

‘Provide welcome to the stranger’

Jenkins calls for immigration reform in United States, announces creation of presidential task force

By **MARISA IATI**
Assistant Managing Editor

University President Fr. John Jenkins called for reform in United States immigration policies Friday and announced an academic conference on immigrants, which will be held in March 2014.

Jenkins also presided over a service to pray for just and effective education reform in the Dillon Hall chapel Friday, a “Campus Day of Action,” as designated by the National Immigration Forum.

“Notre Dame is proud of a long history of educating immigrant communities and our Catholic tradition urges us to provide welcome to the stranger among us,” Jenkins said in a University

press release. “While recognizing the complex legal, economic, social and political questions surrounding immigration in our nation, we join others in calling for just and effective immigration reform.

“We urge particular attention to reform that will allow deserving, academically-qualified young men and women who were brought to the United States as children to have access to higher education in the United States and opportunities following from educational achievement. By educating these young people, we will improve their lives, enrich our nation and live up to our values.”

Last fall, Jenkins convened

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Observer File Photo

University President Fr. John Jenkins called for “just and effective immigration reform” last week. He announced a planned conference on immigrant issues and presided over a prayer service for reform.

Students oppose changes to policy

By **WEI LIN**
News Writer

The Leprechaun Legion announced Wednesday they have changed the football seating policy for next season, sparking a wide range of strong feelings from the student body.

In an email to the student body, the Legion said football tickets will continue to be sorted by class, but they will be first-come first-serve within each class section.

“We believe that this system will allow the most passionate fans to sit closest to the field, giving our team a louder, more intimidating home-field advantage,” the email stated.

Many students, including junior Jack Gardner, expressed displeasure with the changes. Gardner began a petition on Facebook citing problems with the new method,

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Kelly unveils ‘The Shirt’



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Irish coach Brian Kelly waves to the crowd of students, faculty and fans that attended the unveiling of 2013's *The Shirt*. Many students said they liked the green design of this year's gameday apparel.

By **LESLEY STEVENSON**
News Writer

The 2013 Notre Dame football season won't officially begin until Aug. 31 when the Irish take on Temple University, but fans got a preview of the team's excitement and tradition this weekend at the annual *The Shirt* unveiling ceremony and Blue-Gold Game.

On Friday, Irish coach Brian Kelly unveiled *The Shirt* outside the Hammes Notre Dame

Bookstore despite gray skies and snow. Students, alumni and fans gathered to see Kelly display the forest green design.

“I really, really like it,” freshman Allie Klein, social media commissioner for the Leprechaun Legion, said about the green color. “That's something everyone was clamoring for, at least Twitter and social media-wise. ... They wanted to kind of get [the color] back to the roots.”

After navy, bright blue and gold Shirts, green seemed like a natural choice for the 2013 Shirt, senior Dan Ogg, president of The Shirt Committee, said.

“We just felt like it was time for green,” Ogg said. “And after coming off such a strong season, it's kind of hard not to go with something like this.”

Junior Betsy Fitzgerald, assistant drum major in the Band

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AnTostal offers week of diversion

By **NICOLE McALEE**
News Writer

Every day this week, students can celebrate the last full week of classes with AnTostal, an annual Notre Dame tradition full of entertainment, food and giveaways.

Junior James Slaven, director of publicity for the Student Union Board (SUB), said AnTostal, which means “the festival” in Gaelic, began in 1977. Slaven said AnTostal programmers Cindy Lin and Bri Leon began preparing for the week-long event almost one year ago.

“They began initial planning last May, and event creation and collaboration efforts have been full steam ahead since early September,” Slaven said.

Residence halls across campus sponsor and host AnTostal events, including a wing-eating

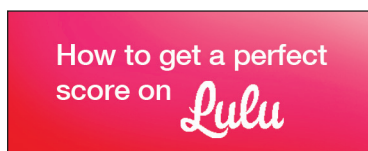
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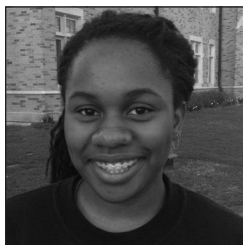
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Brandon Hank

sophomore
O'Neill Hall

"I think it looks great. I like the vintage look."



Ude Iheduru

freshman
Pangborn Hall

"I like it, and I like the color green, and it's a nice shade."



Patricia Bartlett

freshman
McGlinn Hall

"I really like the color."



Abby Bartels

freshman
Badin Hall

"I think there's a lot of green on it."



Chau-Ly Phan

freshman
Badin Hall

"I actually haven't seen it."



Bobby Besio

junior
Alumni Hall

"I'm gonna wear last year's shirt, but I like it."



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Two members of the Band of the Fighting Irish play during the Blue-Gold Game on Saturday afternoon. Saturday's game marked the annual tradition's 84th year. The Blue team, representing defense, defeated the Gold team, representing offense, 54-43.

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Monday

ACMS Colloquium

Hayes-Healy Center
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
Computer science lecture.

"Western Music as World Music"

DeBartolo Hall
5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Lecture by Professor Nicholas Cook of Cambridge.

Tuesday

Women's Softball

Melissa Cook Stadium
12 p.m.-4 p.m.
Doubleheader against Connecticut.

Four:7 Catholic Fellowship

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

Wednesday

Blood Drive

Coleman-Morse Center
11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Hosted by NDSP.

Women's Lacrosse

Arlotta Stadium
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
The Irish face off against the Northwestern Wildcats.

Thursday

Zen Meditation

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

"A Liam O'Flaherty Retrospective"

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Presented as part of the Irish Film Festival.

Friday

Outdoor Sports Festival

South Quad
12 p.m.-5 p.m.
Free bike repair.

MFA Thesis Reading

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.-8 p.m.
MFA students read excerpts from their final theses.

ND students start service group

By CAROLINA WILSON
News Writer

The non-profit organization HANDS enables motivated students to connect with existing Central American organizations to volunteer in economically-stressed communities.

According to the program's website, three Guatemalan Notre Dame students who sought to help and impact the local communities in their home country started the group in 2008.

Senior participant Ellison Griep said the program was eye-opening and taught her about service to others.

"I loved volunteering over spring break, working my body and my heart as much as my mind, something I lose sight of sometimes at [Notre Dame]," Griep said.

Griep chose to work with Constru Casa, an organization that builds houses in the mountains surrounding Antigua, Guatemala. The project included plastering, digging foundations, mixing cement and interacting frequently with the families who will live in the houses, Griep said.

"Learning about the families gave a face and a heart to the



Photo courtesy of Ellison Griep

Senior Ellison Griep traveled to Guatemala to build homes through the HANDS program.

project," she said. "Something I have always loved about traveling is learning about how other people live: what they want and need, how they work and what they prioritize."

Junior Tong Zhao, a spring-break program participant in HANDS, said she believes the program aims to have a global influence.

"I believe HANDS' mission is to

enable students at [Notre Dame] and other colleges to make an impact in the international community and publicize the idea of volunteerism," Zhao said.

Zhao spent last spring break at Esperanza Juvenile Middle School in Guatemala, teaching math and English to economically-disadvantaged students. She said the most memorable part of her volunteer experience was

community immersion.

"I learned the power of kids' dreams, who have much more limited resources than other people around me," Zhao said. "I benefited from a unique life experience, developing pure friendships with the students and just being in Guatemala and getting closer to the lives of its people."

Freshman Abby Shepard also spent her spring break at Esperanza Juvenile Middle School. She said the mission of the program was a perfect fit for her and piqued her interest in becoming involved.

"I love traveling, I love service and I love children," Shepard said. "I also wanted to do something meaningful over spring break, and HANDS looked like a very worthwhile cause. I immediately knew I wanted to be involved."

Shepard said the program's work benefits everyone involved.

"I think that bringing people together from different cultures always benefits both sides," Shepard said. "Both sides can learn from the other in ways that you cannot achieve from a textbook."

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Shirt

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you get to see how it looks as a whole, which is really cool to see. ... I think it really embodies the spirit of coming back from the national championship."

The 2013 Shirt features a paint splatter theme with gold and navy splatters under pictures of former Notre Dame players. The text reads "On the heels of legends we rise to victory."

Sophomore John Wetzel coined the phrase, which freshmen design committee members Molly Howell and Abbey Dankoff then used to create the finished product, Howell said.

"We wanted something that was unique and special," Wetzel said of the phrase. "So I started thinking about what would relate to the legendary feel but also be current, talking about what's now."

Howell said The Shirt Committee considered making The Shirt blue or a different shade of green. Ogg said more modern players were also considered in place of Ned Bolcar, John Lujack, Raghib Ismail, Tim Brown and John Lattner.

"We're thinking legends, and [modern players] are not necessarily legends, so we went with throw-back players," Ogg said.

FitzGerald said this weekend's events gave the marching band an opportunity to go through the motions of a football weekend without much pressure. Saturday's Blue-Gold game also gave the seniors a final send-off while offering the new band leaders a chance to practice their new roles.

"It's a lot of fun," FitzGerald said. "We get to play around, and since it's not too serious we get to play all the songs we want to play and not just the Celtic Chant eight times."

For many in the student section, the Blue-Gold Game revolved more around friends and less around football, sophomore Christian Knight said.

"I'm going to miss it because I'm going to be abroad next year, but one of the main reasons I wanted to go was that it'll be the only time I get to be in Notre Dame Stadium in 2013," Knight said. "I have a bunch of friends who are going abroad who went for the same reason."

Knight said the atmosphere on South Quad, including tailgates, cookouts and people playing football, enhanced the game-day environment even though the game itself was not the same as a typical home football matchup.

"To be honest with you, we kind of knew that it wasn't for the football," Knight said. "It was different. I didn't really know the scoring system, but it was still a good time. It was also interesting to see freshmen, juniors and seniors all in the same section with us, and we didn't have to sneak anyone in or anything."

The game effectively generated excitement for the coming seasons, Knight said.

"I'm ready for senior-year football already," Knight said. "Go Irish, beat Irish."

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Spring Day entertains prospective students

By **KELLY KONYA**
News Writer

Saint Mary's welcomed high school sophomores and juniors to campus Sunday for the annual Spring Day on Campus.

The program, which is directed by the Admissions Office, aims to teach prospective students about the College and the admissions process. Admissions administrator Valeria Efta said it is a great opportunity for the girls and their parents to learn about Saint Mary's together.

"I think it's great because not many of the rising juniors and seniors have done much with the college process yet, and this is some of their first experiences in thinking about college," Efta said.

Senior Katie Gutrich, a campus tour guide for the Spring Day, said the young students were in awe and struggling to process the many facets of college life.

"We're trying to make the best

how a student with a 4.0 is not necessarily a better candidate than the rest."

A panel of current Saint Mary's students in various disciplines then took the stage to answer questions.

"We got a lot of questions about how we study in college, about going out on the weekends and then some questions about job placement after college and about the various majors," Gutrich said."

After the panel, students ate lunch in Noble Family Dining Hall with their parents and then were able to venture to the different buildings and dorms on campus. Efta said this enables students to tour the buildings that most interest them.

"If you're not an athlete, you don't have to go to Angela Athletic Facility but instead can

go to the Science Hall if that better relates to your future focus," Efta said.

Later in the afternoon, prospective students and their

optional mass in Regina Chapel.

High school junior Natalie Woodley and her mother Lisa Woodley, from Michigan, said they are particularly interested

"I don't mind that it's an all-girls college since Notre Dame is right across the street," she said. "I have really liked it so far."

High school junior Grace Frantz, from Sidney, Ohio, said her sister graduated from Saint Mary's, and she holds the school in high esteem.

"She loved it here, and I liked it each time I visited her, so now it's really about my experience and if I will keep on liking it," she said.

Frantz said touring Saint Mary's felt different than the other colleges she had visited.

"I like how everybody here says the community gives them so much confidence and how they feel so empowered," she said.

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Grace Frantz
high school junior

parents had the opportunity to attend information sessions on studying abroad, financial aid and athletics, Reagan said.

"There is a short reception with the coaches in the athletic department so that the girls can meet and speak with them," Reagan said.

The prospective students and parents ended the day with an

in the golf team.

"I have a cousin that graduated from here, and we came down last fall to check out the golf team because Natalie is a golfer, and we are maybe looking to play some golf," Lisa Woodley said.

Natalie Woodley said she enjoyed seeing the school and learning about college life.

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8:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Welcome **Robert J. Bernhard**

Morning Session: 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

8:45 a.m. **Mark Lilla**, *Columbia University*

"Caveat Lector: Intellectuals and the Public"

Commentary: **Michael Zuckert**

Chair and Moderator: **Phillip Vincent Muñoz**

— Break —

10:45 a.m. **Willy Lam**, *Chinese University of Hong Kong and Jamestown Foundation, Washington, DC*

"The Public Intellectual in China"

Commentary: **Lionel Jensen**

Chair and Moderator: **Georges Enderle**

12:30 p.m. Lunch

Afternoon Session: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. **Enrique Krauze**, *Letras Libres*

"The Public Intellectual in Latin America"

Commentary: **Paolo Carozza**

Chair and Moderator: **Edward (Ted) Beatty**

— Break —

Evening Session: 7:15 to 9:00 p.m.

7:15 p.m. **Sr. Joan Chittister, O.S.B.**, *Benedictine Sisters of Erie and Global Peace Initiative of Women*

"The Religious Leader as Public Intellectual"

Commentary: **Ann Astell**

Chair and Moderator: **Hugh R. Page, Jr.**

Questions from the Audience

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Valeria Efta

SMC admissions administrator

impression that we can," Gutrich said.

The day started with an information session led by members of the Admissions Office in O'Laughlin Auditorium. Admissions administrator Anne Reagan said many visitors appreciated the opportunity to ask questions alongside their parents.

"The students were able to learn about the admissions process and play our 'GPA game,' where each girl participating had a designated GPA," Reagan said. "We then went through and looked at each one and showed

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Antostal

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contest organized by Pasquerilla East Hall and a karaoke contest run by Badin Hall. Both events will take place Thursday. There will be food giveaways every day this week, including bagels from Panera Bread, fudge from Kilwins and hamburgers from CJ's Pub.

"No student, even those who are out of Flex Points, should go hungry this week," Slaven said.

Slaven said he is most excited for tonight's discussion by writers from satirical news source "The Onion," tomorrow's Slow Bike Race on South Quad and Wednesday's talk by the cast of MTV's "The Buried Life."

Slaven said junior Brittany Backstrand, art director for SUB, created this year's Tostalpalooza theme, a play on the Lollapalooza music festival held each year in Chicago.

"Every AnTostal has a different theme," Slaven said. "This year, during the early brainstorming sessions, [Backstrand] came up with the Lollapalooza theme. She attended [the festival] in Chicago, so she led the charge on the design and theme for the week."

AnTostal coincides with a number of well-known University events, including the Blue-Gold Game, Slaven said.

"Several traditional campus events happen during AnTostal, all of which are intentionally during this week, including Bookstore Basketball finals, the Fisher Regatta ... and Keenan's Muddy Sunday," he said.

Tostalpalooza

- Monday** Lecture with "The Onion" writer
- Tuesday** Cookout on the Quad
- Wednesday** Surprise Speaker
- Thursday** Battle of the Bands
- Friday** RecSports 2nd Annual Sports Festival
- Saturday** Fisher Regatta
- Sunday** Keenan Muddy Sunday

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The SUB spring concert, featuring rapper B.o.B, will close the academic week Friday in the Compton Family Ice Arena.

Slaven said students join in

"It's been a long, busy year, and the last full week of classes deserves some fun and free stuff for everyone."

James Slaven
director of publicity
Student Union Board

AnTostal festivities in order to have fun and de-stress before final exams.

"The events are put on by students, for students," Slaven

said. "The wide variety of events means that there is bound to be something for everyone, and as the school year wraps up, this is one final chance for fun and relaxation with friends before the finals grind."

All AnTostal events are free of cost, with the exception of the B.o.B concert.

"The purpose of AnTostal is to celebrate our students," Slaven said. "It's been a long, busy year, and the last full week of classes deserves some fun and free stuff for everyone."

A full list of the week's events can be found in the AnTostal booklets distributed to each residence hall, as well as on SUB's website.

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Tickets

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including a sense of animosity and safety issues.

"Confrontation is inevitable as students line up hours before games, attempt to reserve spots in line, 'cut' one another in line, argue about proper order, etc.," Gardner said in the petition.

Gardner wrote that large numbers of students cramming onto the front bleachers would create a safety hazard and could also potentially damage the stadium.

Freshman Jenn Jaeger agreed with the petition and Gardner's proposal of returning to the traditional method of assigning seats to students.

"I am also worried about sitting with my groups of friends since space will be hard to come by," she said.

Sophomore Michael Junkins said the new policy gives football games an even more unorganized and chaotic atmosphere than they already had.

"It is complicating something very simple," he said.

Sophomore Meredith Vieira proposed an alternative solution.

"Other schools have a system to give the most passionate fans the best seats based on attendance to other sport events," she said. "This allows everyone to enjoy other game-day activities."

Sophomore Wyatt Smith cited the high cost of a season ticket booklet and said he felt reassured knowing he had an assigned seat that was his and no one else's.

"We are already paying a lot of money for these football tickets," Smith said. "However, now you lose that sense of security, knowing that you had a unique seat."

While they are in the minority, some students agree with the new seating policy.

Freshman Donald Dye said the method will actually produce a less chaotic environment, since many students did not follow the assigned seating policy anyway.

"For those who really care about the game, they would end up in the front and away from those who are intoxicated," he said. "Those who

decide to tailgate will be forced to sit in the back, allowing those in the front to have a more enjoyable time."

Sophomore Keali Bjork said she understands why people are unhappy with the new policy and acknowledges there are potential problems, but she remains in favor of the change.

"I go to the games for the social aspect, so it really does not matter where I sit, and people get to sit next to unfamiliar people every time and you can potentially meet a lot more people that way," she said. "Die-hard fans will be able to get good seating no matter what."

"I am also worried about sitting with my groups of friends since space will be hard to come by."

Jenn Jaeger
freshman

In response to the argument that people will fight for undesignated seats, senior Tom Oliver said it will not change much within the student section.

"People still argue even when there is assigned seating," he said.

Oliver said he has experienced female students arriving to the game during the third quarter and asking for their seats back, which frustrates him.

After Gardner sent his petition and its signatures to the Legion and the Ticketing Office, he said he received responses from both organizations that indicate only a small chance of a policy reversal.

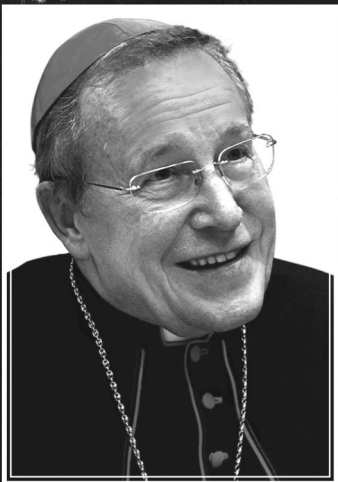
"I do not think the policy is going to be changed," he said. "Hopefully, the new system works out and we all have a blast next year, as usual, but if not, I hope the Legion, Ticketing Office and anyone else with influence over the student section make the decision to return to group seating for future [Notre Dame] classes."

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Reform

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an 11-member presidential task force, comprised of representatives from different University institutes, to study how Notre Dame could contribute to the national debate about immigration.

Tim Matovina, co-chair of the task force and executive director of the Institute for Latino Studies, said the task force met over the past two semesters and recently submitted a report to Jenkins. Matovina said the group recommended the academic conference, which will focus on the intersection of Catholic social teaching and immigration reform.

"It'll be scholars, Church leaders, other people who are involved in one way or another with issues of immigration, but I think it's going to be ... the kind of conference where academics, Notre Dame and otherwise, and Church leaders are brought together for conversation and mutual learning," Matovina said.

The conference will emphasize the experiences and contributions of people in the United States who are or once were immigrants, according to the University press release.

The task force made other recommendations, but has not heard

"We're working very closely with the [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops]. ... Education is certainly another area. ... And thirdly, there's direct service: ... going down to the border, working at migrant houses of hospitality, putting food and water in the desert."

Groody said universities across the country are asking how they can improve their outreach to undocumented students.

"[Immigration reform is] one of these things that's such a big issue, you kind of have to decide ... how you want to focus it," he said. "I think [the task force is] the beginning. It's not necessarily the last word by any means."

Student body president Alex Coccia said student government will help determine how students can engage in next spring's academic conference.

"Once we get a better sense of what the conference is shaping to be, we'll be able to create a committee here in student

government that will work solely in ... the immigration reform issues," Coccia said.

Student government has also begun to talk with administrators about finding a way to admit undocumented students to Notre Dame, student government chief of staff Juan Rangel said.

"I think for us, it's Catholic social teaching," Rangel said. "The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has placed a strong emphasis on education ... and as a Catholic university, we want to align our views with theirs."

Coccia said the potential recommendation to admit undocumented students to Notre Dame will have to come from the presidential task force.

The task force is only one piece of the broader conversation about immigration reform at Notre Dame, Groody said.

"There is a larger conversation about migration and the role of Catholic universities going on

right now," he said. "It's the beginning of ways in which we can really be more engaged in responding to the needs of the world. ... The task force is meant to focus the question, but I think there's a lot of stuff going on beyond the task force."

Paolo Carozza, co-chair of the task force and director of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and the Center for Civil and Human Rights, said the Center for Social Concerns, the Institute for Latino Studies, the Kroc Center for International Peace Studies, the Kellogg Institute and other campus institutes already work on issues of migration and immigration.

"I wouldn't say that they're very united with one another," Carozza said. "It'd be nice to bring them more into collaboration and communication with one another."

Carozza said although the task force decided that creating an administrative apparatus to unite

the groups would not be cost-effective, the task force members benefited from discussing their projects with each other.

"Personally, for example, to the extent that we really are going to want to pursue that issue [of immigration reform] at the Kellogg Institute, I'll be much more likely to be able to work effectively with whatever [other groups] to see if there are ways that our activities and interests can overlap or benefit each other," Carozza said.

The task force's members agreed on the importance of Notre Dame's continued involvement in discussions about immigration reform, Carozza said.

"There was definitely complete agreement on the task force from the first moment that it's an issue that Notre Dame ... really needs to continue to be engaged in, and that engagement just needs to grow," he said.

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“The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has placed a strong emphasis on education ... and as a Catholic University, we want to align our views with theirs.”

Juan Rangel
chief of staff
student government

which of those the Office of the President will enact, Matovina said.

"We made some suggestions to Fr. Jenkins about those specific initiatives that could be added to this collection of ongoing projects at the University," he said. "I haven't received word from Fr. Jenkins about what he's going to go forward with and endorse."

Fr. Dan Groody, director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture within the Institute for Latino Studies, said the presidential task force was part of a larger dialogue among American Catholic colleges and universities. Beginning in October 2011, University presidents participated in a series of meetings sponsored by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities to discuss how the schools could contribute to immigration reform.

The colleges and universities decided to address the issue in three ways, Groody said.

"One is going to be on the level of advocacy, so certainly with helping in Washington," he said.

Bombing suspects likely planned more attacks

Associated Press

BOSTON — As churches paused to mourn the dead and console the survivors of the Boston Marathon bombing Sunday, the city's police commissioner said the two suspects had such a large cache of weapons that they were probably planning other attacks. The surviving suspect remained hospitalized and unable to speak with a gunshot wound to the throat.

After the two brothers engaged in a gun battle with police early Friday, authorities found many unexploded homemade bombs at the scene, along with more than 250 rounds of ammunition.

Police Commissioner Ed Davis said the stockpile was "as dangerous as it gets in urban policing."

"We have reason to believe, based upon the evidence that was found at that scene — the explosions, the explosive ordnance that was unexploded

and the firepower that they had — that they were going to attack other individuals. That's my belief at this point." Davis told CBS's "Face the Nation."

On "Fox News Sunday," he said authorities cannot be positive there are not more explosives somewhere that have not been found. But the people of Boston are safe, he insisted.

The suspects in the twin bombings that killed three people and wounded more than 180 are two ethnic Chechen brothers from southern Russia — 19-year-old Dzhokhar Tsarnaev and his 26-year-old brother, Tamerlan. Their motive remained unclear.

The older brother was killed during a getaway attempt. The younger brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, was still in serious condition Sunday after his capture Friday from a tarp-covered boat in a suburban Boston backyard.

Authorities would not comment on whether he had been questioned.

Sen. Dan Coats of Indiana, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Tsarnaev's throat wound raised questions about when he will be able to talk again, if ever.

The wound "doesn't mean he can't communicate, but right now I think he's in a condition where we can't get any information from him at all," Coats told ABC's "This Week."

It was not clear whether Tsarnaev was shot by police or inflicted the wound himself.

In the final standoff with police, shots were fired from the boat, but investigators have not determined where the gunfire was aimed, Davis said.

In an interview with The Associated Press, the parents of Tamerlan Tsarnaev insisted Sunday that he came to Dagestan and Chechnya last year to visit relatives and had



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Temple Israel in Boston hosted the Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday while public access to Trinity's premises was blocked.

nothing to do with the militants operating in the volatile part of Russia. His father said he slept much of the time.

The younger Tsarnaev could be charged any day. The most serious charge available to federal prosecutors would be the use of a weapon of mass

destruction to kill people, which carries a possible death sentence. Massachusetts does not have the death penalty.

Across the rattled streets of Boston, churches opened their doors to remember the dead and ease the grief of the living.

Earthquake levels towns in southwestern China

Associated Press

LUSHAN, China — Luo Shiqiang sat near chunks of concrete, bricks and a ripped orange sofa and told how his grandfather was just returning from feeding chickens when their house collapsed and crushed him to death in this weekend's powerful earthquake in southwestern China.

"We lost everything in such a short time," the 20-year-old college student said Sunday. He said his cousin also was injured in the collapse, but that other members of his family were spared because they were out working in the fields of hard-hit Longmen village in Lushan county.

Saturday's earthquake in Sichuan province killed at least 186 people, injured more than 11,000 and left nearly two dozen missing, mostly in the rural communities around Ya'an city, along the same fault line where a devastating quake to the north killed more than 90,000 people in Sichuan and neighboring areas five years ago in one of China's worst natural disasters.

The Lushan and Baoxing counties hardest-hit on Saturday had escaped the worst of the damage in the 2008 quake, and residents there said they benefited little from the region's rebuilding after the disaster, with no special reinforcements made or new evacuation procedures introduced in their remote

communities.

Luo said he wished more had been done to make his community's buildings quake-resistant. "Maybe the country's leaders really wanted to help us, but when it comes to the lower levels the officials don't carry it out," he said.

Relief teams flew in helicopters and dynamited through landslides Sunday to reach some of the most isolated communities, where rescuers in orange overalls led sniffer dogs through piles of brick, concrete and wood debris to search for survivors.

Many residents complained that although emergency teams were quick to carry away bodies and search for survivors, they had so far done little to distribute aid. "No water, no shelter," read a hand-written sign held up by children on a roadside in Longmen.

"I was working in the field when I heard the explosions of the earthquake, and I turned around and saw my house simply flatten in front of me," said Fu Qiuyue, a 70-year-old rapeseed farmer in Longmen.

Fu sat with her husband, Ren Dehua, in a makeshift shelter of logs and a plastic sheet on a patch of grass near where a helicopter had parked to reach their community of terraced grain and vegetable fields. She said the collapse of the house had crushed eight pigs to death. "It was the scariest sound I have ever heard," she said.

The quake — measured by

China's earthquake administration at magnitude 7.0 and by the U.S. Geological Survey at 6.6 — struck shortly after 8 a.m. on Saturday. Tens of thousands of people moved into tents or cars, unable to return home or too afraid to go back as aftershocks continued to jolt the region.

The quake killed at least 186 people, left 21 missing and injured 11,393, the official Xinhua News Agency quoted the provincial emergency command center as saying.

As in most natural disasters, the government mobilized thousands of soldiers and others, sending excavators and other heavy machinery as well as tents, blankets and other emergency supplies. Two soldiers died after their vehicle slid off a road and rolled down a cliff, state media reported.

The Chinese Red Cross said it had deployed relief teams with supplies of food, water, medicine and rescue equipment to the disaster areas.

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Sunday that the U.N. stood ready "to provide assistance and to mobilize any international support that may be needed," according to a statement released by the U.N. spokesperson.

In his condolence message, Ban said he "is deeply saddened by the loss of life, injuries and destruction" caused by the earthquake and aftershocks that struck Sichuan province.

Gunfire erupts at marijuana event

Associated Press

DENVER — Authorities are hunting for suspects after shooting broke out during a massive marijuana celebration in Denver, leaving two people with gunshot wounds.

The gunfire scattered thousands attending Saturday's 4/20 counterculture holiday, the first since Colorado legalized marijuana.

A man and a woman each suffered non-life threatening gunshot wounds, officials said. Local media reports said a third person was grazed.

Denver Police spokesman Sonny Jackson said investigators are looking for one or two suspects, asking festival attendees for possible photo or video of the shootings.

He said police had no motive for the gunfire.

Witnesses described a scene in which a jovial atmosphere quickly turned to one of panic at the downtown Civic Center Park just before 5 p.m. Several thought firecrackers were being set off, then a man fell bleeding, his dog also shot.

"I saw him fall, grabbing his leg," said Travis Craig, 28, who was at the celebration, saw the shooting and said he used a belt to apply a tourniquet to the man's leg.

"He was just screaming that he was in pain, and wanted to know where his girlfriend was. She was OK. And then the cops showed up real quick, like, less than a minute. They put him on ambulance and left."

The annual pot celebration this year was expected to draw as many as 80,000 people after recent laws in Colorado and Washington made marijuana legal for recreational use.

A sizable police force on motorcycles and horses had been watching the celebration since its start earlier Saturday. But authorities, who generally look the other way at public pot smoking here on April 20, didn't arrest people for smoking in public, which is still illegal.

Police said earlier in the week that they were focused on crowd security in light of attacks that killed three at the finish line of the Boston Marathon.

"We're aware of the events in Boston," said Denver police spokesman Aaron Kafer, who declined to give specifics about security measures being taken. "Our message to the public is that, if you see something, say something."

Stephanie Riedel, who traveled to the pot celebration from Pittsburgh, said she was dancing with a hula hoop when she heard pops. A man ran past her, then she said the crowd started screaming and running away. She was about 20 feet from the shooting and heard four or five shots.

"I couldn't make sense of what it was at first," she said. "We were all having a good time and I was in the mindframe of, we're here at a peace gathering. I thought it some guys playing."

Rapper Lil' Flip was performing when the shootings occurred.

INSIDE COLUMN

Qualities of a 'bro'



Miko Malabute
Scene Writer

"Hey, 'bro.'"
"Yo, 'bro.'"
"He's such a 'bro.'"

We've all said it, and it seems like an innate definition of a person we can all envision. Our "bro." Yet what exactly makes a "bro?"

A "bro," needless to say, is a brother. They're the most versatile type of people, fulfilling all sorts of roles across the "bro" spectrum. Need a guy to bail you out of an awkward situation? Call your "bro." Need someone to play a pickup game of basketball? Tell your "bro" when to go to the courts.

Yet this doesn't truly delve into the question, "What is a 'bro?'" What qualities make a "bro?" And one of the most important questions, "Are you a 'bro?'" These things are all variable, and every person has their own definition of "bro-ness." But every "bro" — no matter how you look at it — possesses certain general qualities that all match our innate vision of a "bro."

Not every "bro" has to be exactly "Total Frat Move" material. Yet there is a certain arrogance (read as "confidence") every "bro" possesses, an air about them that sets them apart from simpler men. This confidence does not necessarily pertain to stereotypically male-dominance arenas. Sometimes it's not all about how much you can bench press. Confidence in what is not nearly as important as confidence in itself. Think about it. Think about your bro that could care less if the world knows he watches chick flicks, or your other bro that eats Sour Patch Kids in the morning. Confidence is important, knowing you're doing something correctly.

However, what is confidence without ability? What is all the talent in the world without a bit of execution? A "bro" makes things happen. He follows through on what he sets out to do and ensures it gets done his way. Let's face it, we all want to feel useful, and "bros" are useful. They do this by proving their worth and ensuring their value.

These qualities of "bro-ness" all need to be wrapped up in a quality that separates a "bro" from a meer man: compassion. "Bro solidarity." Because when it all comes down to it, "bros" are short for brothers, and when you're short on your blood brothers, you should always have a "bro" to rely on.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Overwhelming the negativity

I used to tell people I hate Boston. I'd spent too many Marathon Mondays wet and cold, jogging behind my father to the next lookout so we could shout briefly at my mother as she passed by sweating. My mom has run somewhere between 30 and 40 marathons. My three siblings and father combined come close to 20. I myself am a consummate spectator. Chicago, New York, Hartford, Burlington, Washington D.C., Boston, Boston and Boston.

This Marathon Monday, I spent two hours desperately tracking down four runners and three spectators and three more hours obsessively watching live updates. I still can't really connect the Boston on the news with the Boston I know. I've complained about the cold, but all I can remember are the tipsy college kids handing out oranges. I remember the sun on my face while strangers outside a Dairy Queen gave me directions to the T. I remember hugging my mother over the flimsy barrier of orange plastic gating. I remember looking in shock at desperate runners who, abandoning endless port-a-potty lines, crouched behind Hopkington bushes. Mostly, I remember the incredible energy radiating out from runners and reflecting back from the crowd.

Bombs didn't cheer on my brother to beat his best in Boston. Bombs didn't help my mother to the hospital when she finished one year with a broken hip (yes, marathoners are crazy). Bombs didn't offer a friend sponges to wipe her face somewhere around mile 20 and bombs didn't inch over on the curb so I could squeeze through and high-five my sister. People did.

That's the magic of Boston. Bombs will never scare us away. Next year, runners will bring their Gu belts and lucky socks. I'll bring posters taped to yardsticks. Boston, I know, will bring its Boston College frat parties, suburban lemonade stands and, of course, the thunderous Boylston bleachers.

The Boston Marathon is about human energy and exuberance. The electricity and generosity of the crowd will overwhelm the negative energy of those bombs. Right now, let's pray for the victims and hope for justice. Next year, let's go back.

Eileen Lynch
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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you."

Dale Carnegie
American writer and lecturer

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A Legion of extraordinary gall

Alex Caton

Modest Proposals

Last week, the Leprechaun Legion, the self-proclaimed “voice of the student body to the athletic department,” announced a new student ticket policy for next season’s football Saturdays. In doing so, they have committed numerous errors. From top to bottom, the policy does not have a leg to stand on, and here I would like to state why.

The new policy is as follows: There will be, as before, sections assigned by class (seniors will be closest to the 50-yard line, then juniors, etc). But the assigned group-based seating you have come to know is gone. This, I feel, will have two primary effects. The first is that of putting students in an uncomfortable — and perfectly avoidable — position of having to choose which part of their gameday experience they would like to compromise. Secondly, by undermining the guarantee to a specific seat (a guarantee literally every other fan in the stadium has as part and parcel of buying a ticket), the policy will create an atmosphere of antagonism between students who will now have equal claim to the same limited pool of premier seating. It will also engender the rather anti-social behavior of hovering in front of the gates in the hours leading up to the game while the other 70,000 ticketholders enjoy the pomp and circumstance of the Notre Dame game-day experience. All of this runs contrary to the greatest asset of Notre Dame football Saturdays: community.

It may be possible these costs will prove small compared to the benefits. So here we turn to the rationale of the policy to see whether it is “worth it.” The supposed rationale in plain terms is that our student section is broken. Not enough people in the student section are “being rowdy.” Our student section isn’t pulling its weight. The Legion implicitly holds the stadium could have been more electric when our

defensive front seven made a goal line stand in the pouring rain against Stanford last fall. Furthermore, the reason our 82,000-seat stadium is so quiet compared to Death Valley or Bryant-Denny Stadium rests on the shoulders of 8,000 students who just aren’t trying hard enough. It has nothing to do with the other 90 percent of the stadium, a group with a large percentage of middle-aged and elderly fans whose “rowdiness” has gone by the wayside. If our student section could just be “rowdier,” we would have a greater home field advantage and win more games. The new policy, the Legion tells us, assures the “rowdiest” students, by waiting outside the gate three hours before gametime, will stake out prime seating and set a better tone. “You go to other schools and their students are in the stadium, jam-packed and rowdy at least an hour before the game,” one Legion officer said in an interview with The Observer last week (“General admission,” Apr. 19).

There are a few things at work here, then. The first is an extreme preoccupation with other schools’ student sections and an apparently low opinion of our own student section for not creating enough buzz. The second is the ignorance of the real source of our home field advantage woes: an older, more buttoned-up fan base. The third is the mistaken understanding a lottery system is unfair, that you should have to earn your seat every game and that your commitment to Notre Dame football can be measured by the time you spend waiting for the gates to open.

“The assigned seating system, from what we’ve seen, is very rare,” the Legion’s president said in The Observer interview. “One part of that is the fact that these bigger schools with 40,000 kids just don’t have an assigned seat for everybody.” This is true, but it’s also rare for a university of only 8,000 undergraduates to hold a deserved reputation as an academic and football powerhouse. It’s rare to have a tailgating atmosphere with our level of family-friendliness and

mingling between people across such wide age gaps. And it’s rare to have the best college marching band in the country do multiple performances across the campus, almost to the last possible moment before kickoff. To take as given that a school with a set of gameday traditions this unique should limit our enjoyment of these to imitate larger schools is, in my view, wrong.

What should not get lost in this debate is the question of just where the Legion got the authority to institute a policy that affects nearly every student at this university. The Legion is an unelected body with zero accountability. When they were given the authority to administer this procedure is unclear. Regardless, the passing of this policy without one preliminary survey of the people it affects displays an arrogance and groupthink only an unelected body who just strong-armed its way onto the left sleeve of The Shirt could produce. Their surprising insistence they are “not considering revising the plans” despite a petition gathering more than 600 signatures in a matter of hours and a palpable student response that is lukewarm at best is unreflective of their supposed mandate to represent the student voice. How a group that makes such inclusive statements as “the entire student body is the Leprechaun Legion” so miserably failed to engage the people they purport to represent is beyond me. The greatest offense here isn’t the policy itself, which, despite being quite flawed, is well-intentioned. The problem is an unaccountable club overstepped its mandate in the name of an unquantifiable concept of “rowdiness” and took no actions to get a sense of our feelings toward the policy. As a member of the Legion, this is something I cannot accept.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On being a passionate fan

The new student football ticket policy has numerous problems with it, but for me, there is one that stands out above the rest. This is that the policy in question comes as a direct insult to my fandom, which is something I am quite proud of.

The email sent to us states, “We believe that this system will allow the most passionate fans to sit closest to the field, giving our team a louder, more intimidating home field advantage.” Well, let me be the first to tell you I’m one of the most passionate fans at this school, but there is more to being a passionate fan than yelling as loud as you can. To me, being a passionate fan

means taking in the entire Notre Dame football experience and loving every minute of it. Any passionate fan will tell you that’s not something you can do if you need to get to the stadium two hours early to get a good seat. I want to tailgate like a champion, watch the band walk in and take the time to enjoy the atmosphere. When I finally do enter the stadium, I want to be in awe of the sight laid out before me as I walk through the gate and into the stands, which is impossible if I’m worrying about where I’m going to sit.

I understand what the Legion wants because I want the same thing: for our student section

to be as loud and intimidating as possible. Unfortunately, they have the whole thing backwards. The passionate fans aren’t the ones racing to the stadium to beat the crowd. We’re the ones who partake in the full experience and still make it in time to see the team run onto the field.

Love thee.

Thomas Wack
sophomore
off campus
April 18

Let’s keep on running

The Boston Marathon tragedy has dominated conversation on campus since Monday. The myriad of emotions such a tragedy evokes can infrequently be captured in themes of hope, but I wanted to attempt to convey some positive musings.

I speak as an avid, though unaccomplished, runner. I run races in New York, Washington and Chicago not because of medals, but because I can find no atmosphere like the final miles of a race. The final stretch of an officiated long-distance race is so beautiful — so beautiful that I simply refuse to let the circumstances of Boston become the predominant narrative of marathon running.

The heart of this sport is resiliency — a test of mental and physical rigor. Along a race course, talents, ambitious, positions and even ability are irrelevant: no one cares if you finish the race in two hours or eight. As you cross the finish line, a crowd of strangers will cheer for you

in a raucous blend of screaming, music, clapping, loud speakers and noisemakers. This is the splendor of long-distance running: it is a community that awards medals on completion. With very little exception, a finish is a finish.

In valuing endurance, running fosters a level of camaraderie among its contender-strangers that is not unlike the kind found in team activities. Everyone feels and knows they start and finish a race with everyone else, with place and pace at the whim of bodies alone. The distance after the starting line is full of joking, heavy breaths, pain and unity. This is why people bond with strangers, pace with strangers and give up precious seconds of race time to help another after a fall. Then, upon completion, the finish line is a space of community and celebration.

So, when a person decides to set off a bomb in the final few miles of a marathon, it is a moral transgression I cannot begin to articulate or understand. Such a horrific event targets not just a

race or a crowd, but an embodiment of resiliency and triumph. Although I cannot comprehend the events of today, this much I know: people need to keep running. That will honor the sport: to continue in spite of a difficult, inconceivable stretch. As the world looks to a senseless act, we can find comfort in the incredible images of people helping one another after those bombs exploded. Across the media, we find stories and images of those who rushed in to help and those who were there caring for those injured. God is present in that. Runners must have faith in that and in each other, and determine to cross more finish lines.

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How to get a perfect score on Lulu



Sam Stryker
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As if gender relations weren't contentious enough on this campus, a new wrinkle has developed in the male-female dynamic at Notre Dame. All of you better know what I'm talking about: Lulu, the new app that allows ladies to rate the men in their lives on their potential as prospective romantic partners.

As far as I am concerned, Lulu is about the worst weapon to be developed in the gender wars on campus. Whereas a guy used to have to do a lot to earn himself a bad reputation on campus, now all a girl has to do is rate him on her phone and BOOM, his social status goes caput.

Think nuclear warheads in the hands of North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un are scary? Try a scorned Notre Dame woman with the Lulu app in her hands. As far as I'm concerned, the only men on campus who are safe are the guys who live in Old College, and maybe Fr. Hesburgh.

Here's how it works: After answering a list of questions and tagging attributes a girl thinks befitting of the man meat she is rating, Lulu produces a score on a one to 10 scale for the dude in question. Everything that matters is taken into account — looks, manners, cleanliness and so on.

The catch is Lulu is designed so guys can't sign on to the app. I tried programming it on my iPhone but was rejected, since Lulu recognized me as the macho macho man I am. Unless you want to change your Facebook gender to female — an awkward proposition, men — the only way to improve your Lulu score is to be a better version of yourself, one that is appealing

to the fairer sex.

Gents, I'm here to help you out. I would like to think I have the ins-and-outs of Lulu mastered, considering I currently sport a solid 8.9 ranking on the app. While I'm pretty sure I have one significant factor working in my favor that most guys at Notre Dame don't — and I'm not talking about my dashing good looks — making yourself appealing to the lovely ladies on campus is really not that difficult. It just takes a few simple steps.

Don't be ugly

I can't stress this one enough. Girls always talk about how they like "funny" guys with "personality," but let's be real here — people are people, and men and women alike will always judge a book by its cover. That's why the most important step in appealing to women is not to be ugly.

How does that work? Girls may be lucky enough to have Spanx and makeup, but a guy who is practically deformed can't hide that from the world. It's all about playing to your strengths. Be sure to shave that uni-brow, brush those teeth, comb your hair (unless you are going for an Edward Cullen look) and never, ever leave your dorm room without applying some foundation (just kidding).

Be a gentleman

That being said, good looks can only take you so far. Trust me, I know. Chivalry isn't dead, but it certainly isn't hopping and bopping either.

Girls love manners. Whether it is holding open the door as the two of you walk into the library to complete the Hesburgh Challenge or giving her your coat when it is near zero as she is waiting outside Club Fever in a little black dress, chivalry goes a long way. Just don't lay

it on too thick, or you might get yourself friend-zoned.

It's all about moderation

Think of every girl on campus like a grown-up version of Goldilocks and you are porridge. She doesn't want you too hot or too cold, but just right. That means you need to strike the right balance in all areas of your life. Be smart, but don't spend too much time in the library. Drink, but don't blackout regularly on Monday nights. Show that you are a family guy, but don't be a mama's boy. Be bold, but not too cocky. Be flirty, but not with every girl you meet.

Women are collectively the most demanding people you will ever meet and for a good reason: boys are the worst. Just do everything and behave in moderation, and watch your Lulu score climb.

Don't actually date or hookup with girls

This is probably the easiest way to keep a solid Lulu score intact. Unless you are the second coming of Casanova, any type of romantic or physical contact is eventually going to come back and bite you in the butt. That means no kissing, dining hall date, or holding hands as you walk across the quad. Eventually something is going to happen and the honeymoon period will end.

Then the girl will go on Lulu, and suddenly you go from "Potential Husband Material" to "Grade-A Sleazeball." It's unfortunate, but that's just how things work in today's information age. At this point, you may just be better off becoming a priest.

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#thirdworldsolutions to #firstworldproblems



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Scene Writer

After studying in Ifrane, Morocco, for a semester, I am now able to offer solutions to some of my friends' greatest [#firstworldproblems](#). Some real, some edited and some fictional, the following are common tweets and my newly informed [#thirdworldsolutions](#).

"My friend screenshot my hideous Snapchat [#firstworldproblems](#)" – @cabro54

Don't worry; WiFi is not a thing here. And even if it is, the Internet won't let you download Snapchat.
[#thirdworldsolutions](#)

"All the ellipticals were taken in the gym and I was forced to run on the treadmill [#firstworldproblems](#)"
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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Sports can send a political message



Vicky Jacobsen
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One of the worst parts of studying history is it forces us to acknowledge that a lot of the wonderful, inspiring stories from our nation's history never actually happened.

George Washington never cut down that cherry tree, and the Gipper never gave Rockne an inspiring line to use when the breaks were beating the boys. So thank goodness there were nearly 40,000 live witnesses and countless recording devices running when Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz let fly one of the most sublimely appropriate uses of inappropriate language in recent memory.

Although I can't write what it was he said here (and lord knows everyone reading this has already watched the video), there will never be any doubt he said it. More importantly, there will never be any doubt he meant it, or that it was just what the City of Boston needed to hear after Monday's bombings and the wild manhunt that followed.

I've now watched the slightly-delayed roar of the crowd approximately a dozen times (an unintended consequence of Big Papi's speech is that the whole country now knows what it sounds like when 36,000 people all wonder "Did he really just say that?" at the same time). And every time I see that clip, I'm left wondering how well-meaning commentators can continue to refer to sporting events as "distractions" and "escapes" from trouble and heartbreak. If that is the case, exactly where were people more mindful of the week's events?

If fans were hiding from reality in the confines of Fenway Park on Saturday afternoon, aren't those "Boston Strong" shirts just a fashion statement? Did fans bring posters thanking first responders because they'd gotten sick of the one that read, "GO SOX"? Did the crowd at Wednesday's Bruins game join Rene

Rancourt in singing the national anthem because they thought they sounded better than he did? Did David Ortiz take the mic at Saturday's pregame ceremony because he'd always wanted to drop an f-bomb in front of thousands and thought this was his chance?

When you call a sporting event a "distraction," you minimize all the emotion that goes along with it. You discredit all the symbolic gestures made by team members and fans. Personally, I'm not cynical enough to do that.

We might never figure out exactly what political or ideological statement the perpetrators were trying to make when they designed this attack. But on a basic level, all terrorists have the same goal: to make us afraid. To make us hide. In the past week, I've heard multiple Notre Dame students say you can't feel safe anywhere nowadays. Well, that's the point.

The terrorists might not have had anything against the Red Sox or the Bruins or Celtics. They might not even have had anything against the Boston Marathon in particular. But they did want to change huge civic events from an opportunity for pure, simple fun to a potential threat to all participants. They saw something objectionable in thousands of people gathering to celebrate Patriots' Day, a holiday that intertwines Boston's Revolutionary history with its historical marathon. Going to a sporting event isn't usually much of a political statement — but it is when people take it upon themselves to make the public wonder if they are safe at games. It is when a fan wears a shirt or makes a sign referencing recent events. And it is when the heart and soul of the home team declares, "Nobody gonna dictate our freedom."

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Warriors lose All-Star David Lee to hip injury

Associated Press

DENVER — The Golden State Warriors got a double dose of bad news Sunday.

They learned All-Star forward David Lee had torn his right hip flexor, as feared, ending his season.

So, they'll have to continue their playoff series against Denver without the NBA's leader in double-doubles.

Making that task all the more difficult will be the return of the Nuggets' top rebounder and energizer, Kenneth Faried, from an injured ankle.

Faried sat out the opener Saturday, when the Nuggets edged Golden State 97-95 despite getting outrebounded 55-45.

"Whoa, I didn't know that," Faried said Sunday after declaring he'd be back in action Tuesday night in Game 2. "That can't be happening. It's playoff basketball and that's one of the biggest keys. ... Every possession counts and they're that much more valuable in the playoffs. You need to secure rebounds and lock the ball down and make sure we can start our break and have that fun and flair that the Nuggets play."

The Nuggets haven't been winning as handily as they did before Faried went down with a sprained left ankle on April 14. He wanted to play Saturday but by keeping him on the bench, he'll get another 72 hours of rest and rehab.

"He's our hustle guy, he's our rebounder," Nuggets coach George Karl said. "Last night I think we missed him. You've got two teams that like to run and when you take your best runner off the court it's going to affect the flow of the game. And his offensive rebounding is probably the reason why we're No. 1 in offensive rebounding, point blank. He's the guy that always goes and is always there."

The matchup of Lee and Faried was billed as a



AP

Golden State Warriors forward David Lee gets his hand on the ball as Nuggets center Kosta Koufos shoots in Game 1 on April 20.

headliner in this first-round series pitting two high-octane teams that like to get up and down the floor.

"It would have been exciting," Faried said.

Now, it'll be Carl Landry's task to deal with the man known as the "Manimal," something Warriors guard Jarrett Jack said he's looking forward to.

"I think he'll be able to meet force for force and give us a chance down there," Jack said.

Lee said he didn't have to wait for the MRI on Sunday to know he'd torn the right hip flexor, an injury that's seen much more often on the football field than the hardwood.

He said he knew it right when he hit the floor after banging into JaVale McGee on a drive in the fourth quarter. He gathered himself enough to shoot two free throws but struggled to run back down-court and needed help getting to the bench.

"I knew last night when I did it," Lee said Sunday. "I felt it pop. So I knew we were going to get the results we did this morning. I went to run back on defense and had absolutely no sensation in my leg. It wasn't even painful as much as it was just (numb)."

Lee said doctors told him he likely won't need surgery, just

a couple of months of rest and rehab. He said he hopes to be 100 percent by mid-summer and come back stronger than ever in camp.

The injury leaves the Warriors without a key producer down low as Lee led the NBA in double-doubles with 56 this season. He averaged 18.5 points, 11.2 rebounds and 3.5 assists.

"We can't replace him, and we know that," Warriors coach Mark Jackson said. "And that's the thing we have to know right away. He's an All-Star power forward who's had an incredible year. But we have some guys on our bench that can do some things to cover up his absence. But we cannot replace David Lee."

Landry stands to get the bulk of Lee's minutes with Draymond Green, Andris Biedrins and Festus Ezeli and maybe even Richard Jefferson also in the mix. Jackson might also compensate for Lee's loss with a guard-heavy lineup at times.

"I think we all are" ready to step in and step up, Landry said. "It's a team game, being without our All-Star, our captain, our leader, it's definitely going to hurt a little bit but we've got guys on this team that can step up and make plays."

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Oh-woah, oh-woah, oh-woah/
Here I am staring at your perfection/
In my arms, so beautiful/
The sky is getting bright, the stars are burning out/
Somebody slow it down/
This is way too hard, cause I know/
When the sun comes up, I will leave/
This is my last glance that will soon be memory/
And when the daylight comes I'll have to go.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles take three of four against conference foes

By MEREDITH KELLY
Sports Writer

The Belles held their top-three standing in the MIAA conference after a game-intensive weekend, winning three out of four games against conference foes Adrian and Olivet.

The Belles (16-12, 6-2 MIAA) kicked off the weekend with two games against Adrian (9-15, 5-5 MIAA) at home Saturday. The Belles won the first game 5-3 in nine innings but lost the second game 9-4.

"I think we took our win from game one and were kind of expecting to just win the second without the effort," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. "We let the game get away from us."

The Belles took the lead early in game one after junior pitcher Callie Selner singled up the middle in the first inning, bringing home junior center fielder Victoria Connelly. In the bottom of the second, Connelly scored freshman third baseman Kayla Chapman by singling to left field.

Adrian rallied to tie the Belles in the top of the sixth inning, 3-3, and the Bulldogs kept it there for three more innings. But in the bottom of the ninth inning, senior Morgan Bedan reached second base off a fielding error by the shortstop, bringing Selner to the plate.

Selner had already reached

base in her first four at-bats, so Adrian elected to intentionally walk the dangerous junior. But the second pitch of the intentional walk wasn't far enough from the plate and Selner was able to make contact, blasting a two-run bomb over the fence in right-center to give the Belles a 5-3 walk-off victory.

In the second game, the Belles started off strong with a run in the first inning. Senior Emily Sherwood reached base off an error by the shortstop, then scored after back-to-back singles by Bedan and Selner. Adrian then countered in the top of the second, scoring three runs on five hits.

Adrian widened the gap after racking up another three runs in both the third and fourth innings, making the score 9-1. The Belles attempted to stay in the game — scoring another three runs before the final out — but were not able to overcome the Bulldogs' enormous lead and lost 9-4.

On Sunday, the Belles faced Olivet (9-17, 0-8 MIAA) at home for their Senior Day game, where the Belles honored their two seniors, captains Sherwood and Bedan.

"Morgan and Emily have done so much for our program," Sullivan said. "They are dedicated and inspiring teammates. Their play on the field has contributed to so many wins, of



ALLISON D'AMBROSIA | The Observer

Saint Mary's senior infielder Emily Sherwood prepares to throw during warmups before the Belles' sweep of Defiance on March 28 at home. Saint Mary's won three of four games over the weekend.

course, but their personalities off the field will be missed more."

The Belles celebrated their

seniors in dominant fashion, sweeping Olivet with a pair of convincing shutouts. The Belles won both games in five innings, with a score of 13-0 in the first game and 11-0 in the second game.

Selner, Connelly, Sherwood, Bedan, Champman and freshman Jillian Busfield all crossed the plate during the first game, most more than once. Busfield had two home runs, which Sullivan said moved her into a tie for fifth in career home runs in program history — as only a freshman.

"We had not only amazing hitting, our pitchers were lights out," Sullivan said. "They gave up only three combined hits in both games."

Selner earned a win in the circle, allowing just two hits and zero runs. She also earned

in yet another doubleheader. Hope sits at fourth place in the MIAA conference rankings, just one spot behind the Belles.

Today's doubleheader against the Flying Dutch will finish out a brutal stretch of the Belles' schedule — one that has forced them to play six games in three days. Sullivan said she has confidence her team is ready to play, regardless of the potential physical and mental strain of back-to-back games.

"We are able to just go out and play without thinking too much, which is a good thing, Sullivan said. "Our pitchers are also getting stronger each day, which is a tribute to their mental toughness."

Sullivan said the team ultimately has its hopes set on qualifying for the MIAA conference championship. Yet because

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Erin Sullivan
Belles coach

seven strikeouts in five innings of work.

In the second game, the Belles continued to work hard and produce runs. During the top of the fourth, the Belles scored eight runs off nine hits. Freshman pitcher Sarah Burke, who started the second game, pitched a gem, allowing just one hit in her complete game shutout. Burke also picked up five strikeouts.

Today, the Belles will face Hope (12-12, 4-2 MIAA) at home

half of their conference games remain to be played this week, Sullivan said it would be tough to predict exactly what her team needs to do to get there.

"Conservatively, I would say we need to go 4-4 to make it to the tournament," Sullivan said.

The Belles and Flying Dutch will square off today at Saint Mary's. First pitch is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Divided Irish excel in California and Indiana

By **COLE SCHIETINGER**
Sports Writer

Despite splitting up this past weekend, the Irish continued to succeed. Whether out in California at the Mt. SAC Relays and California Invitational, or in-state at the Polytan Invitational in Bloomington, Notre Dame's athletes were able to produce great performances.

In California, the Irish pulled off a first-place sectional finish on the shoulders of its four competitors. Senior decathlete Ted Glasnow had a great outing, with a 7,315-point performance at the California Invitational. By comparison, the second-place finisher, Wisconsin freshman Charlie Foss, scored 6,800 points.

One motivating factor Glasnow credited for his first-place finish was his family and friends' attendance.

"It was a great experience," Glasnow said. "The meet was during the week, so it was sparsely-attended. I could distinctly hear my relatives and friends going crazy for everything I did."

Glasnow's score was the highest for a Big East decathlete this season and the 13th best nationally. Coming off such a performance, Glasnow said he must now turn his attention to preparation for the Big East championships.

"I am very happy with my first-day performance, so I will just try to keep things consistent for my next decathlon at Big East," he said. "My second day, however, was disappointing. I had been practicing well in every event, but I could not manifest that preparation into a good mark for pole vault, javelin or the 1500. For those events, I need to get as much work as it takes to get my confidence back."

Senior long distance runner Jeremy Rae and sophomore heptathlete Carly Loeffel also stood out with top-five finishes in the 1,500-meter at the Mt. SAC



Photo courtesy of Jessie Christian

Irish senior decathlete Ted Glasnow competes in the Indiana Relays on Jan. 25th in Bloomington, Ind.

Relays and the heptathlon at the California Invitational, respectively. For Loeffel, her fifth-place performance was the best of her career. Rae's finish was also outstanding, as he came in only 1.22 seconds short of the best time nationally during the 2012-2013 outdoor season.

On Saturday, the rest of the team exceeded its high expectations with 42 top-five finishes at the Polytan Invitational. Building on her already great freshman season, sprinter Margaret Bamgbose dominated for the women's team with three event victories in the 400-meter, 4x100-meter and the 4x400-meter races. Also taking first were senior Nevada Sorenson, in the 100-meter hurdles, and sophomore Mary Esther Gourdin, in the triple jump.

The junior girls stole the show in Bloomington, with Aijah Urssery, Jessie Christian, Michelle Brown, Vivien Devaney and Megan Yanik winning the 100-meter sprint, long jump, 200-meter race, hammer throw and the 400-meter hurdles, respectively. In addition to their great efforts, juniors Kelly Burke, Emily Kujawski, Meg Ryan and Jaclyn Winkel also finished in the top five for their events.

On the men's side, junior Patrick

Feeney led the way with victories in both the 200-meter and 4x100-meter races. Also winning their events were senior Anthony Thomas in the hammer throw and junior Logan Renwick in the triple jump.

With Thomas setting the tone, the men excelled in the field events. Junior Jordan Stumph had a great weekend with two third-place finishes in the shot put and the hammer throw. Similarly, sophomore Dominick Pavodano turned in a pair of top-five finishes, as he finished in fourth place in the shot put and second place in the hammer throw. Also contributing multiple top-five finishes were senior Brendan Dougherty, who ended up with a third-place finish in the 200-meters and a victory in the 4x100-meter relays, and sophomore Keith Mesidor, who had second-place finishes in the 100-meter sprint and the long jump. Overall, the men had 16 competitors with top-five finishes.

This Friday, the Irish will try to continue their success when they head to Hillsdale, Michigan, to compete in the Hillsdale Gina Relays.

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ROWING | THIRD PLACE

Team finishes third in elite field

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The Irish finished with a share of third place at the Lake Natoma Invitational in Sacramento, Calif., on April 20 and 21.

After two days of strong racing, the No. 12 Irish claimed a third-place tie with No. 9 Stanford. No. 1 USC and No. 2 Cal outraced the Irish this weekend by just two points and one point, respectively.

"The team had a great weekend of racing at the Lake Natoma Invite. We saw some great competition from West Coast teams like USC, California, and Washington State as well as teams like Kansas and Wisconsin," junior Molly Bruggeman said.

Bruggeman said having the opportunity to compete against such strong teams was a great learning experience.

"As a team, we learned a lot by racing some fast programs that we hope to apply next weekend racing at [Indiana University]," Bruggeman said.

The Irish proved a team to be reckoned with after the first day of competition. They posted a total of eight runner-up finishes, which put them in a spot of strong competition for the next day of races.

In the opening race against No. 1 USC and Kansas, the first varsity four secured a runner-up time of 7:24.20, just barely trailing behind USC and its 7:20.10 winning time. The second varsity eight claimed a second-place finish with a time of 6:47.30.

The first varsity eight finished second as well, with a time of 6:38.00 in the fastest race of the morning. The second varsity four launch fell just short of outstripping No. 2 California (7:38.50) and finished right behind it with a time of 7:43.40.

The Irish continued strong into the afternoon session as well. In their races against Cal, the Irish varsity four and second varsity

eight both finished in second place with times of 7:41.50 and 6:51.30, respectively. The second varsity four also posted a 7:35.60 time to make it runner-up to Cal (7:29.00).

Falling just three and a half seconds behind Cal, the Notre Dame varsity eight finished with a time of 6:33.50.

Bruggeman, who sits in the stroke seat of the varsity eight, said that the team learned from every race and carried those lessons into its next races.

"Every race we have, we learn a little bit more about our abilities and what we need to work on to improve on for the next race," Bruggeman said.

Taking those improvements into consideration, day two of competition proved to be another successful day of racing for the Irish. The first varsity eight finished with a time of 6:30.30, the boat's third consecutive improvement on its season-best time, to beat No. 15 Wisconsin and No. 17 Washington State.

The second varsity eight secured another victory for the Irish with a time of 6:36.70 to beat Wisconsin and Washington State again.

In the last race of the competition, the varsity four launch fell just behind Washington State and claimed a runner-up finish for the Irish with a time of 7:23.60.

Bruggeman said the team looks forward to taking what they learned from this competition and applying that knowledge this coming weekend.

"Overall, it was a weekend of great racing in beautiful California and we look forward to more fast racing next weekend," Bruggeman said.

The Irish get straight back to the water this weekend at the Dale England Cup in Bloomington, Ind.

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SMC TENNIS | HOPE 8, SMC 1

Belles fall to Hope, look to bounce back today

By **SAMANTHA ZUBA**
Sports Writer

The Belles fell to Hope, 8-1, Saturday in conference play in Holland, Mich.

The Belles' only match win came at No. 2 doubles with freshman Margaret Faller and sophomore Shannon Elliot earning an 8-3 victory.

Belles coach Dale Campbell expressed disappointment that Saint Mary's (9-6, 4-2 MIAA) could not control doubles play as he had hoped.

"We weren't successful enough

in that area, but unfortunately, we have to learn through our losses sometimes," Campbell said. "We were definitely outplayed on No. 1 and No. 3 [doubles], but we had some good moments on both courts. We are still too defensive at times."

Campbell also noted Saint Mary's stayed a step behind Hope's (11-6, 6-0) quick, athletic players and could not secure wins despite several close matches.

"We had some very close matches in singles, but they had one more shot and moved their feet better than us overall," Campbell

said.

Next on the schedule for Saint Mary's is a non-conference match-up with North Central on Monday, the final home match of the season for the Belles. Campbell said he sees the match as an opportunity for Saint Mary's to fine-tune before its final conference matches.

"Being that they are non-conference, we need to practice the things we should be doing against our top conference opponents," Campbell said.

Despite this being the last home match, Campbell said his team must stay focused and avoid

reflecting on the season too early.

"I think they are more concerned about each match individually," Campbell said. "It's too early to reflect, other than to look forward at what we can improve over the next two weeks."

Monday's matchup will be the season finale for North Central (11-7, 2-4 CCIW). Regardless of the outcome against the Belles, North Central is poised to finish the season with a winning record despite fielding a young roster featuring five freshmen. Saint Mary's had a similarly-young lineup last season and Campbell offered an

experienced perspective on the Cardinals' situation.

"With experience, the freshmen do get better," Campbell said. "I think they learn how to compete and change strategies in a match as needed. I think they develop more confidence as well with each match win. By the end of the season, the freshmen should be stronger."

In their final home match of the season, the Belles square off with North Central on Monday at 4 p.m.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF | 294 (+6); SECOND PLACE

Title-seeking squad seven shots back of first

By GREG HADLEY
Sports Writer

In pursuit of the program's fifth Big East conference title, the Irish did not get off to the start they wanted Sunday in Orlando, Fla., but still ended the first round in second place, seven shots behind the leader Louisville.

The heavy favorite coming into the Big East championship, No. 26 Notre Dame stumbled out of the gate but rallied on the back nine to entrench itself solidly in second, seven shots up on third-place Seton Hall.

"We didn't get off to the start we wanted to," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "But almost everyone played better on the back nine. We need to have a better start [Monday] so we can regroup and cut into that [seven-shot] deficit."

Holt said she knows there is still plenty of golf to play, and she feels optimistic about her team's chances to capture the conference title.

"It's only been one round and it's only seven shots," Holt said. "We can come back. We know what we need to do. I feel as

though some teams have already played their best golf and we haven't even begun to really get going yet."

The Irish score of 294 was below their season average of 301.8, but Holt said she thought the course acted as an equalizer that allowed the field to stay closer than normal.

"We shot a little below our average, but you've got teams out there that shot just over 300, when their season average is closer to 320, some even at 340," Holt said.

For her squad to rally and win, Holt sees several areas that need improvement.

"We didn't have enough birdies," she said. "We need to make more putts and we need to get off to a better start and really play well on the front nine."

One of the reasons the Irish remain in contention is the stellar play of their two freshmen, Lindsey Weaver and Talia Campbell. Weaver, the top-ranked player in the field at No. 16, shot three-under on the back nine to end the day with a one-under par 71 that tied her for second, just one shot off the lead.



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Irish freshman Talia Campbell follows through during the Mary Fossum Invitational on Sept. 15, 2012 in East Lansing, Mich. Campbell is in sixth place at the Big East championship after Sunday's opening round.

Campbell is close on Weaver's heels, one shot back in a three-way tie for sixth at even par.

"It's great to have Lindsey back to form," Holt said. "She's hit a rough patch recently, so it's important that she keep this up. Talia was in very solid form as well."

Junior Kristina Nhim is also in the top 15 after shooting a 74, more than three shots fewer than her season average (77.84). Defending conference champion and Irish sophomore Ashley Armstrong, who has already won two tournaments this year, shot five-over on the front nine before

regrouping and parring all nine holes on the back nine.

The Irish will continue play Monday and Tuesday at the Big East championship in Orlando, Fla.

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ND SOFTBALL | ND 7, PITT 1; ND 10, PITT 2; ND 7, PITT 0

Winter propels Irish to three-game sweep



JULIE HERDER | The Observer

Irish junior pitcher Laura Winter drives a ball during Notre Dame's victory over Villanova on April 7. After homering Saturday against Pittsburgh, Winter threw a one-hit shutout against the Panthers on Sunday.

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

The Irish claimed their fourth Big East sweep of the season with a dominating three-game run against Pittsburgh this weekend.

Senior catcher Amy Buntin said the sweep proved the Irish had reached the rhythm they had been searching for all season.

"It feels great to get another Big East sweep this weekend," Buntin said. "It feels great for our

team to finally come together."

Notre Dame (33-10, 13-1 Big East) started the weekend out slowly against the Panthers (16-26, 5-12). In game one, the Irish were unable to break a 1-1 tie until the top of the seventh inning.

Junior pitcher Laura Winter

started the action for the Irish with an RBI single that brought the score to 2-1. A Pittsburgh error scored sophomore outfielder Emilee Koerner and junior pinch runner Monica Torres. Then two more hits brought the final score to 7-1 and secured the victory for the Irish.

In game two, Winter hit her 10th homerun of the season in the top of the second to put the Irish on the board. A wild pitch and an error at short allowed sophomore catcher Cassidy Whidden to score an unearned run and brought the score to 2-0.

The Panthers tied the score at two in the bottom of the third with a two-run homer, but Whidden responded in the fourth with a two-run bomb of her own.

The Irish continued to pull away down the stretch, and Whidden rounded off the day with her second home run of the game to bring the final score to 10-2.

The Irish pulled ahead early Sunday in the final matchup of the weekend. Koerner and sophomore infielder Katey Haus made it on base off of errors in the top of the first and were both sent home when Winter shot one over the fence to give the Irish a 3-0 lead.

Another hit from Winter in the top of the fifth sent Simon home. Freshman outfielder Casey Africano hit an RBI single to bring Buntin home. At the end

of the fifth, the Irish led 5-0, and they pushed that lead to 7-0 in the sixth.

That was six more runs than the Irish would need. In addition to her monster day at the plate, Winter was nearly perfect in the circle Sunday, allowing just one hit while striking out 14 batters.

Buntin said Winter's familiarity with the opponent played a huge part in her success on the mound.

"The key to Laura's near perfect game was studying the batters before stepping on the field each inning," Buntin said. "In my mind, Laura threw a perfect game. She knew every batter's weaknesses and how to attack them. She approached every hitter with a plan."

Buntin said the sweep against Pittsburgh is another stepping stone toward Notre Dame's goals for the remainder of the season.

"Each and every Big East win for us at this point is important in helping us reach our goal of taking Notre Dame softball where it's never gone before," Buntin said. "These next couple of weekends will be crucial for our season."

The Irish take the field at home against Connecticut on Tuesday at 12 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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BASEBALL | ND 9, QU 6; ND 6, QU 0; ND 5, QU 1

Irish stop six-game slide, sweep Quinnipiac

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

It was an eventful weekend for the Irish, as they swept Quinnipiac, ended a six-game losing streak and raised awareness and money for Lou Gehrig's Disease research through their Strike Out ALS game Saturday afternoon.

Due to inclement weather Friday night, Saturday's game became a double-header, as Notre Dame (22-15) defeated the Bobcats (10-24) 9-6, then 6-0 in the Strike Out ALS game. On Sunday, the Irish won 5-1.

Irish coach Mik Aoki said the weekend was special for him because one of his former players at Boston College, Peter Frates, was diagnosed with ALS, the official name for Lou Gehrig's Disease, in March 2011. Since then, the Frates family has traveled around the country to raise awareness of and seek a cure for ALS. Aoki said he was pleased with how the weekend went beyond the sweep.

"I think just being able to put [the Strike Out ALS game] on, despite the results, was great," Aoki said. "I'm indebted to Quinnipiac for being a part of it and being so gracious. It's a cause that means a lot to me a very personal cause and I thought it went off really well. That was really, really gratifying for me."

The Irish offense awakened for the weekend series and struck early and often. The middle of the lineup, accompanied by two

stellar pitching performances from senior right-hander Adam Norton (8-1) and junior right-hander Sean Fitzgerald (2-3), powered Notre Dame to a very solid weekend.

"I thought we swung the bats really well all weekend long," Aoki said. "I thought even our outs were loaded. Our bats were much more competitive, we took walks when they presented themselves. I was pleased with our offense this weekend."

In the first game Saturday, the Irish scored three runs in the bottom half of the first and second innings to take an early 6-0 lead.

Quinnipiac would not be silenced, however, and mounted a comeback. The Irish led 7-2 going into the top of the seventh, but the Bobcats scored four in the top of the inning to cut the lead to one. Aoki praised the team for not letting the rough inning turn into anything more.

"That first game, I think we got a little sloppy in the middle," Aoki said. "I thought we could have pitched a little better, but we stayed composed."

Notre Dame was quick to respond and earned two much-needed insurance runs in the bottom half of the eighth. With runners on second and third and one out, Quinnipiac elected to intentionally walk junior first baseman Trey Mancini — who had already smacked a three-run triple in the second — to load the bases. Sophomore designated

hitter Ryan Bull came to the plate and hit a rope to right field to bring in two runs and make the game 9-6.

Junior closer Dan Slania came in for the top of the ninth and sat down the three Bobcat batters he faced, ending the game on an emphatic called third strike. With the save, Slania tied the school record for most saves in a career at 25.

Dominant pitching from Norton and Fitzgerald marked the second game Saturday and the game Sunday.

"[Fitzgerald and Norton] were great," Aoki said. "Fitz got back to being who he is. He was in the strike zone, his slider was solid. And Norty was just Norty. He plugs along that way, it's great."

Saturday's second game was the Strike Out ALS Game. The crowd was a sea of red, as hats and shirts emblazoned with the No. 3 were worn in honor of Frates and for everyone with ALS. Norton was all for striking out the Bobcats, as he threw a five-hit, complete-game shutout with nine strikeouts, tying a career high.

Notre Dame's offense jumped to an early lead for the second time that day, as the triple threat of junior third baseman Eric Jagielo, Mancini and Bull struck once again.

Jagiello hit a laser up the middle with two men on, bringing in senior second baseman Frank DeSico. With runners on first and third, Mancini hit a sacrifice



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Sophomore designated hitter Ryan Bull digs in during Notre Dame's 5-1 victory over Quinnipiac on Sunday at Frank Eck Stadium.

fly to center, then Bull hit an RBI double, scoring Jagielo from first. Freshman shortstop Lane Richards capped off the inning with a sacrifice fly to make the Irish lead 4-0. That was all the lead Norton needed to finish the game out for a 6-0 Notre Dame victory.

On Sunday, Notre Dame spread out its scoring compared to the first two games in the series but went on to win 5-1. The Irish scored one run in the second, fifth and seventh innings,

and scored two in the third. Fitzgerald pitched seven innings, giving up one run on four hits with four strikeouts, and earned the win.

The heart of the lineup of Jagielo, Mancini and Bull went 17-33, with 16 RBI, 11 runs and nine extra-base hits on the weekend.

The Irish next play Toledo on Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium at 5:35 p.m.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS | ND 4, USF 1

Notre Dame wins sixth-straight league title



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Irish junior Britney Sanders returns a shot during Notre Dame's 5-2 victory over DePaul on March 2nd at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

The Irish continued their reign over the Big East conference with a sixth-straight Big East Championship this weekend in Tampa, Fla.

Senior captain Chrissie McGaffigan said the key to the victory was keeping their energy high despite the long weekend.

"Every match we played we had to compete our hardest and

bring our A-game," McGaffigan said. "It's hard to do that over an entire weekend, but we were able to compete our best the entire time. We kept up our intensity and positive energy. I was really proud of the girls."

After earning a bye in the first round for their top ranking, the Irish (17-8) breezed easily into the semifinals with a 4-0 victory over Marquette on Friday. Quick 8-1 victories at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles gave the Irish an early

1-0 lead. In singles action, freshman Quinn Gleason finished her match first with a 6-1, 6-1 victory at No. 3 singles. Junior Jennifer Kellner brought the Irish lead to three with a 6-2, 6-3 win at the No. 2 spot.

No. 40 junior Britney Sanders clinched the Notre Dame victory with a 6-2, 2-6, 6-3 win over Marquette's Ana Pimienta in the top singles spot, bringing the final score to 4-0 and sending the Irish into the semifinals.

The Irish struggled Saturday against DePaul. Despite a victory at No. 3 doubles by Gleason and sophomore Katherine White, the Irish lost the doubles point when No. 67 pair Sanders and junior Julie Sabacinski were unable to claim their match and the No. 55 duo of Kellner and McGaffigan dropped their match 8-4.

Behind 1-0, the Irish continued to struggle. Though Gleason claimed her match 6-0, 6-2 to even the score, McGaffigan was unable to win her match at No. 4 singles and fell 6-3, 6-4. Shortly after, White lost at No. 5 singles to give DePaul (15-10) a 3-1 lead.

Victories from freshman Julie Vrabel and Kellner tied the contest at 3-3. Sanders finished off the Irish comeback with a gritty finish, beating No. 84 Matea Cutura 3-6, 7-6, 6-1 to send the Irish to the finals.

McGaffigan said despite the struggle against DePaul on Saturday, the match against South Florida on Sunday was the toughest of the weekend.

"They had a huge crowd out," McGaffigan said. "We just had to cheer on each other and fight really hard in our matches."

Facing South Florida (12-7) for the third-straight Big East finals, the Irish felt especially driven to defeat their long-time rival.

Notre Dame pulled ahead early, sweeping doubles to pull ahead 1-0 heading into singles. White fell at No. 5 singles 6-2, 6-2 to tie the score at 1-1.

Gleason won her third singles match of the weekend with a 7-6, 6-3 victory at the No. 3 spot. McGaffigan ended her Big East career with a tough 6-0, 5-7, 6-3 win against Paula Montoya, giving the Irish a 3-1 advantage.

Sanders claimed her third

match of the weekend with a long 7-6, 7-5 win over No. 103 Katie Vasenina to end the show-down and give the Irish their 13th Big East title. For her perfect record over the weekend, Sanders was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

Despite their big victory, the Irish know they have bigger fish to fry when they head to the NCAA tournament next month.

"We're so happy and proud to have won the Big East tournament, but we're not going to stop here," McGaffigan said. "We're going to get back and start practicing, knowing the NCAAAs are coming up. That's the tournament we've been working toward all year, so I don't think it will be hard to keep ourselves motivated."

The Irish will conclude their season with a run in the NCAA tournament May 11. The seeding for the tournament, as well as the game schedule, will be announced April 30 during the NCAA.com Selection Show.

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MEN'S TENNIS | ND 4, LOUISVILLE 0

Irish win Big East title in Bayliss' final season

By **PETER STEINER**
Sports Writer

On a day of lasts, No. 28 Notre Dame defeated No. 50 Louisville, 4-0, at the Eck Pavilion to claim the 2013 Big East Championship.

Winning the Big East title this year was particularly meaningful for Notre Dame (19-7), as Irish coach Bobby Bayliss will retire after this season and Notre Dame will move to the ACC. The victory also came over the Cardinals (15-12), who won the 2012 Big East championship and took down the Irish two years ago in the final.

"It's an amazing feeling," Irish senior Blas Moros said. "We've lost a couple of heartbreakers to Louisville. They're probably our biggest rival and to beat them in the final just makes that much sweeter."

The Irish rolled through St. John's and Marquette on Friday and Saturday, respectively, before taking the Big East crown Sunday. The championship represents Notre Dame's ninth Big East conference title but the first championship for the current Irish roster.

While the team had plenty of motivation heading into the tournament, knowing it was Bayliss's last season spurred them on even more, Irish junior Ryan Bandy said.

"I knew today when I came out that obviously I wanted to win it for our seniors, win it for our team," Bandy said. "But I had that extra edge, that extra pressure because I wanted to get it for [coach Bayliss]."

The Irish started the championship match off strong, controlling all three doubles matches from the onset with a relatively new doubles lineup. Eventually, the No. 1 and No. 2

doubles pairings clinched the doubles point with 8-4 and 8-2 victories, respectively, while No. 3 doubles held a commanding 7-2 lead.

"We've played two matches in which we were absolutely phenomenal in doubles. One was against Boise State, ... and then this one," Bayliss said. "I thought we played well on all three courts. It was rewarding to see."

Off to a 1-0 lead, Bandy captured the first singles point for the Irish with a 6-3, 6-1, victory at No. 6 singles. Irish junior Greg Andrews and freshman Quentin Monaghan soon followed Bandy, winning their matches at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, respectively.

"Our guys have put in the work day in and day out," Moros said. "Our guys are confident and playing really well."

Andrews earned the tournament's Most Outstanding Player award, going 2-0 in singles and 1-0 in doubles in the tournament. The co-captain utilized his big forehand and powerful serve to defeat No. 65 Cardinals sophomore Sebastian Stiefelmeyer in the final, 6-3, 7-5.

"Greg was fantastic," Bayliss said. "Sebastian Stiefelmeyer is a class act. He handled himself wonderfully and that was two terrific young men going to war on the first court."

To get to the finals, Notre Dame swept St. John's, 4-0, Friday. The Irish then defeated the Golden Eagles, 4-1, Saturday, dropping their only match of the tournament at No. 4 singles. With the three victories, the Irish extend their winning streak to nine matches. The last time the team won nine straight was 2007, when it also advanced to the Round of 16 in the NCAA tournament.



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Irish junior Greg Andrews returns a shot during Notre Dame's 6-1 victory over SMU on April 5th at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Andrews earned the Big East tournament's Most Outstanding Player award this weekend.

The Big East championship title also earns the Irish an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. The opening round is set for the weekend of May 10, and Notre Dame's opponent will be announced sometime next

week.

"I think we've just got to keep working hard," Bandy said. "Obviously, it's awesome to win the Big East, but we still have some business to take care of. We need to just come out these

next two weeks and work hard, and I think we'll put ourselves in a good position to play well in NCAA tournament."

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in 40 seconds to take an 11-7 lead with slightly more than 12 minutes to go.

Notre Dame also fell behind early Sunday afternoon at the Sherman Family Sports Complex in Storrs, Conn., as Connecticut jumped out to an early 4-1 edge and took a 6-4 lead in the second half.

The Irish were unable to muster a second-half rally, falling behind 9-4 after the Huskies scored the first three goals of the half. Notre Dame scored three of the game's final four goals, but they weren't enough to stop Connecticut from pulling the upset victory.

Notre Dame struggled to find offensive opportunities Friday night, taking only 15 shots on the net. On Sunday, the Irish had more looks at the net, but they struggled to convert, scoring only seven goals on 23

attempts.

Halfpenny said some of the offensive struggles came down to miscommunications and unforced mistakes.

"I think it comes down to the players on the field demanding a little bit more of

Normally a decent team on the draw, Notre Dame struggled in that area this weekend, as the Irish lost draw controls 14-7 against Syracuse and 11-8 against Connecticut.

"When you ultimately lose the game by a handful, the

"The energy wasn't quite there throughout the course of the weekend, and we really need to identify why and how to fix that."

Christine Halfpenny
Irish coach

each other and setting each other up for success," she said. "Sometimes, it's something as simple as we get back-checked, and everybody is looking at it, but the players know. We're playing a lot of young players, and we're prepared for some mistakes here and there from the younger players, but we really have to tighten up some of those unforced errors."

possessions become a little bit more critical," Halfpenny said. "We just have to tighten up and take a little more pride in our basics."

Notre Dame will return to action when it hosts No. 2 Northwestern at Arlotta Stadium on Wednesday.

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Boredom

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And there was no way anyone — including the ND Nation radical — thought Notre Dame would go 12-0 and head to the national championship game.

In fact, the only two cross-overs from last season to this season were the absence of Amir Carlisle and the natural grass he was supposed to be running on.

The only reason last year's Blue-Gold Game seemed to mean much of anything was because of the Survivor-esque, four-way quarterback battle everyone was sort of hoping would turn into the Hunger Games.

After that, we came up short on the learn-something-new-every-day front.

This year wasn't much different, except for the fact Malik Zaire replaced Gunner Kiel in the role of impressive early-enrollee quarterback who will redshirt and whet the appetite of Big East and MAC teams everywhere.

The Irish defense dominated the entire scrimmage, not giving up a touchdown until walk-ons entered during the last nine minutes of the game. But we already knew the Irish defense was miles ahead of the Irish offense, even if defensive coordinator Bob Diaco got his Iron Chef on and had to add some chili powder to last year's cake.

Cam McDaniel saw significant playing time à la the Miami game at Soldier Field, but one can expect that to disappear more quickly than Greg Bryant's 40-time combined with Amir Carlisle's recovery.

The fact that the biggest moment of the spring game came during a two-point conversion says wonders about the game's significance. Don't get me wrong, it would be sweet to see the installation of an Irish Chocolate package to satisfy our Nix Fix, but it will never come to fruition because either the points will mean too much to



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Irish early enrollee quarterback Malik Zaire looks downfield during Saturday's Blue-Gold Game at Notre Dame Stadium.

mess around during a competitive game or it will come across as an insult to the opposing team during a blowout.

The attendance of 31,652 may have been the fifth-highest in Blue-Gold history, but the student section was hard to locate. Just blame it on the new ticketing policy or playing basketball in the Big East.

All in all, the Blue-Gold Game was boring, confusing and lethargic. The players didn't even look like they wanted to be there, seemingly misconnecting in terms of execution and mental preparedness while running half-speed to the ball. I bet Irish coach Brian Kelly would have liked it if they taped a cheetah to their backs.

Meanwhile, the Irish could have used that ludicrous scoring system during last season. Imagine the inflated scores and reduced number of heart attacks if Notre Dame got two points for consecutive first downs or four points for forcing a punt before midfield.

The USC game would have been an easy win by halftime, while the Alabama game would have been one of the biggest

blowouts in the history of NCAA football. In fact, my fifth-grade addition skills lead me to a BCS National Championship Game score of 123-62, and 44-0 at the end of the first quarter (margin of error: five points).

There are a few things Irish fans can take note of, but just not in permanent ink.

Kyle Brindza, who was the No. 1 kicker for most of last season, didn't kick a single field goal, leaving those honors to Nick Tausch. C.J. Prosis saw plenty of time at the slot receiver position, and no one should really challenge that. Josh Atkinson and Elijah Shumate impressed in the secondary. And Everett Golson still has a long way to go in terms of his development and grasp of the offense.

But overall, maybe this season's harvest could be quite fruitful once again. That is, unless I took this game too seriously.

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Football

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Golson, who went 6-for-13 for 98 yards and an interception, said the offensive performance was just one bad outing in a solid spring of work.

"Definitely a lot of improvement, but like I said before, today was just kind of an off day," Golson said. "If you go back to our spring practices, we have been doing a great job all around the board. ... [Offensive] line is doing great, and just a lot of that stuff. So I'm kind of disappointed that we had an off day, but our spring has been very, very good for us."

Golson powered a pair of second-quarter drives into the red zone, but the Irish converted those opportunities into just three total points. Golson was intercepted by junior safety Matthias Farley at the 1-yard

couple of times, right before the half, to get the opportunity and we couldn't get the ball close enough. We had to settle for some field goals."

Kelly said the Irish need to ensure they don't fall back into making some of the same mistakes offensively they made last season. At times Saturday the Irish did make some of those miscues, but Kelly said such things are correctable.

Junior running back George Atkinson III rushed 10 times for 49 yards, and eight players made at least two catches. Daniels led all pass-catchers with three grabs for 48 yards.

On the defensive side, graduate student nose tackle Tyler Stockton piled up six tackles and two sacks, all in the first half. As a whole, the defense racked up 10 sacks and 14 tackles for loss.

Junior linebackers Ishaq Williams and Jarrett Grace to-

"I'm kind of disappointed that we had an off day, but our spring has been very, very good for us."

Everett Golson

Irish junior quarterback

line on the first drive after leading the Irish down to the 14-yard line.

On the second of the two drives, Golson connected with junior tight end Troy Niklas and junior receiver DaVaris Daniels on consecutive plays for a combined 50 yards, situating Notre Dame at the 14-yard line again. But two pass attempts to the end zone fell incomplete, as Golson couldn't find Daniels.

Graduate student kicker Nick Tausch drilled a 31-yard field goal, one of three on the day for Tausch, to make it 30-28 in favor of the defense heading into halftime.

"As you know, we had a hard time scoring touchdowns in the spring game," Irish coach Brian Kelly said. "We tried a

taled a game-high eight tackles apiece. Grace worked primarily with the first-team defense as the Mike linebacker, the spot occupied by former Irish linebacker and Heisman runner-up Manti Te'o last season.

"It was a blast," Grace said. "You know I was chomping at the bit all [of last] season. It's hard to sit behind someone, but when they have that much success, you're more than happy for them."

"But it was fun. It felt like how it used to be in high school when you're getting recruited. You're flying around out there. Fun. Fun is the word I'd use to describe it."

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"That's a really tough thing to do, and a really good attribute. So he was moving without the ball, finding spots, and our guys were finding him."

Playing before a raucous, sold-out crowd, the Irish quickly fell behind 2-0 in the first quarter, unable to keep up with fast-paced tempo of the No. 19 Wildcats (5-7, 4-1). However, Notre Dame battled back in the second quarter and tied the game at two on goals by freshman attack Matt Kavanagh and sophomore midfielder Jack Near. The Irish then gained a 4-3 lead in the last 10 seconds before intermission, despite losing the faceoff and ground ball battles.

After halftime, the Wildcats dominated play and scored three unanswered goals in less than three minutes to take a 6-4 lead. But the Irish

defense stiffened and shut down Villanova freshman midfielder John Kluh, the squad's points leader entering Saturday. The Irish defensive effort allowed for the offense to slowly rally on goals by Scioscia and fellow junior attack Westy Hopkins.

The Irish stormed out in the fourth quarter with three straight goals in less than a minute, including a lightning-quick strike by sophomore midfielder Nick Ossello, who won the faceoff and, uncontested, scored in six seconds. As Villanova tried to rally, the Irish benefited from an own goal when sophomore midfielder Will Corrigan's pass was deflected by a Villanova defender's stick into the net. Corrigan was credited with the goal, and he added another with a minute to go as part of a three-goal burst by Notre Dame that sealed the victory.

Corrigan credited his players for hanging tough with

Villanova's tough aggressive style of play and continuing to fight for every groundball.

"I thought the thing that got us going was the big ground-ball game by [junior midfielder] Jim Marlatt and [junior defenseman] Steve O'Hara that turned into fast breaks," Corrigan said. "It really juiced our guys up because it's something we've been working on, to make plays like that. I thought that when we started to get the better of the ground-ball play it allowed us get possession of the ball. We just didn't have possession of the ball all first half."

Looking ahead, the Irish will wrap up the regular season against Syracuse at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey in the Konica Minolta Big City Classic on Sunday. Notre Dame will then begin postseason play in the Big East tournament at Villanova on May 2.

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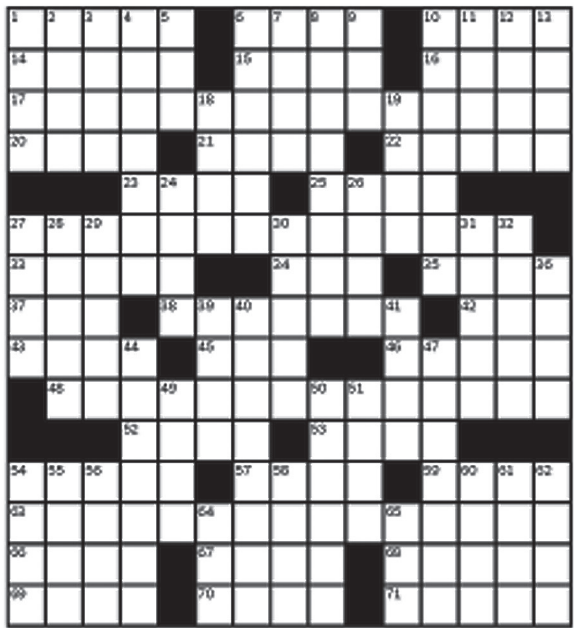
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Happy Birthday: Completing tasks should be your focus. Assess your current situation, make a list of what needs to be done, and head in the direction you want to go. Relationships are highlighted. Make whatever adjustments are necessary to tighten bonds or break away from the people occupying your time. Self-improvement will lead to new beginnings. Reunions will lead to temptation. Your numbers are 2, 5, 13, 20, 28, 34, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A change regarding an issue you have with a friend or colleague will be confusing. Consider your choices before you initiate a change. Take a moment to take care of yourself mentally, physically and emotionally. A healthy regime will make a difference. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Enjoy the people who count most in your life. Love is on the rise and a serious discussion will bring about the changes you want to initiate. You can cut your costs if you look at alternative lifestyles. Collaborate with someone you love. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a closer look at your personal papers and your financial position. Get things in order to avoid costly expenditures. Secrets will lead to trouble. You are best to be open and direct with your questions and your answers.★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): What you do for others will in turn bring you satisfaction, rewards and favors. Romance is on the rise, and making special plans for two should be your intent. Avoid unpredictable situations and people. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Restlessness is evident, but don't let it lead to making a foolish decision or move. Bide your time and see how situations develop. Use your intellect, charm and expertise positively and you will gain respect and conquer any opposition you face. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Love, emotions and spending time with someone you think is special should be your goal. Sharing places and pastimes you enjoy will enhance any relationship you cherish. A day trip will lead to a memorable journey. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do whatever it takes to lower your overhead. Changes you make to your residence should encourage saving money or give you the space to use your skills or talents to earn extra cash. A conservative investment will pay off. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Express your emotions and settle a personal matter that has been bothering you. Readdress a contract or agreement you have with someone. Love is highlighted. Show your romantic side and you will please someone you care about. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone you least expect will annoy or intentionally mislead you. Do your own legwork and avoid a mishap that can ruin your plans and your day. An honest approach to whatever you do will help you avoid a mishap. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your home is your castle. A lifestyle more conducive to your personal plans must be initiated. Love and romance are on the rise, and working as a team player with your colleagues and loved ones will help you achieve your goals. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Move forward with caution. You must be precise in the way you converse. Sending the wrong signals or making the wrong impression will lead to delays that can upset your plans. Stick to the truth and be open regarding your intentions. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19- March 20): How you earn your living may need to be reevaluated. Consider ways to add new skills to your resume or turn something you enjoy doing into a sideline business. Love and romance are in the stars ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are original, precise and adaptable. You are optimistic and resourceful.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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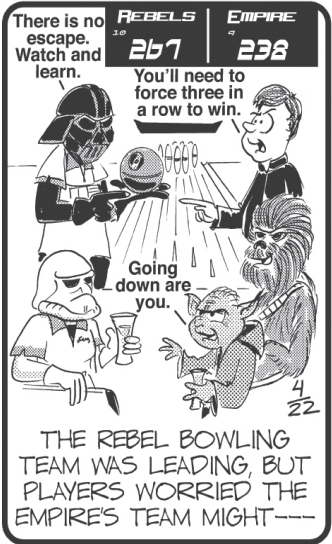
Answer here:

Saturday's

Jumbles: BLAZE POUCH SIMILE ROTARY

Answer: Everyone thought her new wig was — "HAIR-LARIOUS"

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



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FOOTBALL

Spring into action

Nix highlights an otherwise stagnant offensive effort

By **MIKE MONACO**
Sports Editor

Louis Nix III lined up at quarterback and took the shotgun snap. The 347-pound senior nose tackle looked for his receivers but then elected to tuck the ball and rumble into the end zone for the two-point conversion.

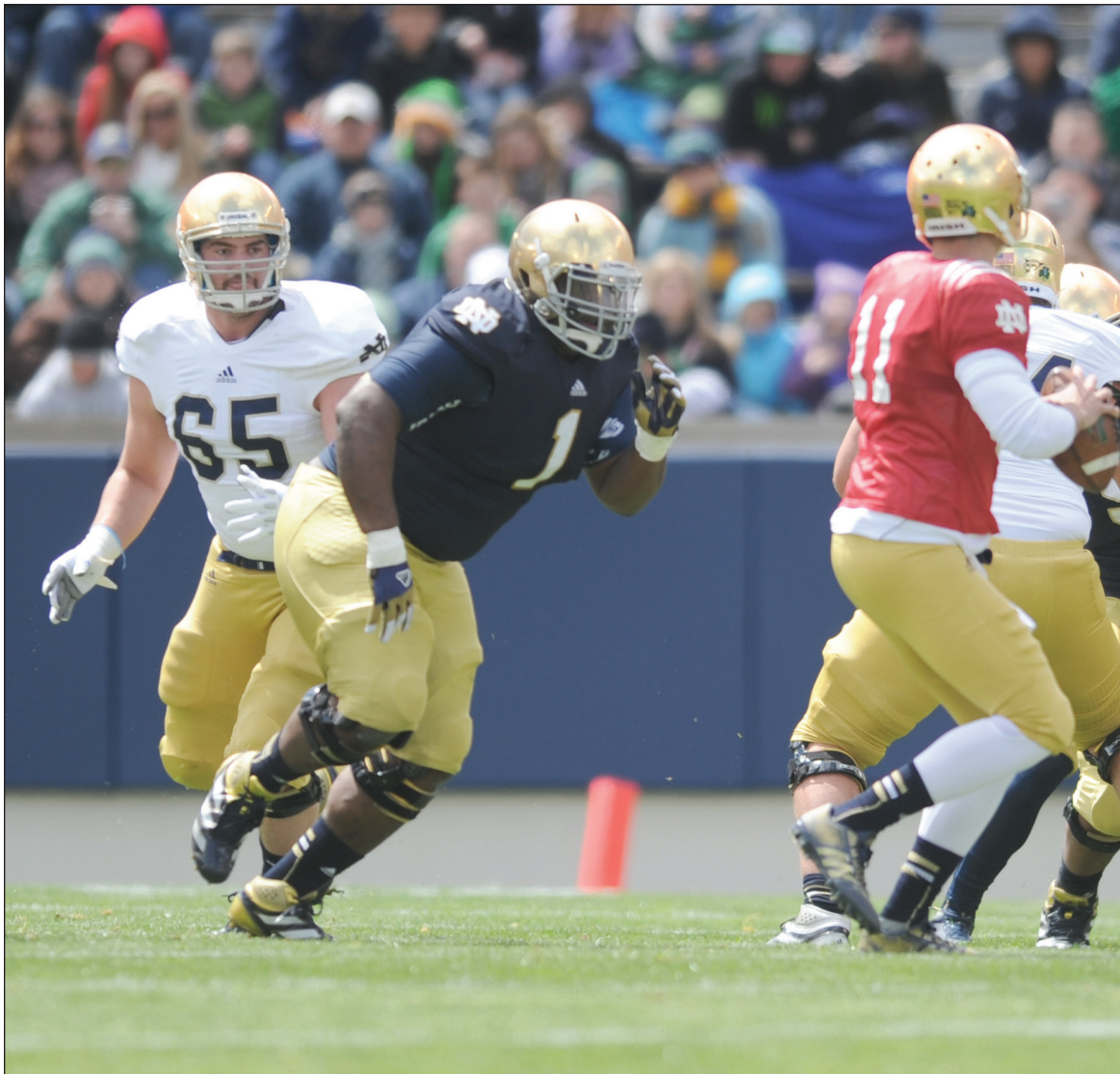
Nix provided the offensive highlight in an otherwise stout defensive effort in Saturday's Blue-Gold Game, which the Blue side — the defense — won 54-43.

"I just wanted to run somebody over and show coach I could do it, and hopefully we establish an 'Irish Chocolate' package for the future," Nix said.

The two-point conversion came in the fourth quarter, after Notre Dame's only touchdown of the day, a 35-yard pass from early enrollee quarterback Malik Zaire to wide-open sophomore receiver C.J. Prosise. But on the other 82 offensive plays, the Irish totaled just 265 yards of offense.

Junior quarterback Everett

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Irish senior nose tackle Louis Nix III pursues senior quarterback Tommy Rees during Saturday's Blue-Gold Game at Notre Dame Stadium. Nix scored a two-point conversion in the fourth quarter as the quarterback.

Exhibition provides few meaningful takeaways

Andrew Gastelum
Editor-in-Chief

A year ago, I filled this very space with reasons why the Blue-Gold Game mattered.

Holy boredom, how the time has passed, albeit slowly.

Yes, this is the only time anyone can see the team in a (semi) competitive setting. But after looking at last year's results, here's what should have happened last season if we put a Louis Nix-sized emphasis on the Blue-Gold Game:

George Atkinson would have been the undisputed No. 1 running back in 2012.

Ishaq Williams would have been an All-American, while Anthony Rabasa's performance could have bumped his draft stock up to make him a projected first-day selection.

Everett Golson would have been the starting quarterback (okay, I didn't go hitless on the day).

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE | SU 11, ND 8; CONNECTICUT 10, ND 7

Offense silenced in pair of losses

By **MIKE MONACO**
Sports Editor

Notre Dame's trademark high-powered offensive attack went silent this weekend, as the No. 7 Irish struggled to find the net in road losses to No. 5 Syracuse on Friday and No. 19 Connecticut on Sunday.

Entering the weekend as the 14th best scoring offense in the country, the Irish (11-3, 5-3 Big East) were held well below their season offensive averages in an 11-8 loss to the Orange (12-3, 6-0) and a 10-7 defeat at the hands of the Huskies (13-1, 5-1).

"Syracuse was a little bit more high-pressure and used its athletic ability to stifle us at times," Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said. "[Connecticut] was the antithesis of high pressure, they packed in and played a clogging style of defense, but it was also very aggressive at times as well. It's a credit to both defenses that they were

able to limit a team that's been averaging 13 points per game over the course of a weekend."

Notre Dame struggled out of the gate at the Carrier Dome on Friday, as the Irish allowed four Syracuse goals in the game's first 12 minutes. Back-to-back goals by senior attack Jenny Granger cut the Orange lead to 4-2, but Syracuse went on a 3-1 run to take a 7-3 lead into the half.

"For whatever reason, we came out pretty flat," Halfpenny said. "The energy wasn't quite there throughout the course of the weekend, and we really need to identify why and how to fix that."

The Irish suffered a similarly lackluster start to the second half, as they saw Syracuse stretch its lead to 9-4 with 26:24 left in the game. Notre Dame reduced the deficit to two after a 3-0 run, but Syracuse iced the game when it scored two goals

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MEN'S LACROSSE | ND 13, VILLANOVA 9

Scioscia powers Irish to win

By **GREG HADLEY**
Sports Writer

With first place in the Big East on the line, No. 2 Notre Dame found itself locked in a tight back-and-forth battle with red-hot Villanova. But Irish junior attack John Scioscia then exploded for three fourth-quarter goals as Notre Dame pulled away with a 13-9 victory Saturday at Arlotta Stadium.

With the win, the Irish (10-2, 4-1 Big East) clinched a spot in the Big East tournament and pulled into a first-place tie in the conference standings with the Wildcats and Syracuse.

"At times [our defense] was really good and at times we lost some guys," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "They're a hard team to play against and they play a really interesting style. We're probably going to play this team again in the next two weeks [in the post-season], so I hoped we learned some stuff, because we may need it in a week or two."

Scioscia ended the day with



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Irish junior attack John Scioscia, shown here April 14th against Georgetown, scored four goals Saturday in Notre Dame's win over Villanova.

four goals, all in the second half, and an assist. Corrigan said he was especially impressed with his quick release.

"An underappreciated skill in the game is catching the

ball, and John catches almost everything you throw in his direction and he turns it into a shot on cage," Corrigan said.

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