

Event highlights academic programs

Department faculty and student representatives offer guidance to undergraduate students

By **CHELSEA WILLIAMS**
News Writer

More than 80 academic departments and several service groups came to South Dining Hall on Thursday night to advertise their programs to undergraduate students.

"Majors night is great because there is a lot of information in one place without having to run around for weeks to gather the same information," said Joshua Kaplan, Department of Political Science director of undergraduate studies.

Kaplan said making contact with the undergraduate directors

at majors night at least once before declaring your major is critical to understanding what to expect from the courses and opportunities in a particular department.

"A lot of times, students will come in to the office thinking this major sounds good on paper, but they then discover the reality that this was not what they expected," Kaplan said.

Freshman Daniel Pape, a biology major, said he felt the difference of seeing the directors in person and looking through the different programs' displays.

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Students meet with faculty and student representatives of various majors in South Dining Hall. More than 80 academic departments participated in the event on Thursday night.

Speaker discusses evolution of Latino political satire

By **ALEX CAO**
News Writer

Albert Laguna, professor of American studies and ethnicity, race and migration at Yale University, spoke in Nieuwland Hall on Thursday as part of the Office of Multicultural Student Programs and Services' Martin Luther King, Jr. Series for the Study of Race.

Laguna's talk, "The Politics of Play in Latino America" focused on the politics behind Latino, specifically Cuban-exile, humor. Laguna said humor is a special aspect of

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Laguna speaks on the political element of Latino humor. The talk was part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Series for the Studies of Race.

SMC to offer new graduate program

By **TABITHA RICKETTS**
News Writer

Saint Mary's College plans to institute a new graduate degree program offering a Professional Science Master's (PSM) beginning in the fall of 2015 or 2016 thanks to a \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

Saint Mary's was one of 39 institutions that received a total of \$62.7 million dollars to enhance career opportunities for college graduates.

"For more than a decade ... the Endowment has awarded grants to Indiana colleges and universities to pursue activities that improve the job prospects of college graduates in the state," Lilly Endowment's Dec. 5 press release said.

The PSM website, science-masters.com, defined the program as "an innovative, new graduate degree designed to allow students to pursue advanced training in science or mathematics, while simultaneously developing workplace skills highly valued by employers."

Steven Broad, assistant professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, said local Indiana partnerships are a major component of

Lilly Endowment's goals for the grant.

"This is certainly a focus for our development of the program," Broad said. "We are working to identify a range of Indiana business, non-profit and education partners."

Broad said this type of program is not a new topic on the College's agenda.

"The idea of developing a PSM degree has been floating around for a couple years now, but it was only at the beginning of Fall 2012 that we landed on the idea of a program related to data analysis," he said.

A detailed budget for the development of the program was laid out in the grant application, Broad said, which included funding for a new faculty position at Saint Mary's.

Patricia Fleming, provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs, said professors from the Mathematics and Computer Science department would primarily teach the courses. However, the master's program has several substantial differences from the traditional Saint Mary's

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Globetrotters take the court at Purcell Pavilion

By **CHRISTIAN MYERS**
News Writer

The Harlem Globetrotters, the world famous "Ambassadors of Goodwill," are set to square-off against the World All Stars in the Purcell Pavilion on Saturday at 7 p.m. as part of their 2014 "Fans Rule" World Tour.

Herbert "Flight Time" Lang, a guard in his 15th season with the Globetrotters, said both long-time

fans and newcomers will be able to enjoy the fun of the match.

"If you come to a Globetrotter game, you can come expecting to have a great time. You're going to see some great, high-flying slam dunks ... a lot of fun, a lot of crowd interaction and just a fun-filled event," Lang said.

Lang said he will be joined on Saturday by Kevin "Special K" Daley, Will "Bull" Bullard, the all-time shortest Globetrotter Jonte

"Too Tall" Hall and the 10th female signed by the Globetrotters Tammy "T-Time" Brawner.

Lang said he enjoys seeing how much young girls enjoy watching Brawner and the two other female Globetrotters on the current roster show off their skills.

"Little girls, of course, love to see a girl competing amongst the boys and competing well," Lang said.

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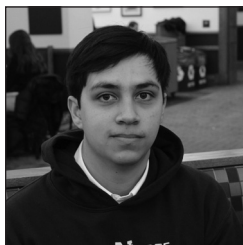
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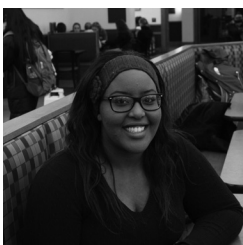
"The 20s. Or 60s, like Mad Men."



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Alumni Hall

"The Middle Ages."



Hermon Abera

junior
Pasquerilla West

"Tudor England."



Diana Gutierrez

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"The 60s, because of the countercultural movement, especially in Mexico."



Fernando Lozano

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"The 50s. Hot rods and greasers."



Michelle Wadolowski

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"The 20s."



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Darrell Rowell shovels snow from an entrance to the LaFortune Student Center after a heavy snowfall Thursday evening. Winter weather continues to bombard the South Bend area during the 2014 spring semester.

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Harper Chili Cook-off

Harper Hall
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Men's Hockey

Compton Family Ice Arena
7:35 p.m.-9:35 p.m.
The Irish take on Northeastern.

Saturday

The Met Opera Live

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
1 p.m.
Verdi's Falstaff opera.

25th Notre Dame Student Film Festival

DeBartolot Performing Arts Center
9:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
Undergraduate student films shown.

Sunday

Basilica Mass

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
10 a.m.-11 a.m.
Worship service.

Dance Company Auditions

Rockne Memorial
7 p.m.-8 p.m.
For student dance group.

Monday

Swim Lessons Registration

Rockne Memorial
9 a.m.
Session 1 sign-up.

"Irish-American Novels and Songs"

424 Flanner Hall
12 p.m.-1 p.m.
Rolf and Magda Loeber speak on 19th century Irish works.

Tuesday

Corby Night

Corby Hall
8 p.m.-10 p.m.
Learn about Holy Cross vocations.

Men's Basketball

Joyce Center
9 p.m.-11 p.m.
The Irish take on Virginia.

Food Services to offer coffee tastings

By **NICOLE McALEE**
News Writer

Notre Dame Food Services is set to host coffee tastings next week, at which students can sample free coffee and vote on which type will be served in the dining halls and at events catered by Food Services.

The coffee tasting, which will feature six vendors, will take place from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 27 in the South Dining Hall Hospitality Room and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 28 in the North Dining Hall Gold Room.

Chris Abayasinghe, director of Food Services, said that the change in coffee vendors comes in response to student feedback.

"This change has been in the works for quite a while, but you wouldn't believe all there is to consider in brewing a cup of coffee," Abayasinghe said. "We have heard feedback from our students; however, the main reason [for the change] is we want to serve a great cup of coffee."

According to the Food Services website, the vendors at the coffee tasting will include Paramount Coffee, Intelligentsia Coffee, Hubbard & Cravens, Douwe Egberts, Javo and Nestle Professional. Representatives from each vendor will be at the tasting events to answer questions about their products and efforts to produce coffee sustainably.

"We chose three local

vendors [Paramount Coffee, Intelligentsia Coffee and Hubbard & Cravens] who source and roast their own beans for our brewed options," Abayasinghe said. "Some people believe that on-demand coffee is the best option out there, so we chose three vendors [Douwe Egberts, Javo and Nestle Professional] to represent this segment as well."

Abayasinghe said student feedback would be critical in the selection of a new coffee vendor.

"We are looking for what flavor profiles the students prefer, as well as which stewardship and sustainability issues mean to our students," he said.

"This will guide NDFS in obtaining a product that our

guests enjoy. This [coffee] will replace the coffee in the din-

"We are looking for what flavor profiles the students prefer, as well as which stewardship and sustainability issues mean to our students."

Chris Abayasinghe
director of Food Services

ing halls, so we wanted the input of the people who will be drinking it regularly."

Students can use their ID cards to access the coffee

tasting, Abayasinghe said. Each taster will receive a card on which to note their preferences and will fill out a brief survey at the end of the tasting.

"This is [the students'] chance to voice their opinion on what some deem the most important drink of the day and to let us know what issues in sustainability we should consider," Abayasinghe said.

Abayasinghe said there would be more coffee tasting events in the future.

"After a vendor is chosen, we intend to conduct education sessions with our students about different brewing methods or styles of coffee."

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Panel discusses role of thrift stores in social justice

By **SAMANTHA CASTANEDA**
News Writer

The Justice Education Program at Saint Mary's kicked off a semester-long series about materialism, justice and sustainability in a panel discussion Wednesday about thrift store shopping. Anne

Watson, executive director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County, explained how thrift stores aim to work towards social justice by putting the needs of people first.

Watson said the St. Joseph County stores put the needs of the poor before their own and have an open door policy, highlighting two values of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

"The main core of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society is to provide for the emergency needs of people who ask us," Watson said. "We provide food through home visits through a food pantry. We provide clothing through furniture."

Watson said thrift store shopping could have an important economical impact in St. Joseph County.

"Shopping really makes a difference," she said. "By shopping at our stores, you are helping the local economy, you are looking for the well-being of laborers right here and you can have the satisfaction in knowing that 100 percent of our revenue stays here."

Bianca Howard, a former Goodwill employee, said Goodwill helped her to turn her life around after facing hardships in her life that limited her job search.

"I never got that type of help," Howard said. "They open doors for people."

For their employees, Goodwill emphasizes skill building, such as learning to create resumes, Howard said.

President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Michiana, Inc. Debbie Coble said shopping in thrift stores is important because so many lives can be impacted by thrift shopping and making contributions.

"At Goodwill, our motto this year is donate, shop, change a life," she said.

Coble said grants made it possible for Goodwill Industries of Michiana to initiate programs that would help individuals who had been involved in crimes, specifically prior sex offenders.

"The Second Chance Program helps individuals gain valuable work experience while working with [potential] employers to help expel myths," Coble said. "We started in 2010, and now this program serves just under 400 sex offenders per year. The money [for the program] comes from thrift shops."

Interim coordinator of the Justice Education Program Adrienne Lyles-Chockley said thrift store shopping could be a way to develop virtues, gratitude and integrity.

She said the community service she did while attending law school and her continued dedication to the community inspired her to support and make purchases at thrift stores.

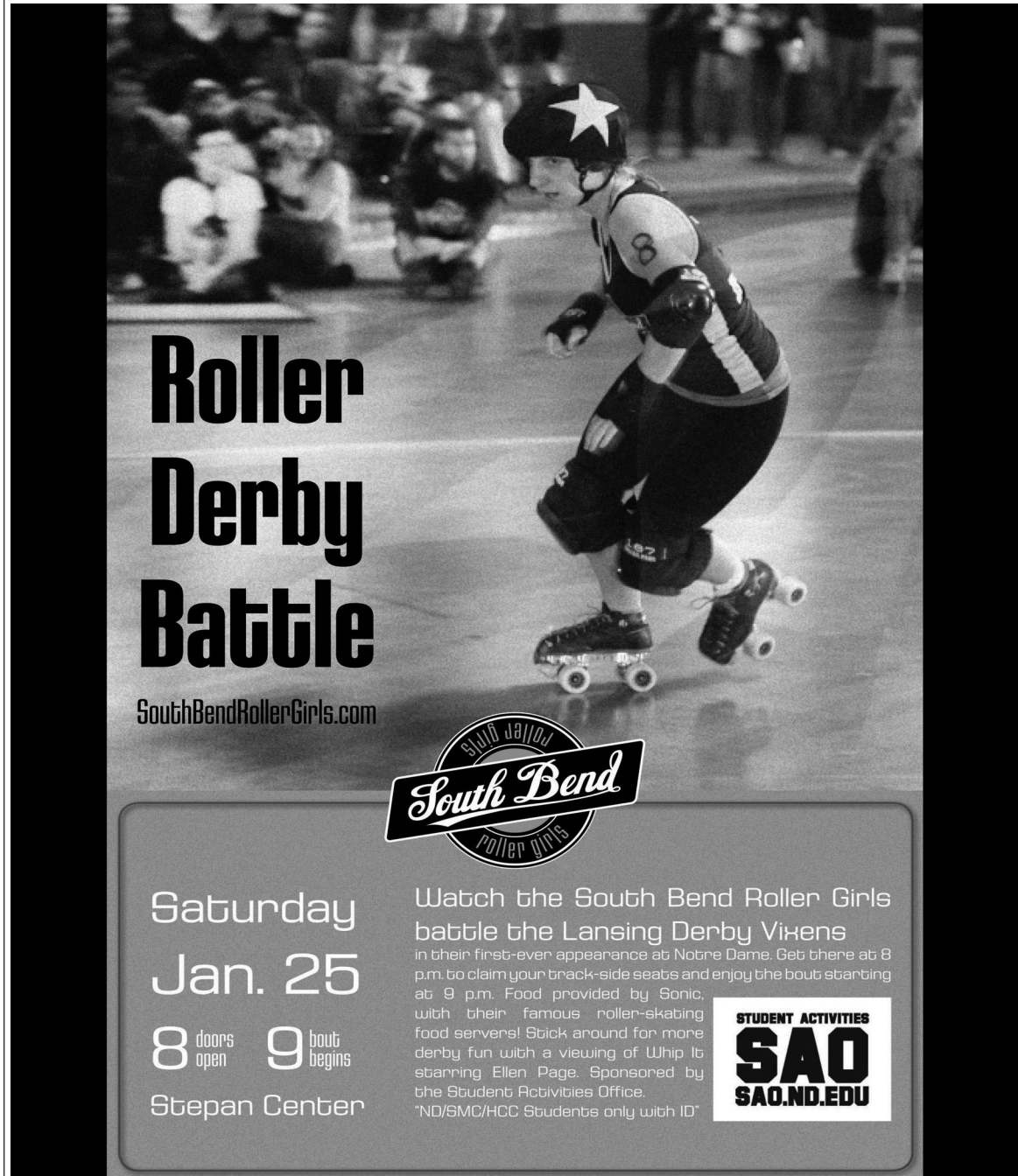
"Thrift stores can also be used in creating social justice as a way of sustainability," Chockley said. "What you spend your time and money on demonstrates what you value."

Shew said making purchases and donations to thrift stores creates opportunities for serving others.

"Thrift store shopping is an opportunity for integrity in practicing what you preach," Chockley said, "If you are committed in serving the poor, thrift store shopping is a way to be in community with them."

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Discussion explores LGBTQ issues at SMC

By **CHRISTIN KLOSKI**
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Justice Education Program presented a discussion on LGBTQ justice Wednesday as part of a new semester-long series called "Justice Wednesdays" hosted by Dr. Adrienne Lyles-Chockley with presentations from various students.

The discussion of LGBTQ issues centered on how students could support family and friends in the LGBTQ community. Presenters junior Molly Smith and sophomore Bri O'Brien spoke about their personal experiences with supportive friends and faculty in the Saint Mary's community.

Smith said she suffered from an eating disorder in her high school years that made discovering her own sexuality more difficult. She said she never considered questions of sexuality or gender despite therapy and group work. "No therapist or anyone put that out there," Smith said. "A doctor asked me if I was straight and I automatically answered yes."

Smith said there seemed to be no resources to help her consider her sexuality throughout her four years of struggling with an eating disorder. She said she began to feel more like herself the first time she opened her mind to being lesbian or bisexual.

Smith said she believes talking about the issues surrounding the LGBTQ community eases the problems that come from having a relationship on campus.

"Having more open conversations can help those who question or who are out," Smith said.

Smith said she and O'Brien, her girlfriend, have close friends who accept and love them, but she said she also faces conflicts with people who have opposing views.

"The first semester of the year was fine, but then we found out people were spreading rumors and it was almost a slap in the face," Smith said.

Smith said she and O'Brien knew little about the rumors and received dirty looks from girls on campus.

O'Brien said she thought about switching schools after friends said they did not support her and Smith's relationship. She said the conservative atmosphere of the Saint Mary's campus increased her desire to transfer.

"I thought it would be easier to go to Western Michigan [University], where they have a center for the LGBTQ community, but I decided to stay because what will happen to the LGBTQ community?" O'Brien said.

Assistant professor of communication studies Marne Austin said she believes students have more potential to create change than faculty. She said she would

incorporate student suggestions into the readings for her courses and would share the suggestions with other faculty members.

"Neutrality is a guise for oppression," Austin said. "Challenge to say something."

Austin said she believes speaking up for the LGBTQ community can do more than refusing to talk about the issues the community faces.

"Silence is a choice. And when you choose to stay silent in moments of hate, you choose to let that hate perpetuate," Austin said.

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undergraduate education. "Most of the courses ... will be offered online," Fleming said. "This degree will be a hybrid degree, where students will come to campus at certain intervals. At this point, our planning would allow for cohorts of 15 students, but we will scale the program up given adequate demand and resources."

Another significant distinction is the inclusion of both female and male students in the graduate program. While Fleming said Saint Mary's is happy to make the program coed, she said the decision was not made by the College.

"When a single-gendered institution offers graduate programs, they must admit men," Fleming said.

She said the majority of online courses and interval

campus attendance combine to remove the difficulty of housing on the residential, all-women's campus.

"If [the on-campus intervals are] primarily during the summer, we may have options on campus or locally for housing the students who pursue this degree," Fleming said. "Housing options will not present any problem for us."

The focus of the PSM program differs from past graduate programs offered at Saint Mary's. The PSM degree will be much more technical and professionally oriented, Fleming said.

"Saint Mary's offered an STD — Doctorate in Sacred Theology — [and received] permission from the Higher Learning Commission to offer a graduate degree in Education, Fleming said.

According to the College's Dec. 12 press release, the

last graduate program ended in 1969. Fleming said Saint Mary's is still able to offer graduate credit toward a graduate degree but not toward a degree itself, until establishment of the PSM program is complete.

Many aspects of the program are in development, Broad said. The Saint Mary's press release cites projected open dates for an inaugural class in the fall of 2015 or 2016.

"Partnering with businesses, specifically Indiana businesses, was a goal of the Lilly grant," Broad said. "We have some strong relationships and several that are developing, and of course we are identifying potential partners with the kind of data needs relevant to the program for new relationships."

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A prominent feature of the “Fans Rule” Tour is the opportunity for fans to vote online as to which four of five unorthodox rules will be applied during each individual game, with one rule enforced each quarter, Lang said. Fans have been able to choose rules since last year, but this year’s tour offers three new rule options.

Lang said the new options are the “Hot Hand Jersey,” “Make or Miss” and “Trick Shot Challenge.”

For “Hot Hand Jersey,” each team has an orange jersey they can pass from player to player and the player receives double points for any shots they make while wearing the jersey. In “Make or Miss,” the teams start the quarter with two players each and one player is added anytime they score while the shooting player is removed anytime they miss. In “Trick Shot Challenge,” each team’s coach receives three challenge flags and can challenge any player on the other team to shoot a trick shot that is worth five points if made but

negative five points if missed.

The fans also have the chance to vote for two rules that were instituted last year: “Six on Five,” where the Globetrotters’ opponents are allowed to send in an extra player for the quarter and “Two Ball Basketball,” for which a second ball is introduced. Another rule from the team’s last tour, the “Four Point Shot,” has been made a permanent rule for all games during this tour, Lang said.

Lang said he enjoys how the rule voting makes every game unique. He said his favorite of the options, and usually the fan favorite, is the “Trick Shot Challenge.”

“It’s just a way to change the game and let the fans decide what they want to see,” Lang said. Lang said one of his favorite parts of any Globetrotters show is interacting with fans for about half an hour after every game.

“During those moments you really get to see how you touched these kids’ lives, and at the same time it’s a chance for those adults who went to see the Globetrotters when they were kids to tell you about their experiences,” he said.

“Just to be able to bridge the gap between generations and allow parents to share some of the same memories that they had when they were kids is a pretty cool deal.”

In his 15 years with the team, Lang said he has played at Notre Dame several times. He said he appreciates the atmosphere each time he comes to the University and expects the Globetrotters will continue to stop at campus on their tours.

“For some reason, we always have a great turn-out here,” Lang said. “They love the Globetrotters. As long as they continue to show up, we’ll continue to come back.”

The Globetrotters gained popularity not only in the South Bend area but also worldwide. He said the reason for this popularity is that the individual players, past and present, have committed to their roles as ambassadors of goodwill.

“I think we’re so beloved because we’re able to bridge gaps and we’re able to communicate with people without even speaking,” he said. “We accept the responsibility of being role models; everywhere we go we’re ambassadors of goodwill. Any player that joins the Globetrotters knows coming in that it’s more than just basketball. We go into hospitals, we go into schools delivering positive

messages, we donate to charities and people recognize that.

“The guys who started before us set such a great foundation for us to follow that it’s almost impossible not to like the Globetrotters.”

Lang said he considers playing for the Globetrotters to be the greatest job imaginable, and one he never expected to have when he was growing up.

“I think I have the best job in the world,” he said. “For me it means the world because I grew up in a small town in Arkansas and I never thought or imagined I would have the chance to play professional sports, let alone on a team as popular as the Globetrotters.”

Lang was a standout at Centenary College in Shreveport, La., where he led the conference in scoring as a junior and won the college slam dunk contest as a senior.

“The thing that probably vaulted me to the Globetrotters was winning the college slam dunk contest at the final four that year in 1998,” Lang said, “After I won the dunk contest I actually ended up going back to school for a semester and finished up my teaching certification. I worked in the gym as a personal trainer for 10 months before the Globetrotters invited me to their training camp in August of ’99. Once I got invited to training

camp, the rest is history.”

One of the better ball-handlers on the team, Lang said when he does tricks he is trying to entertain the fans with something that has long been a part of the Globetrotter tradition.

“As far as dribbling, I’m just following in the footsteps of legends like [Fred ‘Curly’] Neal and Marques Haynes. It’s just a lot of fun getting on the court and hearing the crowd react to you sliding hallway across the court patting the ball.”

Lang said his dunking and dribbling abilities aren’t enough by themselves for him or anyone else to be a member of the Globetrotters.

“To be a Globetrotter it takes more than just being a dunker or a great shooter, it’s a combination of everything. You have to be a people person and you have to be willing and able to go out into the communities and get along with all kinds of people.”

Videos of the Harlem Globetrotters can be found on the team’s website and Facebook page.

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“Being able to see all of them in one place and talk to people at the same time rather than just looking on the Internet and getting one-on-one feedback is really nice,” Pape said.

Pape said he was eager to learn more about all the opportunities and majors that are available to him.

“I hope to go to medical school, and I’m asking [the program representatives] what would help with that,” Pape said. “I want to find stuff that I would be interested in overall because I think it is most important to find something that I am

interested in, even if it’s not something that is science related.”

The booths set up for each major and department not only allowed students to interact with faculty and student representatives but also let them explore the opportunities within colleges.

“A lot of people don’t realize the breadth and the depth of the offerings that Notre Dame has, especially in the school of Arts and Letters,” said Annie Gilbert Coleman, director of undergraduate studies of the Department of American Studies.

Coleman said the College of Arts and Letters has placed an emphasis on pushing students to develop critical thinking, analytical and communication skills.

Lecture

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Latin American culture, which makes studying the culture all the more engaging.

“Academic and journalistic discourse surrounding race is rarely funny,” Laguna said. “Yet on a quotidian level, playful ways of representing culture or race is everywhere, for better or for worse.”

Laguna said the topic of Latin American and Cuban humor was one that must balance popular culture and academia.

“The interest in my class from a number of majors across the university taught me that students are looking for tools to make sense of race in forms of play,” he said. “My goal is to provide a balance between these two poles, to delight and instruct and help you appreciate the complexity and critical potential to thinking about race and play simultaneously.”

Laguna said what made Latin American humor so compelling to him was that, despite its being

a huge part of Latin-American life and culture, the subject was greatly understudied.

“The inspiration ... came from growing up in Union City, New Jersey ... over 80 percent Latino, situated over the Hudson River,” Laguna said. “I clearly remember the important role and highly visible role of humor in narrating everyday, quotidian life ... [so] I was galley by the lack of scholarship of humor in Latino studies.”

Laguna said his interest in Latino, specifically Cuban-American, humor also comes from its riveting, tumultuous history. He spoke about particular publications that used humor to make political statements.

“Cubans have brought their particular brand of humor to the U.S. and used it to make sense of dying, sport, life and life in Cuba since the 19th century,” Laguna said. “[Here] is a satirical newspaper published in 1897, ‘Cacarajícara,’ printed in New York by Cuban exiles who opposed the Spanish Government ... It was basically like ‘The Onion’ of its time. “Little later on you have

this ... tabloid newspaper called ‘Zigzag’ ... from 1963. This was another version of ‘The Onion,’ popular up to 1969, until they decided to make drawings of Fidel Castro. He did not like that and asked nicely—or not so nicely—for them to shut down and many cartoonists fled into exile.”

Laguna said Latino humor took on new forms in the 1970s when visual mediums also began to incorporate the style of comedy and satire.

“And then you have ‘¿Qué Pasa, USA?’ This is the first bilingual sitcom in the history of the United States,” Laguna said. “It tracks three generations of the Pena family on their first year in exile.”

Peña said Latino and Cuban humor add a unique perspective to the history of Cubans and Cuban-Americans.

“[Latino humor] has a long history, and it tells an interesting story, one that bucks the usual narrative of the Cuban-exile community and right-wing politics.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

The light of Notre Dame

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One of my favorite songs that I sing with the Folk Choir is “Siyahamba” or “We are marching in the light of God.” When listening to this upbeat spiritual, I can’t help but wonder what that really means — to march in the light of God.

For Notre Dame students, the opportunity to integrate faith with our lives is always right at our fingertips. Even if some of us aren’t Catholic or aren’t religious, Notre Dame facilitates the intertwining of spirituality and education for all those who desire to do so. We walk past the Basilica every day. We walk past Mary on top of the Dome. We walk past the Grotto, with candles aglow with those intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts.

While trudging through the snow-covered paths on our way to class, it’s hard not to feel like we marching, with the crunch, crunch, crunch of our boots keeping time.

Many times, though, it doesn’t seem like we are marching in the light of God at all. Instead, it feels like we are marching to our doom, through the wind, snow, sleet and hail of South Bend’s ungodly weather.

As the darkness of winter encloses around my frostbitten hands and my puffy black coat, at times I find myself distant from this light of God in which I should be marching joyfully.

Notre Dame has all sorts of people with all sorts of faith lives, or none at all. But at the core, I feel like everyone’s got a little “Siyahamba” in them. Somehow, Notre Dame inspires us to go beyond the cold we feel, inside and out.

Thomas Aquinas talked about the difference between formed and unformed faith. He said that faith without love and charity — faith without compassion for our fellow human beings, without love for the least, without charity to our brothers and sisters — was unformed.

See, in my eyes, what’s important about Notre Dame is not simply the faith and spirituality fostered here, but what people do with that faith. I know Notre Dame has helped form me into someone I’m proud to be, someone with a foundation in compassion, love, and charity.

Even on the darkest days, there is something about my Notre Dame experience and the Notre Dame community that fills me with a little bit of light. Most Domers agree: there’s something special here. I’m not sure quite why this place is so special to me, but as “Siyahamba” echoes of the Basilica walls, I start to have an idea. While we all might march to the beat of our own drummers, we are all marching in the light of Notre Dame’s mission: to love and to commit ourselves to making the world a better place.

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Our commencement speaker

THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

Last week, Notre Dame announced that Oxford chancellor Christopher Patten will speak at the University’s 2014 Commencement ceremony. While Patten’s list of achievements is lengthy and impressive, when Notre Dame students heard the news, many of our reactions sounded something like, “Christopher, who?”

We don’t mean to criticize Patten. He’s clearly a respectable man who may very well deliver a fantastic speech. Still, ever since the decision to honor President Barack Obama at the 2009 Commencement ceremony, Notre Dame’s selection of Commencement speakers has been distinctly vanilla.

While speakers like Andy Samberg or Bono might fall too far on the entertainment side of the spectrum, why not invite leaders such as Melinda Gates, who spoke at Duke last year? Or Google chairman Eric Schmidt, who spoke at Boston University in 2012?

Seniors want to be able to state the name of their Commencement speaker with pride, and without having to explain who that person is or what they did to deserve an honorary degree from Notre Dame. Most of all, we don’t want to be bored or uninterested on one of the most important days of our lives.

We know choosing a Commencement speaker is a balancing act. Extending honorary degrees are momentous occasions for the University and for the recipients. As an institution, we

recognize speakers for their contributions to society and welcome them into the Notre Dame community. As students, we identify with their successes and look to their experiences for guidance in our post-graduate careers.

So, what should a Commencement speaker bring to the table? We want someone well-known who we feel we can relate to and someone who won’t put us to sleep on graduation day. While few of us will remember exactly what is said during the actual speech, the message will undoubtedly affect the finale of our Notre Dame careers and the opening strains of our post-graduate lives.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said the University’s president and other administrators select and invite the Commencement speaker, but “anyone, including students, can submit suggestions to the president’s office for consideration.”

Meanwhile, juniors at Saint Mary’s recently received an email requesting their input for their Commencement speaker next year. Such an explicit invitation marks a level of respect from the administration for the student body’s maturity and personality.

Since this conversation is also open to Notre Dame students, let’s avoid the annual confusion and disappointment that often follows the speaker announcement. Juniors, organize yourselves and submit your ideas to the Office of the President. Pick somebody you admire, somebody who can capture an audience’s attention and, most of all, somebody you’ll remember as the capstone speaker for your time at Notre Dame.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Join us in post-racial America

Katrina Linden’s article on Jan. 23, “‘Post-racial America’ isn’t a thing,” is tragic. You say that you “would love for one’s skin color or ethnic sounding name not to play a part in the judgment of his or her character.” I suggest you begin by judging yourself not by the color of your skin, but by the content of your own character. You state that “racism is very much alive” at Notre Dame and “there still exists a distinct tension amongst a fair amount of the student body.” You identify “those innocent enough to hold nothing but positive views of their racially diverse peers.”

Which is it? Rather than mock us as “innocent” for holding “positive views of racially diverse peers,” I invite you to join us. You suggest that “there are people alive today in America who fully support segregation.” There are also those who believe that Elvis lives. Unless you feel segregation is a growing threat, what exactly is your point? You presume that you “will likely be paid less than [your] white female counterpart” or that you “will likely be passed up for a job because a less qualified, but more Caucasian-appearing woman looks better.” These are transparently pre-emptive excuses for failure. You, and I, will succeed, or fail, not because of our skin tone or “ethnic-sounding” names. You are aggrieved, without any concrete evidence to support your victimhood. You state that “I will

always be an ‘other’ in predominantly white America.” Permit yourself to check any box you like next time you are asked your race. Self-identifying should not make you uncomfortable. You indicate that you enjoy “being recognized as an individual with a rich heritage and background.” Doesn’t everyone? We each enjoy a “rich heritage,” in my case including the ambiguities of ancestral adoptions. Appropriately, I acknowledge that the achievements and sins of my ancestors are not mine. I am more concerned with the content of my own character, measured by my deeds. I find it shocking that you did not mention the likely sins of your German ancestors who slaughtered many Caucasian Jews. Your demanding that your ethnicity be respected contradicts your lament that “there will never be a point in which I can just be a human being.” Most disturbingly, you claim “we will never live in a post-racial America.” How does your letter, and your apocalyptic perspective, advance the goal of a post-racial society, and the human condition? I’m praying for you.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



One small step for mental health

Alex Caton

Modest Proposals

Notre Dame's mission statement includes the following: "The University prides itself on being an environment of teaching and learning that fosters the development in its students of those disciplined habits of mind, body, and spirit that characterize educated, skilled, and free human beings."

To that end, the University takes actions to integrate these different facets of wellness into student life as seamlessly as possible. For example, nearly every University building has at least one chapel in it. If I want to pray alone, I have 57 chapels to pick from and that large, cave-like structure with the candles in it down by the lakes. If I want to pray with others, I can go to one of over 100 Masses on campus each week, or join one of 10-plus campus ministry groups representing all different faith traditions. Or I can put faith into action through hundreds of programs offered by the Center for Social Concerns and other places on campus. In short, the spiritual practices of the Notre Dame student are covered.

We prioritize physical fitness here as well. If I have the urge to work out, I can walk down the stairs to the St. Ed's exercise room and find a bench, free-weights,

exercise ball, pull-up bar, stationary bike and treadmill. If I want to blast my pecs more publicly, I can go to one of our two recreation centers. If it's nice outside and I feel like doing cardio, there are two lakes circled by a track of a really convenient mileage.

Notre Dame has no doubt created an environment where "disciplined habits of mind, body, and spirit" can form. What I question, and what I believe threatens the "educated, skilled, and free" half of the commitment, is the University's ability to ensure the positive mental health of its students with the structures it currently has in place. It is uncontroversial that mental health is not equivalent to intellectual prowess. There are unhealthy body builders just as there are spiritually vacant church-goers. By the same token, there are a host of immensely talented and gifted students on this campus who struggle with depression, low self-esteem, body image issues, high stress, their sense of self-worth or identity, unmet expectations, and other similar afflictions, and do so largely in silence.

This is not to say that we can expect the University to ensure that every student walk around 100 percent happy, 100 percent of the time, any more than we can expect every person here to be built like a Polo model. However, Notre Dame can create an environment in which caring

for one's mental health is as native, accessible, and socially acceptable as a run around the lakes. In this area, I am convinced that ND can do better.

One shortcoming and possible starting point for improving the University's mental health efforts is the "Inner Resources Room" (IRR). The Inner Resources Room, for those who have never heard of it, is a room administered by the University Counseling Center (UCC) with a massage chair, light therapy, relaxing CD/DVD soundtracks (e.g. waves or chirping birds) and other stress relief paraphernalia. Students can sign up for 10- or 20-minute sessions, free of charge, to lay down in a massage chair and "let go" for a bit.

Predictably, most people who hear about the IRR are pretty enthusiastic about the prospect of a free 20-minute massage and the relief it promises. Equally predictable is the tepid reaction people have on hearing the IRR's location.

The Inner Resources Room is located on the third floor of St. Liam's Hall. While, administratively speaking, it may seem more convenient to have it near the UCC, in practice, it just means that few students go and fewer students talk about it. St. Liam's is a place we associate with sinus infections and waiting. Despite the gothic architecture and very friendly staff, it has an unmistakable "clinical"

feel to it. These are negative associations. Moreover, since visiting the IRR is clearly in the category of preventative measures in the same way that jogging and Cheerios help prevent heart disease, there is no conceivable reason why this zone of mystic, stress-reducing Zen must necessarily be confined to the cold atmosphere of a clinic. The indoor track is in Rolfs, not St. Liam's.

My suggestion, then, is to create duplicates of the Inner Resources Room in LaFortune and the Library, preferably on the first or second floors of both. Mental health is a sadly under-addressed need among the student body. Whatever the sources, the tools to prevent a greater number of students from succumbing to distress and disorder are within the financial and administrative capabilities of our school. Placing additional IRRs in more central and heavily trafficked areas would be a step in the right direction if we intend to make care for one's mental health as ingrained and socially-reinforced as care for other aspects of Notre Dame student life.

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Abortion eradication, not criminalization

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Guest Columnist

With nearly 600 students representing Notre Dame at this year's March for Life in Washington DC, I was prompted to re-visit my own views on such matters. While I admire the dedication of this group that includes some of my closest friends here at school, I offer an accompanying representation of the seemingly reticent minority on campus.

As a life-long, practicing Catholic who attends mass on a weekly basis, my pro-choice stance may seem strange to some. Yet, being pro-choice and having absolute respect for human life and dignity are not in any way mutually exclusive. The reality is quite the opposite: pro-choice policies (which go far beyond the single issue of abortion rights) focus on the important root causes and solutions that lead to fewer abortions, as well as protect women from heavy-handed government intrusion into personal medical decisions regarding their own bodies. Though my view may be the minority at Notre Dame, it happens to coincide with larger trends. According to a March 2013 Public Religion Research Institute survey, 54 percent of American Catholics believe that abortion should be legal in all or most cases. However, polling data only says so much of such a sober issue, which warrants much contemplation

and respect, regardless of stance.

Indeed, it is after much contemplation and with great respect that I offer a pro-choice perspective.

First, if Roe v. Wade were overturned, abortions would not cease to exist, since the ruling's overturning would only allow individual states to criminalize all abortions. Of course, not all states would do so, and women would end up travelling and crossing borders in order to access services. Furthermore, women who lack the resources to travel such distances would resort to dangerous illegal procedures that result in far higher levels of injury and death to women and their unborn children. This consequence is especially notable since poor women account for 42 percent of all abortions, according to recent data from the Guttmacher Institute. The naive belief that laws prohibiting abortion would stop the practice altogether is in error, for it is certain that far worse consequences would ensue: unsanitary, off-the-books clinics and self-induced abortions would rise significantly, resulting in far greater threats to life. Simply criminalizing something will not lead to its elimination — Prohibition and the "War on Drugs" have proven this. Instead, as history has also shown, criminalization leads to unregulated, unsafe behaviors in the absence of laws.

The above realities lead to the second conclusion: there are better ways to achieve the ultimate goal of respecting

life than investing enormous amounts of time, money, and energy into efforts that, contrary to first impressions, do not truly address the root of the problem. The answer to lowering the number of abortions — which is the universal goal, regardless of pro-life or pro-choice affiliation — is not found in the criminalization of a currently safe procedure that will lead to life-threatening replacements, but lies in the holistic approach of comprehensive sex education and access to contraception, for it has been empirically proven that both dramatically lower rates of unwanted pregnancies. Research from the University of Washington has shown that teenagers who have had access to comprehensive sex education were 60 percent less likely to get pregnant; a study conducted by the Washington University Medical School in St. Louis found that free contraception would prevent as many as 41 percent to 71 percent of abortions performed annually in the United States.

Additionally, it is important to note that many "pro-life" elected officials and advocates lose interest immediately after birth and consistently undermine vital programs that promote life in myriad ways: assistance to poor single mothers, early childhood education, and other social programs not only provide direct benefits, but aid in breaking the cycle of poverty in which abortion is so prevalent.

To some, these statistics and facts are not enough; to some, the current legal status of abortion in the United States is one of our nation's gravest injustices and must be fought. Although such convictions are earnest and well-intentioned, they are also narrow and short-sighted. Limiting a woman's jurisdiction over her own body is not justice. Opening the door to dangerous, and certain, alternatives to legal abortions is not justice. Opposing funding to sex education, birth control, anti-poverty programs, and early childhood education is not justice.

Rather than beating a dead horse in spite of its obvious shortcomings, we must instead take a step back from the emotional, ideological whirlwind and approach these issues with the broader goal of the Church in mind. Victory against abortion is not its criminalization, but its eradication. Realizing the two are not one in the same is the first crucial step. Once that battle is won, we can begin to combat the real fight together.

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The Best of Watch Instantly



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Scene Editor

Sometimes it's just too cold to listen to music, and all you want to do is sit in your bed all day under your blankets, skip all your classes, turn on your television or laptop and let the day slide away under the hypnosis of 10-12 straight hours of movies and TV shows. But after burning through "Breaking Bad," "Orange Is the New Black" and all the "The Land Before Time" sequels on Netflix (there are five on the site, thirteen films in the series), where, oh, where do you turn next?

Today we've revived one of my all-time Scene space fillers, New to Your Queue, in honor of the cold, yes, but also of how I plan to spend my entire Friday.

Fargo

There's nothing colder than murder, am I right guys? Right? Anybody?

That aside, this is possibly the ultimate cold weather movie. Taking place in the upper Midwest, in Minneapolis and, obviously, Fargo, the film follows Jerry Lundegaard, a struggling car salesman, as he tries to organize his wife's kidnapping in order to swindle her father out of \$80,000. The accents and plot twists get weirder and weirder, leading to one of the most infamous death scenes in film history, perhaps the best moment illustrating the Coen brothers' pitch black humor.

Film: "Fargo" (1996)

Director: Joel Coen

Starring: Frances McDormand, William H. Macy, Steve Buscemi

Best Line: "You betcha!" — Marge Gunderson

The Mighty Ducks

A movie that you might find is a lot more sinister than you remember from your childhood (Gordon Bombay is arrested for DUI, Coach Reilly is a force of emotional destruction on a team of eight-year-old kids, Emilio Estevez is a horrible actor, etc.), "Mighty Ducks" can still be appreciated for the cheesy greatness, and might be even better now 20 years later. Banks, the Quack chant, the triple deke, cake eater and all the rest of the classics are just as great now as Charlie Conway was bad in the movie. How does Bombay not have Banks take that shot? Conway was barely a skater. But I guess I'm just no Gordon Bombay.

Film: "The Mighty Ducks" (1992)

Director: Stephen Herek

Starring: Emilio Estevez, Joss Ackland, Joshua Jackson

Best Line: "Yes sir, Mr. Ducksworth. Thank you very much, Mr. Ducksworth."

Quack, quack, quack, Mr. Ducksworth! Quack, quack, quack, quack, quack!" — Gordon Bombay

Cool Runnings

A particularly relevant movie today, what with the real life Jamaican bobsled team qualifying for the actual Winter Olympics, actually, in real life, in a thing that really happened, "Cool Runnings" prophetically follows the comic journey of a based-loosely-on-real-life Jamaican bobsled team on their way to the 1988 Winter Olympics. Led by former champion bobsledder and current bookie John Candy, now exiled from the sport after being caught cheating, a group of four Jamaicans who fail to qualify for the Summer Olympics as sprinters after one of them trips the two others in the trials. Over the course their improbable run to glory, they grow to respect the sport and each other, but not the Swiss, as any great sports movie teaches us.

Film: "Cool Runnings" (1993)

Director: Jon Turteltaub

Starring: Leon, Doug E. Doug, John Candy

Best Line: "I see pride! I see power! I see a bad-ass mother who don't take no crap off of nobody!" — Yul Brenner

Groundhog Day

The best film ever made about an underappreciated holiday, "Groundhog Day" follows Bill Murray's journey as Phil Connors, a Pittsburgh weatherman forced to cover the annual Groundhog Day event in Punxsutawney. Phil is none too pleased about his assignment, even insulting Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog. He wakes up the next morning to discover that he's in a time loop, reliving the same day over and over again. He tries to commit suicide numerous times and generally acts like a bad dude before realizing the errors of his ways and turning his life around in order to not have to hear "I Got You Babe" by Sonny & Cher every morning for the rest of his life.

Film: "Groundhog Day" (1993)

Director: Harold Ramis

Starring: Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell

Best Line: "It's the same thing your whole life: 'Clean up your room. Stand up straight. Pick up your feet. Take it like a man. Be nice to your sister. Don't mix beer and wine, ever.' Oh yeah: 'Don't drive on the railroad track.'" — Phil Connors.

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If you haven't heard of Ilana Glazer and Abbi Jacobson yet, get ready for their names to enter your comedy vocabulary. The two Upright Citizens Brigade alumnae made their big television debut this week with the premiere of series "Broad City" on Comedy Central and as writers and stars of the show are sure to fly into your radar this year.

Though the show's pilot aired on Wednesday, "Broad City" isn't new by any means. The original concept began as a low-budget web series, with each episode on YouTube running about two minutes in length. It wasn't until the series caught the attention of fan and now-producer Amy Poehler that "Broad City" was picked up by Comedy Central and turned into a half-hour long, original show, and we should definitely thank Poehler for it.

The extended length and (slightly) larger budget has added the opportunity for bigger plotlines and more character development in "Broad City," but the charm of the show has stayed the same — Glazer and Jacobson play two women living in New York, conveniently named Ilana and Abbi, as they stir up trouble, stretch their budgets and complicate each others' lives. While Abbi is the nervous, awkward and well-meaning friend, she is complemented by care-free stoner Ilana, who may be the best antihero on TV right now.

While the show certainly has humble beginnings and two relatively unknown writers and stars, "Broad City" boasts quite a few big names in its pilot. Guest stars Hannibal Buress, Fred Armisen and Chris Gethard prove that though Jacobson and Glazer aren't household names, they've established themselves in the comedy world and show plenty of promise.

The pilot, called "What a Wonderful World," introduces Abbi and Ilana as they attempt to score tickets to a Lil Wayne concert despite having absolutely no money. Staying true to the short-form series from which it originated, the show jumps (almost distractingly, an area that might need work) from antic to antic as the women shamelessly attempt (and mostly fail) to raise the money. From stealing office supplies to cleaning an apartment in their underwear for money, Glazer and Jacobson don't shy away from the

absurd or obscene while showing off both funny writing and presence.

"Broad City" certainly isn't the first show originate on the internet; one of the most popular examples of the web-to-network transition "Workaholics," also on Comedy Central. In fact, "Workaholics" and "Broad City" are alike in more than their web beginnings. They're both low-budget, have creators as leads and are all about slacker friends making up elaborate plans that go horribly awry. However, Jacobson and Glazer manage to differentiate themselves from the "Workaholics" guys by offering a balance between absolute ridiculousness and hilariously awkward, self-aware humor. "Workaholics" is made funny by amplifying the stupidity and ignorance of all three lead characters, but "Broad City" brings a different approach, with Glazer and Jacobson sometimes egging each other on a la "Workaholics" but also balancing each other out in an "Odd Couple" way.

As much as "Broad City" is compared to its fellow web-series-turned-TV-show "Workaholics," the series has also drawn comparisons to other female-fronted shows like "Girls." But though "Girls" and "Broad City" are both written by and star women, "Broad City" doesn't appear to be the dramatic coming-of-age-and-finding-yourself kind of series that Lena Dunham has created.

Sure, both series feature 20-something women in New York who don't exactly have it all together, but if Jacobson and Glazer's web episodes are any indication of what to expect in the television version, the "Broad City" and "Girls" similarities end there. Rather than relate to or represent all 20-something women, it seems like Jacobson and Glazer are simply being themselves — sometimes selfish and mean, sometimes uncomfortable and weird, but consistently hilarious.

What I hope to see from "Broad City" is more of the ridiculous antics and crude, unapologetic humor that made the web series so great. Jacobson and Glazer have their act down, all they have to do is ignore the pressure to be TV's new "Girls" and write what they find funny. And if this first episode is any indication, they'll do just fine.

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THE GRAMMYS

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LL Cool J will be hosting it for the third consecutive year. Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr are set to perform together. Long-winded acceptance speeches will be given, fashion choices will be judged and some of music's biggest names will get together for various collaborative performances. It's the 56th annual Grammy Awards and it looks to be quite a show.

Airing live from the Staples Center in Los Angeles on Sunday at 8 p.m., the so-called biggest night in music is set to air one night before the Grammy salute to the Beatles' debut on "The Ed Sullivan Show." McCartney and Starr's performance will be in recognition of that night as they accept the 2014 Recording Academy Lifetime Achievement Award for their membership in the legendary band.

On the awards side of the night, Jay-Z received the most nominations (nine) but is not considered the favorite to dominate the airwaves Sunday night. Perhaps more surprisingly, Justin Timberlake was honored with seven nominations but none in any of the general field awards (Record of the Year, Album of the Year, Song of the Year and Best New Artist).

Record of the Year is most popularly predicted to go to "Get Lucky" by Daft Punk featuring Pharrell Williams and Nile Rodgers. Others nominated in this category are Imagine Dragon's "Radioactive," Lorde's "Royals," Bruno Mars' "Locked Out of Heaven" and Robin Thicke featuring T.I. and Pharrell's "Blurred Lines."

Predictions for Album of the Year vary a bit more. The favorite seems to be Macklemore and Ryan Lewis' "The Heist" and given the amount of publicity they received in 2013, this prediction doesn't seem far off. However, Taylor Swift's "Red" and Kendrick Lamar's "good kid, m.A.A.d city" may give it a run for its money (even though the Grammys have historically proven averse to give the award to a rap album).

The nominees for Song of the Year are Lorde's "Royals," Macklemore and Ryan Lewis featuring Mary Lambert's "Same Love," P!nk and Nate Ruess' "Just Give Me A Reason,"

Katy Perry's "Roar" and Bruno Mars' "Locked Out of Heaven." Given the amount of publicity surrounding the issue of same sex marriage, "Same Love" seems to have a particularly good chance of taking this award.

Perhaps the most surprising part about the category of Best New Artist is that Lorde was not nominated. Having received other nominations, it would seem this is award would suit her perfectly (though perhaps all of her controversy hurt her chances). The frontrunners in this category are Ed Sheeran and Macklemore and Ryan Lewis.

The performances for the 2014 Grammys are particularly exciting. Beyonce and Jay-Z are set to perform together, marking Beyonce's first major TV performance since she dropped her new album in December.

The Grammys are famous for varied collaborations between artists who've never worked together before and this year promises to continue the trend with some interesting combinations.

Robin Thicke, whose infamous performance with Miley Cyrus was a hallmark of this year's MTV Video Music Awards, is set to perform with classic rock band Chicago. This is perhaps one of the biggest jumps of the night and the contrast between the two performances is sure to be striking.

Metallica is set to give a performance with Lang Lang. The raw energy of Metallica mixed with the hypnotic effects of a piano could be magical.

The finale is particularly exciting, featuring Daft Punk, Nile Rodgers, Pharrell Williams and Stevie Wonder. This collaboration will be interesting to watch — and as with most things, will either be hugely successful or a complete flop, though only time will tell which.

Whatever the events, this year's Grammy awards promises to be an interesting night, even if the drunken acceptance speeches at the Golden Globes were almost enough to put you off of award shows for life.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Bears-Packers fueled by similarity



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Editor's Note: This is the fifth in a 10-part series discussing the best rivalry in sports. In this installment, Casey Karnes argues for Bears-Packers. Join the discussion on Twitter by using #BestRivalry.

Familiarity, similarity and jealousy.

All great rivalries are built upon a combination of those factors. Every time two teams meet, animosity builds, snowballing into something greater with every altercation after the whistle, every insult passed around, every heart-breaking defeat. In the most heated of rivalries, fans don't just want their team to win, they want the other team to lose. In the best of rivalries, these factors continue to blossom until the relationship between two teams becomes part of what defines them.

No rivalry combines these factors better than the yearly battles between the Chicago Bears and the Green Bay Packers. It's the longest-running rivalry in NFL history with 188 matchups since 1921, with two more highly-anticipated games every year in the NFC North. Both teams have become an integral part of NFL history, with a combined 49 Hall of Famers and 22 NFL championships, including five Super Bowls.

The pillar of the rivalry is the two teams' similarities, which date back to the very first days of the NFL. Both lay claim to some of the most legendary coaches in NFL history, with Earl Lambeau and Vince Lombardi battling the likes of George Halas and Mike Ditka. Their on-the-field identities have rarely wavered from their inceptions, as both teams pride themselves on physical, smash-mouth football with an emphasis on defense. Excellence is the expectation due to the traditions established by players like Grange, Payton, Luckman, Urlacher, Nitschke, Starr and Favre.

The parallels extend beyond the on-field product, and into the identities of the organization. They're Midwestern institutions, embracing the region's horrific weather as a competitive advantage, mocking opponents overwhelmed by the low temperatures and snow by refusing to wear sleeves. Even their fans are similar, scattered with fat men with terrible facial hair obsessed with either meat or cheese. For the Packers, Bears and their fans, playing each other is like fighting your evil twin.

It's no surprise that these teams have become so intertwined that they define their success through comparison to the other. The Bears can't take pride in the their nine NFL championships, second most in history, because the Packers have 13. In turn, they hold their NFL-leading 27 Hall of Famers, mocking the Packers for their paltry total of 22, also second-most. Second may as well be last when your hated rival is leering at you from first place. Even the postseason trophies evoke bragging rights, as the name of the Packer's Lombardi graces the Super Bowl trophy, while Halas in relegated to the NFC Championship trophy.

Ultimately however, it's the games that make this rivalry great. Every time these teams face off, there is an electricity in the air that is, for lack of a better term, unrivaled by other matchups. When the Bears play the Packers, whether the Super Bowl, a playoff spot or nothing at all is on the line, fans can expect 60 minutes of relentless, all-out football. This year's second game was a perfect example, a battle for the NFC North crown being played in the bitter snow. It was fitting when Aaron Rodgers and Randall Cobb, who had missed eight and 10 weeks respectively but returned at less than 100 percent to battle the Bears, connected on fourth-and-8 with 38 seconds left for the touchdown from 48 yards out to complete the miracle comeback and win 33-28. It was the perfect rivalry game: the stakes were huge, victory was pulled from the jaws of defeat and it sets up perfectly for a revenge game next season.

In the end, players and coaches are the ones who give rivalries meaning, and both the Bears and Packers are as invested in their battles as their fans are. When former Bears coach Lovie Smith first assumed the role in 2004, he said the team had only three goals: win the NFC North, win a Super Bowl and beat the Packers. These teams are part of each other's DNA, and as long as they keep playing with such intensity, it's hard to disagree with the perspective of Packers Hall of Fame defensive end Willie Davis.

"There have been great rivalries in American sports, but none has had the fire in the belly that the Packers and Bears have had," Davis said in 2000. "None has had as much winning or emotion associated with it."

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PGA TOUR

Tiger opens play with 72

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The best score belonged to Stewart Cink. The best round belonged to Pat Perez. Tiger Woods didn't come close to claiming either Thursday in the Farmers Insurance Open, where the seven-time champion failed to break par in the opening round for first time in his career.

Cink ran off three straight birdies late in his round on the easier North Course at Torrey Pines for an 8-under 64. That gave him a one-shot lead over Gary Woodland, who also was on the North, which is more than 600 yards shorter.

Perez was on the South Course, host of the 2008 U.S. Open and with greens so firm this year that it felt like a major. Perez had a 67, the best score on the South by two shots, and even more astounding is that he played bogey-free.

The South played nearly four shots harder than the North.

Woods, making his 2014 debut, failed to birdie any of the par 5s and had to settle for a 72.

"Even par is not too bad, but I didn't play the par 5s worth a darn today," Woods said. "Obviously, that's (tantamount) to try to get any kind of scoring on the South Course. You've got to take care of the par 5s because there's not a lot of holes you can

there and get it a little bit tomorrow to not be so far behind come Saturday or Sunday," Woods said.

Cink did what he was supposed to do. The rough is up on the North, too, so it was important to get the ball in play. He did that, allowing him to take on some pins.

"You want to really take advantage of the North Course because it will yield to you a little bit, and the South Course will not," Cink said. "I did a great job of going out there, just playing shot-by-shot, not really getting too caught up in, 'I have to birdie these holes.' As a consequence, I actually made a few birdies and it felt great."

Phil Mickelson, meanwhile, felt awful.

He was coping with a back locked up on him, unusual for Mickelson because he doesn't have a history of back pain. It got so bad at one point that Mickelson thought about withdrawing from his hometown event, especially after his 4-iron on the par-5 18th at the North Course nearly went out-of-bounds. Mickelson used his short game to make birdie, and then made another birdie on the next hole and he scratched out a 69.

"Never thought about not starting, but around the turn I thought about maybe taking this

predicted a 67 on the South, though Woods wasn't surprised when he heard who did it.

"Why? He grew up here," Woods said. "This was his home course. He's playing it more times than any tour pro certainly."

Perez has such a history at Torrey that his father, Tony, continues to announce the players on the first tee at the South Course. And here's even better history — Perez won a Junior World Championship at Torrey Pines, by beating some Orange County kid named Tiger Woods.

"Best day of my life," Perez said. "I've known him forever. He's always been great to me. He gives me advice here and there, but to beat him that year was fantastic. ... I've got to hold onto that, so that's about all that I got over him. But it hurts him. I'll you tell, it hurts him."

Perez was joking. He is full of bluster and always fun, a favorite among the players.

That's what made Thursday so enjoyable. The weather was close to perfect, with hang gliders filling the sky left of the fourth fairway on the South. Perez had no bogeys on his card, and he can't remember if that ever happened since the South was stretched out to prepare for the U.S. Open.

It was only one round, but it was a great for Perez — and for Cink, who hasn't won since his British Open title at Turnberry in 2009. The test for Cink is Friday on the South, especially considering that only three players broke 70 on the South — Perez, Charley Hoffman (another San Diego native) and rookie Kevin Tway, whose father (former PGA champion Bob Tway) won this event in 1986.

DIVOTS: Jordan Spieth, who missed the cut at Torrey Pines last year as a 19-year-old making his pro debut, played with Woods and Jimmy Walker and shot 71. ... Fifty of the 62 rounds under par were on the North Course. ... The worst score on the North Course was a 77 by Brandt Snedeker and Derek Ernst.

"Even par is not too bad, but I didn't play the par 5s worth a darn today."

Tiger Woods
golfer

make birdie here. Subsequently, I didn't finish under par."

Even at eight shots behind, he wasn't worried about a chance to win at Torrey for the ninth time — including a U.S. Open. The courses are so different than it's difficult to gauge where anyone stands until everyone has had a crack at both courses. The weekend rounds are on the South.

"I'm going to have to go out

week off and seeing if I could get a little bit better," he said. "I kind of fought through the back nine and gave myself a chance."

He described it as a muscular problem and was hopeful treatment would help. Mickelson swung easy on the North. Players have to swing for the fences on the 7,698-yard South Course, where the average score Thursday 74.45.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Notre Dame squares off against No. 8 Louisville

Observer Staff Report

Almost two weeks after battling Northwestern to only the second tie in the program's 56-year history, the Irish will travel to No. 8 Louisville to face off against the Cardinals. The Irish (4-4-1) have won three of the last five meetings against the Cardinals (4-2) while both teams were still members of the Big East conference.

The Cardinals blew past 234-65 Cincinnati their last time out on Jan. 11.

Notre Dame will look for strong performances out of swimmers such as junior John Williamson, an All-American whose time of 1:47.91 in the 200-yard butterfly against Northwestern

netted him an NCAA B-cut. Elsewhere, junior Cameron Miller also qualified for an NCAA B-cut with a sizzling time of 55.08 in the 100-yard breaststroke against Northwestern. Other stand-out individual performances included freshman diver Joe Coumos, who swept both the one meter and three meter diving events, chalking up 311.80 points in the one-meter and 339.50 points in the three-meter.

In particular, the Irish face strong competition in Cardinals senior Joao De Lucca, who placed first against Cincinnati in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:39.14. As a junior, he won the NCAA championship in the same event with a time of 1:31.51, the third-fastest time for the event in NCAA history. De Lucca also put up a B-cut qualifying time in the 100-yard freestyle against Cincinnati with a time of

43:87.

The Cardinals have also drawn strong performances early this season from freshman Grigory Tarasevitch, who recorded a time of 47.41 in the 100-yard backstroke during the SMU Classic on Jan. 17. Tarasevitch was also part of the Cardinals 400-yard medley relay event at the classic, recording a split time of 47.95 as part of the Cardinals' third-place finishing time of 3:11.08.

This meet, along with the annual Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 31 and a dual meet against Cleveland State on Feb. 8, is the last bit of competition the Irish have before taking part in their first ACC Championship, which takes place over the week beginning Feb. 26.

The Irish take on the Cardinals in Louisville, Ky., on Friday. The meet is set to begin at 4 p.m.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish hit the road to face Wildcats



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Irish sophomore Nicolas Montoya serves during the Bobby Bayliss Invitational on Oct. 4. Montoya won the match, 6-2, 6-5.

By **RENEE GRIFFIN**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame (3-0) will play in its first away contests of the spring season this weekend at the University of Kentucky, with the potential to stretch its undefeated start to five matches. If the Irish do so, they could qualify for the ITA National Indoor Championships on Feb. 14-17.

The Irish will first face Minnesota on Friday night before playing either No. 8 Kentucky or BYU on Saturday. Head coach Ryan Sachire said he anticipates two quality matches.

"All four teams that are going to Kentucky are very good," Sachire said. "All four made the NCAA tournament last year, and that's not uncommon for them. You're looking at, traditionally, four of the top 40 teams in the country and they all expect to have another great season. We're prepared to have two extremely tough matches."

The Irish will try to maintain momentum from last weekend, when they beat William and Mary, Michigan State and Toledo. The team got off to a fast start in all three of the matches, dropping only two decisions to Michigan State while shutting out the other opponents.

"I think one thing we did a good job of, in most circumstances, was starting off strong in our doubles matches," Sachire said. "The matches go very, very quickly with not a lot of time to adjust, so it's imperative to do the things we want to do right away."

Minnesota (0-1) enters the event with only one match under its belt for the spring season, a 4-1 defeat at the

hands of Oklahoma State. Both BYU (4-0) and Kentucky (4-0) have experienced considerably more success in more opportunities this season. The Wildcats have a marquee win over then-No. 7 Duke on their résumé, as well. The weekend's schedule may make the matches tougher for the Irish, as it is their first time traveling and their first time playing on consecutive days.

"It's the first time on the road, the first time out of our building," Sachire said. "It'll be a neutral site against Minnesota, but it's always a little adjustment. Being able to play on a consistently high level on back-to-back days will be tough, but we'll focus on doing what we do and we'll have plenty of time to practice on the Kentucky courts."

Sachire said he has particular faith in the team leaders, most notably senior Greg Andrews, ranked No. 22 in the country. Irish sophomore Quentin Monaghan, ranked 90th in the country, did not participate last weekend due to injury but may make his return against the Gophers.

"We're definitely hoping to get Quentin Monaghan back," Sachire said. "He's the second-best player on the team. It starts at the top with our captain Greg Andrews. He's done an amazing job this year and at the end of last year of leading by example. When you have such a great leader, everything flows from there."

Notre Dame will face off against Minnesota on Friday and either Kentucky or BYU on Saturday in the ITA Kick-Off Weekend tournament in Lexington, Ky.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish look to keep momentum at tournament

By MIKE GINOCCHIO
Sports Writer

Fresh off of a pair of convincing victories over the past weekend, the Irish get back to work this weekend with a tournament in Evanston, Ill., that already holds end-of-season implications.

Notre Dame (2-0) will compete in a tournament that features Northwestern, Oklahoma State and Arizona State (2-0).

Irish coach Jay Louderback said the tournament is a great early opportunity to see some of the best players in collegiate women's tennis.

"The great thing for us is that all four teams are in the top 28 to top 29," Louderback said. "I think Oklahoma State is ranked 29 and they're the lowest-ranked team. It's really good, especially early in the season, for us [to have this opportunity.]"

Not only does this tournament serve as a chance

for the Irish to get their feet wet against tough competition, but it provides an early opportunity to qualify for postseason play. The winner of the tournament this weekend will go on to compete at the NTA National Team Indoor finals. Notre Dame's first opponent is Arizona State, a team com-

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Jay Louderback
Irish coach

ing off a doubleheader sweep of Northern Arizona to start their season.

"We played some singles and doubles matches against Arizona State in the fall and all of the matches were tight," Louderback said. "We lost two of them, won three of them in three sets so we know it's going to be a tough,

tough match."

Notre Dame will turn to the strong play of team members such as sophomore Quinn Gleason, who won both of her matches the last time the Irish played with. The Irish will also be looking to continue riding a wave of youthful success, as freshmen Jane Fennelly, Mary Closs and Monica Robinson scored their first wins in dual matches.

Louderback said he is confident in his team going into the weekend's play.

"It's going to be fun for us to play that early against that good of teams," Louderback said. "And we're ready, I think our kids will play good ball. And if everyone's healthy we have a really good doubles lineup too. We're ready."

The Irish take on Arizona State on Saturday in Evanston, Ill. Match time it 3 p.m.

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Irish senior Jennifer Kellner serves during a home meet last season. Kellner is a two-time all-Big East honoree.

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FENCING

ND travels to N.Y. for two invitationals over weekend

By **REBECCA ROGALSKI**
Sports Writer

After last weekend at the North American Cup, the Irish look ahead to this weekend's competitions at the NYU Invitational and Saint John's Invitational in New York.

The invitationals, which are considered two of the largest and strongest competitions in the nation, invite only the best collegiate fencing programs to participate. Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said he believes the weekend's events will be a huge test for his fencers, who will be matched up against elite teams such as Yale, Columbia, Northwestern, North Carolina, Saint John's, NYU and Ohio State.

"In the NCAA system that we are in, you must compete against other colleges in order to gain points and create the team's national rank or your individual rank," Bednarski said. "In this invitational, it is basically win or lose. If we win them all, we will be ranked significantly higher, both nationally as a team and individually as fencers."

A major challenge Bednarski foresees in this weekend's competition is the length of competition time.

"Events are scheduled from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day," Bednarski said. "You can imagine that it is a very long and stressful day for these fencers, who are in constant focus mode throughout those seven hours. I hope that our

fencers, both young and old, can stay concentrated and alleviate themselves of any pressures that might weigh them down."

Bednarski and the rest of the team have high expectations for their more experienced fencers. This is especially true in regards to senior Gerek Meinhardt, who was recently ranked the No. 1 male foilist in the world. Not only did Meinhardt's top ranking make Notre Dame history, but he also became

"Every single team this weekend will challenge us. Even the weakest team will want to beat us."

Janusz Bednarski
Irish coach

the first American foilist to achieve such a high ranking.

"Gerek is an absolute superstar, and he will be leading this team on the men's side and utilizing all of his experience," Bednarski said. "He is a huge success, and it is great for him to be in a position to dominate at world fencing in foil."

Other Irish competitors hope to stand out as well at the NYU Invitational and Saint John's Invitational. On the women's side, junior Madison Zeiss, sophomore Lee Kiefer and sophomore Nicole McKee are coming off strong finishes at the North American Cup last weekend. Bednarski said he

is confident the Irish will preform to the best of their abilities in New York, despite knowing their opponents will be giving everything they have.

"Every single team this weekend will challenge us," Bednarski said. "Even the weakest team will want to beat us. We have a good position as a team, and other teams such as Columbia, Saint John's and Ohio State will put everything out on the table in order to beat us, and they can. We are pretty equal to all these teams, each is simply just better at different weapons."

Bednarski said he believes success in this weekend's invitational will ultimately come in the form of a solid performance from each of the lesser-experienced fencers.

"We are especially interested in our younger fencers, those who are not necessarily at the top, performing well," Bednarski said. "Our experienced fencers should give us a positive position, but the overall decision will be in the hands of those younger men and women that we have competing for us. They will fence in very important bouts, which will ultimately decide how we do."

The NYU Invitational will take place Saturday at the Coles Center in New York and the Saint John's Invitational will follow on Sunday in Carnesacca Arena in Queens, N.Y.

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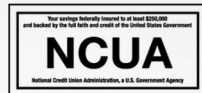
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Hockey

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Northeastern on Nov. 30, Irish coach Jeff Jackson said he expects an elite challenge from his team's opponent this weekend.

"We're playing a very good hockey team this weekend," Jackson said. "There's parts of me watching film that think that they may be the team to beat in that league. [Boston College is] extremely good. Lowell, Providence, they're all good teams. But Northeastern's certainly one of the top few teams in the country."

Notre Dame (14-8-1, 3-5-1) will enter the weekend's action on a hot streak of its own, following weekend sweeps of Alabama-Huntsville and Lake Superior State. While the unranked Chargers and Lakers may not have posed the same challenge as a conference foe like Northeastern, the Irish feel they'll be ready for the challenge this time around, senior defenseman Kevin Lind said.

"The last four games weren't against the greatest opponents, but if you watched tape and watched the games, we did a lot of

good things," he said. "These are two huge games. We've played them three times since I've been here — all at the Compton — and they beat us all three times. So they have our number."

Notre Dame will have to solve Northeastern's stout defense this weekend, and it will have to do it without one of its biggest weapons. Junior Robbie Russo, who leads the team's defensemen in both goals and assists, will miss the rest of the year after being declared academically ineligible earlier this week. Russo can still practice with the team, but Jackson said the team will look to a combination of players like freshman Ben Ostlie, sophomore Andy Ryan and junior Eric Johnson to pick up some of the slack on the blue line.

"All we need is [stability] back there," Jackson said. "We don't need star power, we need stable, good defensive play, good one-on-one play and smart, safe decisions. If our defensemen just play the game simple, make the easy play and get the puck to our forwards, that's the key."

In the spirit of taking care of first things first, Jackson

also emphasized the importance of getting points and wins on home ice. After a stretch of over two months without a true road game, Notre Dame will head back out to New Hampshire next weekend, with challenging trips to Providence and Boston College looming at the end of the schedule, as well.

With that in mind, and the Irish sitting in eighth place in the Hockey East standings, Jackson said getting the full slate of points at home is important as ever.

"We have to have success here at home, because it's gonna be hard to win games on the road with the teams that we're playing," he said. "We need to get points on the road and we need to be really good at home. And if that happens, I think we have a chance to be a top-four team, and that's what we should aspire to."

The Irish will host the Huskies at the Compton Family Ice Arena this weekend, where the puck will drop at 7:35 p.m. on Friday and 7:05 p.m. on Saturday.

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W Bball

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extended Notre Dame's lead to 59-34 in the second half.

Junior guard Madison Cable added 10 points off the bench.

McGraw said she appreciated the performances of both Mabrey and Cable but thought Mabrey could have played an even stronger game.

"They both got double-figure points, which was great, but I wanted a little bit more from Michaela as a starter," McGraw said. "Madison, I thought, had a pretty good game overall."

Before Notre Dame could find an offensive rhythm, however, Miami jumped to an early 13-7 lead. Senior forward Jassany Williams and freshman guard Adrienne Motley led the Hurricanes with 10 points apiece.

The Irish could not capitalize on free-throw opportunities, as they shot 12-for-20 from the line in the first half, compared to Miami's perfect 7-for-7 mark. Irish senior forward Natalie Achonwa shot only 5-for-11 from the line.

The Hurricanes played physical defense and forced 10 Irish turnovers in the first half and 18 for the game.

"I was really disappointed in the turnovers," McGraw said. "I thought that was a lack of focus and that was really disappointing, but overall, second half, I felt we did some good things offensively."

Miami forced turnovers and off-balance passes in the first half until Achonwa propelled Notre Dame to a 6-0 run with three consecutive layups that evened the score at 13-13. Achonwa almost achieved a double-double by scoring 23 points on the night to go with nine rebounds. As a team, the Irish outrebounded the Hurricanes 53-35.

Achonwa said that although Notre Dame is a great second-half team, she hopes the Irish can start putting the pieces together earlier in the game.

"The part that would be great is if we could do it in the first half and that we could do it without having to be down, having to be in a close game, that we could just come out with that mentality," Achonwa said.

Next, the Irish travel to College Park, Md., for a game Monday against No. 6 Maryland at 7 p.m.

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some veteran guys that do a great job with leadership. Our morale is great and it showed with how we played and competed. We're disappointed we'd come up short but this group comes back in and goes to work every day."

Wake Forest is coming off an 83-77 win over Virginia Tech on Wednesday night. Notre Dame beat Virginia Tech 70-63 on Sunday to snap a three-game losing streak.

In the win over the Hokies, Demon Deacons senior forward Travis McKie scored 24 points while sophomore guard Codi Miller-McIntyre added 20 points and 10 assists.

Miller-McIntyre is Wake Forest's leading scorer (15.5 points per game) while sophomore forward Devin Thomas paces the Demon Deacons inside with 8.6 rebounds per game while shooting 54.2 percent from the field with an 11.0-point-per-game average.

The Irish could be without sophomore forward Austin Burgett for Saturday's game, Brey said. Burgett was recovering from atrial fibrillation (irregular heartbeat) after suffering from it during Tuesday's game against Florida State.

"We'll do some tests, saw a cardiologist, but we're feeling he can be back hopefully on the practice floor today," Brey said. "The sad thing for



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Irish freshman guard Demetrius Jackson drives to the basket during Notre Dame's 70-63 victory over Virginia Tech on Saturday.

us was he was playing well. I think he's getting more and more comfortable as a player."

Brey also said graduate student forward Tom Knight could make his return to the Irish rotation this weekend. Knight has been out since Jan. 7 after injuring

his ankle and coming down with a sickness.

The potentially short-handed Irish will tip-off against Wake Forest on Saturday at 3 p.m. in Winston-Salem, N.C.

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Grinding it out

Irish overcome offensive struggles, pull away in second half to remain unbeaten on season

By SAMANTHA ZUBA
Sports Writer

The No. 2 Irish recovered from a rocky first half to rout Miami, 79-52, on Thursday in the Purcell Pavilion.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw praised her players' ability to collect themselves and change the game after a sloppy first half.

"I think we have a lot of resolve, a lot of resilience, and I felt we came out at halftime and made a nice run and got up 20, and then everyone relaxed and then we just started to play better," McGraw said.

Notre Dame (18-0, 5-0 ACC) didn't quite execute the fundamentals early in the first half, but the Irish charged out of the gates to start the second half with a 10-0 tear that made the score 41-26.

The Irish outscored the Hurricanes (11-8, 3-3) 44-26 in the second half.

Notre Dame started to turn

things around near the end of the first half. The Irish finally pulled away on a three-pointer from freshman guard Lindsay Allen with just under four minutes to play in the first half that put them up 28-20. Notre Dame led 35-26 at the half and rode its momentum back out of the locker room after halftime.

Allen, who scored a season-high 16 points, played a big role in Notre Dame's victory, McGraw said.

"I thought the bright spot of the day was definitely Lindsay," McGraw said. "I thought she played her normal game and then some."

The Irish played without regular starting sophomore guard Jewell Loyd, who was out with a sprained knee. Sophomore guard Michaela Mabrey made her first career start in place of Loyd and scored 10 points, including a three-pointer that

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Irish senior forward Natalie Achonwa prepares to take a free throw during Notre Dame's 79-52 victory over Miami on Thursday. Achonwa finished the game with 23 points and nine rebounds.

HOCKEY

Northeastern enters Compton on hot streak

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

No. 15 Notre Dame will look to cool down one of Hockey East's hottest teams when No. 11 Northeastern visits South Bend for a two-game series this weekend.

The Huskies (14-7-3, 7-4-1 Hockey East) have been on a tear in 2014, grabbing wins against then-No. 6 Providence and then-No. 8 Massachusetts-Lowell before splitting a series with Vermont last weekend. That run has pushed Northeastern to second in the Hockey East standings, leading the peloton that's chasing No. 2 Boston College, the runaway conference leader.

Based on the recent film he's seen, as well as Notre Dame's 3-2 loss to

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Sophomore left wing Mario Lucia looks to receive the puck during Notre Dame's 6-3 victory over Lake Superior State on Jan. 17.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

ND aims to end skid against Wake

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
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For the first time in program history, Notre Dame will head to Wake Forest when it plays the Demon Deacons on Saturday.

The Irish (11-8, 2-4 ACC) are coming off a last-minute 76-74 loss to Florida State on Tuesday night. Seminoles senior guard Ian Miller hit the game-winning runner in the lane with four seconds left in the game and Irish senior guard Eric Atkins' desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer bounced off the front rim.

The loss was Notre Dame's fourth in its last five games, all by eight points or fewer.

The Seminoles shot 58.0 percent for the game, including 8-for-16 on 3-pointers. Irish coach Mike Brey said Notre Dame's 3-point defense needs to improve.

"We can do a better job of being aware of shooters, getting out to them," he said. "There are some nights where we go through stretches where we're really good at it. There's been stretches where we're not very good at it."

Wake Forest (13-6, 3-3) comes into the game shooting 31.8 percent from 3-point land while the Irish are allowing opponents to shoot 37.2 percent behind the arc, the worst in the conference.

Brey said the opponents' 3-point shooting is a combination of Notre Dame's poor defense and other teams simply making shots.

Despite the struggles in conference play, Brey said the team's mood is still fine.

"I think our morale is great," he said. "We've got

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARD

Women's Basketball vs. Miami 79-52

TODAY'S EVENTS

Men's Tennis vs. Minnesota (Lexington, Ky) 12:30 PM

Men's Swimming at Louisville 4 AM

Hockey vs. Northeastern 7:35 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Basketball at Wake Forest 3 PM

ND Women's Tennis vs. Arizona State 3 PM

Hockey vs. Northeastern 7:05 PM

Fencing vs. NYU Sat. - Sun.

Notre Dame Invitational (Track) Sat.