

Debate highlights Monday's runoff

*Candidates
reflect on election
experience*

By **KRISTEN DURBIN**
News Editor

A six-ticket race was whittled down to two potential platforms to represent the Notre Dame student body when Wednesday's election resulted in a runoff between juniors Alex Coccia and Nancy Joyce and juniors Dominic Romeo and Philip Hootsmans.

Following last night's runoff debate, Coccia said he and Joyce plan to go into today's election with the momentum gathered from student support for their ticket.

"We have really been honored by the excitement and enthusiasm behind our campaign," Coccia said. "Going door-to-door in the dorms has really opened our eyes to the breadth and depth of interests within the student body, and we would be very excited to turn

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RUNOFF ELECTION

Coccia - Joyce
VS
Romeo - Hootsmans

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8 AM and 8 PM

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*Student
government
finalists face off*

By **ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI**
News Writer

The two tickets still in the running for student body president and vice president squared off in a runoff debate Sunday night in LaFortune, reiterating the pillars of their platforms before the final round of voting today.

Juniors Alex Coccia and Nancy Joyce form one ticket, competing against fellow juniors Dominic Romeo and Philip Hootsmans. Coccia and Romeo are the candidates for president, while Joyce and Hootsmans are running for vice president.

The debate focused largely on diversity and inclusion on campus, and each ticket's plans to create more unity and cohesion among members of the student body. Both tickets emphasized

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Student hits 'GameDay' shot

By **MEG HANDELMAN**
News Writer

Senior Casey Murdock had the luck of the Irish on his side Saturday morning when he made a half-court shot at College GameDay to win \$18,000.

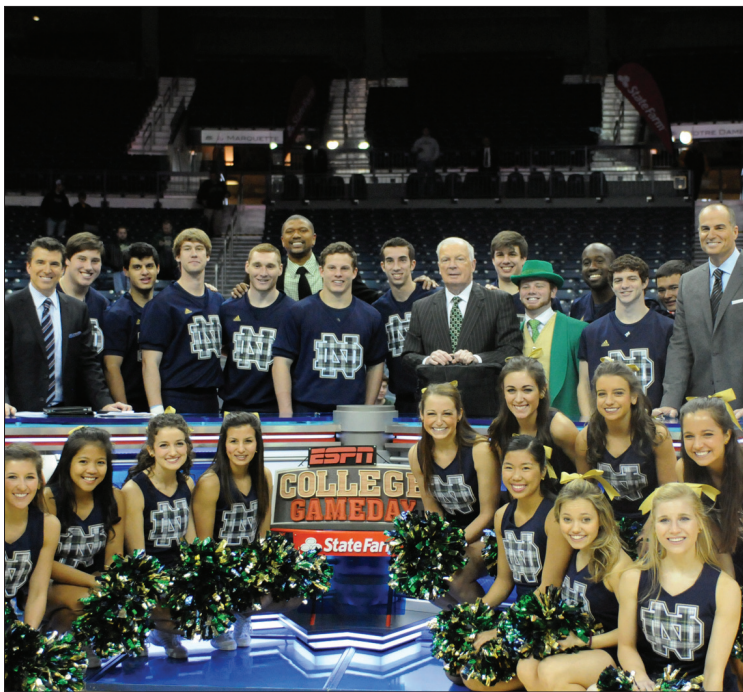
"When I saw the ball bank into the hoop on the second shot, I honestly did not know how to feel," Murdock said. "I was completely at a loss for words."

Murdock hit the shot on his second attempt during the ESPN program's broadcast from Purcell Pavilion.

The avid basketball fan said he plans to act responsibly with his winnings.

"I'm definitely going to save the majority of it; I'll invest it somehow so that I can prepare for life after college," Murdock said. "At the same time, when something like that happens, you need to celebrate somehow, so I'll figure out a way to have fun with a little bit of it."

Murdock's favorite part of the



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Irish cheerleaders pose with "College GameDay" hosts Saturday prior to Notre Dame's quintuple-overtime victory over Louisville.

experience was the crowd rushing the court to pile on him after he made the winning shot. Being surrounded by a horde of people, including the Notre Dame men's

basketball team, was completely overwhelming, he said.

"It felt like the entire Notre

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Former dean shares thoughts

By **MARISA IATI**
News Writer

Mark Roche, former dean of the College of Arts and Letters, praised the liberal arts' provocation of important inquiries as part of the Professors for Lunch series Friday afternoon.

"Students come to college with great questions, and college awakens in them other great questions," Roche said.

"What is most essential to human flourishing? How did the world begin? Why are there wars? Few of these questions have practical value in the truncated way we define practical value, but they matter to students to understand the world as it is and the world as it should be."

Roche, a professor of German language and literature and a concurrent professor of philosophy, spoke to

students and faculty over a casual lunch in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall.

College offers a unique opportunity to engage higher-

Mark Roche
professor
German and philosophy



order questions about the human condition, Roche said.

"You'll be engaged in a lot of busyness in the rest of your life," he said. "[College is] an opportunity to withdraw from your world and reflect on the past as much as the present, on other nations as much as your own."

Roche said knowledge

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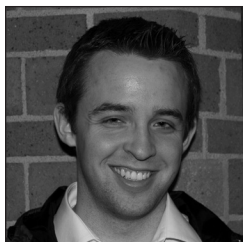
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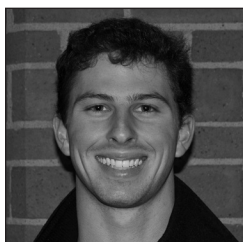
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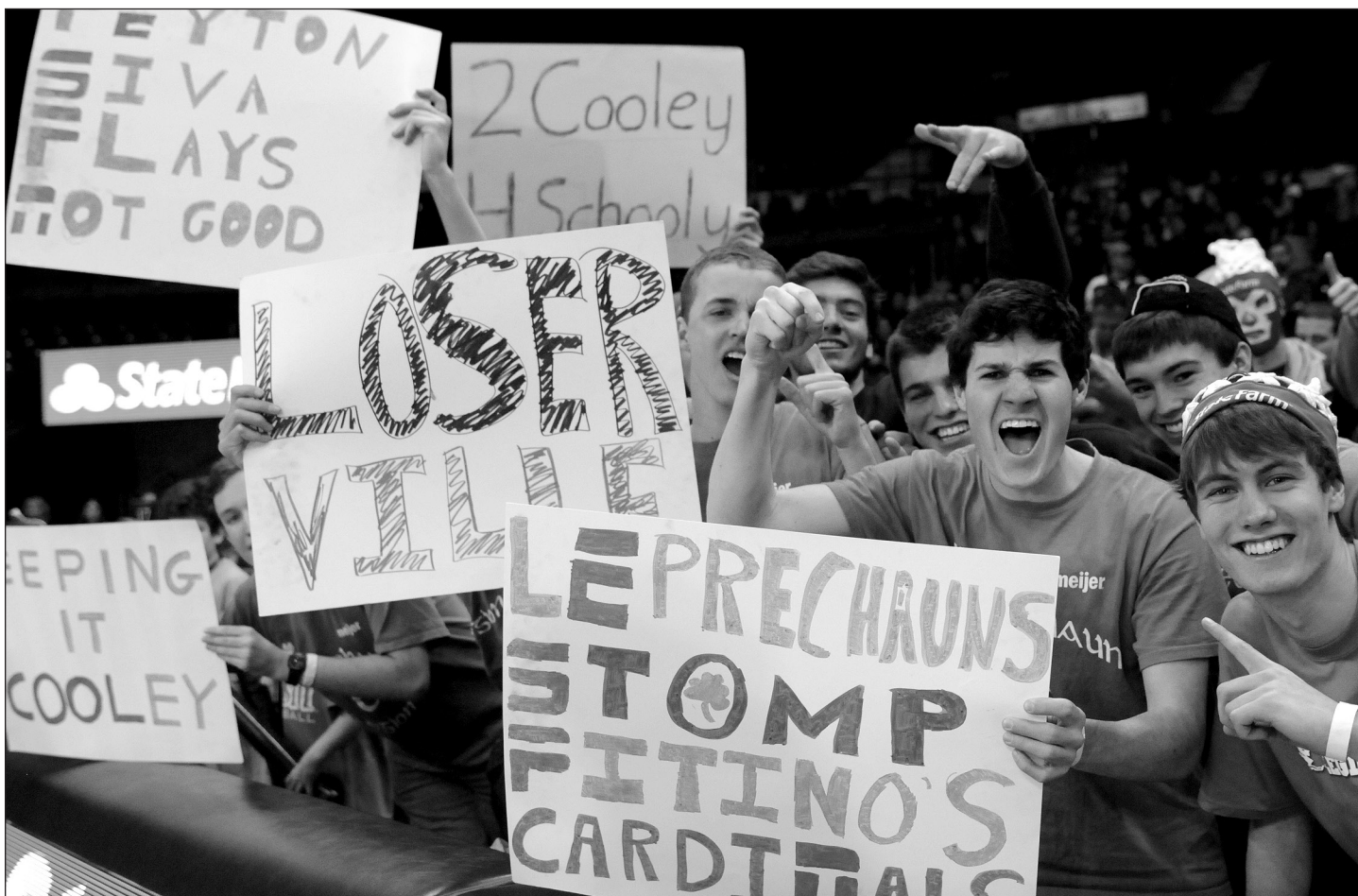
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Notre Dame students display homemade signs on the live broadcast of ESPN's “College GameDay” in Purcell Pavilion on Saturday morning. “College GameDay” came to Notre Dame to cover the men's basketball game against Louisville, which the Irish won 104-101 in five overtimes.

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Philosophy Lecture

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Women's Basketball

Purcell Pavilion

9 p.m.

The Irish face off

against the Louisville

Cardinals.

Tuesday

Mardi Gras Concert

Legends

7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Featuring guitarist and

composer Stephane

Wrembel.

Four:7 Catholic Fellowship

Cavanaugh Hall

8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Student-led Catholic

fellowship group.

Wednesday

83rd Annual Bengal Bouts Preliminaries

Joyce Center

6 p.m.-10 p.m.

Men's boxing

tournament opens.

Men's Basketball

Purcell Pavilion

7 p.m.

Notre Dame takes

on the DePaul Blue

Demons.

Thursday

SonnetFest 2013

O'Shaugnessey Hall

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Public reading of

Shakespeare's 154

sonnets.

No More Deaths

Geddes Hall

5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Presentation by

desert aid workers in

the Sonoran desert.

Friday

Business Lecture

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10:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m.

Speaker: Julia

Silverman.

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Center

6 p.m.-7 p.m.

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Weekend.

Happy Light benefits college during winter

By **REBECCA O'NEIL**
News Writer

Saint Mary's is offering a solution to its students' weather-induced woes. The Happy Light, available in Women's Health by appointment only, imitates sunlight with special fluorescent bulbs that are twenty-five times brighter than normal bulbs.

Students are welcomed and encouraged to take advantage of the pseudo-sunlight, director of Women's Health Elizabeth Fourman said.

"The counselors had been reading about the benefits of the Happy Light for years, so we finally purchased our Happy Light in the fall of 2010," she said. "It's used to treat SAD (Seasonal Affective

Disorder), which is prevalent in the northern U.S."

Up to 25 percent of people in the northern U.S. have some symptoms of SAD, Fourman said, and the disorder is more prevalent in females, which made Saint Mary's an ideal location for the light.

With lows in the 10s and highs in the 40s this winter season, Fourman said South Bend's weather may be detrimental to academic success. For those afflicted with the disorder, the environmental inconsistencies are hazardous to both physical and emotional health.

Consistent exposure to sunlight or artificial light may mitigate the effects of the disorder. Fourman said those who have used the

light usually notice a small improvement in mood and energy.

"There is a direct correlation to improved symptoms with regular use," she said. "The symptoms of SAD also improve with regular exercise, good nutrition, hydration, counseling, regular sleep cycle and for some, medication."

Saint Mary's is not the only school to try this unconventional method, Fourman said.

"I don't know of any locally, but some schools with multiple lights rent them for a week at a time, or have students check them out from the library, and some have students schedule appointments like we do here," she said.

Ideally, the light should be used daily, Fourman said, but with students' busy schedules, that often is not an option. Typical sessions run from 15 to 60 minutes, but most people use it for about half an hour.

"Students start making appointments for the Happy Light in November. The most we've had in one week is 11, but usually it's less than that," said Fourman.

Sophomore Logan Nevenon visited the light for the first time last year.

"I hadn't heard of it before and I thought I would try it because I was not feeling like myself. I was pretty down," said Nevenon.

The Texas native went to the Happy Light twice a week

for about three weeks and did homework.

"Girls from warmer climates request the Happy Light more frequently," Fourman said. "Our dreary weather can last for months, and a lot of us forget what the sun looks like until it comes back in the spring. Many students who come from a more sunny climate have a difficult time adjusting to our clouds."

Unfortunately, the light's effects do not work for everyone.

"I didn't feel any different then I had before I tried it, so I decided not to go back. It didn't work for me," said Nevenon.

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Dame community was celebrating this amazing moment not only for me, but with me," he said. "It truly made me feel like part of a family, and at that point there was no more I could ask for."

After the shot, Murdock said he found his friends and captured the moment through taking pictures and then continued celebrating at his home.

"I returned to my off-campus house, and as soon as I walked in the door all of my friend piled on me and started screaming with excitement," he said.

Murdock said he practices

"It was all completely surreal, and definitely made one of the best days of my life."

Casey Murdock

senior

Half-court shot winner

shooting the ball around almost every day and has made half-court shots before, but he did not actually practice in preparation for "College GameDay."

He has received many comments about the unorthodox form he used to get the winning shot, he said.

"I seem to have a better chance from half-court when I float the ball," Murdock said.

"In the end, though, I made it, and that's about all that matters."

Murdock said he continued celebrating by attending the men's basketball game Saturday night, in which the Irish defeated Louisville 104-101 in a five-over-time game.

"It was all completely surreal, and definitely made one of the best days of my life," Murdock said.

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Center to host film festival

WORLD CINEMA FESTIVAL

Women Make Movies

Monday.....Arusi Persian Wedding
 Tuesday.....Rights & Wrongs
 Wednesday.....Africa is a Woman's Name
 Thursday.....Pink Saris
 Friday.....Club Native

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By **KAITLYN RABACH**
 News Writer

The Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) will host a film festival this week promoting female filmmakers and films about women's issues.

The World Cinema Festival: Women Make Movies event will feature five award-winning films that cover a variety of international topics related to feminism.

Mana Derakhshani, associate director of CWIL, said the festival fits perfectly with the mission of the College and its recent push to include more intercultural education learning opportunities.

"President Mooney has led the way towards opening up the college to the world by stressing the importance of internationalizing the campus," Derakhshani said. "This event is part of the efforts to bring the world to Saint Mary's College and to increase opportunities for college students as well as the larger community to learn about their global community."

Saint Mary's has hosted the Women Make Movies week for the past seven years, Derakhshani said, but it has not always been the World Cinema Festival. The French division of the Department for Modern Languages previously sponsored the festival, but after the department exhausted its grant money in 2011, CWIL decided to continue the festival.

"CWIL took over and broadened the scope of the film festival to include foreign films from around the world," Derakhshani said.

The week features five films that illustrate various issues that women in different countries frequently deal with. They range from the challenges of growing up as a biracial woman in Canada to historical and contemporary feminism in Islam.

As part of a women's college, Derakhshani said CWIL is uniquely placed to feature women filmmakers and bring issues women face from around the world to the eyes of the Saint Mary's community. The center worked with the Women Make Movies, an organization that promotes films by and about women, to put together the event.

"The World Cinema Festival gives everyone the opportunity to learn about and engage with the rich tapestry of the world," Derakhshani said. "The filmmakers we are featuring tell stories of women leaders in various cultures around the world. ...The women are telling their stories in their voices and that is a powerful example of leadership."

The films are free and open to the public. They will be shown in Vander Vennet Theater in the Student Center each night at 7 p.m.

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Election

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those ideas into action once within student government."

As part of one of the two tickets involved in the runoff election, Romeo said he and Hootsmans will continue to advocate for a more representative student government by promoting their vision to the student body.

"Since the beginning of this process, Phil and I have believed that our platform and ideals align with what our Notre Dame student body wants: a student government that represents our collective desires and advocates for our collective needs," Romeo said. "To make it into the runoff ... means that our student body not only agrees with such a vision but believes that we have the capacity to make such a vision a reality."

For the candidates who missed the runoff election, the results represented the culmination of concerted campaign efforts.

After campaigning on the strength of their five combined years of student government experience, junior Michael Masi and sophomore Tim Scanlan said they were honored to have had the opportunity to promote their vision for the Notre Dame family throughout the election process.

"It is a humbling experience to have represented the Notre Dame family in this

election. Words cannot express how much inspiration students, family and friends have provided me throughout my time at Notre Dame," Masi said.

As students voting in today's election, Masi said he and Scanlan believe the Romeo-Hootsmans ticket emphasizes values common with those espoused by their own platform.

"It is my belief that the Romeo-Hootsmans ticket best shares the vision and ideals Tim and I set out for student government," Masi said. "Their willingness to listen to students, work with others and unite the Notre Dame family together as one is truly admirable."

Despite an outcome not in their favor, sophomores Billy Christy and Pat Roemer said the election demonstrated the commitment of their supporters to campaign on their behalf.

"It's meant a lot to both of us that we have so many friends willing to sacrifice their time and go out of their ways to help us," Christy said. "We're really humbled that hundreds of people thought that we were the guys for the job and could not be prouder of everyone's work."

Moving forward, Christy said he and Roemer support Romeo and Hootsmans to lead the Notre Dame student body next year.

For freshmen Austin O'Brien

and Nick Boggess, their candidacy shows promise for the future of student government at Notre Dame.

"Although I will not have the opportunity to serve in student government as president, I am hopeful that I will be able to serve in another capacity," O'Brien said.

After progressing through the election process, O'Brien said he "fully endorses" Coccia and Joyce in today's election.

"Alex is an approachable, strong leader who has experience uniting the campus while fighting for student rights," he said.

In the wake of allegations of election violations against other tickets, freshmen Kevin Salat and Paul Mascarenhas said the outcome of the election leaves them with one voting option in the runoff election.

"Our endorsement can only go to one position in this runoff election due to the way things turned out, and that's to the 'abstain' vote," Salat said. "We refuse to support any candidates that allegedly violated campaign rules and do not want to advocate supporting student government in any way."

Runoff election voting will be open via email today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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their commitment to actively seeking out suggestions and input from the student body, using the position of student body president and vice-president to better serve the Notre Dame community and respond to their immediate concerns.

Coccia discussed his involvement with the 4 to 5 movement on campus and said he hopes to continue to advocate the interests of all students on campus, beyond the “mainstream” concerns.

“What I’ve been able to do with the 4 to 5 movement is really build a team of people to make what was a marginal conversation a mainstream conversation,” Coccia said. “Through that, we were able to make a real, concrete policy change as well as ... a more welcoming environment for [all] members of the community.”

Joyce echoed this approach, citing her involvement with smaller, “niche-focused” groups like Arabic Club and a diabetes support club on campus and expressing her appreciation for the work these smaller organizations do.

“We have such a diversity of passions and interests here on campus, so we want to make sure that these smaller groups are really able to use student government,” Joyce said. “You shouldn’t have to be a group that attracts a huge number of people to be able to get the resources you need from student

government.”

Romeo said he believes the key to fostering a sense of inclusion campus-wide will be increased awareness of the groups and activities on the margin of campus life, making their concerns and events more publicized.

“We think these issues of diversity and inclusion deal with the issue of equality — how do we get every student at Notre Dame to feel equal?” Romeo said. “In talking to a lot of students ... the answer we’ve heard overwhelmingly is awareness. We’ve got to make the student body aware of the issues.”

Romeo hopes to continue the conversation about instances of injustice or inequality across campus, setting a precedent for how the student government will respond and offering an alternative to unproductive, immediate emotional responses.

“We don’t want to forget that the ND student body is very diverse and a very welcoming group,” Romeo said. “We want to do things to remind us of that. We want to do weekly Observer editorials to lift up students who are doing something good, and at the same time we want to celebrate diversity.”

“We think if more students are aware of these things, naturally there will be a [movement] where the whole student body is going to look at each other on the same plane.”

Each candidate spoke about his or her personal background and the ways in which their individual experiences at Notre

Dame qualify them to lead the student body.

Coccia said his experience in student government has set him up to be successful as student body president, able to connect with administrators and act efficiently with them. These connections will enable him to begin work with administrators immediately, putting the student government’s plans into action right away.

“I’ve been able to build good working relationships with administrators across campus to get things done effectively,” Coccia said. “It’s hard to go in cold without these relationships, but I can go in immediately and really start working with them and having the conversations.”

Joyce said her involvement with class council and participation in smaller clubs on campus has refocused her priorities and made her a more passionate advocate for them.

“I believe that student government really needs to be about more than the mainstream or just the large groups on campus,” Joyce said. “We need to make sure that everyone on campus thinks that student government is a resource for them. That’s how we approach student government.”

Hootsmans cited his international background as a major formative experience, and said he is committed to fostering the sense of inclusion that he has personally experienced.

“I was born in Japan, lived there for four years, then



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Juniors Dominic Romeo and Philip Hootsmans look on as juniors Alex Coccia and Nancy Joyce speak at last night’s debate in LaFortune.

lived in Connecticut for seven years, then I moved to China,” Hootsmans said. “I know [how it feels] to be in a place where you’re completely different from everybody else; I have that experience.”

“It doesn’t take a lot to make someone feel welcome... and I think that’s where my background comes into my approach, because I believe that from the top of student government you can create a culture that can emphasize this and be more welcoming.”

Romeo said he sees his lack of experience with student government as a positive thing that allows him to approach issues more creatively with a broad background of experience.

He cited his leadership roles with the Appalachia seminar and The Shirt committee, his

experience walking on to the football team and his time abroad in China as the formative moments in his Notre Dame experience.

“I’ve worked with all different kinds of things, and I think this wide array has formed me into a person who can approach issues not just from a one-sided way,” Romeo said. “I’ve been through all kinds of different experiences and have seen things in all kinds of different lights, and I can get things done accordingly.”

Students can place their votes for student body president and vice president today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. through a link e-mailed to students by the Judicial Council.

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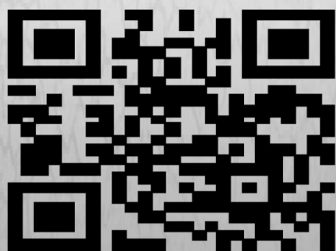
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pursued for its utility is only useful insofar as it serves an end, but knowledge sought for its own sake fulfills a greater purpose.

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Mark Roche
professor
German and philosophy

we engage knowledge as a good in itself, we are engaging in a religious activity,” he said.

Liberal arts courses help students determine their vocations by teaching them to consider how they can use their capacities and passions to improve the world, Roche said.

“A liberal arts education,

therefore, helps me discover who I am and how I ought to live my life,” he said.

Roche said liberal arts classes enable students to develop communication and critical thinking skills that will be useful in their careers. They provide tools for adapting to new professional fields and eventually working in jobs that do not yet exist.

A liberal arts background also helps people communicate well with each other, Roche said.

“To encourage effectively the participation of others, to draw them out in the discussion, to challenge the view of interlocutors without irritating them to such a degree that they turn away from the discussion, is to enact a kind of diplomacy,” Roche said.

Roche advised students not to choose majors based on employment prospects but rather on what will most fulfill them.

“If you get a Notre Dame degree, you’re going to get a job, so it doesn’t matter all that much what you major in,” he said. “But you have to worry in this sense: If you choose business, are you getting enough liberal arts classes to really flourish in the long term?”

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INSIDE COLUMN

No theme parties



John Cameron
News Editor

You're trolling Facebook as per usual when you see a notification inviting you to an event. "Thank God," you think, "someone finally got around to booking me for Valentine's Day night."

Wrong. You couldn't be further from the truth. You've been invited to the most unfortunate of social media-official gatherings: the theme party.

Don't get me wrong, I like an old-fashioned night of house party debauchery as much as the next shameless college male. It's a great opportunity to meet people while avoiding shelling out a whole dollar for a 32-ounce drink at Finny's. That being said, when you require me to put on jorts, wear ironic business formal attire or paint my face, just ... ain't nobody got time for that.

Frankly, Legacy Village rent is pretty steep, and the money tree we had in our backyard died before Christmas, so the last thing I want to do is trek to Walmart or the thrift shop — regardless of the potential Macklemore lyric Twitter references — to buy some ugly piece of clothing I will never wear again, an exception being the sacred institution of ugly sweater parties, which are perfect.

The worst part of theme parties may be the unpredictability. If you get an invite to a "pants party," you have to ask yourself how serious these hosts are about having a house full of people in funny pants. I'm not going out of my way to get funny pants only to show up to a room full of denim-clad, non-funny-pant-wearing party attendees. I'll play it safe and ignore the theme. Big mistake. The chanting of "Pants, pants, pants" upon my arrival still echos in the core of my soul.

Then there's the before and after. If you're really popular, as I choose to self-identify, it's likely you'll have multiple engagements on any given Friday — or Saturday or Wednesday or Thursday. If you commit to substituting your shirt with an American flag, you will undoubtedly look stupid at the pre-game, or the pre-game for the pre-game or the post-game Finny's appearance. God forbid the theme is subtle enough that it could appear as though you are just awkwardly dressed, requiring you to inform every acquaintance that you don't actually consider tie-dye apparel to be socially acceptable — that it's just for the theme. I swear. I usually look good.

Also, no one looks good in theme-wear. The point of going out is to make an effort to not grow old alone surrounded by felines watching "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo." Don't impede my efforts to convince some unfortunate soul that I'm worth approaching.

So hosts: Think twice before you decide to tack on a theme to your upcoming shindig. You don't know the commitment and shamelessness you are requiring of your guests, and I just don't have the shoulder musculature to pull off a toga.

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Human rights and the golden rule

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The Human Interest

When I first applied to be a Viewpoint columnist at the beginning of the year, I told the editor my column would be about human rights and human dignity. Today, I want to examine the sources of all our rights. Specifically, I will investigate whether or not a pluralistic society can find an objective, universal justification based on reason alone for granting certain rights to its members. I believe that such a justification exists, and that it comes from a proper understanding of the so-called "golden rule's" importance for the happiness of individual people and for all people in a society.

Many would say the government grants them to us. This makes sense up to a point, because governments do pass laws and write constitutions that state what they believe are their people's rights. They also use their military and police forces, as well as their powers of taxation and redistribution of wealth, to uphold all of these rights, both negative — like rights to life, liberty, and property — and positive — like those to food and medical care — that they grant to their citizens.

Because governments appear to create and sustain the rights their citizens enjoy, many believe that governments are the fundamental source of rights. These people forget, however, that some governments, like that of the United States, were created by their societies after the overthrow of their previous governments specifically for the purpose of protecting what the people believed were their rights. This suggests human beings form their own ideas of their rights

independent of what their governments choose to enumerate and uphold. If not from governments, then where do our notions of "right" come from?

Some, including the writers of the United States' Declaration of Independence, say these rights come from God. When everyone in a given society agrees on one idea of God and the rights that follow from it, God provides a sufficient justification for a society's rights. In many modern societies, though, large segments of the population disagree as to whether or not there is a God, what form that God takes and what rights follow from a given understanding of God. As any Notre Dame student knows, telling someone who does not believe in God that something is a right "because God says so" does not work very well. Therefore, those who live in pluralistic societies must find justifications for their rights that do not appeal to any particular idea of God.

I would like to propose we use the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," or perhaps Immanuel Kant's or John Rawls' versions thereof if you feel the original golden rule is too trite, to determine what should count as a rights and how far we should go in upholding them. One should follow the golden rule regardless of their religious beliefs for his or her good. Even someone who believes human beings are no more than very smart animals cannot deny that people are also very dangerous animals. Everyone knows not to do things to a bear that it does not like for fear of provoking an attack, so one should have the same respect for human beings.

What if one person has so much

more power than another that he believes he can abuse that person with impunity? I propose this circumstance occurs far less often than most people think. The frustrating resilience of terrorists and militias against which our military has fought for the last decade attest to this fact. One may succeed in violating another's rights for a time, but the more prolonged and egregious these violations become, the more likely it is the violator will provoke a stronger response than he can withstand.

One can use the golden rule to understand positive rights as well, like those to food and medical care. Even a committed capitalist must admit if too many people in a given society do not think they can acquire the basic necessities of life through labor, they will appropriate what they believe they deserve through government redistribution of wealth or even violent action. Therefore, the wealthy have good reason to look after the poor.

Using the golden rule as our guide, we can define rights in this way: one must recognize another's right to those things that any person would fight to defend or to acquire. I believe this definition is powerful and universal because it is based not on the presence of external moral strictures that one may or may not recognize, but on one's regard for his own well-being and on fear of conflict with those as dangerous as himself.

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Three birds, one stone

Conor Durkin

Out of Right Field

As President Barack Obama begins his second term, his agenda and the agenda of Congressional Republicans seem to have an interesting degree of overlap and conflict. With a bipartisan group of Senators creating a plan for immigration reform, for instance, it appears we may finally be able to resolve the issue early on this year. Yet in many other instances, the GOP's central focus on deficit reduction and the economy makes it easy to imagine Obama will be unable to pursue other progressive objectives, such as addressing climate change. But what about a policy to help the environment, the economy and the deficit at the same time? Believe it or not, there's a policy that could do exactly that — a carbon tax.

A carbon tax is fairly simple to understand. Such a tax would put a price on the carbon emissions caused by the burning of any fossil fuel, like the emissions from a factory or the gasoline that goes in your car. The theory behind such a tax also makes sense. Causing pollution creates what's known as a negative externality, a situation in which those using a product gain all

of its benefits but don't bear all of its costs. Using gasoline, for example, emits pollution into the atmosphere, but drivers don't bear the costs of this negative effect. Implementing a carbon tax helps to rectify this problem by making individuals bear more of the costs they impose on the rest of us.

It's easy to see how a carbon tax is the right approach for environmental and energy policy. The current regulatory approach relies on CAFE standards to reduce emissions by dictating what cars manufacturers are allowed to produce. A far more effective approach in my view is to let manufacturers decide which cars to produce, but to let consumers bear the full weight of the costs of driving. Instead of regulating what manufacturers can make, a carbon tax would instead change people's incentives to drive and would elevate demand for more fuel-efficient cars, giving car companies a strong incentive to make better and more fuel-efficient vehicles instead of merely ensuring their cars comply with some arbitrary standard. In energy policy, I also believe it's important to ensure we have a true level playing field without the government picking winners and losers, as we've come to hear about a great deal. But without some sort of carbon tax, the

playing field isn't level — pollution-causing forms of energy like gasoline and coal have an implicit advantage over green energy, since consumers don't bear the full cost of the action. Instituting a carbon tax would eliminate this problem by ensuring consumers bear all benefits and costs of the use of that energy, instead of biasing the system in favor of dirtier sources of energy by having society as a whole bear their negative effects at no cost to the producer.

It's equally important to understand how to use a carbon tax to help with our economy and deficit reduction. Luckily, the government in British Columbia has provided us with a perfect case study of doing just that. A few years ago, British Columbia implemented a carbon tax of \$25 per metric ton of carbon, which has since been raised to \$30 per ton. As a result of the revenues from this tax, the government was able to massively reduce other tax rates, like their corporate tax rate, which now stands at only 10 percent. Compared to our 35 percent tax rate — the highest in the industrial world — this seems absurdly low. I'm not generally enthusiastic about pointing to Canada as an economic role model for the United States, but here the results seem clear. Estimates vary on the revenues

from a carbon tax, but most ballpark a figure between \$100 billion and \$150 billion per year for a carbon tax of \$20 to \$30 per ton. For the sake of comparison, President Obama's "Buffett Rule" gimmick would bring in only \$40 billion over a decade. This revenue then could and should be used to dramatically reduce both corporate and individual income tax rates, helping to boost our economy while protecting the environment. Moreover, a portion of the revenue could go directly to deficit reduction, ensuring that our long-term fiscal challenges are dealt with as well.

I'm often struck by liberals who think we must take immediate action on long-term issues like the environment but not on long-term issues like the national debt, and am sometimes equally as puzzled by my compatriots on the right who have the opposite approach. To both camps I ask, "Why not do both?" Let's kill three birds with one stone and put a price on carbon in a manner that will help the environment, the economy and the national debt.

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Cybersecurity should be an utmost priority

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The Daily Trojan

National security threats often invoke images of bombs, guns and invading military forces, but one of the most pressing threats to the United States involves none of these things. Instead, powers hostile to the United States and its interests have quietly launched domestic cyberterrorism attacks against U.S. banks and, most recently, against popular American news agencies. Such subtle acts of espionage, and the likelihood that they will only become more damaging, translates into a dire need for Congress to quickly pass legislation that beefs up cybersecurity defenses.

The issue of cybersecurity came to the forefront of national discourse last Wednesday, when The New York Times revealed that they had fallen victim to a four-month-long network security breach that was reported to have originated in China. The initial breach occurred around Oct. 25, the publication date of an article reporting on the family of the country's prime minister. This disturbing news was followed by revelations that The Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg News and The Washington Post experienced similar issues within their own networks.

The fact that unfriendly powers are carrying out such breaches against institutions of free speech is unsettling enough, but the threats extend beyond mere invasions of privacy. Large attacks were leveled in September against the online systems of JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, U.S. Bank and PNC Bank, resulting in at least day-long denials of service.

Such attacks indicate that much more is at stake, with some especially problematic areas being not only economic institutions and tech firms but also power grids for nuclear power plants and water purification systems. "Nation-state attackers will target critical infrastructure networks such as power grids at an unprecedented scale in 2013. These types of attacks could grow more sophisticated, and the slippery slope could lead to the loss of human life," said Chiranjeev Bordoloi, CEO of security company Top Patch.

According to a CNN interview with James Lewis, a cybersecurity expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, at least 12 of the world's largest military powers are working to construct complicated cyberwarfare systems.

It would be no stretch to say that the United States has the most to lose at the hands of these powers if our government continues to put cybersecurity on the backburner.

Though the media's constant bombardment of the public with images of war-ravaged Afghanistan would suggest otherwise, the events in a remote desert nation do not necessarily pose a greater threat to national security than seemingly less dangerous cyberattacks. The recent infiltrations should remind our legislators of this and prompt them to not only engage in serious discussion with other nations such as China, but also quickly pass legislation that would re-allocate substantial defense resources to building a stronger cyberdefense system.

Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Mich.) spoke to the immediacy of the situation in an interview with Politico: "Foreign cyberattackers are targeting every aspect

of the American economy every day and Congress needs to act with urgency to protect our national security and our economy," he said.

With the defense budget and looming sequestration cuts up for debate, Congress needs to take advantage of an opportunity for bipartisan cooperation. Instead of continuing partisan bickering on troop withdrawals and timetables, lawmakers must work to pass serious legislation that will provide the tools necessary to combat lurking cyberthreats.

Attacks on public utilities and power plants can create not only inconvenient but dangerous situations for everyday Americans, and the crash of a bank's computer system can wreak economic havoc. In addition, some of the nation's most sensitive intelligence information could be discretely collected and used against us in unexpected attacks.

Aggression in cyberspace is unfortunately a product of our times, truly illustrating both the magic and terror that modern technology can bring. As such, our leaders must act so that we are prepared for whatever comes our way. Technological capacities will only continue to grow as time passes, and as nations unfriendly to the United States develop economically and politically, the possibility of more serious attacks will only increase. Constructing a stronger defense in U.S. cyberspace is of paramount importance, and waiting longer could only harm the nation — the time for action is now.

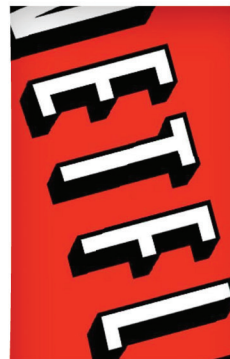
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LENT & REPENT THE DOMER WAY



By **GABRIELA LESKUR**
Scene Writer

It's that time of year again. Lent is upon us.

You know the drill: It's time to give something up or start doing something good that you've always been meaning to do.

Back in the day, our parents encouraged us to give up chocolate and TV. They encouraged us to take up prayer before bed and chores around the house.

For those 40 days, the majority of little Catholic kids did as their parents asked. We looked longingly over at the cookie jar and tried not to complain when taking out the trash.

Yet, the moment Lent was over, we went back to forgetting to wash the dishes and gorging ourselves on Reese's when no one was looking.

Even now as college students, Domers can fall into that same routine.

Sometimes it can be hard to force ourselves to really commit to giving up something or taking up something for Lent. And once Lent is over, we go back to the same habits.

However, maybe we need to change our

perspective.

Beyond preparing ourselves for Jesus' resurrection and trying to reflect on what that means to us, Lent provides us with the perfect reason to start fresh. It's a time to look at ourselves objectively to see where we struggle, to see what we take for granted.

Here are just a few suggestions when contemplating your Lenten plans:

Enrich Your Soul (and your stomach)

Regardless of what your religion may be, Notre Dame is a center for spiritual discovery.

In all the hustle and bustle that is Notre Dame, it's easy to come up with excuses for not taking time to reconnect with our faith. And yet, there are so many great arenas for prayer and spiritual life across campus.

So do an extra hour of homework on Saturday. Make time.

Go to the Basilica on Sunday.

Head over to the Iron Sharpens Iron on Thursday night and learn from the rich faith traditions of Christian denominations other than your own.

Go to a dorm mass throughout the week,

whether it be Milkshake Mass or Fondue Mass or Chili Mass. Let yourself enjoy a chocolate-covered marshmallow as you meet new people and realize how truly amazing this ND community is.

Give Up One Guilty Pleasure

Only get Starbucks during Midterms and Finals (if at all). Pass up on the fro-yo. Resist the candy wall in the Huddle. Bid farewell to Ben and Jerry.

Don't wait in line for pasta stir-fry. Avoid the tempting smell of the burrito bar. Walk right on past and deny yourself the pleasure of making your own pizza or your own waffle.

Instead, contemplate the unthinkable — eat a vegetable. Reintroduce yourself to the salad bar. Smuggle a banana from the dining hall. Eat a peanut butter sandwich for a late night snack.

Cancel Your Netflix

Running from class to class overwhelmed with the stress of juggling a personal life, 18 credits, and multiple club activities, the little things can be overlooked.

A few moments of silence would do any Domer good.

In the hour you'd normally be watching "Mad Men" or "Say Yes to the Dress," get coffee with an old friend you haven't seen in a while.

As the weather gets warmer, sit on a park bench on God Quad and crack open a good book.

Make the trek to North Dining Hall for dinner with a PW Purple Weasel.

Go to the Grotto and light a candle for someone you know who is struggling. Count your blessings each night, even on those days when you pass out on a desk in the library at 3 am.

Meditate and calm yourself down when you feel overworked.

Pray.

Do Your Own Thing

Regardless of what you chose to do for Lent, a little spiritual spring-cleaning can always do some good. 40 days seems like forever, but the truth is, 40 days is just long enough to make a change for the better. And maybe this Lenten season, one of these changes will stick.

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NO LOVE HERE The 'No Love Lost' Review

By **MIKO MALABUTE**
Scene Writer

Stop me if you've heard this before.

"Here's an artist who has the heart and lyrics that actually speak to you. Here's a guy that people can actually relate to. He's real."

This is not refreshing to us, and to be quite honest, it's made us weary of listening to anyone new that has been inadvertently channeled our way.

In an arena where standing out has become the norm, where trying to be an individual has become too trying for both the artist and listener, it's often tough to approach something new and expect something even remotely worthwhile.

In comes Joe Budden, with his newest album "No Love Lost." Budden allows himself yet another platform to truly be himself.

Though there were questionable "filler," "attention-grabber" songs in the album, "No Love Lost" Budden's work truly seeks to communicate to his audience the image of a man that believes he has come full-circle. Budden speaks on topics such as failure, perseverance,

love, vices and other subjects that are all indications of a "been-there, done-that" man who can bestow his knowledge onto his fans.

A solid foundation for a good album, no?

More often than not, there were occasions on the project where Budden tried to transcend his hit-or-miss history with music, as much as his own style would allow.

Songs such as "Castle," where pensive piano chords complement Budden's exasperated, yet soothing voice, portray a man who has it all but simultaneously has nothing. Similarly, "All In My Head," with fellow Slaughterhouse member Royce Da 5'9" and vocalist Kobe, shows Budden questioning his own success and position in life. These are two examples of songs that made very pointed efforts to bring forth Budden's very real insecurities.

However, these efforts were punctuated too often and too soon by the aforementioned "filler, attention-grabber" songs, songs that were absolutely unnecessary, considering the style and audience Budden tries so hard to appeal to.

"She Don't Put It Down," featuring Tank and Lil Wayne, is perhaps the largest single from the album and could be regarded as one of the largest reaches in Budden's career. With a peculiar, sub-70s synthesizer mixed in with a cacophony of drums and Wayne's even more peculiar style of rapping, this song is definitely a head scratcher.

The odd tune is followed immediately by the song "N.B.A. (Never Broke Again)," this time with the assistance of French Montana and Wiz Khalifa.

Yet even those two mainstays couldn't accomplish much, as the song comes off as your stereotypical hip-hop, embellishing everything that is frustratingly predictable about the culture and lifestyle. Rather, they simply manifest a song that merely feels like a drawl and — ultimately — a likely candidate for the "Next" button on your iTunes.

These kinds of records should normally add versatility to the almost one-dimensional style that Budden brings, but all that they bring is Budden down from the air of "superstar rapper" to "average Joe."

It's hard to say what Budden can really

do when seemingly his entire career has been chalked up to "hit-or-miss." It's tough to so grossly generalize it. But Budden's consistency is lacking, and the unpredictability of his records reflects the air of an inexperienced rapper, not the wise, hardened man he portrays himself as in this album.

"No Love Lost" is somewhere between mediocre and good, but a man who tries to come off as a man who's come "full-circle" should have no business having an album in that category.

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"No Love Lost"

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SATURDAY NIGHT BIEBER

By COURTNEY COX
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As an avid Justin Bieber fan I watched “Saturday Night Live” expecting to see some Justin Timberlake style crossover action. I was sadly disappointed. The rest of the cast performed spectacularly while not letting Bieber’s overly cheesy antics get in the way. The cold open about the awkward half-hour blackout at the Super Bowl was a great topical way to open the show but from there on it went down hill. The Biebs’ monologue was propped up almost entirely by Keenan Thompson who walked around with Bieber correcting his facts about Black History Month (Denzel Washington did not, in fact, invent the peanut). Beginning any SNL episode with the overly stupid sketch “The Californians” is never a good sign. The played out mockery of California accents and obsessions with directions

was clearly only included so that fans could watch Justin attempt a Cali-bro accent (which he admittedly does with some success) but it certainly didn’t need to last as long as it did. One of the best segments of the show was when they put together a fake commercial about all the new Bravo shows set to come out this season. They did an incredible job pointing out the incestuous spin-offs that are so possible on the cable channel and Justin Bieber was only featured in a minor role as an Austrian hitting the clubs in LA. Weekend Update also delivered as usual with Keenan making a guest appearance as “the black guy in every Super Bowl commercial.” They joked about all of the “cool” things he gets to do, like play drums on a Pringles can and DJ at a Dr. Pepper party and hang out with vaguely ethnic girls with bangs and white guys who dance in fedoras. They also brought out Fred Armisen

and Vanessa Bayer as the gossipy friends of King Richard III who was found buried under a parking lot this past week in Southern England. It’s one of the best examples of the subtle ways we talk about people we would nowadays consider frenemies. Taran Killam made Justin Bieber break character in one sketch where the Biebs plays a polite southern boyfriend meeting the parents for the first time only to be caught off guard by his girlfriend’s outrageous brother. It was a flop of a sketch but seeing Bieber next to the average sized Killam made it immediately apparent how tiny the Biebs actually is. For example, Killam’s hand took up roughly three quarters of Justin Bieber’s chest. Then he went on “The Miley Cyrus Show” as the president of the Miley Cyrus fan club. He made fun of himself for looking like a lesbian and went on to

talk about how he smoked weed and he was sorry and would never do it again. It was mildly funny but not exactly a star performance. He ended the show as a nerdy high schooler with a lisp organizing an abstinence themed dance. It was an obvious character for a 19 year old to play and maybe that’s the problem. He’s too young to believably portray any character who would actually come off as funny. The real star of the show Saturday night was Keenan Thompson who surprised with a range of good characters all subtle and not obnoxious or expected. It was disappointing but maybe they can hold off another 5 years and Biebs will return to SNL and redeem himself as host/musical guest.

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THUMBS UP for Legends stand up



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“I was told you guys clam up when we talk about sex ... but I’m gonna do it anyway.” That was said by comedian Andy Haynes at Legends on Saturday. Haynes followed comic Andrew Santino in the two-hour stand up night. Before I talk about their funniness or unfunniness, let’s go over what I realized sitting in the 18-person audience at the show. So comedy shows are sort of like concerts in the sense that the audience has the ability to set the tone of the room, performance, and even sensory experience. A perfect example was last spring when Sam Adams came to St. Mary’s and the audience was neatly lined in auditorium rows, and predominantly composed of females. There was a definite difference between seeing Sam Adams that night, and seeing him with a crowd of rowdy drunk people in a Boston bar. So audience affects concert

experience. This principle is even truer for stand up comedy shows. Whether a joke is funny or not depends on who’s listening. Watching last Saturday’s show was a case study in understanding yourself and your peers. Both comics picked the low hanging fruit and went for sports first. They made a lot of hockey and football jokes that were well received. My favorite sports-related joke was Andrew Santino’s constant purposed mispronunciation of Manti Te’o (Manttito, Monit tuhtowow, Montee titoooto). Then they centered in on sex and pot jokes, which was when it became apparent to me just how conservative we are at Notre Dame. That was not a secret, but I guess I thought of it as an exaggerated stereotype, or one of those things you kinda think about but don’t really believe. Like how girls always say they’re fat when they don’t really think they’re fat. What makes us conservative is the fact that we aren’t openly lascivious, or casual when it comes to taboos. Whether we like it or not we’ll always possess some shame because of our Catholic

conservative surroundings. Anyway, they were both freaking hilarious. Santino was better. He’s the bigger star, he’s been on “The Office,” and hosts “Punk’d,” but Haynes, who’d been on “Conan” and “Jimmy Fallon,” was pretty lol-worthy himself. Santino was better because he felt the audience out. He reacted to all his surroundings. When the fan turned on he made jokes about God turning the wind on, he fake freaked out on someone taking a picture, hit on females in the audience, and made up a mock TV show theme song about a group of two boys and a girl sharing a table in the front row that criticized one of the boys for being “the third wheel.” Anything that happened he was ready for, and turned into a joke, or had a story that related to it. The presence of a British boy in the audience started a ridiculous tirade on the disgusting Brits. Haynes tried to bounce off the audience too, but he wasn’t quite as good at it. There was a really nice bit where he asked a table of girls where they were from and the four of them said

“Connecticut,” “Florida,” “I’m Chinese” and “Alabama.” He took that into a bunch of jokes about Asians, China, and American inadequacy. I applaud Haynes’ attack of a shorts-wearing male audience member: “What are you trying to prove? You’re making white people look bad. Are you connecting with your viking heritage?” He finally publicly abused shorts-wearing in winter. One of the regular comedians from Student Stand-Ups, Will Docimo, was a nice opener. Very goofy guy, a little pre-rehearsed, and too normal for my taste, but he was funny nonetheless. All in all it was a really funny night, I laughed for about two hours straight, more laughs per minute than watching “30 Rock” or “Workaholics” which is huge in my book. I left thinking they were too talented for the twentyish people who showed up at Legends. Contact Emilie Terhaar at eterhaar@nd.edu The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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The best of college basketball



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Sports Writer

And ... exhale. Wow. How's your bracket looking? Gosh, isn't March Madness great?

Wait, it's only February? This is the regular season?

Incredible.

It's one of just the few words acceptable to describe what has transpired so far in the college basketball season.

It seems every day there's another buzzer-beater, another clutch shot at the end of regulation, another upset, another Goliath slayed, another court stormed.

Chaos can be great, and it certainly is right now.

But I'm here to help make sense of what has happened this year. Sure, the games have been exhilarating, but which ones have been the best?

Let's break down the five best games of the season. My primary criterion here is thrill. Broad, I know. But let's dive in.

1. Saturday: No. 25 Notre Dame 104, No. 11 Louisville 101 (5 OTs)

Unbelievable. I won't spend too much time on this because you can read all about this on the back page, and (I would hope) you've heard by now. But, here are the essentials: Five overtimes. Notre Dame trailed by eight with 50 seconds left in regulation. Jerian Grant scored 12 points in roughly 44 seconds. Oh, and did I mention five overtimes?

2. Dec. 15: Butler 88, No. 1 Indiana 86 (OT)

With a pair of Indiana schools duking it out in Indianapolis, this game was back and forth throughout. Butler led by five with 38 seconds left in regulation, but Indiana stormed back and cut the lead to one on buckets from Yogi Ferrell and Victor Oladipo. Ferrell then drilled a three-pointer with 10 seconds left to tie it at 76. In overtime with the game deadlocked at 86, Butler sophomore walk-on guard Alex Barlow maneuvered into the lane and buried a short jumper to win it for the Bulldogs.

3. Saturday: Wisconsin 65, No. 3 Michigan 62 (OT)

With Michigan leading 55-54 with about a minute to play in regulation, Wolverine guard Trey Burke stroked a jumper to give Michigan a three-point edge. But Wisconsin's Jared Berggren posterized Burke at the other end, slammed home the dunk and made it a three-point play to tie the game. With three seconds left in regulation, Michigan's Tim Hardaway Jr. nailed a three to give the Wolverines the win. Or so we thought. Badgers guard Ben Brust

hit a running half-court shot as time expired to force overtime, where he also hit the eventual game-winning triple.

4. Tuesday: No. 3 Michigan 76, No. 10 Ohio State 74 (OT)

What a week for Michigan. Ohio State led by as many as eight in the second half, but Hardaway Jr. made five straight threes to bring the Wolverines back. Burke and Ohio State's Deshaun Thomas each hit a three down the stretch. The game went to overtime, where point guards Burke and Aaron Craft squared off with relentless defense. Burke got the last laugh, however, as Craft, who tried to tie the game at 76 with his team down by two, was blocked by Hardaway Jr. as time expired.

5. Jan. 19: No. 13 Butler 64, No. 8 Gonzaga 63

Relax. Just because it didn't go to overtime doesn't knock it from the top five. Gonzaga led by one with about 90 seconds left. Butler's Roosevelt Jones hit a jumper to take a one-point lead, but the Zags stole the lead right back, as Elias Harris used the windown to drill the jumper. Barlow (remember him?) scored with 27 seconds left to give Butler a 62-61 lead. But, Gonzaga's Kelly Olynyk hit a pair of free throws with four ticks left on the clock to seemingly win it for the Zags. Butler had a last chance, but Barlow traveled. Game over. Not so fast. Gonzaga threw away the inbounds pass. Jones caught it, weaved in to the lane and threw up a floater for the win as time expired. Students, meet the court.

Whew, I'm out of breath. There are another half-dozen or so tilts that could have made the list as well, but these are my top five.

No. 1 on the list was a timeless classic. Any time you play five overtimes, you've reserved a chapter in the history book.

I put Butler-Indiana at No. 2 because of the matchup. Butler was unranked. Indiana was No. 1. And the teams matched each other shot for shot down the stretch until the unknown Barlow ended things.

No. 3 earned its spot because of the half-court shot. Simply remarkable.

Among other things, No. 4 had tremendous defense between Craft, Burke and Hardaway Jr.

And No. 5 made the cut because of the quick changes in the last four seconds. Free throws, travel, turnover, game-winner.

Man, if only games were like this in March.

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MEN'S TENNIS | ND 6, MICHIGAN STATE 1

Irish take down Spartans

By **PETER STEINER**
Sports Writer

Playing in a difficult road environment, the No. 29 Irish took down No. 48 Michigan State, 6-1, at the MSU Indoor Tennis Facility in East Lansing, Mich., to claim their second road victory of the spring season.

Notre Dame (5-3) cruised through the singles matchups after taking a closely contested doubles point. The win marks the fifth straight time the Irish have defeated the Spartans (4-4) by a 6-1 or 7-0 margin.

"I think we played a strong match, pretty much top to bottom throughout the lineup," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "I was concerned about Michigan State because they've had a couple of good wins this year. I was pleasantly surprised the way our guys competed."

Facing the Spartans on the road presented additional challenges because of the faster court surfaces and large crowd, Bayliss said.

"Michigan State has extremely fast courts, and we did everything we could to replicate that in practice, but you still have to make that adjustment on site," Bayliss said. "I think beating them there is significant because it's a more difficult place to play than most of the places we go. They also saved our match to serve as their celebration of 100 years of Michigan State tennis, so they had big crowd of people."

The Irish started the match strong, taking the doubles point behind victories by No. 1 and No. 3 doubles. While Irish junior Greg Andrews and senior Spencer Talmadge defeated the Spartans top duo, 8-3, the Irish third doubles team, composed of juniors Matt Dooley and Ryan Bandy, needed two breaks near the end of the match to win 8-6.

"We actually got behind



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Freshman Alex Lawson won 6-2, 6-0 in his singles matches to help the Irish shut out Western Illinois 7-0 on Jan. 19.

at third doubles and came back, broke back at even

"I think we played a strong match, pretty much top to bottom throughout the lineup."

Bobby Bayliss
Irish Coach

and then broke them when they were serving at 6-7," Bayliss said. "Matt Dooley hit a top-spin backhand lob winner on match point to clinch that match and that clinched the doubles point. No. 1 doubles was in control the whole way."

Irish freshman Quentin Monaghan, sophomore Wyatt McCoy and senior Blas Moros highlighted the Irish singles victories, as

each won in straight sets.

"Quentin Monaghan defeated [Spartans freshman] J.P. Mullane in straight sets," Bayliss said. "He had lost to Mullane in the fall at our place and so I think that was significant. It was good to see Wyatt McCoy hold his ground and dictate a little bit in his match, which bodes well for him moving forward. Blas Moros played a strong match as well. He dominated a very good left-handed baseliner and was able to take control of the points off the ground."

With the win, the Irish improve to 2-3 against top-50 ranked opponents this spring season.

Notre Dame will face another ranked opponent Tuesday when it goes back on the road to play No. 7 Kentucky at 2:00 in Lexington, Ky.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING | ND 176, TOLEDO 123

Irish take final dual meet

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

In their final dual meet of the season Saturday, Notre Dame looked primed for the upcoming Big East championships, defeating Toledo, 176-123.

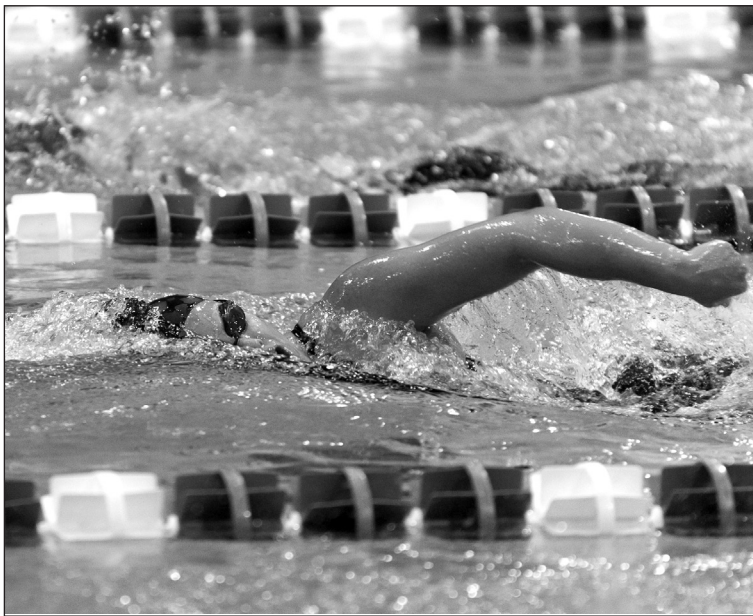
The No. 19 Irish (4-4) won 12 of the 16 events against the Rockets at the University of Toledo Student Recreation Pool.

"It definitely gives us much-needed momentum going into this two-week break [prior to the Big East championships]," sophomore swimmer Emma Reaney said. "Toledo's gotten a lot better as a program, and this win also gives us a lot of confidence going forward."

Reaney was one of three Irish swimmers to record multiple event wins at the dual meet. She earned victories in the 200-yard freestyle and breaststroke events as she added more achievements to an impressive season that has included multiple Big East swimmer of the week honors.

The other two Irish swimmers to match Reaney on Saturday were senior Jaime Malandra and junior Kelly Ryan. Malandra, the Irish's top distance swimmer, won both the 500-yard and 1,000-yard freestyle events. She finished the 500-yard freestyle a scant .75 seconds ahead of sophomore teammate Bridget Casey.

"It was Jaime's last dual meet,



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Irish senior Jaime Malandra competes in the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 25. Malandra and the Irish defeated Toledo on Saturday.

and it was also special as her first double win," Reaney said. "Her distance events have been coming along really well, and I'm excited to see her swim at the Big East championships."

Meanwhile, Ryan earned victories in the 50-yard freestyle and 200-yard backstroke. On the diving side of the team, the Irish swept both events as sophomore Allison Casareto took the 1-meter diving title while freshman Lindsey Streepey won the 3-meter event.

After swimming in meets four of the past five weekends, the Irish look forward to a brief rest

period in order to reach peak performance times for the upcoming Big East championships, according to Reaney.

"We'll start resting this week in preparation," Reaney said. "We won't be doing as much yardage in the pool, lift less and will have less intense practices."

The Big East Swimming and Diving Championships run from February 27 to March 2 in Indianapolis as the Irish will look to qualify swimmers for the NCAA championships.

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SMC BASKETBALL | ALMA 72, SMC 61

Belles' comeback falls short

By KIT LOUGHRAN
Sports Writer

Despite its attempt at a comeback, Saint Mary's fell to Alma in a 72-61 decision Saturday at Art Smith Arena in Alma, Mich.

Saint Mary's (5-19, 3-12 MIAA), which trailed by 21 points late in the second half, went on a 15-0 run to bring the game within six points, but Alma (7-15, 6-8) stood its ground and stopped the Belles' momentum to secure its victory.

The Belles opened the game with baskets by junior guard Shanlynn Bias and freshman forward Eleni Shea to gain a 6-0 lead. Despite back-and-forth lead changes between the Belles and the Scots, Alma eventually broke through with six consecutive points to take a 16-11 lead. Saint Mary's senior guard Kayla Wolter and Shea hit back-to-back shots to keep the Belles within reach of the Scots, but it was Alma who took a 41-28 lead into the half.

The Scots immediately took off to start the second half and secured a 21-point lead. With eight minutes left in the game, the Belles took charge. Forcing the Scots into committing seven turnovers and five fouls, the Belles went on a 15-0 run. Bias and Wolter combined to make seven free throws, while Shea, junior forward Katherine Wabler and freshman forward Krista Knapke combined to

score eight points and bring the game to 67-61 with two minutes left.

In the last two minutes of play, Alma terminated the Belles' run with a layup and two free-throws following a foul made by the Belles. Saint Mary's only shot one free throw during the last minute of the game, and Alma secured the 71-62 decision.

Even though Saint Mary's lost, the team has several reasons to be proud, Belles coach Jennifer Henley said.

"We had moments of great basketball tonight," Henley said. "The team worked so hard tonight, and I am proud of their effort."

The team's effort was seen in the individual successes of the Belles players. Bias led the team with 18 points, while Knapke took 17 points and 11 rebounds. Shea also contributed 14 points in the losing effort.

The Belles now approach their final conference game of the season against Hope. Saint Mary's will look to continue improving its game in preparation, Henley said.

"We have to continue to improve our transition defense," she said.

The Belles face Hope on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Angela Athletic Facility

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Duke survives scare from Eagles

Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston College coach Steve Donahue had trouble explaining another tough home loss to his team.

The Eagles blew a five-point lead with 2:15 left and lost 62-61 to No. 4 Duke on Sunday night. Mason Plumlee had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Blue Devils, including the winning free throw with 26 seconds left.

"When you play like that and you do those things, and their coachability and their ability to compete over long stretches compared to six weeks ago and over last year — it doesn't make them feel any better," Donahue said. "I just wanted to win for these guys to get rewarded for what they've done. I just said to those guys, 'We didn't lose the game. They won the game. They made plays down the stretch.' I know it doesn't make them feel any better."

The improved Eagles took then-No. 23 North Carolina State to the wire back on Jan. 5 before falling in the closing seconds. Eleven days later, BC led now-No. 8 Miami late before falling when Olivier Hanlan missed a late free throw that would have sent the game to overtime.

On Sunday, they let a late lead slip away, going scoreless over the final 2:14.

"I think we had some breakdowns on defense and on our rotations," Hanlan said of the closing minutes. "We had some good looks, but they played good defense."

And, in the end, it was another tough BC loss. Five of its Atlantic Coast Conference losses have come by five points or less.

Seth Curry added 18 points for the Blue Devils, who watched the three teams above them in The Associated Press Top 25 lose to unranked opponents this week — and then nearly joined them.

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ND SOFTBALL | UNC CHARLOTTE FAST PITCH CLASSIC

Irish split doubleheaders

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

The Irish began their season by going 2-2 at UNC Charlotte's Fast Pitch Classic over the weekend. Notre Dame split the games on both days of the tournament, losing twice to Wisconsin and defeating UNC Charlotte and Presbyterian.

The Irish (2-2) opened the weekend against the Badgers (4-1), who took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning on a home-run. Although Notre Dame got runners on base throughout the remainder of the game, the Irish were held scoreless.

"Wisconsin had timely hitting with runners on base," Notre Dame senior pitcher Brittany O'Donnell said. "We had a lot of opportunities to score, and we hit the ball hard, but we hit it right at people."

O'Donnell tossed a gem during Notre Dame's second game on Saturday, pitching six innings of one-run ball while giving up only five hits and one walk. The Irish did their scoring during the fourth inning, as they loaded the bases with nobody out. After senior catcher and captain Amy Buntin and senior outfielder Kelsey Thornton reached the bases, sophomore catcher Cassidy Whidden broke the game open with a three-run homerun to right center field. The Irish went on to win 5-1.

"All the hard work during practice we put in as a team contributed toward the outcomes of our victories," O'Donnell said. "Defensively, we were very solid.



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Junior outfielder Lauren Stuhr stands at the plate against DePaul on April 21, 2012. Stuhr and the Irish went 2-2 in their first tournament of the season.

As a pitcher, it's a great feeling knowing you have that type of defense behind you that will make the plays."

Sunday brought another Irish defeat at the hands of Wisconsin and a high-scoring win over Presbyterian (1-4). Junior pitcher Laura Winter took a no-hitter into the fifth inning, when Wisconsin sophomore outfielder Marissa Mersch recorded a single. The teams played into extra innings, and the Irish gained a 2-0 lead in the top of the eighth inning when Thornton scored off a wild pitch. The Badgers answered, though, and continued to do so until the 11th inning, when they hit a walk-off homerun to earn the 6-5 victory.

In the second game of the day, O'Donnell and freshman reliever Allison Rhodes combined to pitch

the Irish to an 8-5 victory.

Buntin said, in spite of the losses, she was pleased with her team's performance this weekend.

"Going into this weekend we were expecting to dominate in pitching, defense and offense," she said. "Although we struggled with the offensive part of our game early in the weekend, we definitely found our rhythm towards the end after seeing more pitches. It was only the first weekend, and we still have a long season ahead, so I am confident our bats will find the ball more consistently."

The Irish will head to San Diego next weekend for the Campbell/Cartier Classic.

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FENCING | DUKE DUALS

Top-ranked teams struggle

By BRENDAN BELL
Sports Writer

The No. 2 Notre Dame men's squad went 1-2 at the Duke Dual Meets, slipping against No. 1 Penn State 16-11, and No. 10 Duke 15-12, while earning a 17-10 win against Johns Hopkins in Durham, N.C.

Senior epee James Kaull paced the Irish throughout the men's event, going 2-1 in each of his three matches on his way to a 6-3 record overall. Kaull said that the toughest competition was against No. 1 Penn State, especially since the Nittany Lions will be a challenge as the season moves on.

"Penn State is our big rival for the national championships, so that was kind of a grudge match," Kaull said.

As the home team, Duke had an opportunity to capitalize on a signature win against the Irish, winning a close matches in two of the three weapons. As for Johns Hopkins, Kaull

said that the Blue Jays pose a challenge every time the teams meet because of their intensity level.

"They're not typically com-

"On the men's side, this is probably our poorest tournament so far."

James Kaull
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petitive," Kaull said. "They always bring a lot of intensity because they've got nothing to lose. They were very energetic from the beginning."

Kaull said that the team was disappointed in its performance, but have a long season ahead of them.

"On the men's side, this is probably our poorest tournament so far," Kaull said. "We were having trouble getting our stuff together.

"We were not as prepared as we probably should have been for these teams."

Kaull said the team wouldn't worry too much about one subpar performance.

"This was our fourth tournament in a row. It's a long season," Kaull said. "This is to be expected. There are lots of ups and downs in the season, you can't control them, and when they do happen it's important to remember that this is all part of the bigger picture and that it's not good to get hung up on it."

The No. 1 women's squad earned mixed results on Sunday, beating No. 5 Penn State 20-7 and Duke 16-11 but falling to North Carolina 16-11.

Next weekend, select members of both the men's and women's teams will travel to the USFA Junior National Championships in Baltimore, Md.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles drop first two matches

By CASEY KARNES
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's did not bloom as spring season began, falling to Case Western, 9-0, and Ohio Northern, 7-2, on Saturday at One Wellness Sports and Health Center in Eastlake, Ohio.

The Belles (0-2) were unable to gain much traction against either opponent in singles or doubles.

Case Western (4-0), ranked seventh in the region, proved to be exceptionally tough, as the Spartans took all nine flights.

Saint Mary's coach Dale Campbell had nothing but praise for his team's opponents.

"Case Western was definitely a tough opponent, and they have a good chance to be highly ranked nationally sometime during the season," Campbell said. "And Ohio Northern is also a strong opponent. Hopefully, facing these two teams can show us what we need to do to get to their level."

The separation between the clubs showed, as Case Western swept the Belles, 9-0, and Ohio Northern (6-1) nearly did so, winning 7-2.

After the match, Campbell made no excuses for his players, placing the onus directly on his team's quality of play.

"I don't think we played particularly well against these two solid teams," Campbell said. "I wasn't necessarily pleased with our overall play. We made too many

errors and have a lot to work on in both doubles and singles."

One bright spot that shone through the otherwise dreary weekend was the play of the Belles' second doubles team, consisting of freshman Margaret Faller and sophomore Shannon Elliot. The duo followed up a well-contested defeat against Case Western with a 9-7 victory against Ohio Northern, one of Saint Mary's only two wins against the Polar Bears.

The other winner was junior Mary Catherine Faller, a returning captain and the Belles' No. 1 player. She was able to pull out a victory in singles, clawing back to win in a tiebreak. After falling in the first set, 4-6, Faller reversed the score to win the next set, and then pulled out the tiebreak 10-7.

Those two wins counted as the entirety of the Belles' victories this weekend, but Campbell said he saw reason to hope improvement will lie in the future of his program.

"We can use this weekend as an opportunity to grow, to better ourselves," Campbell said. "We only had four weeks of practice before this, so we can use this experience to see what we need to improve for the next match."

The Belles have a long layoff before their next match on March 10 against Illinois Wesleyan.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 69, SETON HALL 49

Irish shut down Pirates in second half

By **MATTHEW ROBISON**
Sports Writer

Despite some sluggishness from a strange traveling schedule designed to avoid the Northeastern blizzard, No. 2 Notre Dame ran away from Seton Hall in the second half to win 69-49 Saturday in South Orange, N.J.

"Defensively, we played much better in the second half, held them to just 22 points," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I was pleased with the defense. Offensively, we could have shot the ball a little bit better. We could have executed a little bit better. But overall, I was pleased with the defense."

Junior forward Ariel Braker tied a career-high with 15 points on 5-for-6 shooting from the field and a perfect 5-for-5 from the charity stripe.

"She did a lot of good things around the basket," McGraw said. "I think she was just able to work in the zone offense and find the gaps in the zone. She did a nice job cutting to the basket. We worked the pick and roll

pretty well. She scored in a lot of different ways."

Junior guard Kayla McBride added 12 points and nine rebounds, and junior forward Natalie Achonwa had 11 points and nine rebounds, as well.

The Irish (22-1, 10-0 Big East) led by seven points at halftime, and Seton Hall (8-15, 3-7) did everything it could to stay close before Notre Dame pulled away. Senior guard Brittany Morris led the Pirates with 16 points. Last year, the Irish blew out Seton Hall by 38. This year's team posed a different challenge.

Anne Donovan, a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame, has the Pirates heading in the right direction, McGraw said.

"I think they're definitely better than they were last year," she said. "They shot the ball much better. I think they definitely have improved."

Saturday's game, the Play 4Kay game honoring former N.C. State coach Kay Yow, drew Seton Hall's biggest crowd of the year with more than 2,600 fans in attendance.

This was the 117th career win

for senior guards Skylar Diggins and Kaila Turner, which tied last year's class for most wins in four years.

Turner sat out Saturday's game with a torn tendon in her elbow, but McGraw said the team hopes she will return in time for the Big East tournament.

Notre Dame now faces a quick turnaround as No. 11 Louisville (20-4, 8-2) comes to Purcell Pavilion tonight in a showdown of two of the Big East's best teams.

"[The turnaround] was difficult," McGraw said. "We had a lot to do [yesterday]. That was hard. It's hard to get everything in. So we just tried to stick to a couple basic things. But that's going to be really difficult to have that quick turnaround."

The Cardinals are riding a six-game winning streak and currently sit at third place in the conference. On average, Louisville causes six more turnovers a game than it gives up, so Notre Dame will have to take care of the ball.

"It's a big challenge," McGraw said. "This is a really talented team. They've got great guard play. There are really, really a lot of mismatches for us defensively. They score a lot of points. This is the best team we've played, probably, since Connecticut. This is a team that plays good



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Irish junior guard Kayla McBride drives to the basket during Notre Dame's 64-42 home win over Cincinnati on Feb. 2.

defense and really scores well."

But the Irish are on a 17-game winning streak and have been nearly unbeatable at home, their only loss this year coming to No. 1 Baylor on Dec. 5.

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will reach 118 — a new program record — tonight against Louisville in Purcell Pavilion at 9 p.m.

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ND TRACK AND FIELD | GRAND VALLEY STATE BIG MEET

Three qualify for Big East meet

By **RICH HIDY**
Sports Writer

The Irish continued their pursuit of Big East glory at the Grand Valley State University Big Meet in Allendale, Mich., as three more team members qualified for next weekend's conference championships.

Junior sprinter Aijah Urssery finished sixth in the 60-meter event with a time of 7.62 and 10th in the 200-meter event in 24.94 seconds, good enough to be Notre Dame's seventh representative in the Big East championships.

"This was a tune-up meet in preparation for Big East next week, so everyone who competed this weekend is really looking forward to doing well at this point to carry that momentum to the championships," junior middle distance runner Mike Bradley said.

On the men's team, junior hurdlers Jarrod Buchanan and Bryce Wood each performed well enough in the 60-meter hurdle event to meet

conference-qualifying standards. Buchanan finished in 11th place overall with a time of 8.29, while Wood clocked in with a mark of 8.33 and a 16th place finish.

Freshman hurdler Aaron Dunn earned his second-fastest time of the season in the 400-meter hurdle event. He finished 23rd overall in the event with a time of 49.95.

The Irish will look to come back together as a team over the next week and cap off their training with strong performances at the Big East championships. The men's team finished first at last year's championships.

"Everyone's seeing improvement in their fitness, and the athletes competing at Big East are looking forward to making another run at a championship," Bradley said.

Notre Dame will travel to Geneva, Ohio, on Friday to compete in the Big East championships.

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Irish senior center Garrick Sherman attempts a shot in overtime during Notre Dame's 104-101 win at Purcell Pavilion Saturday.

Miracle

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Apparently, the doghouse lets out for overtime. The 6-foot-10 center hadn't played in the last two games, and then came in with a casual 17 points and six rebounds when senior forwards Jack Cooley and Tom Knight fouled out. All in overtime.

And Sherman's loop-de-loop tip-in with five seconds left to force a fifth overtime had a storybook sparkle to it. All Louisville junior guard Russ Smith had to do was take the foul. Instead, he went for a layup, looking for the touchdown pass when taking a knee would have put it away.

But the understated hero of the night/morning was Irish junior guard Eric Atkins.

Yes, he shot an uncharacteristically hasty 3-pointer. Sure, he had a costly turnover at the

end of the third overtime. And I do remember some missed free throws that made the game a little too close in the end, but, at that point, what constituted high-blood pressure anyway?

The junior captain played 60 minutes. Sixty. More than anyone else on the floor, and, surely in more than half of those, he was guarding the versatile Smith or handling the ball. He was unassuming, yet motivated, quiet, yet confident. And he was often the only player on the floor with over a full year of game time experience.. He willed the Irish to a win.

It's easy to say this game could be the turning point of the season for the Irish, a la Syracuse all the way back in 2012.

But, what if this game is a turning point for Notre Dame basketball?

I'm convinced it could be, but are the students?

Let it be known that Saturday may be the first time a student section has rushed the court twice. Once after senior Casey Murdock made a half-court shot for \$18,000 during College GameDay's morning broadcast, and once after fans stuck around into Sunday morning for more than three halves of basketball.

It almost made you wonder if the Monogram Room at the Purcell Pavilion was going to serve breakfast to those who stuck around for a three-and-a-half hour game, the longest in Notre Dame history.

But those same students who rushed the court following the five-overtime marathon had trouble getting to the Purcell Pavilion on Saturday morning for College GameDay, leaving the scorer's table side of the building with plenty of empty seats. The same went for the previous home game against Big East contender Villanova.

Brey has had nothing but great things to say about the student body. After all, he needs them on his side. But student turnout at times has been atrocious although the team has recorded six consecutive 20-win seasons in the Big East, and is one win away from a school-record seventh.

Saturday night, they were all there for the miracle. But will they be there Wednesday night for a matchup with DePaul?

Maybe all it needs is a miracle.

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Sweep

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goal of the night on a break-away at 8:26 to make it 6-3. Michigan got its second short-handed goal at 11:51 to make the score 6-4, but Rust put the nail in the coffin with 15 seconds left in the game, when he scored an empty-netter.

Saturday's game looked similar to Friday's game, with lots of scoring and special teams breakdowns.

The Irish scored the only goal of the first period when Costello received a pass across the ice from Calabrese and took the puck into the zone with a Michigan defender on his right shoulder. Costello muscled past the defense and put it in the five-hole of Rutledge before crashing into the net.

The second goal for Notre Dame was a power-play goal at 6:26 in the second period. It came when Lee won a face-off in the neutral zone, and the puck went to senior defenseman Sam Calabrese, who launched it off the boards. Costello passed the puck behind him to the right side of the net, and Lee trailing, hammered it home for the 2-0 lead.

Michigan's first power-play goal came at 8:50 when

sophomore left wing Alex Guptill fired a shot from the slot past junior goaltender Steven Summerhays' left shoulder to cut the lead down to one.

Lee reestablished the two-goal lead at 14:29, when he stopped a puck in the neutral zone and created a two-on-one with Rust skating besides him. Lee passed the puck across to Rust, who tapped it in to make it 3-1.

The fourth Irish goal came at 16:07, when freshman center Steven Fogarty was up against the boards and passed the puck behind him sophomore to sophomore right wing Peter Schneider, who hit it in the top right corner.

Michigan scored its second power-play goal with 34 seconds left in the second period when sophomore left wing Phil Di Guiseppe put a rebound between Summerhays' legs to make the score 4-2.

Notre Dame scored twice within the first 1:38 of the third period to seal the game. Sophomore right wing Austin Wuthrich got the first one on a slap shot, and Gerths got the second, hitting in a pass from Costello to make it 6-2.

"It was great to get some secondary scoring this weekend," Jackson said. "David Gerths had

a good weekend and then we got goals tonight from Wuthrich and Schneider. That makes a big difference when we don't have to rely on one line to score."

Michigan got its third power-play goal at 6:23 from Lynch to make it 6-3, and then junior defenseman Mac Bennett put in a wrister at 17:02 to make the game 6-4. Moving forward, Jackson said the team will need to lock down special teams.

"I didn't like the two short-handed goals and the power play goal," Jackson said. "Special teams are a concern for me. Tonight we responded when we gave up a goal. That was what we did in the first half of the season. The fact that we came back is what is important."

"We'll get our penalty kill back in order," Jackson said. "We won't go very far if we don't improve that. I was happy with the way we responded this weekend any time we gave up a momentum type of goal."

The Irish next take on CCHA leader Miami on Friday in Oxford, Ohio at 7:35 p.m. and then both teams travel to Chicago to play in the OfficeMax Hockey City Classic on Sunday at Soldier Field.

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Big East) reached overtime, they had to overcome losing four players to foul trouble on top of the continued absence of graduate student guard Scott Martin to injury. Three players who rarely see the court were forced to assume leading roles in the five overtime periods, most notably senior center Garrick Sherman, who scored 17 points and corralled six rebounds in 22 minutes after seeing no action in regulation.

"It's amazing how different guys step forward, but we've had that already this year with Scott Martin going down and [senior center] Tom Knight came through for us," Brey said. "We've had guys do that and I think it's a little bit of a trademark of our program: Guys deliver when we ask them to deliver."

"[Sherman] has set himself up to help us and what he did was fabulous. All of the sudden we've got another thing going on for us that wasn't there earlier."

In a contest Notre Dame led 27-24 at halftime, six of the eight Irish players reached double figures by the time the three-and-a-half-hour marathon finished. In all, the lead changed 26 times and the score was tied on 16 occasions.

"It was a typical Notre Dame-Louisville game," Pitino said. "They just made some incredible

shots. ... We've got to give them a lot of credit because I've never seen shots like that, and I've been coaching a long, long time."

Cooley was charged with a controversial foul — his fifth — with 6:54 remaining and the Irish trailing by six points. For the final 32 minutes, the star forward was in the unfamiliar position of cheering for his teammates from the bench. With 11 points and 11 rebounds, Cooley recorded his Big East-leading 17th double-double before committing his fifth foul.

"I almost felt like I let down my team fouling out that early," he said. "To be able to see our team come through for us — we were freaking out. It was great to see."

With seven Big East games remaining, Notre Dame finds itself tied for fifth in a jumbled conference race and Brey said the Irish intend to use the momentum to their advantage the rest of the way.

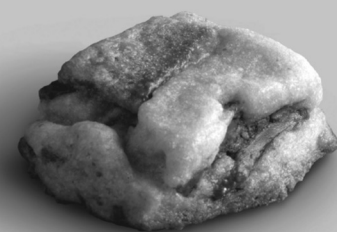
"The one thing I told our team before we went out the last time was that this nucleus, when there's been hyped-up games — Syracuse last year, Kentucky — they've delivered on these stages in this building when there's a lot expected and I thought they did that tonight," Brey said. "They just kept finding ways. Something like this you can certainly build on."

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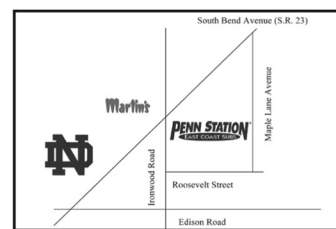
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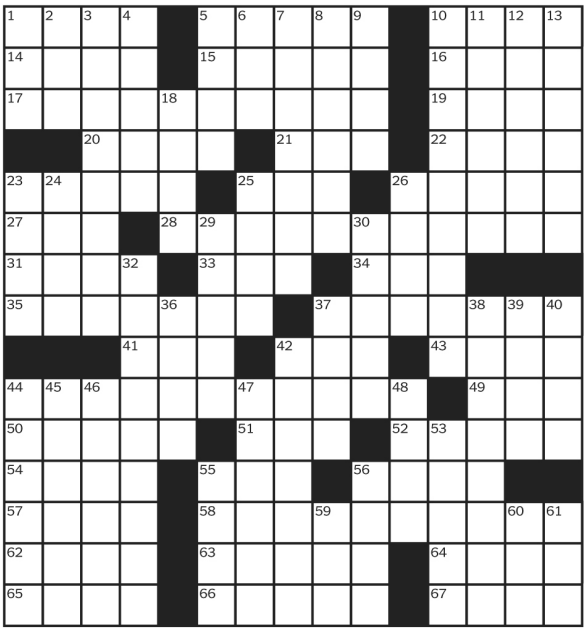
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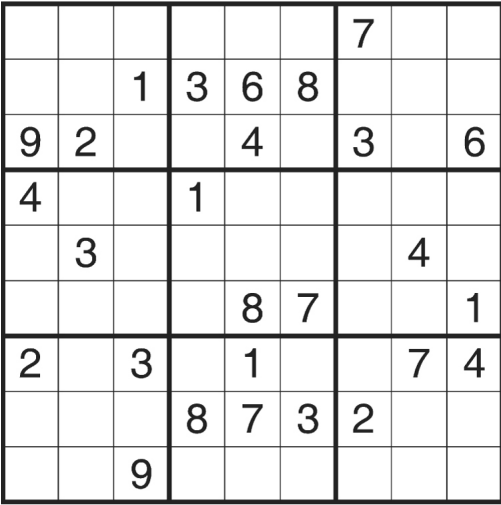


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Happy Birthday: Discipline will be required, but in the end the results will be stellar. It’s up to you to reevaluate your past and decipher what’s really required in order to move forward. Put new plans into play and you will ease your stress and discover a way to build a brighter future. Adopt the attitude that life begins now. Your numbers are 4, 13, 21, 28, 32, 39, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don’t let anyone bully you. You have much to offer and can make a good impression if you are confident and expressive in the way you deal with such individuals. Those giving you a hard time have their own insecurities. Love is highlighted. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Problems regarding an older relative will lead to taking more responsibility. Enlist help so you can enjoy more of the things that make you happy. A creative solution will come if you brainstorm. Don’t take no for an answer. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Easy come and easy go. You will attract attention but also controversy. Pick and choose your battles wisely and keep your talks as open and honest as possible to avoid being misinterpreted or deceptive. Your reputation will be at stake. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You need a break. A spa day or an activity that relieves stress should be on your agenda. Getting together with family and friends will help you feel secure in your environment. Express your feelings and discuss your plans for the future.. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Remembering people from your past will make you want to return to your roots or take a trip of reconnection. Personal and professional partnerships are highlighted, and making plans with old colleagues or friends will lead to something good. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You’ll be drawn to someone who has ulterior motives. Protect yourself and your assets. Don’t believe what you are told without sufficient support. Use force if you must in order to get to the bottom of a situation that spells trouble. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get out and enjoy the moment with friends or your lover. Don’t worry about what’s left undone. You can catch up when you have nothing better to do. For now, live, love and laugh and you will enhance your relationships with those who count. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can smooth things over and determine how you can build a brighter future by discussing your thoughts with those who will be influenced by your actions. Opportunity awaits -- let your actions bring you satisfaction. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You’ll make an impact on the people you encounter. Being true to yourself is the only route to take. Make the alterations that will ensure a happy home life and a bright professional future. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don’t neglect what needs doing. You can conjure up unique ways to take care of pending problems. Trust in your intuition when dealing with old friends or colleagues. Don’t let last-minute changes disrupt your plans.★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You’ll be torn between the options you’ve been given. Do your best to choose what ensures greater opportunities to advance through education, travel or a change of environment. Discipline and practicality will lead the way to better times. ★★★★★

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Thriller for the ages

Five-overtime game longest in Big East regular-season history

By **ANDREW OWENS**
Assistant Managing Editor

When the Irish players arrived at their lockers prior to the latest thriller between Notre Dame and Louisville—an epic that will likely live longer than the Big East itself—they found a prop from Irish coach Mike Brey that served as the theme in Notre Dame's 104-101, five-overtime triumph at Purcell Pavilion on Saturday night.

Brey, who often jokes with Louisville coach Rick Pitino about the teams' propensity to decide the annual contests in overtime (five of the last six matchups between the teams have now required extra periods), placed boxing gloves in each of the players' lockers to show his team they were in for another knockout fight in front of a primetime audience.

"[On Friday] he showed us a highlight tape of boxing knockouts and he said that tomorrow is going to be a 15-rounder," senior forward Jack Cooley said. "We're like aw, no matches go 15 rounds. And then we played five overtimes today. That's absurd."

Jerian Grant did not make a single field goal in the first 39 minutes of



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Junior guard Jerian Grant, right, watches as Louisville junior guard Russ Smith looks to pass to a teammate during Notre Dame's 104-101 win in five overtimes at Purcell Pavilion Saturday night.

action, but the Irish junior guard singlehandedly erased an eight-point deficit in the game's final 45 seconds. After exploding for three consecutive 3-pointers, Grant put forth one last heroic attempt, but this time he hit a layup and the ensuing free throw with 16 seconds left to tie the game at 60.

The Cardinals failed to get a shot off at the other end, and Grant's performance—12 points

in 45 seconds—forced overtime in front of a sellout crowd.

"I just got in the zone," Grant said. "Coming into this game, I wanted to make a statement for myself. I kind of want to lead my team. So I had to make plays."

In postgame interviews, several players compared Grant's heroics to that of NBA legend Reggie Miller, who scored eight points

in 11 seconds to beat the New York Knicks in the 1995 Eastern Conference semifinals.

"Never in my life [have I seen that]," sophomore guard Pat Connaughton said. "If there's one person I would say could do it, it's Jerian, but I've never seen anything like that in my life."

Once the No. 25 Irish (19-5, 7-4

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Everyone played a part in miracle victory



Andrew Gastelum
Associate Sports Editor

That wasn't a court-storming. That was a celebration.

Irish coach Mike Brey celebrated that miracle of a win with his players. His players celebrated that miracle of a win with students. Students celebrated that miracle of a win with other students.

And there was plenty to celebrate. Down eight with 46 seconds, junior guard Jerian Grant became a legend of Notre Dame basketball. He hadn't made a shot in the first 39:14. Then, he finished with the last 12 points for the Irish, accounting for three 3-pointers and one how-did-that-actually-just-happen moment. Grant was "All Bold Everything," as he popped a jumper and he was sweating.

Freshman forward Cameron Biedscheid did too, with the Irish down three with 16 seconds left in the second overtime. So did senior Garrick Sherman? Yeah, that Garrick Sherman.

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HOCKEY | ND 7, MICHIGAN 4; ND 6, MICHIGAN 4

Irish score 13 goals in sweep of Michigan

By **ISAAC LORTON**
Sports Writer

With a 7-4 win Friday and a 6-4 win Saturday, the No. 12 Irish swept Michigan in the season series for the first time since 1972-73 and the second time in history.

"This was a big weekend for us," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "We need to get every point we can, especially at home."

The weekend's scoring craze was fueled by the first line of juniors center Anders Lee, left wing Jeff Costello and right wing Bryan Rust. The trio combined to tally nine points Friday and six points Saturday.

"The whole team played well this weekend," Lee said. "Us three had the opportunity then to really put the puck in the net and really put pressure on their defense. Some weekends you get all those bounces and all those goals, it was a lot of fun."

"I try not to save [points] all for Michigan," Rust said. "I guess it just happened that

way."

On Friday, only 1:16 into the first period, the Irish (18-11-1, 14-7-1-1 CCHA) got to an early 1-0 lead, as Rust took the puck to the right side and passed it into traffic in front of the net, where Costello got a stick on the puck and popped it up. Lee then hit the puck out of mid-air past Wolverines freshman goaltender Jared Rutledge.

Notre Dame jumped to a 2-0 over the Wolverines (10-18-2, 7-15-2-2) in the 16th minute of the first period. Senior left wing Nick Larson stopped a Michigan attack at center ice and then took the puck into its zone, where he fired a wrist shot at the net. Rutledge gave up a rebound and junior center David Gerths backhanded the puck over Rutledge's right shoulder.

The Irish had issues on special teams, giving up two short-handed goals and one power-play goal on Friday night. The power-play goal came with 1:28 left in the first, when Wolverine junior defender Jon

Merrill fired a slap shot from the center point under Irish senior goaltender Mike Johnson's pads.

Michigan took this momentum into the second period, scoring 37 seconds in to tie the game at 2-2. Wolverine senior right-winger Kevin Lynch wrapped the puck around the goal and passed it across the face of the net to freshman center Cristoval "Boo" Nieves, who hit it into the wide-open right side.

The Irish got a power-play goal of their own at 4:55 in the second. Costello got the puck on the right side of the net and made a no-looked backhand pass to a streaking Rust, who flipped the puck past Rutledge for the 3-2 lead.

The first Michigan short-handed goal came at 16:19, when Wolverine freshman left wing Andrew Copp stopped the puck in the neutral zone, took a shot and put in the rebound to tie the game at three.

40 seconds later, Costello fed Lee a perfect pass across the



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Irish junior left-wing Jeff Costello watches as the puck passes Michigan freshman goaltender Jared Rutledge during Notre Dame's 7-4 home win Friday.

ice, and Lee had to simply put his stick on the puck and touch it in for his second goal of the night.

It was a big night for the Johnson brothers. Sophomore defenseman Eric Johnson tallied his first-career goal, while older brother Mike got his

second straight start. At 7:05 in the third period, Eric got the puck from junior right wing Mike Voran and fired a laser past Rutledge to make the game 5-3.

Gerths got his second

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