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SMC group supports AllianceND

Panel addresses formation, success of Saint Mary's Straight and Gay Alliance

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

As the University's decision approaches on whether to approve AllianceND as an official student club, the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) hosted a panel discussion Monday about the work of the Saint Mary's College Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) in combating prejudice since its recognition in spring 2005.

Sarah Medina Steimer, a 2006 alumna of the College who served as SAGA's first president, said lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LBTQ) issues were addressed by a somewhat "underground" group of students prior to SAGA's recognition as an official student group.

"Before [SAGA was recognized], we would only hear about things on the National Day of Silence and National Coming Out Day, when students would draw with sidewalk chalk, wear ribbons or present a slip of paper to their professors about the day of silence," Steimer said.

Initially, the College administration did not strongly oppose the recognition of SAGA as an official club, Steimer said, though the proposed club's intentions were sometimes misrepresented.



KARLA MORENO/The Observer

Panelists, from left to right, Rebecca Jones, Cristina Bueno, Sarah Medina Steimer and Professor Mary Rose D'Angelo discuss the Saint Mary's Straight and Gay Alliance in Geddes Hall on Monday.

"There was some worry that having a gay-straight alliance would turn into a sex club that would promote homosexual behavior, which we had to keep in mind when planning events and fundraisers," she said. "In trying to get approved, we were showing the need for awareness, not trying to get a group of women together to start dating each other."

Steimer said the student body's support helped the club achieve official recognition.

"We had a lot of student support and not a lot of backlash. There wasn't much opposition in student government either," she said. "We had a lot of support from the Student Diversity Board, which had a position for a SAGA member, so that really helped."

During SAGA's first year, the club worked to increase its visibility on campus and make its mission known to the Saint Mary's community, Steimer said.

"We tried to make a name for ourselves so people would see that we were there to promote diversity and a safe space for les-

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Columnist writes book on religion

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN
News Writer

What's wrong with American Christianity today? Just ask New York Times columnist, Ross Douthat, who will speak on his latest book, "Bad Religion: How We Became a Nation of Heretics," Wednesday at the Eck Hall of Law.



Douthat

Douthat said the book was intended to capture what is occurring within American Christianity. He said he defines "heresy" in two ways — when one completely departs from faith or when one pushes traditional faith to an extreme.

"The ultimate goal of the book is to make a theological argument about how American religion [has

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Chef honored with award

By DAN BROMBACH
News Writer

In an age of cooking shows and celebrity chefs, it can be easy to forget the culinary profession has not always been respected, let alone glamorized, by American society.

But Notre Dame Executive Chef Donald Miller received the American Culinary Federation National Chef Professionalism Award this month in honor of his continued efforts to elevate the status of chefs in the United States through education and training.

Although he did not actively seek the award, Miller said it was greatly humbling to be recognized for fostering increased respect for chefs as working professionals.

Miller said he was inspired



Miller

to enter the culinary profession by childhood visits to his grandmother's house, where he sat for hours watching her make strudel, ribbon candy and Austrian delicacies.

"Whenever I got bored, I would go back into the kitchen where my grandma was cooking," Miller said. "She was incredible, I was fascinated by it. I'm sure that's what impressed me."

However, Miller said his eventual decision to pursue his dream and enter the Culinary Institute of America infuriated his parents.

"My folks were incredibly upset," he said. "They just couldn't see it, but it was something that I wanted to do. You get your shot, and you either take it or you let it pass you by."

After working as the executive chef at a series of hotels and resorts, as well as serving as a culinary arts instructor at Joliet Junior College in Joliet, Ill., Miller said he came to Notre Dame because

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Students build model rocket

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

Many people dream of being astronauts, but for members of Notre Dame's student chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), designing rockets is more fun than riding in them.

Eight aerospace engineering majors of all years put their studies into practice this weekend in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) University Student Launch Initiative (USLI) in Huntsville, Ala.

Junior Jim Lampariello said the competition involved designing and testing a sophisticated rocket.

"It's a contest sponsored by NASA to build a reusable, high-powered rocket," Lampariello said. "The goal is to reach exactly one mile in altitude and also to carry scientific payload."

Lampariello said 55 teams from colleges around the United States were chosen to



Photo courtesy of Matthew Kudija

Notre Dame's USLI team poses with their rocket. The rocket launched to 4,680 ft. in altitude and carried a scientific payload.

compete in USLI.

"Teams [came from] as far away as Alaska and Hawaii, competing against teams like MIT and Georgia Tech," he said. "Big name schools

[were involved]."

Notre Dame's team spent the last year working on the project, Lampariello said.

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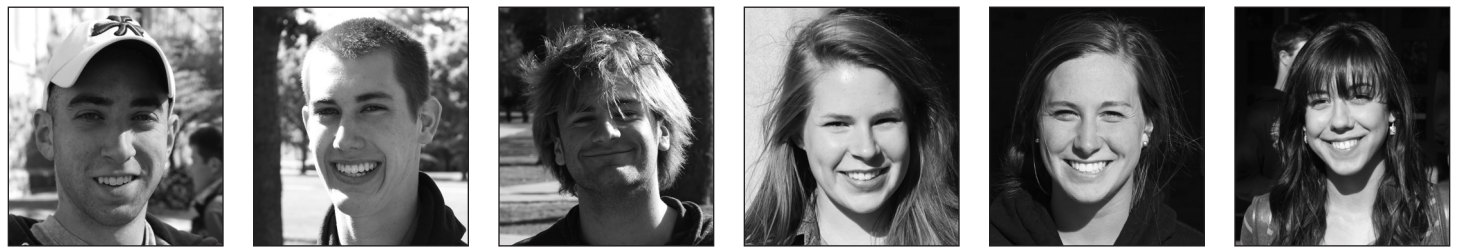
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD YOU PICK TO PLAY A LEGENDS CONCERT THIS SATURDAY?



Matt Bernstein	Jamie Schmidt	Mike Kreft	Georgie Herr	Kathleen Severyn	Shaylyn Sikorski
<i>junior Stanford</i>	<i>freshman Stanford</i>	<i>freshman O'Neill</i>	<i>freshman Pangborn</i>	<i>freshman Welsh Family</i>	<i>junior Lewis</i>
"Holographic 2Pac."	"Peter Chung."	"The Darkness."	"Bon Iver."	"Backstreet Boys."	"*NSYNC."

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ANDREW CHENG/The Observer

Students line up to get AnTostal tank top shirts at the South Quad Tailgate on Monday evening. AnTostal is Gaelic for "the festival," and is a weeklong Notre Dame tradition to provide a break for students before finals week.

OFFBEAT

Calif. eatery known for 'rudest waiter' closing

SAN FRANCISCO — Heartbroken customers lined up for meal at a closing San Francisco institution - a 100-year-old Chinese restaurant once known for having "the world's rudest waiter." Diners of decades past say he would verbally abuse patrons, slam down dishes, and chastise complainers.

Sam Wo, a Chinatown hole-in-the-wall that typified the kind of ethnic eateries for which the city's culinary scene was lauded before it became a trendy haven for foodies, planned to serve its last customers early Saturday.
 David Ho, a descendant of one of the restaurant's

original owners, decided to shut down after officials demanded extensive health and safety upgrades.

On Friday, saddened patrons lined down the block to get a seat at one of the eight lunch tables and to mourn the loss of another San Francisco institution over bowls of won ton soup.

New Mexico cat weighs in at nearly 40 pounds

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Meow can't help but waddle. He's one super-sized cat.

The 2-year-old orange and white tabby tips the scale at nearly 40 pounds, and the Santa Fe Animal Shelter is on a mission to get the feline back into shape.
 Meow's 87-year-old owner

could no longer take care of him, so the pet was turned over to a shelter in southeastern New Mexico that called the Santa Fe shelter for help.

"The thing with this cat is when you look at it, certainly it's obese. You see that. But it's a sweet looking cat. His face is very sweet. It's just incredibly fat," shelter spokesman Ben Swan said Friday.

Meow has been placed with a foster family. He'll be on a special diet so he can start shedding some pounds. The goal is for him to lose at least 10 pounds so he can be put up for adoption.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

There will be a workshop titled "Teaching with Concourse in Sakai" today from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room in LaFortune Student Center.

L. James Lee, a chemical and biomolecular engineering professor at The Ohio State University, will present a seminar on nanofluidics for gene delivery today from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall.

Elder Bruce Porter of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will deliver a lecture titled "The Latter-day Saints Come Marching In: Mormonism Abroad and at Home in the 21st Century" today from 4 to 6 p.m. in 119 DeBartolo Hall.

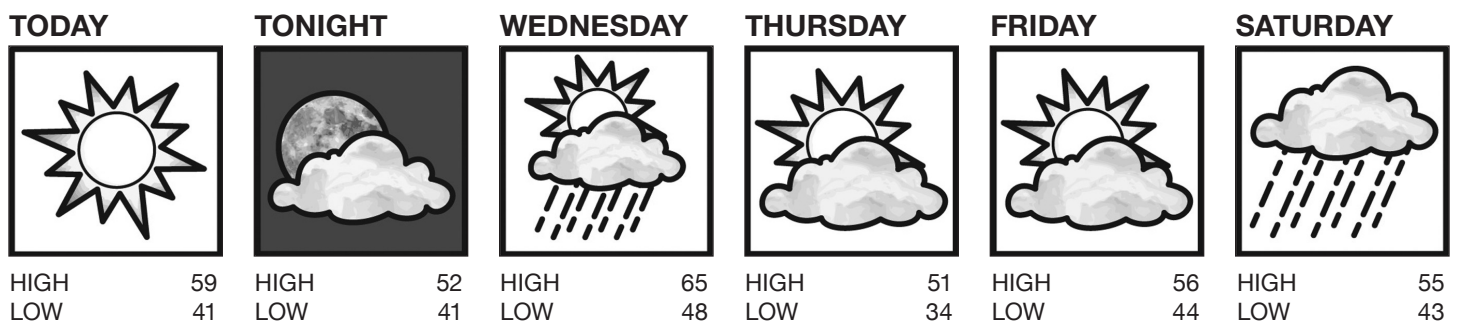
Emily Budick, Ann and Joseph Edelman Professor of American Studies and Director of the Center for Literary Studies at The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, will deliver a lecture titled "The Holocaust and the 'Subject of Fiction'" today at 5 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

Rev. Timothy Scully, C.S.C. will deliver a lecture as part of the Last Lecture Series today from 7 to 8:45 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

The Bookstore Basketball Tournament round of 32 begins tonight at 7:15 p.m. at the bookstore courts.

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bian, bisexual and questioning students to come together without making them vulnerable," she said. "It was very important to have this inclusion and show that a gay-straight alliance is really important on a college campus, especially one that's faith-based."

Steimer said she and her fellow SAGA members emphasized how the club's mission coincided with that of Saint Mary's as a Catholic institution.

"We tried to show how much this group supported the school's mission and would make Saint Mary's a better place for its students," she said.

Above all, the founding of SAGA provided students with a more informal arena for peer-to-peer interaction and conversation about LBTQ issues on campus outside of the counseling services available to students, Steimer said.

"The members of SAGA found it important that students knew we were there as a resource to use. You need multiple areas of support, and by having a recognized group, you know there are people you can talk to," she said. "Not all students feel comfortable going to the Counseling Center because of the power dynamic it creates, whereas having a peer-to-peer group allows students to talk to others going through the same situations and creates a better place to talk to someone in the same age group about their experiences."

Although its operational structure has evolved in recent years, the mission of SAGA in providing a safe space for peer support and discussion on campus has remained constant since the group's inception, senior and vice president of SAGA Rebecca Jones said.

"The focus was originally on having a peer support group for students who had faced issues on campus, but it didn't do much in terms of campus programming or outreach," she said. "Then a new group of officers came in, and they had a vision for totally hybridizing the group into a support group that does something about the things they talk about."

Jones said SAGA focuses on incorporating its concerns into academic issues on campus and works to promote its ally outreach program at Saint Mary's and outside the College.

"Last year, it came to our attention that we were the only campus of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross that had a gay-straight alliance. We didn't figure it out until Holy Cross students started coming to our meetings, so we tried to help them get conversations going on their campus," she said. "This year, we got in touch with PSA to work on outreach at Notre Dame to see what we could do to help get AllianceND approved."

Although reception of the club has been generally favorable on campus, Jones said SAGA faces certain restrictions in its programming because of the College's Catholic character.

"In planning our events, we're not allowed to raise money for or promote things that go against the Catholic mission of the College, such as same-sex marriage," she said.

In a similar vein, the club is also restricted from scheduling programming when the Board of Trustees meets on campus, junior and SAGA president Cristina Bueno said.

"Our adviser from the Office of Student Involvement notified us about [the restriction], and SAGA is the only multicultural club that's not allowed to have advertisements or events while the trustees are on campus," she said. "They pay more attention to us than other multicultural



KARLA MORENO/The Observer

Panelists, from left to right, Rebecca Jones, Cristina Bueno, Sarah Medina Steimer and Professor Mary Rose D'Angelo discuss SAGA's efforts to support the proposed AllianceND group.

clubs."

Despite these restrictions, Bueno said SAGA strives to create programming that brings more students into the conversations the group has on a regular basis through awareness events like Ally Week and Pride Week.

"It's great to have big events to get other students interested in SAGA events, and we gear a lot of events towards allies," Bueno said. "We really try to have speakers who can educate, be inspiring and get people involved. The question and answer sessions afterwards show that students are interested in these issues, so we're glad we can provide that for them."

Mary Rose D'Angelo, associate professor of theology at Notre Dame, said the role SAGA plays at Saint Mary's could be filled by an approved gay-straight alliance at Notre Dame without posing a threat to Catholic teaching or injuring the Catholic character of the University, as opponents of the proposed AllianceND often

argue.

"Any group that helps make campus a more welcoming place should be considered an advocacy group, and it's clear that the Saint Mary's group has been effective," D'Angelo said. "Catholic teaching and Catholic character are far from simple, but the catechism affirms that people must be treated with respect, compassion and dignity."

The catechism states every sign of "unjust discrimination" should be avoided, and refusing approval for AllianceND is a prime example of unjust discrimination, D'Angelo said.

"[AllianceND] looks like a really good means of carrying out the mandate of acceptance articulated in the catechism in that it would be a place where LGBTQ students and allies can work to create a sense of human solidarity," she said. "The focus of the group would be to provide social support, but because it's explicitly an alliance, it isn't a dating service for gay students. It's a venue for student relief where students are treated with compassion and sensitivity."

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group reviews The Shirt

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

Members of Campus Life Council (CLC) discussed reopening the Campus Bike Shop, innovations in The Shirt Project and the new academic focus of the First Year Orientation (FYO) program Monday.

Student body president emeritus Pat McCormick requested a vote on a resolution supporting the continuation of the Campus Bike Shop. CLC voted unanimously in support of the resolution.

Senior Paul Baranay, vice president of The Shirt Committee, presented the new design of this year's Shirt. He said the student-run committee chose to highlight Notre Dame's past with a more complex design than in past years.

"[The design] captures the tradition of Notre Dame, its past players and rising players, along with several accomplishments," Baranay said. "The front [of The Shirt] is a throwback to a 'Shake Down the Thunder' design of the 90's with Knute Rockne's face."

Baranay said the choice of partnering with the Alta Gracia brand this year was novel, but kept in line with The Shirt's original mission.

"They were a great company with a history of success and a benefit of living wages for their workers in the Dominican Republic," he said. "The shirt itself provides charity for students and organizations that need it."

Sophomore Alex Doctor, a member of the Student Campus Orientation Committee, then spoke to CLC members about refocusing the FYO program. The goal of FYO is to foster the social, spiritual and academic development of each student, she said.

"We really want to develop the academic portion, which hasn't been as focused on in the past,"

she said. "The challenge we see in the FYO process is that the dorms and staff are focused on the social aspect and sometimes forget that they're preparing freshmen for an academic journey."

Doctor said the team also worked with the First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership (FUEL) program to institute a series of training sessions for FYO staff. These meetings are meant to start conversation on cultural competency and inclusion, she said.

"We're really hoping through these meetings to emphasize this feeling of cultural competency, inclusion, a new type of event, diversity with events," she said. "By the time FYO comes around, we'll have a new, more inclusive process."

The Orientation Committee will meet with each of the dorms separately to ensure programming with purpose, Doctor said.

"We're trying to make it a University-wide effort this year," she said.

CLC postponed a discussion on the Town Hall meetings held in response to racial harassment on campus until next week. McCormick said members will discuss a resolution thanking the University for their work in stopping discrimination on campus.

"We've been incredibly grateful in student government for the work of the Office of Student Affairs, which was strongly represented at the Town Hall meetings. There's a real sense that this is an opportunity for conflict transformation," he said. "Particularly as we move forward, it is a major point of the new administration, and we will honor that accordingly."

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Congratulations to

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Excellence in Teaching Award

Each year, the Sheedy Award, named for a former dean of the College of Arts and Letters, honors one member of the Arts and Letters teaching and research faculty for outstanding teaching.

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become] increasingly heretical," Douthat said. "[What constitutes heresy is] the hardest question human beings experience."

Douthat said he wrote "Bad Religion" in response to the stark divisions he observed between the religious and secular spheres during the Bush administration era.

"Every argument about religion boiled down to whether God exists," Douthat said. "I thought it made it seem like Americans in particular were divided into conservative Christians and secular people, and it didn't capture America in all its weirdness and complexities."

The book also tries to take a more serious look at "pop spirituality," Douthat said.

"I spent a lot of time on figures like the author of 'Eat, Pray, Love' [Elizabeth Gilbert] and Dan Brown's 'The Da Vinci Code,'" he said. "Those are the places where a lot of Americans get a lot of their religious sensibilities."

Douthat said he wanted "Bad Religion" to explore what happened to the Catholic Church and Protestant denominations in America beginning in the 1940s.

"There were times when I thought I bit off more than I could chew," Douthat said. "[The history] is just the first half of the book ... I tried to cover such a broad and complicated story. It's a hard story to tell ... You could write a whole book about just what happened to Catholicism in the 1960s."

As the youngest op-ed contributor at the New York Times, Douthat said his youth was an advantage for finding a historical perspective on the internecine conflicts in the late 20th0th century.

"I like to think that part of what I'm trying to do with my book is put some of the religious conflict in a bit of a historical perspective," he said. "I didn't participate in a lot of these debates, [which] gives me a little bit of distance and fresh perspective."

A Harvard graduate, Douthat said his education as a Catholic at a politically liberal school makes his perspective particularly interesting.

Douthat said "Bad Religion" would be a fascinating read for Notre Dame students because it distills the challenge of trying to be traditionally Christian in a 21st-century society.

"[I tried to] determine what the real challenges to the Catholic faith are," he said. "Secularism isn't that powerful ... There are potent alternatives, [for example,] pseudo-Christianity."

Compared to his past two books, "Privilege: Harvard and the Education of the Ruling Class" and "Grand New Party: How Republicans Can Win the Working Class and Save the American Dream," Douthat said "Bad Religion" is the most ambitious.

"['Privilege'] was a personal book, with a bit of sociology, that commented on elite education ... It was a more limited subject," he said. "['Grand New Party'] was more ambitious, but I did have a co-author. We shared the burden of tackling history and modern policy."

Douthat said he was honored to speak at Notre Dame as part of his tour.

"[Notre Dame] is the flagship Catholic institution," he said.

Douthat will speak in 1140 Eck Hall of Law at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday. Lunch will be served.

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Rocket

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"We had to submit a proposal to get accepted by NASA ... back in late September," he said. "We got accepted in October, and we were awarded a \$3,000 grant to carry out the project."

The team submitted periodic reports leading up to the event, Lampariello said.

"Throughout the year, we had three different design reviews and three different presentations to NASA," he said. "We had a web conference with NASA engineers from across the country presenting our ideas and our design concepts and convincing them that we would be able to have a successful project."

Lampariello said a lot of work went into preparing for the contest.

"In our case, we measured atmospheric pressure, temperature, data [and] a whole bunch of different atmospheric characteristics," he said.

Junior Matthew Kudija

said the team looks forward to hearing the results of the competition in May after its members submit their final report.

"There was a string of reports submitted as part of the competition, and our final report summarizing our results will be submitted shortly," Kudija said. "From that they select the overall winner of the competition."

Kudija said Notre Dame's student chapter of the AIAA encourages students to use their knowledge of aerospace engineering outside the classroom.

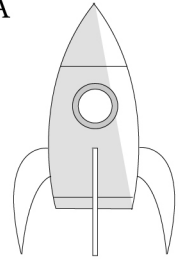
"The student chapter serves to promote aerospace-related activities, projects and such on campus," he said. "This year, its primary projects have been to sponsor the Design/Build/Fly and the USLI competitions."

Fifteen aerospace engineering students fielded a team for the Design/Build/Fly event that took place April 15th in Wichita, Kan., Kudija said.

Kudija said participating in aerospace engineering competitions gives students

University Student Launch Initiative

- Eight aerospace engineering majors designed and tested a rocket
- Competition sponsored by NASA
- 55 teams
- Will hear results in May



LAUREN KALINOSKI | Observer Graphic

a glimpse of what their jobs will be like after graduation.

"[These competitions] give all of us the opportunity to put into practice the theoretical knowledge we're learning in our classes as well as learning about working on a team and sticking with a project through the various challenges that arise," he said.

Junior Joshua Szezudlak

said the student chapter of the AIAA is looking for new members to participate in next year's competitions.

"We would really like to recruit younger members as hard as we can. If there's any interest at all, contact us," he said. "Anyone who likes rockets [is welcome]."

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MORRISSEY MEDALLION HUNT

APRIL 23 – APRIL 27

Rules for the Hunt

1. The medallion is hidden above ground on the main campus of Notre Dame and can be found only by a Notre Dame student or employee.
2. The medallion is not hidden in a residence hall, cemetery, church, or near the grotto.
3. The medallion can be found without damaging or defacing any land or property or otherwise violating any laws.
4. The Medallion Hunt will be terminated if any private or public property is damaged.
5. Daily riddles will be printed in *The Observer* and will lead you to the medallion.
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\$300 PRIZE



SMC student wins spiritual service award

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's senior Emily Kieffer will spend next year teaching English as a second language in Spain, a country she fell in love with after studying there in her sophomore year.

Kieffer said she decided to pursue a year of service abroad after realizing her passion for helping others, for which she recently received the Sr. Kathleen Anne Nelligan, C.S.C. Award for Spiritual Service.

"I did not even know I had been nominated for the award," Kieffer said. "Regina Wilson, the assistant director of Campus Ministry, had apparently nominated me for it. It was a complete surprise."

A native of Dublin, Ohio, Kieffer said she entered Saint Mary's with an interest in developing her faith for the good of others. She said she received the spiritual service award for her involvement in Campus Ministry and was one of five recipients.

"We were invited to a dinner a couple of week ago in honor of all of the recipients," Kieffer said. "All the recipients, including myself, were chosen based on the service we had committed to the Saint Mary's community."

Kieffer said she serves as a Eucharistic minister, leads weekly Bible studies and participates in a Women's Spirituality Group. She said she has also been a peer minister for the last two years.

"Being a member of the Women's Spirituality Group has allowed me to get to know other students who have a strong sense of faith and are eager to learn more about being Catholic," Kieffer said. "We talk through the struggles of being young, Catholic women and discuss how to stand firm in our faith and live it out daily."

Kieffer said she will teach through the Council on the International Education Exchange.

"I came into Saint Mary's thinking I'd be a bio major because I was good at science," Kieffer said. "After studying abroad in Spain, I realized how much I loved Spanish as a language and I knew that would be my major when I returned to Saint Mary's. I am also a secondary education minor, so teaching English to Spanish speaking students will be a perfect fit for me."

Kieffer will be in the Andalusia region but does not know what city she will be in or what grade she will teach.

"When I was abroad, I really enjoyed teaching English to adults in Spain," she said. "It was more of a conversation-based class rather than just learning the basics and grammar. I would love to be able to have that experience again."

Kieffer said she looks forward to re-immersing herself in Spanish culture and speaking Spanish fluently with people around her.

"The program is for one year, but it can be renewed for a second year, so who knows if I will be in Spain longer," Kieffer said.

Satisfied with how she will leave Saint Mary's in May, Kieffer encourages others to study abroad, recognize their passions and follow them, she said.

"Being involved in Campus Ministry and with Women's Spirituality really got me thinking about what I want to do with my life and how it can be useful to others in the world," Kieffer said. "I definitely think my journey to Spain will make good use of my time, my knowledge and my faith."

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of its emphasis on education and academic benefits outside the kitchen.

"There's an appreciation here at Notre Dame that education and research are important parts of the game," he said. "I could sense they wanted to take their food service to where I wanted to take it."

Miller said his day-to-day responsibilities as Notre Dame's executive chef are extensive and time-consuming, reaching far beyond food production itself.

"To assure the highest

quality culinary integrity through product development, research, demonstration, and audit. To provide leadership and guidance in reaching the correct culinary formula," he said. "Those are my responsibilities."

Administrative duties aside, Miller said his favorite part of the job is still escaping into the kitchen to cook.

"Cooking is an art, that's the fun part of it," he said. "When you're cooking and you really get into a rhythm, it's a beautiful thing."

Miller said he plans to work for a couple more years before retiring to pursue his passion for sailing.

"I'm not going to be one of those chefs who die in their

kitchens," Miller said.

Miller said he would warn people considering becoming chefs that the Food Channel is not an accurate representation of what their careers will be like.

"The Food Channel is a good thing, but it's also a bad thing because a lot of kids go to culinary school thinking their jobs are going to be glamorous, and then wash out when they have to work on weekends, holidays," Miller said. "The adage is when everybody else is having fun, you're usually working. Know what you're getting into."

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Economic reforms falter in Europe

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FRANKFURT, Germany — Europe's plan to fix its debt crisis by imposing budget cuts frayed Monday. Heavy selling rocked financial markets, uncertainty gripped two governments, and the economic outlook darkened across the continent.

The German stock market suffered its worst day in six weeks. In the United States, the Dow Jones industrial average lost more than 100 points.

Across Europe, the debt crisis appeared at its most perilous point since December, when most of the continent united behind a plan to place strict caps on government spending, a strategy known as austerity, and the European Central Bank made the first of two infusions of cheap credit into the banking system. New governments in Spain and Italy got to work on improving growth.

Now the first pillar of Europe's approach — austerity — is faltering.

"Europe has not solved its problems, and the austerity programs are making things worse, not better," said Peter Morici, an economist at the University of Maryland.

Cutting government spending can weaken an economy and result in less tax revenue flowing back to the government. So the goal of cutting the deficit can backfire and make it grow.

And even if a country is reducing its deficit, it still has one, which means the debt is increasing. The European Union said Monday that governments did cut their budget deficits in 2011, but government debt nonetheless rose as a percentage of economic output.

Meanwhile, developments across the continent cast doubt on public support for Europe's austerity prescription: government layoffs and wage reductions, spending cuts on government programs and higher taxes.

The government of the Netherlands, which has loudly criticized its European neighbors for inflaming the crisis by losing control of their budgets, submitted its resignation to Queen Beatrix after failing to agree on its own budget cuts.

The Dutch prime minister, Mark Rutte, had hoped to clinch a deal to cut the Netherlands' budget deficit to within a target range adopted by European countries last fall.



Pictured above is the main screen at the stock exchange in Madrid, Spain on Monday. Spain is struggling to recover economically.

But his most important political ally, populist Geert Wilders, walked out of the talks. He said that slavish adherence to rules set by "the dictators in Brussels," the headquarters of the European Union, would hurt the Dutch economy.

France headed for a presidential runoff election May 6 after the Socialist candidate, Francois Hollande, took the most votes Sunday in the first round of voting.

Hollande edged Nicolas Sarkozy, the incumbent president. Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel have been such forces in setting debt-fighting strategy that they have come to be known as "Merkozy."

Hollande took 29 percent of the vote and Sarkozy 27 percent. The Socialist has said he would push to add measures to stimulate economic growth to the fiscal pact.

If Hollande is elected, it will mean "the end of the common road for France and Germany," with negative repercussions for the markets and the euro, said Stefan Scharfetter of Germany's Baader Bank.

Most French polls had predicted that Hollande would finish slightly ahead of Sarkozy in the first round. But the far-right candidate, Marine Le Pen, captured a surprise 18 percent. Where her voters will fall in the Hollande-Sarkozy runoff is uncertain.

Financial markets generally hate uncertainty, and they did not respond well to it Monday.

Germany's DAX index dropped 3.4 percent, the equivalent of a 450-point decline in the Dow. The benchmark stock index dropped 3 percent in Paris, 3 percent in Madrid and 2 percent in Lon-

don. Stocks also fell broadly in the United States, where a resurgence of fear about the fate of Europe has ended the steady ascent that the market enjoyed during the first three months of the year. The Dow fell back below 13,000 and was down a 0.8 percent for the day.

In the bond market, interest rates for U.S. Treasury securities dipped, a sign that investors were seeking safety by pulling money out of stocks and putting money into bonds.

The borrowing rate for Spain, probably the most closely watched thermometer of investor fear about Europe, remained close to 6 percent. Seven percent was the level that forced Greece and Ireland to seek international bailouts earlier in the crisis.

The central bank of Spain said that country had slipped back into recession. Its economy shrank 0.4 percent from January through March after shrinking 0.3 percent the quarter before. Two straight quarters of economic contraction is the generally accepted definition of a recession.

Spain's new conservative government has warned that its economy will get worse. A contraction of 1.7 percent is expected for the year. Spain, struggling after the collapse in 2008 of a housing bubble, emerged from a two-year recession in 2010.

Suggesting more obstacles to economic growth, an index of the European manufacturing and services industries dipped in April to a five-month low. It even declined in Germany, the economic bulwark of Europe and the country that has most insisted on budget cuts.



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INSIDE COLUMN

Off-campus logistics

In a matter of weeks, I will no longer be living in Lewis Hall, my home away from home for the last three years. When I come back for my senior year in August, I will be living off-campus with two of my closest friends.

Since we decided to embark in this off-campus adventure earlier last semester, I've been ecstatic. I can't wait to have my own apartment — not to mention my own room and bathroom. I am also looking forward to meeting new neighbors, decorating and furnishing my new humble abode.

Living off-campus comes with many perks. However, I received a call from my mom last week that reminded me of some commodities I will miss. I am still figuring out how I am going to go without them.

"I think you should take some cooking classes this summer, Maria."

Believe it or not, these were the first words that came out of my mom's mouth when we began talking about off-campus housing. I have never been very skilled when it comes to cooking. My abilities extend to adding milk to a bowl of cereal and making a grilled cheese sandwich.

For the past few years, the dining halls have fed me deliciously and conveniently. There is always something good to eat and something new to try there, and it is also five minutes away from my dorm. What else could you ask for? But now, my parents are convinced it is time I reduce my number of weekly meals at the dining hall and cook for myself. So, bye, bye, dining hall, and hello grilled cheese for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

"And, where are you going to store your winter clothes and other extra items you might want to save for your new room?," my mom continued.

Living in Puerto Rico, I have always counted on hall storage to leave everything I want to save for the next school year. Yet, this time, my apartment lease doesn't start until August and I have very few options of where to store my things.

Instead of having my storage boxes delivered to my dorm, I will have to pick them up in different friends' houses throughout the outskirts of campus. My mom is definitely not excited about this.

And finally, she added, "How much time will it take you to walk from your apartment to campus every morning?"

The logistics of walking to campus from my apartment had yet to cross my mind and were definitely an eye-opener. When it comes to walking, I am kind of lazy — riding in golf carts through campus would be ideal for me. Now, I will have to wake up earlier. At least it's good exercise.

I was living in an off-campus cloud without considering some of the challenges and the new lifestyle I would be partaking in coming August. However, my mom's infinite questions and concerns definitely brought me back down to earth, making me realize living off-campus is not going to be as comfortable as living in Lewis.

I can't wait to move off-campus next semester. Although I still have some cooking classes to take, storage to put away and stamina to gain, I am ready to enjoy a fun new semester — and apartment, of course.

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Scene Writer

Take back the night

This column concerns an unfortunate situation I witnessed last Thursday night. I am an avid supporter of the annual ND/SMC-sponsored "Take Back the Night" event. "Take Back the Night" events are held nationwide, with three separate marches happening in South Bend alone. The organization gives its reasoning for why these marches are organized:

Katie Rose

Guest Columnist

A woman walks alone down a dark, deserted street. With every shadow she sees, and every sound she hears, her pounding heart flutters and skips a beat. She hurries her pace as she sees her destination become closer. She is almost there. She reaches the front door, goes inside, collects herself, and moves on, forgetting, at least for tonight, the gripping fear that momentarily enveloped her life. This scene could have occurred anywhere last night, last year, or even 100 years ago. Historically, women have faced the anxiety of walking alone at night and that is why "Take Back the Night" began.

Many Notre Dame students, especially women, have this same feeling as they walk home to their dorms at night — the familiar feeling of a pounding heart. Whether we like it or not, sexual assaults do happen on our campus, and the annual "Take Back the Night" event is one opportunity for members of this University community to publicly speak out against sexual assault and violence.

Unfortunately, as some 50 students passionate about ending sexual assaults marched around campus last Thursday, we were met with mockery, jokes, and laughter from about five young men on

South Quad.

As we walked by and my face visibly filled with fury, my friend looked over at me and said, "Just ignore it, Katie, they're just drunk." Not surprisingly, this just made my reaction stronger. One of the biggest messages of "Take Back the Night" and all sexual assault prevention education is that being drunk is not an excuse. It is not an excuse for what you have said to another person, the way you acted towards another person or the crimes committed against another person.

Notre Dame has been in the news too frequently over the past two years in regards to our dealings with sexual assaults. Major publications have criticized our school across the country. My mom sent me an article from Houston about one such incident before I had even heard about it. This school has worked very hard over the years and especially over the past few months to turn our image around, to show we are actively trying to change the culture on campus to one intolerant of sexual assaults. We have made great progress internally regarding policies and training, but it is our responsibility as students to show the outside world we recognize sexual assault as a major problem on college campuses and we support the changes being made. The five young men on South Quad have shown me the student body is apparently not as united as I had hoped in eliminating sexual violence on this campus.

It baffles me this is even a possibility — why would you feel compelled to jeer at people standing out against a gross social problem? There is only one side to this issue. It was inappropriate

to make any kind of negative comments towards those fighting for change. Insulting the march is a direct affront to victims of sexual assault. These survivors have often already endured months of victim-blaming and disbelief of their stories — is it necessary to invalidate their experience further?

I am going to take the most forgiving approach that I can on this situation: I will blame the comments, jokes and mockery on a lack of understanding. Perhaps you young men have never known a victim of sexual assault, never imagined your sister in that kind of situation or perhaps you have just never known what it feels like to be filled with fear on your walk home.

Whatever your reasoning, I'd like to give you an opportunity to understand exactly what you were making fun of last Thursday night. This is a formal invitation for those five men, and anyone else on this campus that would like, to join me at the city-wide "Take Back the Night" march this Thursday. The event will take place at the South Bend Courthouse steps at 7 p.m. Following the march there will be a Speak-Out event where survivors and allies can share their stories in a confidential, safe space. If you would like a ride to the event, please email me at krose1@nd.edu. I would be honored to have you join me.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Anonymous racism

This Sunday morning, I walked into the library and was greeted by a neon-colored cardboard cutout in the shape of a person. My curiosity was immediately intrigued, but as I approached, I noticed that the cutout's bright color did not reflect its somber purpose.

These cutouts, as I read, are intended to be a chance for Notre Dame students, faculty and staff to share their personal experiences and words of support in regards to the subject of racism on campus.

As a white, male student, I often take for granted the culture and community at Notre Dame. I do not think about the problems of racism as much as I should, and although I thought that it might be interesting, distractions got in the way and I did attend this semester's "Race Monologues." After all, we are all nice people at Notre Dame and racism is non-existent here, right?

Unfortunately, the cutouts tell a much different story. As I continued through the library, I noticed that while many people used the cutouts for their intended purpose, seemingly more people had abused the cutouts and written inappropriate messages and vulgar drawings.

Much like "trolls" on internet message boards, these cowards took advantage of the anonymity of the cutouts to spread their poor humor and, in some cases, veiled racist attacks. There is nothing that speaks to the existence of racism on campus more than the disrespect of these cutouts.

I have taken an interest in these cutouts because I believe that society needs to have discussion about serious issues such as racism. The fact that there are others on campus who see this as another opportunity for a joke is disheartening and completely contradictory to everything this University stands for.

This spring, many minority students will visit Notre Dame as they eagerly look for a place to put their talents to work. Unfortunately, their visit to Our Lady's University may end with the vision of a crudely drawn male body part on a neon cutout.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The history of the world is but the biography of great men."

Thomas Carlyle
Scottish author and historian

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Eulogy for a God Quad tree

I read a patch of God Quad, where the earth
Had scratched a little poem to mark the spot
Where just two weeks ago a mighty oak
Or poplar trunk aspired heavenward,
With leafy arms uplifted, as in prayer.
I'd seen the giant stump just days before
It too was moved (or removed) from the spot
Where some forefather of this school once thought
A tree belonged. Indeed it was just one
Of a line of leafy tow'rs that led the way
Up God Quad to the hallowed Golden Dome,
And one of two that were chopped down that day.
It's funny how it only takes a day
Or two at most to cut down and remove
A tree. For, after all, it takes trees years
To attain statures sufficient to obscure
Administration buildings. Surely that
Is why they cut it down. Or am I wrong
To think it cast a shadow on the Dome,
To think that's why the fall arrived
In spring this year? (And would that be so strange?
The seasons — winter most of all — forgot
To be themselves this year.)
But I digress:
This tree, whose rings appeared not overnight,
Would not have been surprised. For many years
It stood there, growing, taking it all in,
Providing shade for men like Sorin and Zahm
And Hesburgh and Malloy and Jenkins too;
It knew them all — and youth and old age too,
The changing of the seasons, life and death,
The purpose of tradition; everything
That we're too young to know.
But now it's gone,
And on the patched-up patch of earth
Where once it stood, I read (or, rather, thought):
That only God's empowered to make a tree.
And as I read this, I, so long
A worshipper of nature came to see
That I had spent too long turning new leaves
(Perhaps I'm missing forests for this tree)
Forgetting how great it feels to be alive.
I've lived near Notre Dame my entire life:
Three years on campus, and seventeen nearby.
A lifetime in the shadow of the Dome
And it's been fine. Although I sometimes feel
A little like a fixed point. Friends will come
And friends will go, but I'll ever reside
But minutes from my home away from home.
One consequence of this is that I've made
Th' acquaintance of the other reference points
That one can read about in tourist books
About South Bend. The Dome has always been
A light in times of darkness. The down-town,
For all its strange mutations, too has been
A place that I can count on. But alas,
Like anyone who lives and loves, I've lost.
This spring — autumnal, terminal — will mark
The end for yellow-bricked St. Joseph's High,
The graduation of so many friends,
The retirement of others. By and by
I'll learn to accept the changing of the guard,
To turn another leaf without regret
Or melancholy. Yes, I'll move on too.
One day even the Golden Dome will fall
And leave the forest 'round it wondering: "why?"

Arnav Dutt

Columnist

Jenky's homily was accurate and commendable

This column is in response to the 55 members of the Notre Dame faculty ("Faculty call to distance Notre Dame from Jenky's 'incendiary statement,'" April 23), who took Bishop Daniel Jenky's homily out of context and actually added

their own analogies to their interpretation. Bishop Jenky's homily demonstrated a great understanding of what it means and takes to be an active Catholic during our current generation.

I am glad that you accept the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, but anyone who reads or listens to the homily must be mindful of the careful wording used.

At no point does Bishop Jenky either compare President Obama's policies to those of genocide, or downplay the severity of the holocaust or Stalinist genocide that occurred in Germany and the former Soviet Union. In fact, Bishop Jenky specifically curtails his comments to relate to the issues of health care, religious freedoms and the HHS mandate.

Everything that Bishop Jenky speaks about in his homily and draws analogies between can logically be connected through historical pattern, which Bishop Jenky states and clarifies. His homily is historically accurate rather than ignorant, and because he does not even mention the aspect of genocide, there is no way he could be insensitive to victims.

It is historically accurate to acknowledge the fact that Stalin and Hitler declared a war on Catholic culture and sought to destroy the Church's influence around the globe. Bishop Jenky only warns that President Obama has started to make similar decisions, which in politics often indicates a future pattern that could develop into political intolerance or oppression of the Catholic Church and religious ministry, still nothing mentioned about genocide.

Although incorporating politics into a homily is not always appreciated by churchgoers, the Bishop should be commended for having the courage to speak out about an issue that is affecting the global Catholic Community and

the Notre Dame community all the same.

The Diocese of Peoria even issued a statement standing behind Bishop Jenky, only lamenting the fact that his words were taken out of context by many. Should Notre Dame issue a statement denouncing the entire Diocese of Peoria and the national Catholic community that stands against President Obama's HHS mandate?

If it were not for religious leaders like Bishop Jenky, countries like the United States would lose its religious freedom one mandate at a time. As a Catholic university that holds Our Lady's affiliation close to our core, denouncing Bishop Jenky's comments would only force more discord within the Catholic community at large.

Our University has a unique challenge of balancing its Catholic roots with its non-profit and secular restrictions. This incident is a great chance for Notre Dame to emerge in concord with the Church, and not fall victim to a liberal secular power sweeping across academia and the media. According to the Department of Anthropology, which is home to five of the professors associated with the original Letter to the Editor, "In addition to clarification, the best remedy for controversy is more speech" (Department of Anthropology website, Notre Dame). This statement appears in their event sponsorship guidelines, and many other Notre Dame colleges have similar policies.

Why not follow your own guidelines and simply disagree with Bishop Jenky instead of calling for a distancing by the University and his resignation from the Board of Fellows? If the faculty members who signed the letter are not in favor of this University's Catholic identity, then they should distance themselves from it or step down from their positions instead of calling for those who have the Church's and University's best interests at heart to do so.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Judge candidates separately

Mr. Davis ("Democrats are in line with Catholic faith," April 23),

Almost all those things that you list under the Democratic platform are not disputed by anyone. No one wants HIV/AIDS in the world or health care that's unaffordable or endless wars. It's not the ends that are disputed, but the means. Now, I'm not sure what the most "efficient" economic means are for producing these ends, but there are some social means that are evil and against the Church's teaching and, therefore, must not be tolerated.

Abortion and contraception are among these. Capital punishment has never been declared to be on the same plane as abortion, so the support of some Republican candidates for capital punishment is not in itself against the teachings of the Church.

To vote for someone such as Obama who actively promotes abortion and contraception in his rhetoric and his policies is, in fact, to support that rhetoric and those policies. To vote for some Republican who will actively promote torture in rhetoric and policies is

also to support that rhetoric and those policies.

Isn't it the case though that the Democratic party has, as part of its platform, a direct violation of the Church's teaching whereas the Republican platform does not itself support torture? Some Democrats may be against this aspect of their platform, but the platform remains the belief of the party in general.

So, let us not be bogged down though in party politics. Let us judge each candidate separately. Does this candidate support something that violates Church teaching? It is doubtful that abortion or torture are the goals of the candidate, but they certainly are part of the path to those goals. If a candidate is willing to use evil means for his goals, then he is not to be supported, regardless of party.

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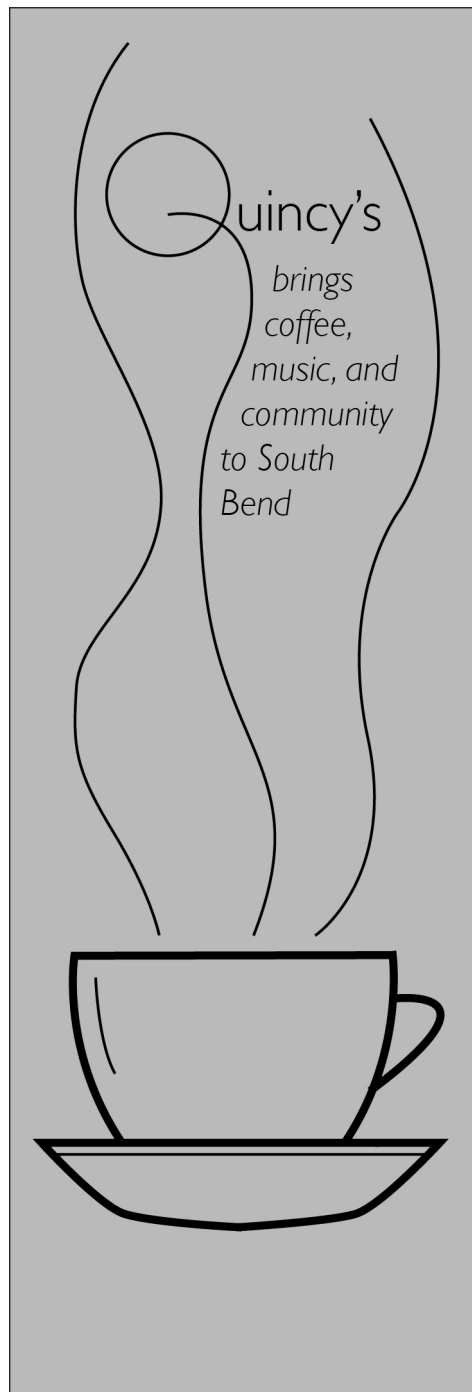
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Scene Writer

Quincy's Café is at a crossroads.

Tucked away in a plaza at the corner of Edison Road and Route 23, Quincy's overlooks the main corridors between Mishawaka and downtown South Bend.

But Ismail Egilmez, the owner of Quincy's, will explain that his café is also at a cultural crossroads: the intersection of fast-paced modernity and a simpler, quieter era. Quincy's looks the part of a modern café with its variety of coffee roasts and its purposefully quirky décor, but at its heart is a quaint community gathering place for music, art and conversation.

"Everything's instant now," said Egilmez, who runs Quincy's alongside his father, Philip, a Notre Dame alum. "This is 'come in and take a breath.' I still have things like Wi-Fi, of course. But we serve all our drinks in mugs. We actually have conversations with our guests." (As if to subconsciously prove his point, Egilmez almost always refers to people in Quincy's as "guests" or "visitors" rather than "customers.")

Egilmez is a South Bend native, but Quincy's has Chicago roots. In 1998, Ismail moved from South Bend to Chicago, where he studied oil painting and guitar at Columbia College. Between visiting musicians and locally-produced art on the café's walls, Ismail's interests in art and folk music give Quincy's color and character.

Even the café's name is a

Chicago throwback. Ismail named the café after Quincy, an historic Victorian 'L' stop in Chicago's Loop that dates to 1897, replete with stained oak woodwork, historical reproduction signs and, like Quincy's Café, period advertisements and artwork.

"I like Victorian, Art Deco and 50's-60's décor," Egilmez said, sporting a tidy fedora. "It never goes out of style. It is a little kitschier — I try not to be stuck on one theme but to have all of it."

That eclectic spirit permeates the café. Although Quincy's is quiet midweek, it draws a range of customers: old and young, college students and locals, professors and farmers. On Sundays, it can get crowded with students who take advantage of Quincy's internet access and caffeine.

"It's a nice creole of different people who wouldn't ordinarily all be together," Egilmez said.

The furniture is diverse, but the café's openness and its warm incandescent lighting give it the ethos of a living room. There is a student-friendly table for studying, complete with an essential power strip for all the visiting MacBooks, by the door. Near the counter, a comfortable blue couch sits next to a coffee table featuring books of art. A small stage has just enough room for a four-man band. But the café's spirit emanates from its simple wooden tables and purposefully mismatched wooden chairs, as if to invite group discussion around a shared meal.

"People tell me, 'This is

something we really needed, that we don't have many venues like this,'" Egilmez said.

Of course, a café lives by its coffee, and here Quincy's shines. Egilmez brews Intelligence Coffee, a direct-trade brand popular in Chicago.

The coffee prices are on par with Starbucks. A cup costs between two and five dollars, putting Quincy's on the upscale end of the coffee spectrum. But with far more options and nifty orange mugs, Quincy's wins on flavor and value. (The honey latte in particular is absurdly tasty.)

"Business has been good," Egilmez said. "Over the first year, I have no complaints. We have a really good response on the coffee and the venue. It's grown every month since we've opened."

Quincy's offers a range of soups, salads and sandwiches. A few are eye-catching: the Spin Melt, featuring sautéed spinach and plenty of Swiss cheese, is a terrific vegetarian choice. Egilmez is proud that Quincy's sources most of its produce from local food distributors in the Midwest, including bread from a bakery in Muskegon, Mich.

"It's almost as if we had ev-

erything here," he said. "Everything is fresh. We have lots of options: gluten-free, vegan, wraps."

Egilmez also takes great pride in the café's music scene, which features local and traveling musicians. Quincy's is crowded with eager listeners on weekend evenings. The Moore Brothers, a popular four-man blues band from Goshen, Ind., often play on Saturdays and Sundays.

"I really try to focus on roots music as much as possible," he said. "That includes folk, jazz, blues, and what you could call indie-folk or contemporary indie," like modern day folk-music darlings Mumford and Sons.

But regardless of Quincy's success as a home for music, Ismail says he will still aim to keep his coffee shop "just a little kitschy café with something going on" for the people around it.

"Even though the economy's not perfect, you can always afford a cup of coffee," he said. "People will always be searching for a place of community and good conversation."

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Three years ago California singer-songwriter Eric Hutchinson charmed the Notre Dame Community at the B1 Block Party with tunes from his debut album "Sounds Like This." His latest full-length effort, "Moving Up Living Down," brings the same quirky, catchy California sunshine to a charming sophomore album.

Hutchinson has spent the last few years touring "Sounds Like This" and said that experience influenced the way he recorded "Moving Up Living Down."

"The best concerts are when people sing along with me," he said when the album was released. "So for the next one, what kind of songs do I want people singing with me? What kind of songs do I want people dancing to?"

Hutchinson kept his word — this is an album for dancing and singing along.

Album-opening track "Talk is Cheap" sets off the mood right with Hutchinson's signature crooning vocals and piano mix, with a teensy reggae vibe thrown in.

"Best Days" is a fun sing-along with a message college students can appreciate, with lyrics like, "As I'm struggling on my own, I have to think I'm not alone" and "Here we are, living the best days of our lives."

Enter bluesy '50s rock and

roll jam "The Basement." With a quick "That Thing You Do" tempo, it's impossible not to start toe tapping and singing along — if you can keep up. It is easily one of the catchiest tunes on the album.

"Watching You Watch Him" is a very sweet song of a guy in love with a girl who loves someone else. It is a happy-go-lucky tune combined with adorably sad-sap lyrics.

"Cool people maybe they're just born with it / They know the trends before they're here / And I'm so sick of tryin' / Because there's no denying / There's nothing cool about my atmosphere," Hutchinson croons in funky hand clapping tune "I'm Not Cool." It is, ironically, a very cool song.

Once again hitting on a note college students can relate to,

especially those frantically trying to plot out their post-graduation future, in "Not There Yet" Hutchinson sings, "I don't want to work any more / I just want to live instead / Everyone is saying I'm all grown up / I've come a long way, but I'm not there yet."

Some of the songs on the latter part of the album aren't standouts, but Hutchinson's music in general blends effortlessly together to make a relaxing, fun album in the same sing-along vein as his debut.

Musical growth is overrated, and in "Moving Up Living Down" Hutchinson presents his unique talent for producing energetic, sincere, sing-along worthy pop songs.

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"Moving Up Living Down"

Eric Hutchinson

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This Week's Mix - Vanessa Carlton Greatest Hits, Sort Of



by Kevin Noonan

- 1 "A Thousand Miles" -- Vanessa Carlton
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- 8 "Pretty Baby" -- Vanessa Carlton
- 9 "A Thousand Miles" -- Vanessa Carlton
- 10 "Twilight" -- Vanessa Carlton
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Know who's on campus this week? Vanessa Carlton. Is it a problem that she only has one song that anybody knows? Nope, because that one song is "A Thousand Miles," which is in the running for greatest song ever: playlist that will move you to head outside and enjoy the great, green outdoors.

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First Impressions



First impressions are crucial. The prologue of a book can be as effective as a handshake, both for better and for worse. Let's take a look at the literary overtures that set the tone for some of the most recent books released, including some reviewed in the New York Times Book Review.



Meghan Thomassen
Scene Writer

"Imagine" by Jonah Lehrer

The Premise: Lehrer cracks open the science of imagination by unveiling the psychological influences behind the creative process.

First Impression: Lehrer opens with the case example of Proctor and Gamble and their struggle to reinvent the mop. After much research and frustration, designers from a firm, Continuum, came to an epiphany — the Swiffer. Lehrer says acutely, "that insight changed floor cleaning forever." With the remodeled mop, Lehrer launches into the question: "How does one measure the imagination?" This book will explore the neurobiological and environmental influences on imagination, individual and dynamic creativity.

The Takeaway: Lehrer has some promising insights about creativity, even though his semi-statistical approach sounds like Malcolm Gladwell's style. Non-creative "types" should rejoice, because Lehrer obviously believes that the creative process is open to all.

"The Big Miss: My Years Coaching Tiger Woods" by Hank Haney

The Premise: Haney opens up about his six-year roller-coaster ride coaching golf prodigy Tiger Woods.

First Impression: Haney sets his reader up for a tale of great success and great disappointment. This book is a peek into Tiger's career, one that began with unending praise and applause, but now is riven with trips to rehab and heavily critical media coverage. Haney seems to wrestle with the "artistry" of

playing both coach and friend. Apparently, getting Tiger to open up is one of the toughest challenges Haney faces, but that doesn't mean he can't spill everything he's observed in this 272-page memoir. The first chapter introduces Tiger's situation on a dark note. "He's become less of a golfer, and he's never going to be the same again."

The Takeaway: Anyone who has an interest in Tiger, or golf, for that matter, might find Haney's story an interesting one, but the tone is inherently somber. If readers are looking for a tale of athletic victory, however, try one of his earlier books, pre-scandal.

"Drift" by Rachel Maddow

The Premise: In her critically acclaimed novel, Maddow tackles the financial woes of America through the lens of America's involvement in the war in the Middle East. She argues that the American financial policy has "drifted" from its original, Constitutional goals.

First Impression: Maddow begins with the local effects of the financial crisis and takes it to the national level. Her position as a vocal advocate for small-town America makes this book attractive and approachable. In her prologue, she voices many Americans' concerns about the excessive spending overseas, saying, "It's not just the small potatoes, post-9/11 Homeland spending that feels a little off-mission." She even includes an international perspective: both the negative and positive effects of American influence on Iraqi neighborhoods. She bases her argument on the fact no one approved the initial investment in Iraq, and it's been escalating ever since. Maddow calls for a "small c" conservative approach to reinstate the mission of the Constitutional Convention.

The Takeaway: Maddow's mission is inspiring and timely, especially since it's an election year. This book's quick popularity is well deserved, since it caters to the entire American audience.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Enjoy the craziness of early-season baseball

The baseball world is in chaos. The Red Sox have hit "bottom," according to new manager Bobby Valentine. After signing a \$240 million contract in the offseason, Albert Pujols has yet to hit a homerun through 16 games. The Washington Nationals are tied for the best record in the National League.



Matthew Robison

Sports Writer

But that's the glory of early-season baseball. For those of us who are Orioles fans, April is virtually the only time to be hopeful about baseball. After that, nearly every ounce of hope erodes away as Baltimore makes its slow, methodical sink to the basement of the AL East.

Eventually, things will even out. Pujols will get his home runs, the Red Sox should make a run at the AL Wild Card — at the least — and Stephen Strasburg's funky delivery will land him on the disabled list and toss the Nationals into a tailspin.

As much as I would love to see the Red Sox wallow in misery for the rest of the year, for the Orioles to make a run in the wild card race, fantasy owners continue to tear their hair out due to Pujols' lack of production and perhaps see the Nationals (another local team) win the NL pennant, I just can't see any of those scenarios holding true into October.

I consider myself a sports fan, but to be honest the summer heat usually sucks away my baseball enthusiasm in the middle of June. So I tend to pay the most attention to what happens in the early months and then again when the playoffs roll around. I'm sorry, I just can't do it for 162 games. To the diehards out there, I respect you.

But I have to admit that I love the craziness of early-season and postseason baseball. I love when a guy hits two home runs on opening day and we can say

things like, "He's on pace to his 324 dingers this year!"

I also love that I can say that I have as many home runs as Pujols this season. I love when fans completely overreact to their teams' early successes or failures. I love seeing people calling for Bobby Valentine's head three weeks in. I love people trading Pujols for a closer in their fantasy leagues. It's all just part of how entertaining professional sports can actually be, even beyond the games themselves.

In a couple months, it will be time for me to check out until October. It will be time for me to feel sorry for the Orioles fans who sit in a nearly-empty Camden Yards as they inexplicably lose to the Royals or instead be surrounded by 25,000 Yankees fans as Oriole Park turns into Yankee Stadium 2.0. It will be time for Pujols to turn things around and start sending balls into orbit again.

But after the midseason lull, everything will break loose again. Instead of the late-season collapse they had last year, the Red Sox will realize they are one of the most

talented teams in baseball and will come screaming up the standings. The Nationals will realize how young they are and disintegrate. I hope I'm wrong. It's still early enough in the season to

have hope. And when it's time for the postseason again, I will become interested again. I will become the biggest fan of whoever has a chance of knocking the Yankees out of the playoffs. I will be the one hoping every game goes into 16 innings so we can see an outfielder fill in for a depleted bullpen.

Until then, Major League Baseball, continue give me craziness. Otherwise, I'll see you in October.

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NFL

Loomis accused of eavesdropping

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Saints denied an anonymously sourced ESPN report on Monday which alleges that general manager Mickey Loomis' booth in the Superdome was wired so he could listen to opposing coaches' radio communications during games.

ESPN could not determine if the system was ever used. The report on Monday's "Outside the Lines" said Loomis would have been able to eavesdrop on opponents from 2002 to 2004. The report also said the system was disabled in 2005, when the Superdome was heavily damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Saints spokesman Greg Benseal called the report "1,000 percent false."

"We asked ESPN to provide us evidence to support their allegations and they refused," Benseal said. "The team and Mickey are seeking all legal recourse regarding these false allegations."

Loomis explained his use of an earpiece and described his game-day setup in the Superdome booth in an emailed statement.

"I have a monitor in front of me in my booth that provides the league issued stats for the game," Loomis stated. "I have a small TV with the network broadcast and I have an earpiece to listen to the WWL-AM radio game broadcast."

"To think I am sitting in there listening and actually ... doing something with the offensive and defensive play calls of the opposing teams makes this story and the unnamed sources that provided the false information that much more less credible," Loomis' statement continued. "It just didn't happen."

Washington Redskins defensive coordinator Jim Haslett was the Saints' head coach from 2000 through 2005. In a comment the Saints forwarded to the AP by email, Haslett denied knowledge of any system that would have allowed for eavesdropping on opponents.

"At no time during my tenure as head coach with the New Orleans Saints did Mickey and I discuss moni-



AP

Saints general manager Mickey Loomis arrives for a meeting at NFL headquarters in New York on April 5.

toring opposing team coaches communication, nor did I have any knowledge of this," Haslett said. "To my knowledge this concept was never discussed or utilized."

If the Saints had installed a system allowing them to listen in on their opponents it would have violated NFL rules and also could have infringed on federal wire-tapping laws.

"We were not aware of it," league spokesman Greg Aiello said. "We have no knowledge of the allegations."

FBI spokeswoman Sheila Thorne said the agency's New Orleans office was aware of the situation, but wouldn't comment further.

U.S. Attorney Jim Letten in New Orleans also said his office had been told about "general allegations" involving the Saints and possible wiretapping, but he did not elaborate. Letten declined to discuss who made the allegations, and

whether they involved Loomis or any other Saints officials.

For the Saints, the report in itself added to a slew of recent bad publicity, which began in early March when the NFL released a report describing a crunch-for-cash bounty system that provided improper cash bonuses to defensive players who delivered hits that hobbled targeted opponents.

Commissioner Roger Goodell has suspended head coach Sean Payton for the entire 2012 season in connection with the bounty probe. Loomis was suspended for the first half of the regular season and assistant head coach Joe Vitt was suspended six games.

The team also lost its second-round pick in this week's NFL draft and was fined \$500,000. Goodell took away the Saints' second-round pick in 2013 as well, but has said he may lessen that punishment if he is satisfied with the club's cooperation in the ongoing investigation.

The NFL still has yet to hand down punishment to between 22 and 27 current and former Saints defensive players whom the league has said participated in the bounty program.

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**Greg Benseal
Saints spokesman**

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Anyway by O.A.R.

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I've got no money but everything is goin' fine
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It's 3 a.m. and I wanna go to bed
I got a lady running through my head
Ran out of money, looking for a night shift

It's 3 a.m. and I wanna go to bed
I know this lady with eyes as blue as the sea
Now she would sit and stare directly through me
And that laugh would take me to the future

Throughout the past, there was nothing left for me
But I've been working for days on full time
I've got no money but everything is goin' fine

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to win out and hope that Calvin (6-10) slips up. Saint Mary's will likely get a game back when Calvin faces off with conference leading Hope, but will need a lot of help as from second-to-last place Trine, Calvin's final opponent.

Before entering into a consideration of the many possible conference outcomes, the Irish must secure a victory over Kalamazoo.

"Yes, it is a must, must win," Campbell said. "Kalamazoo's overall record itself is not impressive, but their out-of-conference schedule was rough. It will be an extremely hard-fought match."

Campbell said the Belles need to step up their game in order to reverse a losing trend to Kalamazoo.

"We haven't beaten them in the past three years," Campbell said. "I think this is the time we will turn it around. There is definitely an opportunity present and we just need to take advantage of it."

Saint Mary's will be strong in the doubles matchups, but the Belles' singles competitors need to step up and be prepared individually in order to be successful against the Hornets, Campbell said.

"Our doubles have played better all year," Campbell said. "Our singles will need to have a good outing."

Campbell said the lopsided success comes from the freshmen having more experience previously in doubles than in singles play.

"I don't think it is any more pressure in singles than in

doubles," Campbell said. "Our freshmen players just had more experience in high school. The freshman have progressed and done very well, though."

Although he has a history of mixing up his team's lineup, Campbell said there would be no changes made for the Kalamazoo match.

With home-court advantage on their side, the Belles look to put themselves in a playoff position with a win over the Hornets at 4 p.m.

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Keeton

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ment role on the team.

"I've learned to embrace a leadership role," Keeton said. "I've also learned how to manage my time in a way that allows me to succeed athletically and academically."

This season, Keeton has thrived in an anchoring role in the middle of the Irish lineup. His overall record of 25-10 has impressed Notre Dame coach Bob Bayliss.

"Sam has anchored the mid-lineup quite well," he said. "He's done a good job and has begun to recognize defined pattern play better."

Looking back on his four years

as a Notre Dame student-athlete, Keeton said he is happy with his career thus far, but knows his work is not through. He initially picked Notre Dame for the challenges it would provide, and his experience has lived up to that expectation, he said.

"I wanted to push myself in the classroom and on the court, and I knew Notre Dame could provide that," he said. "Also, I was comfortable with the coaches and knew they would give me the best chance to succeed."

As he nears the conclusion of his fourth season, Keeton said his victory in the No. 3 singles slot in Notre Dame's 4-3 victory over Michigan on Feb. 18 stands out as especially significant.

"It's hard to pick a specific mo-

ment in my career that is my favorite, because all four years have been great," Keeton said. "One of the best, though, was clinching the match at [then-no. 28] Michigan this year."

Looking forward to the remainder of the Irish's spring season, Keeton is hoping to continue to perform at a high level.

"We have [the NCAA tournament] in two weeks and we're hoping to make the final site, then do some damage there," he said.

Keeton and the Irish will look for a strong performance in the NCAA tournament, which begins May 11, to close out the 2012 season.

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Pacers rest starters, beat Pistons

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana coach Frank Vogel couldn't have asked for much more Monday night.

Three starters rested, no one got hurt, and the Pacers won.

Paul George scored 12 of his 27



Pistons forward Jason Maxiell reacts after a dunk in Monday night's game. Despite Maxiell's 10 points, Detroit lost 103-97.

points in the fourth quarter to help Indiana beat the Detroit Pistons 103-97.

"It was a great team win," Vogel said. "A lot of guys contributed, we got guys rest, we got the second unit a ton of work. I think we got a lot accomplished tonight."

George made 13 of 15 free throws and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Pacers. David West scored 20 points and Leandro Barbosa and Tyler Hansbrough added 13 points each for Indiana.

Vogel could afford to rest regular starters Danny Granger, Roy Hibbert and George Hill since Indiana is locked into the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

West, who has scored at least 20 points in four of his past five games, said he wanted to keep playing even though Vogel gave him the option to sit out.

"Frank talked about limiting me a little bit, cutting my minutes down, but just being out there in the flow is most important to me in terms of preparing for the postseason," West said.

West said it was important for some of the starters to play so the Pacers could maintain their momentum. Indiana is 12-2 in April.

"I just think in terms of mental preparation, just want to kind of keep the train going," he said. "We've been playing some good ball. We've been sharing the load in terms of what we're doing. I think it's just a good idea to keep that rolling."

Darren Collison, who has been replaced by Hill as the starting point guard, played with the reserves. He

shot 1 for 8 from the field and committed six turnovers in 31 minutes. He called the situation a "major adjustment."

"Just trying to work my way in with them," Collison said. "Trying to get accustomed with how they play. They've got some good players on the second unit. It can definitely help my game out. I'm just going to have to continue to move forward."

Jeff Pendergraph got his first start as a Pacer and registered season highs of 10 points and seven rebounds in 18 minutes. He said it was good knowing he was going to get serious playing time.

"Just like anything, if you're more calm, more relaxed knowing that you're going to play regardless of if you make a mistake, long as you're playing hard it's all right," he said. "To actually have an opportunity to play hard through your mistakes — I messed up a bunch tonight, but I was playing my butt off and Coach let me keep playing."

Greg Monroe scored 18 points, Brandon Knight had 16 and Tayshaun Prince added 14 for the Pistons.

Detroit held the Pacers to 38 percent shooting, but Indiana forced 18 turnovers and outscored the Pistons 56-42. Indiana outscored the Pistons 29-13 from the free-throw line.

"We had great opportunities, but all those extra possessions add up, and it puts you in a situation — to make a missed game," Detroit coach Lawrence Frank said. "Unfortunately, tonight we missed."

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second weekly award of the season. Following a 16-save performance against No. 12 Ohio State earlier this season, Hilling was named the Big East Defensive Player of the Week.

"[The awards are] always nice to get but if our defense isn't playing as well in front of me, I don't know if I would have made that many saves," Hilling said. "It kind of goes to the defense too."

Hilling — who has started 50 of 51 games since arriving on campus — said the experience of starting as a freshman has helped her tremendously during her stellar junior campaign.

"The past two years, I was an underclassman so I didn't talk as much on defense and didn't take as much of a leadership role," Hilling said. "I'm more comfortable, I don't get as nervous as I used to. I'm just more confident and more talkative."

Halfpenny said Hilling has adjusted well to the new defensive schemes after playing two seasons under former Irish coach Tracy Coyne.

"She's just been building," Halfpenny said. "I feel like she got comfortable within our defenses, which are very different

than what she's played in the last two years. Once she got comfortable in that, I think her lacrosse IQ went up."

On April 7, hours before a home contest with Villanova, Hilling was forced out of the Irish lineup with an illness. In Hilling's stead, freshman goalkeeper Allie Murray recorded her first career start in Notre Dame's 18-5 win. Halfpenny said the missed start was beneficial for Hilling.

"It was a blessing in disguise when she got sick and had to sit out a game," Halfpenny said. "She got to actually watch it from the stands, something she hasn't done [in a long time]. It gives you a little different perspective."

"She was able to come in and she's been playing with such a clear head, on a great angle, attacking the ball with her hands. Obviously, this is what you want when you're coaching all year, you hope you peak at the right time. I think that's what we're starting to see right now."

Hilling will hope to maintain her high level of play when the Irish visit No. 1 Northwestern in Evanston, Ill., on Wednesday for Notre Dame's second-to-last game of the season.

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NFL

Colts to address weaknesses in draft

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Now that the Indianapolis Colts have decided who their new quarterback will be, they can start filling in other holes.

Like tight end, receiver and offensive line. Or defensive tackle, linebacker and cornerback.

For the Colts, a successful draft this week goes far deeper than taking Stanford's Andrew Luck at No. 1. It's about giving him a stronger supporting cast to start the next era of Colts football.

First-time general manager Ryan Grigson can't wait.

"I kind of wish it was today," Grigson said with a smile during his pre-draft availability last week. "Every day I wake up thinking about the draft. This is fun. What a great opportunity and great job. To help build a team is a dream."

Grigson will certainly get his chance and with 10 picks this weekend, it may be his most important draft.

The question about who to take first -- Luck or Robert Griffin III -- has already been settled. Luck has been told that he will be Peyton Manning's successor barring something unforeseen or unusual.



Former Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck celebrates a 2011 win over Duke in Durham, N.C.

Luck must replace the only four-time MVP in league history and someone who has been the face of the franchise for almost a decade and a half. Manning was regarded so prominently in the community that a local children's hospital was named in his honor and 4,000 season tickets are now available from a team that had a waiting list before he left.

The draft will demonstrate just how much will be different in Indy in 2012.

Former Baltimore defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano is the Colts' new coach, and he prefers using a 3-4 defensive alignment rather than the

Colts traditional 4-3. To make the switch, Indy is trying to get bigger up front. They've signed three free agents from Baltimore -- 298-pound defensive end Cory Redding, 345-pound defensive tackle Brandon McKinney and hard-hitting safety Tom Zbikowski.

They could go after another behemoth defensive tackle in the draft.

And then there are the glaring deficiencies in the pass defense. Colts opponents completed a league-record 71.2 percent of their passes and had a quarterback rating of 103.1. Indy's eight interceptions were tied for the league low.

NFL

All-pro safety Dawkins retires after a 16-year career

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Brian Dawkins says his head told him to retire, not his neck.

The veteran safety called Denver Broncos coach John Fox on Monday morning to tell him that after plenty of prayer and reflection, he'd decided that 16 seasons in the NFL was enough.

Then, Dawkins announced his retirement on Twitter, where he quickly began trending as fans worldwide expressed their admiration for the mild-mannered family man who transformed himself into a ferocious football player on Sundays.

Well-known by his alter-ego "Wolverine," and for his passionate, energetic play for 13 years in Philadelphia and three in Denver, Dawkins was one of the greatest to ever play his position, and nobody played safety in the NFL longer than he did.

Dawkins, 38, said he felt he had another year left in him after recovering from a serious neck injury that sidelined him for the stretch run and playoffs last season. But he instead fulfilled one final wish from his NFL bucket list: walking away from the game he loves before being betrayed by a battered body or one too many trips around the sun.

"It's probably going to sound crazy, but you know the fact that I could play another year gave me a lot of peace to say that this is it," Dawkins said.

Broncos boss John Elway said he wanted Dawkins to play in 2012 but never pressured him to return.

"It's always tough to take that final step," Elway said. "He'll be missed. He did so many tremendous things for the Broncos, not

only on the field, but his leadership off the field was something that we'll always be grateful for."

Dawkins said the offseason additions of quarterback Peyton Manning and defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio forced him to pray a little longer on his future.

He insisted his neck didn't enter the equation, though. He said the nerve had regenerated and he was fine.

"My body feels good. It really does. My neck, that nerve area is cool, nothing's wrong with it," he said. "My strength is back where it was and my knees, things don't ache like they do during the season when I'm walking up and down the steps."

Dawkins said he felt great peace over his decision.

Dawkins said he wasn't sure whether he'd sign a one-day deal with his old team to ceremoniously retire from the team that drafted him in the second round out of Clemson in 1996, but one thing's for sure: he's staying in Denver, where he hopes to help coach high school football in the fall.

"I'll raise my kids here," he said. "This is a beautiful spot."

He also has a soft spot in his heart for Philly, where he plans to meet with the media on Saturday.

For 13 years, he was the heart and soul of the Eagles' defense.

"The NFL will miss a player as talented, ferocious, and determined as Brian Dawkins," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "He was one of the most dedicated and hardest working players I have ever coached. Whether it was on the practice field, the film room or the weight room, Brian always put in the extra hours it took to become the star player that he was. And he transferred all of that and more onto the field on Sundays."

Dawkins finished his career in Philadelphia in 2008 as the franchise's leader in games played (183) and interceptions (34) while spearheading a defense that made the Eagles perennial championship contenders.

"Brian Dawkins is one of my all-time favorite players and one of the best to ever put on an Eagles uniform," team owner Jeffrey Lurie said. "On the field, in many ways, Brian re-invented the safety position. He had the speed and athleticism to line up against the game's best receivers, and was equally effective in the run game. His love for the game was infectious and he poured his entire heart and soul into everything he was doing from the moment he entered the stadium until he left."

"Everyone who ever watched Brian play saw that and it was impossible not to love that about him."

The Eagles announced they would honor Dawkins at their Sept. 30 game against the New York Giants, and the Broncos have plans to do the same at a later date.

Longevity isn't normally associated with the position where the hardest hits are both received and delivered — the only other safeties to log 16 seasons in the pros were Hall of Famer Paul Krause and Eugene Robinson.

Dawkins was named to several All-Pro teams and the NFL's All-Decade team of the 2000s and he made nine Pro Bowls, including last season as an alternate. Dawkins finished his career with 17 fumble recoveries, 26 sacks, 37 interceptions, 42 forced fumbles and 98 pass breakups. His 42 forced fumbles are the most ever by a defensive back in the NFL.

"Brian Dawkins is one of the

best to ever play the game, a future Hall of Famer who changed the way his position is played," Fox said. "In many ways, he helped my job as a coach with his great leadership and preparation. He brought so much to the table and was such an enormous asset to our football team."

As a member of the NFLPA executive committee, Dawkins pushed for new league rules that limited full contact during camp

and also in the regular season. He credited those changes in the 10-year labor pact reached last summer with keeping him fresh at the beginning of what turned out to be his final season, which he played a year after laboring through sprains to both knees.

What he was really fighting for, he said, was the next generation of players who will one day walk away from the game in better shape than he could.

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CLUB SPORTS

Irish secure second straight conference championship

Rowing team records strong performances against top competition in SIRA Regatta in Tennessee

Special to The Observer

This past weekend, the top athletes in the Midwestern Collegiate Cycling Conference descended upon South Bend for the regional conference championships. Nearly 200 cyclists rolled up to compete for coveted spots at the Collegiate National Championships in Ogden, Utah. Looking to cement its second consecutive conference championship, Notre Dame brought nearly 20 riders to build on the lead it had accumulated all season. The team time trial was the first event of the weekend. While also organizing the race, the Irish turned in several solid performances. Both the Men's D and Men's C units earned wins and spots as conference champions, while the Men's B squad earned 2nd place and Men's A snagged important points with fifth place.

After a quick turnaround, the road race followed the opening event. The teams raced laps of a 15-mile course in rolling terrain south of downtown South Bend, and the races featured flurries of

attacks and fast finishing sprints. In Men's D, junior Phil Palmon was the top finisher for the Irish in fifth position. Next, sophomore Carolyn McCann fought hard for seventh place in the Women's B/C field. Junior Josh Corcoran continued the strong efforts from the Irish on the day with a fifth-place finish in the Men's C field, and in Men's B three Notre Dame athletes placed in the top-10 with Junior Brian Hurley at second, Sophomore Luke Tilmans in fifth and Freshman Jim Snitzer at 9th. Finally, in the ultra-competitive Men's A field, all six Notre Dame men finished in the main field, with points coming from graduate student Doug Ansel in 13th and Freshman John Pratt in 17th.

Sunday all eyes turned to the final race of the regular season in downtown South Bend. Crowds lined the streets all day to view the fast-paced action of criterium racing. In the first race of the day, Irish sophomore August Kunkel captured another win for Notre Dame in the men's D sprint. In Women's B, McCann repeated her solid performance from the day before, earn-

ing another seventh-place finish in Women's B/C. Another great effort came from the Men's C riders with Corcoran earning a podium position with third, and top-10 finishes from junior David Pratt and freshman Mike Chifala, who finished sixth and seventh, respectively. In Men's B Tilmans was the top finisher in fourth place. Finally, in Men's A, Irish junior Joe Magro, who was leading the conference points standing for Division II, fought his way into the winning break-away and held on to earn seventh place, while John Pratt held on in the field for 14th.

The weekend performances from the Irish secured their back-to-back conference championship, and Magro and John Pratt finished first and second in the overall Division II individual standings. In two weeks, Magro, Pratt, graduate student Andrew O'Donnell and senior Nate Lee will represent the Irish at the national championships.

Men's Rowing

Notre Dame traveled down to Oak Ridge, Tenn., this weekend for the

SIRA regatta against some of the top competition from across the country, including both club and varsity programs. The Irish achieved the best results in club history, but failed to meet their own expectations, Irish coaches and rowers said.

Racing opened on Saturday with the Novice 4 and Novice 8 advancing out of their heats to the semifinals. The JV 8 then placed fourth in its heat to earn a spot in the petite finals. Up next were the Varsity 4 and 8, with both boats advancing to the semifinals, as the Varsity 8 placed second to eventual champions George Washington. In their second races of the day, the Irish Novice 4, Novice 8 and Varsity 8 all advanced out of their semifinals to earn places in the Grand Finals on Sunday, while the Varsity 4 placed fifth in its semifinal for a spot in the C final.

In its semifinal, the Varsity 8 defeated varsity programs from Jacksonville and Oklahoma City, but fell to Florida Tech. Saturday racing concluded with dinner with recent Notre Dame alumni in town to watch the racing.

Sunday racing opened early with the Varsity 4 taking second in the C final in a very tight race that saw the top-5 crews finish within four seconds of each other. The Novice 4 then took sixth place, followed by the second novice 8, which took fourth in its finals event after heats were cancelled on Saturday due to a late scratch. The Novice 8 then took fourth as well in a very tight race, as the Irish were passed at the last second by Virginia, missing a medal by only seven tenths of a second.

The JV 8 was up next, taking second in the petite final to St. Joseph's, a varsity program from Philadelphia. Racing concluded as the Varsity 8 raced to a sixth-place finish, missing a medal for third place by two seconds, behind club rivals Grand Valley State and Virginia, and varsity programs from George Washington, Florida Tech and Temple.

The team returns to action next weekend in Grand Rapids, Mich., for the MACRA regatta, where the Irish will face strong programs in Michigan, Michigan State, Grand Valley State, and Purdue.

World Peace to face discipline from NBA after elbowing Harden

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Lakers jersey says World Peace on the back. The player wearing it is still Ron Artest, and he's in trouble again with the NBA.

Metta World Peace was pounding his chest with his

right arm in celebration of a dunk over two opponents Sunday when his left arm suddenly flung out, landing a vicious backward elbow to James Harden's head and dropping the Oklahoma City guard to the hardwood.

Within seconds, the roars

of the crowd fell silent as fans watched in disbelief the latest act of violence by a player who changed his name last year to promote peace.

World Peace is likely to be sidelined when the Lakers open the postseason this weekend, and possibly longer. He

claims he accidentally clipped Harden while celebrating a dunk, yet given his history as perhaps basketball's most notorious troublemaker since Dennis Rodman, not even his teammates have any idea why he lost control for an inexplicable instant.

"It was unfortunate that James had to get hit with an unintentional elbow," World Peace said. "I hope he's OK."

World Peace undid much of the goodwill created by his notable charity work over the past few years when he knocked Oklahoma City's top reserve out of the key late-season game, giving him a concussion.

His upcoming suspension will be just a fraction of the 86-game ban Artest received in November 2004 when he jumped into the stands at the Palace of Auburn Hills to fight fans, precipitating perhaps the ugliest brawl in North American sports history.

Yet World Peace changed more than his name over the past three years with the Lakers. The former math major from St. John's has devoted much of his free time to charity, even winning the NBA's J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award last April, primarily for his work in mental health

awareness.

"One play in the heat of a battle, all of the sudden it changes his perception as a man and as a person? No," said Kobe Bryant, his teammate and tireless defender. "Everybody, all you guys, know what a sweet guy he is."

While the NBA's top brass watched video of the elbow and debated the length of a suspension Monday, sports fans debated whether to give Peace another chance. Some saw his actions as an ill-timed celebration that accidentally hurt a player standing too close, while others thought the Lakers forward should be suspended indefinitely, perhaps even banned from the NBA for a dangerous lack of impulse control.

"During that play, I just dunked on (Kevin) Durant and (Serge) Ibaka, and I got really emotional and excited," World Peace said in a 30-second statement afterward, refusing to take questions in the Lakers' locker room. "The Thunder, they're playing for a championship this year, so I hope that he's OK, and I apologize to the Thunder and to James Harden. You know, it was such a great game, and it was unfortunate so much emotion was going on at that time."

**DANTE'S DIVINE COMEDY:
THE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSE AS POETRY**

Professor Zygmunt Baranski
Notre Dame Professor of Dante and Italian Studies
Fall of 2011 (TR from 2:15-3:00pm)
(LLRO 40114-01; MI 40565; ROIT 40114)



Dante is the greatest religious poet of Western culture, and his great epic poem, the *Divine Comedy*, offers a remarkable and original synthesis of his view of the fundamental relationship between God and humanity. The course offers an introduction to Dante's *Commedia* (the title of the poem is *Comedy* and not *Divine Comedy* as is commonly believed) by focusing on the first of its three parts, *Inferno*, while also paying significant attention to its other two parts, *Purgatorio* and *Paradiso*. Classes will principally concentrate on providing readings of individual cantos. (The course will be divided into 4 introductory lectures, 12 classes on *Inferno*, 7 on *Purgatory*, and 6 on *Paradiso*.) At the same time, broader issues central to Dante's masterpiece will be discussed. In particular, attention will be paid to Dante's ties to classical and Christian culture, his political views, his ideas on language, his involvement in contemporary intellectual debates, his efforts to use poetry for ethical and religious ends, and his literary experimentation (including his perplexing choice of title for his masterpiece). The course is open to all second-, third-, and fourth-year students, and will be taught in English. Dante's poem, too, will be read in English translation, though students with a reading knowledge of Italian are encouraged to read it in both languages. The translation is that found in the annotated bilingual edition by Robert and Jean Hollander (Doubleday). [This is a one-semester lecture course on the entire *Comedy*, distinct from ROIT40115-40116, Dante I and Dante II.]



Thunder guard James Harden lays on the ground after being elbowed in the head by Metta World Peace on Sunday at the Staples Center.

AP

Buntin

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against DePaul.”

Batting performances from Buntin and senior outfielder Alexa Maldonado continue to lead the Notre Dame lineup with batting averages of .359 and .325, respectively, getting on base regularly to help the team gather runs.

While the Irish have excelled on the offensive side, the Spartans have struggled. In its five most recent games, Notre Dame has tallied 21 runs, while Michigan State has only managed two. In the last 18 games, the Spartans have a single win, dating back to April 4 when they beat Central Michigan 6-1. They currently carry a 10-game losing streak, and the Irish are hoping to push that number to eleven, Buntin said.

“The main focus for us against Michigan State will be to keep the same high energy, both on the field and in the dugout, because defensively and offensively we’re a solid team right now,” Buntin said.

Looking for their sixth straight win, the Irish will host the Spartans tonight with the first pitch at 6 p.m. in Melissa Cook Stadium.

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Kubinski

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tage sometimes, but to a man, they have worked so hard.

“That’s one of the reasons we host an event in the fall and the spring, to make sure everybody has a couple of tournament opportunities.”

Of the individual entrants in the tournament, Irish sophomore Andrew Carreon finished atop the leaderboard with a total score of 150. The Texas native recovered from a shaky morning round of 80 with a strong second-round performance to shoot a one-under-par 70.

“Andrew Carreon had a tough start in the morning,” Kubinski said. “He struggled, shot 80 in the morning, but he came back and shot 70 in the afternoon — one of only four rounds under-par out of 72 rounds. That just shows what kind of competitiveness is there and what kind of game.”

Irish sophomore Andrew Lane and Irish freshman Tyler Wingo followed Carreon with scores of 154 and 155, respectively. Both Lane and Wingo received opportunities earlier this year to compete in spring events, as Lane entered The Schenkel Invitation in mid-March and Wingo competed in The Match Play in February.

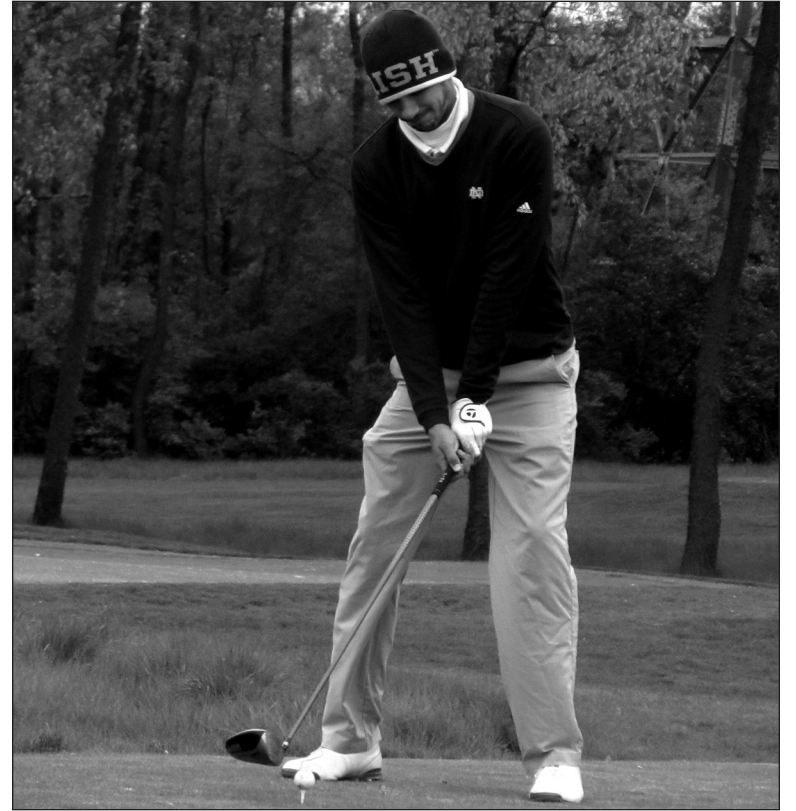
“Tyler won three matches for us at The Match Play when we took six players there,” Kubinski said. “He is really

a kid with a very bright future. He is going to play a lot of tournaments over the summer, get himself ready for next season because I think he can step in. Andrew Lane has been making a swing change this year for the better. He has had some really good rounds, especially at the qualifying and even at the Schenkel.”

Rounding out the group of individual entrants for the Irish were freshmen Peyton Vitter and Patrick Grahek alongside junior walk-on Eddie Hjerpe. While none of the three have made an impact this year as part of the Irish lineup, their successes in their high school and junior accomplishments are strong signs of potential, Kubinski said.

“The freshmen like Patrick and Peyton had very good junior golf careers,” Kubinski said. “Peyton had won the Southern Junior last summer. Patrick was the Georgia high school champion. It’s just a matter of getting some time in the lineup and a chance to get some experience to get their feet wet. They just need that opportunity.”

Because many of Notre Dame’s golfers are unable to compete in collegiate tournaments during the year, they must gain experience by playing in events and tournaments in the summer months. With four Irish golfers graduating this year, the summer preparation for the fall season will be a determin-



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Freshman Peyton Vitter prepares to tee off during Sunday’s tournament at the Warren Golf Course.

ing factor for who fills in the open spots, Kubinski said.

“We have two good incoming players, so I think it’s going to be a really competitive situation for us come August because we will potentially have six, seven or eight guys fighting for maybe three or four lineup spots,” Kubinski said. “It’s going to be very competitive, but I think the key for all these players is to take the good things they did this year in stretches and then go play a

nice summer schedule of tournaments, which they typically do, and really gain some experience and be ready for the fall.”

While many of these golfers will look towards the summer for their next tournaments, the Irish lineup will prepare for the upcoming Big East championships this weekend in Orlando, Fla.

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ND WOMEN’S GOLF

Irish lose lead at Big East championship

By NICK BOYLE
Sports Writer

Notre Dame saw its two-stroke lead slip away Monday at the 2012 Big East championship after the Irish shot a 25-over-par 313 in the second round to fall behind tournament leader South Florida by five strokes. South Florida posted an 18-over-par 306, seven shots better than the Irish to take the lead.

Individually, Irish freshman Ashley Armstrong continued her strong play, holding on to a share of the individual lead after two days of golf. Armstrong carded a five-over 77 Monday, giving her a total of 150 through 36 holes. She is tied with South Florida’s Amy West for the low score through two rounds.

Though she remained in the lead, Armstrong was not completely pleased with her performance, she

said.

“Well, the conditions were a bit crazy today, it was just one of those days where nothing was working,” Armstrong said. “It was a little bit of a struggle, I need to work on putting.”

Coming into the 18th green, Armstrong hooked her approach wide into a group of trees. Needing a par to stay even with the leader, Armstrong landed her chip shot within a couple of feet of the hole and sunk her putt to keep her lead.

“I was pretty angry after pulling the ball that far, but I put it exactly where I wanted to on the chip,” Armstrong said. “I was able to put it on the green and it stuck near the hole.”

Following Armstrong for the Irish are senior Becca Huffer and sophomore Kristina Nhim, who are tied with scores of 152,

eight-over-par. Both Huffer and Nhim are two strokes off of the individual lead.

Freshman Kelli Oride turned in an 80 on Monday, bringing her total score to an 11-over 155. This was good for a tie for 12th place after two rounds.

Rounding out Notre Dame’s roster of five was senior Katie Allare, who is tied for 29th place after 36 holes of golf. Allare turned in a score of 85 Monday.

“We’re such a good team, we need to play okay and really focus and realize every single shot counts, no matter how long,” Armstrong said. “Putting will be crucial.”

Though the postseason may be pressure-filled, Armstrong said she is still enjoying the tournament.

“There’s a lot more pressure than the normal tournaments, but I’m enjoying it a lot and having a lot of fun with my team,” Armstrong said.

Notre Dame will try to come from behind and win their second straight Big East title when they tee off the final round at 8:50 a.m. today.

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Ashley Armstrong
Irish freshman

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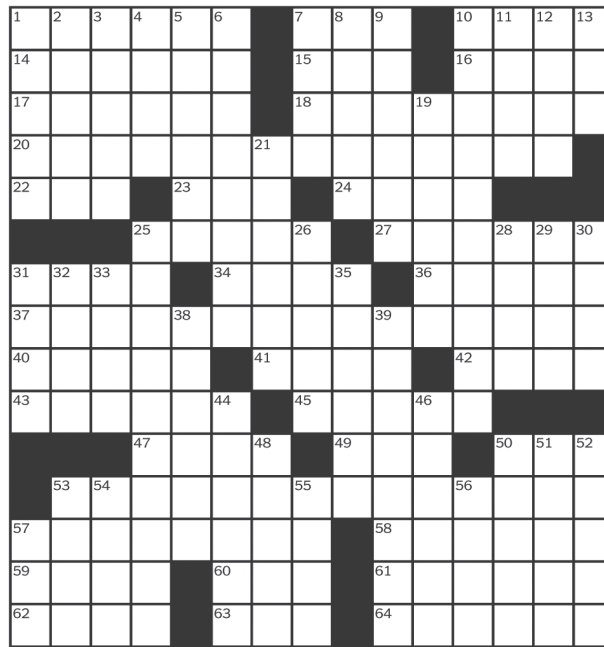
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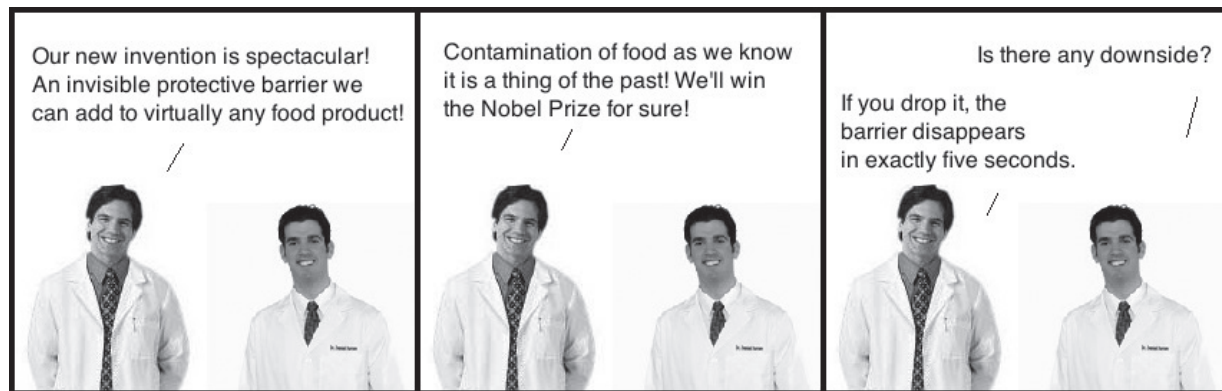


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- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't get flustered if someone tries to bully you. Stand your ground and use experience to outsmart and outmaneuver anyone who stands in your way. Your courage and knowledge will far surpass anyone you encounter. Face a challenge head-on. ★★★
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Use your imagination and delve into projects that are unusual or geared toward helping others, but don't let anyone take advantage of you emotionally. If you are clear about what you are willing to contribute, you will stay in control. ★★★
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** An empty promise will cost you. Unless you have something in writing, you must be practical and act on what you know is factual. There will be greater returns if you invest in the skills, talents and services you have to offer. ★★★
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Refrain from changing your mind. You'll be viewed as unpredictable if you cannot make a decision and stick to it. Focus on what you can do to solve problems instead of creating more. A short business trip will bring high returns. ★★★
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't wait for someone else to do the work. If you want to make an impression, you have to be the one responsible for what gets done. "Too little, too late" will be what stands between you and your dreams, hopes and wishes. ★★
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Problems regarding work and employment will develop if you appear to be unstable and emotional about the changes going on around you. Concentrate on doing the best job possible and keeping your distance from gossips and rumormongers. ★★
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Let your intuition guide you when it comes to the way you look and the people you want to spend time with. Both love and physical looks will play important roles in the changes that take place now. ★★★★★
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Use your intuition when dealing with partners or regarding domestic matters that could cost you money. Let instinct guide you personally, professionally and financially. A change of plans will be to your benefit. Follow your heart. ★★★
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Work on your partnerships. Make sure that everyone you are dealing with is happy or at least understands your situation. Love is in the stars, and a change in your personal lifestyle and living arrangements looks positive. ★★★
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't base your decisions on what you hear second-hand. Someone will provide incorrect information, which can lead to an unwise choice if you act too quickly. Concentrate on home, your investments and how you can protect what you have accumulated. ★★★★★
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Trust in your own judgment, not what someone else says or does. Avoid anyone who is overindulgent or boasting. Stabilize a relationship that means a lot to you by making a commitment or promise to accommodate a request being made. ★★
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** An insightful view regarding work and money concerns will help you make a decision. Look for a way to incorporate what you've done in the past into what's expected of you now, and you will save time and money. ★★★★★
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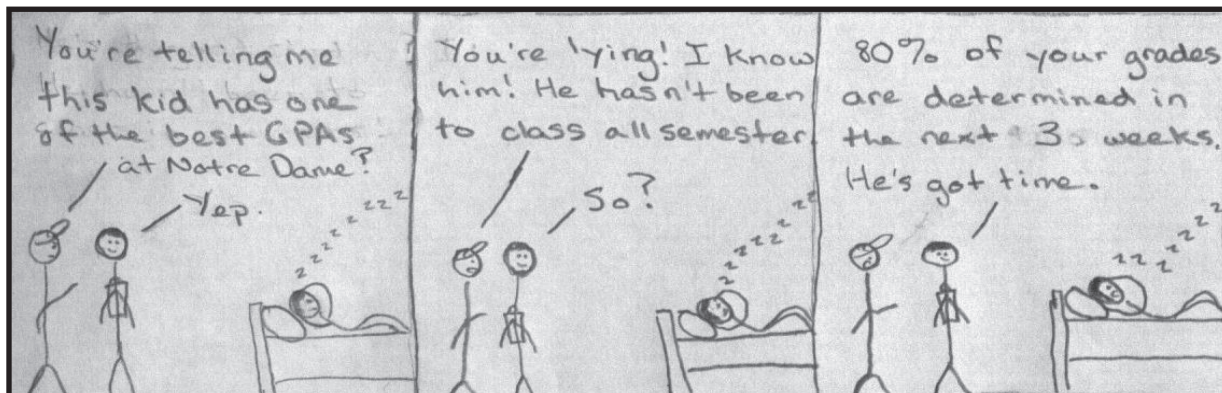
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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Leading between the pipes

Hilling thrives under pressure, leads Irish in goal



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Irish goaltender Ellie Hilling goes through warm-ups before Notre Dame's April 18 game against Vanderbilt. The Irish won the game 12-11 and will be in action Wednesday at Northwestern.

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Associate Sports Editor

Irish junior goalkeeper Ellie Hilling had never played goalkeeper before. But in fifth grade, when the starter could not play, Hilling was thrust into the net — and she hasn't left since.

The Rochester, N.Y., native has led the No. 6 Irish to wins in their last four games, including a 7-6 double-overtime decision against No. 16 Georgetown on Saturday. Hilling racked up a career-high 16 saves in the win.

"I'm thrilled with Ellie's performance," Irish coach Christine Halfpenny

said. "I think the leadership she's commanding back there is doing great things for our defense. The defense they're putting in front of her is obviously helping her tremendously also. We hope to see more of that."

The Brighton High School product has helped Notre Dame (12-2, 5-2 Big East) to a 4-0 record in games decided by two goals or less. She said staying calm is one of her strengths.

"I think I'm pretty good under pressure," Hilling said. "No matter if we're down a couple of goals or if we're in sudden-death overtime, I feel like I'm pretty good at staying

composed."

The junior sociology major leads the Big East in saves per game (9.38) and ranks second in save percentage (.473). Additionally, she allows only 10.57 goals per game, good for fourth-best in the conference.

"I'm more confident in our defense so I don't have to really worry about them making the right slides as much or covering the right person all the time. I'm just able to focus on the ball," Hilling said.

On Monday, Hilling was named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll, her

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish put win streak to test against Spartans

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The Irish enter tonight's home game with a surge of confidence following a weekend sweep of DePaul and Melissa Cook Stadium's first no-hitter by sophomore pitcher Laura Winter. Tonight, they carry that confidence into a matchup with Michigan State.

Winter's performance against the Blue Demons was just what the Irish (26-13, 8-3 Big East) needed to rebound after a pair of home losses to conference foe Syracuse last weekend, junior catcher Amy Buntin said.

"The high energy and momentum Laura brought

to the mound over the weekend is exactly what our team needs from her for the rest of the season," Buntin said. "It was easy to see that she was in the zone and no hitter was going to beat her."

Now, riding a five-game winning streak, the Irish step forward ready to face the Spartans (11-33, 0-15 Big Ten).

"Laura having this kind of attitude is very contagious throughout the team and helps pump us up as well," Buntin said. "We have a lot of confidence rolling into today's game with Laura throwing a no-hitter and the way we swung bats

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SMC TENNIS

Belles take on Hornets with eyes set on MIAA's

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

Coming off of a key win against Adrian, Saint Mary's looks to get one step closer to the MIAA tournament by defeating Kalamazoo.

"We went in to the match against Adrian thinking it was going to be a close one," Belles coach Dale Campbell said. "It was a good confidence boost to get a convincing win. We won all of our doubles and most of our singles

[matches]."

The top four teams in the conference will compete for the conference title and at this point, the Belles (10-7, 3-3 MIAA) are in sixth place. Alma sits in fifth place, having completed its conference matches with a record of 4-4. Calvin occupies fourth place with a conference record of 4-2 and Kalamazoo (5-14, 5-2) is in third.

With only two conference games left, the Belles need

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MEN'S GOLF

Unsung players get shot at Warren Tournament

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

They aren't in the headlines or even in the Irish lineup on a regular basis, but six members of the Irish team have been waiting and working in the background for their opportunity to come.

These golfers received their chance to play Sunday, when all six competed as individuals in Notre Dame's winning performance at the Battle at the Warren, the team's lone home event of the spring.

While the tournament allowed the Irish lineup a chance to fine-tune its game before head-

ing into postseason play, it also presented an opportunity for the other golfers on the team to gain valuable match experience — something that is tough to come by when only five golfers can compete in most collegiate events.

"It's tough for those guys [not consistently in the lineup]," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "They are developing players and being at home and not getting tournament experience makes it a challenge when we get into those competitive situations. They are really at a disadvan-

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MEN'S TENNIS

Keeton enjoying success as a senior

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

For Irish senior Sam Keeton, the past three years have been nothing but buildup for a great senior season. With Notre Dame (20-8, 3-1 Big East) taking third place at the Big East tournament last weekend and preparing to head into the NCAA championships, his last year on the squad is shaping up to be just that.

Keeton, who has been a solid contributor for the Irish since his freshman year, said he has grown both on and off the court during his athletic career. This year, it has all come together as he has taken on a more promi-

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Senior Sam Keeton approaches the net in Notre Dame's April 14 match against Louisville.