

Students lead national March for Life

Right to Life Club represents Notre Dame on March

By **MARIADO**
News Writer

This year's March for Life in Washington, D.C., presented a new sense of urgency for the pro-life movement, sophomore Mary Olivia Balmert said.

Balmert was just one of more than 600 students and faculty members representing the Notre Dame Right to Life (RTL) club who converged Friday on the National Mall. The group joined 650,000 people from across the country who marched in protest of the 1973 Supreme Court decision on Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion.

Balmert, who serves as one of the commissioners for Notre Dame RTL, said the 2013 March for Life was especially significant



Photo courtesy of Nicole Sganga

Notre Dame students led the March for Life in Washington D.C. last Friday. Over 600,000 pro-life advocates protested the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in 1973.

SMC students energized by D.C. experience

By **JILLIAN BARWICK**
Saint Mary's Editor

The presidential inauguration Monday was not the only event that drew crowds to Washington D.C. last week. Friday was the March for Life, an annual pro-life rally held in the city around the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in Roe vs. Wade.

Among the more than half-million in attendance were members of Saint Mary's Respect for Life Club, a group dedicated to promoting awareness for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

Senior and club president Allison Rhea said the March is an important part of the club's

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Musical group earns award

By **AUBREY BUTTS**
News Writer

Art changes lives.

The success of Venezuelan conductor Jose Antonio Abreu and his children's musical group El Sistema in demonstrating this principle has earned him this year's Notre Dame Prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America from the Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

Founded 37 years ago, El Sistema's nationwide network of orchestras and education centers within Venezuela provides children with the self-esteem and character needed to break out of the cycle of poverty, according to a press release from the Kellogg Institute. Although he emerged from University with an economics degree, Abreu stated in the release his artistic interests and national concerns inspired him to develop the organization, an alternative means for rescuing his community.

In the release, Abreau cited music's unique capacity for



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uniting unstable, struggling communities.

"Music is an agent of social development in the highest sense, because it transmits the highest values — solidarity, harmony, mutual compassion. It has the ability to unite an entire community," Abreu stated in the press release.

Steve Reifenberg, Executive Director of the Kellogg Institute, said Abreu's unique approach to

social stabilization was a significant reason for recognizing his contributions in Venezuela.

"It's really a movement that's making its way across the globe. I teach international development, so these types of stories, where someone approaches development from a different angle rather than economic or educational development, stand

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Observer selects future editors

Observer Staff Report

Meghan Thomassen, Matthew DeFranks, Marisa Iati and Nicole Michels have been chosen to help oversee The Observer's editorial operations in 2013-2014, incoming Editor-in-Chief Andrew Gastelum announced Sunday.

Thomassen will assume the position of Managing Editor, the No. 2 spot at the paper, while DeFranks, Iati and Michels will serve as Assistant Managing Editors.

A junior majoring in English with minors in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy and Philosophy and Literature, Thomassen will assist Gastelum in managing all departments of The Observer's print and online editions.

A native of Rowley, Mass., Thomassen is a resident of Pasquerilla East Hall, but is

currently studying abroad in London. She has served as Viewpoint Editor since March 2011, and has been

Meghan Thomassen
2013-2014
Managing Editor



involved in a variety of projects for The Observer, including the paper's redesign, The Observer Passport blog and a recurring column in the Scene section called "Know Thy Shelf."

"This paper has been a part of my life since my freshman year and I can't wait to get to work," Thomassen said.

DeFranks, a resident of Zahm House, is a junior majoring in Finance with a

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What is your life motto?



Gabe Jacobs

freshman

O'Neill Hall

"Eat, sleep, architecture ... minus the sleep."



Michelle Wadolowski

freshman

Pasquerilla West Hall

"You miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take."



Michael Vaclav

freshman

O'Neill Hall

"Second place is the first loser."



Kathy Wadolowski

freshman

Ryan Hall

"Hakuna Matata."



Jack Souter

sophomore

Fisher Hall

"Fisher for sure."



Lindsay Smith

senior

Welsh Family Hall

"Be interesting."



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Donations raised by the Pink Zone Spin-A-Thon, a 24-hour cycling marathon sponsored by RecSports, the women's basketball team and the College of Science, are on display in the Rockne Memorial. The Spin-A-Thon, which took place from noon on Friday to noon on Saturday, raised money to fund breast cancer research.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

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Monday

"The Thin Justice of International Law"

1140 Eck Hall of Law
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
Lecture by visiting speaker Steve Ratner.

EAP: Listening and Note-taking

303 DeBartolo Hall
6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m.
Note-taking strategies for graduate students.

Tuesday

Diversity Reception

Joyce Center
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
Network with organizations that embrace diversity.

Winter Career and Internship Fair

Joyce Center
4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Meet more than 140 employers.

Wednesday

Pink Zone Dodgeball Tournament

Rolfs Sports
Recreation Center
3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Play to fight cancer.

Men's Basketball

Joyce Center
6:00 p.m.
Men's basketball takes on the Villanova Wildcats.

Thursday

Christian Unity Prayer Service

Keenan Hall
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Service in honor of Christian Unity Week.

"5 Broken Cameras"

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m.
For the ScreenPeace Film Festival.

Friday

Ski and Snowboard Weekend

Rockne Memorial
4:00 p.m.
Hit the slopes in Harbor Springs, MI.

Men's and Women's Track and Field

Loftus Sports Center
4:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Notre Dame hosts the Meyo Invitational.

Activist to address stalking

By REBECCA O'NEIL
News Writer

Saint Mary's College will host Debbie Riddle, a noted speaker on stalking awareness, as part of Stalking Awareness Month activities. The event, sponsored by the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO), will be held in Vander Vennet Theater on Jan. 29 at 7 p.m.

Riddle, an awareness activist since 2003, sought change in the government's approach to stalking prevention after her sister, Peggy Klinke, was murdered by an ex-boyfriend and stalker of one year. Klinke's death occurred just six days before the court case against her harasser went to trial.

Connie Adams, director of BAVO, said Riddle's speech was originally set for October 2012, but was rescheduled due to weather — coincidentally to the 10th anniversary of her sister's death.

Riddle intends to share Peggy's story in her speech, which Adams said was "a touching and powerful testimony."

"I believe understanding the impact stalking has through a personal lens magnifies the power [to prevent it]," Adams said. "After all, knowledge is power."

Riddle will also share general information about stalking

and its impact on our country, specifically on college campuses. In addition, she will discuss the importance of intervention, coordinated community responses and prevention initiatives.

"Unfortunately, stalking impacts men and women in the

"One in six women experiences stalking in her lifetime and one in 19 men experiences stalking in his lifetime."

Connie Adams
director
Belles Against Violence Office

U.S. at alarming rates. One in six women experiences stalking in her lifetime and one in 19 men experiences stalking in his lifetime," Adams said. "As with other types of power-based personal violence, college-age women are at the highest risk."

Senior Cristina Bueno plans to attend the event. She said she believes the talk is relevant to college students because relationships at this age begin to intensify and can spin out of control.

"I think stalking is a prevalent form of harassment on

college campuses because it is very easy to find out where someone lives, who they hang out with and their class schedule," Bueno said. "Campuses can be small and close-knit and that makes it easy to find someone and follow them around."

Bueno believes that Riddle's speech is beneficial for the Saint Mary's community because it offers a personal account of just how dangerous an accelerated romantic relationship in college can be.

"People need to be able to recognize the signs of a stalker, whether they are being stalked or someone they know is being stalked," Bueno said. "It is important to know the facts, be able to recognize the signs and to realize how you can take action to protect yourself and those you care for."

Adams said she hopes the event will be informative for students.

"My hope is that participants gain a better understanding of stalking as a whole," Adams said. "There are many misconceptions in our society about violence. Events such as Debbie's lecture allow us to gain a better understanding of the issue and empower us to create change."

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Professor forms reading group

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

Students and faculty members eager to learn about a rapidly growing style of reporting will find an outlet in the literary

Josh Roiland
Assistant professor
American Studies



journalism reading group, which meets for the first time today.

Josh Roiland, visiting assistant professor of American Studies, said he formed the club to facilitate discussion about this type of journalism, which takes the form of a short story or novel.

The reading group aims to meet every two weeks and will eventually switch to convening early Friday afternoons, Roiland said. It will have no attendance requirement.

Roiland said he developed the idea for the group while he was teaching a course called "Literary Journalism in America" at Case Western Reserve University.

"Students really responded well to the readings to the point that several told me they were continuing to read certain authors like David Foster Wallace over the summer and have conversations with each other on Facebook about these readings," Roiland said. "So I thought I would give that interest some organization and started the group."

The club began with 10 people and grew to more than 40 students, faculty and staff members by the end of the year, Roiland said.

"It was pretty remarkable, and I attribute it all to the compelling nature of these stories," he said. "It's just such a different experience to be reading something that feels like a short story or novel, but know that it's been thoroughly reported and is 100 percent accurate."

The literary journalism reading group at Notre Dame will seek to provide a similar structure for the growing interest in this new form of reporting, Roiland said. The club currently consists of 24 students and faculty members.

Sophomore John Pratt said he signed up for the reading group after developing a fascination with literary journalism in Roiland's class last fall.

"It has a stronger story-like feel, while still remaining true to journalistic standards of accuracy," Pratt said. "One of the aspects of literary journalism that excites me most is the fact that the personality of the author can come through very strongly as a result of the symbolism, character

development and story-like features that are prominent."

Group members will read many contemporary pieces of writing, Roiland said. The club will look at work by John Jeremiah Sullivan, Susan Orlean and Joan Didion, among others.

Roiland said he is open to suggestions about works to read and topics to discuss.

"We'll talk about whatever anyone wants to talk about, whether it's formal themes, structures, and techniques in the writing, to questions about the reporting, to just whether or not we like it," he said. "It's completely open and laid back. The goal is to make people feel comfortable talking about whatever they find interesting, confusing or infuriating."

Pieces of literary journalism are compelling examples of storytelling, Roiland said. They have an untraditional structure and do not follow the classic reporting style of giving the important facts first.

"These stories show that you can be a journalist and a writer, that you can be creative and accurate," Roiland said. "And for students who do not want to be journalists but do enjoy studying the news media, this is an emerging field of study in English and communications departments, and it could spark an interest for further study after Notre Dame."

Senior Ben Zelmer said taking Roiland's Literary Journalism in America class last fall gave him an appreciation for the literary genre of journalism.

"Literary journalism is a unique form of writing that offers fascinating perspectives on issues and topics that are often not available through traditional journalism," Zelmer said. "I'm looking forward to reading more fascinating pieces in the reading group and hearing thoughts and impressions from students and faculty in a group setting."

Roiland said he helped six former students at Case Western create a panel about undergraduate experiences with literary journalism for the International Association for Literary Journalism Studies. The panel participated in a conference in Toronto and was given the designation of "President's Panel" by Professor Alice Donat Trindade from Universidade Técnica de Lisboa in Lisbon, Portugal.

"The panel was the highlight of the conference, and really, the highlight of my teaching career," he said. "Those students got to meet all of the literary journalism scholars they had been reading in class and citing in their papers. ... And, ultimately, I'd like to replicate experiences like that here at Notre Dame."

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Award

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out as truly transformative," Reifenberg said. "I think it's such an absolutely inspiring and compelling project."

The Kellogg Institute said El Sistema has benefited individual participants in the program and the greater Venezuelan society, a fact demonstrated by the ongoing support of eight successive governments. Currently, 300,000 children across the country currently participate in Abreu's arts education programs, and his model has spread to 25 other nations.

While the Kellogg Institute's annual award has typically recognized distinguished individuals serving Latin America through political, economic, educational or religious actions, Reifenberg said Abreu's unique approach deserves recognition.

"We hope that even more people will learn about Maestro Abreu and his project by giving him the award," Reifenberg said.

Every year, the Institute solicits hundreds of people for nominations, ultimately narrowing the group to 40 or 50 individuals, Reifenberg said.

"I think if you look at the past recipients, it's a really remarkable group of people," Reifenberg said.

The award consists of a \$15,000

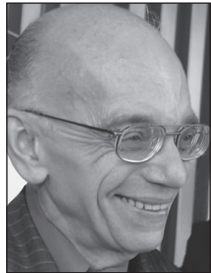
cash prize and a matching amount donated to a charitable organization recommended by the winner. It is funded by a grant from The Coca-Cola Foundation.

Rodrigo Calderon, Kellogg Advisory Board member and president of the Coca-Cola Foundation Mexico stated in the press release that the award is a great honor.

"The Notre Dame Prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America is recognized as the most prestigious prize in its category," Calderon stated. "The

José Antonio Abreu

founder
El Sistema



University of Notre Dame is to be commended for leading this effort which is both a distinction for these outstanding individuals and an inspiration for the younger generation.

Reifenberg said Maestro Abreu will officially receive the award this upcoming spring at a ceremony in Caracas, Venezuela, during which one of the El Sistema youth orchestras will perform.

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Life

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because it marked the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling.

"This trip [was] especially serious because it encouraged us to look back over the past four decades and remember how many lives have been lost in that time frame: over 55 million," Balmert said. "Roe v. Wade occurred before I was born, meaning that when I was in utero it was considered legal for my mother to terminate her pregnancy and end my life if she had wanted. As a poster at the March said, I am a survivor."

For first-time attendees, the record-breaking number of people gathered at the March for Life was unexpected but also brought on a sense of community for the movement, said freshman Ethan Muehlstein.

"I didn't really know what to expect because I actually never heard of this event until coming here to Notre Dame," Muehlstein said. "It was really shocking and refreshing to see so many people wanting to save people's lives and stop abortion, and to be among all those people who are trying to change something in the government."

Sophomore RTL media commissioner Andrew Weiler was one of 50 student leaders carrying the official March for Life banner at

the very front of the entire crowd.

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Andrew Weiler
sophomore

eration that really cares about this issue," he said.

People from across the nation as well as other countries contributed to the diversity of protesters at the capital this weekend, Weiler said.

"Sometimes there can be a tendency to think that the pro-life movement is a single group of people, but going there you can see that there is a range of people who are attending an event like this," Weiler said. "There were even people from Ireland that we saw and so a whole bunch of people converged here in Washington, forming a single

group in solidarity."

Freshman Christiann Tavitias said a group of women representing the Silent No More Awareness Campaign provided an especially moving testimony. The Christian affiliated group seeks to share the personal stories of women and men who have experienced abortion firsthand.

"There was this group of women behind us whose stories of conversion from pro-choice and pro-life gave the event an emotional quality," Tavitias said. "Even though they had abortions before, they gathered here to show their regrets. It was just amazing how you feel for them and you realize that we need people like them to make any difference."

Hoping to present the celebration of life, Notre Dame's presence at the capitol also captured attention from other supporting organizations of pro-life, Weiler said.

"People were definitely excited to see Notre Dame here in part because we are a very national and preeminent Catholic university around," he said. "People have started to notice our presence. Also, we sang our Alma Mater so it just shows that my fellow students were also standing up for the dignity of all people and it made me very proud to be a Notre Dame student."

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as Associate Sports Editor and is a native of Miami currently studying abroad in Fremantle, Australia. DeFranks covered Notre Dame football's run to the national championship and created the "Waking the Echoes" series focusing on the legacies of former Notre Dame athletes.

"I am thrilled to get to work and improve The Observer for our students," DeFranks said.

Iati served as an Associate News Editor over the past

Marisa Iati

2013-2014
Assistant Managing Editor



year. A native of Skillman, N.J. and a resident of Ryan Hall, Iati is a junior pursuing

an American Studies major with a minor in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy. She led The Observer Passport blog while studying abroad in Toledo, Spain, in Fall 2012 and has experience covering Notre Dame student government and Relay for Life.

"I'm looking forward to helping The Observer more effectively facilitate conversation about issues important to the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities," Iati said.

Michels serves as Assistant News Editor and is a native

Nicole Michels

2013-2014
Assistant Managing Editor



of Glenview, Ill. A resident of Cavanaugh Hall, Michels is an English and Political Science double major. She has experience covering the 2012 presidential debates and the Notre Dame Forum.

"I'm so excited to help lead the staff at The Observer as we continue to serve the Notre Dame community," Michels said.

Gastelum will begin his duties as Editor-in-Chief on March 4, and the rest of the Editorial Board will assume their roles March 18.



Photo courtesy of Silvia Cuevas

Saint Mary's seniors Silvia Cuevas, left, and Julia Kenney, right, join Adam Conner of Valparaiso University on the 2013 March for Life in Washington D.C.

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activities.

"The Respect for Life Club was started at Saint Mary's to provide students with the opportunity to support the pro-life movement," Rhea said. "The March for Life is of vital importance. It is a gathering of people from around the country to stand for life. As a club, the event fits well with our mission and for that reason we have many students attend each year."

This year marks Rhea's fifth time attending the rally, which she said was a powerful experience.

"I feel strongly that every person has the right to life," she said. "I attend each year to support a cause that I am passionate about. The March for Life

was a great experience. It was inspiring to see so many people come out to support a cause they believe in. The event was prayerful."

Senior Silvia Cuevas said the event made her optimistic about the future of life-related issues.

"It's a powerful experience that has filled me with hope that the world will know the importance of every life, big or small," Cuevas said. "I am very fortunate to have had the opportunity to march for such a great cause."

Rhea said she and her group were proud to formally represent the College this year with a banner.

"Many of the groups bring a banner indicating where they are from to the March for Life," she said. "For the first time, Saint Mary's College Respect for Life Club took a banner to the

March this year. It was exciting to have the opportunity to carry the banner and represent the club at the March."

Rhea said the massive assembly of people at the March is a strong reminder of the pro-life movement's conviction.

"It demonstrates the value of standing up for what you believe," she said.

Now back on campus, Rhea said she is looking forward to taking her experiences with the rally and applying the mission of March for Life to the club.

"The March for Life is just one way to support the sanctity of human life," she said. "In continuing to follow our mission, the club plans to continue to work with a variety of local organizations that promote life."

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Nightclub fire kills 230

Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Brazil — A fast-moving fire roared through a crowded, windowless nightclub in southern Brazil early Sunday, filling the air in seconds with flames and a thick, toxic smoke that killed more than 230 panicked partygoers, many of whom were caught in a stampede to escape.

Inspectors believe the blaze began when a band's small pyrotechnics show ignited foam sound insulating material on the ceiling, releasing a putrid haze that caused scores of university students to choke to death. Most victims died from smoke inhalation rather than burns in what appeared to be the world's deadliest nightclub fire in more than a decade.

Survivors and the police inspector Marcelo Arigony said security guards briefly tried to block people from exiting the

club. Brazilian bars routinely make patrons pay their entire tab at the end of the night before they are allowed to leave.

But Arigony said the guards didn't appear to block fleeing patrons for long. "It was chaotic and it doesn't seem to have been done in bad faith because several security guards also died," he told The Associated Press.

Later, firefighters responding to the blaze initially had trouble getting inside the Kiss nightclub because "there was a barrier of bodies blocking the entrance," Guido Pedrosa Melo, commander of the city's fire department, told the O Globo newspaper.

Authorities said band members who were on the stage when the fire broke out later talked with police and confirmed they used pyrotechnics during their show.

Police inspector Sandro

Meinerz, who coordinated the investigation at the nightclub, said one band member died after escaping because he returned inside the burning building to save his accordion. The other band members escaped alive because they were the first to notice the fire.

"It was terrible inside — it was like one of those films of the Holocaust, bodies piled atop one another," said Meinerz. "We had to use trucks to remove them. It took about six hours to take the bodies away."

Television images from Santa Maria, a university city of about 260,000 people, showed black smoke billowing out of the Kiss nightclub as shirtless young men who attended the university party joined firefighters using axes and sledgehammers to pound at the hot-pink exterior walls, trying to reach those trapped inside.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The iPhone lifestyle



Sarah Swiderski
News Writer

This past Christmas I ditched my Samsung slide-phone and joined the iPhone community. My previous phone, “Sammy,” and I had a love-hate relationship. It would turn on and off by itself and would sometimes fail to send messages. On the bright side, it was indestructible.

My phone would often make its way to the bottom of my backpack and hide under notebooks and textbooks resulting in many accidental calls to people who I knew in high school but forgot to delete their numbers. Despite the abuse of being crushed under a Shakespeare text and a calculus book, my phone would come out untouched. I’m pretty sure the phone would survive the apocalypse.

I use to leave old Sammy in my dorm room. I often would forget to charge my phone and, to the dismay of many, I would forget my voicemail password, resulting in miscommunication and receiving less than pleasant phone calls.

However, all of that changed on Christmas morning. My parents decided to get me a smartphone to help me as I job search and become more organized. The theory was I would now be able to check my email and not miss important updates if I didn’t have my computer to check my account. The new phone was meant to make my life easier.

For the most part it accomplished that. I now remember the password to my voicemail, check my email regularly, and have not had an accident-dial yet. I can now take pictures and send them to far away family and friends. But although life is easier, it is more stressful.

My first week back at school was spent in fear my phone would go off in class because I hadn’t quite mastered the art of silencing all the notifications, buzzing and jingles. I finally figured out how to turn them off, but now I haven’t figured out how to get some of them back.

Having a smartphone is a newfound responsibility for me. I feel like I have to constantly check my email to make sure I don’t miss anything. Every time I get a push notification I have to see what is. I have to remember to charge my phone and not to let it fall to the bottom of my bag lest it should shatter. I feel like I can’t leave my room without it. It’s as if I have an invisible set of handcuffs chaining me to my iPhone. That being said, I’m not sure I could go back to a “dumb” phone. The apps and functions are just way too convenient for me, which is probably why I can’t go anywhere without my phone now.

Perhaps I just need to learn to be more mature about my cell phone use. Maybe I just need to imagine I still have Sammy. One thing is for sure: how I look at a phone will never be the same.

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Marching for and talking about life

Elliott Pearce
The Human Interest

This weekend, hundreds of Notre Dame students, faculty, and staff demonstrated their opposition to abortion by participating in the March for Life in Washington. More than 400,000 others joined them on the March. Whatever one thinks about the pro-life/pro-choice debate, no one can deny the March for Life made a strong statement that a broad coalition of Americans wants to end the practice of abortion in this country. Though I support their efforts, I did not join that group of students and faculty in marching for life. I did this partly for selfish reasons: I did not want to sacrifice two nights worth of sleep and many hours of potential homework time for the cause. Some activist I am. I also stayed home from the March for another, more legitimate reason. I believe there are many other ways those who are pro-life can engage the rest of America in a conversation about this practice. I am going to discuss a few of them in this article in the hope both the students at Notre Dame who are pro-choice and those who are pro-life can continue the conversation and learn how to better care for human life in all of its stages.

The conversation about abortion, insofar as it is illuminating and productive, centers around the question of when the fetus becomes a human person. Almost anyone would agree it is not right for a parent to kill their baby because he or she does not want to take care of it or feels he or she cannot. Those who are pro-choice, however, think the fetus is not a

baby, but merely a lump of tissue that can be removed with no more consequence than an appendix. When does this lump of tissue acquire personhood and all the protections it entails?

I believe almost anyone who gives the question some thought, even those who are pro-choice in most circumstances, would say a fetus is a person at some time before it is born. The threshold of viability is currently around 23 weeks, or a little less than six months, according to the March of Dimes. If a baby were born at six months and survived, is it any less of a person than one born at eight months or nine months? If a six-month-old baby outside the womb is a person, one who lives inside the womb is a person, too, because personhood does not depend on one’s location or mode of sustenance, especially when the “non-person” unborn could likely adapt to the born person’s state and survive. Even before a fetus becomes viable, though, it begins to display many human characteristics, such as the possession of recognizable limbs and organs and the performance of behaviors like yawning. It may be hard to argue a blastocyst is a child — though I will do it all day long if you want me to — but it’s much easier to argue one shouldn’t kill something that opens its mouth and yawns.

What implications does this have for the conversation on abortion? Those who are both pro-choice and pro-life could agree to restrict abortion in the second and third trimesters, both for the sake of protecting what is more clearly a person and preserving the health of the mother, which can be threatened by invasive

late-term abortions. This conversation has already born fruit in the form of the 2003 ban on partial-birth abortions, and could bear more in the future with a ban on dilation and evacuation, another late-term abortion method. Similar conversations could also lead to better enforcement of laws prohibiting minors from getting abortions without parental consent, and enactment of these laws where they are lacking.

If pro-life activists want to achieve their ultimate goal of making abortion not just illegal but acknowledged by all as morally wrong, they must engage their opponents in productive conversations that affirm what people from different sides can agree on before hammering away at points of difference. This approach will not only lead to the enactment of beneficial legislation, as it already has. It could also lead people to consider the other side’s position more favorably and bring them closer to finding and embracing the truth — the whole truth — together. Pro-choice activists have taught the pro-life community to care about mothers affected by abortion in addition to the children, about other human persons whose lives are threatened after they are born and about the circumstances that cause people to consider abortion. What else will we learn, and teach, if we continue this conversation? Only God knows.

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One issue isn't enough

Conor Durkin

Out of Right Field

This past weekend, roughly half a million students, pro-life activists and other individuals flocked to Washington for the 40th annual March for Life, led by a delegation from our own University of Notre Dame. As most people probably know, the March for Life commemorates the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade* that led to the widespread legalization of abortion in the United States. For many, the day serves as a reminder of the importance of the sanctity of life, or, for those on the other side, of the importance of protecting fundamental freedoms of choice. To me, however, the day has always served as a reminder of the significance a single issue bears on our politics, and has also made me question whether this really makes sense given the realities of modern politics.

The dichotomy between pro-life and pro-choice has become one of the most significant splits in politics. If you're a pro-choice Republican or a pro-life Democrat, you'll never be president.

Period. Furthermore, depending on which view you hold, you instantly lose a large bloc of voters on that issue and that issue alone. Can I be alone in finding this odd? Few other issues provide such a universal litmus test for our politicians. Not many people would base their vote solely on whether a candidate supports school vouchers or favors free trade. I don't imagine many voters would decide their candidate of choice based solely on their views on climate change. To be sure, views on these other issues would influence your overall beliefs about a candidate, but it is hard to find any issue that allows people to write off candidates as quickly as the pro-life/pro-choice debate does.

This is problematic. The world is a complex place, and the problems we face as a nation are significant. By basing our voting on anything short of a comprehensive overview of a candidate's views is to do a disservice to our nation and to ourselves. Ruling out candidates because they hold one particular view on one particular issue is simply inconsistent with the world in which we live and the realities of our current situation.

The challenges we face are truly

daunting. Our federal government is currently \$16 trillion in debt, and in a few months we stand to once again reach the debt ceiling. More than 12 million people are unemployed nationwide. Income inequality has been growing over the past few decades, and social mobility has stagnated with it. Our education system does not educate students, and our healthcare system is still not fixed. Our immigration policies are remarkably broken, our entitlement spending threatens to bankrupt us and our political system itself is riddled with gridlock. With these problems in mind — not to mention the significance of issues like terrorism, civil liberties, energy, the environment, China, tax reform, gun violence, civil liberties or corruption — does it really make sense to base political judgments so heavily on someone's views on one issue alone?

Back in 2010, then-Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels took a lot of flak for advocating what he termed a sort of temporary social truce in our politics, with social issues like abortion taking a backseat as we handle the many issues with which we are currently faced. As he put it, "If there were a weapon of

mass destruction attack, death would come to straights and gays, pro-life and pro-choice. If the country goes broke, it would ruin the American dream for everyone. We are in this together. Whatever our honest disagreements on other questions, might we set them aside long enough to do some very difficult things without which we will be a different, lesser country?"

Daniels' idea was right when he suggested it, and it holds true today. The challenges we are facing are simply too broad and too important for anything less than our full focus. Making decisions based off of one issue — or, even worse, making decisions based off of labels distilling one issue down to a phrase like "pro-life" or "pro-choice" — isn't the kind of approach that will do us any good. The world is a complex place. It's time the way we think about politics and public policy reflects that.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An accident waiting to happen

Thursday morning sported one of the most beautiful South Bend sunrises I have ever seen, and there were two members of our community who almost did not live to see it.

This morning, I watched as two runners traveling toward Saint Mary's College on Douglas Road swerved off their path to avoid an oncoming car. In the pitch-black and fog of a 7:15 a.m. commute, there is so little visibility on that road it is frightening. This morning, as usual, I was leaning over the steering wheel straining to find the perimeters of my lane, grateful for the car in front of me. When I saw the car in front of me had caused runners to swerve from their path, I was terrified because there is nothing I or the driver in front of me could have done if they did not move of their own volition. You cannot see runners on Douglas Road. Even if you do, there is no guarantee you can avoid them if the weather is bad.

Whose fault is it that two people almost died? The driver in front of me? The runners? The snowplow driver who overslept yet again? I know who I blame, but suffice it to say this: It is imbecilic for runners and vehicles to share Douglas Road on any morning, period. South Bend has inclement weather — often. We all know this, so we need to act accordingly. To say

Douglas Road, in particular, is poorly cleared is a euphemism. Perhaps runners think they are safe on the side of the road, but when it is snowy, there is no "side of the road." When it is foggy, there is no side of the road. When the sun sends a laser beam through your windshield at daybreak, there is no side of the road. There is no middle line, either, just the distance you as a driver must keep from the oncoming car, making the side of the road even less of your focus and concern.

I have had a scare like this on the same road once before, and two times is plenty for me to beg you as my classmates to stay away from Douglas Road for your morning exercise. We have lost too many brothers and sisters to total accidents to take this lightly. Please, please spread the word to anyone you know who enjoys morning runs to change their route to somewhere safe. May I recommend either of our stunning campuses?

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Courtney Cox
Scene Editor

This past weekend I went to the Wakarusa Dime Store in Wakarusa, Ind., and discovered a magical land where all of your favorite 1990s candy is always in stock and happiness shines over the entire place like a beautiful rainbow.

I had been alerted to this store last week because of a unique feature on the second floor: a life-size version of the children's board game "Candyland."

You purchase a ticket to play the game and are then escorted upstairs where the real competition begins. Each player is given a deck of "Candyland" cards

and then the race towards the finish line gets heated.

The most unfortunate part of the game is that there is no Queen Frostine, but it's a quaint funny activity for a lazy Saturday afternoon.

Admittedly the playing space is littered with mannequins dressed in candy themed attire that are a little off-putting if you're not in a large group, but it would be a great place to go with a huge group of girls.

Once you're finished with the game you are handed a nifty little gift bag of free candy that includes everything from candy cigarettes, Jolly Ranchers and gummy worms to candy necklaces and Bazooka gum.

The journey doesn't end there, though.

Once you return downstairs you're free to explore three rooms of all the best candy you can imagine.

They had old-school candy from the 1950s next to homemade candy exclusive to the store. If you remember the film "13 Going on 30" you might remember a candy called "Razzles" making an appearance. Well this place has those ... in three different varieties.

It had Warheads by the dozen for 25 cents apiece.

It had a ton of different flavors of salt-water taffy in old-fashioned barrels and it couldn't have been more charming.

They also had a section full homemade fudge and chocolates.

In keeping with the old-fashioned theme of the place they had old-school Coca-Cola, root beer and Crush bottles.

All in all, the place was both an incredible opportunity to have some good, stupid fun and an excuse to eat all the candy you can possibly imagine.

The best part is it's not far from campus at all, just a ten-minute drive away from Notre Dame.

I had seen the store before but never really understood what it was. Now I can confidently suggest to anyone who needs to find a fun afternoon activity that they check out the adorable Wakarusa Dime Store.

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'HANSEL AND GRETEL: WITCH HUNTERS'

DOESN'T QUITE NAIL IT

By **CLAIRE STEPHENS**
Scene Writer

From a director whose notable works include a Nazi zombie horror comedy and a Norwegian parody of "Kill Bill" comes "Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters"—exactly the kind of violent, outrageous fun to be expected. But you do have to be expecting it.

The very title of the movie does well to prepare the audience of the humor and excesses that go far beyond the typical fairy-tale action remake.

Director Tommy Wirkola takes the ridiculous violence of a Quentin Tarantino film, the impressive fantasy hair and makeup of a Tim Burton movie and holds it all together with some good old-fashioned American action violence. Granted, that violence takes the form of some kick-butt heroes with guns, cross-bows, tasers and American accents despite their place in the original setting of the fairy tale.

Wirkola's first big-budget film, despite the overwhelmingly bad response from critics, is good enough for Hollywood and shows a lot of promise for niche

audience in future projects.

The violence and humor do not replace the plot, but motivate these empowered characters to some purpose and final goal as opposed to mindless bounty hunting. Even a romantic interest and childhood revelation or two are thrown in to twist the classic fairy tale further from the original.

However, while the plot and characters were good enough to meet basic movie standards, it doesn't make the jump from "good enough" over to simply "good." The unique touch of the crazy violence and comic premise is entertaining and different, but the plot complexity would only challenge a child.

There is also unreached potential in the characters, especially considering the talent and star power of Jeremy Renner and Gemma Arterton.

A brother-sister mixed gender duo had a lot of emotional promise, especially since we all know the story of trauma and vulnerability from their childhood. Renner's typically tough, blasé character complimented Arterton's softer, feminine influence. Credit should be given for not turning her character into a

scantly clad, powerful dominatrix that so many heroines seem to be. However, besides the duo's teamwork, little investment is put into their relationship and shared experiences.

A bit of depth is given by giving Hansel a love interest and Gretel gaining an unlikely friend. Still, the movie feels too short to develop these relationships enough for the audience to care for these characters' well being.

As far as genre, "Hansel and Gretel" could have been either more dramatic and emotional or witty and dryly humorous.

With an 'R' rating, it also could have afforded to be sexier, cruder and more violent and could have taken more risks by creating stronger emotional bonds between the characters and the audience.

Another one of the weaknesses with the violent fun is that the movie doesn't commit to realistic violence or comically fake violence, but walks the unsteady line between the two.

Many times the situation of the violence is ridiculous (such as someone's entire body imploding, someone's limbs

being ripped off them or witches being shredded to pieces) but the execution of the special effects is moderately realistic. The production value is surprisingly good most of the time, but not realistic enough to make you sick unless you're very squeamish.

"Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters" is great fun, but not a great movie. It is no Oscar winner or must-see. However, the film shows promise for future works in the genre. Critics may hate it, but a cult following of fans will love it.

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**"Hansel and Gretel:
Witch Hunters"**
Paramount Pictures

Directed by: Tommy Wirkola

Starring: Jeremy Renner,
Gemma Arterton



2013 FILM FESTIVAL

DISPLAYS ND TALENT

By **COURTNEY COX**
Scene Editor

The 24th annual Student Film Festival, held this weekend in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, offered students an incredible opportunity to check out some of the budding talent in their midst before they become too famous.

The event was a perfectly timed two-hour show featuring 15 short films.

Five of the films were documentaries coming out of the Film, Television and Theater department's Documentary Video Production course.

One short form documentary in particular hit close to home. Seniors Bri Neblung, Collin Erker and Siobhan Martinez followed three Muslim students at Notre Dame and examined their experience at a Catholic school.

It was touching to see what they thought was valuable about the unique situation they find themselves in at Notre Dame.

The moment where one sophomore describes the process of putting on a

head scarf in the morning felt in a small way like you were genuinely learning about her life.

Other documentaries covered little-known hobbies.

Seniors Grace Carini, Marty Flavin and Andrew Cheng hung out with two small-town baseball teams that play by the original rules of America's pastime, complete with 25-cent fines for cursing, spitting and stealing bases. It was funny, captivating and showed the charm of days past.

"Amie's Image" was a heartwarming piece about a disabled artist in Chicago who fell on hard times and worked with a Catholic Charities organization to be part of a budding group of artists who are economically disadvantaged.

It wonderfully showcased the work of these charities at creating a comfortable and stimulating environment for people who need help, but it was mostly about the ever-present optimism that Amie had throughout all of his work.

Another documentary called "The Sculptor" was all about a young artist

living in Oklahoma and creating ornate sculptures for a nearby monastery. It raised interesting questions about the state of religious art in America and how difficult it is to create beautiful things when the demand for your work has diminished.

Many of the non-documentary films were silent films.

One particularly powerful silent film was titled "Clergy." In it, a young priest struggles with the temptation brought on by one of his attractive female friends. It was dark and captured the difficulty of making the choice to remain chaste at such a young age.

The ending left you on the edge of your seat and borderline uncomfortable.

The short film "Three's a Crowd" was a touching testament to the sudden loss of a loved one and the ways it sticks with you through the rest of your relationships.

Another well-done piece was called "Sinking." It was the only film with no human characters and zero dialogue. Using a compelling soundtrack,

sophomore Ashley Puffer was able to personify a toothbrush so much so that you laughed at times and sighed in relief at others.

Some films left the audience puzzled, particularly one called "Mimesis." It was about the possession of a young female poet, but through the twistingly lyrical narration and supernatural elements it was difficult to completely comprehend the meaning. Perhaps that was the point.

Some horror films were able to cause waves of unsettling feelings in such short spans of time.

One called "Shadowpainting" did a fantastic job of turning the process of painting a woman into a thrilling and dark story.

The reception of all films was overwhelmingly positive and the hard work each filmmaker put into their projects clearly showed at the festival this past weekend.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Nothing compares to the Super Bowl



Mike Monaco
Sports Writer

Editor's note: This is the first in a 10-part series discussing the best event in sports. In this installment, Mike Monaco argues for the Super Bowl.

It'd be a little weird if I asked you what you will be doing next Sunday. I could be sacrilegious, weirdly thoughtful or just plain crazy.

Well I still might be crazy, but I know what you, and everybody else, will be doing. That's right, Super Bowl Sunday. It's the best event in sports because it has it all.

It has nation-encompassing popularity. Super Bowl Sunday is essentially a national holiday in the United States. It's safe to assume there will be at least 100 million fans tuning into the game on their television. That's not just the casual fan watching the game. It's not even an occasional football fan or an occasional sports fan. It's anyone even slightly interested in football or entertainment.

The Super Bowl is typically the second most-watched sporting event in the world behind the UEFA Champions League final. CBS will broadcast the game to more than 200 stations in the U.S. Dial Global Radio will have the game on roughly 600 stations. People in more than 185 countries will watch a game being broadcasted in 30 different languages. It's quite simply the best event in sports.

The key is it's an event. It has entertainment value for people spanning a wide spectrum of football knowledge and interest. Many tune in because they love football. They want to see how Colin Kaepernick fares against a Ray Lewis-led Ravens defense that has had two weeks to prepare for the multi-talented quarterback sensation.

Others might watch because they like sports. It's the last football game of the year and football is the most popular sport in the United States.

Still other viewers just want to watch the commercials. They want to see what (hopefully) funny ads have been produced after companies shell out nearly \$4 million for a 30-second spot. They want to see the E*TRADE baby. They want to see what GoDaddy.com will tempt you with.

Still some others just want to enjoy the environment. They want to enjoy food, drink and friends at a Super Bowl gathering. And if they get a chance to watch Beyoncé perform at half-time, all the better.

Simply put, there is no other sporting event like it. Every

casual baseball, basketball and hockey fan certainly doesn't tune in to every game of a lengthy World Series, NBA Finals or Stanley Cup Finals. But every football fan will be watching the Super Bowl.

March Madness is exhilarating, but is that really a sporting event when it begins on March 19 and ends on April 8? By the time the average fan has had his or her bracket busted, chances are he or she won't zealously watch the title game.

The Olympics, by definition, has worldwide appeal and is a tremendous gathering of elite athletes. But this summer's festivities in London lasted from July 27 until August 12. That's not a sporting event.

So we've already ruled out the NBA Finals, World Series, Stanley Cup Finals, March Madness and the Olympics. What else comes close to matching the Super Bowl's appeal for a single sports event? Well, though Jim Nantz is right in calling The Masters "a tradition unlike any other," we've got four rounds of drives, putts and chips to wade through. So cross The Masters off the list.

Wimbledon lasts a fortnight, literally. The World Cup is thrilling, but it suffers from the same drawback of the Olympics.

The Super Bowl, meanwhile is the most concentrated day of sporting fervor in the world and, as a result, it's the best event in sports.

You could argue that a game seven of the NBA Finals or the World Series is better than the Super Bowl. You could argue that a five-set thriller between Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal is the best. You could argue that a World Cup Final between Spain and Brazil is the best event in sports. You could certainly argue for any number of those.

But what you can't do is assure me that any of those events will happen. We might get a four-game sweep in the World Series or a lackluster matchup in the Wimbledon final.

The Super Bowl, on the other hand, is encased in a protective armor from letdowns. No matter the matchup, no matter the Vegas line, people will tune in, and in record numbers. Last year's instant classic between the Patriots and Giants became the most-watched television show in U.S. history. Oh, and it was the third year in a row the Super Bowl set that record.

So I know what you'll be doing next Sunday. You'll be watching the best event in sports.

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FENCING

Irish tally eight victories at St. John's Invitational

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame began the winter season in winning fashion this weekend, as the Irish men and women combined to claim eight dual match victories Saturday in the St. John's Invitational and seven victories in Sunday's NYU Invitational.

The No. 2-ranked women were 5-0 in their head-to-head contests Saturday, all of those wins coming against top-10 opponents.

Senior captain Courtney Hurley put on one of the strongest performances of the weekend in Saturday's competition. The veteran epee posted a 13-1 mark at St. John's.

Freshman Lee Kiefer led the way in Saturday's women's foil, recording a 9-3 record in her NCAA debut.

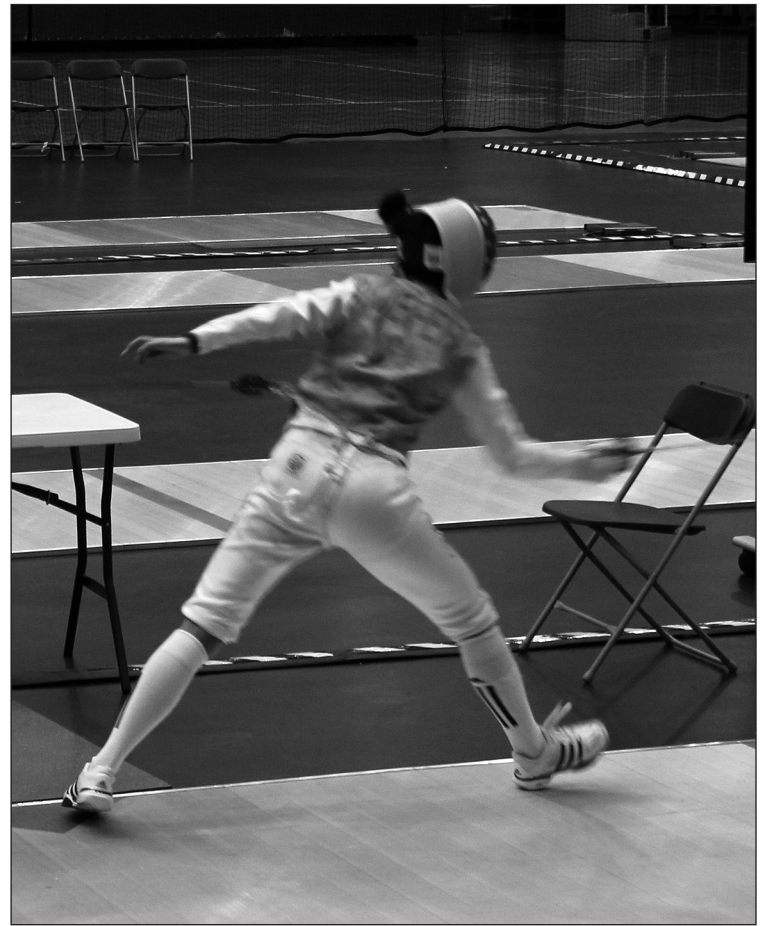
The women's sabre squad helped keep the Irish women perfect at St. John's by recording a pair of team bout wins against No. 8 Harvard and No. 3 Columbia. Seniors Lian Osier and Abigail Nichols each posted 8-7 individual records on the day.

In Sunday's action, the women put on another strong showing but couldn't quite stay undefeated, going 4-1 with their lone loss coming by one point to No. 3 Columbia.

The No. 3 Irish men went 3-2 in their Saturday duals. One of the victories came against defending national champion and No. 1-ranked Ohio State. The pair of Irish team losses came against No. 2 Penn State and No. 5 St. John's.

Several of the Irish men opened their individual seasons on strong notes at St. John's as well, including senior James Kaull (13-2 in men's epee) and junior Ariel DeSmet (13-2 in the foil.) Freshman Garrett McGrath was also solid in the epee, going 12-3 on Saturday.

The men's sabre squad was 4-1 on Saturday, losing only to Penn State. Junior Kevin Hassett and freshman John



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Irish freshman Lee Kiefer fences during Notre Dame's exhibition win over Ohio State on Oct. 28 at the Castellan Family Fencing Center.

Hallsten went 9-6 and 8-7 respectively for the day.

In Sunday's competition the men again went 3-2, claiming victories against Yale, North

"The New York trip is always big for us because it's our first real test to see how we stack up to the other teams."

James Kaull
senior

Carolina and NYU and dropping two to No. 7 Columbia and No. 5 St. John's.

Overall it was a successful weekend for the Irish, who will use the two-day competition as a building block for the rest of the season.

"The New York trip is always big for us because it's our first real test to see how we stack up to the other teams,"

Kaull said. "There was a lot of nervous energy among the younger ones but I think on the first day everyone performed really well. On the second day I think everyone realized how grueling a two-day tournament is and there was a little bit of a drop off. But I think that's actually a learning experience."

Now in his fourth season, the veteran Kaull said the Irish will benefit from playing such talented competition early in the season.

"I like [the competition] because you get to see where you're at and what you need to work on," Kaull said. "If you see guys later in the season you only have so much time to figure out how to adjust your game, so if you see them early on, you can remember what you have to do and tailor your practice according to that."

Notre Dame returns to action at the Northwestern Duals in Evanston, Ill., on Saturday.

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MEN'S SWIMMING | SHAMROCK INVITATIONAL

Squad earns split in season's final home meet

By **MARY GREEN**
Sports Writer

In its last home meet of the season, Notre Dame split the Shamrock Invitational with a 279-69 win over Towson and a 264-100 loss to Harvard at Rolfs Aquatic Center this weekend.

Despite their first dual-meet loss of the season, the Irish (7-1) once again displayed their depth throughout the field against Towson (3-8) and Harvard (6-0). Irish coach Tim Welsh said he believes this versatility has been a strong point for his team this season.

"One thing that's been clear all season and that was very clear this weekend is that we have a great deal of depth," he said. "Our depth throughout the program is really strong ... and that's something that's been characteristic of this team the entire season."

During Friday's opening session, senior Chris Johnson was the lone first-place finisher for the Irish, taking the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 54.17. Johnson also earned an NCAA B-cut with that time, which placed him in contention to advance to the NCAA Championships in late March.

Despite the lack of Notre Dame victories, the Irish swam well enough to accumulate points. In the 100-yard butterfly, junior Frank Dyer touched the wall third, and his teammates finished in nine of the next 11 places. Irish divers also demonstrated their strength in the one-meter event, where they nabbed spots two through seven.

On Saturday, Notre Dame collected two more individual wins, with victories coming from sophomores Zach Stephens in the 200-yard breaststroke and Kevin Hughes in the 500-yard freestyle. Stephens earned a NCAA B-cut and almost broke his own pool record in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:59.65, his second sub-two minute mark this season.

Welsh said he was impressed with how his team gained momentum throughout the weekend.

"We were solid throughout the meet and, even more importantly, we were better Saturday than Friday," he said. "The fact that we carried well throughout the two sessions is better preparation for the championship meets ahead."

For the team's nine seniors,

the Shamrock Invitational was their last chance to compete in a meet at Rolfs Aquatic Center. Welsh said this group's contribution to the team in the last four years has been incredible.

"When this year's senior class arrived their freshman year, we thought, 'Oh my, we've got a really strong class here,'" he said. "They've been central to the huge, giant steps we've taken in last four years as a team. ... It's been a wonderful class, and they've been at the core of everything that's happen in the last four years."

Welsh said he remains confident as a result of his squad's swims this weekend and is optimistic about its chances at the Northwestern Invitational, the team's next meet.

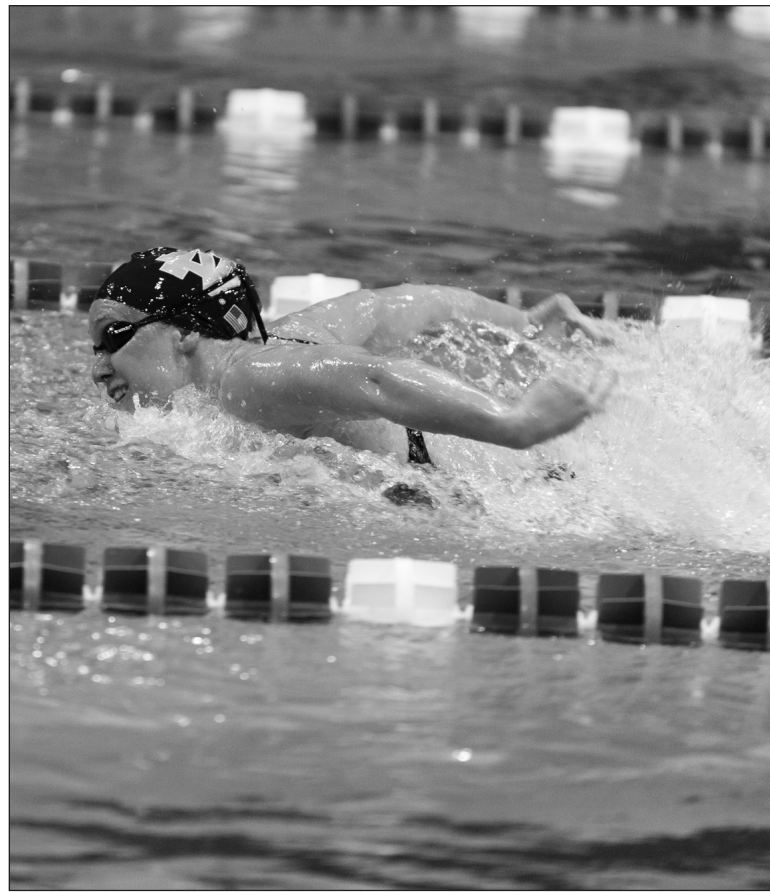
"Throughout the depth of the team, we had season and lifetime bests taking place throughout the entire time," he said. "I'm really encouraged by what we had taking place."

The Irish will travel to Evanston, Ill., this upcoming weekend to compete in the Northwestern Invitational.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING | SHAMROCK INVITATIONAL

Irish crush Towson in dual meet



GRANT TOBIN | The Observer

Senior Kim Holden competes in the Shamrock Invitational on Friday. Holden won the 200-yard backstroke event at the meet.

By **KATIE HEIT**
Sports Writer

The Irish dominated in the pool this weekend, falling only one point short of school record in a dual meet after they crushed the Towson Tigers 309-60 in the Shamrock Invitational at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Notre Dame (3-4) claimed victory in every event in the meet and broke several school records. Senior Kim Holden dropped the Rolfs Aquatic Center record in the 200-yard backstroke by a whole second with a time of 1:57.06. The record was previously set by Indiana's Kate Zubkova in 2008.

Holden said the key to the win for the Irish was the drive she shared with her teammates.

"The team committed to racing, despite being tired," Holden said. "We paid attention to our details and really used this meet as a rehearsal for what's to come."

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of sophomore Emma Reaney, junior Kelly Ryan, freshman Cat Galletti and sophomore Suzanne Bessire broke a 22-year-old record by just under a half second with its time of 1:58:03.

Reaney said she attributed the success of the team to Irish coach Brian Barnes telling the underclassmen to focus on performing for the seniors.

"We really came together and clicked as a team," Reaney said. "It was senior

weekend, and Brian told all of us underclassman to swim for our seniors, and I know that made me want to perform well."

On the second day of competition, Holden snatched another pool record when she took down the record in the 100-yard backstroke by just over two-tenths of a second.

In addition to the victories in each individual and team event, four members of the Notre Dame squad swam NCAA B-cut times. Holden made the cut in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke. Junior Lauren Stauder claimed her place in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke. Reaney's times in the 100-yard butterfly and the 200-yard individual medley put her within B-cut times, as did sophomore Bridget Casey's in the 200-yard butterfly.

Reaney said the victory indicated good signs for the Irish as the team heads into Big East competition.

"I think we all surprised ourselves," Reaney said. "We were so tired and hadn't rested in the slightest for this meet, but a lot of our girls were posting times faster than we did at the Ohio State Invite where we were rested. It's a great indication for how Big East is going to go, I think."

The Irish will be back in action Feb. 9 when they travel to Toledo, Ohio, for a meet against Toledo.

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MEN'S TENNIS | HARVARD 4, ND 3; ND 4, MEMPHIS 0

Irish recover from loss to sweep Memphis

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame did not let a close 4-3 loss to No. 28 Harvard on Saturday ruin the weekend, bouncing back the following day to sweep No. 31 Memphis 4-0 Sunday in Norman, Okla., at the ITA Kick-Off Weekend. The No. 30 Irish entered the weekend coming off another 4-3 loss last Tuesday to No. 37 Northwestern.

"We didn't come out aggressive or confident enough for Harvard," senior Blas Moros said. "We didn't play the level we are capable of, but to their credit they took advantage of the opportunity."

The Crimson captured the first point when they won doubles play, beating the Irish duo in each of the three matches. From there, the competition picked up as points bounced back and forth.

Junior Ryan Bandy took the first Irish point,

winning the No. 6 set 6-2, 6-2. Freshman Quentin Monaghan stretched the lead to 2-1 for Notre Dame when he won the No. 3 slot 6-4, 6-4 against freshman Nicky Hu. Harvard then came back from behind when junior Casey MacMaster took down Irish junior Billy Pecor and sophomore Alex Steinroeder topped Moros 6-4, 6-3 in the No. 2 slot.

With Harvard ahead 3-2, the No. 5 and No. 1 courts both went into three sets. No. 80 junior Greg Andrews took a point for the Irish in the No. 1 spot when he beat sophomore Shaun Chaudhuri 6-3, 7-5, 6-0, but sophomore Wyatt McCoy fell 4-6, 7-6, 7-5 to freshman Nicolas Mahlangu.

"It was a very disappointing loss, but I was proud of our guys for their performance [the next day]," Moros said.

Notre Dame had no time to dwell on the loss before facing Memphis the following day. The Irish instantly

started on a better footing, winning the doubles point. Freshman Alex Lawson and junior Billy Pecor won the No. 2 doubles match 8-6 and Bandy and junior Matt Dooley took the No. 3 match 8-1 to secure the point.

From there, the wins lined up one after another.

"Memphis is a very good team and our guys came out fired up and ready to go from the first point, which is difficult after a tough loss," Moros said. "It showed a lot about our character and I believe it is a good indicator of what is to come the rest of the season."

Pecor added the first singles point to the Irish board, beating junior Johnny Grimal 7-5, 6-1 on the No. 4 court. McCoy followed suit, beating sophomore David O'Leary 6-2, 6-3 in the No. 5 spot. Monaghan closed out the day, beating freshman Lukas Vrnak 7-6, 6-2 in the No. 3 spot.

"We just came out strong from the start and stayed



MICHAEL KRAMM | The Observer

Sophomore Wyatt McCoy hits a forehand return during Notre Dame's 7-0 victory over Western Illinois on Jan. 19.

on them the entire time," Bandy said. "I think the difference was that we came into the Memphis game with a greater desire to win and compete."

The Irish return home

next weekend to host Duke and IUPUI in a series of dual meets Feb. 3 in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS | ND 4, GEORGIA TECH 3; NEBRASKA 4, ND 1

Squad wins close opener, struggles in second match

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

After stealing a victory against Georgia Tech by one point Saturday, the Irish fell decisively Sunday in the finals of the ITA Kick-Off Weekend to Nebraska, losing 4-1.

Notre Dame (3-1) came back from a 3-1 deficit Saturday to take down the Yellow Jackets (2-1) 4-3. Though co-captains junior Jennifer Kellner and senior Chrissie McGaffigan won their doubles matchup 8-3, the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams could not compete with Georgia Tech and the Irish lost the doubles point.

Down 1-0, McGaffigan put the Irish on the board with a 7-6, 6-4 victory over Georgia Tech's Megan Kurey at No. 4 singles.

With the score knotted 1-1, junior Britney Sanders, ranked No. 58 in ITA rankings, fell to No. 39 Elizabeth Kilborn 6-3, 7-6 at No. 1 singles. Shortly after, junior Julie Sabacinski dropped her match 7-5, 6-4, putting the Irish down 3-1.

From there, the Irish began their comeback. Notre Dame's next two victories were close matches, but the Irish managed to pull

through. With the match tied 3-3, the final point fell to junior Jennifer Kellner.

"She was so tough and pulled it out for our entire team," McGaffigan said.

Kellner said her 4-6, 7-6, 7-6 victory that clinched the match was valuable for the joy it gave her teammates.

"It felt good to see everyone so happy," Kellner said. "Personally, however, I have

three of her teammates fell before the end of her third set, leaving the Irish with a 4-1 loss and breaking their three-match winning streak.

"It was a tough loss," Kellner said. "Everyone is a little bummed. But it only motivates us more and shows us that we still have more we can work on."

McGaffigan said the key to both matches was the loss

"We have such talented doubles teams that we think we are capable of winning the doubles point in every single match."

Chrissie McGaffigan
senior

a few things I really need to work on."

The match Sunday against Nebraska proved to be more than the Irish could handle, however, as they entered the championship match.

Again, the Irish fell behind early with the loss of the doubles point. In singles play, only two members of the Notre Dame squad managed to win a set. Freshman Quinn Gleason snatched the only point for the Irish with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Nebraska's Stefanie Weinstein. McGaffigan won her second set, but her match remained unfinished when

of the doubles point, which puts the team in a huge deficit before singles play begins.

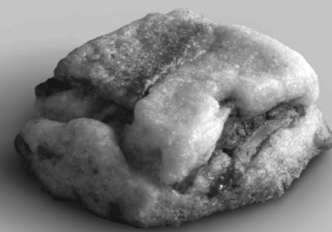
"We have such talented doubles teams that we think we are capable of winning the doubles point in every single match," McGaffigan said. "We are going to work really hard on our doubles play this week to prepare for our matches this weekend."

The Irish will look for that early lead this weekend when they take on Tennessee at home Sunday at 9 a.m.

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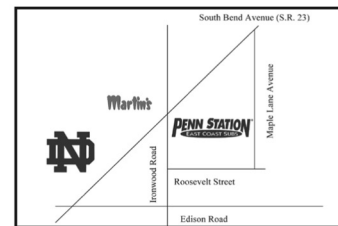
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MEN'S LACROSSE | ND 7, U.S. NATIONAL TEAM 10

Loss to top competition helps squad prepare

By **MATTHEW ROBISON**
Sports Writer

Despite four goals from freshman attack Matt Kavanagh, Notre Dame fell to the U.S. National team 10-7 in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., on Saturday. The Irish also scrimmaged Jacksonville later in the day.

Senior midfielder Ty Kimball said the weekend was more about getting some good practice in and testing their conditioning in a game situation.

"The score might not show it, but it was really just us trying to get better," Kimball said. "We were just finding out who's going to play when and doing what it takes on the field. We were all really excited to finally play against another color jersey."

In his first inter-squad scrimmage, Kavanagh got the opportunity to prove himself to people he has watched play the game for years.

"It was a good time playing against some of the best guys in the country, guys I've been watching growing up," Kavanagh said. "It was really cool."

The weather in South Bend has not been cooperative for practicing on an outdoor surface. The trip to Florida allowed

the Irish to practice outdoors, which is a better test of the team's conditioning.

"We got two practices in on Friday and two scrimmages on Saturday," Kimball said. "It was basically us preparing. We played well. The USA team was really good and I think we played really well as a team."

At this point in the preseason, the Irish are in good shape, according to Kimball.

"We're in a really good place right now. We can tell," Kimball said. "We played all the games with the new NCAA rules. With those new rules, it's going to take us being a lot more conditioned, and we did well. Even having three practices in the previous 48 hours, we did well in those two scrimmages. The conditioning held up well."

Kavanagh said the winter training schedule benefitted the team.

"We've been lifting and practicing twice a day since we've been back to school," Kavanagh said.

In an effort to increase the pace of the game, the NCAA has instituted a shot clock for the 2013 season. In the past, teams were issued a stall warning if they did not make advancements toward the goal on offense. Once that



Observer File Photo

Irish attack Westy Hopkins looks to pass during Notre Dame's 8-6 win over Syracuse on April 28, 2012, at Arlotta Stadium. The Irish fell to the U.S. National Team, 10-7, in Buena Vista, Fla., on Saturday.

warning was issued, the teams had to keep the ball in the possession box.

This season, a 30-second shot clock will start once that warning is issued. The timing is kept by the referees, and schools are not required to install shot clocks in stadiums. After the first 20 seconds, the referees are required to do a 10-second hand count.

Kimball said the new rules will force teams to be in better shape,

but that should not be an issue.

"What really helps us out is the depth on the team," Kimball said. "That's going to be a big thing. Guys can step in when they need to, when guys get tired."

Notre Dame is the preseason favorite to win the Big East title after a vote by the conference's seven head coaches. Senior goaltender John Kemp, who made six saves against the U.S. team, was named the conference preseason

co-defensive Player of the Year. Junior midfielder Jim Marlatt, senior defender Matt Miller, senior attack Sean Rogers and junior attack Westy Hopkins were all named to the preseason all-conference team in addition to Kemp.

Notre Dame will next face Detroit at home Saturday in an exhibition at 7 p.m.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish bring home six victories from Indiana Relays

By **RICH HIDY**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame posted a total of six victories and 35 top-five finishers at this weekend's Indiana Relays, held at Indiana University in Bloomington,

Ind.

The women's 4x800-meter relay team of junior Kelly Curran and Alexa Aragon, freshman Sydne Meunier and senior Rebecca Tracy led the way for the Irish, winning its race with a time of 8:47.94. The mark broke

a Gladstein Fieldhouse record that had stood since 1988.

The main goals for the Irish were to continue to set a standard for Big East and Nationals competition and ensure more runners could qualify for these competitions.

"Most of the runners who qualified [for the Big East] last week didn't run this week so they could stay on campus and go through strenuous training," freshman distance runner Josh O'Brien said. "Our goal is to peak at the Big East and at the

indoor nationals tournament."

The difficulty of travelling to another part of the state can throw runners off sometimes, but the Irish were successful in adjusting to the away meet.

"A four- or five-hour drive can sometimes take the spring out of your legs," O'Brien said. "At the same time, when you travel there is a lot of excitement around the meet."

Sophomore twin sprinters Jade Barber and Kaila Barber also claimed victories at the relays, with Jade winning the 60-meter hurdles event and Kaila placing first in the 200-meter event. Elsewhere, junior sprinter Patrick Feeney won the 400-meter event, which marked his fourth consecutive meet with at least one first-place finish.

Overall, the meet was a success in preparation for Notre Dame's biggest home meet of the season, the Meyo Invitational, which will be held this upcoming weekend.

"Meyo is a huge meet for us next week," O'Brien said. "It is very well known, and historically individual standouts have come in to participate. The Meyo Invitational begins 4 p.m. Friday at Loftus Sports Center."

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Knight, this one with 45 seconds left to play.

Junior guard Jerian Grant powered the Notre Dame backcourt with 18 points and eight assists in 39 minutes of action. Fellow junior guard Eric Atkins added 13 points and sophomore guard/forward Pat Connaughton poured in 12 of his own. Brey said getting out in transition was crucial in cracking a strong South Florida defense.

"I think our transition [offense] really got us confident," Brey said. "We got a bunch of things in transition whether it was at the basket or three-point shots. We were really rebounding and running and I thought our perimeter was fabulous. Grant was great controlling things at the end of a

clock. ... But our guards made great decisions with the ball in the second half."

Notre Dame outrebounded the Bulls 34-17 behind the bruising work of Knight, senior forward Jack Cooley and senior center Garrick Sherman. Cooley, who scored just six points, made his presence felt with 14 rebounds.

"That's where given how we were going to play with Tom Knight in there and given how they've been hurt on the backboard, we made a real concerted effort that we have got to get up on the board and win that battle," Brey said. "And I thought that was really a key."

South Florida junior forward and leading scorer Victor Rudd was held to just seven points. Freshman forward Zach LeDay led the Bulls with 17 points and sophomore guard Anthony Collins finished with 12 points

and eight assists. Collins was held to just two points in the second half.

"He puts so much pressure on you," Brey said of the South Florida point guard. "We talked about 20 ways of how we were going to deal with him and the ball screen. First half we didn't do a very good job at all. Second half I thought we did a very good job."

"But he just keeps putting pressure on you, getting into the lane deeper and deeper. If we didn't fix that, we would have lost by 15 and we did a better job in the second half."

Notre Dame fixed its defense on Collins and fixed its overall play in the second half. Brey said playing with a newly-minted starter changed the Irish strategy and getting out in transition fueled the victory.

"We didn't play since Monday and we were kind of reinventing our self with more three [perimeter players] around two [post players]," Brey said. "When Scott plays we stretch you a little more, four around one. But I thought we pounded away. We got on the offensive board with Jack and Tom and Sherman, rotating them."

"We were able to run because they're a very good defensive team. You can't play against their set 'D' for 40 minutes. It's hard on you. The easy buckets made us believe maybe we could get one here today."

The Irish return to Purcell Pavilion on Wednesday to take on sizzling Villanova, who is coming off wins against a pair of top-five teams in Louisville and Syracuse.

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Irish junior guard Eric Atkins handles the ball during Notre Dame's 73-65 victory over USF on Saturday at Purcell Pavilion.

Similarity

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up 1-0 at the first intermission. Irish junior center David Gerths deflected in junior defenseman Stephen Johns' shot from the point and, later in the period, referees overturned a Ferris State goal after video review showed the puck hit the post and did not completely cross the goal line.

The Bulldogs went up 2-1 in the second period, following goals from senior center Travis Ouellette and junior center Cory Kane. Sandwiched between the two goals was a failed penalty shot attempt by Lee, who was denied by the pads of Bulldogs freshman goalie Charles Williams.

Unlike Friday, however, the Irish responded with the next goal, as freshman forward Thomas DiPauli received a long pass from Johns and scored a four-on-four goal from inside the left faceoff circle over Williams' glove at the 12:03 mark.

Less than three minutes later, the Irish went ahead for good when Nugent scored in a similar fashion to DiPauli. Freshman

forward Mario Lucia chipped the puck into the offensive zone, and Nugent corralled it before releasing a shot from the faceoff circle high and glove-side.

Nugent said he hadn't thought much about his individual goalless run, and was happy to provide a lift to a team that had been struggling for victories.

"To be honest with you, I was just happy to put our team ahead," Nugent said. "We've obviously been through a tough stretch right now. I know that's what I'm supposed to be saying to [the media], but that's the honest truth. It was a big goal for us and we needed to come out here and get a big win tonight."

Less than a minute into the third period, Lucia provided breathing room for the Irish when he scored to put Notre Dame up 4-2. Junior center T.J. Tynan ended any hopes of a Bulldog comeback when he scored a five-on-three goal with under three minutes remaining in regulation.

Jackson referenced a second period timeout when the Irish were down 2-1 as a potential turning point in the contest.

"I was getting into their

wheelhouse on the bench, just because we were turning the puck over," Jackson said. "We did a really good job early in the game and then all of a sudden, we started turning the puck over."

"That's when the game changed back in their favor, and then after that penalty shot was when the game started to change a little bit back in our favor, because we were starting to move the puck forward instead of turning it over."

Jackson said the Irish still have work to do to improve but hopes the victory changes the team's trajectory.

"When things go bad, they tend to go bad," Jackson said. "They continue to go bad until something happens that changes it. Maybe tonight it was that four-on-four goal by DiPauli and then Nugent's goal. That was maybe the turning point for us to get back at least heading in the right direction."

The Irish next hit the ice when they travel to Columbus, Ohio, for a series at Ohio State this upcoming weekend.

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MIKE KRAMM | The Observer

Irish sophomore guard Whitney Holloway brings the ball up the court during Notre Dame's 89-44 win over Providence on Saturday.

Lineup

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half off.

"I really felt like we just wanted to play the bench a little bit," McGraw said. "Give them some time and see how we can play without [Diggins], because that's something that we struggled with in the last game."

But the bench held its own. Senior guard Kaila Turner and sophomore guard Madison Cable both tallied nine points, while freshman guard Michaela Mabrey scored eight.

Although the Irish were the beneficiaries of an emotional home crowd Saturday, Notre Dame will find themselves on the opposite side today when they travel to face No. 9 Tennessee (16-3 7-0 SEC). The Lady Vols will unveil a banner honoring their legendary former coach, Pat Summitt, who retired last year after being diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

"I think you've got to eliminate the crowd right at the beginning," Diggins said. "We've got to set the tempo right away. So we have to start in control, get three stops in a row. The

first four minutes are the most important, and we have to go on our run first."

McGraw said she was happy for the opportunity to play in Knoxville, Tenn., and help honor Summitt, the winningest college basketball coach in history.

"It's a huge game; they're playing really well," McGraw said. "It's going to be a Big Monday game [on ESPN]. I'm sure it's going to be a sellout and a lot of excitement, so we're excited to be going down there."

If the Irish are to spoil the Vols' night, they will have to find a way to stop Tennessee junior guard Meighan Simmons.

"I think she can score in a variety of ways," Diggins said. "She's a very emotional player. She can score in bunches, and I think it's going to be a team job to know where she is because she has a quick release on her shot."

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Sky-high scorer

Diggins scores 2,000th career point as Notre Dame cruises; road test against Tennessee awaits

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When it came time for highly-recruited senior Skylar Diggins to announce her college choice in the fall of 2008, she sat in front of gathered family, friends and media in the Washington High School library and opened her letterman jacket to reveal a t-shirt with "Irish" printed over her number "4."

Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw wore a replica of that t-shirt under her black blazer at the press conference following Notre Dame's 89-44 win over Providence Saturday, when Diggins, now a senior guard for the No. 2 Irish (18-1, 7-0 Big East), scored her 2,000th point.

"What she's brought to Notre Dame and what she's done for this community is amazing," McGraw said of Diggins. "Everything she does represents Notre Dame so well and the program so well, and wherever she goes from coast to coast, she's such a good ambassador for our program."

Diggins, who is now fourth on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list, entered the game with

1,999 points. She didn't leave the crowd waiting for long. Notre Dame won the tip, junior forward Natalie Achonwa served the ball to Diggins and Diggins finished the lay-up just four seconds into the action.

"I wanted to get it over with as quickly as possible, just not think about it," Diggins said. "But the crowd, they're always loud and always exciting, but the roar that came when I made the basket is something I'll never forget."

But Diggins wasn't done just yet. A few minutes after her first basket, she went on a 10-0 run of her own, making four consecutive field goals to stretch the Irish lead to 20-4. She didn't miss a shot until the second half and finished with 21 points on nine-of-10 shooting.

Providence (6-13, 1-5 Big East) struggled to compete all day: Diggins alone outscored the Friars until several minutes into the second half, when she was already done playing for the game.

The starting lineup, including Achonwa (14 points) and freshman guard Jewell Loyd (10 points) got much of the second

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Senior guard Skylar Diggins drives into the lane during Notre Dame's 89-44 win over Providence on Saturday at Purcell Pavilion. The Irish will go on the road tonight to face Tennessee.

MEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 73, USF 65

Irish charge past Bulls in victory

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It looked all too familiar for the No. 24 Irish.

Notre Dame (16-4, 4-3 Big East), losers of three of its last four, trailed 35-28 at halftime of Saturday's matchup with South Florida. But the Irish were propelled by the unfamiliar and outscored the Bulls (10-9, 1-6) by 15 in the second half en route to a 73-65 bounce-back win in Tampa, Fla.

Senior forward Tom Knight — who was making his first start of the season with graduate student forward Scott Martin out indefinitely with a knee injury — gave the Irish a jolt with a career-high 17 points and seven rebounds. The Irish, who had lost three of their last four games, went on a 20-3 run early in the second half to get back on track.

"I'm thrilled," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "That's a great win for us. We've been

struggling, losing three out of four and Monday night was not real fun in our building with Georgetown thumping us [63-47]. And I'm very proud of our group, because at half-time we could have thought, 'Maybe not today down here in Tampa.'"

The Bulls scored quickly out of the intermission to stretch their lead to 37-28 before Notre Dame went on its thunderous run, highlighted by a dunk from Knight, to make it 48-40 Notre Dame.

"I would have been shocked if [Knight] didn't play well," Brey said. "He's been around us for a while, so it's nice. You lose a sixth-year senior [in Martin] and we put in another senior who's been in our program, [it] certainly helped us."

The Bulls cut the Irish lead to 60-55 with 6:10 remaining in the second half, but Notre Dame extended its advantage to 73-61 with another dunk by

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Squad snaps losing streak

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The No. 8 Irish dropped Friday night's game, 3-1, against visiting Ferris State but rebounded to snap a five-game losing streak Saturday with a 5-2 win over the Bulldogs behind senior forward Kevin Nugent's game-winning goal, the first goal of his career.

Notre Dame (16-10-0, 12-6-0-0 CCHA) got on the board 6:34 into the first period Friday night when junior center and captain Anders Lee scored on a rebound off a shot from senior defenseman Sam Calabrese.

The Bulldogs (13-10-3, 11-8-1-0) responded in the second period, as senior forward and captain Kyle Bonis scored on the power play 3:18 into the period and sophomore center Dom Panetta gave Ferris State the lead with 7:41 remaining in the period. Bonis added an empty net goal in the third period to seal the game.

Despite outshooting the Bulldogs 33-25 Friday night, the Irish could not break out of their slump.

"I thought we were better



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Irish senior forward Kevin Nugent looks for the puck during Notre Dame's 3-1 loss to Ferris State on Friday.

tonight than we've been in the last three weeks," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "We had a number of good scoring chances and couldn't finish. And they finished on their chances and we didn't. This time of year, it's about goaltending and special teams, and theirs was better than ours today in those two areas."

The Irish generated numerous scoring chances — junior forward Bryan Rust and sophomore defenseman Robbie Russo each hit the post with a shot in the first and second period,

respectively — but could only muster one shot past Bulldog sophomore goalie CJ Motte.

"I think we got our chances, we just hit those posts," Calabrese said. "That's not an excuse, but at the same time, we're getting the chances, we're getting open shots, we're getting looks, but I think those net-front battles really would help, and I think we'll get a little more consistency here with some guys back."

Saturday's game began similarly to Friday's, with the Irish

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