

## General admission

*Student football tickets will no longer specify seating; class division of sections will remain*

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI  
News Editor

Notre Dame's Leprechaun Legion announced a revamped ticket distribution program Wednesday, and group leaders said their goal was to create a "mutually beneficial" situation for players and students invested in the game day experience.

An email sent to the student body said the plan will make all student seating general admission by section, still sorted by class year. Students will purchase ticket booklets without

assigned seats specified, so the seats will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis each game.

Senior Kristen Stoutenburgh, former vice president for the Leprechaun Legion, said the group has been researching and developing this plan since last fall.

"As the Leprechaun Legion, we have been looking at making the atmosphere in each of our athletic venues better, and so we've done a lot of research at other schools on how they do their game-day atmosphere,"

she said. "You go to other schools and their students are in the stadium, jam-packed and rowdy at least an hour before the game.

"It creates this atmosphere where there's so much buzz even before kickoff. And there's this player and fan interaction that you can only get when [people] are there early," Stoutenburgh said.

Junior Matthew Cunningham, who will begin his second year as Leprechaun Legion president next fall, said the group visited

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### STUDENT SEATING CHANGES

SECTIONS BY CLASS YEAR → UNCHANGED

GATES OPEN 90 MIN BEFORE GAME → UNCHANGED

RANDOMLY ASSIGNED SEAT → GENERAL ADMISSION

SEATS HELD FOR OWNER → FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

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## Kelly to unveil The Shirt

By CATHERINE OWERS  
News Writer

Closets and drawers are being thrown open today as students make room, all in anticipation for the unveiling of the 2013 iteration of The Shirt.

Irish coach Brian Kelly will reveal The Shirt for the 2013 football season at approximately 5:45 p.m. as part of The Shirt Unveiling Ceremony, which will begin at 4:30 p.m. today.

The Shirt Committee 2013 president Dan Ogg said a big part of the event is, alongside the Blue-Gold Game, building excitement for the upcoming



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*Brian Kelly dons The Shirt at last year's unveiling. This year's ceremony will take place today at 4:30 p.m. at the Notre Dame Bookstore.*

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## Special Olympics hosts soccer tourney

By CHARLIE DUCEY  
News Writer

In an effort to promote intercollegiate Special Olympics, Notre Dame hosted a soccer tournament last Sunday in collaboration with Western Michigan University and the University of Michigan.

Senior Ted Glasnow, co-president of Special Olympics Notre Dame, said Special Olympics Unified Sports combines an approximately equal number of athletes with intellectual disabilities and athletes without intellectual disabilities on teams for training and competition.

"Unified soccer avoids what can sometimes be the patronizing relationship between volunteers without intellectual disability and athletes with intellectual disabilities," Glasnow said. "This event shows that the former is not the only party that can bring something to the table and highlights the equality that should exist in society in general."

Glasnow said the tournament took place Apr. 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Alumni Field. There were three games, and each team played the other two teams. The team from Western Michigan won the tournament,

Michigan's team came in second and Notre Dame placed third.

The players dedicated eight weeks to training after the teams took shape in January, Glasnow said. He said the participation of the athletes was more important than the outcome of the games themselves.

Glasnow said the soccer tournament, while perhaps only a small start, attests to the rising involvement in Special Olympics activities at the college level and the passion students bring to these activities.

"A few years back, Special Olympics International did not think it was worthwhile to promote the type of volunteerism they do for younger demographics," he said. "So, we felt the need to prove that college students can bring the same, if not more, passion to their service through Special Olympics."

Glasnow said his passion comes from serving as a coach of Special Olympics track and field since high school. He said events like the unified soccer tournament will galvanize colleges around the country to consider adding and expanding Special Olympics programs

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## Physicists discover supernova

By HENRY GENS  
News Writer

Even the most distant parts of the final frontier are no longer beyond the reach of Notre Dame physicists with the recent discovery of the supernova "UDS10Wil."

Physics professor Peter Garnavich and physics graduate student Brian Hayden worked as part of a team of researchers on the CANDELS+CLASH Supernova Project to detect the most distant supernova yet discovered. Garnavich and Hayden

will announce the discovery by co-authoring a paper, which will be published in the *Astrophysical Journal*.

Hayden said the supernova is so distant the light from the event has taken 10 billion years to reach Earth.

"It's at a redshift of about 1.9, roughly 10 billion years old," Hayden said. "It's taken that long for the light to reach us."

Garnavich said the type Ia supernova the two co-discovered was nicknamed "SNWilson" after the 28th president of the United

States, Woodrow Wilson, with the official name "UDS10Wil."

Hayden said scientists estimate the age of the universe is in the neighborhood of 13.8 billion years, so this discovery is close to the frontier. This entity is classified as a type Ia supernova, a special kind of cosmological phenomenon that can be used to measure the enormous distances in space, Hayden said.

The brightness of the supernova can be used to determine

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"Big Ben Bell Tower."



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"Santa's workshop."



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"San Diego Zoo."



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Junior midfielder Jim Marlatt runs with the ball during the game versus Georgetown on Sunday. Notre Dame went on to win 10-8 against the Hoyas. The Irish will take on Villanova this weekend.

# THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

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## Friday

### Soup and Substance: Education in Africa

Geddes Hall  
12 p.m.-1:15 p.m.  
CSC discussion.

### Spring Concert

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center  
8 p.m.-10:30 p.m.  
The Symphony Orchestra performs.

## Saturday

### Men's Lacrosse

Arlotta Stadium  
2 p.m.-4 p.m.  
The Irish take on the Villanova Wildcats.

### Blue-Gold Spring Football Festival

Notre Dame Stadium  
1 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Preview of the 2013 Fighting Irish.

## Sunday

### Baseball

Eck Baseball Stadium  
1:05 p.m.-3:05 p.m.  
Game vs. Quinnipiac.

### Sunday Mass

Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
10 a.m.-11 a.m.  
Music by the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir.

## Monday

### Elevator Pitch Cocktail Party

Hospitality Room, South Dining Hall  
5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

### Lecture: Western Music as World Music

DeBartolo Hall  
5 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Speaker Nicholas Cook.

## Tuesday

### Women's Softball

Melissa Cook Stadium  
12 p.m.-4 p.m.  
Game vs. Connecticut.

### MFA Candidates Gallery Talks

Snite Museum of Art  
12 p.m.-12:45 p.m.  
Showcase of various art forms.

# Dorm builds community between hall and home

By REBECCA O'NEIL  
News Writer

Le Mans Hall has found a home in the South Bend-Mishawaka community—specifically, Hannah's House.

The College's largest dorm has paired up with this local organization, which provides shelter to pregnant women and new mothers.

Junior Emma Derheimer, president of Le Mans Hall, said it was her goal for the year to find a service project for the women of Le Mans.

"Every dorm on Saint Mary's campus is paired up with a service agency in the community," Derheimer said. "My board's primary goal this year was to get more involved in the service aspect

of Le Mans."

Senior Morgan Talamantes said she serves as the College's first ministry assistant, a job that includes working as an official liaison between Hannah's House and the Hall. She said the maternity home, originally intended for unwed teenagers, advises residents about how to raise their children and manage money. Though the women do not pay to live in the home, Hannah's House expects them to work and contribute to the community.

Talamantes said she worked with the dorm's student board members to arrange a variety of opportunities for students to get involved with Hannah's House. Students have participated in Mothers Support Group meetings each month, the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser hosted by members of Hannah's House and planning the organization's annual Fall Festival.

Talamantes said the Hall also hosts events for the residents of Hannah's House. During one such event, the residents painted clothes for their children.

"The mothers came to [Saint Mary's] to paint onesies and then took them home for their children," Talamantes said.

Derheimer said last month, the dorm held a baby shower

for a mother in Hannah's House. Donations included basic necessities for the newborn and the mother.

"As a social work major, I believe that we're here to make a difference and we have the will to impact the South Bend-Mishawaka community," Derheimer said.

**"We've shown the community beyond our campus that we do care and are interested in making an active difference."**

Emma Derheimer  
president  
Le Mans Hall

"We've shown the community beyond our campus that we do care and are interested in making an active difference."

Talamantes said both the Hall and the House benefit from working together to help these women.

"It's been great meeting different mothers — and, of course, their babies," Talamantes said. "We definitely learn from each other. Getting to know them builds students' enthusiasm. We can build a community within the Hall and the home."

Students may sometimes act as role models for the members of Hannah's House, Talamantes said.

"In a way, we show mothers that they can still fulfill their dreams," she said.

Derheimer said Saint Mary's students can help the young mothers find ways to succeed.

"We also bring support and show that that we care to give mom the feeling she is not alone. We know they want to succeed because they live there. All they need are the resources," Derheimer said. "We can be a part of facilitating that."

Talamantes said her work with Hannah's House has showed her the value of the partnership between the College and the organization.

"Working with Hannah's House has showed me the importance of continuing this partnership. We work well together," Talamantes said. "I hope that once I graduate it grows into something bigger and blossoms."

Hannah's House will celebrate its 20th anniversary by opening a new house May 10, Talamantes said. Bishop Kevin Rhoades will bless the home. Students are encouraged to attend.

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**Thursday, April 25 – 4:00pm Hesburgh Center Room C103**  
**"Was the Mexican Revolution a Success?"**  
Lecture by **Alan Knight**  
Professor of History and Fellow of St. Antony's College, University of Oxford

**Friday, April 26 – 6:30pm Eck Visitor Center Auditorium**  
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## Olympics

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for their students, incorporating teams like the ones that participated in Sunday's tournament into their full athletic lineups.

"We are already working with schools across the country, in accordance with the Special Olympics national office, to spread the event even further," Glasnow said. "Eventually, we hope to have state, regional and national collegiate Unified sports seasons."

Glasnow said he felt the event ought to have received more support from the Notre Dame student body.

"Many friends and family members of the athletes showed up from the community," he said. "But we had a disappointing number of students."

Glasnow said Special Olympics Notre Dame intends to continue and hopefully expand the united soccer event

next year.

"We are definitely going to have the event again next year," Glasnow said. "We are

**"We are already working with schools across the country, in accordance with the Special Olympics national office, to spread the event even further."**

Ted Glasnow  
co-president  
Special Olympics Notre Dame

hoping for at least four teams next year, but we are certainly shooting for as many as we can get."

Glasnow said Adidas and Special Olympics Indiana sponsored the tournament.

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## Student designs longboards



Photo courtesy of Michael Fisher

**Junior Michael Fisher designs, customizes and builds longboards for Notre Dame students upon request.**

By **GABRIELA YELTON**  
News Writer

Longboards are an increasingly popular means of transportation around campus, and one student has gone so far as to begin producing his own.

Despite the availability of well-known brands like Penny Board, Loaded, Sector 9 and Gravity, junior Michael Fisher, a Keough Hall resident, designs and makes his own longboards.

Fisher said he had little experience with longboards before he came to campus.

"I come from a small town in Wisconsin, so I hadn't really seen longboards as a way to get around, but coming here I really liked the idea," Fisher said.

Fisher said he researched longboards because he was tired of walking and found bikes inconvenient. He said longboards looked like a fun way to get to class but seemed too expensive. He then decided to make his own and has been doing so since last summer.

Every board Fisher makes is customizable, Fisher said. The customer decides the shape of the board, the design on the bottom, the color of the grip tape and whether or not there is a design on the grip tape.

Customers typically want the boards for transportation rather than for tricks and stunts, Fisher said.

"The people who ask me for boards aren't looking to do crazy tricks or anything of the sort," Fisher said. "They just want something that is sturdy and will ride around well."

Fisher usually sells his boards for between \$120 and \$125, depending on the design.

"I could make a larger profit if I decided to make them in bulk, but right now they are more a

way to have fun and get creative," he said.

Fisher said he enjoys sketching and considers designing the boards a great way to channel his artistic ability. He makes his boards using baltic birch from Menards, a local hardware chain, and from wheels and trucks, which he purchases from a wholesaler. Fisher said he can get wheels in any color, including transparent and glow-in-the-dark ones.

Fisher said he has experimented a lot with the decks of his boards.

"I've done a lot of experimenting with different bends in the board," he said. "I still haven't figured out how to do drop decks yet, but I'm working on it. The artwork I usually do with stencils because it's a lot easier to just spray paint, but I can also do brushwork."

Fisher said he also adds fiberglass to the bottoms of all his boards and has worked on finding ways to make the boards lighter with different layers of fiberglass.

Because there is not enough room to make the boards in his dorm, Fisher said he usually works on them when he is home over breaks. He also tends to do the paint designs at home but has sometimes painted on campus.

"I'm going to be living off campus next year, though, so I'm looking forward to being able to work on them here," Fisher said.

Fisher said he doesn't plan on giving up on his new hobby anytime soon.

"I can definitely see myself continuing with this," he said. "I can see myself as being that old guy riding around with his kids."

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## Hall to bring pig to campus

By **PETER DURBIN**  
News Writer

Welsh Family Hall is bringing a little bit of the family farm to campus Saturday with its "Kiss a Pig" fundraising event.

The event will feature three teams, and whichever team raises the most money will have a chance to kiss an actual pig Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in front of Dillon Hall.

Sophomore Kelly Huffman, who coordinated the event, said it was created in an effort to develop a signature event for Welsh Family Hall.

"We were trying to come up with a new signature event for Welsh Fam and a girl in our dorm mentioned this idea," she said.

Sophomore Ellie Tumminello, who participated in a similar event in high school, proposed the idea.

The three teams participating are an Irish football team, an Irish hockey team and a faculty team.

The football team, which will raise money for the Kelly Cares Foundation, will be represented at the event by Troy Niklas, Matthias Farley, Cam McDaniel and Andrew Hendrix.

The hockey team will raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project, and Irish coach Jeff Jackson will also participate.

The faculty team will feature finance professor Carl Ackerman, psychology professor Anre Venter and chemistry professor Xavier Creary. The team will raise money

for Touching Tiny Lives, which benefits the children of AIDS victims in Africa.

Donations can be made in either dining hall from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, as well as online through the "Kiss a Pig" Facebook page, Huffman said. Huffman said she hopes the online option will encourage donations from alumni.

Huffman said various AcoustiCafe artists will perform at

the event Saturday.

Along with Welsh Family Hall, the event is co-sponsored by the Student Union Board and the Pre-Vet Club, Huffman said.

Huffman said she hopes the "Kiss a Pig" event will be successful and can be continued in future years.

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9:50 - Discussion

**10:45 a.m. Willy Lam, Chinese University of Hong Kong and Senior Fellow, Jamestown Foundation, Washington, DC**  
"The Public Intellectual in China"  
11:30 - Commentary: **Lionel Jensen**  
11:50 - Discussion

**2:00 p.m. Enrique Krauze, Letras Libres**  
"The Public Intellectual in Latin America"  
2:45 - Commentary: **Paolo Carozza**  
3:05 - Discussion

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**7:15 p.m. Sr. Joan Chittister, O.S.B., Benedictine Sisters of Erie**  
"The Religious Leader as Public Intellectual"  
8:00 - Commentary: **Ann Astell**  
8:25 - Discussion

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**8:45 a.m. Ahmad Moussalli, American University of Beirut (via web)**  
"Islam and the Public Intellectual"  
9:30 - Commentary: **Rashied Omar**  
9:50 - Discussion

**10:45 a.m. Paul Horwitz, University of Alabama**  
"The Blogger as Public Intellectual"  
11:30 - Commentary: **Richard Garnett**  
11:50 - Discussion

**2:00 p.m. Kenneth Miller, Brown University**  
"Science in the Crosshairs: The Public Role of Science and Scientists"  
2:45 - Commentary: **Jessica Hellmann**  
3:05 - Discussion

**4:00 p.m. J. Bradford DeLong, University of California Berkeley, NBER, and Kauffman Foundation**  
"The Economist as Public Intellectual"  
4:45 - Commentary: **Timothy Fuerst**  
5:05 - Discussion

#### *Evening Presentation*

**7:15 p.m. Gilles Andréani, Panthéon-Assas University, Paris**  
"The Former Diplomat as Public Intellectual"  
8:00 - Commentary: **George Lopez**  
8:25 - Discussion

### Wednesday

**8:45 a.m. Patrick Baert, University of Cambridge**  
"The Philosopher as Public Intellectual"  
9:30 - Commentary: **Katherine Brading**  
9:50 - Discussion

**10:45 a.m. Andrew Bacevich, Boston University**  
"The American Public Intellectual as Cold Warrior"  
11:30 - Commentary: **Daniel Philpott**  
11:50 - Discussion

**2:00 p.m. Jeremi Suri, The University of Texas at Austin**  
"The Historian as Public Intellectual: The Case of George Kennan"  
2:45 - Commentary: **Fr. Wilson Miscamble**  
3:05 - Discussion

**4:00 p.m. Michael Desch, University of Notre Dame**  
"Politics and Science as a Vocation: The Ethical Imperative of Public Intellectualism for Scholars"  
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# Saint Mary's awards students in honor of sisters

By **TABITHA RICKETTS**  
News Writer

Seven Saint Mary's students received service awards for outstanding community service at an awards banquet April 9.

Five students were recognized with volunteer service awards for exemplary leadership and dedication to the community within different concentrations. Two students also received awards for their work in the College Academy of Tutoring (CAT) program.

Senior Olivia Pahl received the Sr. Christine Healy, CSC Award for Service to Women.

Connie Adams, director of the Belles Against Violence Office, said she nominated Pahl for her commitment to empowering women and particularly for her longtime involvement with local nonprofit S-O-S.

According to the S-O-S website, the group is an offshoot of the Family Justice Center in South Bend, which offers services to victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse and provides educational presentations to local schools.

"Olivia [Pahl] has overseen the development, marketing, implementation and evaluation of [S-O-S]," Adams said. "Olivia has a passion for empowering women and has truly impacted not only Saint Mary's, but the larger Michiana community."

The Sr. Olivette Whalen, CSC Award for General Service was presented to senior Haley Van Der Linden. Dr. Kurt Buhring, associate professor of religious studies, spoke about Van Der Linden's extensive work with St. Margaret's House, a center for women in South Bend, and her leadership role within Saint Mary's Environmental Action Coalition.

The Sr. Kathleen Anne Nelligan, CSC Award for Spiritual Service went to senior Cassandree Fill.

Regina Wilson, associate director of Saint Mary's campus ministry, said Fill displayed leadership as a peer minister and through involvement in faith-based programs at Saint Mary's.

"Fill ... has served the spiritual needs and faith life of the Saint Mary's community graciously and generously since she arrived as a

first year student," Wilson said. "She is always willing to serve the prayer life of the community and to share her faith in ways that will encourage others to live their faith sincerely."

The recipient of the Sr. Maria Concepta McDermott, CSC Award for Service in Education was Elizabeth Litke, who was recognized for her extensive service in the education community at Saint Mary's and overseas.

Mary Ann Traxler, professor and chair of the education department and Karen Van Meter, professional specialist in the education department, nominated Litke. Traxler said Litke served as a student teacher, weekly volunteer at the South Bend Center for the Homeless, three-year volunteer in the CAT program and swimming lesson instructor. Additionally, Litke designed and implemented her own service project.

Senior Karah Susnak received the Sr. Olivia Marie Hutcheson, CSC Award for Service in the Health Field.

Ella Sue Harmeyer, associate professor of nursing, said Susnak has a

professional manner and compassion for people who lack access to proper healthcare.

"Karah's style of nursing practice is easy, comfortable, competent, mature, responsible and professional. ... I have no doubt Karah will continue to be a positive advocate for populations that do not have easy access to health care, doing so with a respect for human dignity and sincere compassion for each individual for which she cares," she said.

Senior Kathryn Klinker received the Outstanding Graduating CAT Scholar Award.

"Katie [Klinker] has worked tirelessly in the CAT program since 2010 as a teacher's assistant and afterschool tutor at Coquillard Traditional School," director of the CAT program Jessica Bulosan said.

Senior Shelby Cornett was presented with the Patricia Arch Green Award.

Bulosan said Cornett completed more than 600 hours in the CAT program as a teacher's assistant and afterschool tutor, in addition to participating in other service projects.

"Shelby's creativity, energy and generosity have been incredible assets to the CAT program over her four years of involvement," Bulosan said.

Sr. Veronique Wiedower, the Saint Mary's vice-president for mission, said the namesakes of the awards were leaders within the Holy Cross Congregation.

"The sisters for whom the awards are named were leaders in the Congregation at many levels," Wiedower said. "[W]e remember their giftedness that expressed itself through service."

Wiedower said she was proud of the award winners' efforts to make a difference in their communities.

"The Saint Mary's students we honor tonight stand on strong shoulders," Wiedower said. "I venture to say that they are developing strong shoulders themselves by the service they have undertaken to make a difference in their own time and place. I am pleased and humbled to call them my sister Belles of Saint Mary's."

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## Shirt

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football season.

"It's just an exciting thing to get the school excited for football season all over again," Ogg said.

Ogg said the Unveiling Ceremony will include performances by student groups and appearances by players, and will culminate with the actual unveiling by Kelly.

The committee would like to see students at the unveiling ceremony, with the student discount, as well as fans in the South Bend community and visitors who are on campus for the Blue-Gold Game, Ogg said.

According to The Shirt Project's website, The Shirt Project began in 1990 as a way to raise funds for the Student Union Board's

activities and to show unity in the student body for the home football game against Michigan on Sept. 15, 1990.

A statement released by The Shirt Project said the unveiling ceremony began as a press conference in 2002. The statement said the event has progressed from simply dressing mannequins in The Shirt, to having students unveil The Shirt, to now including key members of the Notre Dame football program. Recent unveilings have drawn upwards of 5,000 fans, according to the statement.

The committee tries to give the unveiling ceremony as much publicity as possible because The Shirt Project receives a larger portion of the profit from the sales at the unveiling ceremony, Ogg said. He said The Shirt Committee is anticipating

increased sales this year in light of the football team's success last season.

"In terms of pre-sales, as of [Sunday] we had 2,025 units sold online through the bookstore, compared to last year's pre-sales of 1,195," Ogg said. "In terms of alumni sales this year, we have sold an additional 4,000 plus units."

Half the profits of The Shirt sales go to The Shirt Charity fund, which helps students pay medical bills, Ogg said. He said the rest of the profits are used to support student organizations.

Ogg said every year the committee works to create a design that will please the student body, alumni and all other fans.

"Although we have 10,000 students who will wear the Shirt in the stadium, the fact [is] that over 160,000 are sold," he said.

"The majority of the sales go to the general fan base and alumni. So it's just kind of trying to find that balance between what students will like and what different generations will find appealing, as well."

Ogg said the committee also strives to keep the Shirt design timeless.

"If you look back at all the shirts over the years, it's not like it highlights anything specific from that year," he said. "It's always a timeless shirt, no matter what the phrasing is, no matter what the images are."

Ogg said the committee begins discussing shirt designs over winter break, with the committee designers creating numerous designs.

"All of us will mention what we liked, what we didn't like, and what we'd like to see expanded

on," he said. "So the designers really have to get all our feedback and put their own twist to the Shirt design."

After the Shirt design is chosen by the committee in late January, Ogg said the month of Feb. is spent getting approvals from players and University officials.

"The final design is completed by late February," Ogg said. "That's when we start getting into the heavy marketing and planning the unveiling ceremony."

Ogg said working on The Shirt committee requires dedication, but the effort is validated by the end result.

"It's a lot of time, and it's a lot of work, but it's definitely worth it when the final project is unveiled."

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## Tickets

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the University of Oregon, the University of Alabama and Ohio State University to gauge their game-day setups and observe what worked well.

"The assigned seating system, from what we've seen, is very rare," Cunningham said. "One part of that is the fact that these bigger schools with 40,000 kids just don't have an assigned seat for everybody."

Stoutenburgh said they didn't approach the research with the intention of making changes, but they evaluated their findings to see what would best meet Notre Dame's needs.

"We just wanted to observe, to see what the best practices were and whether those things would work at Notre Dame," she said.

"We did a model that fits what's already the Notre Dame way. There are some stadiums that are completely general admissions, where class year doesn't matter. We're altering it a little bit to make an improvement because we didn't see that other general admission fitting with how we are at Notre Dame."

Cunningham said fairness is another consideration the group focused on in crafting the new system.

"One of the arguments [in favor of] the old system is that the random group seating is fair just because it's random," Cunningham said. "In that system, there might be people who want to be at the game early, who want to be rowdy, but the luck of the draw puts them in the top row."

"That's not fair to people who come to the games early and

want to be invested and yell and cheer. ... This new system allows people who want to be there to get close to the game, and it gets rid of the chance that they might be stuck in the top row."

The Leprechaun Legion is aware of the petition circulating in protest to the changes, Cunningham said, but they are "not considering revising the plans" in response to it.

"At Notre Dame, any change is tough. When there's a change to the atmosphere, just like when we introduced the recorded music last year, there will be people who really don't like it," he said. "After time, the process kind of smoothes itself out and becomes the new norm."

Stoutenburgh said the Legion board welcomes all comments and questions to help fans understand where the change is coming from and what the

intentions are.

"It's important to note that in any situation where there's change, you hear a lot more from the people who are unhappy than from those who are happy," she said. "It's always important to look at the big picture. Even if there's that loud, dissenting opinion, there are always positive ones that just aren't speaking up because they don't have a problem with it."

Bringing fans to the stadium earlier won't detract from the other aspects of game day, Cunningham said. Gates will open 90 minutes before kickoff, leaving time to tailgate and watch the players walk to the stadium.

"At Notre Dame, game day is more than just the football," he said. "At these other schools, the tailgating scene was awesome, and people didn't seem to think

they had to cut their tailgates short to get to the game."

Despite any backlash from the changes, Cunningham said no logistical change to the seating arrangements can destroy or diminish the game-day atmosphere.

"What makes Notre Dame unique is Notre Dame Stadium and Touchdown Jesus and the coaches and players that were here before, and that's never going to change," he said. "You're never going to change the tradition of Notre Dame."

"There are things you can do that will make it better, to enhance it, but no one who comes to Notre Dame wants to change anything about what Notre Dame football has been founded on."

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## Supernova

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its distance from Earth, which can then be used to judge the distance from Earth to other objects in space, Hayden said.

"We use supernovae to tell distances in the universe — if you know how bright the supernova is when [you] look at it, you can use that to calculate the distance to it and we can then use that value to trace the expansion history of

the universe itself," Hayden said. "Dark energy was discovered using supernovae like this."

Garnavich said a large portion of his and Hayden's research focuses on determining the effects of the host galaxy on type Ia supernovae. The effects are often small, but in trying to produce a model for the expansion history of the universe using multiple supernovae, the errors can add up fast, Garnavich said.

"The amount of heavy elements,

the history and the age of the stars in the galaxy has the effect of 'cooking' the star that eventually explodes as a type Ia supernova," Garnavich said. "So we're kind of using the stars that remain as tracers of what that star that blew up actually was like."

A significant issue elucidated by using type Ia supernovae to develop an expansion history of the universe is the interplay between dark energy and matter, Hayden said.

"We're trying to determine how much of each one of those parameters is pulling on the universe at different times," Hayden said. "Dark energy makes the expansion of the universe go faster, but matter would want to slow it down."

The CANDELS+CLASH consortium consists of a group of astrophysicists working together on a three-year-long project involving the Hubble Space Telescope to collect this incredibly far-reaching

data, Garnavich said.

"In order to really push the edges of things, we know we need to be part of a fairly large team," Garnavich said. "We get a fair amount of real estate to go through, and then we identify all the things we think might be supernovae and send them off to a single location where they get compiled."

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# U.S. attempts to label recent domestic attacks

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The word is almost a cold comfort in post-9/11 America — a way to describe the inconceivable, to somehow explain the twisted urge to commit mass murder. So when the bombs exploded in Boston, the word quickly became inescapable: "terrorism."

Dictionaries, and people who study the age-old activity, define terrorism as the use of violence and fear to pursue political goals. But that definition may have expanded to fill a vacuum as the nation waits to learn a motive in the Boston Marathon explosions that killed three people and maimed scores more.

President Barack Obama chose not to use the word "terrorism" in his first remarks hours after Monday's bombing. "The word has taken on a different meaning since 9/11," Obama advisor David Axelrod explained on MSNBC.

"I'm sure what was going through the president's mind is, we really don't know who did this," Axelrod said on Tuesday morning.

But, in the public discussion, there was already a palpable hunger for the term. "All the right words but one," was the headline of an analysis by the Defense Media Network. "Only safe assumption: It was terrorism," another editorial was headlined in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Within hours of Axelrod's remarks, and with no suspects or motive announced, Obama said: "Any time bombs are used to target innocent civilians it is an act of terror."

In times of tension and uncertainty, words can become malleable vessels — for cultural fears, for political agendas, for ways to make sense of the momentous and the unknown. In 2013 America, the word "terrorism" exists at this ambiguous crossroads. And the opinions you'll find about it — this week in particular — often transcend mere linguistics.

Obama's conclusion about bombs and terror made perfect sense to Jay Winuk, whose brother, a lawyer and volunteer firefighter, died on September 11, 2001 while trying to evacuate the World Trade Center after it was attacked by fanatical Muslims.

"Based on what we know so far, I do consider it an act



A bloodied, unidentified man stands outside the bombed Alfred Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. On April 19, 1995, Timothy McVeigh detonated explosives packed into a yellow Ryder rental truck, killing 168 people in and near the federal building, and shocking the nation.

of terrorism," Winuk said Wednesday, before news broke of a possible suspect in the case. "I don't know that for me personally, political motivation is part of the equation."

"Whoever did this, it seems clear that their intention was to harm, maim, kill innocent people en masse who are going about their normal activity. To me, that's terrorism," said Winuk, a co-founder of "My Good Deed," a group that has established 9/11 as a national day of service.

But that definition was a bit premature for the high school seniors in Reba Petraitis' contemporary history class at Kent Place School in Summit, N.J.

Petraitis is part of the 4 Action Initiative, which responded to 9/11 by developing a statewide curriculum for teaching children about terrorism. Her class studies the many definitions used by various U.S. agencies and international governments and formed its own definition, which includes the intent to "intimidate, provoke a reaction or further an agenda."

On Wednesday, the students weighed Obama's remarks but were still not ready to call the Boston attack terrorism. Yet they understood why so many people were using the word, Petraitis said.

"When it comes to attacks like this, American people can relate to the word 'terrorism,'" one

student told the teacher, according to him. "People can't fathom that somebody could do something as awful as this, so they latch onto it," another student said.

Petraitis said another student noted that after four Americans were killed at the U.S. embassy in Benghazi, Libya, shortly before the presidential election, the Obama administration received heavy criticism for not using the word "terrorism."

Obama's administration faced similar criticism for describing the shooting spree that killed 13 people at the Fort Hood military base as "workplace violence." The suspect, Nidal Hasan, had exchanged emails with the Muslim cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, who endorsed terrorism.

"The problem we have is that the term has been so freighted with politics, it's taken on a life that it probably really shouldn't have," said Andrew McCarthy, a former U.S. attorney who prosecuted the terrorists responsible for the 1993 Trade Center attack and is now a senior fellow at the National Review Foundation.

Without the context of Fort Hood and Benghazi, McCarthy said, how to define what happened in Boston "would have been a big nothing." He agrees that the Boston attack was terrorism, noting that the bombs were filled with nails and ball bearings to cause maximum carnage.

And yet, he said: "Terrorism has to have a logical purpose."

Part of the reason Boston feels like terrorism without knowing the motive is that bombs were used, rather than the guns used in recent mass murders, like at the movie theater in Aurora, Colo., or the Sandy Hook elementary school in Newtown, Conn.

"Based on the evidence at this point, is there any difference between Sandy Hook and Boston other than the choice of weapon?" Sen. Claire McCaskill asked Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano on Wednesday during a hearing.

"We are so quick to call Boston terror," McCaskill said. "Why aren't we calling the man with the high-capacity assault weapon and the high-capacity magazine, why aren't we calling him a terrorist?"

McCarthy has an answer: "A bomb is an indiscriminate weapon."

"A bomb is not exclusively the weapon of terrorists, but it's the most emphatic weapon of terrorists," he said. "It's the one where there's no doubt about it."

"A place like Aurora, if you ask me, that's terrorism," McCarthy continued. "But at the same time, a lot of these mass shootings have not been in the context of something that clearly could have been linked to the war we've been in the last dozen years."

He was speaking of the "War on Terror," a phrase popularized by the administration of President George W. Bush after 9/11. It was a war against a specific enemy: fanatical Muslims who proclaimed a strategy of terrorizing innocent people.

There have been no proclamations about the Boston bombing, no hint of why the perpetrator detonated homemade devices amid thousands of people. Yet there is a widespread feeling that it must be terrorism.

"There is a lot of confusion. People are struggling with that," said Mary Fetchet, founding director of Voices of September 11, which provides programs to help 9/11 families and others affected by traumatic events.

On Wednesday, Fetchet was in Arizona to work with those affected by the 2011 Tucson shooting spree, in which a gunman tried to assassinate former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and killed six others.

Things like the Giffords shooting and the Newtown, Conn., school massacre were not terrorist acts, Fetchet says, but the needs of those survivors — and those who lived through the Boston marathon bombing — are the same. No one word or label will change that.

"People saw things they should never see in their lives," Fetchet said. "To see that and respond to that, it affects you for a lifetime."

## INSIDE COLUMN

## Fit for adventure



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I got a lot of great Christmas gifts. The best thing, obviously, was getting to spend a whole month at home with my family, basking in the Yuletide glow and eating copious amounts of sweets. But my favorite Christmas gift, as in box-under-the-Christmas-tree gift, was not the ticket to see “Newsies” on Broadway (a guilty pleasure I do not have the inner strength to deny), the collection of creatively patterned socks, or the stockpile of Orbit gum that could sustain a small army.

No, my favorite Christmas gift was a pair of sandals.

Inspired by my roommate, who wears Birkenstocks every day in every season, I asked my parents for a pair of Chaco sandals. This summer, I plan to have adventures, and I need a sensible pair of shoes to keep up. Chaco’s tagline, after all, is “Fit for Adventure.”

Now, I don’t know if you’ve ever seen a pair of Chacos, but let me tell you this: They’re no Louboutins. Mine are black, vaguely orthopedic-looking and consist mainly of thick straps that crisscross over my foot and around my big toe.

Even so, I was sold after perusing Pinterest and seeing the adorable foot-tans known as “Chaco tans” that people get after wearing their Chacos every day for a whole summer. There’s just something so old-fashioned — dare I say romantic? — about wearing the same shoes so often their mark is left long after summer is over. Nevermind that I turn an exquisite shade of beet after a day in the sun. These shoes and I, we’re going to have adventures, dadgummit!

Whenever I put on my Chacos, “We’re Going to Be Friends” by the White Stripes inexplicably plays in the background. (Disclaimer: This doesn’t actually happen. I think it’s just my penchant for pretending my life is a movie with a great soundtrack. At least, I’m pretty sure.)

I imagine my Chacos and I riding my bike around the sandy paradise of Sea Isle City, New Jersey, where I’ve spent every summer since birth. (I know it’s hard sometimes to believe paradise exists, and even harder to believe that it’s in New Jersey, but you have to visit to know what I mean.) We’re going to spend three glorious weeks back at Notre Dame, where I’ll be working as a resident counselor in the Summer Scholars program. We’ll spend long, sunny afternoons wandering through Rittenhouse Square, South Street and the Philadelphia Art Museum. Hopefully, we’ll take some great day trips to New York City and Hersheypark.

Will my summer really be this exciting? Excitement is in the eye of the beholder. But my Chacos and I, well, we’re fit for adventure, and we’re going to be ready for whatever summer does bring.

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## Solidarity is all around us

## THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

In the wake of the Boston Marathon bombings, Americans have turned to each other for support. Across the country, citizens stand in solidarity with the City of Boston.

In the social media realm, many people have quoted the famous children’s television host Mr. Rogers as they have tried to come to terms with the tragedy. He once said, “I would see scary things in the news. My mother would say ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’” And so, over the past few days, individuals have turned away from news stations that seem to endlessly replay footage of the bombing and toward stories of people helping in the aftermath of the incident.

Reports profiled individuals who ran toward the site of the explosion — rather than away from it — to try to help those who were injured in the attack. Various publications wrote about the marathoners who continued to run after crossing the finish line to give blood at local hospitals. These people turned out in such force that hospitals later turned away donors because they did not need them.

Newspapers told the story of Carlos Arredondo, a father who had lost one son in Iraq and another to depression. On the day of the marathon, Arredondo risked his life to save other parents’ sons. Victims have asked their saviors to step forward so that they could thank them — individuals they knew only as “Sgt. Tyler” or the guy who gave the shirt off his back to save them. Across the country, citizens showed Boston their support through prayer, donations, memorial events and even newspaper graphics.

After the bombings, Boston has seen our nation come together as a whole in support of a part hurt by grievous violence — a larger community working together to restore faith in humanity.

These acts of kindness and solidarity raise an important question: Why does it take a tragedy of this scale to highlight our ability to work together?

Even on an ordinary day, these helpers are working to improve their communities, if only we open our eyes to their work. In fact, we can look within our own Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s communities to see these helpers and the ways they stand in solidarity with those who need support.

For example, let’s consider the many events that have taken place right here in the past week:

Last Friday, students walked in solidarity with those battling cancer at Notre Dame’s annual Relay for Life. Whether

they attended the event, donated money or bought a Relay paper foot in LaFortune, members of our community helped support people fighting a devastating disease.

That support for those struggling with cancer continued into this week. Over the past three days, members of our community have raised money for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation, Memorial Hospital of South Bend and Pantene Beautiful Lengths through The Bald and The Beautiful. Many people shaved their heads to express solidarity with patients undergoing cancer treatment. Others donated hair and bought hair extensions representing different types of cancer.

This week, the Core Council for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Students is hosting StaND Against Hate Week, a series of events intended to foster a positive and inclusive atmosphere on campus — solidarity within our corner of the broader human community.

Today, University President Fr. John Jenkins invites the Notre Dame community to a prayer service for just and effective immigration reform. These issues go beyond the abstract political realm; they’re about standing in solidarity with real people and the overwhelming challenges they face every day.

With all of that said, our communities can and must do more. Those who aided the victims of Monday’s bombings show us what it looks like to support others when lives are devastated and tragedy is certain. These people show us how the human spirit can and will overcome devastation because we care for each other, for no other reason than we are all human.

At Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, we must appreciate the strength of our community. The solidarity and support so many of us show for each other should be celebrated. They demonstrate the respect we have for one another as parts of a larger whole.

Still, although many find a home during their four years here, the community has not managed to welcome everyone. We need to do more, to embrace the true meaning of these charitable events on our campuses and the opportunities they offer us to emulate the Boston heroes, albeit in small ways.

But, perhaps more importantly, we need to live out this message in our daily lives, to realize it doesn’t matter what we are — it matters who we are. We may disagree about many things, but we are all human. Acknowledging each other’s basic humanity, our common thread, requires that we show one another respect and love. We must demand of ourselves nothing less.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Old ticket policy works just fine

This is dumb. This is really dumb.

The Leprechaun Legion is only thinking about football tickets from the very surface. Yay. The kids that really care about football the most can be rewarded by the best tickets? Cool?

This completely ignores what makes football weekends great. Let’s put it this way. Is your football Saturday great because you were standing in the first row instead of the 30th? Of course not. However, nobody wants to be in the back few rows. Because of this, students will try to get to the game hours before kickoff so they are not stuck with the nosebleeds. Thus, time will be cut off from what really matters most — spending time with friends and family. Football Saturdays offer us a unique opportunity to spend time with our families while at school, and this new policy will cut much of that time out. What other time will you be able to see your father, brothers and sisters? This is our only chance to be with our families outside of breaks, and that isn’t worth cutting off meaningful minutes.

The new policy will also make it much more difficult to get together with our friends before the game, whereas before we were guaranteed to be together. Before each football game, all kids have their relatives and tailgates they need to

visit. This means they will have to split up from their friends. Especially with the horrible cell phone coverage, meeting up with friends will be extremely difficult. This means that, at maximum, there will be groups of five or six together, and if you get separated from your friends then you might end up spending the game alone.

If the University’s idea was to prevent students from becoming very intoxicated before games, the new policy will fail in that regard too. The students that only care about getting really drunk will still get drunk. But the students that want to drink and still have good tickets will have to make adjustments. This new policy will cause a sharp increase in the amount of alcohol being snuck into games. There will be no less in-game drunkenness. Accept it, this isn’t going to change. All that will result are more arrests and ResLives.

In the end, this is just a horrendously terrible idea. Please don’t let this actually come to pass. The system we have right now may not be perfect, but in the end, it works just fine.

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## The luck of 'Bama

**Gary Caruso**

Capitol Comments

Much is attributed to the “Luck of the Irish” when describing impossible plays or dramatic wins by Notre Dame teams participating in sporting events. Historically, Notre Dame’s mystique trumped other football teams to favor the Irish — winning the national championship after tying Michigan State in 1966 looms as probably one of the most egregious instances according to those outside Notre Dame nation. Not until Alabama’s thumping of Notre Dame in last January’s BCS title game has the Golden Dome been so badly tarnished, losing so much football prestige that Notre Dame will in the near future only be viable to eventually rank as the No. 1 team — even if the Irish are the only remaining undefeated team in Division I — by placing in the upcoming four-game playoff system. Then the Irish can prove their talents and win back some of their lucky charm.

The luck of 'Bama last year remains remarkable, especially after losing so late in the season by Week 12, yet only falling to No. 4 in the rankings. That luck continued when the Tide faced only a 33 percent change that two of the top three teams ranked above them would lose before season’s end, allowing Alabama to rank second and return to play in

another BCS title game. Despite their incredibly talented team, they still stood at the edge of a cliff facing the whims of the sports gods.

But Alabama earned their luck. Call it an evening out of the odds. Call it the revenge of the ghost of Alabama’s legendary former head coach Paul W. “Bear” Bryant who never beat Notre Dame. Whatever one cares to characterize the Tide’s ascent to the title game, the fact remains that they played and convincingly won last year’s national title against the Irish, capturing their third title in four years.

Yet as pure luck years go, Notre Dame still leads Alabama 2 to 1 in the final rankings race. Alabama fans clutch onto long-held resentments against Notre Dame, ironically, during two seasons when the Crimson Tide and the Fighting Irish never played each other. In 1966, Alabama capped an undefeated season with a lopsided 34-7 Sugar Bowl win over Nebraska, but finished third in the final rankings. The national title was split between Notre Dame and Michigan State, who had played the infamous 10-10 tie in a November No. 1 versus number two matchup game. Unfortunately for the Tide, both sportswriters and coaches alike voted Alabama behind Michigan State and Notre Dame.

In 1977 Alabama fan frustrations were compounded further when Notre Dame

leapfrogged Alabama in the final poll to win the national championship in a season where the top five ranked teams all finished with one loss. The Irish sat ranked at number five in the last regular-season AP poll while Alabama was ranked third. Even though the Tide easily defeated number eight Ohio State 35-6 in the Sugar Bowl, Notre Dame vaulted to the top spot in the final rankings after the Irish forced five turnovers in the Cotton Bowl and beat top-ranked Texas with Heisman winner Earl Campbell. The sports gods again preferred green over crimson.

Looking forward, the Irish will need to repair current sentiment that they were both weak and lucky. Right or wrong, the Irish drubbing at the hands of Alabama first reinforces the inflated stature many give the SEC. Secondly, the BCS title game just in one short half dramatically diminished the hard-fought and improved stature the Irish built week-by-week last year. Unfortunately, the team will need to string another series of wins together to prove that their success was not a fluke last year. Fortunately, the Irish only need to endure their bad rap for another year until the four-game playoff system begins in 2014. At that point, the fourth place ranking will be as good as rankings three, two and one — the dance card will be set and the title will be determined on the field between a few teams rather than from the

anointed two teams.

Just half a year ago, it was unthinkable to utter Notre Dame football in the same breath with Boise State, Hawaii or the other historically slighted have-nots of the BCS system. Decades ago, it was undefeated Penn State teams that suffered similar indignities at the whims of voting sportswriters and coaches in the polls until the Nittany Lions broke through the bias. The era of snuggling near the top rather than sitting atop the polls is about to begin.

“We’re No. 4” will be good enough to begin a drive for the football national championship. It has been a long time coming, but it will favor an ACC-Big Ten leaning Notre Dame football schedule. It may also soon be time to renovate the Grace Tower sign and add numbers two, three and four. They all mark a way to championships without luck for any team.

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## More united than divided

**Jack Rooney**

The Liberal Medium

While Skyping with my older brother on Sunday night, and into the wee hours of Monday morning, I asked him if he had any suggestions for what to write about this week. After doing some quick “This Week in History” research, I discovered that Wednesday marked the 43rd anniversary of Apollo 13 returning safely (and barely) back to earth. It was settled, I would write about the space program and the need for more funding and more exploration and scientific discovery in this country. It is really quite a romantic topic, and it would have made for an excellent column to wrap up my semester writing for The Observer.

Come Monday, though, things changed, as they so often do. I had not yet begun to write my column when news reports began trickling in that several explosions occurred near the finish line of the Boston Marathon. So much for my advanced planning. This is what I had to write about now. Plenty have done it already, and many will continue to write about and comment on Monday’s events as we learn more, but as long as I still had this platform, these precious column inches, I needed to add my voice.

Throughout the course of this semester, I have (for the most part) written about politics in this country from my personal liberal perspective. Events like those that transpired Monday, however, provide a tragic reminder that there is so much more to our world than the polarized politics and trivial matters on which we focus so much of our attention. As President Obama said in a statement Monday: “On days like this there are no Republicans or Democrats — we are Americans, united in concern for our fellow citizens.” More than that, though, we are all human beings, and at the end of the day, there is so much more that unites us than divides us.

Unfortunately, there is still plenty that divides us, or at least tries to. Though the media placed so much attention, and deservedly so, on Boston for the majority of this week, evil continued to reveal itself throughout the world. On Monday in Iraq, days before the first elections since U.S. troops withdrew in December of

2011, a series of car bombs killed at least 55 civilians, injuring many more. On Tuesday, a terrorist attack in Pakistan killed at least nine and injured dozens more. For the past few years, the people of Syria have been subjected to an oppressive and violent government and over 70,000 have lost their lives in the fight for the type of freedom we enjoy every day.

My unfortunate point is tragedy surrounds us. It is always present, and it will likely never go away. But it does not defeat us and it most certainly does not define us. After watching the footage and seeing the pictures from Monday, these words could not be truer. Looking at footage from September 11 and the Oklahoma City bombing yields the same result.

In any tragic situation, there are always people whose immediate reaction is not to flee for safety but rather to run into the flames and into danger in order to help. Most of the time these people are firefighters, paramedics and police officers, but Monday’s events in Boston again showed us that in extraordinary situations, humans are capable of extraordinary things. Runners with medical training, who had just finished one of the most grueling races in the world ran just a little bit further into the blast zone to provide crucial immediate care, with complete disregard for their own safety. Thousands of Bostonians opened their homes to marathoners who were unable to return to their hotels. In short, the goodness of humanity won the day, even in the face of evil and tragedy.

There will always be evil in the world. There will always be senseless violence and unexplainable tragedy. But even more than that, there will always be an unconquerable human spirit that will tirelessly seek to overcome all of the evil, violence and tragedy. So don’t just look for the helpers, be a helper. Contribute to the goodness of the world and never stop working to eradicate the evil. Pray for peace and then put that prayer into action. With enough faith, hope and love, we just might attain it.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Psychotic Irish free-for-all

We are on the verge of losing one of our most treasured traditions: Irish football Saturdays.

This new seating policy is, at best, ridiculous. While I see where it came from, its good intentions are outweighed by its inevitable consequences.

General admission necessitates that one camp out and/or wait in line for hours to get a good “seat” for the game. If you arrive late and want to sit with your friends, good luck calling them with excellent gameday cell reception.

Aside from the consequences for the poor lone straggler, this is a “divisive and safety issue” as one of my friends wisely stated.

Think about the post game rush to South as we run to celebrate a victory or eat our feelings after a loss, or the rush to post-game Mass, or the line that forms outside of the Basilica before the Easter Vigil and the insanity that ensues once the doors are opened as we frantically and not-so-reverently run around to find seats. Imagine these rushes on a much larger scale as we rush into the stadium to get the best spot possible. That doesn’t sound so safe, does it? If you think I’m exaggerating, feel free to talk to my friend who was nearly trampled when the student section rushed the field last year.

With this new policy, students will spend their game DAY waiting in line instead of engaging in the traditional Irish gameday experience. If you want a deserted campus, devoid of excited students, that resembles the set of a Western film, by all means go ahead with this new policy. If we say hello to general admission, we can say goodbye to tailgates, Irish solidarity and the football Saturdays as we knew and loved them.

This letter may be a bit tongue-in-cheek, but it expresses a sentiment that I am sure is shared by many of my fellow students and Irish football fans.

This seating policy jeopardizes solidarity, safety, and student enjoyment in Irish gamedays. It will create a psychotic Irish free-for-all. As the old adage goes, “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.”

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# POETRY GRAND SLAM

By **EMILIE TERHAAR**  
Scene Writer

When someone says “poetry slam,” I imagine what everyone from our generation imagines that episode of “The Proud Family” when the young female protagonist recites some sassy poem against an exposed brick backdrop to a smoky, darkly-lit room while the crowd emphatically snaps along.

Notre Dame’s first ever poetry slam, hosted at the Snite yesterday evening, was nothing like what “The Proud Family” taught me to expect. Essentially, a poetry slam is a poetry reading performance contest. Because of the competitive aspect, it is different from a reading at which poets simply read their work aloud. The judges give the poets scores out of 10 based on the quality of their poems and their deliveries. The best poet does not necessarily win, but the best poet-performer does. Points can be

deducted for not having the poem memorized or mispronouncing words and lines.

Last night’s slam featured 14 poets, some of whom were undergraduates at Notre Dame and some were graduate students, while others were well-established poets from the greater Midwest community. Each of five judges scored the performances, and then the highest and lowest scores of the group were dropped, so each poet received a score out of 30 total possible points. The audience was allowed to voice their opinion through raucous booing if they disagreed with the judges’ scoring.

There were cash prizes for the top scorers, and despite there being 14 competitors, including seasoned slam poets, the first-place finisher was actually a Notre Dame undergraduate who had never before performed in a poetry slam. If the potential to win money is not incentive enough to participate in the next poetry

slam, there was also a DJ and a really nice selection of hors d’œuvres.

If you are into theater, poetry, music, rap, acting, writing or excitement, you would probably have loved this. I had never been to a poetry slam before and was knocked off my feet. I had no idea what to expect from each performer. Middle-aged housewives turned into awkward, sympathetic girls in front of my eyes. What seemed like a typical skinny, hunter rain boot- and Northface-wearing, blonde Notre Dame girl transformed into a fireball of sass and honesty on stage. A perfectly normal looking, shabbily-dressed, middle-aged, long-haired man became suddenly very southern and very bothered by politics. I heard black eyeliner referred to as war paint, a woman say *Brown v. Board of Education* was merely a prequel, while complaining about her children’s public school, and liturgical items mentioned as standing in for elements of intimacy in a

relationship.

To compete in a poetry slam, you need not be a poetry expert or an actor. The performers were from across the board, and they were all impressive and really fun to watch. The hour-long slam was full of shouting, clapping, whistling and even some snapping. There was a fair amount of people in attendance, but the crowd was warm, understanding and accepting. It was hard not to have a good time, whether competing or just watching.

I had never before planned on attending or becoming a part of a slam, but I realized after the first poet performed I had to do it. Who knows when Notre Dame will have another? I can’t wait until then! I am probably going to seek out some poetry slams for summer break. Now I just need to think of something to say and get some attitude!

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# THE SHIRT SHOW

By **TESSA DeMERS**  
Scene Writer

In the tradition of Catholic *caritas*, any Notre Dame student you meet might well give you the shirt off his or her back. But please, don’t hold your breath waiting for any ND student to part with ... The Shirt.

Of all the unique and honored traditions that have attached themselves to the Irish student body — and specifically to our fabled football team — I can’t think of a single one dearer to my heart than the annual unveiling of the commemorative T-shirt to be worn proudly from the first game of the season to the last. Each time Coach Brian Kelly’s warriors look up into the stands to see where the cheering’s coming from, they’ll gaze upon a sea of — well, whatever The Shirt looks like. And that’s due to be unveiled from a balcony above the book store tonight.

This event marks the 23rd annual  
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Shirt Unveiling Ceremony, which began as The Shirt Project back in 1990. The chairman of AnTostal needed a way to raise money for the events of the week, and decided that selling a T-shirt to the students would be a good approach. (We always need more shirts, after all!). “The Shirt,” as it quickly came to be known, was such a success that they continued the tradition in all the years that followed, raising so much money that The Shirt Project became its own campus organization.

This year’s “Shirt Show” will feature performances by the ND Marching Band, the Cheerleaders and the Leprechaun, the Irish Dancers, Glee Club, Pom Squad, the 1st Class Steppers, and Harmonia. Coach Kelly and many of the football players will also make an appearance and have a few words to say, no doubt looking back on a terrific last season and ahead to another exciting one.

My affectionate relationship with The Shirt began even before I was an ND student, even before I signed up to attend the school from which I so soon will graduate. I came to visit the campus with my Mom as a young and somewhat naïve high school student, and we happened upon the same kind of unveiling ceremony that will take place tonight. I thought it was clever and catchy, of course — this whole “shirt thing.” But I think I glimpsed even then, coming to appreciate more deeply year after year, that The Shirt is one of the ties that bind.

It’s one of the most powerful reminders, especially during our home football games in the fall, that the ND student body is not merely a gathering of disconnected or isolated individuals. For the four years we are here, and in some ways for the rest of our lives, we become The People of the Shirt, sharing an identity and a solidarity that

I truly believe goes beyond the normal loyalties one feels under the banner of “Be True to Your School.”

That first year, The Shirt was a pale, almost-skin toned gold-ish color and featured the exhortation “Rise and Strike.” My favorite of all The Shirts was the most recent one — and no, not just because the Irish emerged from their season undefeated. It was a lovely ND navy blue, it featured a reference to our 125th anniversary, and it carried the motto “Shake Down the Thunder.” It didn’t hurt that it was also The Shirt of my senior year.

I will never forget my four years at Notre Dame, including the season that the Irish on the field actually seemed, on our best days, to take the motto to heart. It was my senior year. I’ve been there. I’ve done that. And you’d better believe — I definitely have The Shirt!

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# YEAH, YEAH, MAYBE

By **CHRISTINE ANSPACH**  
Scene Writer

You know how sometimes, when you eat a piece of cake, the frosting is really, really delicious, but the cake itself is kind of average or dry? That's how I felt about the Yeah Yeah Yeah's newest album, "Mosquito." After waiting over a month and four years, playing their three previous studio albums and numerous EPs over and over again, I couldn't wait to get my hands on some new YYY songs. They released their first single off the album, "Sacrilege," about a month and a half ago, a fantastic song true to their rebel-rock sound that showed promise of a great new album. I couldn't stop playing that song — or rather, blasting it in my room — and I'm sure the girls who live in my hallway can attest to that.

But, when I finally sat down to listen to the rest of their album, I felt like the majority of the album didn't play up to what I had anticipated. Maybe my expectations were too high; their last album, "It's Blitz!," was an experimental musical masterpiece — one of those albums that you can listen to all the way through without getting bored.

Don't get me wrong, there are a few really excellent songs, especially on the deluxe version of the album. "Sacrilege" has the classic YYY sound, and seems as if it should belong on their first album, "Fever to Tell," right behind singles "Pin" and "Y Control." However, it has a slight twist — they included a gospel choir towards the end, an addition

that Karen O and her bandmates, Nick Zinner and Brian Chase, had argued over. It adds a nice, original element to the song, blending in almost seamlessly. I hadn't even realized that it was an actual gospel choir until I watched an interview with the YYY.

One of my favorites is "Subway," a slow and gentle track that sounds like it's the epilogue to "Little Shadow" from "It's Blitz!" Karen O sings in her gentle, ethereal voice, which is a nice contrast to her usual rock-screamed lyrics. The demo version, labeled "Subway (NOLA Demo)" on the deluxe version of the album, is probably my ultimate favorite song on their track list. It's raw and gentle, and sounds like it would if it were performed live.

Next on the track list is "Mosquito" — and yes, the song is actually about mosquitos. Here, they fully embrace their artistic license with lyrics like "They'll suck your blood" and "Mosquito land on your neck / Mosquito drink whatever's left". The persistent bass drum loop gets stale after a while; maybe I'll warm up to the song once I see Karen O shaking her newly-colored electric blond hair as she hums mosquito sounds into the microphone on stage.

"Under the Earth" has an original sound instruments not typically featured by the YYY, including some kind of wind chime. Despite the unusual sound, the lyrics are a particular highlight, as Karen O displays her wide vocal range.

The next track, "Slave," almost sounds like a reggae song at first; it's more

subdued with a prominent bass guitar loop, but what it lacks in lyrics it makes up for with guitar variations.

The most original-sounding song on the album, "These Paths," is an electro-pop ballad that at first almost sounds like a track from The Knife, but unmistakably belongs to the YYY as soon as Karen's voice chimes in. Its different sound comes mainly from the inclusion of more synthesizer and less guitar; another unusual element is an autotuned version of Karen O's voice at the end, which sounds like the eerie voice mixing used prominently by Purity Ring.

The most raw-sounding track on the album, "Area 52," sounds like it were being played live. It has a fresh, rebel-rock vibe similar to the song "Phenomena" on their second album, "Show Me Your Bones," but with weirder lyrics ("Take me as your prisoner / I wanna be an alien / Take me please, oh alien") on loop.

"Buried Alive" includes an element completely new to the YYY: a rap solo, performed by Dr. Octagon. At first it sounds a bit out of place next to Karen O's vocals, but ultimately produces a nice contrast between his deep, smooth voice and the subdued guitar features.

"Always" sounds like something out of the 80's or like it belongs on a trip-hop playlist, with synthesizer drags and sharp taps. Although a bit unusual, it's nice to hear them experimenting with new sounds.

"Despair" is another classic-sounding YYY song, sounding similar to the song

"Cheated Hearts" on their album "Show Your Bones." The acoustic version on the deluxe version is a particular highlight of the track list, which sounds almost more like a folk song than a rock song, in a good way.

Finally, the last song on the album, "Wedding Song," ends the album on a high point. The track is reflective, slow and dreamy, similar to the songs "Runaway" and "Little Shadow" on "It's Blitz!" It ends gently with the soft strumming of a guitar, leaving us to wonder when the YYY will, hopefully, release another album.

Over all, tracks like "Subway," "Sacrilege" and "Wedding Song" are the top highlights of the album, along with some of the acoustic and demo songs included on the deluxe version of the album. However, the rest of the album is largely experimental, which makes for an interesting album that fails to live up to the high expectations I had set for the album.

## "Mosquito"

Yeah Yeah Yeah's

**Label:** Interscope

**Tracks:** "Subway," "Sacrilege"

**If you like:** Native Korean Rock, Head Wound City



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# THE KICKBACK



**Andrew Gastelum**  
Editor-in-Chief

Boy this week looked so promising with new release after new release. I was so stoked, especially after throwing myself a solo-dolo Coachella YouTube party in my dorm room this weekend.

The Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Iron & Wine, Major Lazer. All disappointments, with the grand exception of Kid Cudi's "Indicud." The only knocker of the musical

week was the song of Summer '13, Daft Punk's new single "Get Lucky" feat. Pharrell and Nile Rodgers.

I was ready to give up, until I came across The Postal Service's Deluxe 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of "Give Up," which dropped last week. It features 25 tracks — including remixes and covers — and every song the duo (Death Cab for Cutie's Ben Gibbard and Dntel's Jimmy Tamborello) has ever created, but remastered.

It is just computer music, with beeps and bops like a robot

complemented by the soothing wave of Gibbard's vocals. It is futuristic and basic, peppy and melancholy.

It was like 2003 and middle school all over again. And it was glorious.

"Give Up" had been a part of my archive since then, but just seeing everything put together, remastered and rereleased saved my week.

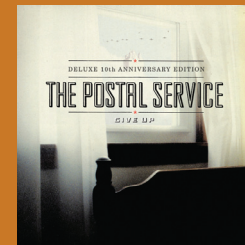
The obvious favorites are the catchy as ever hit singles "Such Great Heights" and "We Will Become Silhouettes." But I can never, ever get enough of the

serene, go-with-the-flow vibe of "Recycled Air" or the sad story inside the bouncy ambiance of "The District Sleeps Alone Tonight."

The two-disc anniversary edition includes two new tracks, "Turn Around" and "A Tattered Line of String," which is more upbeat than anything we've heard from these dudes.

The Postal Service, I guess I was the one worth leaving. But I'm so glad you came back.

*-Ch. H.*



## "Give Up"

**Artist:** The Postal Service

**Record Label:** Sub Pop

**Genre:** Indietronica



## SPORTS AUTHORITY

# Don't doubt the Durantula



**Mary Green**  
Sports Writer

To anyone who has followed the NBA this season, especially in the past month, Carmelo Anthony winning the league's scoring title with an average of 28.7 points per game does not come as a shock.

Though Anthony is a dynamic scorer with a deadly pull-up jumper, he was not the favorite to claim the title when the season began in late October.

Kevin Durant, the scoring champion for three years straight, was.

But Durant sat out the last game of the season to rest for the playoffs, where his Oklahoma City Thunder will be the top seed in the Western Conference. Even if he had played, the forward would have needed at least 70 points to overcome Anthony's lead, so the chances were slim that he would have made it a four-peat.

Despite these challenging odds, Durant drew some ire from this move, especially in the online community, while others weighed in on how this would affect his future. After recounting how Durant said he wanted to win 11 titles to top Michael Jordan's 10, ESPN sports columnist Rick Reilly tweeted, "Kevin Durant probably won't win this scoring title, so he'll have 3 in [6] seasons. Can he get to 11? No chance. Over/Under is 7."

No chance? Sure, the task will be hard since he has already played six years in the NBA, where the average career length is just over six seasons. He'd need to complete at least eight more seasons and win the scoring title in each of those to break the record.

But remember, this is KD we're talking about.

The same KD who was the first freshman to win the Naismith Award as college basketball's best player in his lone year at the University of Texas.

I'll admit, I was a little annoyed when he received the award in 2007 because, as a biased and overenthusiastic fan of Carmelo Anthony, I thought Melo was gipped when he didn't win in 2003 as a freshman. But looking back as a more mature fan of the game as a whole (just kidding, I'm still pretty biased towards anything pro-Carmelo), it's hard to deny that Durant should have won.

He averaged a double-double with 25.8 points per game and 11.1 rebounds per game in a year in which the Big 12 was stronger than usual, sending seven teams to the NCAA tournament. As a long and skinny freshman, he was dominant on the hardwood and recorded 30 games in which he scored at least 20 points, leading the Longhorns to a 25-10 record

before they fell in the second round of the Big Dance and lost. Durant to the pros.

This is the same KD who was drafted by the sorry Seattle SuperSonics, transitioned with the team in its move to Oklahoma City, and has now turned the Thunder into one of the NBA's most feared squads.

Remember the big question leading up to the 2007 NBA Draft of who was the better pick, Durant or Greg Oden? In retrospect, Durant's career has made that into a pretty absurd debate, even though the Portland Trailblazers went with Oden as the top choice overall.

The Sonics lucked out with that decision, grabbing the former Longhorn with the No. 2 pick. The future Rookie of the Year endured a rough first season, with his team finishing with a 20-62 record, the worst in franchise history, amid national talk that the Sonics would inevitably relocate.

But Durant weathered the storm as he became the face of the new Oklahoma City Thunder, the first professional sports team in the Sooner State. The transition would have been difficult for any player, especially for one in only his second year, but Durant rose above it.

The Thunder earned its first playoff berth the following year, and KD was named to the All-NBA first team en route to winning his first scoring title.

And then he tops those accomplishments the next year, taking the Thunder to the Western Conference Finals, where they lost to the Dallas Mavericks. He reinforced his commitment to the new franchise by signing a five-year extension and proclaiming the day a "blessing" in a tweet.

This is the same KD who came so close to denying LeBron James his long-awaited ring in last season's Finals.

He made the Thunder the team to cheer for that postseason, as his unstoppable playmaking ability, the wardrobe of Russell Westbrook and the overall personality of James Harden combined to form an entertaining trio. James might have earned the ring, but Durant stole the show, averaging 30.6 points in the five-game series while shooting 54.8 percent from the field.

His message to the sports world with a performance like that? KD has officially arrived.

So what would I say to Rick Reilly in response to his statement that Durant has "no chance" of winning 11 scoring titles?

Never underestimate the powers of the Durantula.

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## MLB

# Jeter suffers setback, out until after All Star break

## Associated Press

Derek Jeter will be sidelined until after the All-Star break because of a new fracture in his broken left ankle — a blow to a New York Yankees team already reeling from injuries and one that raises long-term questions about the 38-year-old shortstop's future.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said Jeter should be able to resume his rehabilitation when the new crack heals, in about four to eight weeks. Cashman has repeatedly maintained the 13-time All-Star should be able to return at his previous level of play.

Jeter will not require surgery for the break, Cashman said after speaking with Dr. Robert Anderson, who operated on the Yankees' captain on Oct. 20.

"He told me 95 percent of the people that have this, they come back from it fine. You just have to back off," Cashman said.

"But it's a setback, so it's not a good situation," he said.

Then again, the Yankees and Jeter repeatedly said all winter that he would be ready to play on opening day. And Jeter, whose range already has declined, turns 39 on June 26.

Jeter was hurt last Oct. 13 in the AL championship series opener against Detroit. He was limited to five spring training games and 11 at-bats, and when the team left spring training he stayed behind for rehabilitation at New York's minor league complex in Tampa, Fla.

After three straight days of workouts, Jeter went to Charlotte, N.C., and was examined Thursday by Anderson.

"They did a new CT scan which revealed a small crack in the area of the previous injury, so we have to back off and let that heal," Cashman said before New York played Arizona. "This is obviously a setback. In terms of speculating on when we might see Derek back with us, we'd be looking at some time after the All-Star break."

Cashman himself is recovering from a broken leg sustained



AP

Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, left, and third baseman Kevin Youkilis talk before a March 13 spring training game in Tampa, Fla.

in a spring training skydiving accident and entered the press conference room at Yankee Stadium in a motorized scooter.

"Clearly he hasn't done anything wrong," the GM said. "He was cleared to play."

Jeter is among four regulars missing from the Yankees' lineup, a group that totals 32 All-Star appearances. The defending AL East champions began the day with an 8-5 record.

Outfielder Curtis Granderson broke his right forearm when hit by a pitch from Toronto's J.A. Happ in his first at-bat of spring training on Feb. 24 and is expected back next month. First baseman Mark Teixeira also hopes to return in May from a partially torn tendon sheath in his right wrist sustained March 5 while with the U.S. team at the World Baseball Classic. And third baseman Alex Rodriguez isn't expected back until after the All-Star break following left hip surgery on Jan. 16.

Jeter didn't play in his first spring training game until March 9, played again March 11 and returned to shortstop for the first time on March 13. After playing the field for consecutive days on March 15-16, he felt soreness. He was scratched from the starting lineup on March 19 and had an

anti-inflammatory injection.

"He's obviously the toughest one we've ever had, and when Derek Jeter continues to have issues that don't go away, that means more than just your typical something," Cashman said. "So that's what led to the follow-up with Dr. Anderson in Charlotte."

Eduardo Nunez and Jayson Nix have split most of the time at shortstop this season, with Robinson Cano shifting over for one inning. Nix has two errors and Nunez none.

Last year, Nunez had fielding foibles when the Yankees shifted him among shortstop, third base and the outfield.

"I hope that he comes back well, healthy," Nunez said, adding that he would be comfortable playing the whole season. "Of course. I've been looking forward all my life."

Cashman said the Yankees do not anticipate making a trade for another shortstop. Manager Joe Girardi was pleased with Nunez's play as Jeter's primary replacement. Nunez began the night with a .240 batting average and two RBIs.

"I know he had his issues last year, but I think he's played a good shortstop for us. I think he's swung the bat OK for us," Girardi said.

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Lesson of the Day: No matter how messy your roommate might be, he's not as bad as former Clemson receiver and draft hopeful DeAndre Hopkins, who trashed the hotel room he shared with former Rutgers wide receiver Mark Harrison at the NFL Scouting Combine. Hopkins left feces and urine around the toilet, toothpaste on the mirror, and half eaten food on a bed. So next time your roommate leaves a half eaten Reckers pizza or a week old taco on your desk, remind yourself that your life really isn't that bad.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 6:30 PM | SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 3:00 PM  
Rated PG-13, 89 minutes

Two teenage girls, Ginger (Elle Fanning) and Rosa (Alice Englert), are inseparable. They play truant together, discuss religion, politics and hairstyles, and dream together. But as the Cold War meets the sexual revolution, the lifelong friendship of the two girls is threatened.

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### SMC SOFTBALL

# Belles host doubleheader

By CASEY KARNES  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's heads into the stretch run of their season as it battles Adrian and Olivet in doubleheaders this weekend.

The Belles (13-11, 3-1 MIAA) were supposed to host Kalamazoo on Thursday night. That game, however, was rained out and rescheduled for next Thursday, giving the Belles an extra day to prep for their games this weekend.

Both series are against conference foes, and the Belles are hoping to continue their success in the MIAA. Their only conference loss thus far was an 8-2 defeat against Calvin on Tuesday that was immediately offset by a 3-2 victory in the second game of the double header.

Freshman pitcher Sarah Burke excelled in game two, allowing only two runs in seven innings. Belles coach Erin Sullivan said she has been impressed with the freshman all season.

"[Burke] has developed well as a pitcher for us," Sullivan said. "She knew coming in that she was one of only two pitchers on the staff, ... but with that spot brings the pressure to perform. I am very impressed with her success this year

and see her only getting better in future years."

Freshman first baseman Jillian Busfield also impressed Tuesday. She knocked in her team-leading seventh home run of the season, and her power makes scoring a lot easier for the Belles, according to Sullivan.

"[Busfield] has been very impressive this year. She is such a physically strong hitter that when she gets a piece of the ball, she typically hits it hard," Sullivan said. "Her homeruns are not only a result of her strength, but also a result of her intelligence when hitting."

The Belles will need more scoring this weekend when they go against Adrian (8-14, 4-4) on Saturday. While the Bulldogs have struggled this season, they have been more successful in conference and are on a two-game win streak.

The Belles have also had trouble on the road this season, so Sullivan wants her hitters to come out aggressive, even if her players may be feeling the strain of the season wearing on them.

"Typically, we like to be aggressive," Sullivan said. "Fatigue at this point of the season is always a concern, but ... I feel confident our team is tough enough to get

through a lot of games in a short period of time."

Sunday's game against Olivet (9-15, 2-8) will double as Senior Day for the Belles, as well as a chance to build on their undefeated record at home this season. A huge part of that success is due to the play and captaincy of the only two seniors on the roster, catcher Morgan Bedan and shortstop Emily Sherwood. After four years of coaching the veterans, Sullivan couldn't say enough about her captains as they approached the end of their college careers.

"I think Morgan and Emily have done a wonderful job. With a team of 10 freshmen, it can be tough to convey the culture of the program, and [they] are very concerned that the success of the team ... is preserved following their departure," Sullivan said. "They have spent countless hours working to be better leaders, setting a positive tone and teaching the younger players."

The Belles will face the Bulldogs at 1 p.m. Saturday at Adrian College, then return to Saint Mary's for the Senior Day game against the Comets at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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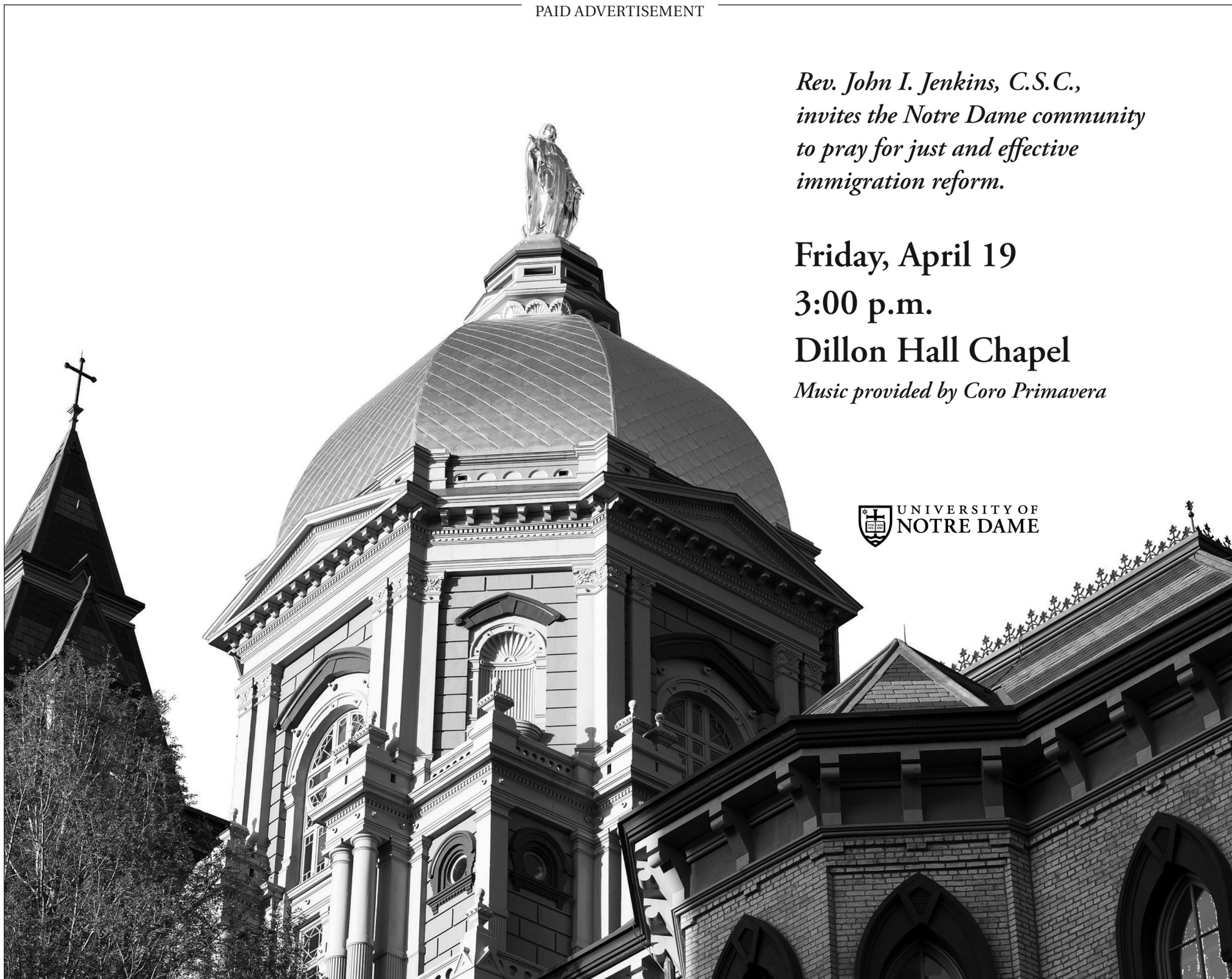
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## TRACK &amp; FIELD

# ND splits across two states and three invites

By **GREG HADLEY**  
Sports Writer

The Irish scattered around the country this weekend to compete in three invitationals in two states, and athletes are already sending home news of impressive results in California.

Senior decathlete Ted Glasnow and sophomore heptathlete Carly Loeffel wrapped up their multi-events last night at the California Invite at Azusa Pacific University. Loeffel set a personal record in the heptathlon at 5287 points, finishing in fifth place in her section, just one point out of fourth and fewer than 30 points out of the top three. She also shattered her personal bests in the 200-meter and the javelin.

Glasnow set a huge personal record of 7315, breaking his previous best by 450 points and showing significant improvement over his previous scores this year. He broke personal records in the 100-meter, 400-meter and 100-meter hurdles before cruising home to take the victory in the 1500-meter. The

rest of the field never came close, as Glasnow's Day One-lead of 100 points ballooned to more than 500 by the end of the competition.

"For [Carly and Ted], this was a good opportunity to get a multi-event in in good weather," junior Logan Renwick said. "Their bodies take a lot of pounding in their event, so it's best for them for the conditions to be good."

Not far away in Walnut, Calif., seniors J.P. Malette and Jeremy Rae are preparing to race the 1500-meter at the prestigious Mt. SAC relays Friday. Mt. SAC is one of the largest meets in the country, with more than 9000 athletes competing. Rae will be racing the distance for the first time this season in the elite section of the event.

"Jeremy and J.P. are two of our most talented distance runners, so this meet was a chance for them to face the very best competition in the country and put up some big times," Renwick said.

Closer to home, most of the team will compete at the Polytan Invitational at Indiana University



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*Senior sprinter/hurdler Nevada Sorenson leaps over a hurdle in the 60-meter hurdle race during the Mayo Invitational on Feb. 1 at Loftus Sports Center. Sorenson finished third in the race.*

on Saturday. While the weather might not be as good as in California, Renwick feels Indiana will still provide opportunities for the rest of the team.

"It's not a lot of travel, which is nice," Renwick said. "They have very good facilities too. We really want more people to put down big marks and qualify for the Big East

[championship], and I think a lot of people will."

With the Big East championship just two weeks away, the team is starting to taper its training for the postseason. Still, Renwick says the whole squad remains focused on this weekend.

"We take every meet very seriously," he said. "We'll worry about

the conference championship after this weekend."

The Irish will compete today at the Mt. SAC relays in Walnut, Calif., and at the Polytan Invitational at Indiana for the entire day Saturday.

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## ROWING

## Irish face top two teams



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*Irish senior Abby Meyers, left, calls out, while junior Molly Bruggerman and sophomore Erin Boxberger row during the Big East Invite on April 28, 2012 in Indianapolis.*

By **BRENDAN BELL**  
Sports Writer

After two weeks away from competition, Notre Dame will return to the water and warmer weather in Sacramento, Calif., for the Lake Natoma Invitational.

Sophomore Stella Willoughby said the two weeks since the Irish's last competition against Ohio State and Michigan have prepared them well for the contest.

"We put two weeks in, and they have been intense but good for the team," Willoughby said. "Unfortunately, it has been a challenge to get in the boat and practice recently with the recent weather. We have not been able to get as many pieces in on the water

recently, but we will still be ready."

Notre Dame will have a tough challenge, as the team faces USC, Cal-Berkeley, Wisconsin and Washington State in Sacramento, Calif. USC and Cal are ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the country, respectively.

"We are really glad to be out here in California and will be racing some great teams," Willoughby said. "It is always good to race fast teams because it brings out the best in competition and us."

Willoughby said rowing against such strong programs is an opportunity the team is excited to have, as it is one of the final races in preparation for the Big East and NCAA championships.

"With the Big East dissolving, it will be especially good to have challenging competition against teams in Sacramento," she said.

The Irish will bring four boats to the competition, including the first and second varsity-eight boats, and the first and second varsity-four boats.

"With a small group of girls, we all need to be prepared to step up and make an impact on the outcome of this weekend," Willoughby said.

The Irish are currently training in California. Races will start Saturday against USC and California, Berkeley in Sacramento, Calif.

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## SMC TENNIS

## SMC hopes to continue success

By **SAMANTHA ZUBA**  
Sports Writer

The Belles will take a three-match winning streak into Saturday's contest at Hope College.

Saint Mary's (9-5, 4-1 MIAA) is coming off a 6-0 sweep of Adrian on Tuesday and will look to keep its momentum against yet another MIAA opponent.

The match against Hope (10-6, 5-0) will be the Belles' third straight against an MIAA opponent. Saint Mary's has been successful in conference play so far this season, posting a 4-1 mark. The Flying Dutch have also been successful in conference, with a 5-0 record. Belles coach Dale Campbell said this makes the upcoming match important for both squads.

"Hope should be motivated against us because they want to be conference champs," Campbell said. "They are probably the favorite in the conference tournament right now. We have to play aggressively."

The Belles have four more matches before the MIAA Tournament begins May 2. To earn a spot in the tournament, Saint Mary's has to finish in the top four of the conference. The Belles are currently tied for third with Kalamazoo and in line to make the tournament. Hope is the next step in the road to the tournament for

Saint Mary's.

Campbell said making the tournament is a season goal for the Belles, but their immediate focus has to be on their next match.

"I would love to see us take care of business and then try to exceed our expectations," she said. "Our goal will be to stay in the moment and do what we know how to do."

Campbell outlined a doubles and singles strategy Saint Mary's will try to implement against Hope.

"In doubles, we talk about the procedures of how to dictate play, and now we have to decide if we will do it," Campbell said. "It's that simple. In singles they are typically very athletic. We have to be very patient and take our time, point by point."

As the season winds to a close, Campbell offered some perspective on what Saint Mary's would like to accomplish in its last few matches. He reiterated the Belles' mission from Day One of the season.

"Our goal was to make the conference tournament this year, to at least be in the top four as a minimum," Campbell said.

The Belles travel to face conference rival Hope at 1 p.m. Saturday in Holland, Mich.

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## CLUB SPORTS

# Cycling team takes conference championship

## Observer Special Report

South Bend, Ind. — Senior Joe Magro led the way for Notre Dame in the 2013 MidWest Collegiate Cycling Conference championship, crossing the finish line of Sunday's downtown South Bend Critérium in 5th place after 15 kilometers in the lead. Magro attacked from a charging peloton with 20 minutes to go, bridging to a group of four riders five seconds ahead of the field. With Magro doing huge turns on the front, the breakaway increased Notre Dame's lead to nearly 40 seconds over the chasing group, and the Irish locked up a 3rd consecutive DII conference title at the finish.

## How it happened

The weather may have been bleak in South Bend on Sunday morning, but the clouds burned away and the sun was shining for the Men's A race at 1:15 p.m. By the first turn of the contest, riders were already flying off the front of the field, but with a group of nearly 50 contesting the four corner, 1.1-km course, gaining separation from the

peloton proved nearly impossible. Active at the front of the race for much of the first 20 minutes, Magro and sophomore John Pratt took turns marking attackers and slipping into early moves while junior Luke Tilmans, sophomore Jim Snitzer and graduate student Andrew O'Donnell all worked to shut down breakaways without Notre Dame riders. As the pack snaked through the heart of South Bend, Magro and Pratt took brief respite from the wind at the rear, reloading for another flurry of activity in the second third of the race. Despite countless attempts by some of the strongest cyclists in the Midwest, with 20 laps to go, the elastic still had not broken and the peloton remained intact. Then, with 15 laps remaining, a huge acceleration into the crosswinds on the backstretch brought two Lindenwood, one Marian and one Lindsey Wilson rider clear of the field. With all three varsity teams represented ahead, and sensing growing fatigue in the field from 45 minutes of 28-mph racing, Magro kicked out of line, making

contact with what was the winning breakaway by the front stretch. Back in the main field, Pratt was eighth in the field sprint at the finish for 13th place overall, while Tilmans, Snitzer and grad student Douglas Ansel all finished safely in the field.

## Women

Freshmen Emmy Kunce and Paige Handy both raced early Sunday morning in the Women's B/C category and were very careful not to expend unnecessary energy on the windy course. This common strategy led to a chess match of sorts between all the athletes, with the pace quickening by the final lap. At the finish, Handy and Kunce both scored career-best results of fifth and 12th place, respectively. Later in the afternoon, senior Carolyn McCann represented the Irish in the Women's A race and continued gaining experience for what looks to be a promising summer of club women's racing in the Midwest.

## Men's D

In the first event of the day,

six Notre Dame riders competed in the Men's D race, with seniors Brian Hurley and Rob Piscatelli making the final starts of their collegiate careers. Attacking from the gun, a rider from Lindsey Wilson College led the race from start to finish, while Notre Dame's armada sat patiently in the main field. Coming through the final turn toward the front, Hurley raced for the line and scored a third-place finish for Notre Dame, with freshman Brennan Lanier, Piscatelli and junior Jason Koncsol not far behind in eighth, 13th and 16th places, respectively.

## Men's C

Also making their final start for Notre Dame in the competitive C category were seniors Phil Palmon, Patrick Handy and David Pratt. In a race that in many ways mirrored all others Sunday afternoon, it was difficult for anyone to get too far ahead of the main group before the wind proved an insurmountable obstacle. Riding intelligently toward the front, Notre Dame's team of sprinters

blazed across the last 200 meters, with Pratt, Handy and Kunkel scoring major points for Notre Dame with finishes of second, third and fourth respectively. Phil Palmon posted another consistent top-15 after a long season setting the standard for Notre Dame in the C category.

## Conference championship

With strong performances in every category Sunday, Notre Dame cemented itself as a Midwestern Conference DII dynasty, winning its third consecutive Conference Team Championship. Equally impressive, however, was the school-record, third-place finish in the conference at large, with Notre Dame beating one scholarship-offering varsity cycling program in the final standings. On the individual side, Pratt and Magro finished in first and second place, respectively, in the DII omnium. Tilmans, O'Donnell and Snitzer will join them at the Collegiate Cycling National Championships in Ogden, Utah, the weekend of May 4.

## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Irish look to clinch 13th and final Big East title

By VICKY JACOBSEN  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has won 12 Big East championships over the years, including the last five in a row. But this is the last time the Irish will travel to Tampa, Fla., for the annual tournament, which began yesterday.

The No. 21 Irish (14-8, 3-0) would like to say goodbye to the Big East by taking home one more conference title.

"We are so excited to compete in the Big East Tournament," se-

**"We have played [Marquette] earlier in the season, so we know what to expect and will be ready."**

Chrissie McGaffigan  
senior

nior Chrissie McGaffigan said. "We always look forward to representing Notre Dame in our conference tournament."

Notre Dame had a bye and did not compete in the first round. The Irish begin tournament play this morning against Marquette, who they beat 6-1 on the Golden Eagles' home courts Apr. 2.

"We have played them earlier in the season, so we know what to expect and will be ready,"

McGaffigan said.

The Irish quickly dispatched Marquette during their weekday matchup earlier this month. Notre Dame won all three doubles matches. The only singles loss of the day came on the No. 6 court when freshman Laia Hernandez Soler, one of a pair of twins on the team, defeated Irish junior Julie Sabacinski, 2-6, 6-2, 11-9.

The tournament final will be Sunday afternoon, and the winner earns an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament.

This is the third straight contest the Irish have played in Florida. They closed out their regular season with visits to both Central Florida in Orlando and USF in Tampa, Fla., last weekend. They are returning to USF for the conference tournament this weekend.

"It is beautiful here in Tampa, and the weather is perfect tennis weather," McGaffigan said.

But before the Irish hit the courts, they will have a chance to socialize with their opponents off the court at the Big East banquet, an annual tradition.

"It's always fun to eat dinner with the teams that we compete with during the day," McGaffigan said.

The Irish will begin tournament play at the USF Varsity Courts in Tampa, Fla., at 9 a.m. today.

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Irish senior Chrissie McGaffigan returns the ball with a forehand in a singles matchup against DePaul on March 2 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Notre Dame defeated the Blue Demons 5-2 in the meeting.

## MEN'S TENNIS

# Irish pursue final Big East title

By MEGAN FINNERAN  
Sports Writer

The Irish enter the last ever Big East championships with their fair share of advantages. No. 28 Notre Dame (16-7, 3-0) enters as the No. 1 seed, after an undefeated conference season. On top of this, the squad rides a six-match winning streak and will play host to the four-day competition.

If they need any extra momentum, junior Greg Andrews was tabbed as the Big East Player of the Week on Tuesday for the fifth time this season.

"It would be great to close out the last year of the Big East with a championship and we are looking to do just that," sophomore Mike Fredericka said.

The tournament kicked off yesterday morning, with the eighth-seeded Connecticut (4-10, 0-1) and ninth-seeded St. John's (3-14, 0-2) facing off. St. John's came out with the win, taking down the Huskies, 4-0. The Red Storm now face the top-seeded Irish this morning.

St. John's snapped a four-game losing streak, including a loss to Big East rival Georgetown.

The Irish will look to capitalize on this, riding out the momentum of their own winning streak.

Should Notre Dame succeed in taking down the lower seed, the team will advance to play Saturday at 9 a.m. There the Irish will compete against Marquette (13-11, 0-1),

the No. 4 seed, or Georgetown (12-9, 3-0), the No. 5 seed.

Other first round matchups include second-seeded No. 50 Louisville (13-12, 0-1) against seventh-seeded DePaul (5-16, 0-1) and third-seeded USF (10-9, 1-1) with sixth-seeded Villanova (13-8, 2-1). The winner of each of those matches will face off Saturday at 9 a.m. as well, followed by consolation rounds at noon.

The finals and consolation matches will take place Sunday, with the finals at 9 a.m. followed by two consolation matches.

This season the Irish have faced Marquette, USF and Louisville. Notre Dame took a 7-0 win over the Golden Eagles, a 6-1 win over the Bulls and a 5-2 victory over the Cardinals.

"One of the many things we [have been] working on this week is adjusting surfaces because we could be indoors or outdoors this weekend," Fredericka said.

Play will begin today, lasting throughout the weekend before concluding Sunday. Competition will take place at Courtney Tennis Center or the Eck Tennis Pavilion, weather depending. The tournament is a double-elimination format. The champion will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA championship. The Irish first compete today at 9 a.m. against St. John's.

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## Panthers

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Emilee Koerner. Koerner has started all 40 games this spring and has led the nation in batting average for the majority of the season. She is currently leading the Irish, hitting an even .500, and is tied for first on the team with junior pitcher Laura Winter with nine home runs. Koerner has also been extremely

solid defensively for the Irish, with a flawless fielding percentage.

"She's been a great leader and sparkplug for the team, whether it's driving people in or she's the first one to get on base," O'Donnell said. "She's always getting the ball rolling for us and putting us in the position to win. It's a great attribute as a center fielder and as a starter to have, to get the team going like that. She's very

consistent and reliable."

Koerner, O'Donnell and the rest of the Irish will get things started with a doubleheader at noon and 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Vartabedian Field at the Petersen Sports Complex in Pittsburgh. On Sunday, the teams will square off at noon. Saturday's games will also be broadcasted on ESPN3.

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Jack Swarbrick spoke at a press conference later Thursday and said the contract extension enables Notre Dame to play five night games over a two-year span, instead of four in the same timeframe. Two of those games would be part of the Shamrock Series, and the other three would be at Notre Dame Stadium. Swarbrick said having two night games at home will not begin this upcoming season.

In addition to football, Swarbrick said the extension also benefits other Notre Dame teams.

"While our relationship with NBC Sports is longstanding, the more recent merger between NBC and Comcast has opened up additional avenues to expand the breadth of Notre Dame-related sports programming on NBC platforms," Swarbrick said in a University press release. "Specifically, the evolution of the NBC Sports Network has provided opportunities for special programming featuring inside looks at our football team and several other Notre Dame sports programs

and in-depth profiles on the unsung heroes of Notre Dame athletics.

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## Villanova

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Stamatov, who started the first five. Carlson has a .485 save percentage on the season against Stamatov's .424.

The Irish have two games remaining in the regular season and are in contention for a Big East championship and a first round home game in the NCAA tournament, which are awarded to the tournament's top eight seeds. Corrigan said the Irish aren't looking ahead, however.

"We really don't talk about [the future possibilities] at all," Corrigan said. "I'm sure that to varying degrees, guys are aware of that stuff, but it's just not part of what I feel we need to be concerned with. It's just too hard when you're looking around and looking ahead and doing all that to even know what things mean."

The Villanova game will be the final regular season game in Arlotta Stadium this season. Although Corrigan said



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**Irish sophomore midfielder Will Corrigan looks for a pass in Notre Dame's 10-8 win over Georgetown on April 14.**

he's not focused on potential future achievements, he is hopeful Saturday's home regular season finale leaves the Irish wanting one final opportunity to play at home in the postseason.

"I hope [Saturday's final home game] provides motivation for them to make sure that it's not," he said. "I'd like

to think that they have on their minds that we'd like to play one more game here."

The opening face-off between Notre Dame and Villanova is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday in Arlotta Stadium.

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## ND WOMEN'S GOLF

# Irish begin Big East tournament

By GREG HADLEY  
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After a strong spring season, the Irish head down to Orlando, Fla. to begin the postseason and face a Big East crowd at the conference tournament.

The Irish enter the tournament as the heavy favorite, with a spotless 6-0 record against Big East competition this spring, and the top two ranked individuals in

home the title

"Our goal is to win every year," Holt said. "We're used to competing at a high level so we can handle the pressure well. We had a good regular season, but we've really focused on the postseason all year."

The Irish's main competition figures to be Louisville, the second highest ranked team in the field. However, the Irish defeated the Cardinals at the SMU Invitational by

**"We're the favorites this year, but we were the favorites last year too. It's not always the best team that wins, but the team that plays best. If we play the golf we're capable of playing, then we should do well."**

Susan Holt  
Irish coach

the field, including last year's individual champion, sophomore Ashley Armstrong. However, there are still the memories of last year, when the Irish fell short, losing by just one stroke to South Florida.

The memory still galls Irish coach Susan Holt.

"We're the favorites this year, but we were the favorites last year too," Holt said. "It's not always the best team that wins, but the team that plays best. If we play the golf we're capable of playing, then we should do well."

Holt said her team will be able to handle the pressure of being the favorites and take

10 strokes, without the help of star freshman Lindsey Weaver, who withdrew due to illness.

"Louisville has some good players," Holt said. "We need to show up and play well. The girls are excited to have Lindsey back and want to get out there and play."

The entire team has played the course before, even the freshmen, giving the Irish a bit of an advantage, Holt said.

On the individual side, sophomore Ashley Armstrong reigns as the defending conference champion after prevailing in a three-hole playoff last year. Armstrong has won two tournaments this spring and lowered her personal best score to one-under par.

Yet she is not the highest ranked player in the field. That honor would go to Weaver, currently ranked No. 16 by Golfstat. Holt said she believes both have an excellent chance of winning.

"Absolutely, both have a chance to win," Holt said. "They both have good history at this course, Ashley from last year and Lindsey from high school. Ashley has played very well this spring and Lindsey is a very solid golfer."

Holt's focus remains on the team championship and she said she wants her team to focus on that as well.

"We need everyone, all five, to play well if we're going to win," she said.

The Irish compete this weekend in Orlando, Fla. at the Big East conference championships.

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## BASEBALL

# Irish seek to officially end losing skid



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**Junior right-handed starter Adam Norton pitches in Notre Dame's 6-5 victory over Cincinnati on April 13, 2012.**

By **JOHN SANDBERG**  
Sports Writer

For the second time this week, Notre Dame will try to snap a five-game losing streak as they open a three game series against Quinnipiac at Frank Eck Stadium tonight.

The Irish (19-15, 4-8 Big East) were poised to snap that losing streak Wednesday against Bowling Green before lightning and rain forced the game to be called in the fourth inning. Notre

Dame held a commanding 12-0 lead when the game was called.

Quinnipiac (10-21) comes into its game against Notre Dame in the midst of a nine-game losing streak. The Bobcats' only win in the month of April came back on Apr. 5 in a home victory against Sacred Heart.

Despite its struggles of late, a series victory against Notre Dame could be a shining moment in an otherwise bleak season for Quinnipiac, Irish coach Mik Aoki said.

"I think you prepare for [Quinnipiac] the same way you prepare for any weekend," Aoki said. "When you're at a place like Notre Dame, you always have to expect the other team is going to come in here ... and play as though it's the seventh game of the World Series ... You just expect every team is going to give you their very best game and you better be able to counteract that."

Sophomore infielder Scott Donaghue poses the biggest threat in the Quinnipiac lineup. Donaghue is batting .290 this season with two home runs and 18 RBIs.

Sophomore right hander Pat Connaughton will start today's game for Notre Dame. Connaughton is 0-2 this season with a 3.21 ERA.

Aoki stressed the key for Connaughton's success will be limiting walks, which he struggled to do in his previous two starts against Villanova and Pittsburgh. Connaughton walked a combined nine batters in those two games.

"He's got to be in the strike zone more," Aoki said. "His stuff is great

... If we can get him throwing strikes we'll be fine ... Pat's one of those kids who always seems to figure it out. I think we all have a lot of confidence he's going to pitch well and give us an opportunity to win."

Senior right hander Adam Norton will pitch for Notre Dame on Saturday, followed by junior right hander Sean Fitzgerald in the finale on Sunday.

Saturday's game carries an extra bit of meaning for Aoki. The game will be part of a larger event dubbed Strike Out ALS. Admission to the game is free, and fans will be given opportunities to donate funds and raise awareness for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, otherwise known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

The event was inspired by Peter Frates, a former player of Aoki's at Boston College who was diagnosed with ALS in March of 2012.

"It's hugely, hugely personal for me," Aoki said. "Pete is an unbelievable kid ... The way he has never felt sorry for himself and dedicated himself completely to raising awareness for this disease has been nothing short of

amazing.

"Ever since it was brought to the forefront by Lou Gehrig all those years ago, [the search for a cure] just hasn't made a lot of progress ... That has to stop, and the only way to do that is by getting the word out about it and raising money to find a cure for this thing."

The first pitch of tonight's game is scheduled for 5:35 p.m. Saturday's Strike Out ALS event begins at 3:30 p.m. and Sunday's series finale is scheduled for 1:05 p.m.

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## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

# ND faces streaking 'Cuse

By **ALEX WILCOX**  
Sports Writer

Vince Lombardi once proclaimed, "It does not matter how many times you get knocked down, but how many times you get back up."

After suffering their first loss of the season on Apr. 12 against No. 13/16 Loyola, Notre Dame got back up with a close win over No. 8/8 Georgetown.

Next up for the Irish is a Friday night showdown with a No. 5/5 Syracuse team on a five-game winning streak. The Orange are dynamic on both sides of the field, and Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said this game will be anything but easy.

"Syracuse has earned top billing in our sport right now," Halfpenny said. "They have a number of threats on offense. They're fast, very dynamic and recently they have been playing phenomenal defense. We need to execute a strong game-plan if we want to have a shot."

After their tilt with Syracuse, the Irish will continue their road trip to Connecticut where they will face the No.19 Huskies, who have also won five straight, including three overtime games. An 11-1 record will earn you praise, and Halfpenny had plenty to dish on the Huskies.

"They've had a lot of success and are a confident group," Halfpenny said. "We're going against two very athletic teams that have a lot of belief in what they're doing. It's

another huge Big East weekend for us that we are heavily relying on to pick up some wins and keep the momentum rolling."

In order to get those wins, Halfpenny said her squad has to tighten up its game.

"You never want to learn from a loss, but we learned unforced errors may have cost us [against Loyola]," Halfpenny said. "Smart possessions are key. Draw controls are going to be huge, we need to get the draw and turn them into possessions on offense. We're going to focus on slowing Syracuse down; they're a team that creates momentum on fast paced goals, so we have to tighten up our game. Defensively we have to not give up too many eight meter fouls, and have to play fundamental, strong defense."

Both of these games will be away from the comforts of Arlotta Stadium, but while the visiting team is usually at a disadvantage, the Irish have yet to lose a game on the road in five contests. However, Notre Dame has never won a game in the Carrier Dome in seven attempts, and Connecticut currently boasts an undefeated home record at 5-0. Despite these discouraging statistics, Halfpenny likes her odds when the team hits the road.

"We're just really good travelers, and we have embraced this process of going on the road," Halfpenny said. "Whether it's breaking out in song on the bus ride to Chicago, something silly happening in the airport, or

traveling together, we really get to know each other better, and I think that's helped us play on the road. We get to put away all distractions and focus all our energy on us, put all our energy on lacrosse, and we're looking forward to keeping that going. We're all committed to our routines and to each other, and we're just excited to hit the road again."

Halfpenny attributed the teams' success on the road to the team's dynamic and the chemistry between the girls.

"We've had such a nice evolution of growing and finding chemistry which is so important coming into the end of the season," Halfpenny said. "The flavor the sophomores are bringing and the energy of the freshmen combines with the leadership of our upperclassmen. We feel very strongly about our chances."

With a win in either of this weekend's games, the Irish will lock up their seventh consecutive spot in the Big East championship. They have qualified every year since the inception of the tournament in 2007, with their best performance coming in 2009, when they won the conference crown.

Notre Dame will face Syracuse at the Carrier Dome at 7 p.m. Friday night and will then travel to the George J. Sherman Family Sports Complex to take on Connecticut on Sunday at noon.

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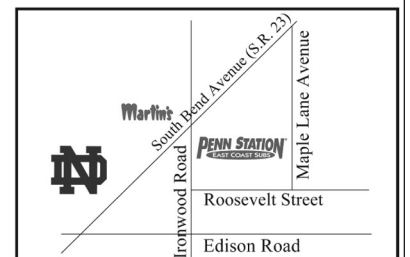
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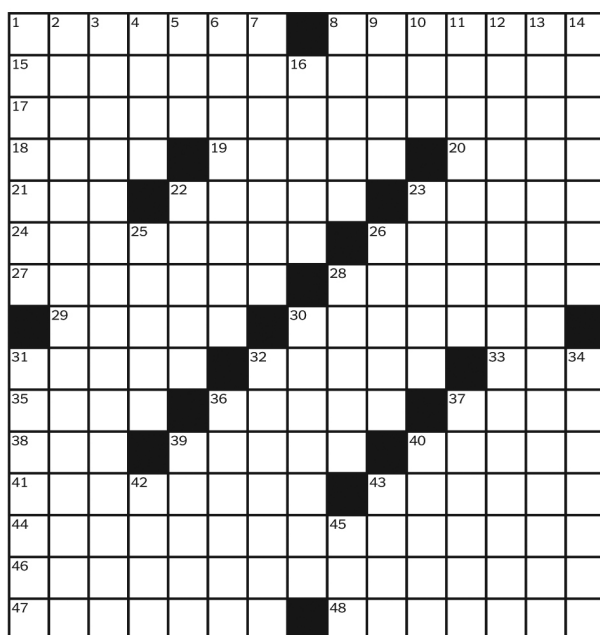


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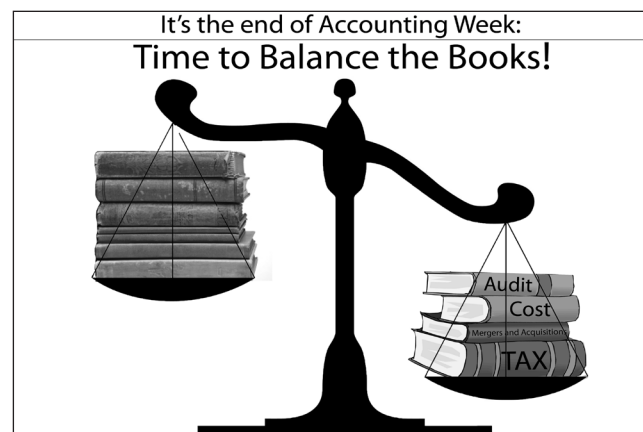
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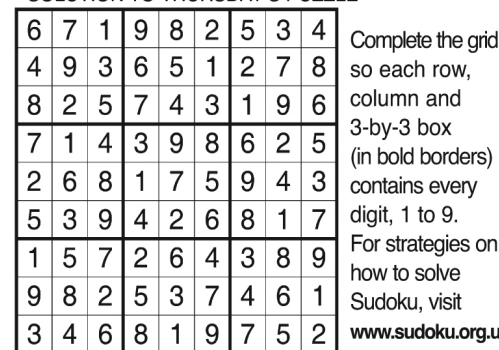


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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** America Ferrera, 29; Melissa Joan Hart, 37; Conan O'Brien, 50; Jane Leeves, 52

**Happy Birthday:** Take care of business, but don't let your emotions lead to a dispute. Keep a clear head if you want to reach your set goals. Partnerships will weigh heavy on how well you do. Collaborating with someone able to contribute as much input as you will lead to an interesting new beginning. A commitment will change your life. Your numbers are 6, 11, 17, 24, 27, 33, 47.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You will be tempted to overspend in order to buy love or make an impression. Refrain from playing games with loved ones. Be responsible or you will face criticism. It's up to you to do what's right. Impulsiveness must be avoided. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Nurture partnerships and do your best to fulfill your end of any bargain you make. Don't allow emotional issues to upset what you need to accomplish. Problems dealing with institutions or while traveling can be expected. Stick close to home. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Contact people you have worked with in the past and you will find out valuable information. A service you have to offer should be made more enticing. Rework your presentation and greater success can be yours. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Question your situation and formulate your options. Don't act in haste or make a decision based on secondhand information. Rely on your intuition and show discipline when dealing with temptation. Participate in something you believe in. Love is on the rise. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Share your ideas and make suggestions that will help the people you encounter and you will discover a way to mix business with pleasure and come out on top. Don't let an emotional incident ruin your plans. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Put a little extra time and effort into your appearance. You'll discover something you enjoy doing that can be turned into a profitable endeavor. Love and romance are in the stars, and socializing will enhance your personal life. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Expect to face someone who is trying to make you feel guilty. Think outside the box and you will come up with a solution that give you the freedom to do as you please. A partnership will play an important role in your future. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Use greater creativity on the job. Taking an idea and turning it into something spectacular will make some of your peers jealous, but will also give you the push you need to advance. Your kindness and optimism must be your driving force. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Take care of domestic issues. Make decisions that will lead to home improvements or greater comfort. Socializing with friends and peers will allow you to show your leadership ability. Take charge and you'll make an impression. ★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't make a promise you can't keep. Expect someone to disappoint you. Take care of home and family but don't allow anyone to disrupt your plans. Problems will occur due to an unexpected situation or change. Think before you speak. ★★

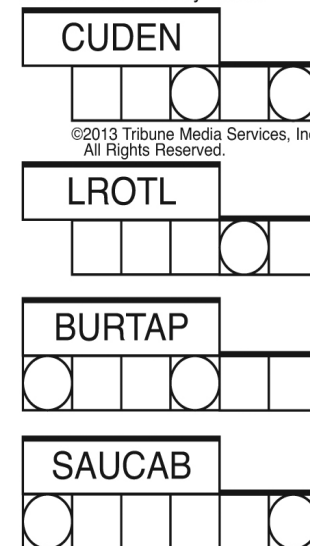
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**PISCES (Feb. 19- March 20):** Use your skills wisely. Take part in activities or events that allow you to show off what you have to offer. Contracts can be negotiated and settlements completed. Love is on the rise but don't let someone from your past complicate matters. ★★

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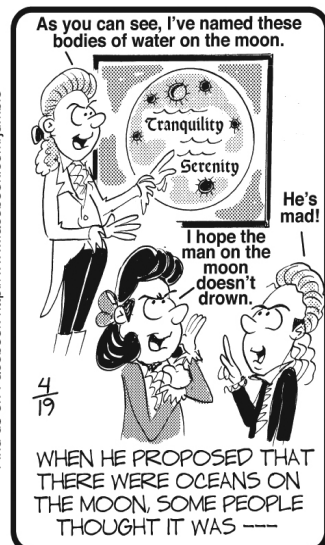


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## FOOTBALL

# Notre Dame, NBC extend TV deal

*Eighteen-month negotiation comes to an end following highest TV ratings since 2005*

By **MIKE MONACO**  
Sports Editor

Notre Dame and NBC Sports reached an agreement on a 10-year contract extension that gives NBC the rights to televise Irish home football games from 2016 to 2025, according to press releases from the network and the University.

The announcement, which was the culmination of an 18-month negotiation process, will extend the partnership between NBC and Notre Dame to 35 years. The NBC Sports Group retains global media rights on all platforms to a minimum of seven Irish home football games each year. As was the case with the previous contract, the extension allows for occasional games to air on NBC Sports Network, which is available in 80 million homes. The Blue-Gold spring football game airs on NBC Sports Network on Saturday at 1 p.m.

NBC Sports Group chairman Mark Lazarus and University President Fr. John Jenkins made the joint announcement Thursday. Lazarus said Notre Dame's perfect 12-0 regular season in 2012 was a point of pride for the network.

"Coming off one of Notre Dame's best and most dramatic seasons in decades, we could not be more proud to extend this historic partnership, which continues to be one of the most innovative in sports-media history," Lazarus said in a network statement.

In its seven games on NBC in 2012, the Irish averaged 4.4 million viewers and a 2.8 household rating, according to the network. Those marks were up 69 percent and 67 percent, respectively, from 2011. The average of 4.4 million viewers was the best performance by Notre Dame football on NBC since 2005.

Irish director of athletics

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SUZANNA PRATT | The Observer

*Irish coach Brian Kelly looks on during Notre Dame's 22-13 victory over USC on November 24, 2012, at the Los Angeles Coliseum. The Irish clinched a spot in the BCS National Championship Game with the win.*

## ND SOFTBALL

## Irish hit road after rainout

By **LAURA COLETTI**  
Sports Writer

The Irish will be back in action this weekend as they travel to Pittsburgh after their game against Valparaiso was rained out last night.

Notre Dame (30-10, 10-1 Big East) enters an important series with the Panthers (16-24, 5-9 Big East), as both teams are vying for high seeds in the conference tournament in just a few weeks.

"Right now we're fighting for a top spot in the Big East just like any other team, so they're definitely going to come out and try to jump on top of us because everyone's fighting for that top Big East seed," senior pitcher Brittany O'Donnell said. "They always give us a good game."

With 16 teams in the conference competing for eight tournament spots, every Big East regular season game is important. With the exception of two weekday games against Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan, the remainder of Notre Dame's schedule is exclusively Big East opponents.

O'Donnell said the Irish



GRANT TOBIN | The Observer

*Irish sophomore center fielder Emilee Koerner throws the ball during Notre Dame's 8-6 victory over Rutgers on April 14.*

have good heads on their shoulders heading into the weekend and will not let yesterday's cancellation interrupt their rhythm.

"We had practice [yesterday] and we just kept working on making sure everything looks sharp and ready to go before we leave for the weekend," she said.

The team has enjoyed playing six of their last seven games at home, but they look forward to the opportunity

to bring their best efforts on the road.

"When we play at home we always love to play at Notre Dame and represent Notre Dame. It's our house," O'Donnell said. "We like playing always, though, because we like showing other teams what Notre Dame softball is all about."

One standout Irish player is sophomore center fielder

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## MEN'S LACROSSE

## Squad hosts Big East rival 'Nova

By **SAM GANS**  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will attempt to clinch a spot in the four-team Big East tournament with a win over Villanova in its final regular season home game of the season Saturday.

The No. 19 Wildcats (5-6, 4-0 Big East) started the year slowly with losses in five of their first six games. However, they rebounded to win four of their last five contests and three in a row, including a 13-11 victory Saturday over then-No. 14 St. John's, who beat No. 2 Notre Dame (9-2, 3-1) 12-10 on March 30. The Wildcats are also the only team undefeated in Big East play.

"Early in the year, they lost some close games to some good teams, and so they really at this point are in a great position to compete for the Big East automatic qualifier bid through the Big East tournament," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "They're 4-0 in the conference right now and leading the league, so we're not worried about what happened to them a

month-and-a-half ago, we're just looking at where they are right now and we're well aware that they're playing their best lacrosse right now."

Villanova has faced one of the toughest schedules in the country, with eight of its 11 games against ranked teams when the game was played. As a result, the Wildcats are the only ranked team not above .500.

"They're battle-tested at this point, and they've been on both sides of some of those wins now with the great win over [then-No. 4] Syracuse [on March 23] and some other close losses to top teams," Corrigan said. "So they've got a really good sense about what they need to do at this point to win games, and so I think it's going to be a fun game, a great challenge for us."

Senior attackman Jack Rice leads the Wildcats with 22 goals on the season. Sophomore goaltender Reed Carlson has started the past six games for Villanova, replacing freshman Greg

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