

HER LOYAL DAUGHTERS

Forerunners reflect on early steps to coeducation

Graduate students paved way for women on campus

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

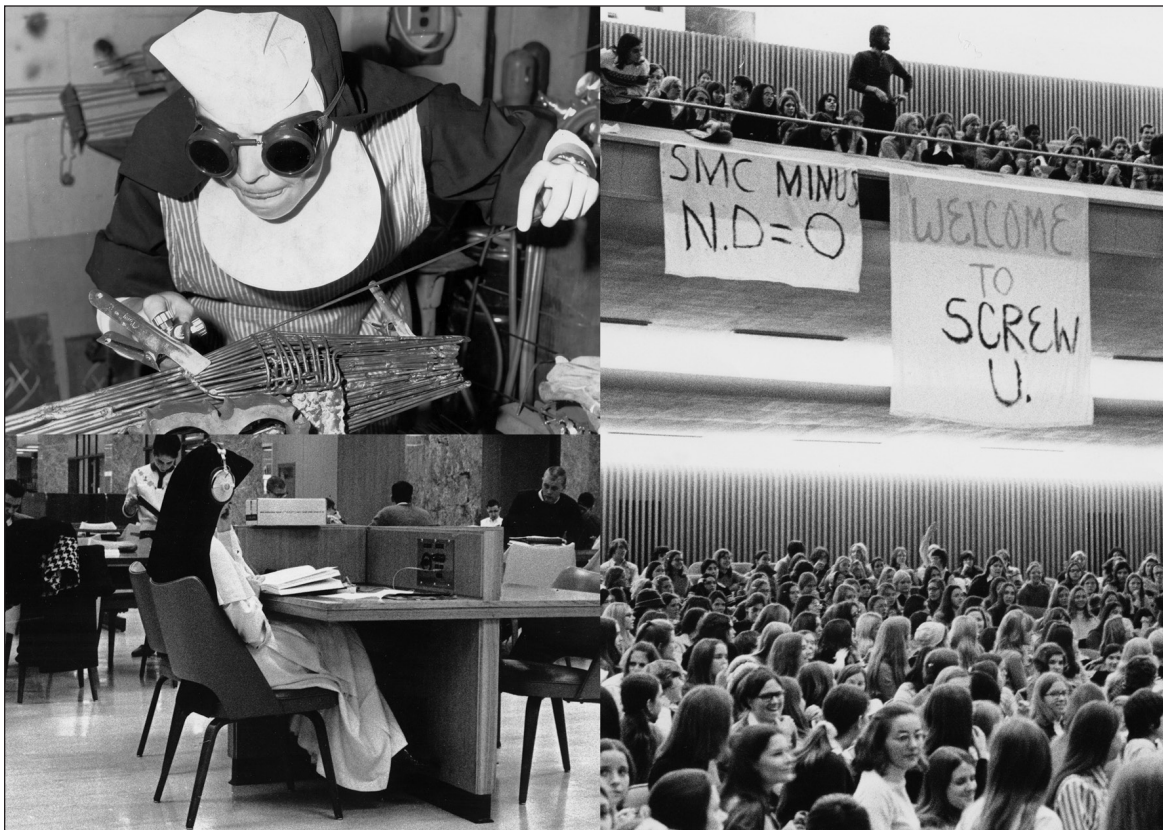


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The current academic year marks the 40th anniversary of coeducation at Notre Dame, but a number of Catholic sisters and laywomen pursued graduate degrees at the University long before undergraduate women were first admitted in 1972.

Often unheralded as alumna of Our Lady's University, these women received doctorates

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Top left: A nun studies in a workshop class; Bottom left: A Saint Mary's nun sets up books in Hesburgh Library; On right: Saint Mary's students express their displeasure with Notre Dame's decision to prevent a merger in 1971 despite the close association of the two institutions.

Alums recall effects of proposed merger in '71

By JILLIAN BARWICK
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As Notre Dame celebrates 40 years of coeducation, Saint Mary's alumnae still remember a time when the two schools considered merging to create one Catholic college for both men and women under the Holy Cross order.

While the merger fell apart in 1971, College archivist John Kovach said he believes the

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Professor reviews Global Commons

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

Questions of property and ownership are central to human history, and Leo Burke, director of Integral Leadership at the Mendoza College of Business and the Global Commons Initiative, said he believes the concept of common ownership will be increasingly important in the future.

Burke gave a lecture entitled "Global Commons" as part of the "10 Years Hence" lecture series Friday in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

Burke said it was important to understand the idea of commons, goods and resources shared by communities for common benefit, in order to make informed decisions regarding

global issues with major consequences.

"The world 10 years from now is going to be dramatically different, you'll barely recognize it," Burke said. "One of the questions as a business school, as a university, as citizens that we have to face is: What kind of world do we want to unfold? Do we want a world that works for everyone? Do we want a world that is restricted?"

Burke said the role of the commons in shaping this future lies in finding ways for the commons and the current capitalist, free-market system to work in concert.

"Things that we share together are commons, things with historical laws and traditions of private

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Capital Campaign begins

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary's Editor

On Friday, Saint Mary's publically launched "Faith Always, Action Now," its largest endowment campaign yet, hoping to raise \$80 million for scholarships, professorships, academic programs and campus renovation projects.

At a launch event Friday, College President Carol Ann Mooney said she was pleased with the progress the campaign has made since 2007, when Saint Mary's opened the campaign privately and began accepting pledges. Since then, the campaign has reached 75 percent of its goal.

"The plan that was developed and approved back then formed the basis for this campaign," Mooney said. "So there was widespread campus and board and alum consultation into that strategic plan. The

people we had been working with through the quiet phase of the event are very excited and pumped up that we are going to be making huge steps forward."

Mooney said the campaign name is meant to convey the ongoing commitment to advancing the ownership can

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"Faith Always, Action Now"

SMC CAMPAIGN:
\$80 million goal
75% achieved

USES OF FUNDS:
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freshman

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“I had armadillo once.”

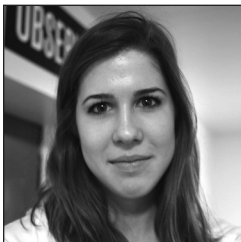


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“Chocolate-covered ants.”

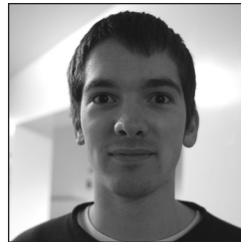


Annie Flynn

freshman

Walsh Hall

“Sea urchin.”



Grantland Over

freshman

Alumni Hall

“Fried alligator.”



Emily Bedell

freshman

Walsh Hall

“One time, I ate jellyfish.”



Clayton Conroy

freshman

Alumni Hall

“I don't eat weird food.”



SUZANNA PRATT | The Observer

Residents of Keenan Hall dance to Maroon 5's “One More Night” in the Keenan Revue on Thursday night in Stepan Center. The annual comedy show, which ran this weekend, simultaneously celebrates and pokes fun at life at Notre Dame.

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“How We Might Live”

Bond Hall

4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Presentation by
muralist D. Jeffrey
Mims.

CCHR Symposium

Hesburgh Center

7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Film screening
addressing human
rights and child labor.

Tuesday

Bengal Bouts
Semifinals

Joyce Center

6 p.m.-10 p.m.

The men's boxing
tournament continues.

Four:7 Catholic
Fellowship

Cavanaugh Hall

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

Student-led Catholic
fellowship.

Wednesday

Women's Lacrosse

Arlotta Stadium

6 p.m.

The Irish face off
against the Ohio State
Buckeyes.

Renee D'Aoust
reading

Eck Visitors Center

7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.,
Presentation by author
Renee D'Aoust.

Thursday

Women's Tennis

Eck Tennis Pavilion

5 p.m.-7 p.m.

The Irish take on
Western Michigan
Broncos.

“Prayers in Islam”

Coleman-Morse

Center

7 p.m.

Discussion led by Dr. A.
Rashied Omar.

Friday

“The Problem with
Stereotypes”

Flanner Hall

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Irish Studies lecture by
professor Clair Wills.

Bengal Bouts Finals

Purcell Pavilion

6 p.m.-10 p.m.

The men's boxing
tournament crowns its
champions.

Campaign

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College's mission.

"Certainly the 'Action Now' is because that's what we want now, we want people to come forward and recognize that it's their responsibility," she said. "The 'Faith Always' is to reassure people that although we are working hard to make Saint Mary's relevant and contemporary, we are not abandoning that, which is our bedrock."

While \$20 million of the campaign's funds will go to scholarships and grants for students at the College, approximately \$26.5 million will be dedicated to enhancing the academic and athletic facilities on campus.

"Through the campaign, the College seeks

funds to expand and upgrade the Angela Athletic and Wellness Complex to meet students' needs today," a press release stated. "When the Angela Athletic facility was built in 1977, far fewer women played collegiate sports. Meanwhile, the demand for fitness has increased."

A broad deliberation process determined the delegation of funds raised through the campaign, Mooney said.

"There was a strategic plan steering committee," Mooney said. "As I developed that plan, I held listening sessions with every employee on the campus, listening sessions with the classes of students on campus, with alums and councils as well. Of course, then, you had to pick amongst the things in the plan that we thought could get funded and how much we thought

we could get raised."

Emcee Lindsey Anderson, a 2007 alumna and now opera singer, shared her experiences as a Belle during Friday's launch event to emphasize the importance of the College's endowment.

"These stories we see tonight, without financial aid, several of these stories would not have been told," Anderson said. "Some of these women would not be here. I know I wouldn't. Financial aid helped make all of this possible for me and I am so grateful. There are so many people here tonight whose generous gifts have made so much possible for so many of us."

Anderson called upon the alumnae community to continue in this effort.

"Now we should take our cue from them and build on our support through faith and action, the touchstones

of the campaign," she said. "Because if the world is to have more Saint Mary's women, and we agree on the wisdom of that idea, then

"Because if the world is to have more Saint Mary's women, and we agree on the wisdom of that idea, then the help must come from Saint Mary's women."

Lindsey Anderson
2007 alumna

the help must come from Saint Mary's women."

Seniors Silvia Cuevas, Mary Bevilacqua, Toni Marsteller and Carla Leal

also shared their experience of Saint Mary's in video messages played throughout the event.

"Saint Mary's is a challenging school," Bevilacqua, a dual-degree art and chemistry student, said. "It challenges you and pushes you in both the [science] and art worlds. I will miss the sense of community the most. We always stick together and help each other out."

Cuevas, a business administration major, expressed similar sentiments about the College during her video clip in which she told her story of being a first generation student.

"I knew strongly I wanted to be a Saint Mary's woman," Cuevas said. "A Saint Mary's woman is someone who is bold and not afraid to ask questions."

Marsteller, a history and theatre major, said her college experience outside the classroom has been a rewarding one.

"College is a time where you question faith," Marsteller said. "It is sometimes hard to connect to that. Being at Saint Mary's, I have learned about opening myself up to new experiences and new people. It has been more than I could have imagined for my college experience."

Leal, a psychology and communicative disorders major, was the 2012 recipient of the Saint Catherine Medal, which is awarded to a sophomore or junior who has demonstrated high standards of personal excellence and scholarship and has contributed to the College community in the spirit of Christian leadership.

"I decided to become a speech pathologist because community is a part of everyone," Leal said in her video clip. "I am so happy I came to Saint Mary's. When I received my acceptance letter, I just knew."

Student body president Maureen Parsons said sharing students' and graduates' diverse experiences at the launch event was a powerful reminder of the opportunities afforded at the College.

"Hearing some of the stories was my favorite part?" Parsons said. "Everyone has a story about how they got here, why they stayed here, what they've done while they've been here, and I think hearing some of those stories has been really fun. Knowing that we each have our unique story but we are all Saint Mary's women is really cool that connects us."

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Professor Leo Burke explains the concept of commons in relation to property and ownership as part of the lecture series "Ten Years Hence" on Friday in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

Commons

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be owned privately," Burke said. "Some stuff we need to own, some stuff we can't own and some stuff we need to talk about. The commons have characteristics that you might say complement the market. That will be important going forward. We have to be able to have commons structures that coexist with private property."

In explaining the concept of commons, Burke structured his presentation around five key words: ancient, diverse, commoning, stewardship and enclosure.

He said the first two are attributes of commons — commons are ancient and diverse. He offered water as one example of an ancient commons, citing the Roman law of water usage under the Code of Justinian. As examples of the diversity

50 percent more of the world's resources than it naturally produces each year. He said if humans continue on this trajectory of increasing resource consumption, the yearly usage will reach three worlds' worth by the year 2050.

Burke said humanity is more aware of this need for stewardship than ever before because technological advancement has increased mankind's ability to monitor consumption.

"This is the first time in human history when humanity can see itself in totality," he said.

The final word Burke discussed was enclosure. Burke said the term comes from the enclosure acts passed by Parliament during the Tudor period in England. Burke said, for his purposes, enclosure means privatizing commons.

"Enclosure is the expropriation and commercialization of shared resources for personal gain," he said.

Burke said two current examples of enclosure are the 1998 Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act, as well as other efforts to extend copyright protections, and the 1981 patent on a microorganism awarded to General Electric.

Burke said in the future it may be the case that water goes through the same process of being made a commodity rather than a commons.

He said our modern way of thinking about property reflects this idea of enclosure.

"We tend to think of enclosure as the only way to manage things," he said. "Right now, if you can't put a price on it, it doesn't have value."

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Leo Burke
director of integral leadership

among commons, he mentioned languages, family recipes, MIT's open courseware, Linux and community gardens.

Burke said the next word, commoning, is the action of sharing together in commons. He said the modern examples of commons demonstrate that commoning is found in collaborative efforts for common benefit.

"People are finding common grounds to serve the common good," Burke said.

Stewardship relates to using commons and resources generally in a sustainable manner, he said.

Burke said mankind uses

Sledding benefits Declan fund

By MEG HANDELMAN
News Writer

Students found a way to put South Bend snow to good use Saturday, racing down South Quad on improvised “dog sleds” for the third annual I-Domer-Rod to benefit the Declan Drumm Sullivan Memorial Fund.

Fisher, Lyons and Pangborn Halls co-sponsored the event, but competition was open to participants from all across campus.

Sophomore Maggie Rohlk, an organizer of the I-Domer-Rod, said the event was an opportunity to benefit a good cause while having fun.

“What better way to support charity than dogsled racing?” Rohlk said.

Senior Allie Rauh, a resident assistant in Walsh Hall, used the event as a bonding activity for her section.

“I-Domer-Rod was a really fun thing to do with the girls in my section and my sister,” Rauh said.

Sophomore Emma Terhaar said Lyons made the event into a competition between sections by giving the girls the opportunity to earn points for their section by participating in the event.

While that incentive was valid regardless of the race’s outcome, Terhaar said her team came to win.

“The concept of pulling people on sleds like dogs was very attractive for me,” Terhaar said. “I’m planning to use precision and power to achieve maximum aerodynamics and win the race.”

Pangborn freshman Gracie Gallagher said she participated because the event offered a fun way to exercise.

“It’s a good way to get some exercise and some laughter,” Gallagher said.

While students came for a number of reasons, Rohlk said it’s fundamentally about benefitting the Fund, which was the impetus for its establishment three years ago.

“Fisher is one of the founding sponsors, and the first year [of I-Domer-Rod] took place as soon as the creation of the Declan Sullivan Memorial Fund,” Rohlk said.

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Women

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in English and economics, earned master’s degrees in education and paved the way for future generations of young women to be educated at Notre Dame.

Two of these women — Anne Lenhard Benington and Sister Victoria Forde — shared their stories with The Observer to commemorate this landmark anniversary.

Continuing the family tradition

Anne Lenhard Benington, a 1965 alumna of the University’s since-terminated graduate education program, began her master’s degree in teaching after completing one year of graduate study in French literature at Indiana University. She had also recently become engaged to her future husband, then a soon-to-be naval officer.

A native of Mishawaka, Benington said she was familiar with Notre Dame and its academic programs, especially the education program. Dr. Michael Lee headed the program at the time.

“I had heard about [Lee’s] approach and I really had always wanted to teach either college or secondary [school],” Benington said. “When I decided that I was going to get a degree in education I thought his program was really what I was looking for.”

Because her father graduated from Notre Dame and her relatives helped build the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center and Fisher Hall, Benington said her acceptance into the education program was even more meaningful.

“My life had been tied to Notre Dame for such a long time,” she said. “My father ... had hoped women would be included ... so I think he was pleased when I was accepted into at least a graduate program.”

Although the program was academically challenging, Benington said she felt no particular stress as a woman in a traditionally male academic environment.

“Dr. Lee ran an amazing program,” she said. “I was with his class mostly in groups of six or seven people,” she said. “There was lots of collegiality that way. There was no pressure at that point.”

‘A fact of life’

But outside the classroom, Benington said being a non-religious woman on campus brought unwanted attention.

“The women on campus who were not nuns definitely felt that they stood out,” Benington said. “You were sort of an anomaly. I would say it was ... uncomfortable, especially coming from Indiana University where I was a resident assistant ... and then going to Notre Dame, which was



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Notre Dame men express positive reactions to the University's decision to allow entry of women. Students gather in front of South Dining Hall for refreshments.

such a male bastion at the time.”

Fortunately, Benington said her engagement to her husband afforded her some protection from some of the issues faced by her female classmates. Still, she said the culture on campus was uncomfortable.

“I was engaged to be married that summer, but [gender inequity] was just a fact of life,” she said. “I think this was true of other students too, but it helped being in a program where we had definite goals and knew what we were doing.”

Even with a Notre Dame degree, strong family ties to the University and a 30-year teaching career, Benington said she did not feel like a full member of the alumni community until recently.

“I would say up until about the last three or four years I don’t think women from my age or older were really accepted [as alumnae],” she said. “Since they completely eliminated the education department, there’s no recognition at all for people who went through that program.”

Benington said this feeling of exclusion has diminished slightly over the years.

“You sort of felt like the orphaned child,” she said. “It was what it was and there was nothing you could ever do about it, but it was a little bit strange. [The University] is starting to address that a little bit more now.”

Sister and scholar

One of the last Catholic sisters to complete a graduate degree at Notre Dame prior to 1972, Forde traveled to South Bend in 1963 on behalf of her religious community, the Sisters of Charity. Her order asked her to pursue a master’s degree in English literature.

Once she completed her master’s in 1969 after taking summer courses, Forde said her professors encouraged her to complete a doctoral degree as well. Forde attained her Ph.D. from Notre Dame in 1973. Forde also served as

assistant director during the first year of Notre Dame’s London undergraduate program in 1984.

“[My Notre Dame education] impacted me immensely,” Forde said. “After getting my Ph.D. I went out to teach at the College of Mount St. Joseph, and I was using everything I’d learned. I was also able to bring in my dissertation adviser as a guest speaker and poet, so that was a lot of fun, too.”

Changing habits

As a young American sister, Forde began her Notre Dame education while the Second Vatican Council met, from 1962-65, an especially significant period in Church history.

The subsequent reforms implemented by Vatican II allowed the sisters to reevaluate how they chose to express their faith in everyday life.

“Some women came to talk to us ... who were out of habit, or at least in the modified habit, which was really something for us who were all in full habits,” she said. “They asked if we were angry, and I thought, ‘Angry? What am I supposed to be angry about?’ It made us more aware of our position in the Church.”

The changes brought on by Vatican II encouraged the sisters’ further assimilation into the greater Notre Dame community, Forde said.

“When I started [at Notre Dame] ... you could find any habit from orders from the United States and Canada on campus,” she said. “By the time I finished my master’s, we were out of our habits. When I was teaching as a graduate student teaching assistant, ... the freshmen were seeing a different nun in lay clothes.”

However, Forde said she was treated differently while studying abroad in London for a summer.

“I was dressed in a blue suit. ... People [in London and Ireland] made cracks about me being a sister not dressed in the habit, but my Notre Dame experience gave me strength. I

just rolled it off and didn’t let it bother me.”

Among the University’s intellectual community, though, Forde said she always felt welcome.

“Maybe it’s different because I was a sister, but I always thought I had a lot of respect ... among the underclassmen and people on campus,” she said. “As graduate students, we would all go to professors’ homes and had a good time socializing. I never felt uncomfortable.”

After completing her two Notre Dame degrees, Forde channeled her personal and educational experiences into creating women’s studies program at the College of Mount St. Joseph, the liberal arts college affiliated with her religious order.

“It all began at Notre Dame during Vatican II,” she said. “That [experience] has affected me greatly.”

Part of the family

Though their backgrounds differed prior to coming to Notre Dame, both Forde and Benington said their educational experiences at the University have shaped their lives ever since.

“I love Notre Dame, so I had a good experience all the way through it,” Forde said. “I still correspond with other sisters who were in Lewis Hall with me, some of whom have left their orders and are laywomen now.”

A member of the Notre Dame family by birth, Benington said she appreciates the role the University has played in her life and that of the young women who came after her.

“Having the Notre Dame degree and the whole family of Notre Dame as part of my life has been ... very enriching,” she said. “I just feel so lucky now that women are ... part of the school. I’m just glad to be sort of one of the forerunners of that.”

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Coeducation

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merger was a good idea at first.

"At the time I definitely think it made sense to merge," Kovach said. "In theory, however, the colleges quickly found out that no one wanted to lose and in situations such as this, one college was going to lose."

"When looking at this era of the merger there were over 300 women's colleges, that number has increasingly gone down. Today, it is a very unique choice to come to a women's college."

A spring 1983 issue of The Courier, Saint Mary's alumnae magazine, offered a timeline of the events leading up to the failed merger.

Beginning in September 1965, the universities introduced a new co-exchange program through which students could take courses at either college, the timeline stated. This program marked a new beginning for the long-standing relationship of the two campuses since crossover classes for students on the neighboring campuses had not been an opportunity before.

By May of 1969, Saint Mary's and Notre Dame agreed to expand the co-exchange program. The colleges modified the freshman liberal arts curriculum to be consistent across campuses, introduced integrated dining options and seating at athletic events and synced academic calendars.

While these measures hinted at a potential merger, both University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh and President Emeritus Monsignor John McGrath, presidents of the respective colleges at the time, issued a joint statement denying any rumors of a merger at the time.

Senior Jessica Lopez, who studied the non-merger for over a year for her senior comprehensive project, said she believes the colleges considered the merger primarily for the benefit of Notre Dame students' gender relations.

"I found that it seemed what Notre Dame was interested in was what all-male colleges used in order to combine with a sister school," Lopez said. "They would say they wanted to use the merger to act as a civilizing influence to prepare for real world interactions with women. Saint Mary's would have given those benefits to Notre Dame."

In her findings, Lopez saw a diversity of opinions among students and faculty at the time.

"There were some strong sentiments from students and some faculty," Lopez said. "Some didn't consider it a good option for Saint Mary's. Even at Notre Dame people were against the merger. Fr. James Burtchaell, provost at Notre Dame during that time, asserted that Notre Dame did not need to merge with Saint Mary's, but rather the College



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A couple of Notre Dame's first female students look out the window of their dorm. The University opened its doors to women in 1972 after previously considering merging Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

needed to merge with Notre Dame to survive."

According to the timeline, in May of 1971, the Boards of Trustees at both institutions formally approved plans to seek unification. According to a statement from that time, "the ultimate goal of this unification is a single institution with one student body of men and women, one faculty, one president and administration and one board of trustees."

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college archivist

preservation of Saint Mary's identity would be by the matriculation of all women undergraduates of the University through Saint Mary's as the college of record. It also recognized the importance of financial viability of any plan to merge the two institutions.

According to a statement from the Board of Trustees from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, the ultimate goal of this unification was to form a single institution with one student body of men and women, one faculty, one president and administration and one Board of Trustees.

"Unification of all academic departments of ND and SMC should be accomplished by the start of 1972-73," the statement said. "The academic year 1974-75 is the target date for the completion of unification, but it is hoped that it might be

accomplished even before that time."

However, by November of 1971, Mother Olivette Whalen and Edmund Stephan, chairpersons of the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame Board of Trustees, respectively, issued a joint statement announcing the two institutions would "indefinitely suspend unification negotiation," because organizers were "unable to solve financial and administrative problems." Reconciling the financial differences between the two school's budgets and pay to their employees, as well as the logistics in combining all the schools' academic programs without losing any employees, became too difficult.

Soon after, Notre Dame announced plans to begin accepting women directly.

"Things started falling through," Lopez said. "By December, all negotiations broke down. The administrations sent a letter to female applicants saying they could apply to both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's or one or the other. There was another attempt to reopen negotiations the next year but nothing happened."

While a second attempt at a merger would be made the following year, Kovach said nothing materialized.

"I think for something that is so important to the history of Saint Mary's, I am surprised that so many decades later there still seems to be this aura of silence around the subject," Kovach said. "The non-merger, I think, is the most important part of our college. We wouldn't be here today, at least in this setting. We really bucked a trend and have proved successful. This success, I think is due to the leadership at the college. A merger wouldn't have been an equal setting at all."

"There was a slow movement and sad decline in interest,"

Lopez said. "Overall, there was no climactic point to the merger becoming a non-merger, the outcome just slopes downward."

Many students of the Class of 1975 accepted the offer to come to Saint Mary's under the assumption the College would be merging with Notre Dame their freshman year, however. This caused for mixed feelings among the student body.

"Mostly I remember the anger, disappointment and frustration when the merger didn't go through," Mary Meruisse Richardson, a 1975 alumna, said. "I remember the song, 'There's a Riot Going On' wafting out from dorm windows. I felt betrayed because I had accepted to come expecting the merger to go through and then it didn't. When the merger fell apart, many of my friends transferred to ND. It split up our class and that was hard."

Mary-Margaret Anthonie Ney, also a 1975 alumna, said emotions ran high after the non-merger went public.

"In some old editions of The Observer they covered many protests. We even made national news," Ney said. "When it first happened, there was lot of resentment. ... We never really heard a good explanation for why it was called off. It settled down after a while, though, and people made decisions. I chose to stay at Saint Mary's as [a] Spanish major, which worked out really well for me. My roommate transferred to Notre Dame because her major found a better fit there."

Class of 1975 alumna Jeanne Murabito said at first she had mixed feelings about the merger cancellation, but later decided she was pleased with the outcome.

"I knew I could take classes at Notre Dame and be a part of that social life," Murabito said. "I chose not to transfer after my

freshman year although some of my friends did. At first I was upset about it, but now I realize I had the best of both worlds. I was a humanistic studies major and I couldn't get that anywhere else. The professors' personal commitment to the College was extraordinary. I do not regret my decision to stay at the College."

Amy Dardinger, assistant director of reunion giving, said many alumna from the Class of 1975 are overcoming the emotions of the non-merger and are giving back to the College more.

"Many of them have come to the point that they appreciate that Saint Mary's is still here," she said.

Because many women's colleges merged with brother institutions at this time, most alumnae of these institutions find themselves returning to a fundamentally different college.

"Now I think many alums return to the College and think 'How lucky are we that we are able to return to a single-sex institution?'" Kovach said. "So many women's colleges at this time merged with partner institutions and I think Saint Mary's is very lucky to have not merged. I think that time has made some folks open their eyes to what the consequences of the merger really could have been. This really shaped the identity of the College."

Many alumnae of the college and that Class of 1975 said they are thankful Saint Mary's remained independent.

"It worked out very well for me," Ney said. "I love Saint Mary's, it's a great place and I felt like I grew up there and became my own person. I am still very proud of Saint Mary's."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Celebrating
DJ Drew**Bridget Feeney**

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Who built Stonehenge? What really happened to Atlantis? Who is DJ Drew?

These are some of history's greatest mysteries. I'll leave the questions regarding Stonehenge and Atlantis to the experts. But I just can't let the mystery surrounding DJ Drew — the unsung hero of the Linebacker — go unanswered.

Everyone these days is all "Bieber this" (ugh) or "Taylor Swift that" (double ugh), but the real musical genius of our time is DJ Drew. Every weekend, he watches over his Linebacker kingdom from his booth, ruling with an iron fist and a heart of gold. He seamlessly transitions from classics like Toto's "Africa" to Ke\$ha's "Die Young" in a way that is both poetic and inspiring.

When I approach his booth, antsy with anticipation about what Linebacker shenanigans the next few hours will bring me, I feel like I am on top of the world. Without fail, I always request Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You" and Whitney Houston's "I Wanna Dance with Somebody." Because DJ Drew is omniscient, I don't even have to ask for the songs I want to hear when I pay him a visit. Most times when I go up to request my next jam so I can cut some rug, he tells me he already knows what beloved ballads I want to hear that night.

Despite our weekly conversations, I still only know one substantial fact about him. This past Saturday, after begging him to play Marc Cohn's "Walking in Memphis," I worked up some courage to ask DJ Drew a question that has haunted my friends and I for months: How long has he worked there?

Apr. 13 will mark DJ Drew's 25th anniversary at the Linebacker, a quarter of a century bringing joy, class and magic to the people and students of South Bend, Ind.

I've been to Brothers, Fever, Corby's, Mulligan's, CJ's, O'Rourke's and Finny's. I enjoy myself at other bars and I definitely have fun, but I will always hold a special place in my heart for the Linebacker. Though we don't know anything about him or what he does when he's not creating his legendary playlists, my friends and I can't picture our senior year without DJ Drew and his ambiance at the Linebacker.

So if anyone is looking for something to do Apr. 13, put on your party pants and dancing shoes and join me at the Linebacker, celebrating 25 years of DJ Drew.

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Posturing on the Korean peninsula

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The Human Interest

North Korea has been in the news a great deal recently for its aggressive and persistent saber rattling. On Feb. 12, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) conducted the third nuclear weapons test in its history, drawing unanimous condemnation from the international community. Last Saturday, North Korean military and political leaders suggested that North Korea might attack in response to United States and South Korean military exercises scheduled for next month. Nuclear tests and threats of military action are frightening, but North Korea has been engaging in such bellicose behavior for a long time. In this column, I will examine how grave a threat North Korea poses and discuss some possible ways to defuse or at least ride out the situation.

As I said before, North Korea has tested nuclear weapons twice before, once in 2006 and again in 2009, yet no military conflicts resulted from either test. North Korea knows better than to launch a nuclear first strike; if they did, the far-superior United States nuclear arsenal would wipe them off the face of the earth. Kim Jong-un's regime may be brutal, and it may even be crazy, but it is not stupid. North Korea likely sees its nuclear weapons as a deterrent to United States and South Korean military aggression and not as tools of aggression themselves. The biggest danger these weapons pose comes from the possibility that North Korea could sell one to a terrorist organization or simply allow one to fall into terrorist hands through negligence. The likelihood that if terrorists ever used a North Korean nuke the weapon would be

traced back to North Korea and the victim(s) of the attack would retaliate in kind provide North Korea with good reasons to keep its nuclear weapons from falling into the wrong hands. The North Korean nuclear threat, therefore, remains high but stable.

At first glance, the threat of a conventional attack by North Korea seems quite elevated. According to the New York Times, North Korea has said that if the United States and South Korea proceed with their upcoming joint military exercises, it could cause a war. The frequency of North Korea's dire predictions of all-out war and the cartoonish language in which the DPRK issues them make one pause before taking any of North Korea's threats too seriously.

"If your side ignites a war of aggression by staging the reckless joint military exercises Key Resolve and Foal Eagle again under the cover of 'defensive and annual ones' at this dangerous time, from that moment your fate will be hung by a thread with every hour. ... You had better bear in mind that those igniting a war are destined to meet a miserable destruction," Pak Rim-Su, chief North Korean military delegate to the United States, said.

"The allies regularly conduct such joint military drills," though, "and whenever they happen, North Korea warns of war and threatens to deliver a devastating blow to American and South Korean troops," Choe Sang-Hun of the New York Times said.

We may have more reasons to take the North Koreans at their word than usual, though. Jen Alic, writing for CNBC, has said that North Korea's fear of a joint United States and South Korean attack are not unfounded. The United States and South Korea's war games are not just rehearsals of

defensive maneuvers against North Korea: They are simulated invasions in which 100,000 South Korean troops and 9,000 Americans supported by ships, aircraft and armored vehicles attack by air, land and sea. The war games have been getting larger and more aggressive since Kim Jong-il's death, she says, which she believes is a sign that the United States and South Korea may see the DPRK's recent change of leadership and current aggressive behavior as good motivators for regime change. I don't think this is the case, though. It is widely acknowledged that if North Korea ever launched a full-scale attack against South Korea, the allies would not stop at defending South Korean soil but would carry the fight to the DPRK to prevent it from ever launching such an attack again. The military exercises are therefore probably just rehearsals of the second phase of a response to North Korean aggression.

I believe that the United States and South Korea should go ahead with their war games and take other precautions against a North Korean attack, such as cooperating with Japan on missile defense to reduce North Korea's nuclear threat. The allies should not, however, take any offensive action against North Korea. The underfunded and overextended U.S. military should not be looking for war right now. Instead, we must use whatever sanctions we can to continue applying pressure on the North Korean regime in the hope that it will soften its stance toward its neighbors.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

‘Faith Always, Action Now’

“If not now, when? If not us, who?” If you recognize that quote, it may be because United States presidents on both sides of the aisle have used it to inspire and lead a charge. The original quote is actually over 2,000 years old and was first written by Rabbi Hillel, a Jewish scholar. I believe the reason it has been used so often is the simplicity and power of its challenge to put our beliefs into action. It inspires us to move forward even when obstacles in our path seem insurmountable.

In 2008, when the Board of Trustees of Saint Mary’s College approved the beginning of our \$80 million capital campaign, “Faith Always, Action Now,” no one expected the financial world to be turned upside down and the country to enter a serious recession. But, that is exactly what happened. Since 2008, most people have been challenged by global economic uncertainty. But, because of our belief in the value of a Saint Mary’s education, and the support of alumnae, parents and friends, we forged ahead with our campaign and I am happy to announce that we have met with great success. On Feb. 22, having reached 75 percent of our goal, we launched the public phase of “Faith Always, Action

Now.” Perhaps it is in our heritage at Saint Mary’s to ignore obstacles. In the 1840s, four young Sisters of the Holy Cross bravely left France, crossed the Atlantic and shortly after arriving in Indiana started the school that would become Saint Mary’s College. They could never have imagined what they would find in the New World. But they believed in the value and importance of women’s education, and with courage and perseverance they pushed onward.

And now it is our turn to push bravely onward. Saint Mary’s College provides an education that is second to none. In spite of the fact that there are relatively few women’s colleges left, and even fewer Catholic women’s colleges, those of us that remain are vibrant and strong. There are few topics I enjoy discussing more than the relevance of a women’s college in today’s world. I speak about it easily because I am the person I am today because of my Saint Mary’s education. My classroom experiences taught me to lead. I wasn’t the president of a club or an organization, but I left here confident of my ability to achieve any goal I set. No challenge was too large, and nothing intimidated me.

Saint Mary’s prepares women to succeed in the

world in which we live; a world that requires a global focus and the ability to adapt to change. I believe our strong liberal arts foundation enables us to do this. Our graduates are our best ambassadors. They are young women from every walk of life who will take what they have learned at Saint Mary’s College and spread it throughout the world for the rest of their lives. Saint Mary’s women make a difference. They are confident, well-educated women who are agents of change, whether that means building backyard gardens for low-income families in Seattle, Wash. (2006 alumna Stephanie Snyder Seliga), or working in Afghanistan and Iraq to help communities rebuild through long-term recovery programs (1976 alumna Leslie Wilson, Save the Children). The women who graduate from here know that an education is both a right and a privilege. Our graduates understand that if they don’t use their education for good, then who will?

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A conservative approach to healthcare

Conor Durkin

Out of Right Field

After a poor performance in national elections last November, there’s a strong consensus in the political world that the Republican Party is going to need to undergo some transformation. Based on demographic shifts and an underwhelming electoral performance, the GOP will be looking to rethink some of its main ideas, both message and policy wise.

Take healthcare, for instance. Reforming our system has never been high on the list of conservative priorities, and over the past few years Republican healthcare policy has generally been driven by a “just say no” approach, with the party staunchly opposing the Affordable Care Act (ACA). After the ACA’s passage, we heard a lot from the political right about “repealing and replacing” the act, but we never heard very much about what exactly would replace Obamacare. With President Barack Obama winning a second term, however, the Affordable Care Act is not going to be repealed, and it’s time to think about how to reform the system we have going forward. Luckily, there’s an opportunity to do just that. Despite the ACA’s passage, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that some 30 million people will be uninsured by 2016. Meanwhile, insurance premiums have continued to rise over the past few years, and spending on Medicare and Medicaid is expected to increase

exponentially over the next few decades, jeopardizing the stability of our public finances.

There’s a need for further reform here, and Republicans should seize the opportunity. Last week, conservative policy experts Avik Roy and Douglas Holtz-Eakin put forth a plan to do just that and outlined the path to a healthcare system resembling that of Switzerland.

While we usually equate European healthcare with big government bureaucracies, Switzerland actually has the most pro-market system in the world. Unlike a lot of its European peers, Switzerland doesn’t have socialized medicine or single-payer insurance. Instead, Swiss healthcare is a consumer-oriented system of universal coverage that gives individuals control over their health decisions — the sort of healthcare that seems both realistic and ideal for the United States.

Under the Swiss system, healthcare isn’t provided by the government or by employers as it is for most in the United States. Instead, Swiss citizens are required by mandate to purchase insurance for themselves from among a variety of plans provided by private insurers in a regulated market. To make sure that care is affordable, the Swiss government also provides subsidies to citizens based on individual income. The Swiss system does a pretty good job on cost, too; per-capita health expenditures were only \$5,270 in Switzerland, compared to \$7,910 in the United States, and health expenditure as a percentage of GDP in Switzerland is right

in line with countries like France and Germany.

Roy and Holtz-Eakin outlined a system based largely on this Swiss system, and explained how to get there. As it turns out, the major components of implementing a Swiss-style system are already coming into existence in the United States — through the Affordable Care Act. The core concept of the Swiss system is implementing a large insurance market for individuals, which is comparable to the health exchanges set up by the Affordable Care Act. Including subsidies for individuals to purchase insurance in these exchanges is also a component of the ACA.

Moving fully into a Swiss system would require a few steps. First, reforming the Obamacare exchanges into a less overly regulated, more free-market model, as states like Utah have aimed to do with their exchanges. Next, transition those currently on Medicaid into the exchanges and use subsidies to cover the cost of their care, as we will be doing for those presently in the exchanges. Finally, embrace a shift of Medicare recipients into the exchanges as well, with low-income seniors receiving subsidized coverage while high-income seniors will have to pay for their own care through the exchanges. In many ways, this last step resembles Rep. Paul Ryan’s ‘premium support’ model of Medicare.

This model has a lot of advantages over our current approach. For starters, it would actually achieve universal coverage. Moreover, having individuals

purchase their own insurance allows people to make their own healthcare decisions based upon their needs, instead of having employers or the government decide for them. Finally, the system would also deal with our forthcoming entitlement crisis by transitioning into a private coverage system for all, meaning that our future spending on Medicare and Medicaid would no longer be a problem. Maintaining income-based subsidies to help individuals buy insurance, however, would still protect the poor from being unable to afford coverage.

To be sure, the move to this sort of system would be controversial. Democrats wouldn’t be keen on replacing Medicare and Medicaid with a system reliant on private markets, and many Republicans may still be reluctant to embrace a system that accepts the ACA. Yet if the Republican Party wants to move forward and become the 21st century political party that we need — and I hope they do — then this is the sort of bold thinking that we should come to expect. Roy and Holtz-Eakin have done a great job outlining a way to reform Obamacare, create a system of free-market healthcare, solve our entitlement crisis and achieve universal coverage for all — and they ought to be applauded for it.

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KEENAN REVUE:

BETTER THAN BOXED WINE

By **LAUREN MATICH**
Scene Writer

Where could Buddy the Elf, Shakespeare, Spiderman, Waldo and a sumo wrestler all be spotted in the same room this weekend? Nowhere else but the Keenan Revue.

The show opened with a teasing skit about the dorm's ultra-classy rector, Noel Terranova, who Keenan residents depicted sipping boxed Merlot out of snifter glasses and discussing Cuban cigars in a bathrobe with his loyal dog, The Goose, by his side while the real Terranova played a butler shining wine glasses off stage-right.

When the opening skit concluded, the actual Terranova addressed the lighthearted humor that riddles the Revue and how he bravely offered himself as the opening sacrifice for the show to emphasize that all jokes are made in good fun, and should be understood as such.

The remainder of the show, titled "Much Revue About Nothing," continued with skits poking fun at all things Notre Dame. Bane found love at a dorm party. Tommy Rees and Everett Golson sang show tunes from "Wicked" about their love/hate relationship. Keenan guys gave lessons on caveman-style flirting with girls and made pun after pun about their favorite libation — beer.



The Sunday evening show was even attended by Rick Thomas and Tom Lenz, the two masterminds (pictured above) behind the Keenan Revue's creation 37 years ago. This weekend's performance followed tradition and provided the Keenan community with an outlet to give commentary on campus life.

However, this year was a little different in the show's conception. Executive director Tyler Gregory explained everyone behind the show really focused on the difference between humorous witticisms and jokes that are offensive. While being guided by the constructive help of the rector through every stage of production, this year's Revue staff walked the fine line.

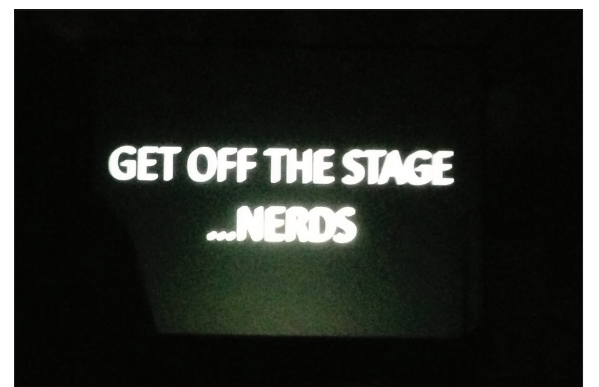
Gregory emphasized the high standards placed upon the students at a hall meeting in January when the new rector discussed his exceptions for this year's show and the preemptive self-censorship the students practiced in an effort to be respectful of individuals and specific groups. Instead, the Keenan men took a look in the mirror and adopted jokes full of self-deprecation to establish a light attitude in the program and to show the fun in laughing at yourself.

The organization for the student-run Keenan Revue formally starts around October when the executive staff is compiled, but the bulk of the planning doesn't begin until students return from Christmas break in January. Gregory said the men had from Jan. 14 to approximately Feb. 14 to nail down casting, scripts and musical numbers.

The staff includes a three-man writing team, but many of the skits are submitted through a multi-round tryout process that results in a final list of acceptable skits, which have been rehearsed after passing through the hands of the writing staff and director to ensure the material adheres to content

standards.

Monday before the premiere, the men ran through the entire 160-minute show without scripts. Wednesday evening was a dress rehearsal with the professional sound and light crews before the Thursday debut.



This year's Revue is significant in the strength of the comedy skits, "inspired choreography" as Terranova said and four big musical numbers, which were organized by musical director Luke Westby. Despite the higher standards for the script, the numbers were not short on knightly near-nudity, during which approximately 20 men graced the stage, stripped down to their boxer shorts and showed off their dancing talents. A pair of sophomores contorted their bodies into an airplane, while four others simultaneously recreated a bicycle with their bodies.

Westby said one of his first choices for the musical selection — "Fat Bottom Girls" by Queen, the second number in the program — was one long in the making for the Revue. Act II opened with "One More Night" by Maroon 5, performed by Terry Hines, which Westby said had a "pulsating sound, which adapted well into the number with the strippers."

The closing musical performances for Act I and Act II displayed the extent of Keenan's musical talent. A band of Keenan men and a drum set on loan from the University Jazz Band supported Westby's own performance of "Two Close," and electronic dup step beats and soulful solos reverberated through the Stepan Center. "Everybody Needs Somebody to Love" from "The Blues Brothers" soundtrack, performed by Greg Habiak and Seamus Ronan, complete with the original footwork and impressive vocals, created a lively and strong finish to the Revue.





“‘Too Close’ was special,” Westby said of his emotional vocalizations, “because I took ownership of the song from my heart. I hit it as hard as I could, and it was a beautiful experience.”

Despite his passion for the program and the music, Westby emphasized the small role he played in the program. He described himself as “the guy who sends out emails to remind the performers where to be.”

“Those are the guys who make the Revue what it is, not me,” he said.

The musical men put in an extraordinary amount of work this year. Groups practiced close to six hours a week leading up to opening night and only performed with full sound and lights the night before the premiere, during which they remained long after the rehearsal ended to perfect each act.

Like the other aspects of the review, the bulk of musical planning happens within a month after returning in January. A suggestion list is posted in a common area in Keenan where residents can submit their ideas about musical numbers that should be included in the program. Although most of the ideas are goofy or top-40s hits, both of which the staff try to avoid, Westby said he used the ideas to help start the conversation about what numbers are best suited for the show.



Westby attributed the success of the music to the collaboration of the executive staff who ultimately are looking for songs that will lend themselves to stunning performances and an appropriate technical level for the resources available to the program. Every musician and singer showcased in the Revue is a student and Keenan resident, but Westby said there is no shortage of talent or interest when he’s working with the Knights.

“The band works so hard, is so incredibly talented and demonstrates so much commitment,” Westby said.



Gregory said a goal for this year was to get as many men involved as possible, and the production involved a total 150 volunteers.

“The Keenan Revue isn’t only about putting on a great show, but about building a great community,” Gregory said.

Gregory said favorite part of the Revue is hanging out with the men the show brings together and the expression of the dorm identity. The director said he saw the Revue as an opportunity to open Keenan’s doors to entire student body and exemplify the spirit of Keenan Hall, which ties in with many of the jokes that are centered around the dorm life.

Rick Thomas, one of the original founders of the Keenan Revue, has similar feeling about the program even after 37 years since his days at its helm. The “spirit of the show” hasn’t changed, he said, despite the differences between the first Keenan Revue and this weekend’s 37th show.

When he and Tom Lenz thought up the program their senior year, it more resembled a variety show including jugglers and singers rather than a comedy routine,

Thomas said. The first Revue began in Washington Hall, and the founders said they had no idea a colleague of theirs distributed flyers into various students’ mailboxes around campus, which led to a full house. The founders spoke during the second act of the performance and expressed their gratitude and support for the show with a chant about former Irish linebacker Manti Te’o.

Sophomore Luke Shadley, the self-professed funniest member of the three-person writing team, reveled in the show’s success.

“What’s not to love?” he asked.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

LeBron garners deserved respect



Mike Monaco
Sports Writer

Editor's note: This is the first in a 10-part series discussing the defining sportsman (or woman) of this century. In this installment, Mike Monaco argues for LeBron James. Join the discussion on Twitter by using #DefiningSportsman.

The date was July 8, 2010.

In what has been dubbed "The Decision," LeBron James sat at a Boys & Girls Club in Connecticut and announced he would take his talents to South Beach and sign with the Miami Heat.

In the hour-long telecast, LeBron James quickly became the most polarizing figure in sports.

As a result, LeBron is the defining sportsman of the first 13-plus years of the 21st century.

Simply put, he's the best basketball player in the world. He's one of the few athletes who can be compared to Michael Jordan without eliciting laughter. He transcends positions, fills stat sheets and dominates games.

During a recent torrid shooting streak, LeBron drained 49 of 65 shots. That's a hair over 75 percent. That figure would be solid from the free-throw line, and not just for Dwight Howard.

LeBron has a dominant 31.65 Player Efficiency Rating (PER) right now. PER measures a player's per-minute statistical production, and LeBron is performing at historic levels.

Not that this is at all new. LeBron has won three MVPs, should win the award again this year and should have won it in 2008 and 2011.

But, in this day and age, the best don't necessarily define the era. It's an era unlike those in which our parents and grandparents grew up. What you do on the court is not the whole story. What you do or don't do in the county court is.

Behind homerun titles are PED allegations. Behind major titles are extramarital scandals. Behind collegiate stars are NCAA investigations and sanctions.

Purity is a relic of superstars past. Today's defining athletes are those who are polarizing.

And, though LeBron has steered clear of courtrooms, there is not a more polarizing figure in sports.

LeBron is also a microcosm of today's era in sports.

He was a high school sensation and burst onto the national scene. LeBron had already appeared on the covers of ESPN The Magazine and Sports Illustrated by the time he began his senior season.

James was a known national commodity before he could legally go to R-rated movies. He

spearheaded an era where high school kids are negotiating their next shoe deal, where pre-teens get featured on "SportsCenter" and where college is seen as a one-year commitment or, in LeBron's case, a non-entity.

LeBron has had his share of controversy as well. During his senior season of high school, James was suspended for accepting two jerseys, which happened after he received a Hummer for his 18th birthday, prompting an investigation by the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Such activity typifies today's era, when the NCAA is constantly investigating illegal benefits and levying sanctions.

LeBron was the perfect story for a while, too. He was the hometown kid drafted with the first overall pick by the Cleveland Cavaliers. He took a downtrodden franchise and turned it into the elite of the Eastern Conference.

It was a story everyone loved. An underdog team powered by the young star. It was a story sports fans still love, no matter the era. And it was all because of LeBron.

He's been the best player in the sport for the past half-dozen years. LeBron is a nine-time All-Star and a physical marvel. He has the on-the-court requirements down pat to be the defining sportsman. He's quite simply the best basketball player in the world, maybe ever. He might be the best overall athlete in the world.

But it's been the hoopla since "The Decision" that has made LeBron the most defining sportsman or woman of this century.

LeBron made that decision and, though it raised roughly \$6 million for charities, he got crucified. People wanted him to win championships, and he made the decision that put him in the best position to do so. But he still got skewered. It didn't help when he made the now infamous prediction of "Not one, not two, not three..." NBA titles.

He was everyone's favorite villain. He was Tiger Woods, Derek Jeter, Duke basketball and Notre Dame football all wrapped up in one.

In year one, James dominated but his team didn't. Then, last season the Heat won the NBA title, and LeBron was named Finals MVP.

The monkey was off his back. He had finally silenced some critics.

He had won, but he had not won over everyone.

And, because of that, he's our defining sportsman.

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NASCAR

Debris injures Daytona fans

Associated Press

Fans feeling unsafe after the terrifying crash at Daytona International Speedway a day earlier were able to change seats for NASCAR's biggest race on Sunday.

Workers successfully repaired a section of fence — 54 feet wide and 22 feet high — that was shredded Saturday when Kyle Larson's car went airborne on the final lap of a second-tier race and crashed through the barrier that separates cars from fans. Large pieces of debris, including a tire, sprayed into the upper and lower section of the stands.

The crash the day before the Daytona 500 injured more than 30 people, raising more questions about fan safety at race tracks.

Halifax Health spokesman Byron Cogdell said seven people with crash-related injuries remained hospitalized in Daytona Beach in stable condition. The six people brought to a different Halifax hospital in Port Orange with crash-related injuries had all been discharged, Cogdell said.

A spokeswoman at Florida Memorial Medical Center would not release information on the patients brought to that hospital.

Track President Joie Chitwood, meanwhile, said if any fans are uncomfortable with their up-close seating for the Daytona 500, officials would work to move them.

"If fans are unhappy with their seating location or if they have any incidents, we would relocate them," Chitwood said. "So we'll treat that area like we do every other area of the grandstand. If a fan is not comfortable where they're sitting, we make every accommodation we can."

There were several wrecks during the Daytona 500, though nothing that put fans in danger. Jimmie Johnson won the race for the second time.

Larry Spencer of Nanticoke, Pa., said he wasn't sure if he wants to ever sit that low again after his 15-year-old brother, Derrick, needed three



AP

At least 11 fans were injured when large chunks of debris, including a tire, sailed into the grandstands when a car flew into the fence.

stitches in his cheek after being hit by metal debris flying from Saturday's crash. A day after sitting close to the fence, they returned with tickets dozens of rows farther away from the track.

"I thought it was just neat to see the cars going by that close," Spencer said. "After yesterday, though, I definitely will reconsider sitting lower ever again."

The tire that flew into the stands landed a couple of rows above where they had been standing. After the crash, looking around at the people seriously injured, Spencer said he decided to take his brother to a hospital himself so that speedway crews and paramedics could focus on the people who needed more help.

Track workers finished repairs about 2 a.m. Sunday, having installed a new fence post, new metal meshing and part of the concrete wall.

Officials decided not to rebuild the collapsed cross-over gate, which allows fans to travel between the stands and the infield before races.

Daytona has a grandstand remodel planned. Chitwood said the injuries could prompt a redesign that might include sturdier fences or stands further away from the on-track action.

"It's tough to connect the two right now in terms of a potential redevelopment and what occurred," Chitwood said. "We were prepared yesterday, had

emergency medical respond. As we learn from this, you bet: If there are things that we can incorporate into the future, whether it's the current property now or any other redevelopment, we will.

"The key is sitting down with NASCAR, finding out the things that happened and how we deal with them."

Daytona reexamined its fencing and ended up replacing the entire thing following Carl Edwards' scary crash at Talladega Superspeedway in Alabama in 2009. Edwards' car sailed into the fence and spewed debris into the stands.

"We've made improvements since then," Chitwood said. "I think that's the key: that we learn from this and figure out what else we need to do."

NASCAR plans to take what remained of Larson's sheared car along with debris back to its research and development center in Charlotte, N.C., for testing.

"We'll bring in the best and brightest," said Steve O'Donnell, NASCAR's senior vice president for racing operations. "Anything we can learn will be put in place. ... Fans are our first priority. Obviously we want everybody to be safe at an event. We've talked to the speedway. We're confident in what's in place at today's event. Certainly still thinking about those affected, but we're confident to move forward for this race."

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Now my baby is dancing, but she's dancing with another man.

NBA

LeBron helps Heat hang on against Cleveland

Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade got hot down the stretch, and LeBron James missed a layup in the final minute.

Both were huge breaks for the Miami Heat.

James scored 28 points, Wade scored 11 of his 24 in the final five minutes — when Miami needed him most — and the Heat extended the NBA's longest current winning streak to 11 games, beating the Cleveland Cavaliers 109-105 in a back-and-forth matchup Sunday night.

The Heat blew a 22-point second-half lead then rallied from eight down with 5:16 left.

“We’re a veteran ballclub and we’ve been in every situation that an NBA game can offer us,” James said. “We don’t get too high, we don’t get too low, we just play the 48 minutes out and see where it takes us.”

Dion Waiters scored 26 points, C.J. Miles added 19 and Kyrie Irving scored 17 for Cleveland, which outscored Miami by a stunning 30 points over a 17-minute stretch of the second half, yet still came up empty.

The Cavaliers are now 1-8 against the Heat since James signed with Miami in July 2010.

“We had a very good chance against a very good basketball team, the world champions, and we lost the game because of mental mistakes,” Cavaliers coach Byron Scott said. “That’s just something that we can’t have happen again.”

In fairness, it wasn’t just mental mistakes that doomed Cleveland late. There was a bit of luck involved for the Heat.

Miami was up by two and held possession with 1:03 remaining. The shot clock was

running down and Chris Bosh was open to try a 16-footer from the right wing. As Bosh was about to release, James got inexplicably free under the basket, thrusting both his arms skyward. Bosh threw him the pass — and James, enjoying the best shooting season of his career, did the unthinkable: He missed the easy one.

This is where the luck comes into play.

The rebound found its way back to Bosh, the Heat ran down another shot clock, and Wade got loose for a two-handed dunk that pushed Miami’s lead to 105-101 with 24.4 seconds left.

It was a double-whammy for Cleveland. Miami scored and took nearly 40 seconds off a dwindling clock in the process.

“Hey, I’m a smart player. That’s what basketball IQ is all about,” James said afterward, unable to hold back a sly grin. “I have no idea how I blew that layup. But it did work out for us. Got an extra possession, D-Wade was able to turn the corner and get a slam.”

Said Heat coach Erik Spoelstra: “I liked that play.”

Wade started what turned into a 16-4 run with a fadeaway with just under 5 minutes to go, then added a three-point play on the next Miami possession to cut the Cavs’ lead to 97-94.

And after Irving missed a layup with 1:35 left, Wade got the rebound and set up Battier for a 3-pointer that put Miami on top again — and for good.

“I thought that we had the game,” Cavaliers forward Alonzo Gee said.

Sure looked like that was the case, after a ridiculously good third quarter.

Down 68-46 early in the



AP

Heat forward LeBron James drives to the basket against Cavaliers forward Luke Walton during Miami's 109-105 win on Sunday. James had 28 points to spark the victory over his former team.

third, the Cavaliers looked finished — last-place team, on the road, against the reigning NBA champions who just happened to have the league's longest current winning streak.

Midway through the third, Miami's lead was still 17.

With two minutes left in the period, the cushion was 10.

By the start of the fourth, it was nonexistent.

The C.J. Miles Show lasted for all of 63 seconds. And they were a scintillating 63 seconds.

It starts with 1:35 left, a 3-pointer from Miles getting the Miami lead down to seven. Then he got a rebound, came downcourt and connected on another 3-pointer. Lead down to four. Another stop by the Cavs on one end, then another

3-pointer for Miles on the other — that one coming both with him drawing a foul from Chalmers, and with Spoelstra getting hit with a technical from referee Ed Malloy for arguing.

Miles made the technical free throw to tie the game, the free throw for the Chalmers hit to put the Cavs ahead, and they carried that 82-81 lead into the fourth, having closed the quarter on a 36-13 run.

“Guys just finally decided to start playing,” Miles said.

Miami used a 23-4 run in the first half to take what looked like a commanding 42-22 lead — with more than 9 minutes left until the break. And after Cleveland got within seven, Miami answered with another burst.

James didn't miss in the final 4:29 of the half, scoring 10 points on a 4-for-4 run from the floor and fueling what became 16-5 spurt that gave Miami a 64-46 lead going into the locker room. And for good measure, Miami got the first two baskets of the second half, pushing the lead to 22, the biggest of the night.

Over, right?

Not even remotely close. Not until the final frantic seconds, as the Heat not only extended their win streak but won for the fourth time in five nights.

“We found a way,” Wade said. “I felt like in the first three quarters, I couldn't move. But in the fourth, you just find it. ... We just turned that other switch on.”

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Purdue rebounds with win

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue immediately wanted to play again after getting embarrassed by in-state rival Indiana.

Turns out, the eight-day break from games was good for the Boilermakers. Terone Johnson scored 22 points to help Purdue defeat Northwestern 74-43 on Sunday night and snap a three-game losing streak.

The wait helped Purdue perfect its game plan against an extremely structured Northwestern offense that can be difficult to defend.

“I think it’s always tough to wait that long, especially after coming off a loss the way we lost at IU,” Johnson said. “You feel like you want to play the next day to get that loss off your mind. But I thought it was

a definite advantage against their (Northwestern’s) system. The way they do things, you have to play totally different. It definitely helped us out.”

Purdue had lost five of six, and its last three losses had come by a combined 61 points, including the 83-55 loss to the top-ranked Hoosiers. Though the Boilermakers were forced to wait to play, they wasted no time getting back to work.

“I think we had a lot of good practices in a row,” Terone Johnson said. “When we came back from IU, we didn’t take a day off, we practiced the next day. We had a really hard practice, actually, and I think that carried on into the week of practice.”

D.J. Byrd scored 13 points and Ronnie Johnson and Rapheal Davis added 10 each for the

Boilermakers (13-14, 6-8 Big Ten), who shot 53 percent from the field and outrebounded the Wildcats 48-23. It was the second-largest victory margin of the season for Purdue and the worst loss of the season for Northwestern.

Purdue coach Matt Painter benched No. 2 scorer A.J. Hammons to start the game. The 7-foot center, who leads the Big Ten in blocked shots during conference play, had six points and two blocks in 12 minutes.

“He’s trying to play hard on Wednesday and Saturday,” Painter said. “You’ve got to play hard every single day.”

Tre Demps led Northwestern with nine points. Reggie Hearn, who scored 26 points in Northwestern’s 75-60 win on Feb. 2, finished with eight.

SOFTBALL | PIRATE INVITATIONAL

Team dominates Invitational

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

Coming off two straight losses against top opponents, the Irish managed to turn their momentum around and sweep the Pirate Invitational in Greenville, N.C., this weekend, outscoring the competition 30-7.

The weekend began with two victories on Saturday against East Carolina (5-7) and Liberty (3-6), 9-1 and 10-2 respectively. In both contests, the Irish (8-5) claimed the win in only five innings.

Sophomore catcher Cassidy Whidden said the key to the dominant wins was Notre Dame's offense.

"We really hit the ball well this weekend," Whidden said. "We attacked good pitches and put the ball in play."

Dominating players included sophomore outfielder Emilee Koerner — who went 5-for-6 on Saturday, including a home run, a double and four runs scored — and junior pitcher Laura Winter, who hit the first home run of her college career.

Sunday, the Irish took on Fairfield (2-2) before facing off with East Carolina once again. Haus said Fairfield proved to be the hardest competition of the weekend.

"The game against Fairfield was definitely the toughest," Haus said. "It came down to back to back home runs by [Koerner and Winter] in the bottom of the seventh to bring home the win."

Koerner's home run tied the game at 4-4 in the bottom of the seventh. Shortly after,

Winter hit a home run with a full-count and gave the



Observer File Photo

Irish junior pitcher Laura Winter winds up in Notre Dame's 6-5 win over Cleveland State on April 19, 2012.

Irish the walk-off 5-4 victory.

After never homering in her first two seasons, the game-winner was Winter's third homer in as many games on the weekend.

The Irish rounded out the weekend with a final game against East Carolina. Notre Dame pulled ahead early, finishing the top of the first inning with a 5-0 lead. The Pirates responded in the bottom of the second and managed to put two hitters on base before senior pitcher Brittany O'Donnell clenched the inning with a strike-out. Whidden completed the Irish scoreboard with a long hit over the wall in center to bring the final score to 6-0.

Whidden said the Irish weren't worried about who their opponents were during

the long weekend.

"We just focused on bringing the best Notre Dame team to the field every game," Whidden said. "Our goal was to finish every inning, pitch and play."

With another four-game weekend ahead of them, Koerner said the sweep at the Pirate Invitational was a huge boost in momentum.

"It definitely gave us confidence," Koerner said. "We proved how good of a team we can be and we set the bar high for ourselves and each game we play next."

The Irish hit the field again Saturday when they compete in the Citrus Classic in Buena Vista, Fla.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS | ND 4, BAYLOR 2; ND 4, INDIANA 3

Irish top two ranked squads

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

The No. 22 Irish notched two more wins in their pursuit of a fifth straight Big East title with a 4-2 victory over No. 19 Baylor on Saturday and a 4-3 win over No. 60 Indiana on Sunday.

Notre Dame (7-3) took control early against Baylor (4-7) on Saturday at Eck Tennis Pavilion, claiming the doubles point with victories at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles. Junior Jennifer Kellner and senior Chrissie McGaffigan battled through a long match against Baylor junior Alex Leatu and freshman Kiah Generette, eventually defeating the pair 9-8 (7-5) in a tiebreaker. Freshman Quinn Gleason and sophomore Katherine White also claimed a doubles victory in a tiebreaker, winning at No. 3 doubles 9-8 (7-2).

McGaffigan said Gleason and White played a big part in the team's win.

"Quinn and Katherine won the last two doubles points in tiebreakers," McGaffigan said. "They really showed how tough they are."

The Irish battled through their singles matches, falling behind when White and freshman Julie Vrabel each dropped their matches. White lost to freshman Maria Biryukova, 6-2, 6-4 and Vrabel fell to Leatu, 6-4, 6-3.

With the Bears ahead 2-1,

the Irish began their comeback, winning matches at No. 1, 2 and 4 singles.

McGaffigan said the win over a highly-ranked team is an excellent confidence booster for the Irish.

On Sunday, the Irish hit the road and faced Indiana in Bloomington, Ind. Kellner said the match against Indiana (8-3), held less than a day after the close game against Baylor the day before, was a testament to Notre Dame's strength.

"Indiana was a good match for us to win," Kellner said. "It showed we can tough it out when everyone's a bit tired."

The Irish had to overcome a large deficit against the Hoosiers. After winning the doubles point, the Irish lost three straight singles matches. McGaffigan, Vrabel and sophomore Molly O'Koniewski lost at Nos. 4, 5 and 6 singles, bringing the score to 3-1 in favor of Indiana.

Kellner and Gleason made it a tie game, with each winning in three-set matches. Junior Britney Sanders completed the comeback with a 6-7, 7-5, 6-4 victory over Indiana senior Leslie Hureau, clinching the victory for the Irish.

The Irish will be back in action Thursday when they host Western Michigan at 5 p.m.

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NBA

Thunder routs Bulls

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook scored 23 points, Kevin Durant and Serge Ibaka both contributed double-doubles and the Oklahoma City Thunder held Chicago to the worst shooting performance in the NBA this season, beating the Bulls 102-72 on Sunday night.

The Thunder, who had allowed an average of 113 points over their previous four games, broke out of a rough defensive patch by limiting Chicago to 29.1 percent shooting.

The Bulls also had their worst shooting performance of last season in Oklahoma City, when they connected on just 33 percent. Midway through the third quarter, Chicago had missed 44 of its 55 shots and was on pace for the

worst shooting night in franchise history.

The Thunder led 61-39 at that point, and the margin reached 32 with both teams' starters sitting out the fourth quarter.

Nate Robinson and Luol Deng had 13 points apiece to lead Chicago.

Durant had 19 points, 16 rebounds and six assists and Ibaka had 17 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks as Oklahoma City won its second straight after losing three in a row for the first time this season. The Thunder also had the previous best defensive performance of the season by holding Charlotte to 29.11 percent shooting in a 114-69 blowout in November.

Chicago's final percentage of 29.06, on 25 for 86 shooting, was

a smidgen worse. Carlos Boozer had just two points, making one of his five shots, and Joakim Noah had eight points and nine rebounds. The Bulls came in as the third-lowest scoring team in the NBA and ranked 23rd in shooting percentage.

Curiously, the Bulls also are responsible for the best shooting percentage by a team this season — making 63.8 percent against Cleveland in November.

Each of the Thunder's previous four opponents had made at least 46 percent from the field against a team that prides itself on being among the NBA's best defenses — in addition to being the highest-scoring team. Oklahoma City was able to avoid giving up at least 100 points in a fifth straight game for the first time since January 2011.

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MEN'S TENNIS | OHIO STATE 7, ND 0

Team falls to No. 4 Buckeyes in sweep

By **PETER STEINER**
Sports Writer

Facing its toughest opponent this year, No. 25 Notre Dame fell to No. 4 Ohio State, 7-0, on Saturday in Columbus, Ohio.

The Irish (6-5) were unable to take a point in the match, but they gave the Buckeyes (12-2) a run for

their money at No. 2 and No. 6 singles in matches that came down to the third set.

"I thought that we competed pretty well in some of the lineup spots," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "In a couple of them, they simply had too much firepower for us, and it was hard to really quantify the competitiveness of the match.

We just didn't have answers for some of the things they were able to do."

Irish freshman Quentin Monaghan was the biggest bright spot of the day for the Irish. Playing at No. 2 singles for the third time this spring season, the freshman took No. 2 Buckeyes junior Peter Kobelt down to the wire. After dropping the first set 6-3, Monaghan rallied to claim the second set, 7-5. In a super tiebreaker for the third set, he ultimately lost 14-12 against the second-ranked singles player in the nation.

"I thought Quentin Monaghan, who had a number of match points, competed great," Bayliss said. "Quentin really just believes he has a chance to win no matter what the odds. He isn't afraid to go for his shots when he has to, but, more importantly, he doesn't take plays off."

At No. 1 singles, Irish junior Greg Andrews also faced a top singles player in No. 62 Buckeyes junior Blaz Rola. Andrews competed well in the first set — losing 6-4 — before falling victim to Rola's overwhelming game in the second set, 6-1.

"I thought Greg Andrews competed very hard and could have easily won the first set," Bayliss said. "I do believe that Blaz Rola is probably the best player in college tennis."

In the bottom half of the singles lineup, Notre Dame proved the toughest for Ohio State at No. 4 and



JULIE HERDER | The Observer

Irish freshman Quentin Monaghan returns a shot in Notre Dame's 4-3 victory over Michigan on Feb. 16. The Irish lost to Ohio State on Sunday.

No. 6 singles. Irish senior Michael Moore started his match at No. 6 singles out strong, taking the first set 6-3. The senior, however, then dropped the final two sets by the same margin. Irish junior Billy Pecor met a similar fate at No. 4 singles, but took four games in both sets.

The Buckeyes are the fourth top-10 ranked team the Irish have played. After defeating the Irish on Saturday, the Buckeyes played a similarly-ranked team in No. 24 LSU on Sunday. The Tigers were unable to take a set against the Buckeyes and only won 21 total games in the six singles matches. The Irish, meanwhile, took two sets and 43 games from the Buckeyes.

While the Irish lost 7-0, Bayliss said the matches against top teams are helping the team improve and prepare for rest of the season.

"I think we are improving," Bayliss said. "I think we are learning on the fly, and we are competing better. While I was disappointed we didn't have anything to show for our efforts against Ohio State, I'm encouraged with the play of a number of our players, and we're doing certain things better."

The Irish will have the entire week to prepare for its next match against No. 75 Wisconsin, who they will face on March 3 in Madison, Wis.

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FENCING | NOTRE DAME DUALS

Irish go undefeated at home

Observer Staff Report

In Notre Dame's final meet before the Midwest Conference Championships, the Irish put on a dominating performance, as the men's and women's teams went a combined 13-0 at the Notre Dame Duals at the Castellan Family Fencing Center in the Joyce Center.

The women rolled to a 6-0 record, and six fencers posted undefeated records with at least five decisions, backing up their No. 1 ranking and building off their 3-0 clean sweep at the Duke Duals two weeks ago.

Senior epeeists Courtney Hurley (11-0), sophomore epeeist Nicole Ameli (10-0) and senior epeeist Ewa Nelip (9-0) all had strong performances, as did freshman foil Lee Kiefer (8-0) and sophomore sabreuse Mary Regan (8-0). Still, no one could top sophomore epee Ashley Severson's record, as she went a dominating 12-0 on the day.

The women's epee unit was particularly impressive, going 52-2 over the course of the meet, including a combined 18-0 mark against Detroit and No. 7 Northwestern.

The No. 2 men's team, trying to rebound from a 1-2 mark at the Duke Duals, started off on a rocky note, with a narrow 15-12 win over Cleveland State. The Irish sailed from there, though, earning lopsided defeats over Wayne State, Detroit, Northwestern, Lawrence, Air Force and Chicago.

The Irish did all this without top senior foil Gerek Meinhardt, who won bronze this weekend at the La Coruna World Cup in Spain. Freshman sabreists John Hallsten, junior sabre Kevin Hassett, and senior sabre William McGough each posted 7-0 marks. Junior foil Ariel DeSmet and senior sabre Jason Choy went 6-0 on the day, while sophomore epeeist Dale Purdy added five wins of his own, giving the Irish total of 12 undefeated fencers with at least five decisions.

With Saturday's victories, the Irish women improved their duals record to 26-1, while the men improved to 19-7 on the year.

The Irish will look to build on this momentum into next weekend, when they host the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships starting on Saturday.

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ND stakes claim in Chicago



SARAH O'CONNOR | The Observer

Senior guard Skylar Diggins goes up for a layup in Notre Dame's 93-64 win over Louisville on Feb. 11.

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

In a weekend matchup of regional rivals, No. 2 Notre Dame emphatically showed who had the upper hand in the neighborhood Sunday.

The Irish (25-1, 13-0 Big East) never trailed in their 84-56 rout of DePaul on Sunday in Chicago. Senior guard Skylar Diggins put the Irish on the board first after a quick steal and jumper and never looked back. Diggins filled the stat sheet with 17 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists to record her second career triple-double and the fourth in program history.

Diggins got plenty of help from her teammates as three other Irish starters scored in double figures, led by freshman guard Jewell Loyd's 19 points. Just last year, Loyd was playing basketball at Niles West High School in nearby Lincolnwood, Ill., but Sunday night she possessed the composure of a much older player.

"It feels so great [for Loyd] because a lot of times players get a little nervous when they come home," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "They try a little too hard and they press things during the game, trying to make things happen. But she just relaxed and had fun and really had a fantastic game. For a freshman to have that in her home town that's a little unusual, I think it shows just what a great player she is."

DePaul (18-9, 7-6) announced Wednesday that tickets for the game had sold out as the Blue Demons prepared to put their 13-game home winning streak on the line against the Irish. However, Notre Dame snapped the winning streak as well as its own streak of poor play in McGrath-Phillips Arena. DePaul entered the contest holding an 11-6 series advantage at home against Notre Dame and beat the Irish in the 2011 season finale the last time the two teams met in Chicago.

"I'm really excited," McGraw said. "I think that was a really important win for us. We had not played well there in the past so

it was great to come away with such a convincing win. They're an NCAA tournament team.

"They're a really good team and for us to play as well as we did, I thought one of the best games of the season. It was great."

McGraw said the win also demonstrated Notre Dame's strong ties to the Chicago area and its commitment maintaining a strong regional presence.

"It's a big rivalry for us," she said. "We recruit Chicago quite a bit so I think there was a lot of people in the stands. We had a great crowd, a lot of alums in the Chicago area, a lot of players and their families so it's great to come out with a win."

The big win came on the heels of some extended rest for the Irish. Notre Dame most recently played Feb. 17 against Marquette, and McGraw said the break helped energize the streaking Irish, who have now rattled off 20 straight wins.

"We had a long break and it really was good for us," she said. "We had time to rest and to recharge mentally and physically and I think it did us a world of good. I mean, we've just come out of that and played so well. Having had that break I think that was a big key for us. Our intensity has been really, really good. I thought we started the game with a lot of intensity."

DePaul played its eighth straight game without senior guard Anna Martin, who leads the Blue Demons in scoring at 16.2 points per game and is currently out of commission with a knee injury.

"She is the key to their team, she's their best player," McGraw said of Martin. "They're a completely different team without her in the lineup and I think that was definitely very helpful for us. The way that we played, I don't know. But it's a big loss for them not having Anna Martin."

Notre Dame has one day off before playing No. 21 Syracuse on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Purcell Pavilion.

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MEN'S LACROSSE | ND 10, PENN STATE 9

Irish prevail in OT thriller

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

No. 3 Notre Dame overcame a late deficit and recovered after allowing the tying goal with one second remaining in the fourth quarter to defeat No. 8 Penn State, 10-9, in overtime at Holuba Hall in University Park, Pa., on Sunday.

Freshman attack Matt Kavanagh scored the game-winning goal for the Irish (2-0) with 1:34 remaining in the first overtime. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said the game-winning goal was the result of strong efforts from numerous Notre Dame players, but he also praised the skill of the first-year attack. The goal was Kavanagh's fifth through his first two collegiate games, as he scored four times in a 13-5 season-opening win at Duke on Feb. 16.

"When Matt Kavanagh gets opportunities, he's going to make plays. ... He's a tough, competitive kid who hung in there when we needed him," Corrigan said.

Notre Dame trailed 7-5 early in the fourth quarter before it tied the game at seven apiece after junior midfielder Liam O'Connor scored with 9:28 left in regulation. The Nittany Lions (2-1) took the lead again shortly afterwards when junior midfielder Tom LaCrosse

scored with 6:24 remaining.

The Irish rebounded to tie the game once more when sophomore attack Conor Doyle scored his third goal of the game with 24 seconds left, and O'Connor won the following faceoff and scored six seconds later to give the Irish a one-goal lead with 18 seconds to play. But LaCrosse scored his third goal of the game with just one tick left on the clock to force the extra session.

Corrigan said he was pleased

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Kevin Corrigan
Irish coach

to win the game but said the Irish need to improve in many areas.

"We had talked before the game that you need to play well, and you need to make plays," Corrigan said. "And I thought on the day as a whole, we made plays, but we didn't play well. Because we didn't play well, we dug ourselves a couple holes. We dug our way out and then let them get back in it again with

less than a second to go in the game.

"So we know we've got some things to work on, but very proud of the way the guys kept their poise and played hard and made plays when we had to make them."

The contest marked the second year in a row Notre Dame and Penn State went to overtime, as the Nittany Lions won 4-3 last season, but Corrigan said he thought the results were coincidental.

"One year to the next is a whole different thing," Corrigan said. "That was a different team and a different year, so I don't think there's any carry over that way."

Despite rough stretches of play, Corrigan said he was happy to get a road win against a top-10 opponent he sees as very similar to his own.

"I think [the Nittany Lions] are a very good team and they're smart and they really kind of make you go through your paces," Corrigan said. "And I think in a lot of ways they're a lot like we are."

The Irish are next in action when they compete in their home opener against No. 9 North Carolina on Saturday at noon.

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BASEBALL

Notre Dame completes historic sweep at Tulane

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The Irish became the first non-conference opponent to sweep Tulane at home in 16 years, beating the Green Wave by scores of 2-1, 3-1 and 8-3 in New Orleans.

But the possibility of a series

sweep almost ended in its first game. Junior right-handed pitcher Dan Slania escaped from trouble in the eighth inning but loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the ninth as the Irish clung to a 2-1 lead on Friday night. He then struck out Tulane senior first baseman Sean Potkay

and got senior third baseman Garrett Cannizaro to fly out for the final out of the night.

"Obviously it's [nervetracking]," Irish coach Mik Aoki said. "That's part of why you're in this thing, you enjoy those moments of competition and not knowing how things are going to turn out.

But we've got a pretty good guy on the mound in that particular situation, so I kind of felt like the odds were with us, to be honest."

Notre Dame senior outfielder and co-captain Charlie Markson said that Slania's confidence extends to his fielders.

"Dan is a closer, and even when he gets in to tough situations he's been there before, he knows how to close a game," Markson said. "We all have confidence behind him. And he has confidence in us, he knows we're going to make plays for him."

Friday's runs came courtesy of junior third baseman Eric Jagielo, who hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning with Markson on first base. The home run, the third of the season for Jagielo, secured the win for junior Sean Fitzgerald, who allowed seven hits in six-and-a-third innings and at one point retired 15 consecutive batters.

The pitching staff stole the show again on Saturday, with five hurlers combining for one run allowed on eight hits. Senior right-handed pitcher Adam Norton allowed seven hits but kept all but one base runner from scoring in five innings of work.

"I thought Norty yesterday did a really good job competing without necessarily his best stuff with him," Aoki said.

Notre Dame took the early lead in the first inning. Senior second baseman Frank DeSico, the leadoff hitter, took a walk from Tulane senior right-hander Alex Byo, then moved to third on a steal and throwing error. Jagielo stole

second base after being intentionally walked by Byo, and the two scored when sophomore outfielder Ryan Bull hit a double down the left-field line.

Notre Dame enjoyed a little bit more breathing room during Sunday's matinee. Freshman right-hander David Hearne struggled in the start, giving up four hits and one run in two and two-thirds innings, but freshman righty Nick McCarty hurled four scoreless innings while giving up just one hit. Junior right-hander Donnie Hissa, who bridged the gap between Hearne and McCarty, was charged with the other two

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Mik Aoki
Irish coach

runs.

Bull had a career-high four hits, including a home run. The Irish manufactured a 2-0 lead in the first, as DeSico and Bull scored with a combination of walks, steals, infield singles and sacrifice flies. Sophomore outfielder Mac Hudgins collected two more RBIs with a double in the fourth. Notre Dame added two more runs in the seventh and scored their last in the eighth inning.

"Sometimes the balls you hit hard fall, sometimes they don't, and today they were falling," Markson said after Sunday's game. "I don't want to say we got luckier today but we just stayed with our approach and the ball found holes more often than in the first two games."

Markson said the win was affirmation for a team that expects to surpass the accomplishments of past seasons.

"Obviously, it's not like UMass gives a hoot that we swept Tulane, but I think we should allow ourselves to enjoy it," Aoki said. "But at the end of the day we're six games into our 56 game season, so we'd be putting the cart before the horse to think we've reached the pinnacle."

The Irish will try and keep the good times rolling at the Irish Baseball Classic in Cary, N.C. next weekend. First pitch against UMass will be thrown at 3 p.m. on Friday.

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rebounding performances. On Sunday, Notre Dame buried its first four shots, including a pair of jumpers from rebounding performances. On Sunday, Notre Dame buried its first four shots, including a pair of jumpers from senior forward Tom Knight.

"With the [Feb. 16] Providence [game] and the Pitt game, we actually didn't have very good starts, and we had to fight back in both of those games," Knight said. "Coming out this game, hitting those few shots, we're like 'Ok, we're in our groove. We're back. Let's keep this going. Let's keep building off it.'"

Unlike Monday when Pittsburgh squandered its lead, Notre Dame did keep building off its early first-half lead and continued its dominance in the second half. The Irish had a sterling start after the intermission, as junior guard Eric Atkins made a shifty layup and buried a corner three to give the Irish a 34-15 lead.

"We always say the first four minutes is the most important time of the game so for us to come out there and get those five quick points was huge for us because that kind of takes the will out of a team after already being down at halftime," Atkins said. "So I think we did a good job of coming out and really making the lead even bigger."

The Bearcats threatened in the second half and sliced the lead to 39-30 by forcing turnovers, but Notre Dame responded and extended the advantage back to 62-41 with 1:17 remaining.

The Irish held Cincinnati to 32 percent shooting from the field and outrebounded the Bearcats 43-27. Cincinnati's top two scorers, junior guard Sean

Kilpatrick and senior guard Cashmere Wright, scored six points and zero points, respectively.

The Notre Dame backcourt had more success, as junior guards Jerian Grant and Eric Atkins scored 13 and 11 points, respectively. Senior forwards Tom Knight and Jack Cooley added 12 and 11 points, respectively.

With the victory, the Irish are situated at fifth place in the Big East, just one-and-a-half games back of conference-leading Georgetown and a half-game behind Syracuse, Louisville and Marquette. The Irish square off with the No. 17 Golden Eagles on Saturday, looking to maneuver their way into the top four in the conference and claim a double-bye for the Big East tournament.

Brey said his team is confident heading into postseason play.

"I also think they're feeling good because it's getting to be time," Brey said. "[Atkins and Grant] love big games. They've delivered. They like when the lights are bright and I know they're feeling, 'Here's March right around the corner.' They also know we're in the hunt for a [Big East] title. They're excited about that."

Eight players played at least eight minutes in the first half, including senior center Garrick Sherman and freshman forwards Zach Auguste and Cam Biedscheid. Auguste reeled in eight first-half rebounds.

Irish graduate student guard Scott Martin, who has missed the last nine games with knee soreness, dressed but did not play.

The Irish square off with Marquette on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

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Jackson

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Summerhays was dominant at points in Saturday's game, only allowing a first-period goal by junior forward Mike Cichy. Rust continued his big weekend for the Irish with another goal that left it 1-1 at the end of the first. The goaltenders played out the equivalent of a pitcher's duel for the rest of regulation, and overtime ended without a goal for either side as well. The shootout was another story, however, as goals by Rust and junior center Anders Lee combined with Summerhays stalwart performance in the net to give the Irish a victory — and the two crucial points that came with it.

One of the keys in Saturday's defensive clinic was the performance of the Irish penalty kill, a unit Jackson has been worried about in the second half of the season.

"Our penalty kill did a pretty

good job over the weekend, we killed off all but one opportunity," Jackson said. "Both parts of our special teams still need to improve... but this weekend penalty kill was better, and worked for us."

The Irish only have a little time left to improve, as this weekend's tilt against Bowling Green is their final regular season series. And after playing against top-10 opponents two weekends in a row, Notre Dame's focus and energy will be tested by the young and talented Falcons. Regardless, Jackson said he isn't worried.

"We can't afford a letdown," Jackson said. "We're still trying to get into the NCAA tournament, and this weekend will be huge for that."

The Irish will take on Bowling Green in their final home series of the regular season at Compton Family Ice Arena this weekend.

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Ellixson

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quickness, is accompanied by Ellixson's toughness. In a game against Holy Cross in the 2010 season, Ellixson broke his lower left orbital, but despite the injury continued to play. Ellixson characterized his fighting style in boxing as purposeful.

"I would describe [my boxing style] as aggressive," Ellixson said. "I have always gotten teased for being aggressive, but it's one of those where I feel like I am in pretty good shape, so I just want to be opportunistic I guess. When I see a window I take it."

The similarities between boxing and football have helped Ellixson in his two years of participating in Bengal Bouts. A certain harmony between body and mind is developed through training and then it is a head-to-head matchup against the opponent, Ellixson said.

"Obviously, they are both physical sports," Ellixson said. "Specifically playing offensive line, there's a lot of thinking and quick decisions. They are both fast-paced sports where you want to get to the point where you know things so well that you don't have to think, because when you are thinking, you are slow. It's something to train your body and your mind to know, 'This is what I need to do,' and it has to become second nature."

Ellixson said jokingly there are differences between boxing and football, as he reminisced about his time playing at Brown.

"It's a little easier to 'pay



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Second-year law student Brian Ellixson fights in the Bengal Bouts quarterfinals on Feb. 17. Ellixson will fight in the semifinals Tuesday.

someone back' in boxing, than it is in football," Ellixson said. "In football, especially on the offensive line, you can only hit people in [the torso]. But in boxing it opens things up a little bit. I miss playing football, but it's a very different thing from a team to individual sports."

Although Ellixson fell in love with Bengal Bouts, his parents were not quite on the same page, he said.

"[My mom] can't watch," Ellixson said. "We sent her the videos of the fights, as soon as she sees me get hit once, she can't watch it. It's the same thing with when I wrestled in high school. She would watch [with her eyes covered] and my dad would have to give her the play-by-play. She's not a huge fan of it."

Compared to his mom, Ellixson said his dad looked at his boxing in good spirits, but it brought to light

why Ellixson boxes.

"My dad joked the other day, 'What am I supposed to tell people when they ask me why I am letting my son box while he is at law school?'" Ellixson said. "But I played football my entire life, I played football in college, so I definitely know the risks. It's scary with all the concussion stuff, but we do all of the concussion testing with Bengal Bouts, which I find extremely important. I'm really happy that we do that stuff. It's always good to monitor these things, especially when this is such a physical sport. But I love it. I guess it is what I have always done."

Brian "Long Arms of the Law" Ellixson will compete in the 205-lb. weight class semifinals against Evan "Heavy Duty" Escobedo on Tuesday night at the JACC.

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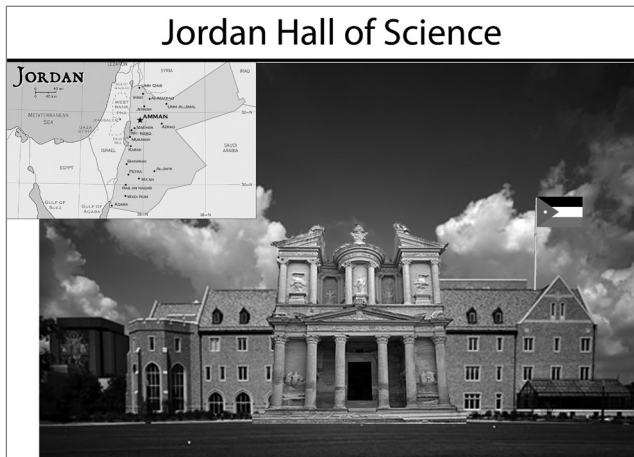
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Saturday's Jumbles: OMEGA BROKE NAUSEA HERMIT
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MEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 62, CINCINNATI 41

Declawing the Bearcats

No. 25 Irish hold Cincinnati to 41 points, earn second consecutive win

By **MIKE MONACO**
Sports Writer

The story began the same, but the roles and the result were different.

Propelled by a hot start, No. 25 Notre Dame defeated Cincinnati 62-41 on Sunday afternoon at a sold-out Purcell Pavilion behind physical defensive and rebounding efforts.

"I am so pleased and excited about our defensive and rebounding identity that we've really done now two games in a row, Pittsburgh and [Cincinnati]," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I thought we did a great job of staying in front of people who wanted to beat us off the dribble all night. We did a great job of keeping it to one and done. And then you add to that 40 minutes of very good offensive efficiency and you have a great team win."

The Irish (22-6, 10-5 Big East) dominated on both ends of

the floor in the early stages of the first half and opened up a 16-point lead. Notre Dame held the cold-shooting Bearcats (19-9, 7-8) to a school-record low 15 first-half points in a Big East game. The 41 total points allowed by Notre Dame were the fewest allowed in a conference game for the Irish.

Leading 6-4 in the opening minutes, Notre Dame went on a 16-2 run en route to a record-setting first half. The Irish out-rebounded Cincinnati 21-11 in the first stanza, shot 50 percent from the field and limited the Bearcats to 28 percent shooting.

On Monday against Pittsburgh, the Panthers were the team that dominated in the early going, as the Irish made just one of their first 19 shots and fell behind 19-3 before coming back to down the Panthers 51-42 behind similarly stout defensive and

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Irish forward Jack Cooley backs down a Cincinnati defender in Notre Dame's 62-41 win over the Bearcats at Purcell Pavilion on Sunday. Cooley recorded 11 points and eight rebounds in the victory.

BENGAL BOUTS

Ellixson draws on football career

By **ISAAC LORTON**
Sports Writer

He may not have known it, but second-year law student Brian Ellixson had been preparing for Bengal Bouts his entire life.

Ellixson was a starting offensive lineman for Brown University and a wrestler in high school. One of his teammates from Brown gave rise to Ellixson's interest in Bengal Bouts.

"One of my friends from undergrad — we played football together — came here for law school and he loved [Bengal Bouts]," Ellixson said. "I talked to him about law school and Notre Dame in general. He told me about [Bengal Bouts] and when I got here, I wasn't going to do it because I was going to be busy with law school, but one of my friends talked me into it and I have loved it ever since."

Bengal Bouts has been a special part of Ellixson's Notre Dame experience, he said.

"I think it is an interesting dynamic because these are your teammates," Ellixson said. "These are the guys you have been working hard with since Halloween and then you turn around and this is your competition. It's an interesting dynamic, but everyone wants

each other to succeed. You always see guys happy when other people win, but it does make it interesting when you go from working together to working against each other. And obviously the mission of Bengal Bouts makes it something really important. You are doing something for someone other than yourself, which is always good."

After one year of fighting in the bouts, Ellixson earned a spot as captain. He said that choice was an honor and he tries to be as supportive and constructive as possible.

"It's only my second year of boxing," Ellixson said. "So, I help out when I can in the things we do. Even if it's just motivation for the workouts. It's tough day in and day out to get everyone up for the really tough workouts, especially during novice [practices] in the fall, when a lot of it is the basic stuff and hard training. I try keeping the guys motivated, stuff like that. Helping out whenever I can."

During his playing days, Brown's athletic site described Ellixson as "a starting right guard with the versatility to play all three positions. He's athletic and one of Brown's strongest offensive linemen."

This versatility, strength and

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HOCKEY | ND 3, WMU 3 (WMU WINS SO 2-1); ND 1, WMU 1 (ND WINS SO 2-0)

Irish earn split with Broncos

By **CASEY KARNES**
Sports Writer

No. 11 Notre Dame clinched third place in the CCHA with a split series against No. 8 Western Michigan this past weekend.

The Irish (19-12-3, 15-8-3-2 CCHA) gained a point Friday in a 3-3 regulation tie that the Broncos (18-8-8, 14-6-6-3) won via a 2-1 shootout advantage, but then the team responded by winning Saturday's shootout 2-0 after the teams scored only one goal each in regulation.

Irish coach Jeff Jackson said he believed Notre Dame's performance over the past two weekends against the top two teams in the CCHA bodes well the playoffs.

"I'm confident our guys are somewhat back on track after the tough month we had in January," Jackson said. "It's good for us to go to Miami and get a game, and basically come out of Western Michigan even as well."

The teams were evenly matched all weekend, answering every goal with an equalizer. In Friday's contest, it was the Broncos who started the scoring, taking a 2-1 first-period lead after goals by sophomore forwards Justin Kovacs and



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Irish winger Jeff Costello looks for the puck in Notre Dame's 6-4 win over Michigan on Feb. 9.

Will Kessel. The lone Irish goal in that period came from junior center David Gerths, and junior center Bryan Rust's 11th goal of the season tied the game early in the second. After goals by Notre Dame's forward Austin Wuthrich and Broncos' freshman Nolan Laporte cancelled each other out in the third, the game headed to overtime.

Both goaltenders held their own in the extra period. While Broncos sophomore Frank Slubowski only allowed a shootout goal to Rust, Irish junior goalie Steven Summerhays

let senior forward Mike Leone and junior forward Chase Balisy sneak shots by him.

Despite the result of the shootout, Jackson said he was confident in his goaltender moving forward.

"[Summerhays] has pretty much been our starter all year... and he's starting to get his confidence back," Jackson said. "He made a difference on Saturday, it was probably his best game in the second half [of the season]."

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