picks — Pro Bowlers Cam Newton, Von Miller and A.J. Green among others.



Chris Allen
Sports Editor

Let’s run down what we know is true.

Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck has been viewed as the prototypical NFL quarterback from the time he took the reigns of the Cardinal offense years ago. He has the ideal size, strength, athleticism and mental acuity to be an NFL signal-caller. He would have been the No. 1 pick in last year’s draft, and he will be the No. 1 pick in this year’s draft. Nothing controversial here.

Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin III came about as close as anyone possibly could have to unseating Luck as the top prospect in this draft. He dazzled fans en route to winning the Heisman Trophy in a tremendous season in Waco. After posting an impressive workout at the NFL Combine, Griffin solidified his position as the second-best prospect in this draft class. He will likely go under center for the Washington Redskins next season as one of the best athletes to ever play the quarterback position. Nothing controversial here, either.

Even behind Luck and Griffin, there is little doubt about the prospects who make up the next tier of talent. USC offensive tackle Matt Kalil, whom you might have last seen owning the line of scrimmage at Notre Dame Stadium last October, Alabama running back Trent Richardson and LSU cornerback Morris Claiborne are generally seen as the players to round out the top five. But they might not be the top five players picked, because of the hype

surrounding a third, lesser-known quarterback. Now we have some controversy.

His name is Ryan Tannehill, and you may have last seen him leading Texas A&M to a sub-.500 record in the Big 12. He was a receiver at the beginning of his junior season, but because of superior athleticism and a strong arm, he is shooting up into the top-10 and top-five of some draft boards being composed. Many draft analysts have projected the Miami Dolphins as the team to select Tannehill, whether at their No. 8 draft slot or in a trade up in the draft order.

If you are a Dolphins fan, you should be very concerned. As if the fact that David Garrard was your team’s offseason answer under center wasn’t concerning enough, the Dolphins now seem poised to pull the trigger on a huge potential draft bust. The days of Dan Marino seem a long way off now, don’t they?

The cautionary tale in quarterback draft busts is former Raiders quarterback JaMarcus Russell. Despite many concerns on tape, Russell jumped high on draft boards because of a big arm and a big body. He made it all the way to the No. 1 pick in 2007’s draft. He is now out of the NFL, and will likely never return. His play during his brief NFL career was laughable, and many wondered what the Raiders and others ever saw in him. Now, in 2012, Tannehill boasts a similar boom-or-bust profile, yet many NFL teams seem to have not learned the lesson taught by Russell’s disastrous career. If a player is a winner, he wins in college, and wins in the pros. He finds a way. Look at Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton if you need proof. If a player was a high school quarterback, but was moved to wide receiver in college, he probably doesn’t have the chops to be a top NFL draft pick. These points seem so intuitive, so basic, that it is amazing so many NFL front offices are disregarding them.

Buyer beware, Dolphins.

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NFL

49ers GM speaks with Williams

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Apparently, there are no hard feelings on 49ers general manager Trent Baalke’s part regarding the Saints’ targeting of San Francisco players in their bounty program.

The GM recently reached out to suspended former New Orleans defensive coordinator Gregg Williams to discuss the matter.

He and Williams worked together during the 2004 season in Washington and Baalke still considers him a friend. Baalke said Wednesday they had a nice chat and that he has long respected Williams as a football coach.

“I don’t feel any differently about him today than I did 20 days ago,” Baalke said. “I’ve worked with Gregg. Gregg’s a friend and he’s been a friend. It was only fitting that you reach out and speak with him, and I felt very good about the conversation.”

Williams oversaw and contributed money to the illegal bounty fund for planned vicious hits on opponents and has been suspended indefinitely from the NFL for his involvement in the scheme from 2009-11.

Earlier this month, a recording emerged of Williams in January telling players to “put a lick” on 49ers receiver and return man Kyle Williams to see if he had lingering effects from a concussion. San Francisco beat Drew Brees and the favored Saints 36-32 in the NFC divisional playoffs.

“I have no untoward feelings about the game. It was a great football game. Both teams played extremely well and we got the better of it. I have great memories of that football game,” said coach Jim Harbaugh, who insists he doesn’t have enough information on the bounties to speak specifically.

“I mean, it would be like trying to comment on the clean water crisis that our world is facing,” he said. “I don’t have all the facts on that, you know? Who’s going to be the best political candidate for president? I don’t know. I mean, I’m immersed in football. So I don’t think there’s any need to be another guy jumping on the bandwagon having an opinion on it. The NFL is handling it, and that’s good enough for me.”

In the NFC championship game Jan. 22, Kyle Williams fumbled a punt in overtime of San Francisco’s 20-17 loss to the eventual Super Bowl champion New York Giants to set up Lawrence Tynes’ winning field goal.

The 49ers insist he will still be in the mix this season de-



AP

San Francisco general manager Trent Baalke smiles during the team’s football training camp in Santa Clara, Calif.

spite the costly misplay.

“I’m not down on Kyle Williams, nor is anyone else in this organization. It’s done, it’s over with and we’re moving forward,” Baalke said. “I’m very confident that Kyle will get past the incident of last year and is ready to move on. And he’ll get better because of it.”

Baalke said wideout Randy Moss isn’t among the 60 players participating in the team’s offseason workouts at team headquarters, where the 49ers on Thursday will hold a formal groundbreaking ceremony for their new \$1 billion stadium that’s already in the works.

The team facility is a gigantic construction zone, with a sign advertising the franchise’s “new home” and a huge blowup 49ers helmet on site. The project plan calls for a 1.85-million square-foot facility with a 68,500-seat stadium featuring 165 luxury suites and 9,000 club seats.

Harbaugh said Moss is expected to be in town by April 30, plenty of time before organized team activities begin May 21. The coach suggested to Moss, who was out of football last year, that he train in West Virginia and spend more time with his family.

So, the 49ers have plenty to look forward to rather than focusing on how last season ended — or the bounty news that has dominated this offseason nearly as much as the pursuit of Peyton Manning, who wound up in Denver instead of the Bay Area.

Gregg Williams has admitted to his role in overseeing the bounty system that offered Saints defenders payment for painful

hits. He left New Orleans after last season — his third with the Saints — and was hired as defensive coordinator by the St. Louis Rams.

San Francisco cornerback Carlos Rogers insists he, like Baalke, has moved past the bounty scandal. He played for Williams with the Redskins and considers him among the top coaches he has played for.

“I don’t really look too much into it, because Gregg is one of my best coaches ever,” Rogers said. “I never experienced the bounty stuff. All the stuff I heard about, I didn’t read too much into it because for me, sitting in that locker room, he’s just an aggressive coach. He talks aggressive. The whole bounty thing is just a word that is used as a bad word but also he’s not out to hurt anybody. Everything I’ve seen him do, even when I watched clips, I’ve never seen anybody carted off. If you really want to go after somebody, it’s easy to do — you just go hit their knee or hit whatever you want to target every time.”

Rogers has made a name for himself with the 49ers, sharing the team lead with six interceptions last season for the NFC West champions. He was re-signed to a \$31.3 million, four-year contract last month.

Rogers, for one, is pulling for Williams to recover both personally and professionally. They spoke when the news initially broke about the bounties.

“That’s one of my closest friends, coaches. We’re still close,” Rogers said. “I know he regrets it. I hope he gets a second chance.”

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Devil Went Down to Georgia
By Charlie Daniels

The devil went down to Georgia, he was looking for a soul to steal.

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When he came across this young man sawin’ on a fiddle and playin’ it hot.

And the devil jumped upon a hickory stump and said:

“Boy let me tell you what: “I guess you didn’t know it, but I’m a fiddle player too.

“And if you’d care to take a dare, I’ll make a bet with you.

“Now you play a pretty good fiddle, boy, but give the devil his due: “I bet a fiddle of gold against your

soul, ‘cos I think I’m better than you.”

The boy said: “My name’s Johnny and it might be a sin,

“But I’ll take your bet, your gonna regret, ‘cos I’m the best that’s ever been.”

Johnny you rosin up your bow and play your fiddle hard.

‘Cos hells broke loose in Georgia

and the devil deals the cards.And if you win you get this shiny fiddle made of gold.

But if you lose, the devil gets your soul.

The devil opened up his case and he said: “I’ll start this show.”

And fire flew from his fingertips as he rosined up his bow.

“Lost in the World” is the best.

NFL

Colts keep draft pick a secret, consider Stanford's Luck

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts have decided who to take with the No. 1 draft pick.

They're just not planning to let the secret out until April 26.

After months of speculation, scouting and scrutinizing, Colts general manager Ryan Grigson finally told reporters Wednesday that the Colts have a plan for their first No. 1 overall selection in 14 years.

"We've known for a little while. We've done all our due diligence," Grigson said during a 30-minute news conference. "Unless there's an unforeseen problem or something like that, we know what we're doing."

Team owner Jim Irsay has repeatedly said the team will choose Peyton Manning's successor, presumably either

Stanford's Andrew Luck or Baylor's Robert Griffin III, the Heisman Trophy winner. If the Colts take Luck, the Washington Redskins are expected to take Griffin with the second pick next Thursday night.

Luck was expected to go No. 1 in 2011 before returning to school for his fourth college season. His resume looks like an exact replica of Manning's—both stayed in school one year longer than expected, both finished as Heisman Trophy runner-ups and both had fathers who played quarterback in the NFL.

While the Colts sent a larger contingent of scouts to Griffin's pro day in Texas than Luck's pro day at Stanford, Luck had a personal workout for the Colts and traveled to Indianapolis for a personal interview. Griffin was advised by his agent to do neither and, apparently, it wasn't the only

reason Griffin didn't come to town.

"You get to a point where you know what you're going to do," Grigson said.

Grigson would not say whether the Colts have started negotiating with either player.

In an email sent to The Associated Press, Luck's agent, Will Wilson, declined to comment on whether the Colts had told him of their decision or whether contract talks had begun. Luck's father, Oliver, also did not provide those answers. Luck has been attending classes at Stanford, and is trying to finish one architectural course that is offered only in the spring.

"I have not had any communication with any of the folks with the Colts. I stay out of all that," Oliver Luck said in a phone interview. "And I'll keep my conversations with Andrew private."

Whether the Colts would start talking about a contract over the next week, in hopes of having a deal in place before next Thursday, remains unclear.

"We've kicked it around. I don't know what the true advantage is to go early," Grigson said. "At this point, we're focused on picking the guys."

The Colts are still trying to figure out where they are in their massive offseason overhaul, too.

Grigson's comments came less than an hour after the Colts wrapped up another voluntary workout at the team complex, a practice that included perennial Pro Bowl receiver Reggie Wayne, who usually stays in Miami for workouts until the team's mandatory offseason



AP

Former Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck calls a play during Stanford's 40-12 victory over Virginia Tech Jan. 3, 2011.

mini-camp.

Wayne altered his traditional plans because of all the changes Indy has made.

Grigson replaced the father-son front office tandem of Bill and Chris Polian in January, then brought in new coach Chuck Pagano to replace the fired Jim Caldwell. Pagano has almost an entirely new staff, and some players have even found new spots for their lockers.

The biggest change, of course, is not seeing No. 18 around town.

Manning was released

March 7, a move designed to help quicken the rebuilding process, and eventually signed with Denver. Two days later, the Colts cut a handful of other veterans including defensive captains Gary Brackett and Melvin Bullitt, Pro Bowl tight end Dallas Clark and running back Joseph Addai. Longtime center Jeff Saturday, emerging receiver Pierre Garcon and backup tight end Jacob Tamme all left in free agency.

And those who returned, like Wayne, are still trying to get acclimated to their new surroundings.

"I'm moving around, can you believe that? It's the first time in 11 years," Wayne said, drawing laughter. "My game plan is the same whoever throws the ball—catch and make something happen with it. I met Drew Stanton, I know that guy."

By next week, Wayne will have to introduce himself to another new quarterback.

Until then, he'll be catching passes from someone else.

"I don't know his name," Wayne said when asked about quarterback Trevor Vittatoe. "I know it starts with a V."

Inside the locker room, players are content to stay out of the great draft debate. Most have only seen Luck or Griffin play in small bits on television, and nobody wanted to debate the merits of how the new quarterback would fit in with a team that is trying to replace Manning and starting almost completely over.

Instead, they're trying to get their minds wrapped around a playbook that Wayne described as Greek.

Not everything is new, though.

"I was very fortunate to play with a guy like that (Manning) and you see the work habits he had and I try to emulate those habits every day," running back Donald Brown said. "He will always have an influence here, him and guys like Jeff, like Dallas, like Joseph, they left a footprint on us and we're trying to carry that legacy on."

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"I think when you know, you know," Grigson said.

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NASCAR

Biffle aims to be first to complete title trio

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY — Greg Biffle roared through the early stages of his NASCAR career. Biffle gave Jack Roush his first NASCAR season title in 2000 by winning the Trucks Series, two years after he was the rookie of the year. Then came the natural progression to the Nationwide Series, where Biffle won another rookie of the year award and followed immediately with the 2002 season championship before moving up again. A decade later, Biffle is still trying to become the first driver to complete the NASCAR title trio. This could finally be the year for the re-energized Biffle, who is coming off a victory at Texas that reinforced his standing as the early-season Sprint Cup points leader. “When I moved from the Trucks Series to Nationwide, it was a huge step. It was much, much harder. And when I moved from the Nationwide to the Cup Series, I had no idea that the competition was going to be what it was,” Biffle said. “I knew it was going to be hard. But this year is my year.” Biffle’s fifth top-five finish in seven races this season came in the fastest Cup race ever in Texas and snapped his 49-race winless drought. With only two early cautions, and 234 consecutive green-flag laps to end the race, he got a big boost in the pits from crew chief Matt Puccia and the rest of his team at the 1½-mile, high-banked track. “That gives me huge confidence,” Biffle said. “I know that from about the third race, that these guys, the guys that Matt had put together, we kind of held the handcuffs on them a little bit last year until we got to the end of the season, and he re-vamped the entire team over the winter. I really, really like my guys.” Puccia, who like Biffle worked his way up through the Roush organization, replaced Greg Erwin midway through last season. The No. 16 Roush Fenway Ford had its only three poles of the season after that, but wasn’t enough to keep Biffle from finishing 16th in points, his worst since 2004 in his second full Cup season. “That guy, I promise you, if anybody can take me to winning a championship, it’s Matt Puccia,” Biffle said. “He never gives up, never leaves a rock unturned.” They started this season with third-place finishes in each of the first three races, taking over the points lead after the third race in Las Ve-

gas. A pair of 13th-place finishes are the only ones outside the top six. “It was really an unusual thing when we went after the team the way we did last year and said, you know, we just got great people but they’re not just working together as well as they need to and we need to organize ourselves differently,” Jack Roush said after the Texas victory. “That’s a rarity that we do that. But that certainly was the key to getting the momentum that we’ve got going right now.” Biffle is certainly off to a much better start than last season, when the same opening three-race stretch set the tone for a frustrating season. There was a 35th-place finish at Daytona, before finishing 20th at Phoenix and 28th at Las Vegas. This week’s Cup race is in Kansas, where Biffle had last won before Saturday night in the Lone Star State. He has gone to Victory Lane twice in Kansas with eight top-10 finishes in the 11 previous races at the 1 ½-mile track. Even though Biffle hasn’t won a Cup season title, the 42-year-old driver has had success on NASCAR’s highest level. The win in Texas was his 17th in the Cup Series. In 2005, Biffle won six times, and had 15 top-five finishes. He tied for second in season points with teammate Carl Edwards, only 35 behind Tony Stewart. Three years later, Biffle rebounded from missing the Chase two years in a row, and was third behind Jimmie Johnson and Edwards, who won nine races in 2008. Biffle became the first driver to win two of the 10 Chase races in the same season though those were his only victories. For now, Biffle is enjoying being on top while realizing there are 19 more races before the final 10-race Chase starts in mid-September. He hopes to be in the same spot at the end of the season, no matter what happens before then. “I know that we’re probably not going to lead the points the whole way. So I’m happy and proud of our team fighting to stay in the points lead running as good as we can every week,” Biffle said. “If and when that happens, certainly I’m not going to let that take the wind out of our sails. ... We’re going to work as hard as we can to keep the points lead, keep in the top five, keep in the top three. “If we continue to lead the points, that’s a bonus,” he said. “If we’re not leading the points, we still are going to have that positive attitude.”

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Greg Biffle
NASCAR driver

MMA

Committee vies for NY sanction

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Now led by an ex-Olympian in stiletto heels, a fighter known for twisting arms until her opponents quit, an effort to legalize professional mixed martial arts is attempting another comeback in New York. The state Senate approved legislation again Wednesday, voting 43-14, to make New York the 46th state to legalize and regulate the sport, though opposition remains among some lawmakers who say they oppose its violence and that influence on children. That chamber has beaten back legalization for seven years, recently keeping it out of this year’s budget. Ronda Rousey, MMA’s newest guest lobbyist, urged lawmakers at the Capitol on Wednesday to approve it. The winner of a 2008 Olympics bronze medal in judo, she is the unbeaten Strikeforce women’s champion at 135 pounds. She said nobody was offering her a judo salary, and she made \$32,000 for her last MMA fight. “I’ve never gotten a scratch or a bruise or anything,” Rousey said. In winning all five professional fights in the first round with an “arm bar,” she used her body as leverage and bent her opponent’s elbow in the opposite direction of the joint. Most opponents quickly gave up, though some had their elbows dislocated. “It’s not a serious injury but it’s serious at the time. It hurts a lot,” Rousey said. She has had both elbows dislocated multiple times, she said, and noted that judo is likewise rough, but spec-



Sen. Kevin Parker, left, poses with mixed martial arts athlete Ronda Rousey, center, and Nick Catone in Albany, N.Y., on Wednesday.

tators can’t see that under its loose garments. During Wednesday’s debate, Sen. Kevin Parker, a Brooklyn Democrat, said data show that from 1990 to 2003 there were 79 deaths related to soccer and 300 related to football while there were only two worldwide from mixed martial arts. “There are far less concussions in MMA than there are in boxing because many of the bouts end in submission or ‘taps,’” he said. Sen. Joseph Griffo, an Oneida County Republican who sponsored the bill, said giving the state Athletic Commission authority to regulate MMA like professional boxing would alleviate many safety concerns and help prevent underground fighting. He believes there’s support

and wants the Assembly to permit a floor vote to see, he said. “The day of the gladiator, I think it ended with the demise of the Roman Empire,” said Sen. Stephen Saland, a Poughkeepsie Republican who voted against the bill. He agreed with concerns about other violent sports, including concussions from football that could eventually turn out to be hundreds of thousands of injuries as awareness continues to grow. Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver said he doesn’t think there’s “a groundswell of support” for mixed martial arts though strict regulation might be an option, acknowledging it is already on television in every child’s home. “I have mixed feelings about it,” he said.

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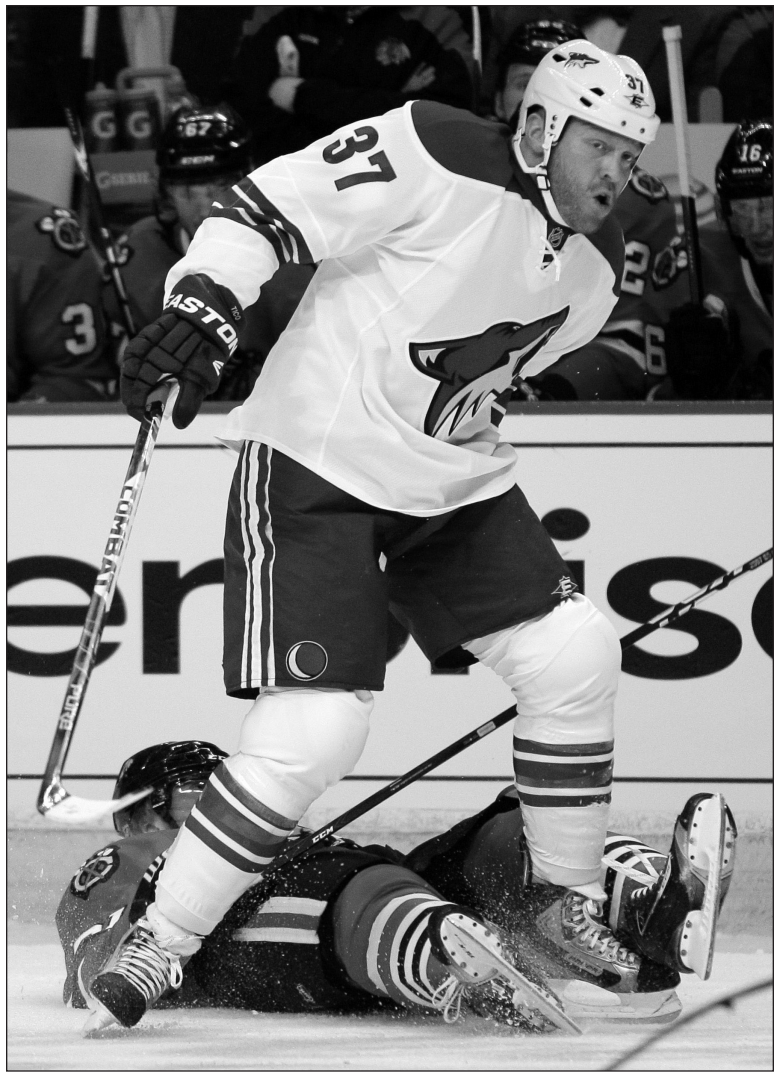
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NHL

Phoenix forward Torres banned for hit on Hossa



Coyotes forward Raffi Torres stands over Blackhawks forward Marian Hossa after hitting him during Phoenix's 3-2 win Tuesday.

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The NHL suspended Phoenix Coyotes forward Raffi Torres indefinitely on Wednesday for knocking Chicago's Marian Hossa out of the game — and maybe the playoffs — with a shoulder blow to the head.

Hossa won't play in Game 4 on Thursday with the Coyotes leading the series 2-1. He was at home resting, exchanging texts with his Blackhawks teammates less than 24 hours after he was carried off the ice on a stretcher and taken to a hospital.

The hard knock by Torres was the latest in a first round that has been dominated by brawls and violent hits. The NHL scheduled a Friday hearing in New York for a player who has a reputation for big — and some say dirty — hits.

Depending on the locker room, the severity of the blow — one year after Torres did the same thing to Chicago's Brent Seabrook while playing for Vancouver — differed and took the spotlight from a competitive first-round matchup that has seen all three games go to overtime.

"I've seen a lot of other hits like it in the league. It's a fast game," Coyotes coach Dave Tippett said Wednesday. "The thing about TV is you can slow it down and you can click and click and click it. When you're out there on the ice, it's not slowed down and click, click, click. It's a fast game."

"I don't think there was any malicious intent on Raffi's part," he added. "He's a hard hitter. That's the way he plays the game. He turned, coming full speed, caught a guy right in the chest. Unfortunately, the

player was injured."

Torres' skates were off the ice as he hit Hossa and sent Chicago's regular-season points leader crashing to the ice in the first period. Hossa had just passed the puck when he was hit.

"There's only been one dirty hit in our series and you saw the same thing from that guy last year in the same series," Chicago's Patrick Sharp said. "You know it's coming. You try to warn your linemates and be aware when he's on the ice. He's got a history of targeting guys' heads and having questionable hits. It makes it that much more frustrating to see it happen, but we got to rally behind Hossa."

Chicago coach Joel Quenneville reiterated that the hit on Hossa was "brutal." He said there was little change in Hossa's condition without being specific, but said he was definitely out for Thursday's game.

Asked if Hossa's injury was long-term, Quenneville said: "We'll see."

Hossa went to a hospital for tests Tuesday night before he was taken home. A team doctor said a full recovery is expected but there is no timetable.

Torres, who wasn't available Wednesday, spoke after the game and said: "I felt like it was a hockey play. I was just trying to finish my hit out there."

The Blackhawks weren't buying it.

"In the history of the game, hitting is used to dislodge a player from the puck, not the intent to injure when you don't have the puck because you aren't aware. To me, that wasn't a hockey play," Blackhawks forward Andrew Brunette said. "When you don't have the puck, there shouldn't be that kind of contact."

MLB

Walker, Pirates top Arizona

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Neil Walker's two-out bloop single fell near three players in shallow center field and drove in Clint Barmes with the go-ahead run in the top of the eighth inning, and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 2-1 Wednesday.

The Pirates, who won two games in the three-game series with Arizona, got back-to-back two-out singles from Barmes and Andrew McCutchen in the eighth off Diamondbacks starter Daniel Hudson before Walker's hit off reliever David Hernandez.

Chris Resop and Tony Watson combined to pitch a scoreless eighth inning, and Juan Cruz earned his second straight save after allowing a leadoff single in the ninth.

The Diamondbacks went ahead 1-0 after leadoff man Willie Bloomquist tripled and scored on Jason Kubel's single in the first inning, the 10th game of 12 overall this season in which Arizona has scored in the first inning. The Diamondbacks turned three double plays in the first four innings.

Hudson (1-1) allowed both Pirates runs on six hits, including a solo home run to Pedro Alvarez in the top of the seventh, over 7 2-3 innings. Hudson struck out five and walked three in his best start of the season to date, but was tagged with the loss.

Pirates starter James Mc-

Donald lasted four innings and threw 78 pitches. Brad Lincoln, making his first major-league appearance of the season, relieved and tossed three shut-out innings, striking out four and escaping a jam in the sixth with a double play with runners at first and third and one out.

Alvarez entered the game batting .042 with one hit in 24 at-bats. His home run was his second, and second hit, of the

season.

Diamondbacks rookie A.J. Pollock made his major-league debut, batting seventh and playing center field in place of Chris Young, who was placed on the 15-day disabled list Wednesday with a bruised right shoulder. Pollock went 0-for-3 with a walk, was caught stealing when he overslid the second base bag in the seventh inning and hit into the last out of the game.

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MLB

Giants' Wilson undergoes reconstructive elbow surgery

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — All-Star Giants closer Brian Wilson will undergo Tommy John reconstructive elbow surgery Thursday in Pensacola, Fla.

Renowned orthopedist Dr. James Andrews will perform the surgery after doing a similar procedure on Wilson when the right-hander was in college at LSU in 2003. San Francisco team orthopedist Dr. Ken Akizuki was set to travel to Florida on Wednesday night to assist with the operation.

Andrews examined Wilson on Wednesday and confirmed the Giants' diagnosis of a torn ulnar collateral ligament that will sideline him all season. While the timeframe can be longer than the standard 12-18 months following Tommy John surgery, the Giants hope Wilson is a quick healer and

will be able to pitch in 2013.

"We're all set to have the surgery done and get that over with," manager Bruce Bochy said Wednesday before the series finale with the Philadelphia Phillies. "On the rehab side of it, they're doing a better job of getting these guys back on the mound, throwing a little bit sooner. From what I understand, when you have the second one it could take a little longer. It's not like there's a large sample

size to show that. Hopefully it all goes well and Brian will be pitching next year."

The 30-year-old bearded closer led the majors with 48 saves in 2010 and recorded the final out in Game 5 of the World Series at Texas to clinch the franchise's first championship since moving West in 1958.

The three-time All-Star complained of discomfort in the elbow last Friday and was sent for an MRI exam. Wilson threw 32 pitches at Colorado last Thursday while working on back-to-back days, and had to be checked on once. Groeschner said Wilson felt something in the elbow that day, but told the team Friday.

Wilson finished 6-4 with a 3.11 ERA and 36 saves in 57 appearances last season, held out down the stretch as a precaution. He had taken all of the important steps in his rehab this spring, so the injury caught everybody by surprise.

Bochy expects Wilson to rejoin the team at home next weekend after its upcoming road trip East to New York and Cincinnati.

"He'll come back here and resume his rehab and I'm

"He'll come back here and resume his rehab and I'm sure he'll be around to support his teammates."

Bruce Bochy
Giants manager



Giants closer Brian Wilson delivers a pitch during a game against Cincinnati in San Francisco on June 11, 2011.



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sure he'll be around to support his teammates," Bochy said.

The Giants are confident in their current bullpen structure with Santiago Casilla in the closer spot — he filled in for Wilson last year — and Sergio Romo and Javier Lopez are also capable ninth-inning options to hold a late lead.

In fact, center fielder Angel Pagan said the bullpen will "protect it like an upside

down cat."

Casilla earned his first save in Tuesday's 4-2 win, following up scoreless innings by Romo and Clay Hensley.

"Our staff is well-armed," Romo said. "We can pitch in whatever situation. Tonight we showed how we mesh and blend well. We complement each other. We're just trying to get outs. There was really no pressure to get the first close game out of the way."

Ganeff

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The Irish will have another chance to prove themselves Thursday at home against Cleveland State (13-30, 5-7 Horizon). Despite a few key injuries for the Vikings, Ganeff said Notre Dame knows it should not underestimate them.

"You can't ever count them

out," Ganeff said. "Traditionally they've been a strong regional competition. They've taken some knocks, but they're going to fight for the win, and we have to come at them offensively right out of the gate."

The Irish will continue their homestand against Cleveland State on Thursday at 5 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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Junior Jeremy Rae hugs Irish coach Joe Plane following his second sub four minute mile at the Mayo invitational on Feb. 4. Rae and senior Jonathan Shawel will compete at the Mt. SAC Relays on Thursday.

Urssery

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faster,” Urssery said.

While she looks to improve on her career-best time from last weekend, Urssery said she also aims to ensure she is able to perform her best at the conference championships, which begin on May 4.

“I am trying to stay consistent during the outdoor season so that in the event that I do run faster, I will be able to keep running faster so that when it comes time for the big meet, I will run a [personal record] there rather than run a [personal record] too early,” she said.

Although the Big East cham-

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Rebecca Tracy
junior

pionships are only two weeks away, the Irish aim to remain focused on the meets at hand.

“[We focus on] one meet at a time. We have this weekend as a chance to run a couple more fast times,” Tracy said. “Maybe a couple more people can qualify for [the] Big East [tournament], but at the moment, a good number of us are already qualified so now it is just a little more fitness before we get there.”

This weekend, the Irish will look for another winning performance from senior pole-vaulter Kevin Schipper. Schipper, who was named the Big East Men’s Field Athlete of the Week on Monday, has finished first in three out of his four outdoor meets this season.

While a majority of the team will visit the Hoosiers, junior middle-distance runner Jeremy Rae and senior middle-distance runner Johnathan Shawel will travel to Walnut, Calif., for the prestigious Mt. SAC (San Antonio College) Relays. Both Rae and Shawel will compete in the 1500-meter run, an event in which Rae currently holds the second-best time nationally.

For Irish athletes, regardless of whether they are headed to Indiana or Mt. SAC, the meets present valuable opportunities before the conference championships.

“This weekend is to go out there and try to run fast,” Tracy said. “Everybody is in, for the most part, their primary event, so the goal is to run some fast times. If you haven’t qualified for regionals, hopefully get a mark that will get you there.”

While Rae and Shawel head west for the Mt. SAC Relays, Notre Dame will compete in the Polytan Invitational. Both meets begin Thursday and conclude Sunday.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles strive for tournament spot

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

With just six conference games remaining, the Belles look to secure a top-four spot in the standings to qualify for the MIAA tournament when they face Albion this afternoon.

Saint Mary’s (20-10, 5-5 MIAA) is currently tied for fourth place in the standings with Albion (11-21, 4-4) and Calvin.

“We need to win out [in conference games] in order to take our destiny into our own hands,” Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. “If we beat the teams we’re supposed to beat, we’ll be in good shape.”

The Belles look to rebound from a Tuesday doubleheader sweep at the hands of first-place Trine. The Thunder defeated the Belles 7-1 and 6-1, respectively. Early Trine leads victimized the Belles as the Thunder were

ahead 6-0 in the fourth innings of both games. Also, the Belles offense could only manage two runs despite 13 combined hits in the two games.

“We left too many runners on base and lacked timely hitting,” Sullivan said. “Trine’s a good team, but a tight strike zone forced each team’s pitchers to throw over the plate, and Trine capitalized on those pitches.”

Saint Mary’s also did not help its own cause by committing a combined six errors in two games while the Thunder only registered one. Belles sophomore pitcher Callie Selner was victimized by three unearned runs in her outing in game one.

“We had a couple of misplayed balls in the gap and some miscommunication,” Sullivan said. “However, we worked out those issues in practice and feel confident going forward.”

Meanwhile, the Britons were recently swept by seventh-place

Hope in a doubleheader Sunday, including one game that ended after five innings by mercy rule. Despite their matching conference record with the Belles, they have struggled in non-conference play with just a 7-17 record outside the MIAA.

“Albion is a scrappy team,” Sullivan said. “While they’re not loaded in any one area, they rely on team effort and capitalize on mistakes to win. We need to play our game and be really confident.”

The Britons have struggled offensively, batting just .234 as a team on the season compared to a .306 average for the Belles. Their top pitcher, senior Erin Giannotta, is 9-10 with a 2.85 ERA so far this season.

First pitch for Saint Mary’s and Albion is set for 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

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Vandy

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close win provides the Irish with valuable experience, Halfpenny said.

“They play in one of the toughest conferences in the country,” Halfpenny said. “Right now, actually, in their conference, all six of their teams are ranked in the top-20, so they are battle tested every time out. It did give us experience that we needed.”

Irish junior goalkeeper Ellie Hilling picked up her 10th win of the season between the pipes for the Irish, picking up 13 saves in the process.

“When you look at the stat sheets, we didn’t win one line except for we outscored them and out-saved them,” Halfpenny said. “So Ellie

Hilling was huge today for us ... Our defense in front really did their job in locking it down and giving her more savable shots, but at the same time, she had point blank [saves]. I am thrilled with her effort.”

Although the Irish ended up on the wrong side of the draw control battle in the game, Halfpenny said she was pleased with the work of freshman defender Barbara Sullivan on the draw.

“It was back and forth all game but when we really needed it she was pulling those down uncontested so I am really proud of her,” she said.

After gutting out a tough win at home, the Irish will travel to Washington, D.C., to face No. 14 Georgetown in a matchup heavy with Big East implications at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

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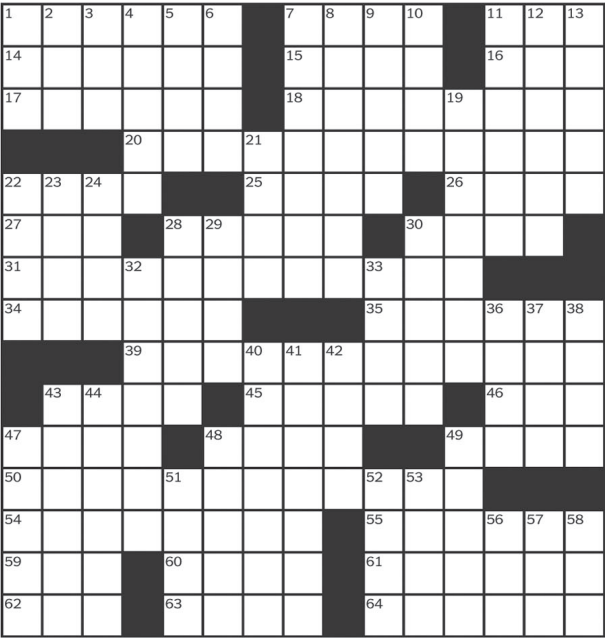
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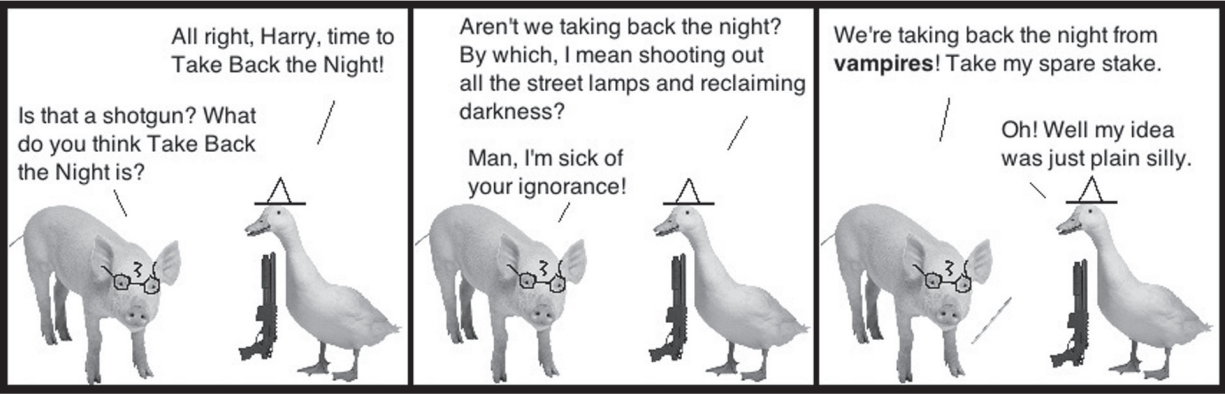
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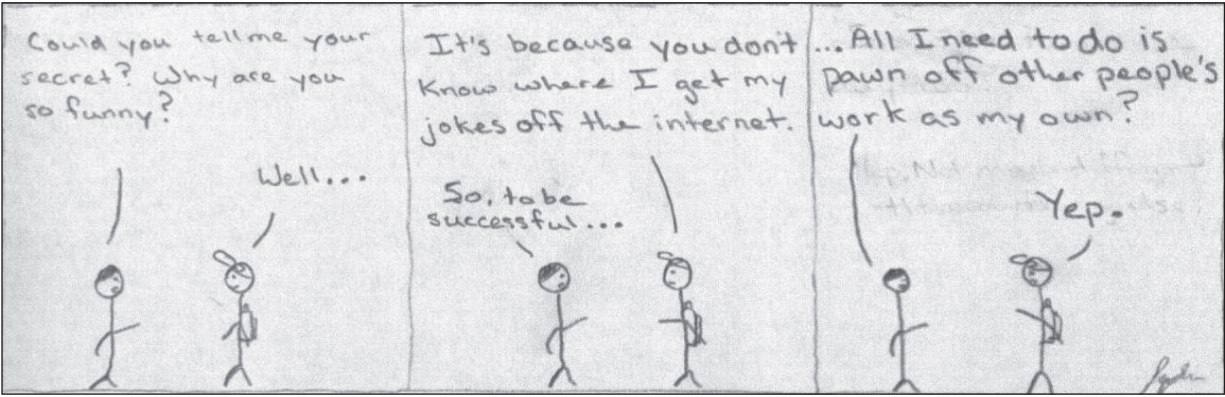
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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Closing the 'Dores

Senior Kelly Driscoll and junior Jaimie Morrison lead Irish to three-game winning streak with defeat of Vanderbilt

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

It took an offensive explosion at the start and lockdown defense at the end, but the No. 6 Irish did just enough to secure a 12-11 win over No. 18 Vanderbilt Wednesday in Arlotta Stadium.

The contest was all Notre Dame (11-2, 4-2 Big East) in the opening minutes, as the home team jumped out to an early lead, scoring the first five goals of the game. After Irish senior attack Kelly Driscoll broke open the scoring, junior attack Jaimie Morrison notched four straight for the Irish.

"I was excited about the start that we had," Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said. "That is something that we have been focusing on and we got out of the gate strong and then continued to do so."

The Commodores (7-7, 1-4 ALC) responded with their first goal nearly 15 minutes into the game and added two more goals while keeping the Irish off the board over the last 14:03 of the half to reduce the deficit to 6-3 at halftime.

The Commodores began the second half on a tear, taking

the first four draw controls of the half and netting three straight goals to even the score. Irish senior attack Maggie Tamasitis finally ended Notre Dame's 20-minute goal drought by weaving through the defense and bouncing in a score with 23:50 remaining.

"We hit a little bit of a lull there when we let them back into the game," Halfpenny said. "That is something we have to figure out, but I am really proud of these girls — how they continue to fight and play this game to the final whistle."

The two teams traded goals for the remainder of the half as the Irish were unable to open up a lead larger than three goals. Notre Dame never trailed in the game. Leading 12-11 in the final minute-and-a-half, the Irish defense was able to turn the Commodores away empty-handed to secure the win.

The loss drops Vanderbilt to .500, but six of its seven losses have come against teams ranked inside the top-11, including four defeats at the hands of top-six teams. Considering Vanderbilt's track record against tough competition, the

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Irish sophomore midfielder Lindsay Powell carries the ball past a Vanderbilt defender during No. 6 Notre Dame's 12-11 win over No. 18 Vanderbilt on Wednesday.

TRACK AND FIELD

Irish participate in Invitational



ALEX PARTAK/The Observer

Irish junior Rebecca Tracy competes in the women's distance medley at the Alex Wilson Invitational on March 2.

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

One week after teaming up with Indiana to defeat Louisville and Kentucky in the Texas Roadhouse Border Battle, the Irish will travel to Bloomington, Ind., for the Polytan Invitational.

The Irish recorded nine event wins in the Border Battle last weekend. Less than a month into what has been a solid outdoor season, the Irish are already beginning to eye the Big East outdoor championships on the horizon.

"So far it has been a really impressive spring for everybody so we are really looking forward to this weekend running a couple more fast races before we get into Big East," junior middle-distance runner Rebecca Tracy said.

Tracy earned a first-place finish in the 800-meter run on Saturday with a Border Battle record time of 2:07.49. Also coming off a strong performance for the Irish is sophomore sprinter Aijah Urssery, who finished just .03 seconds behind Irish freshman sprinter Jade Barber in the 100-meter dash for second place.

"Last weekend I [ran a personal-record] in the 100[-meter dash], a lifetime [personal record], so this weekend I am hoping that I can run a little bit

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ND SOFTBALL

Ganeff sees potential for postseason success

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

The Irish bounced back from a rough weekend against Syracuse with a 6-3 win over Valparaiso on Wednesday.

Notre Dame (22-13, 5-3 Big East) was out of the gate fast, scoring all six of its runs in the first two innings. Freshman infielder Katey Haus got the ball rolling with the first of eight Notre Dame hits with two outs in the bottom of the first. Freshman outfielder Emilee Koerner and junior catcher Amy Buntin also had hits and gave the Irish a 2-0 lead. Valparaiso (28-11, 12-0 Horizon) was unable to respond in the second inning.

Buntin had the highlight of the game, blasting a three-run homerun in the bottom of the second inning that brought the Irish lead to 6-0.

Irish assistant coach Kris Ganeff said the early offensive success was key to the victory.

"We actually played a really good game," Ganeff said. "Defensively we were solid and offensively we came out with a bang. We outpitched

them, we outhit them, overall we did a really good job."

The Irish win marked the end of an 11-game winning streak for the Crusaders, who have made a name for themselves this season with their stellar hitting.

"They are a fabulous hitting team," Ganeff said. "They have a player up for [Horizon League] player of the year. She didn't get a single hit off of us, which I thought was incredible."

Two solo homeruns and a double helped the Crusaders bridge the gap to 6-3, but the Irish held their ground and snatched the win.

Ganeff said the win was just what the Irish needed to head into the remainder of their season with confidence.

"We needed to come back from the losses against Syracuse," Ganeff said. "We learned a lot from those losses. We evaluated where we were at and were able to fine-tune a few things in practice. It really helped the girls to realize that it's not too late for them to make a name for themselves. There's always another chance to come out and compete."

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