

## 'Fighting for inclusion'

### LGBTQ activists receive awards for accomplishments

By NICOLE MICHELS  
Assistant Managing Editor

The Gay & Lesbian Alumni of Notre Dame & St. Mary's (GALA-ND/SMC) gathered Saturday evening for the presentation of the Thomas A. Dooley Awards, which recognize outstanding work by individuals on behalf of lesbian and gay Americans.

The awards dinner was the highlight of a weekend of events which included a GALA-ND/SMC-sponsored dance for LGBTQ students and allies, viewing of the film "Love Free or Die" and discussion. The weekend concluded with a morning prayer service at the Grotto yesterday.

The awards united many community activists who have worked for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBTQ) inclusion, student body president Alex Coccia said.

"A lot of the speakers touched on the roles that so many people in the audience had played in some form or another, fighting for inclusion and equal rights at various levels — whether in South Bend, nationally or internationally," Coccia said. "It was a blessing to see how many people had been involved ... for me it

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**Keynote speaker Bishop Gene Robinson addresses members of the Notre Dame community. Bishop Robinson is the first openly gay partnered bishop in a major Christian denomination.**



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**Notre Dame community members listen to the keynote speech by Bishop Robinson, who shared his experience as an openly gay bishop who has advocated for gay rights since coming out in 1986.**

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## 'Show Some Skin' hits big

By CAROLYN HUTYRA  
News Writer

"Show Some Skin: It's Complicated," a performance of 27 anonymously submitted dialogues by 18 actors, opened Thursday night at the Carey Auditorium of Hesburgh Library with consecutive performances the following two nights.

While last year's show "The Race Monologues" centered on race and ethnicity, "Show Some Skin" broadened its focus to include all forms of identity at Notre Dame.

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**The cast of last year's production "The Race Monologues" takes a bow. The 2012 production addressed issues of race at Notre Dame.**

## SMC club studies immigration

By KAITLYN RABACH  
Saint Mary's Editor

La Fuerza, a Saint Mary's club representing Latina culture on campus, is holding a Week of Action titled "Education Without Barriers" explore the intersection of immigration issues and education.

This year's events will "to expose the community to the issue of immigration and its relationship with education in the U.S.", sophomore club president Dara Marquez said.

The first event, a panel titled "What Does it Mean to be Undocumented?" will be held tonight in the Student Center Lounge from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"We want to improve how students on campus see immigration and Latino students in general," Marquez said. "Discussion panels, lectures and a featured art gallery are some of the events we have planned for the week and these events will work to expose the issue to our

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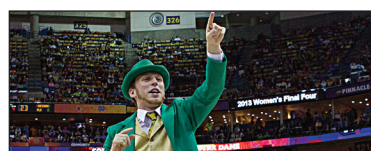
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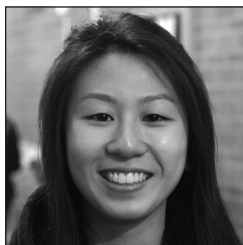
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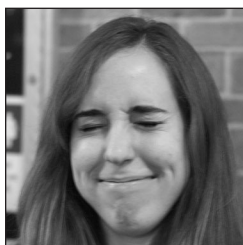
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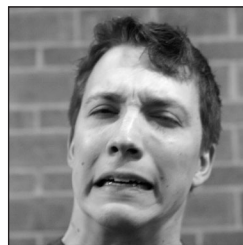
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*International students attended the 2013 Student Peace Conferece at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies on Friday and Saturday. The annual conference featured student presenters on the theme “Fusion: Where Theory and Practice Meet.”*

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### ACMS Colloquium

Hayes-Healy Center  
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Lecture by Professor Ilias Tsiakas.

### Film: Sun Come Up

LaFortune Student Center  
8 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Documentary about climate change refugees.

## Tuesday

### Baseball vs. Michigan

Eck Baseball Stadium  
5:35 p.m.  
The Irish take on the Wolverines.

### Four:7 Catholic Fellowship

Cavanaugh Hall  
8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
Student-led Catholic fellowship and discussion.

## Wednesday

### Wellness Wednesday

LaFortune Student Center  
12 p.m.-1 p.m.  
Tips on social anxiety.

### MFA Student Reading

Hesburgh Library  
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Poetry and prose readings by MFA students.

## Thursday

### Zen Meditation

Coleman-Morse Center  
5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.  
Practice meditation.

### Admitted Student Open House

Jordan Hall of Science  
7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Prospective students and parents meet faculty and students.

## Friday

### Relay for Life

Compton Family Ice Arena  
6 p.m.-9 a.m.  
Fund cancer research.

### Women's Lacrosse vs. Loyola

Arlotta Stadium  
7 p.m.  
The Irish face off against the Greyhounds.



# Club brings Hawaii to ND

By GRACE McCORMACK  
News Writer

Stepan Center heated up Saturday night with Hawaii Club's annual Lu'au celebration of Hawaiian culture.

The event featured Hawaiian food, music and hula dancing amidst an extensively decorated arena, freshman club member and Hawaiian native Matt Matasci said.

"Parents back home pick flowers and have them sent [for decorations]," he said.

Parents of natives also sent Hawaiian shirts and necklaces for the Lu'au's merchandise table, Matasci said.

The efforts of the club members and their parents did not go unnoticed at the Lu'au.

"It's a great atmosphere," junior attendee Tony Lefeld said. "Stepan Center is surprisingly well decorated."

Sophomore Camille Muth, secretary of the club, said the key function of Hawaii Club is to provide a supportive community for Hawaiian students making the tough transition from tropical sunshine to blustery permacloud.

"This is one of those groups that really makes me feel at home here," Muth said.

The club forms its close bonds by recruiting



Photo courtesy of Matthew Lee

*Hawaiian leaves adorn the grotto at Notre Dame, which was decorated as a part of the Hawaii club's annual Lu'au celebration.*

members early, she said. The club holds meetings for incoming freshman the summer before they begin

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Camille Muth  
club member

at Notre Dame to welcome them to the club and the University.

These extensive efforts have translated into strong

membership.

"Most people from Hawaii tend to join the club," Matasci said. "There are some things that you can't understand unless you're from Hawaii. It's nice to have people from Hawaii to relate to."

Although the Lu'au is the club's largest event, Muth said the Hawaii Club will continue to be a fun outlet for Hawaiian students on campus.

"We all just get along really well, and have fun no matter what we're doing," she said.

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# SMC senior tackles cross country ride



Photo courtesy of Sarah Eisenberg

**Sarah Eisenberg, second from right, poses with, left to right, grandmothers Carol Eisenberg and Delores Keller, mother Jodi and sister Kait.**

By KAITLYN RABACH  
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's senior Sarah Eisenberg, along with 24 other individuals, will embark on a cross-country bike tour this summer sponsored by the non-profit organization Illini 4000 for Cancer.

The 75-day tour will kick off on May 22 in New York City and will end on July 31st in San Francisco.

"The organization is run out of the University of Illinois," Eisenberg, a native of Tinley Park, Ill., said. "It started in the fall of 2006 and the first summer bike ride was in the summer of 2007. Its basic mission is to end the fight against cancer."

No individual is immune from the effects of cancer, Eisenberg said.

"Cancer takes the lives of so many far too soon, leaving family, friends and all of those that come in contact with the person heartbroken," she said.

Eisenberg said she first heard of the annual bike ride last July and instantly thought of her two grandmothers who both lost their battle with the disease.

"My Grandma Eisenberg, who I was extremely close with, was diagnosed with melanoma about five years ago," Eisenberg said. "My sophomore year of college [in 2011] she was diagnosed with leukemia as well. These two cancers were just a lethal combination and she died four weeks after her diagnosis. My other grandma, Grandma Keller, lost her five year battle with lung cancer in June of that same year. These were two very poignant women in my life and their deaths were earth-shattering to my entire family."

The organization requires each biker to raise a minimum of \$3,000, Eisenberg said. Overall the Illini 4000 for Cancer would like to raise \$100,000.

"Both my hometown and the larger Saint Mary's-Notre Dame communities have been very monetarily supportive," Eisenberg said. "So far, I have raised \$7,000. I even received a large donation from Stach & Lui, an information technology company in San Francisco. I'll be wearing their logo across the country."

Before she signed up for the cross-country tour, Eisenberg said she had never really biked. With

the help of Lisa and Greg Mueller, local triathlon athletes, Eisenberg said her training is running very smoothly.

"The camaraderie and helpfulness I have encountered with my training here in South Bend has been absolutely incredible," Eisenberg said. "Our cyclist instructor at Saint Mary's introduced me to the Mueller's and they have created weekly workout plans for me. Lisa is also a nutritionist and she has been very helpful with my training."

Eisenberg said her days will begin at 6:30 a.m. every morning and each day will consist of about 5 hours of cycling.

"We'll wake up and start cycling for about three hours," Eisenberg said. "We will then stop for lunch. After lunch we will continue cycling for another two hours until we reach our destination for the night. Different colleges, churches and community centers will be hosting us overnight."

Along the way, the group will be stopping at different cancer wards and hospitals to gain a better understanding of cancer research, said Eisenberg.

"I know we are visiting the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota for sure," Eisenberg said. "We will be documenting the entire trip and will be meeting with different hospital personnel and cancer patients. We really want to get to know what it is like to be a cancer patient here in America."

Eisenberg said she believes new research in the field looks promising.

"All I really want to do with this bike ride is raise some funds and awareness," Eisenberg said. "If I am able to give one cancer patient one more day with his or her family than that is enough for me."

Eisenberg realizes this journey will be difficult at times, but said the difficulty will be nothing compared to what cancer patients have to encounter every day.

"We literally will be traveling uphill at times, but I am always going to remember cancer patients are riding uphill every day and it is not their choice," Eisenberg said. "Remembering this will keep me pushing to reach my goal. It will get me across the country."

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was a cool experience.”

GALA-ND/SMC presented four awards Saturday, each for different types of advocacy.

The keynote speaker and Thomas A. Dooley Award recipient was retired Bishop Gene Robinson, the first openly gay, partnered bishop to be consecrated in a major Christian denomination. The GALA-ND/SMC website said the award specifically “honors individuals who, through their faith-based background, have demonstrated personal courage, compassion and commitment to advance the human and civil rights of lesbian and gay Americans.”

Robinson ministered to the Diocese of New Hampshire in the Episcopal Church. After divorcing his first wife in 1986 and publically coming out as a gay man, Robinson began a formal relationship with his current spouse two years later. Though his controversial election incited much dissension within the Episcopalian Church, Robinson persisted in his efforts advocating LGBTQ inclusion within the Church, especially by calling for the Church to bless same-sex marriages and to willingly anoint well-suited candidates to leadership positions within its hierarchy.

Coccia said Robinson’s address highlighted how much LGBTQ advocates have accomplished, while inspiring them to continue fighting for full inclusion in the Episcopalian Church and in American society.

**“Coming to Notre Dame, it seemed hypocritical that a Catholic institution with such a rich tradition of civil rights [and the status as] a place where the Church does its thinking wouldn’t be at the forefront of the [LGBTQ inclusion] movement.”**

Alex Coccia  
student body president

“I think what Bishop Robinson highlighted is the necessity of really making the effort to push,” Coccia said. “[He said] that is what the Christian calling is, that is what Jesus did, [Jesus] pushed for social justice, social change. That feeling resonated throughout dinner.”

Coccia said Robinson shared a

vision of a version of Christianity with the potential to incite great social change.

“Bishop Robinson talked about a wide range of things ... [including his sense of] Christianity as this radical and prophetic movement ... prophetic in terms of foretelling the present and really engaging with people to make social justice changes,” Coccia said. “[Robinson] said the end is God and God is just.”

GALA-ND/SMC also celebrated the work of Catherine Pittman with the Lawrence Condren Distinguished Service Award. The weekend’s pamphlet said she was chosen as the award recipient in recognition of her “service as the faculty advisor for SAGA, the Saint Mary’s College Straight and Gay Alliance, and her leadership in South Bend Equality’s successful campaign that amended the South Bend Human Rights Orientation to include sexual orientation and gender identity.”

This ordinance was amended March 27, 2012, after five hours and 42 speakers by the South Bend Common Council, according to WNDU. The meeting was the third time in six years that this issue was brought before the council, the article said.

John Blandford, Notre Dame class of 1983 and 1999, received the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award for his “leadership in our

community as a found member and co-chair of GALA-ND/SMC in the ‘90s, as former chair of GALA (’99-’01), and for his lifelong commitment to HIV/AIDs education, treatment and prevention,” according to the weekend’s pamphlet.

Blandford currently serves as chief of the Division of Global HIV/AIDS Health Economics, Systems and Integration Branch in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s Center for Global Health.

Sister Margaret Farley was awarded the Award for Academic Achievement for “her many contributions to the academic fields of theology and ethics, [most notably] her book, ‘Just Love: A Framework for Christian Sexual Ethics,’ which offers contemporary interpretations on sexuality and gender,” according to the weekend’s pamphlet.

Each recipient spoke about his or her work to the attendees, but Coccia said the most moving part of the dinner was the final call to action addressed to all present.

“Regarding [inclusion at] Notre Dame specifically, I got involved as a matter of principle,” Coccia said. “I had read about the ‘No home under the Dome’ march that took place ... that was prompted by a comic and started a lot of discussion but there didn’t seem to be any

concrete outcome of that discussion. Coming to Notre Dame, it seemed hypocritical that a Catholic institution with such a rich tradition of civil rights [and the status as] the place where the Church does its thinking wouldn’t be at the forefront of the [LGBTQ inclusion] movement.

“The fact that there are people who don’t feel welcome on campus, and the fact that there are people who have such harrowing stories of experiences on campus made it a lot more personal for me.”

The dinner helped to unite and solidify the relationships between the Notre Dame community’s LGBTQ advocates, Coccia said.

“You always have to have, in any sort of social movement or any sort of push that is driven by a lot of emotion and personal experience, you really have to have moments of solidarity,” Coccia said. “For me the dinner was one ... it puts a lot of things in perspective and makes it easier not going it alone.

“It ended with a call to action ... Bishop Robinson touched on how the role of a Christian, in many ways, is agitation for justice [because] Justice is God. In that push for justice, that’s where you find God.”

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community here at Saint Mary's."

La Fuerza's Week of Action began in 2006. Marquez said its creators wanted it to be an annual event focused on different issues tied in with immigration.

"This year we chose to look at how immigration affects education within the Latino community," Marquez said. "We wanted to look at it from both a national and local level."

To bring the issue closer to home, Marquez said the group decided to collaborate with La Casa de Amistad, a non-profit community center with several programs serving the Latino community in the South Bend area.

"When we first contacted La

Casa de Amistad about collaborating with them this year we wanted to know what the center thought was important to focus in on," Marquez said. "They said application fees for the ACT, SAT or even college applications can be very burdensome on families."

After learning of this burden, Marquez said the group decided to focus on raising donations to help local Latino students cover these fees and "help take these monetary strains off some of the families."

"We will be hosting a table in the student center atrium all week asking for donations to help cover these fees," Marquez said.

Growing up in Elkhart, Indiana, Marquez said this week of action means a great deal to her personally.

"I grew up listening to stories of

undocumented family members and friends," Marquez said. "If you are undocumented it is difficult to find financial aid and other resources."

This week is about changing the face of immigration on campus, she said.

"I believe there is a misconception of immigration on our campus," Marquez said. "Catholic Social Thought says human dignity is directly tied in with immigration and I think that is often forgotten. I want students to attend this week's events and next time they hear of a student being deported or someone talking about immigration they can put a face to the issue."

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## Week of Action: Education Without Barriers

**Monday: What Does It Mean to be Undocumented?**  
Student Center Lounge  
at 6pm

**Tuesday: Education Not Deportation: Art Gallery**  
Student Center Lounge  
at 6pm

**Wednesday: Student Panel: Latino and in College**  
Student Center Lounge  
at 6pm

**Thursday: Migrant Children and Their Education**  
Student Center Conference Room A + B  
at 6pm

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Sophomore Monica McEvoy, an actor in the show, said she joined after stage manager Sarah Yunjung Jung told her she would be a good fit for this year's changed focus.

"I've always wanted to be involved in something like this on campus," McEvoy said. "Sarah really encouraged me to actually do it."

The dialogues McEvoy and her fellow actors performed ranged from topics of depression to race, which she said made the show more comprehensive and relatable for all audience members.

Those who participate in the show are able to see how brave these anonymous writers really are, McEvoy said. While the writers use their talent to create these dialogues, the actors use their passion to perform on the authors' behalf.

"It's one of the most gratifying experiences I've ever been involved in," she said. "These voices, the anonymous writers that have submitted these pieces, it's nice that actors are sharing their story for them."

Besides acting her two dialogues titled "The Story of Bread" and "Average ND," McEvoy also participated in several of the other skits.

"They had people in the background in some of them so I was a kindergartener coloring with crayons in one of them, I was a person in a lineup in the back in another," she said. "I also played a pale person in one of the pieces."

Once students participate in the show as actors, they are not allowed to act again. McEvoy said the creators of the show want to have different people involved each year.

"I can't be an actor again, but I'm definitely considering being part of the production in some form," she said.

She said she may join the storyboard team or even submit an anonymous piece.

McEvoy enjoyed the experience not only because of the content but also because of the friends she made as well.

"I met a lot of really cool people that I wouldn't have known at all otherwise," she said. "We're just not from the same circles."

Sophomore Katelyn Virga attended the show after seeing how hard one of her friends was working on her pieces for the show. After hearing her perform her dialogues in the dorm, Virga said she became interested in the idea and decided to see the whole production.

"I really enjoyed it," she said. "I like how they incorporated not just racial issues but also stories of people dealing with body image issues, self-confidence and finding themselves."

Stories on students dealing with bulimia and anorexia also were voiced during the show. Virga said those stories provided a new perspective on how these issues can affect anyone at Notre Dame.

"That could be anyone down the hall," she said. "We just don't know."

Virga said students need to be careful not to judge, and they should watch what they say.

"Even comments we say to our friends that we consider harmless could affect someone, could hurt them without us even knowing it," she said.

The dialogues often contained comic relief portions scattered throughout, she said. The stories varied in length, some lasting several minutes while the shortest was one line. Virga said the lines were powerful regardless of the length.

As a follow-up to the show, McEvoy said the production team and faculty advisors will host a conversation open to any audience members who attended one of the performances. The discussion will take place on April 12 from 6-8 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune Student Center.

As stated in the Show Some Skin pamphlet, students are welcomed to share their thoughts on the dialogues or their own stories and learn more about getting involved in the show next year.

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## GALA

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afternoon. The movie tells the story of Robinson's work to promote lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) inclusion within his church, the Episcopal Church, the Anglican Communion and the United States at large, while living his life with his partner Mark Andrew and their two daughters.

Robinson said he has tried to live his life as a witness to the integrity of homosexual relationships and homosexuals everywhere, so that his example might change people's minds and open their hearts.

"When we discuss this issue as an issue, you can be all over the map," Robinson said. "But when you know a real person, or when you know a real relationship there is nothing that speaks more powerfully than that. [Gay-rights activist] Harvey Milk said that coming out was the most political thing that you could do. Not standing on a soapbox, but just simply coming out and living your life openly so that people know you and know what values you hold. He predicted it would change the world and that is exactly what he's doing."

His private life has been brought further into the world stage during his time as a bishop of the Episcopalian Church, but this spotlight has only extended the power of the love he and his partner live out in their lives, Robinson said.

"I had 16 or 17 years of living it more privately before I was thrust onto the world stage, so I wasn't just a newbie — I didn't come out the day I was elected bishop," Robinson said. "What I discovered during that time was that the example of me and my partner and the love that we shared and the way we raised our children changed people's lives locally, people that we knew, and so when you get on the larger stage it just broadens the number of people [that you touch]."

"They might not know you that well, but they can see what you're doing, see what you believe in, by how you conduct your life and all of a sudden they're unwilling to

believe in all those terrible things that have been said about gay and lesbian people."

The film evidenced how Robinson directed much of his efforts toward broadening the acceptance within the Episcopal Church for homosexuals, specifically by advocating for the creation of a liturgy to bless same-sex unions and the official willingness to ordain homosexual clergy.

On July 12, 2012, the Episcopal Church approved an "official liturgy for blessing same-sex unions, enabling priests who have the approval of their bishops to bestow the church's blessing on gay couples whether they live in a state where same-sex marriage is legal or not," according to a July 10, 2012 article by the New York Times.

Since Robinson's ordination, one other openly partnered homosexual bishop has been elected. Mary Glasspool was elected a bishop for the Diocese of Los Angeles on December 4, 2009 as the 17th female bishop and first lesbian bishop chosen within the Episcopal Church.

Throughout his work, Robinson has faced opposition taking the form of everything from the open hatred displayed by the man in St. Mary's, Putney, to relatively civil disagreement like that displayed by Bishop Robert Duncan, his colleague in the seminary. Duncan led the departure of his diocese from the Episcopal Church in 2008, which was renamed the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Robinson said this Duncan has voiced opinions to the House of Bishops that he not only disagrees with, but knows to be untrue.

"I think the division in our church, these people who left, that had a lot more to do with control and power than anything religious," Robinson said. "They would claim otherwise, so we would have to disagree about that. Now they're fighting over the ordination of women ... once you allow schism to be the remedy, there's no end to it. ... I think leaving the table at this day and time is maybe the worst sin, because if we all stay at the table and are willing to talk about

these things we will find a way through them."

Though he has faced extreme opposition even in the form of death threats and an assassination attempt, Robinson he has felt God's presence and love throughout his advocacy work and time as a bishop.

"I know it sounds like a cliché, but God has seemed palpably close during all of this. Sometimes, so close that prayer seems almost redundant," Robinson said. "I've tried to be in touch with God through my prayer life and to let God be in touch with me."

"Someone gave me a piece of calligraphy that said sometimes God calms the storm, but sometimes God lets the storm rage and calms his child. I feel that's what God has done, quieted my heart and kept me calm in the middle of this raging storm."

Robinson said the success of the movement for LGBTQ inclusion and the work of individuals like himself depends on the strength of their straight allies.

"I think this is one of the most important things of all," Robinson said. We will never be more than a very tiny minority and we need desperately our straight allies to advocate for us because it's the right thing, because they know us and know what our values are. You'll be in places where we're not even welcome. It's sort of like in the '60s, with racism, people started to — when someone would tell a racist joke — to say, 'You're not going to talk that way around me and if you're going to talk that way I'm not going to be around you.'"

Refusing to remain silent when anti-gay sentiment manifests itself is how straight allies can speak up for their LGBTQ neighbors and tangibly change how they are incorporated into society and its institutions, Robinsons aid.

"I think straight allies have to come out too, that is to say to come out as an ally," Robinson said. "And sometimes, they will experience too some of the negative reaction that has been a part of our lives for a very long time."

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# FBI eyes extortion at Rutgers

Associated Press

NEWARK — The FBI is investigating whether a former Rutgers basketball employee tried to extort the university before he made videos that showed ex-coach Mike Rice shoving and kicking players and berating them with gay slurs.

Meanwhile, Robert Morris University is expected to report in coming days what it has learned in its own inquiry on the three years Rice spent as head coach there.

A person familiar with the FBI's probe told The Associated Press on Sunday that investigators are interested in Eric Murdock, who left his job as the men's basketball program's player development director last year and later provided the video to university officials and ESPN.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the inquiry has not been announced. The investigation was first reported last week by ESPN and The New York Times.

A spokeswoman for the FBI's Newark office said the agency would not say whether there is an investigation. Murdock's lawyer did not return a call to the AP on Sunday. A Rutgers spokesman referred questions to the FBI.

A December letter from Murdock's lawyer to a lawyer representing Rutgers requested \$950,000 to settle employment issues and said that if the university did not agree by Jan. 4, Murdock was prepared to file a lawsuit. The letter was obtained last week by the AP and other media outlets.

No settlement has been made. The video became public last week, and Murdock on Friday filed a lawsuit against the university, contending he was fired because he was a whistleblower trying to bring to light Rice's behavior.

The video's release last week



Rutgers president Robert Barchi describes the shoving he saw on video that showed basketball coach Mike Rice's abusive behavior.

set off a chain reaction that led to Rice's firing and the resignations of athletic director Tim Perneti, the university's top in-house lawyer and an assistant basketball coach. Some critics want the university's president, Robert Barchi, to resign.

Barchi will hold a town hall meeting Monday at the school's Newark campus, where he is expected to face some students and faculty who say they lost confidence in him even before the controversy over Rice's firing. They have said his plan to reorganize the state's higher education system shortchanges the Rutgers campuses in Camden and Newark.

At a news conference last week, Barchi said the firing and resignations likely never would have happened unless Murdock provided the video to ESPN. Barchi said he did not see the video himself until after it had been made public.

Murdock, a New Jersey native who played for seven NBA teams from 1991 to 2000, was on the initial staff Rice assembled when he became the Rutgers coach in 2010. He left the team last year,

though there are conflicting stories about the circumstances.

Murdock has said Rice fired him after he skipped a session of Rice's summer basketball camp, but has said he was targeted because he had spoken with others about Rice's conduct at practice. The university found in a report that Murdock was not actually fired and that he could have continued working at the school.

After Murdock left, he spoke with university officials about his allegations against Rice. He also used an open public records request to obtain hundreds of hours of videos of basketball practice. It's not clear who shot the original footage, but it was edited into the half-hour video later given to the university that touched off a scandal last week.

The university report on Rice, which was completed in December but not made public until Friday, criticized the video provided by Murdock as taken many situations out of context. While the report found fault with Rice's behavior in several instances, it also said he did not create a hostile work environment, as Murdock had suggested.

# Male country stars dominate ACM awards

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The focus of Sunday's Academy of Country Music Awards is on lead nominee Eric Church, who had one win under his belt even before he hit the red carpet. But don't expect anything different from country's new hard-rocking, blue-collar star.

"It's still kinda strange to me," Church said on the red carpet. "It's been a long journey, a long path. I can't control what I'm nominated for. I really have nothing to do with win or lose. We could win all seven, lose all seven. I promise you it won't affect anything. We're going to make the same kind of music, the same kind of show. Whatever happens happens."

That go-with-it attitude may extend to Sunday night's broadcast as the 48th annual awards show kicks off at 8 p.m. EDT Sunday night live on CBS from the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. More than a few people have suggested to the producers that they extend the broadcast delay — just in case.

With Blake Shelton and Luke Bryan co-hosting, everyone expects the unexpected — and several off-color, unscripted moments — as country music's biggest cut-ups collide on stage. A recent interview in Nashville with the two, who've given themselves the celebrity couple name "Bluke," veered wildly from a discussion of Bryan's unworthiness to host to crude jokes and Taylor Swift's fans.

"I would tell him to be prepared for the onslaught of hatred that will come from

Taylor Swift's fan base if you say any sort of a joke or if she's any part of a punch line in the monologue," Shelton said when asked what advice he'd give Bryan. "By the way, you're getting all those jokes this year."

Fans began lining up early to catch a glimpse of Swift and a host of country stars. One young fan clutched a bouquet of roses and waved a sign bearing a picture of Swift under the words, "Love is True."

Church had an early win for vocal event of the year with Jason Aldean and Bryan for their collaboration on "The Only Way I Know." And Little Big Town was surprised on the red carpet with the video of the year award for "Pontoon."

The night will be a showcase for country's men of the moment — and for its two dominant male stars of the last two decades.

Many of the top names in country music will perform or appear, including top nominees Church and Hunter Hayes, but most eyes will be on the marquee meeting of Garth Brooks and George Strait. Brooks and Strait, two of music's top-selling artists regardless of genre, have never performed together.

They will help honor the show's longtime producer Dick Clark, who passed away last year. The academy is naming its artist of the decade award for Clark, whose tenure with the show began in 1979.

The moment will be special — and not just for the millions watching at home. It has country's biggest stars abuzz as well.

# U.S. General: Taliban remains longterm threat

Associated Press

AFGHANISTAN — The United States accepts that a diminished but resilient Taliban is likely to remain a military threat in some parts of Afghanistan long after U.S. troops complete their combat mission next year, the top U.S. military officer said Sunday.

In an Associated Press interview at this air field north of Kabul, Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he is cautiously optimistic that the Afghan army will hold its own against the insurgency as Western troops pull back and Afghans assume the lead combat role. He said that by May or June, the Afghans will be in the lead throughout the country.

Asked whether some parts of the country will remain contested by the Taliban, he replied, "Yes, of course there will be."

"And if we were having this conversation 10 years from now, I suspect there would (still) be contested areas because the history of Afghanistan suggests that there will always be contested areas," he said.

He and other U.S. commanders have said that ultimately the Afghans must reach some sort of political accommodation with the insurgents, and that a reconciliation process needs to be led by Afghans, not Americans. Thus the No. 1 priority for the U.S. military in its final months of combat in Afghanistan is to do all that is possible to boost the strength

and confidence of Afghan forces.

Shortly after Dempsey arrived in Afghanistan on Saturday, the Taliban demonstrated its ability to strike.

It claimed responsibility for a suicide car bombing that killed five Americans — three soldiers and two civilians, including Anne Smedinghoff, a foreign service officer and the first American diplomat killed overseas since the terrorist attack Sept. 11 in Benghazi, Libya.

A fierce battle between U.S.-backed Afghan forces and Taliban militants in a remote corner of eastern Afghanistan left nearly 20 people dead, including 11 Afghan children killed in an airstrike, Afghan officials said Sunday.

There are now about 66,000

U.S. troops in Afghanistan. That number is to drop to about 32,000 by February 2014, and the combat mission is to end in December 2014. Whether some number — perhaps 9,000 or 10,000 — remain into 2015 as military trainers and counter-insurgents is yet to be decided.

Dempsey spent two days talking to senior Afghan officials, including his counterpart, Gen. Sher Mohammad Karimi, as well as top U.S. and allied commanders.

He also visited a U.S. base in the volatile eastern province of Paktika for an update on how U.S. troops are balancing the twin missions of advising Afghan forces and withdrawing tons of U.S. equipment as the war effort winds down.

Paktika is an example of a

sector of Afghanistan that is likely to face Taliban resistance for years to come.

Bordering areas of Pakistan that provide haven for the Taliban and its affiliated Haqqani network, Paktika has been among the more important insurgent avenues into the Afghan interior.

While the province has a functioning government, Taliban influence remains significant in less populated areas, as it has since U.S. forces first invaded the country more than 11 years ago.

"There will be contested areas, and it will be the Afghans' choice whether to allow those contested areas to persist, or, when necessary, take action to exert themselves into those contested area," he said.



## INSIDE COLUMN

## Summer snowballs



**Catherine Owers**  
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For most of America, summer seems to go hand-in-hand with beaches, baseball and barbecues. I like sandcastles, home runs and barbecued chicken as much as the next girl, but for me — and much of New Orleans — summer means snowballs.

When I was younger, it was always a fun surprise to see my dad come home from work with snowballs for all of us. Postgame snowballs were the highlight my short-lived cabbage ball career. Now, when I go to my brothers' swim meets and baseball games, a snowball makes the New Orleans heat and humidity bearable. Snowballs are the perfect after-school treat and a quick dessert to get on the way home from dinner. Most snowball stands are open from mid-afternoon until 11 p.m.

Snowballs are the infinitely better second cousin of snow cones. In my experience, snow cones are chunks of ice in flimsy paper cups, with maybe seven flavors to choose from. Snowballs, however, are finely shaved flecks of ice, and most of the snowball stands back home have at least 30 flavors. Of course being New Orleans, we have to be a little over the top, even in our desserts. It's not uncommon to see snowballs with condensed milk toppings or soft-serve ice cream.

Like beignets and bananas foster, there's not much healthy about snowballs. The only redeeming quality is the inherent portion control. The syrup is so sweet it's nearly impossible to eat multiple snowballs at a time — although my little brothers have tried. High-fructose corn syrup and red dye number five are the perfect complement to whatever dinner you may have had, whether filet mignon or a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

New Orleanians are particular about the snowball stands we frequent and the flavors we like. For some, loyalty to a snowball stand is only behind loyalty to your church parish and the place you watch Mardi Gras parades. I always feel vaguely guilty if I go to a different snowball stand with friends. My family is incredibly consistent in what flavors we get. I can easily rattle off my family's typical snowball order. My go-to flavor is strawberry, although sometimes I branch out and try pink lemonade or grape.

Snowballs are a great equalizer. They can be as inexpensive as a dollar, and there's absolutely nothing dignified about eating a snowball. You sit outside and alternate slurping and slapping at mosquitos. Your tongue will inevitably end up an outlandish red, purple, blue or green. Whenever I eat a snowball, I feel like a little kid again, excited for vacations and no school.

In case you all couldn't tell, I can't wait for summer in New Orleans.

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## Value-based governance

**Stephen Wandor**  
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"When statesmen forsake their own private conscience for the sake of their public duties, they lead their country by a short route to chaos."

So states Sir Thomas More in Robert Bolt's play "A Man for All Seasons." I should think it hard to find many people who would disagree with this sage advice from one of the greatest lawyers and statesmen of all time, yet this is exactly what Jack Rooney suggests in a recent column ("Defining Love," Mar. 22). Mr. Rooney believes that "more often than not... conservatives place their own 'values' (often deriving from the Christian right) above [personal liberty]. Such imposition of values applies not only to same-sex marriage, but also to abortion, capital punishment and the role of religion in government as a whole." Yet is not a certain imposition of values just what More is calling us to do?

Indeed, if you take a closer look at law, you will find government truly is a collection of values that it imposes on society. Take, for example, the principle and commandment "Thou shall not steal." Not only does this show up in the 10 Commandments — clearly something 'valued' by the Christian right — but it is also enshrined in law. There are very few who would argue this value should not be law despite its religious connections, so then the question must be asked: From where should we derive the values we enshrine in our law and our government? Clearly religion cannot be the answer in

such a diverse country with many different faiths. It would be best to find a basis for our law in something that can cross faiths, generations and cultures. To me, the answer to this question seems to be something innate within each and every human being: our telos. The understanding of what it means to be a human being, or telos in philosophical terms, is this common theme from which values and laws can be derived in a rational way for all people. Telos is something deeper than what we generally think of when talking about the purpose of our current lives, but it is at the very core of many of our actions.

This common goal all humans have is a desire within themselves to be the best version of themselves that they can. Christians would rephrase humanity's telos to say our purpose is to know, love and serve God, but this is exactly how Christians would define becoming the best people we can. Without this purpose or an understanding of humanity driving our values, we will be left in a world where what I 'feel' is right defines my values, and what you 'feel' is right composes your values. There is no common basis for law or governance in this kind of world, and thus the strongest will prevail while others give up their private conscience on behalf of public duties for personal gain.

To summarize, government must be an entity that imposes values on its people, but these values should come from something common within man. This common theme is our telos, which can be defined as becoming the best version of ourselves we can. From this understanding of humanity, we can now develop a

government through an examination of what values can be rationally derived from our purpose. As for what these values are, I will leave that to further debates and discussion, but this provides a basis on which government should function.

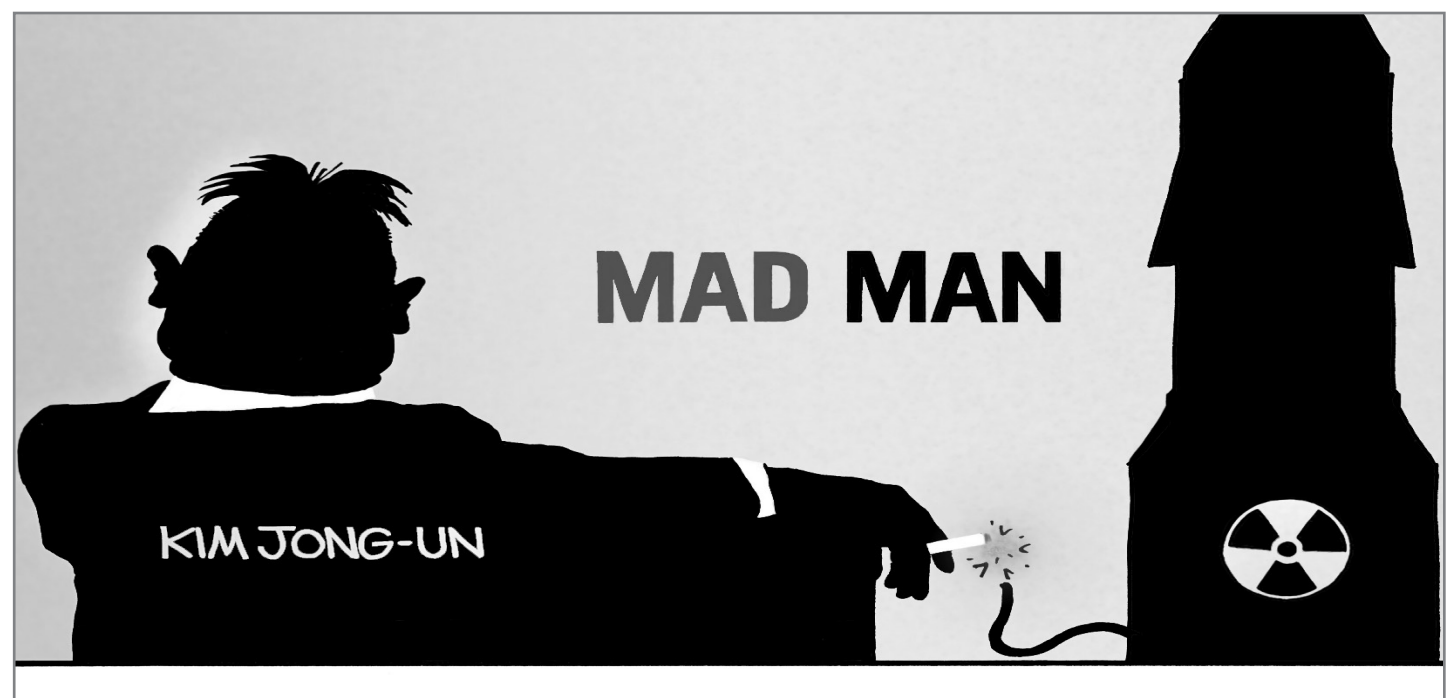
Perhaps it is then not religion that fuels many conservative values, but rather an understanding of humanity's telos and the dignity of each individual which can be derived from that. Saying "it is in the Bible" or "because God says so" certainly does not constitute a valid reason to support a law, but religion can be a very helpful aid in furthering our understanding of our purpose in this life and how we can obtain a more perfect government. Criticizing a person's position because of their faith is an ad hominem attack, not a justification for the other side, and certainly does not help us obtain a greater knowledge of our purpose and our government's role in it.

For reasons of brevity, it is impossible for me to give a full justification of or reasoning for all that is written here, so I invite anyone who wishes to further the discussion to investigate further and read (I highly recommend Sir Thomas More in the area of conscience and law). Finally, I am always open to respectful dialogue on just about any political issue, for it helps us all to become the best persons we can be.

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club."

**Jack London**  
American author and adventurer

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# Revive the Viewpoint war

Alex Caton  
Modest Proposals

Here is a story of two geniuses. The first is Abraham Lincoln. According to historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, “When he was upset with somebody, he would write what he called a ‘hot letter,’ where he would write everything down. He would put it aside until his emotions cooled off and then write ‘never sent, never signed.’”

The second genius is my father. During my childhood, he would read through the opinion section of our sub-par suburban newspaper on a daily basis. If a letter in there made him angry, he would say, “I feel a letter to the editor brewing.” Mom would say “Oh no” and I would get pretty excited, because through “Meet the Press,” my dad had taught me since age four to love arguing for its own sake. Unaffected by any of this, dad would go to our desktop and start hammering out the first of several drafts, which would then be published for all of the tri-city area to see. It was a beautiful thing.

Over spring break, I found an issue of The Observer from last year, published just after Alliance N.D. looked like it would be denied club status again. There were two full columns and four letters to the editor across the two pages of the Viewpoint section, all in miniscule font just to make the different perspectives fit within the page boundaries. In contrast, there have been a minute fraction of the submissions the past few weeks in the wake of Supreme Court oral arguments on DOMA and Prop 8.

In short, our beloved Viewpoint section seems to have lost its luster lately. Space usually occupied by the 350-word rants of Notre Dame’s own

is instead being filled by columns from other college newspapers, or from the previously-only-reserved-for-special-occasions Observer Editorial Board. This isn’t happening because The Observer thinks columnists from Michigan, Brown, or Ohio State have more valuable opinions, or because there aren’t plenty of worthy shenanigans happening now at Our Lady’s University deserving of the student voice. My guess, rather, is too many people here are doing what Lincoln did — typing their thoughts out and then leaving them “never sent, never signed”.

Or maybe they’re not writing at all, which would be pretty sad.

Notre Dame students, I implore you in this case not to do what Lincoln did. At some point you have seen a Viewpoint letter that made you disappointed to share the same air with whomever wrote it. When that happens, you owe it to them and to yourself to articulately and more-or-less politely make that known.

It would be one thing if my lunchtime entertainment were the only thing on the line here. But I think the Viewpoint section is more than that. We prize Viewpoint wars not just because we enjoy watching students take verbal shots at each other, but because we like to engage in the issues we see as important here at Notre Dame. Opening up the paper to a set of columns not especially relevant to our day-to-day experience or not strongly-worded or strongly-argued enough to spur reaction is just disappointing. If the only people taking time to write opinion letters are hacks like me with bi-weekly columns, we limit the voices heard and we all lose something.

One might argue we students are more likely to write or respond to material on University issues than national ones. Fair enough. But right now

nobody is writing about anything at all. And it’s not for shortage of material. Mendoza just got the number one “Businessweek” ranking again. Part of you is happy, but is the other part of you wishing to cut them down to size — Arts & Letters students? The women’s basketball team is in the Final Four — you care, of course, but if they lowered the rim so the players could dunk, would you be more likely to actually watch? Arts & Letters is trying to bring down its mean G.P.A. but hasn’t consulted you. Does that make you angry? The Student Activities Office is discontinuing hall storage this summer. Should we in turn discontinue SAO? The Hesburgh Library is going to be renovated. Do you have a genius idea to make “Club Hes” bump like never before? One look at “ND Confessions” reveals a profound lack of mental health awareness here. Shouldn’t we do something about it? And for the love of God, why are we paying \$1.10 at The Huddle for a can of Arnold Palmer that is clearly labeled, “99 cents”?

If you find yourself nodding your head to any of those questions, or if another piece of the campus-wide shenanigans is really grinding your gears, consider putting it in writing. The Viewpoint section is an invaluable tool for challenging the status quo head-on with your own common sense, and for bringing your views to a relatively large readership (including Main Building administrators who might just take you up on your idea). Whether the Viewpoint section remains a center for inciting discussion, debate and change here is on you, reader. Go to it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## An invitation to Notre Dame men

Did you know many women experience some form of a gynecological health issue? Although these are labeled under the category of “women’s health,” we men shouldn’t stay ignorant of the reality of these issues as well as possible ways to address them. We have an obligation as brothers and boyfriends, future husbands and fathers, to understand and care for those whom we love, both body and soul. Many women’s health issues, including ovarian cysts, painful periods and premenstrual syndrome, can be addressed and cured through the use of NaPro Technology. Besides the fact women you know will appreciate you being informed about their health, being informed also allows you to provide the support they may need to address these issues, which

for some can be a very trying and troubling experience. I encourage all Notre Dame men to attend the lecture “Unveiling the Mystery of Women’s Health” tonight from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Geddes Hall, Room B036, in order to learn more about the women in their lives, present and future, who may find themselves experiencing some kind of gynecological issue.

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## Step outside your cultural comfort zone

I want to revive the topic of race and diversity on campus. Yes, lots of heads are shaking, and I understand this topic has been exhaustively discussed. I understand if you want to switch the page and not read this piece. However, please stick with me. I bring something new to the table.

The University has done a lot of work in trying to make this campus feel more inclusive. One recent action is the change of various diversity events in the hopes more of the student body will attend. I went to what is now called Coffee House, the now called Talent Show, the Black Cultural Arts Council Fashion Show and other cultural events. Unfortunately, I did not see the intended outcome. I searched for answers, and at the town hall

meeting two weeks ago I found a plausible answer. That answer is, “I don’t attend because I would feel uncomfortable being the only white guy/girl at the event.”

While this answer may have its merit, I don’t think it is good enough. I am the only black student in the 2014 class of electrical engineering. What does that entail, exactly? It means for every single class of my major, I am the only African-American. Every single hour, I go to a class where no one is from my ethnic and cultural background. I do this day in and day out, and many other minorities — ethnic, cultural or sexual — on campus have a similar experience. It took time to get used to this, and I can’t say it was an easy thing to do. For that

reason, I can’t accept discomfort as an excuse to miss out on these cultural events. The excuse is not good enough.

A friend told me, “The Notre Dame education is not about being in your comfort zone.” I agree. I hope you do too. So, I’d like to challenge you to step out your comfort zone and go to one of these events. You might be surprised by how much you enjoy it.

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By **AUSTIN HAGWOOD**  
Scene Writer

From prescription drugs to cultural fascination with sex, death tends to be something we avoid – you will pardon the phrase – like the plague. Tragedies or the demise of a loved one shock and unsettle routine self-assurance, but we quickly objectify such incidents as unpleasant abstractions. Death is always something that happens to other people, something that occurs in foreign deserts or newspaper headlines, something to be kept out of sight where the kids won't find it. Like the process of cleaning campground toilets or the popularity of Kardashian mammals on national television, death is uncomfortable to think about. And yet, as mausoleums from vases to the pyramids remind us, death remains a distinctly human fixation.

In his Academy Award-winning French-language film *Amour* (“Best Foreign Film” – 2012), Austrian director Michael Haneke depicts the heartbreaking deterioration of a couple preserving their love despite the decay of old age. Georges (Jean-Louis Trintignant) and Anne (Emmanuelle Riva) are former music instructors enjoying the tranquility of retirement in their 80s — attending

concerts, hosting former students and maintaining a distant relationship with their daughter Eva (Isabelle Huppert) — until Anne begins suffering blank spells and losing motor cognition.

Following a failed surgery, Anne experiences partial paralysis and becomes confined to a wheelchair, completely dependent on Georges for every hygienic need. Yet her worsening condition only accentuates Georges' everlasting love for his wife, a love that transcends companionship and challenges our conventional understanding of the necessity of life and release of death.

Rather than romanticized, technicolor visions of old age typified by Hollywood films such as “Father of the Bride,” “*Amour*” illustrates the distinctly modern problem that accompanies contemporary medicine's ability to delay death — wasting away interminably as a living corpse. Haneke's film is difficult to watch precisely because it avoids rosy, elegant death in favor of the brutal decline we will all suffer if we avoid a premature demise. Through extensive long takes, infrequent cuts and slow tracking shots, Haneke reflects the agonizing pace and sense of stasis that begins to define the couple's lifestyle.

Moreover, simple scene composition

informs most shots and creates an aura of dusty normalcy. But rather than create an idyllic French apartment recognizable as filmic, “*Amour*” suspends our disbelief perfectly. This is not the old age of Christmas dinners and cards, but instead one of loneliness, hospice and complete dependency on others for everything from cold showers to plastic sippy-cups. Instead of dismissing the film as a piece of fictionalized cinema with no tangible bridge to our perspective as detached viewers, Haneke's understated realism transforms the piece into a dark, immersive documentary exploring the tortured psychodrama that could (and will) cripple any couple realizing the inescapability of mortality.

And yet the film's title remains more fitting than ever. “*Amour*” is in essence a beautiful love story and an examination of the depths to which individuals can redefine what love actually means. One of the film's most touching moments occurs following Anne's final and debilitating stroke, when she becomes mute and reduced to an infantile state. After over fifty years of love, Georges continues to sing songs and tell her stories he knows she cannot hear and write passionate letters he knows she cannot read.

When Anne refuses to drink fluids in

an attempt to kill herself, Georges slaps her not out of anger, but instead as a desperate lover unwilling to let her go. As Anne lingers for weeks in an unrecognizable mask of a body, Georges relies on their mutual ethics of love to force his hand to the film's climax of euthanasia. And yet Georges' decision unsettles us not because it is heinous, but because it is in itself the most unselfish expression of his love. And in a college culture defined by hedonism, ring-by-spring and sticky hookups on beer-soaked floors, this kind of love is truly worth seeing.

### “*Amour*”

**Director:** Michael Haneke

**Starring:** Jean-Louis Trintignant, Emmanuelle Riva, Isabelle Huppert

**If you like:** “Moonrise Kingdom,” romantic foreign films



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# SYR OUTFIT CRISIS

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The majority of the SYR struggle seems to be: whether or not you're going, if your friends are going, who they are going with, who you are going with, how should you ask them, if it would be weird to ask them over text or through an ND Confession, etc. And by the time you actually get a date locked down, a group of friends going together and somewhere to socialize before and after the actual dance, there are only a few days before the actual night.

It feels like a huge weight the size of a chemistry exam has been lifted off your shoulders. And then you remember, “Ahhh I can't go naked again, no one liked that, I gotta wear clothes this time

dang it.” And one of those excessively large hourglasses with sand falling, oozing down is placed smack, right in front of you, and there is less and less sand, and you're still showing up to your dance naked.

Relax. I have formulated an ordered plan of attack for all my fellow outfit stragglers out there.

### Formal

1. Do you already own an acceptable formal dress that Facebook has yet to see? STUPID QUESTION, who has that just waiting around? No one.

2. Do your roommates/dorm friends who are the same size as you have something you could wear?

3. Do you have any way of getting to a mall in the next few days, hours, right now?

4. Call your mom, is there anything at home she can ship?

5. Go to forever21.com, asos.com, fab.com, any cheap dress site with free returns and order a slew of dresses in multiple sizes and have them express shipped.

6. But don't stop looking. What if they're all terrible? Go on Facebook, look at friends who go here, friends of friends even, as long as they go to ND and live on campus. See anything you like? Pull some strings, send some creepy inbox messages, who knows, maybe there will be some really kind-hearted Facebook friend with great taste and the same dress size as you.

### Themed

1. You're on your own...(only words of wisdom, less is more, less time and thought spent, less money wasted, less

clothing worn is always better, less is more!)

When you discover you are the panicky, deranged person running around Friday afternoon still looking for something to wear Friday night, don't worry, we've all been there. I once found myself at a friend of a friend's dorm room leafing through her roommate (who I'd never met)'s closet alone while neither roommate was even there. Ultimately, if you have to repeat an outfit, it will be okay. Take a lot of pictures of your shoulders and up pictures, and hey if the night goes well, you might not remember it anyway.

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# SILENT DISCO

## DANCING QUEEN

**Maggie Waickman**  
Scene Writer

I love to dance.

Whether I'm at a planned, themed SYR I have been looking forward to all week or a spontaneous study break dance party, I am always willing to bust a move. While my moves are not graceful, smooth or cool, the one redeeming quality of my dancing is copious enthusiasm. Whether or not the world wants to see it, I love to move my body.

So, obviously, when Allie and I decided to go to Silent Disco at Legend's this past Saturday night, I was excited. The premise of Silent Disco forces the dancers to accept that they will look ridiculous. Silent Disco-ers don headphones and choose between two channels broadcasting the stylings of two different DJs. If any dancers takes their headphones off, they can watch a roomful of silent people dancing to different beats. Participants must accept that they will be part of this ridiculous set-up. Basically, Silent Disco forces everyone to approach dancing as I always approach dancing: abandon any semblance of caring about what onlookers think.

Allie and I, along with the friends we coerced into going with us, arrived at Legend's at about 12:30 am. The scene when we got there was a little pathetic — about 11 people silently (and awkwardly) dancing. This sight did not deter my enthusiasm. I grabbed a pair of headphones and tuned in.

The beauty of any ill-attended Legend's night is the huge amounts of space you have to break it down. Unlike a crowded dorm party or an SYR where all attendees feel the need to dance as close together as possible, Legend's provides copious amounts of dancefloor when there are only 15 people in attendance. With my headphones on and the dance floor clear, I danced it out to song after song. I looked completely foolish, and I loved every second of it.

If you choose to participate

in the glory that is Silent Disco, however, do me a favor and do not sing along to the music. We had the honor of hearing the vocal stylings of a very drunken group of boys. While I understand that most Notre Dame students belt out "Livin' on a Prayer" every chance they get, the glory of Silent Disco was ruined by the attempted harmonizing of these inebriated fellows. I was busy shakin' it to the electronic beats of the other channel and hearing their dulcet tones over my own channel threw me out of my dancing zone.

If you do choose to participate in the spectacle of Silent Disco, there are some key steps to maximizing your fun. First, choose to go with a group of people who will enjoy it. These friends must either be unafraid of looking ridiculous or be easily coaxed into looking ridiculous. Secondly, if you are of age, go with a bit of a buzz. Don't go so smashed that you will become those kids who sing aloud to every song, but a slight social lubricant can only help overcome the initial barrier of awkward. Finally, come prepared to show off a wide variety of dance moves. The white guy head bob or the awkward step-tap-wave-your-hands will simply not cut it. Need inspiration? Watch Robyn's "Call Your Girlfriend" music video. Realize that Robyn is in her 40s. Aspire to her give-no-cares style of aggressive dancing.

Although Allie may try to convince you that Silent Disco was a terrifyingly awkward experience that forced her to boogey uncomfortably in place for a third of the night and loiter by the water for the rest of the time, don't listen to her curmudgeonly ways. Take your destiny and your moves into your own hands. Dispel your cares about what the measly 10 others in Legend's think of you. And just dance.

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## NOT MY SCENE

**Allie Tollaksen**  
Scene Writer

I hate to dance.

I'm convinced it's in my blood. My parents are some of the worst dancers I've ever met (sorry, mom and dad). Wedding receptions aren't fun for me, they're just painful reminders of my genetically inherited inability to move my body to music. Similarly, I rarely attend SYRs or formals and when I do you can generally find me chatting in the corner rather than "breaking it down" with my date. Though I appreciate the art of dance and enjoy dance music, simply put, I cannot dance.

Of course as an outspoken non-dancer, to say I was hesitant to go to the Silent Disco at Legends would be an understatement. Though Maggie ensured me that it would be a fun time of dancing like fools, I was close to positive it would be me, and only me, looking like a fool. While Maggie would bust out her P-Fresh moves, I thought, I would stand helplessly in the middle of the dance floor. This would be a disaster, I was sure.

I had never been to a Silent Disco before, so when our group arrived at Legends on Saturday night, it immediately became a learning experience. I turned in my student ID, hands shaking with anxiety, in exchange for a pair of brightly colored headphones. A man showed me how to switch between the two available stations, and I turned around and quickly realized that there were two live DJs playing at each one. I was impressed by this fact, originally expecting nothing but top-40 hits being streamed into our headphones, not live mixes or multiple options.

Upon turning around and spotting the DJs, however, I also spotted the crowd that had turned out for the Silent Disco, and by "crowd," I mean 12 people. Suddenly, my biggest fears flashed before my eyes. As a bad dancer, I have taken solace in large crowds. It's generally

understood that if you're in a tightly packed room of aggressive dancers, you can get away with not knowing what you're doing. But this was not the case that fateful Saturday night. I was stuck to face my dancing fears in an open room. I became painfully aware that my "moves" were going to be on display for all of my friends and fellow dancers to see.

Though Maggie may try to convince you that having so few people at the Silent Disco is a great opportunity to tear up the dance floor and utilize a lot of space to really get down, I must disagree. As much as I wanted to take up space and perform some kind of "Romy and Michele's High School Reunion"-style dance number, I found myself dancing in place for a majority of the night. Fewer people, unfortunately, does not mean more or better dancing, at least in my case.

Instead, I spent most of my time loitering around the water fountain or doubled over laughing. I will say, however, that as an audiophile I did enjoy the dueling DJs playing two different types of music. It was refreshing to be able to switch between a station of poppy hits and more electronic, underground music. I had the opportunity to lip-synch obnoxiously to Icona Pop and then switch to a remix of an obscure electronic song. If you have an interest in dance music at all, I do suggest you give Silent Disco a try.

Though I could probably sum up my experience with the word "awkward," I don't want to entirely discourage you from dancing in a silent room with a group of strangers. If you're like my confident friend Maggie, you may find yourself having a great time. Just make sure you bring some moves (you can ask Maggie for those, not me) and a lot of friends. Many, many friends. Just bring all of your friends.

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## SPORTS AUTHORITY

# Student athletes “paid” enough



**Vicky Jacobsen**  
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Do you know what I’m being paid to write this column? Go ahead, guess.

It’s nothing. Nada. The production assistant who made sure the correct jumble and crossword were placed in today’s Observer is probably pretty close to that too.

Students don’t get paid to perform in university-sponsored plays or operas. Marching band members get food money when they travel to away games, but otherwise they wake up campus at 8 a.m. on football Saturdays for the fun of it.

So you’ll excuse me if I don’t buy into the notion that college athletes are victims of exploitation just because they aren’t getting a salary.

For one thing, it’s patently ridiculous to say student athletes aren’t getting any sort of financial compensation for their time and talent. Ladies and gentlemen, that’s what a college scholarship is. (Interestingly, I’ve never heard anyone complain about the exploitation of athletes in Division III or Ivy League competition, where athlete scholarships are not allowed.)

An athletic scholarship is worth up to \$200,000 plus the lifetime of increased earning potential that comes with a college degree. If that doesn’t constitute fair payment, what exactly would?

Perhaps “fair” would be a payment based on athletic department revenue. If that were the case, a lot of athletes would end up owing money to their ADs: in 2009, only 14 of the 120 FBS schools made a profit from their athletic programs. If college athletics is the big business that a lot of people claim it is, it isn’t a very lucrative one.

Now I’m not claiming that everything is just as it should be in college sports. I would be the last one crying if we were to throw out the NCAA rulebook and start all over again. Until someone can explain why football players get goodie bags at bowl games but cross country runners lose their eligibility if they accept a prize offered for winning a summertime road race, I have no use for that organization. And I don’t know if there are any other countries on earth where a football or basketball coach can be the best-paid public servant in a state or province.

The solution, however, is not to pay football players so that their income is closer to that of their coaches, but to stop paying coaches millions of dollars. Perhaps Maryland would’ve been able to save several of the seven varsity programs terminated in 2012 if the Terps hadn’t paid former football coach Ralph Friedgen \$1.75 million a year even after he was fired. It’s a thought.

There are dozens of other reasons why paying college athletes is unneeded and unreasonable. Where is the money for these salaries coming from, especially for the 106 FBS programs already hemorrhaging money? It’s unfair if a volleyball player gets paid the same as A.J. McCarron, since he brings in more money to his school. But pay them different amounts, and you’ve got a Title IX nightmare. A lot of non-athletes already complain about the perks that athletes get — do we really need to deepen that divide? And don’t think a star running back will turn down a free car just because he’s getting, say, 10 grand a year for football.

But most importantly, student athletes shouldn’t be paid because they’re not professionals. They do not have to play in college. If they have the talent and desire, they could get paid to play basketball in Greece. They could be in Q-school or minor league baseball or the D-league. They could train for the Olympics or play pro tennis in Europe. I’m sure a football agent would bankroll a football player if he just wanted to train for a year before he was eligible for the draft.

If they felt like they were not getting what they wanted out of their college experience, they could transfer or quit, just like I could stop writing for The Observer if I wanted to.

But they continue to play for the same reasons the rest of us drop so much time on our activities: because we’re learning things that might help us in our chosen professions. Because we’re giving back to our school. Because we value the friends we’ve made along the way.

And, most of all, because we genuinely enjoy it.

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## WOMEN’S LACROSSE

# Youth lead Irish to weekend sweep

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Notre Dame kicked off the weekend with a thrilling win in double overtime over Louisville on Friday and beat Cincinnati on Sunday to match the team’s best start in program history. With two more wins under their belts, the Irish kept their perfect season alive at 10-0, and 4-0 in the Big East.

In 2012 Notre Dame opened the season with eight straight wins before falling to Loyola, and it appeared the Irish might suffer their first loss in game No. 9, as well.

In a back-and-forth offensive battle, Notre Dame trailed at halftime, and were down 12-9 in the middle of the second half. At this point Irish coach Christine Halfpenny pulled senior goalie Ellie Hilling in favor of seldom-used sophomore Allie Murray, and Murray appeared to provide the spark Notre Dame desperately needed. The Irish rallied and took a 15-14 lead when senior attack Jenny Granger scored with just under four minutes left. That lead didn’t last long, however, as Louisville senior attack Katie Oliverio tied the game at 15 with 2:20 remaining. After a scoreless first overtime, the game was headed to a second overtime, where freshman defender Stephanie Peragallo won a crucial draw control that set up senior attack Betsy Mastropieri’s game winning goal with 2:42 left to win it for the Irish.

Notre Dame head coach Christine Halfpenny said she was proud of her team for the win and the experience it provided.

“We seem to be getting everybody’s best at this point,” Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said. “We’re seeing some really good teams come out at us. We need to give our best no matter what our opponent is. After all is said and done, I’m happy we actually got an overtime game at this point because we were going to go through a tough stretch, so it’s good to get that experience in.”



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**Irish junior attack Lindsay Powell looks to pass during Notre Dame's 14-2 victory over Villanova on March 24.**

In Sunday’s contest against Cincinnati, Hilling returned in goal and made four saves in Notre Dame’s 13-6 victory. Junior attack Lindsay Powell played all 60 minutes and tallied two goals and an assist, while Mastropieri continued her strong weekend by adding two more goals. The Irish controlled this game from the beginning, taking over less than two minutes into the game. The Irish never trailed after gaining the lead three minutes into the game. Notre Dame also won in nearly every statistical category, tallying more shots, ground balls, and draw controls than Cincinnati.

Coming off Friday’s draining game against Louisville, Halfpenny said she was pleased to see her team come out strongly Sunday.

“I’m happy with the way we came out, we looked really good, I was happy with our energy and I felt our legs were fresh,” Halfpenny said. “We could’ve done a better job finishing, and our shooting percentage wasn’t where it should be, but I honestly wasn’t worried at all.”

While she may not have been satisfied with the way her squad shot the ball, she said she was very pleased with the youth that stepped up in Sunday’s game.

“Our young kids and the ability for our youth to really step

up was great to see,” Halfpenny said. “We played a lot of younger kids today especially on defense and we only gave up 3 goals in each half. Allie [Murray] was able to come in and make some massive saves [on Friday], and today we got to see all three goalies.”

Halfpenny’s teams have been known for their strong starts, and the Irish continued this trend when they started 8-0 last year in her first year at the helm. As impressive as last year’s was, this year has been even better — this squad’s 10-0 start has matched that of the 2004 team as the best in program history.

“All the credit goes to the girls,” Halfpenny said. “They work really hard, they’re constantly striving to be better. There’s always a process of getting better and we want to hit our peak at the right time. The back half of our schedule is better ranked, so learning what it takes to win in the beginning of the season has been huge. I’m very proud and excited about this team.”

The Irish return home for a crucial series against Loyola on Friday at 7 p.m. and Georgetown on Sunday at 1 p.m. Both games will be played at Arlotta Stadium.

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“I’d bet you, if I were a betting man, that I’ve never bet on baseball.”  
- Pete Rose

“I can dribble with my right hand and I can dribble with my left hand. I’m amphibious.” -Charles Shackleford

“In the NBA, they don’t promote guys like me. They like guys who like Cheerios, good guys.”  
- Metta World Peace

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## MEN'S GOLF | IRISH CREEK COLLEGIATE TOURNAMENT

# Notre Dame finishes 15th in North Carolina

By **MEREDITH KELLY**  
Sports Writer

The Irish finished 15th out of 17 teams with a total score of 895 this weekend at the Irish Creek Collegiate Tournament in Kannapolis, N.C. after tallying 297, 299 and 299 in three rounds.

North Carolina and North Carolina State topped the team leaderboard with scores of 859 (282-285-292) and 861 (292-280-289). Irish coach Jim Kubinski said he thought this week would be the one where Irish would put things together, but that was not the case.

"We're not satisfied with our play," Kubinski said. "We're disappointed we didn't post any rounds at par or below. The golf course was a good test but had enough birdie opportunities to yield a few good scores."

Junior Andrew Lane came in first for the Irish and 35th overall, shooting a three-round score of 222 (+9). He remained consistent throughout the tournament,

shooting 74 (+3) in each of the three rounds.

"Andrew hit enough greens," said Kubinski. "He just had a tough putting week, which is a rarity for him."

Senior Paul McNamara and junior Niall Platt tied for 47th with a score of 224 (+11). McNamara shot 73 (+2) in his first round, 76 (+5) in his second round, and 75 (+4) in his third round. Platt shot 75 (+5) in his first round, 76 (+5) in his second round, and 73 (+2) in his third round.

Kubinski said he believed Platt played better than his scores indicated.

Freshman Cory Sciupider tied for 64th with a score of 227 (+14) and sophomore Patrick Grahek tied for 81st with a score of 233 (+20).

Kubinski said southern teams like North Carolina and North Carolina State have an edge over the Irish because they have been able to practice outdoors for several weeks and have competed in more tournaments. Kubinski said the Irish will soon reach

their desired level of play because the Notre Dame golf course opened last weekend.

"We're still a week or two away from feeling comfortable, Kubinski said. "We'll be fine by Big East."

Kubinski said each golfer has an area or two that needs improvement but that his team functions well as a whole both on and off the green.

"They're not afraid to work at it and their confidence remains high," Kubinski said. "They posted nearly 3.5 team GPA in the fall. They know how to prioritize and make improvements."

The Irish will travel to Iowa City, Iowa to play in the Hawkeye Invitational, their last regular season tournament before the Big East Championships in Orlando Fla. The Irish will tee off Saturday and continue on Sunday at the Finkbine Golf Course.

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*Irish freshman Cory Sciupider putts at the Irish Creek Collegiate Tournament in Kannapolis, N.C.*

## SMC TENNIS | SAINT MARY'S 9, JUDSON 0

## Belles dominate Judson

By **SAMANTHA ZUBA**  
Sports Writer

First sophomore Jackie Kjolhede and junior Margaret Boden won at No. 3 doubles. Then freshman Margaret Faller and sophomore Shannon Elliot took No. 2 doubles. And then, Saint Mary's won at every singles and doubles flight in a home meet against Judson on Friday.

Belles coach Dale Campbell said he was pleased with the focus his team displayed in each match.

"Everyone just had to focus on playing the best they could for themselves and let the results happen," Campbell said.

Kjolhede and Boden won handily with an 8-1 final score. Faller and Elliot won by the same margin.

Not everyone had it easy, however. Junior Mary Catherine Faller and sophomore Kayle Sexton won 9-8 (8-6) to complete the doubles sweep.

The singles matches were even more suspenseful, with two flights going to tiebreakers to determine a victor.

Mary Catherine Faller won her first set 6-2, but won only one game in the

second set to force a tiebreaker. Faller took the tiebreaker to win 6-2, 1-6 (10-6) at No. 1 singles.

Margaret Faller's match also went to the tiebreaker. Faller won the first set 6-3 before dropping the second set 5-7. Faller won the tiebreaker for a 6-3, 5-7, 1-0 (11-9) victory at No. 4 singles.

Campbell said he saw an intense level of determination under pressure from both Fallers.

"They both fight to the end, and I think have a heightened focus when they need it to pull out the match and hit the shots that are required," Campbell said.

The other singles flights cruised to victory. Sexton dropped only two games en route to a 6-0, 6-2 victory over freshman Marcilynn Rowan at No. 2 singles. Elliot defeated senior Kristen Kress 6-1, 6-2 at No. 3 singles, and Kjolhede and sophomore Katie Nickol added victories at No. 5 and No. 6 singles to round out the Belles' nine match wins.

Everyone contributed to the victory and Saint Mary's (6-4, 2-0 MIAA) improved to 6-4. After a rough 0-2 start, Saint Mary's has improved, largely behind the efforts of

Mary Catherine Faller.

Faller was a co-captain in 2012 as a sophomore and has continued her role as a leader this season at No. 1 doubles and singles. She and Boden are the Belles' most experienced players as the only returning juniors on a team comprised of mostly sophomores.

The Belles have the same record through 10 games as they had last season, although they have performed better in conference matches so far this year. Saint Mary's is currently on a four meet winning streak, including back-to-back 9-0 triumphs over Olivet on Thursday and Judson (3-7, 1-1 CCAC) on Friday. The Eagles were also coming off a 9-0 thumping of Roosevelt University on Wednesday, but the Belles halted that momentum for another impressive victory of their own. According to Campbell, the victory should benefit team morale. "It builds everyone's confidence to get these wins," Campbell said.

Saint Mary's will try to extend its winning streak Wednesday in a home meet against Albion at 4 p.m.

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## SMC GOLF | SPRING INVITATIONAL

## Saint Mary's finishes seventh

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In a crowded 20-team field which featured eight top-25 teams from both the NAIA and NCAA Division III, Saint Mary's golfers finished the weekend's Washington University in St. Louis Spring Invitational in ninth place. After ending Saturday in seventh place, the Belles improved their second-day score by 17 strokes, but it still wasn't enough to keep up with the steep competition.

At the end of the weekend, William Woods won its second consecutive title with a two-day score of 623, and DePauw finished close behind, losing eight strokes. Starring for DePauw was the tournament's individual champion, junior Paige Gooch, who turned in a two-day score of 153. On Sunday, Gooch turned in a three-over-par.

For the Belles, sophomore Janice Heffernan produced the Belles' best performance after shooting a score of 164 over the weekend. With an 81 on Sunday, Heffernan finished in 24th place individually in a field of 112.

On Sunday, freshman Claire Boyle outdid Heffernan with a score of 80, a nine-stroke improvement from her Saturday school. Combined with her Saturday score, Boyle enjoyed a 169, which was good for 41st individually.

Also coming in 41st was junior Paige Pollack, who built on her outstanding performance at the George Fox Phoenix Invitational by scoring an 87 and an 82 on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. Pollack maintained her team-best average round score of 82.25, or roughly 10-over par.

Junior Alexi Brown had the Belle's highest score this weekend after shooting 175.

Absent this weekend was Saint Mary's captain, senior Jessica Kinnick. After a 181 on her first outing of the season, Kinnick has struggled to hit her stride in her final season for the Belles.

Up next, Saint Mary's will head to Saugatuck, Mich. for next Saturday's Dutch Spring Invitational at the Ravine Golf Club.

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ND WOMEN'S SOFTBALL | ND 4, VILLANOVA 1; 0-1; 9-3

# Irish lose first conference game

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The Irish won their series against Villanova this weekend, but suffered their first conference loss of this season Saturday.

After junior Laura Winter, senior Brittany O'Donnell freshman Allie Rhodes combined pitching efforts for a 4-1 win in the weekend opener, Winter took the circle once again in the second game but found herself on the wrong end of a pitcher's duel as Notre Dame (26-9, 7-1 Big East) fell to the Wildcats (13-19, 1-8 Big East) by a score of 1-0.

"The biggest takeaway from this weekend is that we need to continue to get better each and every day," senior catcher and captain Amy Buntin said. "Every game we need to take one inning, one out, and one pitch at a time. Just showing up at this point in the season won't be good enough to take us where we want to go."

Winter took the circle once again on Sunday aided by run production by sophomore catcher Cassidy Whidden, who broke a scoreless tie in the bottom of the second inning with a home run to put the Irish up 1-0. Whidden scored three runs on the day en route to a 9-3 Notre Dame victory.

"On Sunday we did a great

job of fighting, and we played with a spark," Buntin said. "Whidden's home run today gave us the momentum we needed for the rest of the game. She did a great job coming in and leading us that inning."

Buntin said the team was disappointed to drop the second game Saturday and attributed the loss to poor offensive production.

"Villanova kept us off balance at the plate and forced us into easy outs," she said. "Simply put, our offense did not produce or execute when needed."

In spite of losing a conference game for the first time this season, the squad remains undeterred as they move forward. Buntin said the team takes every game — win or loss — as a learning experience and expects to improve each time.

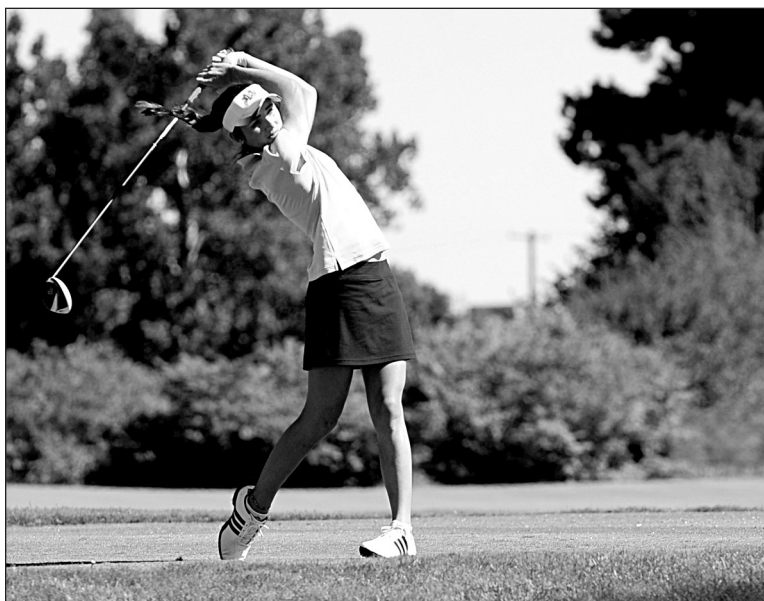
"Going into each weekend, we expect that if we play Notre Dame softball we should dominate any Big East opponent we face," Buntin said. "Unfortunately we let one slip this weekend to Villanova, not a strong team, but we learned from the loss and won't let another slip."

The Irish will travel to Evanston, Ill. next Tuesday to take on Northwestern at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF | SMU DALLAS ATHLETIC CLUB INVITATIONAL

# Golfers end regular season



KEVIN SONG | The Observer

*Irish freshman Talia Campbell takes a swing on the fairway on September 15th at the Mary Fossum Invitational.*

By **KIT LOUGHRAN**  
Sports Writer

In their final regular-season tournament, the Irish placed eighth at the three-day SMU Dallas Athletic Club Invitational.

The No. 23 Irish finished with a team total of 935 (319-309-307), 71 strokes over par. The Irish improved with each round, and their final round of 307 — which tied them with No. 35 Denver was the fourth-best in the field.

"We got better each day we played," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "I was pleased that the third day was our best round."

The weather and course conditions had significant effects on the Irish throughout the entire tournament, Holt said.

"The weather conditions were very tough, and it was windy the whole tournament," Holt said. "The course conditions and pin placements were difficult as well."

On top of inclement weather and harsh course conditions, freshman Lindsey Weaver was unable to play in the tournament due to illness. The Irish had to play with only four players. The pressure was on, Holt said.

"There is pressure playing with only four players because every score counts and the girls have to fight through it," Holt said.

After the first day of play, the Irish found themselves in 11th place, just one stroke behind tenth place Louisville. No. 74 Ashley Armstrong, a sophomore, led the way for the Irish with a 6-over-par score of 78, which placed her 31st overall.

The Irish finished the second round of the tournament in eighth place. They passed Big East rival Louisville by eight strokes on Saturday. Armstrong played another solid round with a 1-over-par score of 73 to climb into ninth place. Freshman Talia

Campbell concluded the day with a 4-over-effort of 76 and moved up from 41st place to 28th place overall.

On the last day of play, the Irish finished strong with a score of 307, but it was No. 19 Oklahoma State that took home the gold. Campbell tied for 10th place overall, he fourth top-10 finish of this season. She had four birdies and 10 pars during the final round to gain her fifth even or better score of the season.

Armstrong achieved her fourth consecutive top-25 finish and eleventh of her career with a 14-over-par score of 230 (78-73-79) to tie for 16th place.

"Ashley and Talia finishing so well in this tournament was certainly a highlight," Holt said.

After completing this last regular-season tournament, the Irish now turn their focus to the Big East tournament.

"It was tough getting through the weather conditions and only having four players, but with all things considered, we got through it and are now looking forward to the Big East tournament," Holt said.

With a couple weeks to get ready, the Irish are in preparation mode, Holt said.

"We need to get Lindsey healthy, and preparations will depend on the weather," Holt said. "We will prepare either way."

The Irish commence their postseason at the Big East championship in Orlando, Fla., at the Reunion Resort and Golf Club. The tournament will begin April 21 and conclude April 23.

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TRACK &amp; FIELD | MICHIGAN STATE INVITATIONAL

# Notre Dame delivers at Michigan State

By **COLESCHIETINGER**  
Sports Writer

Another weekend, another great performance for the Irish as the team traveled to East Lansing for the Michigan State Invitational.

Coming off a strong showing at the Stanford Invitational and the Oliver Nikilof Open last weekend, the Irish had high expectations for this meet.

The Irish had 36 athletes finish in the top 10 in their respective events, with half of those placing in the top five. Among the standouts for the men were sophomore and junior middle distance runners Kevin Byrne and Eddy Gibbons and senior thrower Anthony Thomas, who each captured two top-10 finishes.

In the men's 800-meter race, Gibbons, Byrne and sophomore Steve Blazer managed to finish seventh, eighth and ninth, respectively, in a field of 56. Gibbons

and Byrne joined junior Jack Favorite and freshman Spencer Rheinhardt in the 4x400-meter relay. The fifth-place, 3:25 finish was the best of Rheinhardt's young career.

In addition to great track performances, the Irish men turned in a strong showing on the field. With fourth- and 10th-place finishes in the hammer throw and discus, Thomas led the group of veterans, but senior Ted Glasnow and junior Jordan Stumph were not to be outdone. They turned in top-10 performances of their own in the long jump and hammer throw, respectively.

"All the jumps were inside and I debuted a longer approach, so ended up matching my PR in long jump," Glasnow said.

On the women's side, the Irish celebrated five second-place finishes, led by senior sprinter Nevada Sorensen. Sorensen's time of 13.72 seconds in the 100-meter

hurdles was the second-best time in the Big East this year. The senior star also finished eighth in the 100-meter race.

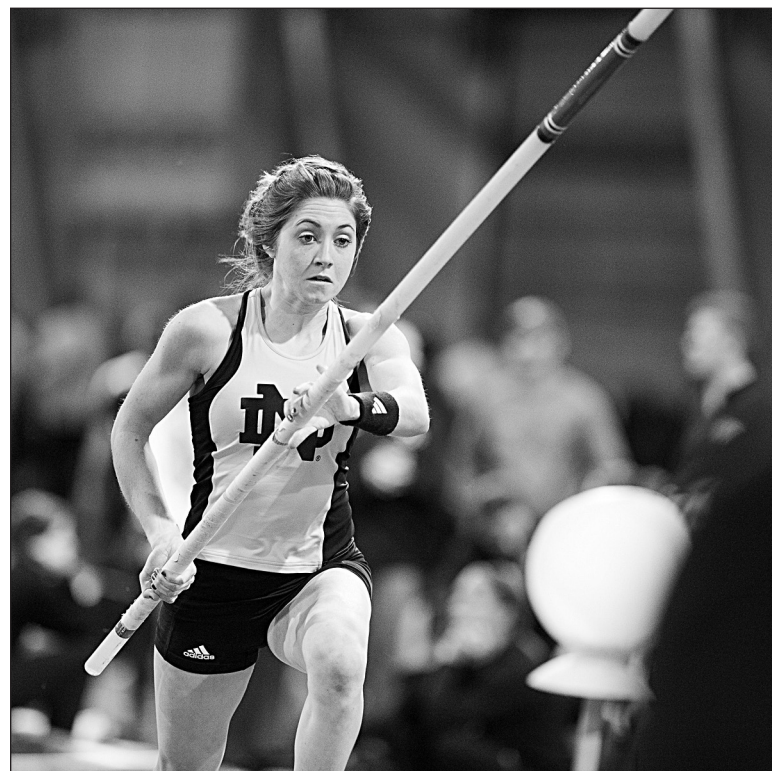
In the hurdles, Sorensen was joined by junior Meghan Moore, who came in sixth, and sophomore Carly Loeffel, who finished 10th.

The women fared well in the 800-meter race just as the men did, with fifth, sixth and seventh-place finishes by sophomores Emily Frydrych and Kaileen Healy and senior Angela Ryck.

"Its too bad [all of the] events were not outside, since the main reason for competing at MSU was to get some practice in the elements before the Decathlons later in the season," Glasnow said.

Next weekend the Irish will head to Louisville, Kentucky for the Louisville Border Battle.

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*Irish pole vaulter Kathryn Barousse makes her approach at the Mayo Invitational at Notre Dame on Feb. 2.*



MEN'S TENNIS | ND 6, SMU 1; ND 6, SOUTH FLORIDA 1; ND 7, BUTLER 0

# Irish sweep weekend

By MEGAN FINNERAN  
Sports Writer

This weekend the Irish completed a three-game sweep in their last series of the season in the familiar confines of the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

No. 31 Notre Dame (15-7) took down SMU 6-1, South Florida 6-1 and Butler 7-0 to push their winning streak to five, the longest of the season so far.

"I'd say our biggest strength was maintaining our focus and intensity throughout all three matches," sophomore Mike Fredericka said. "It was a lot of tennis for two days."

Seniors Blas Moros, Michael Moore and Spencer Talmadge were honored for their achievements over the last four years, and each contributed to the three

wins this weekend.

The Irish won the doubles point in all three matches, providing a strong start in an area where they have struggled throughout the season. Of the nine doubles matches played over the weekend, the squad only lost one.

"We mixed up our doubles lineup a little this week and I think it will take a little time for some of the teams to mesh," Fredericka said. "We used this weekend as a chance to build some momentum heading into the Big East tournament."

On Friday night, Moros took the first win in singles play against SMU, beating senior Gaston Cuadranti 6-1, 6-3. At the No. 2 spot, freshman Quentin Monaghan posted an impressive 6-0, 6-2 victory over redshirt junior Pablo Perez-Esnaola. Junior Ryan Bandy pushed the lead to 4-0 to seal the win by taking down redshirt freshman Nate Lammons 6-3, 6-3 at No. 6.

On Saturday afternoon No. 109 junior Greg Andrews led the way in singles play against USF, taking down sophomore Oliver Pramming 6-4, 6-2. Junior

Billy Pecor stretched the lead to 3-0 when he defeated junior Federico Sabogal 6-2, 6-4. Moore closed out the win, beating senior J. C. Acuna Gerard 7-6, 6-3.

With the victory secured, play continued as Monaghan and Moros each captured another win. The win pushed Moros' singles play to 12-5.

Notre Dame carried the momentum from the two wins into Saturday afternoon, smoothly taking down Butler 7-0. Andrews took the 2-0 lead for the second time, defeating sophomore Pulock Bhattacharya 6-2, 6-0. Moore added another win to singles play, taking down sophomore Ruben Geeraert 6-1, 6-3. Pecor clinched the team victory, beating sophomore Tommy Marx 6-3, 6-2.

Fredericka, Monaghan and freshman Alex Lawson also contributed wins in singles play to stretch the lead to 7-0.

The Irish next face No. 50 Louisville in Louisville, Ken. at 2 p.m. Saturday for their last dual meet before the Big East championships.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS | ND 4, MEMPHIS 3

# Notre Dame topples Memphis



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*Irish freshman Quinn Gleason approaches the ball for a swing March 2 versus DePaul at the Eck Tennis Center.*

By VICKY JACOBSEN  
Sports Writer

It wasn't the finish anyone wanted.

No. 36 Memphis (16-4) and No. 21 Notre Dame (12-8) were tied at three points apiece Sunday afternoon, with the deciding point resting on the outcome of the No. 5 court match between Irish sophomore Molly O'Koniewski and Memphis sophomore Alyssa Hibberd. Both had won a set in the tiebreak, and Hibberd narrowly led the third set, five games to four. As O'Koniewski went to return a volley in Hibberd's match point, the Notre Dame sophomore turned her ankle slightly.

Hibberd won the point to claim an individual victory 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (4-7), 6-4, but it was clear the Tigers would've preferred that their 4-3 victory had ended differently.

"It was too bad because she was in the point, I think," Irish coach Jay Louderback said.

O'Koniewski's loss put an end to a furious Irish comeback attempt after the Tigers claimed the first three match points of the contest.

Senior Chrissie McGaffigan and her doubles partner, junior Jennifer Kellner, beat seniors Courtney Collins and Kelly Gray, 8-3, but Notre Dame juniors Julie Sabacinski and Britney Sanders fell to sophomore Alyssa Hibberd and graduate student Tiffany Welcher, 8-5. Meanwhile, Memphis junior Stefanie Mikesz and freshman Caroline Wegner outlasted Irish freshmen Quinn Gleason and Julie Vrabel, 9-7.

"They're not ranked in the top-25 but they are top-25," Louderback said. "We knew it was probably going to be important to win the doubles. We didn't do it. We did a good job fighting back, because we've had to do that a lot all year, but we need to get where we're not playing from behind all the time."

The first singles matches to finish didn't help Notre Dame's chances. Wegner beat sophomore Katherine White, 6-1, 6-4, and Welcher took

down Gleason in two sets, winning 6-3, 6-1.

But the tides began to change when McGaffigan, who was honored in a senior day ceremony before the match, won the first match point of the day for the Irish by beating freshman Skylar Kuykendal 7-6 (7-2), 6-3.

"She played so well in singles and doubles, and a lot of times senior day is hard to play, but that's how Chrissie's played all year," Louderback said. "She's done a great job and played well consistently all year."

Kellner and No. 48 Sanders kept Notre Dame's hopes alive with wins on the No. 3 and No. 1 courts, setting up the winner-take-all match-up between Hibberd and O'Koniewski.

In many ways, the end of the match belied the atmosphere of the competition. The "Racketeers," a rambunctious student section dressed in a variety of costumes, provided entertainment for fans and athletes alike as they encouraged the Irish to "Protect the Eck."

"They are the most enthusiastic fans that we have," McGaffigan said. "They're just awesome, and I think some of our opponents that come in are a little confused as to what is going in, because no other tennis team has them."

But for McGaffigan, the best part of the match was the opportunity to reflect on four years as a member of the tennis team.

"It was just so amazing, seeing how well my teammates knew me," McGaffigan said. "Everything was pink, and they had my favorite quotes out and it just meant a lot to me, how much they put into it. And even though we lost today, I love this team so much and there's no team I'd rather play for."

McGaffigan's not done just yet.

The Irish have just one weekend of regular season play remaining before the Big East tournament. They are set to face Central Florida in Orlando at 2 p.m. Saturday.

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## ND WOMEN'S SOCCER | ND 4, MEXICO U-20 3

# Irish triumph over Mexico U-20 squad

By **BRIAN HARTNETT**  
Sports Writer

Under Irish coach Randy Waldrum, Notre Dame has always played a challenging national schedule of top college teams. But the Irish went a step further Friday night, defeating the Mexico under-20 national team 4-3 at Alumni Stadium.

Notre Dame freshman defender Cari Roccaro scored the game-winning goal for the Irish three minutes into stoppage time at the end of the second half, breaking free on the right side and driving home a shot past the outstretched arms of Mexico goalkeeper Alejandra Gutierrez.

Roccaro's game-winner came just minutes after she assisted on a game-tying goal. In the 85th minute, she attempted a hard shot from just outside the box that deflected off Gutierrez, and freshman forward Crystal Thomas knocked in the rebound for the equalizing goal.

"To get two goals to come back

in the last 10 minutes against a national team of Mexico's caliber is great," Waldrum said. "It should be a big confidence boost for us because we struggled offensively late last fall."

The Irish provided the first offensive spark Friday night, as sophomore forward Karin Simonian drilled in a shot from 25 yards out in the 18th minute, tying her goal total from last season. Waldrum said Simonian, who led the team with four shots Friday, should factor more prominently in Notre Dame's offense in the fall.

"If [Simonian] can continue to play like she's played the last two games, then clearly she'll fit into the equation," Waldrum said. "We've tried to find what her best position is in the last year or so, but, in these last two games, she's done a good job playing the float-er position up front."

Mexico tied the game up in the 30th minute when forward Tanya Samarzich blasted a shot past Irish freshman goalkeeper

Naomi Willett.

Notre Dame regained the lead in the 54th minute when freshman defender Katie Naughton headed in a shot off Thomas' corner kick.

Mexico took back the lead after Samarzich scored twice to complete the hat trick. Samarzich, who has committed to USC, broke away for the tying goal in the 57th minute and then struck a shot into the lower right corner of the goal in the 77th to give Mexico the lead.

"[Mexico] finds a way to punish you for every little mistake you make," Waldrum said. "[Samarzich] scored three great goals on us, she could find those little gaps to get into and you don't find many college teams that are that smart tactically in the way they play."

With freshman goalkeeper Elyse Hight out with a shoulder injury and sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Voigt nursing a groin injury, Willett, who only saw action in two games last season, got



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**Irish freshman defender Cari Roccaro pursues the ball during Notre Dame's 4-3 win Friday at Alumni Stadium.**

the start in goal, her second of the spring season. She played the full game in goal, making two saves.

"[Willett] needed the spring because she needed to get games," Waldrum said. "She's done okay, certainly there's some things she's gotten exposed on a bit, but you really want the spring to give her a learning curve and

help her be more prepared for the fall."

Notre Dame will close out its spring schedule with a friendly against the Haitian national team at Alumni Stadium on April 26.

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## ROWING

# Rowers edge Ohio State, Michigan

By **KIT LOUGHRAN**  
Sports Writer

The Irish finished with two victories in their return to the water, defeating No. 8 Michigan at the Ohio State Rowing Invitational on the Griggs Reservoir on Saturday.

"The team had a successful regatta with the varsity boats racing strong against Michigan in the morning, followed by solid times against Ohio State in the afternoon," freshman Carson Canonie said.

No. 13 Notre Dame's first varsity eight captured an exciting victory over Michigan in the opening race, edging the Wolverines' time of 6:54.03 by 0.13 of a second. The Irish second varsity eight launch secured another win over Michigan with a winning time of 7:07.97, more than 10 seconds faster than Michigan's 7:18.05.

The Irish weren't as successful in their other morning races, finishing runner-up in the first varsity four (8:15.61), second varsity four (8:34.90), first novice eight (7:42.42) and second novice eight (7:57.70).

Though the Irish opened the day with two solid victories, they found themselves coming up just short during the afternoon races. The Irish launches claimed five second-place finishes

against both Michigan and Ohio State. Despite not winning the races, the Irish posted competitive race times against the No. 4 Ohio State.

Canonie said the opportunity to race against both Michigan and Ohio State was beneficial for the Irish, especially the novice boats.

Canonie said the team saw great improvement from the last regatta.

"Since the last regatta, we improved on maintaining fortitude throughout the race and integrating a successful race sprint for the last part of the race," Canonie said.

As the spring season quickly approaches its end, the Irish aim to secure an NCAA bid with successful performances in their upcoming competitions. The team has aspects of its racing that it will continue to work on as the end of the season approaches, Canonie said.

"Looking forward, we are going to continue working on our fitness and power in order to achieve stronger connection in the water and a higher ration of power per stroke," Canonie said.

The Irish now turn their focus to the Lake Natoma Invitational, which will be held on April 20-21 in Sacramento, Calif.

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## SMC SOFTBALL | SMC 9, ALBION 4; SMC 21, ALBION 4

# Belles take two, drop two

By **MEREDITH KELLY**  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's swept both games of a double-header against Albion — its first MIAA conference opponent of the year — on Saturday before losing both games against North Park on Sunday.

The Belles defeated Albion 9-4 in the first game and 21-4 (five innings) in the second game. They lost their scoring touch the next day, however, losing 1-0 in the first and 6-3 in the second.

"The conference seems a little stacked this year with a lot of disparity between the top and bottom teams, so these Albion games were must win games," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said.

Saint Mary's started off strong in the first game with four runs and six hits in the bottom of the first. Senior Emily Sherwood, senior Morgan Bedan, freshman Jillian Busfield and junior Callie Selner all crossed home plate to make the score 4-0 going into the second inning.

Saint Mary's pushed its lead to 8-2 in the fourth. Selner hit a single to left center, bringing home both Watkins, who reached base from a single up the middle, and Sherwood, who got on base following a fielding error.

Saint Mary's solidified its 9-4 lead in the top of the sixth with a home run from Sherwood.

The second game saw an offensive outburst from Saint Mary's. They sent 43 batters to the plate and hit through the lineup in both the first and the fifth inning. The Belles tallied six runs in the first inning, three in the second, two

in the third, and 10 in the fifth. Busfield, Bedan, Selner, Sherwood and sophomore Victoria Connelly all scored for the Belles.

Selner, who pitched in the first game, and freshman pitcher Sarah Burke both recorded wins in the circle. Selner only allowed two earned runs off three hits with eight strikeouts and two walks in seven innings of play. Burke, who pitched the shortened second game, only allowed three earned runs on five hits and two strikeouts in five innings of play. Despite their victories, Sullivan said the strongest point of both games was the hitting.

"We really hit the ball hard and attacked the opposing pitchers rather than getting deep in counts and watching good pitches go by without swinging," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said Emily Sherwood was a standout player for the Belles.

"She hit .600 on the week and (hit) her first collegiate home run

with an incredible line drive over the left center fence," Sullivan said.

Sullivan also said Busfield and freshman Kayla Chapman, both graduates of Riley High School in South Bend, had great games. They collectively accounted for five home runs in one day.

Sullivan said she is happy with the team's overall performance, although there are always areas for improvement.

"The team did a great job of capitalizing on errors, hitting the ball hard, and coming back offensively when we had some defensive miscues," Sullivan said. "I think we need to do a better job of getting the third out in the inning on defense."

Saint Mary's will take on Hope, another MIAA conference opponent Wednesday at home at 3:30 p.m.

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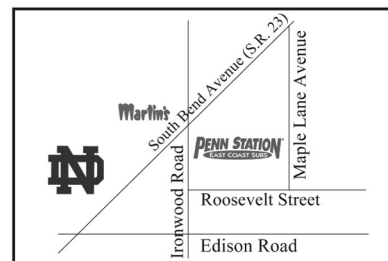


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BASEBALL | ND 4, VILLANOVA 3 (11); ND 11, VILLANOVA 8; VILLANOVA 10, ND 6

# Irish take two of three from Villanova

By ISAAC LORTON  
Sports Writer

The Irish had a rough three days but still managed to take two out of three in the weekend series against Villanova. The Irish went 4-3 on Friday night and 11-8 on Saturday before losing 10-6 Sunday afternoon.

"We were really fortunate to take two out of three this weekend," Irish coach Mik Aoki said. "I thought we played as bad as a three game stretch as we have played all year and we still managed to get two... so that's good. Hopefully it is a funky three game stretch and we get better."

In Friday's game, No. 20 Notre Dame (19-10) edged out the Wildcats (9-21) in a contest where both teams struggled to score runners on base. Going into the 11th inning, the No. 20 Irish were 2-for-15 with runners in scoring position, while

Villanova batters went 3-for-19. In the 11th, freshman catcher Ricky Sanchez hit a walk-off single up the middle to give the Irish the 4-3 victory.

The middle of the lineup jumpstarted the scoring drive by Notre Dame in the bottom of the fourth. Junior third baseman Eric Jagielo led off with a double, then junior first baseman Trey Mancini hit a sacrifice fly to right field to move Jagielo over to third. Sophomore left fielder Ryan Bull then grounded out to the right side to bring in Jagielo. The Irish got another run in the bottom of the fifth when Wildcats starting pitcher Pat Young, a junior, plunked Jagielo with the bases loaded.

Villanova and the Irish both tallied a run in the sixth to make the score 3-1.

In the top of the eighth the Irish ran into trouble. Junior closer Dan Slania came in for a

two-inning save with runners on second and third. Slania struck out the first batter, but Wildcats junior catcher John Cialone smacked a double to right-center to bring the runners in and tie the game at 3-3.

It was Slania's first blown save of the season and only the third blown save of his college career.

Notre Dame's pitching was uncharacteristically wild over the course of the weekend.

"It's understandable to a certain extent with [sophomore pitcher Pat Connaughton] getting his legs under him a bit," Aoki said. "But for the rest of the staff was just inexcusable to do that, especially some of the guys that it came from, guys that shouldn't be [giving up walks]. We created a ton of offense for them."

Connaughton recorded his third start of the year and was relieved by freshman Nick



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**Irish senior infielder Frank Desico rounds third base during Notre Dame's 10-6 loss to Villanova on Sunday.**

McCarty. Going into the game Notre Dame led the Big East in fewest walks per game, but the Irish gave up nine walks and one hit-by-pitch. Slania (3-1) eventually picked up the win and Villanova junior reliever Chris Haggarty received the loss after the Irish scored in the bottom of the 11th inning.

On Saturday the Irish and Wildcats battled back and forth before Mancini hit a two-out grand slam in the bottom of the sixth to make the score 9-6 and put the Irish ahead for good. Mancini had a career high six RBIs in one game and was one RBI away from tying the school record of seven in one game.

Irish junior pitcher Adam Norton kept his perfect 7-0 season record intact largely because of Mancini's grand slam. Norton was on the verge of earning a loss or no decision in the middle of the sixth, as Villanova led 6-4. Norton allowed six runs in six innings, three of them earned, as well as 10 hits, seven strikeouts and two walks.

The Irish got the lead early, scoring one run in the bottom of the first and two in the bottom of the second. In the fourth and fifth the Wildcats struck back. Villanova freshman first baseman Max Beermann hit a hanging curveball out of the park with Norton on the mound in the fourth and an inning later the Wildcats scored three more runs on an error and a few miscues to take the 4-3 lead. Notre Dame tied the game at 4-4 on a sacrifice fly by Mancini in the bottom of the inning, but the Wildcats again came back and tallied two more runs in the top of the sixth. Mancini hit the grand slam in the bottom of the sixth, icing Villanova. The teams weren't done scoring runs: Notre Dame scored two more and the Wildcats earned three more before the end of the game, but the Irish held on for a 11-8 victory.

Aoki said the Irish pitching was not up to typical Notre Dame standards on Sunday, which led to opportunities for the Wildcats.

"[The problems we had] all stem from the pitching," Aoki

said. "We were, from the second inning on, put on our heels. We never got back into. When we opened the door for them, they kicked it wide open."

On Sunday, the Irish couldn't keep up with the Wildcats. The Wildcats took advantage of the numerous walks issued by Notre Dame's pitchers. Six of the 10 runs scored by Villanova were players who were walked or hit by a pitch.

This was Villanova's first win at Notre Dame. Previously the Wildcats were 0-18-1 when visiting Eck Stadium.

Villanova broke the scoreless tie in the top of the second inning when Irish sophomore starting pitcher Matt Ternowchek loaded the bases with no outs. Ternowchek walked in two, and a bad hop and a sacrifice fly gave the Wildcats at a 4-0 lead before freshman Zak Kutsulis was called on from the bullpen to end the inning. Ternowchek was charged with the loss, while Wildcats starter sophomore Josh Harris threw 134 pitches and earned a win.

Bull, however, batted in five runs in Sunday's game, a career best.

"It's important that [Bull] provides protection to [Jagielo and Mancini]," Aoki said. "For Bull to have the day he did, I thought that was good."

Two of Bull's RBI came in the bottom of the third with a two-out single while the bases were loaded. Notre Dame cut the Wildcats lead to one in the third, but Villanova scored again in the fifth to make the game 5-3. In the top of the seventh, the Wildcats scored five runs off of Irish reliever Sean Fitzgerald to make the game 10-3. All five of those runs came with two outs.

The Irish picked up a run in the seventh on an RBI single from Bull and added two more on another Bull single in the bottom of the ninth, but it was not enough to catch up to the Wildcats.

The Irish next take on Michigan on Tuesday at 5:35 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

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anything,” McGraw said of the Irish offense. “We weren’t running our stuff. So we couldn’t even feel good about that. We couldn’t feel good about, ‘Oh, we got a great shot,’ we just didn’t make it.”

Irish junior forward Natalie Achonwa said Notre Dame didn’t play well, but she also credited the Connecticut defense.

“[Connecticut] played a great game and we did not play our best game,” she said. “It’s a tragic time to not play your best basketball. We couldn’t hit shots and we tried to attack a little more. They played some great defense tonight.”

Notre Dame also struggled to stop the Huskies’ offense.

Connecticut (34-4) shot 46.8 percent from the field, including 42.9 percent from beyond the 3-point arc.

“We just didn’t play good defense,” Diggins said. “And they got out in transition and they scored in half court offense too. We didn’t lock down on defense like we normally do. We just weren’t playing like ourselves.”

Despite shooting 9-for-38 in the first half, Notre Dame held a 26-25 lead with 3:22 left in the first half. But a 3-pointer from Huskies junior guard Bria Hartley sparked a 14-3 Connecticut run to end the half as Notre Dame entered the locker room trailing 39-29.

“I just don’t think we ever got into that rhythm where we could get comfortable, and so I think we were just a little on edge the whole time,” McGraw

said of the first half. “And then all of a sudden we’re down 10. And we just got in a giant hole at halftime, and that really I thought was the difference in the game.”

The Huskies never trailed in the second half but did see their lead cut to 61-55 after a jumper from Irish junior forward Ariel Braker with 6:26 left in the game. Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma immediately called a timeout and the Huskies pushed their lead back to 13 with 4:08 left.

With the loss, Notre Dame’s season comes to a close. Connecticut will play for the national championship in a matchup with fellow Big East member Louisville on Tuesday.

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## Career

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know anything but the Final Four — our class. We were very fortunate to be here again.”

Freshman guard Jewell Loyd said Diggins’ career ended on a sad note but still provided a glimmer of hope.

“I told her I love her [after the game]. You know I wanted to win it for her, obviously,” Loyd said. “Everything she’s done for me I kind of just want to give it back to her but she told me to get better and come back here next year.”

According to Loyd, Diggins’ leadership will continue to affect the Irish,

especially Loyd herself.

“I use this as motivation for next year,” Loyd said “I know one thing, I’m not going to lose her as a [sister]. She already told me that she would keep in contact with me and everything. A friendship like that doesn’t go away.”

Auriemma also praised Diggins’ legacy, telling her after the game her inability to win a national championship does not diminish her iconic status.

“[Auriemma] just said don’t let this game define my legacy,” Diggins said. “He told me that he feels like I’ve done more for the sport than some people who won four national

championships. And he just told me that I’ve done a lot for the game of basketball and I had a great career.”

Though it didn’t end perfectly, Diggins’ night did end in a fitting way, with the South Bend native thanking her hometown as she left the podium at New Orleans Arena.

“I just want to say thank you to all the fans and the city of South Bend for the support. Thank you, thank you,” she said.

But if friends and competitors alike are any indication, it’s Diggins who should be thanked.

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MEN’S LACROSSE | ND 13, PROVIDENCE 8

# Rogers leads road rally

By GREG HADLEY

Sports Writer

Down two goals early on the road against Providence, the Irish rallied behind senior attack Sean Rogers and scored four answered goals to take a lead en route to a 13-8 victory over the Friars.

“Sean had an excellent game,” Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. “They were forcing us to beat them individually, and he did a great job of picking his spots and getting to the cage when he could. He also did well moving without the ball to set himself up.”

Rogers tallied four goals and one assist, tying a career high in points, to lead the No. 4 Irish (8-2) in scoring. However, the Friars (7-5) kept the game close throughout the first half, trailing just 5-4 after the first two quarters. Corrigan credited the close game to Providence’s methodical offense and stingy defense.

“In the first half, we struggled,” Corrigan said. “We missed on some opportunities and they really milked their possessions and held us down.”

Early in the third quarter the Friars tied the game twice, but each time Notre Dame countered with a goal to preserve their lead. The Irish finally gained some separation late in the third and early in the fourth, taking advantage of two separate man-up opportunities to build a 10-6 lead.

“In the second half, we managed to get ahead,” Corrigan said. “That forced them to come at us and try to score instead of holding onto the ball.”

Senior goalie John Kemp ended the day with nine saves, while the Irish defense was able to limit Providence’s main offensive weapon, junior attack Sean Wright, to just two goals and three points, both below his season averages of 2.7 and 3.5. However, Corrigan felt that his defense did not play up to their potential.

“Eight goals is more than we would like to give up,” Corrigan said. “We need to do a much better job of clearing the ball, because that gave them second chances and allowed them to have very long possessions.”

The Irish cleared the ball 13

times on 17 chances, but also held Providence scoreless on three man-up opportunities.

On offense, the Irish put heavy pressure on the Friar defense and freshman goalie Jack Connelly, unleashing 46 shots to Providence’s 29. Sophomore attack Conor Doyle and junior midfielder Jim Marlatt each had four points. As a team, the Irish also had ten more groundballs than the Friars (37-27) and won 20 of 24 face-offs, despite missing junior face-off specialist Liam O’Connor due to injury.

“All the credit goes to [sophomore midfielder] Nick Ossello and [freshman midfielder] Trevor Brosco,” Corrigan said. “They did a terrific job of stepping up and filling in for Liam and providing us with lots of chances.”

Looking ahead, the Irish return home to play Georgetown on April 14 at Arlotta Stadium. The Hoyas (5-6), recently upset No. 14/10 St. John’s, who gave Notre Dame its first Big East loss earlier this year.

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**Irish sophomore forward Markisha Wright vies for the ball in Notre Dame’s 83-65 loss to Connecticut in New Orleans on Sunday.**

## Diggins

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But the fact that Skylar came home “empty-handed” in her three straight Final Four trips should do nothing to diminish her legacy.

The objective statistics speak for themselves. She’s a four-time All-American. She’s Notre Dame’s all-time leading scorer. She’s won Big East Player of the Year in back-to-back seasons. She and teammate Kaila Turner have won more games than any other class in program history. The laundry list of accolades and records goes on and on.

But beyond that, her intangible impact on Notre Dame, on South Bend and on the game should be what people remember about Skylar Diggins.

She wins with class. She loses with grace. She’s done everything with integrity, heart

and undying effort.

After the game, Diggins expressed her gratitude to the fans and city of South Bend for their support. But there is a tremendous amount of gratitude for what’s done as well.

For everything she’s done, no one could possibly have asked more of Skylar Diggins.

She may have not won the ultimate prize, but she will forever have a winning legacy at Notre Dame in more ways than one. The fact that the Irish never cut down a net and brought home a national title during Diggins’ time is sad.

But to remember her for anything other than the tremendous, positive impact she has had would be a real tragedy.

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15 Norway's capital

16 Legal thriller author who wrote "Presumed Innocent"

18 One-named supermodel from Somalia

19 "\_\_\_ see now!" ("Aha!")

20 End of the Greek alphabet

21 Thyroid, for instance

22 Illustrious warrior returning from battle

25 Diner coffee container
- 26 Rowing implements

27 Visitors to baby Jesus

30 Fake

33 Laugh syllable

36 King Tut, e.g.

40 Skirt line

41 Increase

42 Nevada city on the Humboldt River

43 "Little" Dickens girl

45 Bovine mouthful

47 Four-time Daytona 500 winner

54 Cover all the \_\_\_

55 Wanders

56 "No seating" letters on Broadway

57 \_\_\_ the Red (Viking explorer)

58 Journalists' office

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2 Cantina chip

3 Body part often pulled in sports

4 Back muscle, for short

5 Traveling, as a band

6 Small Welsh dog

7 M.I.T. business school name

8 AAA offering

9 Water heater

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11 Grassy expanse in the Southwest

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14 One in court

17 Some Feds

21 West African nation

23 One-liner

24 Artist Vincent van \_\_\_

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39 Make over

44 Picks via ballot
- 45 Hair parter

46 Address of "Dr. No"

47 Yule song

48 Sporting venue

49 Rambunctious

50 Low-voiced chorus member

51 Deplete
- 52 Quest in a Monty Python movie

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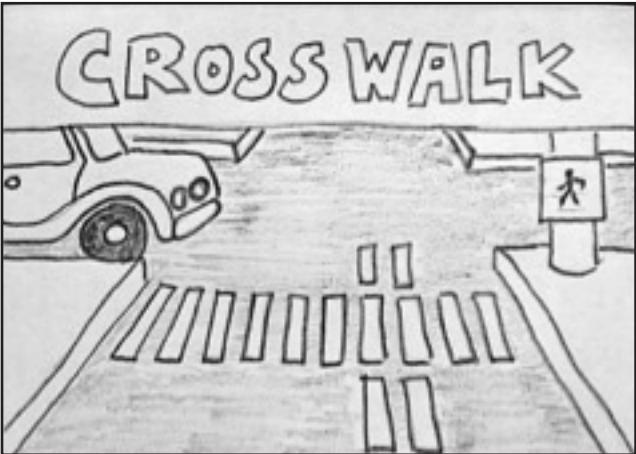
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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Russell Crowe, 49; Jackie Chan, 59; Francis Cop-pola, 74; James Garner, 85

**Happy Birthday:** You will rise to the occasion and come through with solutions. Your insightful vision will put you one step ahead. Your speed and agility will come in handy when you face deadlines, and your ability to share your feelings will give you the approachability required to gain whatever support you require. Your numbers are 2, 14, 21, 25, 32, 44, 47.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** The people you encounter will try to mirror you. Make sure you fully understand what you are dealing with before you make decisions that will affect your personal life and future. Ulterior motives are present and caution must be implemented.. ★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Use your built-in radar to figure out what's going on. If someone pushes you, use words and not physical action to win. Your intelligence and common sense coupled with your determination and discipline is what will count in the end. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):**Someone will try to undermine you if you aren't careful. Be precise and you'll avoid being questioned. Keep your personal life secretive and only reveal what's necessary in order to reach your goals. Protect your money and your assets. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Use your experience, excellent memory and intuition to help size up what's going on around you. Someone will try to take advantage of you if you aren't careful. Prepare to follow through with your plans regardless of what others do. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Embrace change and any chance you get to try something new or to engage in challenges that will open doors to new friendships. Love is on the rise and making special plans that are conducive to romance will bring excellent results. ★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Put more into your relationships. Spending time discussing plans that will satisfy you and the ones you love will bring you closer together. Good fortune will be yours if you make a couple of alterations to the way you handle your investments. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't let professional worries come between you and family or social fun. Taking a much-needed break will help you reconfigure the past and present in order to come up with a workable solution. Put love at the top of your list. ★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You've got a handle on what needs to be done. Use your originality to impress someone you care about. A plan to fix up your surroundings or make your life more entertaining will improve your relationship with someone special. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Trouble may be brewing in your personal life if you haven't discussed underlying issues that have the potential to damage a good relation-ship. Find a way to entertain the person you love and patch up any misunderstand-ings you have. ★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't let past mistakes bring you down. Address whatever issues you've left undone and you will gain the freedom you need to move forward. A new look at an old idea or friend will help you consider what's best for you. ★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Look at your past and you will recognize the changes required to resurrect a goal you have yet to complete. Added finesse and discipline will help you attract new friends and opportunities. Experimental encounters will motivate you. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19- March 20):** Push for what you want. Don't let a big talker overshadow your plans. Pursue your own interests and refuse to get caught up in someone else's dilemmas. Sincerity, hope and fair play will take you where you want to go. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are motivated, original and sentimental. You see and you follow through.

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Huskies bite back

## Notre Dame falls to Connecticut in Final Four

By CORY BERNARD  
Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Before their game Sunday, the Irish had faced Connecticut three times this season. But they had not faced this version of the Huskies, the one led by a freshman phenom.

Connecticut rookie forward Breanna Stewart proved too much for the Irish (35-2) to handle and finished with 29 points, five rebounds and four blocks to lead the Huskies to an 83-65 victory over Notre Dame in the Final Four on Sunday in New Orleans.

Stewart was named the Most Outstanding Player of the Bridgeport Regional and entered the Final Four playing her best basketball. Going into Sunday's game, the freshman was averaging 13.1 points per game, but she had steadily upped her scoring since the start of the Big East tournament. Stewart further outpaced her regular season output Sunday as she helped end Notre Dame's season.

"It is really impressive to have a freshman have that kind of game, to be Most Outstanding Player in the regional and then to come into the Final Four and just play with such confidence to be the best player on the floor — well, on the team for Connecticut," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "You don't expect a freshman to rise to the occasion like that. So I thought a phenomenal performance by her."

Notre Dame and Connecticut also met in each of the last two Final Fours, with the Irish downing the Huskies on both previous occasions to advance to the national championship. This season Notre Dame beat Connecticut twice in the regular season and once in the Big East tournament before Sunday's national semifinal.

Junior guard Kayla McBride led the Irish with 16 points and added six rebounds. Senior guard Skylar Diggins finished with 10 points, eight assists and six turnovers in her final game in an Irish uniform. McBride and Diggins finished a combined 8-for-35 from the field. As a team, the Irish converted 29.7 percent of their field goals.

"I didn't feel good about it because we weren't executing



KEVIN SONG | The Observer

*Irish junior forward Kayla McBride heads to the bench during Notre Dame's 83-65 loss in the Final Four to Connecticut at the New Orleans Arena on Sunday.*

## Diggins ends legendary collegiate career

By CORY BERNARD  
Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — "Best player ever."

Those were the words Irish coach Muffet McGraw used to describe senior guard Skylar Diggins after Notre Dame's loss to Connecticut on Sunday. The same player McGraw was describing had just finished a game in which she shot 20 percent from the field, turned the ball over six times and for the third straight year fell short of a national championship.

"I think she's a champion. I do," McGraw said of Diggins. "I know we didn't win it, but what she has done for us has been amazing and she's leaves Notre Dame as the most celebrated and decorated and best player ever, and I'm happy for that."

In terms of scoring,

Diggins is the best Notre Dame player ever. She finished her Irish career Sunday with 2,357 points, the program's new all-time record. In the process, Diggins did more than impress her own coach.

"I would say there hasn't been an opponent that we played against that's had more success against us than she's had," Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said.

Although Diggins' poor shooting night fell well below her career standards, she has struggled offensively against Connecticut this season. In four games against the Huskies, she shot 30 percent from the field and turned the ball over 26 times. According to Auriemma, however, Diggins' statistics alone do not indicate her greatness.

"Well, you know the ironic thing about it is

that if you check Skylar's shooting percentage and all that stuff against us, it's not that great, including tonight," he said. "But what makes her who she is, is that invariably whenever there's a time where she has to get a three, she gets one. Whenever she needs to get in the lane and get an assist, she gets one."

Since Diggins first suited up at Notre Dame in 2009, the Irish have lost a total of 20 games. She and fellow senior Kaila Turner are the only players on the Notre Dame roster to know the feeling of losing before reaching the Final Four.

"We definitely owe a lot to Skylar for what she brought to us the last three years," junior forward Natalie Achonwa said. "It's been a great run. We don't

## Loss marks the end of an era for Irish basketball



Matthew Robison  
Sports Writer

Watching Skylar Diggins exit the game Sunday night knowing it would be the final time she did so for Notre Dame was almost tragic. After four historic years in an Irish uniform, Diggins' last chance to win the ultimate prize had once again ended on a sour note.

But the greatest tragedy of Sunday night's loss to Connecticut did not happen on the basketball court. Rather, the greatest potential tragedy lies within the hearts and minds of fans. Diggins should be remembered for what she's done for Notre Dame, and for women's basketball in general.

As one of the most heavily recruited high school players in the class of 2009, Diggins had her pick of nation's elite programs. But she decided to stay at home and play for Notre Dame. Since then, she's relaunched the program onto the national stage. She's become the rallying point around which Notre Dame and South Bend congregate to cheer on the Irish.

In women's basketball, sell-outs of major college arenas are nearly unheard of. But in the last four years, they've become commonplace. At many colleges, students are given extra credit in class or free t-shirts just for showing up to big games. At Notre Dame, because of the excitement surrounding Diggins and the Irish, students have to show up early just to get a seat.

If we can use her 341,000 Twitter followers as an appropriate measure, she's the most popular college athlete in the country. She's become a hero to thousands of young girls aspiring to reach the heights Diggins has by joining her "Headband Nation," a tribute to Skylar's trademark style.

What's Diggins has done for Notre Dame, for South Bend and for women's basketball in general cannot be overstated.

But there are those who will try to dampen her legacy by saying she never won it all. They'll categorize her with other great and professional greats who could never win a championship. And that would be a tragedy. Yes, in today's world of sports, championships are the ultimate measure of greatness.