

Runoff election scheduled for Monday

With 15 votes separating the top two tickets, LaMagna-Andresen and Vidal-Devine continue campaign

By **LESLEY STEVENSON**
New Writer

The campaign for student body president and vice president will continue until Monday after the Judicial Council announced that no ticket succeeded in winning a majority of the total vote.

A runoff election between junior Olivia LaMagna and her running mate, sophomore Rohan Andresen, and juniors Lauren Vidal and Matthew Devine will be held

Monday, Judicial Council president and senior Michael Masi said.

"The rules are you have to receive over 50 percent of the vote; you have to have a majority," Masi said. "Neither ticket tonight got a majority so it proceeds to a runoff between the two top vote-getters."

LaMagna and Andresen edged out Vidal and Devine by 15 out of 3,748 valid votes, according to the Judicial Council results. LaMagna's

ticket garnered 1,641 votes, 43.78 percent of the total, and Vidal's won 1,626 votes and 43.38 percent.

"Right now, we won by a margin of 15 votes so we're going to have a runoff," Andresen said. "Monday's going to be the election. We're going to start campaigning immediately."

LaMagna said she and Andresen were "ready to win." Andresen said they would begin printing more posters tonight and updating

social media with the news of the runoff.

"We were exhausted about 10 minutes ago, and now we're so pumped up," he said.

Vidal said she hoped the runoff would allow the student body extra time to read and better understand each ticket's platform.

"We're excited to campaign," she said. "We're excited that people are going to have more exposure to our platform and some of

our ideas. We feel that the students really need to take a look at the platforms and really compare and make an educated decision."

Freshmen George McCabe and Sean Campbell, the third ticket, earned 7.74 percent of the total with 290 votes.

191 voters abstained, and 290 votes were discarded as invalid, according to the Judicial Council results.

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'Grateful for every day'

By **TORI ROECK**
Associate News Editor

Editor's note: This is the third installment in a three-part series discussing the Rutagengwa family's search for God from the 1994 Rwandan genocide in light of their trip back to Rwanda in December.

Notre Dame freshman Fiona Rutagengwa is the child of genocide survivors.

Her parents, Jean Bosco Rutagengwa and Christine Rutagengwa, survived the 1994 Rwandan genocide and spent

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Photo courtesy of Jean Bosco Rutagengwa

Freshman Fiona Rutagengwa (far left), shown with her family, was born in Rwanda during the aftermath of the 1994 genocide.

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Saint Mary's hosts 'Art Now'

By **CLAIRE BLEECKER**
News Writer

Saint Mary's kicked off the first installment of its Center For Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) Series for the Arts on Monday with a conversation entitled "Art Now."

Krista Hoefle, associate professor of art at Saint Mary's, spoke at "Art Now" about her presentation of her work at the international art show for modern and

contemporary works, Art Basel Miami Beach.

"It was like a whole other world that I'm not privy to outside of my studio on campus," Hoefle said. She said she was able to see works of artists she has long admired up close. Among the thousands of artists who exhibited at Miami Beach were the works of Ai Weiwei, Rachel Harrison, and Li Hongbo.

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Students explore career opportunities

By **CHELSEA WILLIAMS**
News Writer

More than 50 companies attended Notre Dame's Winter Career fair in hopes of recruiting potential future employees and interns on Wednesday.

"We are looking for students who show leadership ability, as well as something that makes them stand apart on their resume, whether it be something like studying abroad or being an athlete,

something that shows that they are able to balance and manage their time well," Megan Brusco, a recruiter for M&T Bank, said.

Jasmine Shell, a recruiter for Ernst & Young, said it helps to know about the company and its mission, as well as know some information about what programs the company offers. This alone would be enough to spark an interesting

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A representative from Oaklawn Psychiatric Center talks with a student at the Winter Career and Internship Fair on Wednesday. Representatives from more than 50 companies attended the fair to recruit students.

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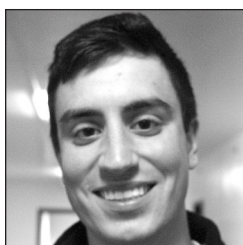
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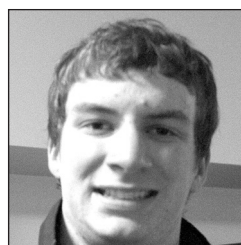
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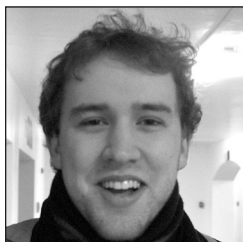
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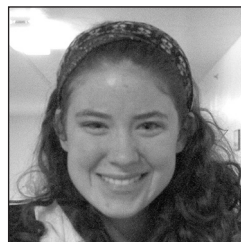
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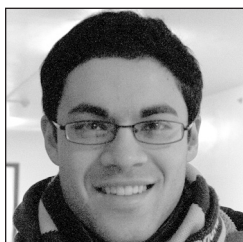
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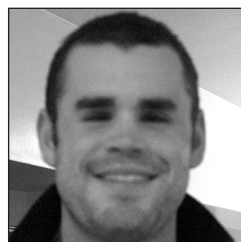
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Senior Frank Dyer competed in the 500 free style this past Friday in the Annual Shamrock Invitational. Dyer took 3rd place with a time of 4:32:46.

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Love Languages

LaFortune Student Center
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Learn about the five love languages.

Piano Concert

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Performance by Daniel Schlosberg.

Friday

Hospitality Lunch

Geddes Hall
1:45 p.m. - 1p.m.
\$5 donation benefits St. Margaret's House. Lasagna will be served.

Spin-A-Thon

Rockne Memorial
12 p.m.
24-hour event will end Saturday at noon.

Saturday

Men's Basketball

Purcell Pavilion
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
The Irish take on the North Carolina Ramses.

Vigil Mass

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
5 p.m. - 6p.m.
Music by the Women's Liturgical Choir.

Sunday

Women's Basketball

Purcell Pavilion
3 p.m. - 5p.m.
The Irish take on the Syracuse Orangemen.

Zen Meditation

Coleman-Morse Center
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Open to students and staff of all faiths.

Monday

International Tax Assistance Program

LaFortune Student Center
All day
Appointments needed.

"From Career to Calling"

Mendoza College of Business
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Part of Ethics Week.

Panel debates role of Latino vote in 2014

By **EMMA BORNE**
News Writer

In light of recent focus on the Latino vote as the 2014 midterm elections approach, Notre Dame hosted a panel discussion Wednesday evening in McKenna Hall entitled, "American Politics in the 21st Century: The Latino Vote and the 2014 Elections."

Christina Wolbrecht, associate professor of political science at Notre Dame, moderated the three-person panel. Panelists included professor of American politics Ricardo Ramirez, professor Michael Jones-Correa of government from Cornell University and professor of political science Sophia Wallace from Rutgers University.

Ramirez spoke first, asking why the Latino vote is suddenly receiving so much attention.

In response to his own questions, he said, "We have to look at the dramatic increase. In the period between 1991 and 2011 more than a third of the new 13 million U.S. citizens were Latinos, you had a dramatic increase in the number of 18-24 year old Latinos between 1991-2006.

"There's almost as many Latino voters... to potential Latino voters."

Jones-Correa said the Latino vote matters because the possibility of swaying an outcome of an election.

"When you have new residents moving into the states will they maintain their

own political orientation or create a shift?" he said.

There are three ideas around this question, Jones-Correa said. One, because Latinos tend to vote liberally, they will sway the states they move to. Two,

"[Immigration] has become increasingly an extremely important issue in the Latino community, but it's also affecting vote choice and that is both mobilizing Latino voters for Democratic candidates as well as mobilizing them against Republicans in specific places."

Sophia Wallace

Professor of political science at Rutgers University

Latinos will move to states that match their ideology, and three, Latinos will be influenced by the people around them and may even be swayed themselves to vote conservatively, he said.

Jones-Correa said many first generation Latinos likely to claim no party affiliation and be more influenced by their neighbors because they want to integrate into American society or because they do not understand the mission of each party.

Wallace continued this thought and asked what the most important issues are for the Latino voter.

"[Immigration] has become increasingly an extremely important issue in the Latino community, but it's also affecting turn out and affecting vote choice

and that is both mobilizing Latino voters for Democratic candidates as well as mobilizing them against Republicans in specific places," Wallace said.

Wallace said the Latino vote is more important

than many American citizens make it out to be. The U.S. should care about the Latino vote, Wallace said, because it has the potential to increase the number of Latino elected officials, mobilize politicians to respond to Latino issues, and moderate campaign ads for immigration.

Wallace also said we observe a two-to-one ratio in favor of Democrats.

"Both parties are trying to craft specific campaign strategies to mobilize Latinos, but a lot of this hinges on the handling of immigration as an issue."

Wallace said the GOP runs the risk of alienating Latino voters with very conservative viewpoints.

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Senate discusses 'One is Too Many' campaign

By **MARGARET HYNDS**
News Writer

In Wednesday night's student senate meeting, the group discussed student government's "One is Too Many" anti-sexual assault campaign, potential options for study abroad students, and other upcoming events this week.

Coccia said the campaign has received support from students.

"We had about 2,800 signatures," student body president Alex Coccia said. "And around 1,100 students indicated that they would be interested in becoming more involved in some form or capacity. ... We've been discussing various video series ideas among other things."

Student body vice president Nancy Joycesaid approximately 50 students have applied for the Food Services Student Advisory Board. Applications are due this Friday. The advisory board will be announced at next Tuesday's town hall meeting run by Food Services.

Senate debated a resolution penned by Department of Academic Affairs director Max Brown, which seeks to simplify the process of obtaining credit for courses taken while studying abroad.

After studying abroad last summer, Brown decided to attempt to simplify the process.

"It was really complicated for me to get credit accepted, and it seemed strange to me that there should be such a complicated process," he said.

Emanuele Barrufaldi, who presented the resolution with Brown, added that the University as a whole is becoming increasingly international with more and more students choosing to study abroad.

However, every college has a different method of applying for transfer credit, as well as different policies for accepting it, Barrufaldi said. Additionally, many students—especially engineers—choose to study abroad during the summer because their curriculums allow little to no room for electives.

The goal for the Department of Academic Affairs is two-fold. First, they aim to standardize the process of applying for credit across the

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Alex Coccia

Student body president

colleges. Second, the department will try to follow in the footsteps of peer institutions such as Vanderbilt University and Duke University by establishing an online database to supply data on courses that the University has pre-approved for transfer credit. That way students taking a class previously approved by their college would not have to re-submit its syllabus for approval.

"The first thing we're going to do is look at the last 4-10 years where students have studied abroad and received credit. The idea is to encourage students to go to really competitive international institutions, places we can be sure that we can give transfer credit for," Brown said.

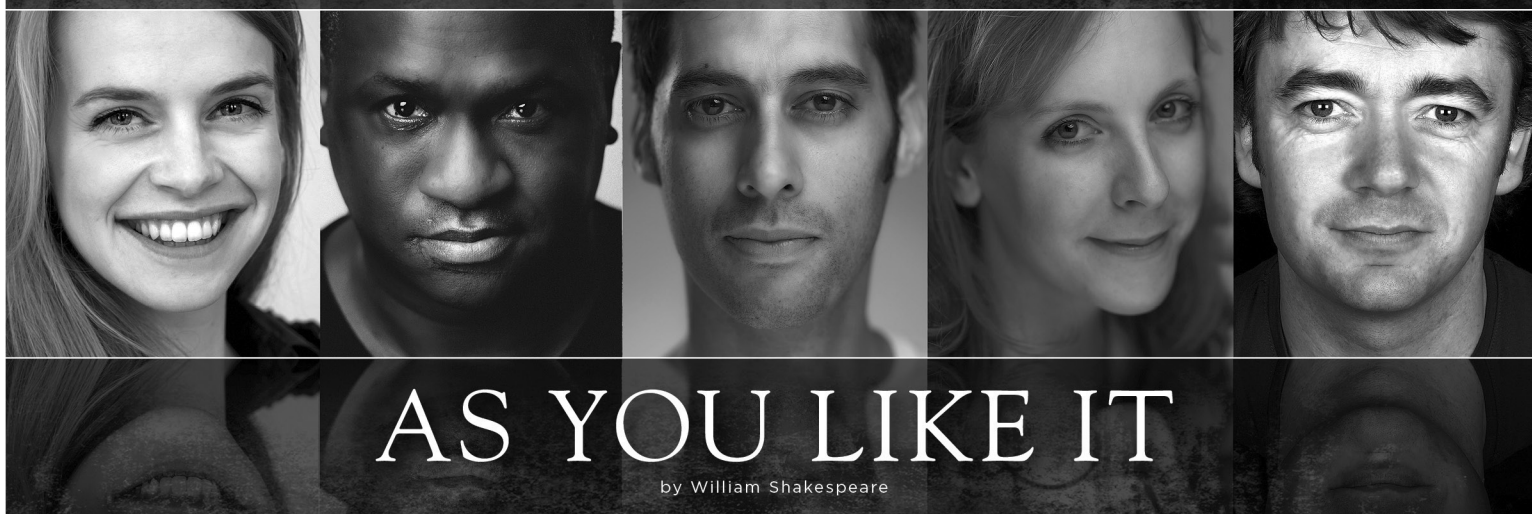
Classes that aren't pre-approved would be subject to a standardized approval process and, if approved, would have their information added.

The resolution, which officially requests the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Internationalization work with the Deans of the Undergraduate Colleges and Schools to establish the database and begin the process of standardization, passed unanimously.

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and Li Hongbo.

The also trip introduced Hoefle to new artists that she had never heard of before, she said.

"The main reason I wanted to go was to be introduced to international artists," Hoefle said. "Many of these artists had never exhibited in the United States before this show."

One such artist Hoefle discovered on her trip was Aime MPane, an artist originally from the Congo who now lives in Brussels making portrait art from plywood. Hoefle presented pictures of MPane's work; many different faces carved and painted on squares of the plywood.

"He's carving through that material to reveal the different skin tones," Hoefle observed. "There's a nice analogy between his process and the colonial history of where he's from."

Hoefle was able to photograph the work of Li Hongbo up-close as well. Hoefle said recognized his work immediately. She said she included a video entitled "Li Hongbo – Out of Paper" in her presentation to explain the secret to his work.

Li Hongbo, an artist based out of Beijing, displays classic marble statues, flowers, and plain blocks of wood in his exhibitions and the secret is not immediately discernable.

"At first you don't think that it could possibly change," Li Hongbo said in the video. "But when you open it or provoke it, it inspires a change."

In the video, Li Hongbo explained that he uses the ancient art of paper gourd craft, best known in its form as traditional Chinese red paper lanterns, which allows his seemingly fixed sculptures to move and contract when touched. The video "Out of Paper" is available on YouTube for viewing.

"Art Basel is a spectacle," Hoefle said. "Celebrities will go, art stars will be there."

Hoefle said art fairs can also incite controversy. She said the exhibit of Rachel Harrison, an artist based in New York City, considered to be an artist of "Outsider" or "Folk Art" was so minimalist

and bizarre that art critics lumped it under the label of "post-skill movement."

"Sometimes we'll leave and we'll be like, 'That's why people hate art,'" Hoefle said, referring to art critics like Simon Doonan who write about why the art world is so loathsome. Despite its mixed reviews, Hoefle admitted a fondness for Harrison's work.

One of the intriguing things about Rachel Harrison's show for Ms. Hoefle was its conscious effort to "subvert the overt masculinity in the history of art culture," she said.

Overt masculinity in art culture was a running theme in Krista Hoefle's presentation. She and her husband also attended the Packer Schopf Gallery, a collection usually based out of Chicago.

Hoefle said there was a 50/50 split of male and female artists at the Packer Schopf gallery, but this is not always the case.

"There was an audit done in 2012 by the Guardian to find out how many women and how many men were being represented in gallery spaces," Hoefle said. "The Guardian found that 67 percent of galleries at the 2012 London's Frieze Art Fair represent less than 1/3 women."

Hoefle said those numbers are significant.

"Exhibiting your work isn't everything, [but] the art world is all about connections in terms of making your voice heard," she said.

Hoefle ended her presentation with the work of Ai Weiwei, another artist based out of Beijing, famous for his controversial pieces of international acclaim.

Ai Weiwei has catalyzed a whole new generation of Chinese artists, including He Xiangyu who also exhibited works at Art Basel Miami, who deal with controversial subjects such as the suppressive forces of global capitalism, Hoefle said.

Ai Weiwei, in particular is "really outspoken in his criticism of the Chinese government," Hoefle said.

Visit ArtBasel.com and cwil.saintmarys.edu for more information.

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SMC group hosts world cinema festival

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News Writer

This week, the College's annual "World Cinema Festival" will emphasize women directors and strong female characters.

Hosted by the Center for Womens Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) at Saint Mary's, the weeklong series will feature five films in the Vander Valet Auditorium.

Mana Derakhshani, associate director of CWIL, said a grant from Franco-American Cultural Exchange program called Tournées originally made the event possible. Since then, CWIL has been hosting this event every year.

"This effort supports the internationalization of the campus in the curriculum with the Global Learning outcomes of the Sophia Program, in the increase in our study abroad opportunity in the expansion of exchange programs with international colleges and university," Derakhshani said.

According to a poster advertising the event, "The World Cinema Festival" will include the following films: "La Mujer sin Cabeza," "The Indendies," "A Separation," "Talentine" and "Autumn Gem."

"La Mujer sin Cabeza" (the Headless Woman) is an

Argentinean psychological-thriller film focusing on social class systems, and follows the life of a woman who after being impacted by an event becomes psychotic. The film records changes in Veronica's psycho-

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Mana Derakhshani
Associate Director of CWIL

logical state after a life-changing incident.

"The Indendies" is a Canadian film adapted from the play The Incendies focuses on the final wishes of a mother to send her two sons to the Middle East in search of their roots.

"A Separation" is an Iranian film centers on the lives of an Iranian middle class couple who separate and have to deal with lower class care giver

who cares for his father with Alzheimer's.

"Talentine" is a Malaysian comedy film about a group of young students who attempt to find their footing before stepping out into the real world.

"Autumn Gem" is a Chinese documentary that explores the life of China's first feminist Qiu Jem and her challenging traditional gender roles and demanding equal rights for women.

Following the screening of "The Indendies," first-year Melissa Mendez spoke highly of the film.

"I like the plot twist and the war that became part of the story," Melissa Mendez said. "I loved the war and revolt attacks."

Each film shown in the Festival aims to expose viewers to issues faced by international countries and step into the shoes of unique characters, according to advertising for the event.

"I hope that this provides students with the opportunity to learn about other parts of the world, hear languages other than English and discover the cinematic art beyond Hollywood-type films," Derakhshani said.

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40 fearful days in the Hotel des Mille Collines, better known as "Hotel Rwanda."

Fiona Rutagengwa said the atrocities her parents faced and witnessed have motivated her to work to prevent genocide in the future.

"My parents went through a lot and they haven't talked about it throughout my life," she said. "But knowing about their past inspired me to learn more about it, and I'm doing political science because I want to learn about international studies and how to make peace accords."

"I feel like [my family background is] an important part of my life, and that's basically why I'm here."

Fiona Rutagengwa was born in Rwanda and moved to the United States when she was four years old because living conditions were unsafe for her family, she said.

"It's kind of unbelievable, because I was born in Rwanda, and the way I saw it, it was the aftermath, and I've really been protected from the reality of the situation because all I remember was sunny days and banana trees everywhere," she said.

"But my parents kept telling me about what happened, and I realized that the developmental aspects ... are a little iffy over there. It's unsafe. My father told me that the reason we came here was it wasn't safe

enough."

Despite the dangers the Rutagengwas faced during and after the genocide, Fiona said her parents emphasized faith throughout their trials.

"You'd think it would take me away from God a little bit, but actually, seeing the way my parents dealt with it ... they appreciated the fact that they survived and how they got out of the situation," she said. "So that made their faith stronger, especially my mom."

"She thanks God every day and she stresses that it's a blessing to be on this earth, and it's made her a lot more religious, and that's the way she raised our family — to be grateful for every day you have and the family that you have and all those people that support you. It's really influenced the way she looks at the world and the way she raises us."

Fiona Rutagengwa said her father has written a memoir about his personal search for God from the genocide, parts of which he once shared with her high school religion class.

"It was funny because that day I learned a lot of things that I didn't know about him, like his experience, because it's not every day that he talks about it," she said. "I was there with my sister, and it was kind of eye-opening to see what he went through."

Fiona Rutagengwa said her father emphasized a message similar to that of Holocaust survivor and author Elie Wiesel — that we should "never again"

make genocide a reality.

To better understand the meaning of Jean Bosco Rutagengwa's message, theology professors Fr. Dan Groody and Fr. Virgil Elizondo and project coordinator for the Institute of Latino Studies Colleen Cross accompanied the couple to their home country in December.

Fiona Rutagengwa said Groody first introduced her to Notre Dame when he began working with her parents two years ago.

Even though she was unable to return to Rwanda with her family in December, Fiona Rutagengwa said her parents have begun to share more with her about their personal experiences, thus inspiring her to live out her father's mission.

"My mom told me the story about my family and what they've been through," she said. "Her sister has experienced a lot of things, and she told me about her other sister who died, and she was really maimed and everything, and that image hasn't escaped my head for a long time."

"My mom has a lot of things hidden from me, but when she tells me things, it explains a lot about how my family is now and what the after effects are. I appreciate her telling me. It kind of gives me inspiration to do more and really carry out my father's plan of having it never again be a reality."

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conversation and helps recruiters to see students' interest in the firm, she said.

"Instead of having a boring one way conversation where the recruiter is telling them everything they have to offer, but saying I know you have this or that, shows that they did their research and that they are interested in our passion and really want to work for our company," Shell said.

Sophomore Kay Xu said she utilized GoIrish to find information about which positions were available on firms such as Ernst & Young and later followed through with research on each company's website.

Recruiters encouraged underclassman to not be afraid to seek out information and connect with them even if they are not yet able to meet the firms' requirements this semester.

"It doesn't hurt to at least put yourself out there, to learn more about the company. Do some research on the company so that you can ask good questions, and just make it an efficient conversation so that you get your name out there and get practice for future career fairs. You can get a lot out of it even if its just a learning experience," Alexa Shaw, financial analyst for Baxter International, said.

Sophomore Haoqi Jin said she followed this advice last semester. She definitely feels increased comfort talking to recruiters since the last ca-

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Alexa Shaw
Financial analyst

reer fair, she said.

"This semester has been easier, and I'm more comfortable talking to different people since I know the industry than I did last semester." Jin said. "Also, since we are closer to declaring our majors, I'm more sure about what I want to do, so I have more confidence in terms of my career plan when I talk to the recruiters."

Comparing students from Notre Dame to scholars at other universities, Shaw said she characterized Notre Dame students as well rounded.

"They are hard working students, but they are also involved in the community, they volunteer, they're involved in their dorms, and so I've always thought that sets Notre Dame students apart," Shaw said.

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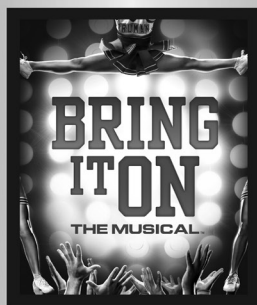
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Presidential candidate Olivia LaMagna and Vice Presidential candidate Rohan Andresen will participate in the runoff debate Sunday.

Election

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45 percent, less than the "upwards of 70 or 80 percent" Masi said he hoped for. Students can vote again Monday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Masi said. The election took place online through a

GoogleDoc system.

"The same rules apply," he said. "There's a debate on Sunday in the LaFortune basement."

The runoff debate will take place at 8 p.m.

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Lauren Vidal and Matthew Devine will participate in the Student Body President and Vice President runoff election Monday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Thaw your judgement



Rebecca O'Neill
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My friend and I believed we could take the cold after leaving the warm, aesthetically-pleasing confines of DPAC in the hopes of catching the evasive trolley back to Saint Mary's. We trudged through the snow to where the bus was scheduled to pass.

It had only been a few minutes in the negative temperatures before the enthrallment of the student film festival wore off. The blush on our faces remained, their rosiness caused solely because of the icicles forming in our nostrils. Too quickly, our conversation transitioned from interpretations of the various films to an argument about my friend's typically foolproof obsession with getting everywhere early. Tonight the trolley was running on my schedule — late. For once, my untimeliness would have paid off.

We found cover in the overhang of an entrance to Mendoza. After starting into the seemingly warm building, inadvertently fogging up the windows, I pounded on the door for two minutes in the hope that we could situate ourselves in a spot ideal for catching the bus while preventing our toes from becoming stumpy popsicles. No answer.

The bickering continued, only stopping when a woman came to the door. She was cleaning inside, and looked at us with suspicious eyes. Hope welled up only to be crushed by the woman's refusal to allow us in when we admitted we were not Notre Dame students. Rather than a verbal response, this denial manifested itself in a slow pulling of the door shut.

As the wind became increasingly bitter, we were warmed by a vision of ourselves as hoodlums. Both of us were bundled in black, hooded and scarved. We reveled at the idea of someone finding us threatening and judged all of humanity for turning us away in this kind of cold.

A few moments later the woman appeared again in the crack of the doorway.

"Would you like some hot chocolate or coffee?" she asked. We stood, silent and dumb. "I can't let you in, but do you want some hot chocolate or coffee?" she repeated. After registering her compassionate request, we replied with an adamant and synchronized yes.

When she returned inside, presumably to bring us back some liquid heat source, my friend and I reveled. We had determined that the woman was quick to judge, and so, we were quick to judge her.

Our hearts were warmed, even if our ligaments were frozen. The trolley's headlights came down the street, moving like the Polar Express. As we ran from our station in the overhung doorway to catch our much-anticipated ride home, the woman opened the door holding two coffees.

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Equal rights, but not opportunities

Katrina Linden
Kat's Meow

Though my ancestors experienced segregation and great social injustices, I did not. But, that does not mean I cannot understand and feel strongly about their experiences as marginalized individuals. Events of the past still significantly affect the attitudes and experiences of all inhabitants of the United States, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or wealth.

The same way that African American children are taught about their ancestors' past enslavement and Jewish children are taught to remember the Holocaust, ethnic individuals of every origin are taught to remember tragic experiences of their families' pasts as well. The fact that historically marginalized individuals of contemporary American society did not live through tragic times in history does not mean they are not affected by the social implications adopted in the past. Stereotypes and prejudices have origins in history, some are possibly justified while others stem from ignorant and naïve beliefs and practices held by oppressive societies of previous generations.

Suggesting one should forget what ancestral injustices have occurred less than a century ago has been a pretty popular opinion lately. Realize I am not blaming any young adult in this world for their ancestors' misdeeds. Having heard the statement, "If I were alive during slavery, I would not be a slave owner" and rough forms of "Don't blame me that my

ancestors owned yours," I feel I am in a position to challenge such beliefs. On the contrary, I am convinced any white male in the United States today would have been a slave owner in the past. It was a regular social occurrence, and those who did not follow the rules of society were most definitely stigmatized.

Still, it would be completely absurd and unfair to blame my White male friends for their great-great grandfathers' past actions, just as it would be unfair to blame me or any other Catholic for the Crusades of decades past.

The actions and guilt of past oppressors should not fall on the shoulders of individuals in current American society. As people in positions of power in the world, it is the responsibility of these descendants to work toward the existence of an America better than pre-abolitionist America. As corny as it sounds, we must make this a better world for our children and their children to come.

Yes, we legally we are ensured equal rights. I can sit in the front of the bus. I can go to school with my male peers. I can succeed if I so choose, within reason, though. Equal rights do not mean equal opportunities in any way whatsoever. Just because slavery does not exist in current American society, there still exists racism and prejudices in a different form: mental and social slavery — if I may coin that as a concept. Politicians and the likeminded criticize urban populations for their inability to improve social status and economic wealth. But, how are we to improve when jails are populated with a higher

percentage of the African-American male population than colleges are?

How can an American criticize the actions of oppressive regimes in other nations without first noting the actions of his or her own people? We urge others to aid the poor in other countries, but refuse to see the poverty and miscarriage of justice occurring in our own society.

I am currently participating in the Migrant Experience Seminar, and during our first meeting I gained more respect for the members of my class than I had in any other. These individuals want to learn. They want to experience the lives of those in America that lack the opportunities many take for granted. One girl in particular specifically stated she wants to be "less ignorant" of the lives of those living literally down the street from many of us, in that area of the city you don't dare drive through without your doors locked. She admitted her ignorance pertaining to poverty and inequalities in the United States, and that is the first step to changing the course of the American society.

It is unfortunate, however, that it takes a seminar of this sort to educate students. But if this is what it takes to make a difference in society, I most certainly encourage it.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The ways of the world are comfortable, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

Pope Benedict XVI
Pope Emeritus of the Catholic Church

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Government contributes to income inequality

Raymond Michuda

Common Sense

In his State of the Union address, President Obama vowed to tackle income inequality and declining economic mobility. If this venture goes as well as health care reform, working Americans had better watch out. Obama plans to use bigger government, more taxes and more regulation to push his agenda, but economic evidence, moral arguments, and good ol' common sense suggest that reducing the size and scope of the federal government will actually be more beneficial.

Initially, it might seem counterintuitive that less government would be helpful, but the government itself takes many actions that create economic inequality. One of the major causes of this government-driven economic inequality is the welfare system. Welfare is supposed to provide assistance to the poor so they may live reasonably comfortable lives, but in many cases, it acts as a trap to keep people in poverty. If you're poor, you should have a natural desire to climb the economic ladder to make more money, but free money from the government can erode this desire. Why work harder for more money if you can just get a check from the government? I'm well aware that not everyone has this mindset, but enough people do to make it a serious problem. We must ask ourselves if these policies are truly helping

the poor or if they're just a way of appeasing our ethical obligations by making us think we're helping.

Corporate welfare, where the government subsidizes large companies, is another cause of inequality. Once again, this is an example of our corrupt government actively contributing to the income gap because it involves taking money from middle-income Americans and giving it to the politically connected elite. Additionally, there are loopholes in the tax code that allow many of the top one percent of earners to pay less in taxes than those with medium incomes. I'm not trying to engage in class warfare here, I don't think we should tax the rich into oblivion. The real issue is that everyone else is paying too much.

In all fairness, Obama isn't the only president to oversee a government with these policies. However, he has repeatedly called to reduce income inequality while promoting government policies that create it. He has a long history of handing out corporate subsidies to his political friends, one of his crowning moments being his \$535 million gift to Solyndra, a mismanaged, low-quality green jobs company that ended up going bankrupt. He brags about increasing the reach of government welfare programs (spending on them has increased 30 percent under Obama) when, in reality, he may be trapping people in poverty. The success of welfare programs should be measured by the number of

people who leave them, not the number of people added. His policies that increase the income gap point to something I've been saying for a long time: Barack Obama is a colossal hypocrite.

I should note that there is a second cause of economic inequality I'm going to call natural inequality. This is inequality arising from the free market system and the inherent differences of individual people. Everyone has a different work ethic, ability level and aptitude. It is the reason why some people are billionaires and others have never worked a job in their life. Although it inevitably leads to a great income inequality, I strongly believe a free market system is good for society because it rewards people for success and discourages failure.

Unfortunately, with the bailouts, stimulus packages, Obamacare, suggested tax increases for being rich, and now the proposed \$10.10 minimum wage, this system is in great danger. All of these laws add more government while taking away freedom in the marketplace. Raising the minimum wage is aimed at reducing economic inequality, but it won't really do much. A higher minimum wage would mean some companies have to let workers go, increasing unemployment. It also creates increased operating costs, which should lead to higher prices. In addition, I believe the minimum wage is morally backwards. Rather than emphasizing that minimum-wage jobs should be temporary jobs until

one can advance, raising the minimum wage will encourage people to stay at a job where they make a little bit of money, but still not enough to live comfortably. Like welfare, it's a way of trapping people in low-income jobs and discouraging upward mobility.

After hearing me explain why current policy is bad, you probably wonder what alternatives I will suggest we pursue to reduce income inequality. The very first thing we should do is stop the government from actively creating a larger income gap. I'm not saying we need to get rid of welfare; I'm simply claiming that government policies should be more focused on encouraging people to take care of themselves. We should also stop absurd subsidies and start writing an equitable tax code. As for the natural inequality, I think we have a moral imperative to let the free market operate with little interference. Some people will end up rich and some won't, but any action the government takes to prevent this would have to take wealth from the rich and redistribute it to the poor. This sounds a lot like failed European socialism, and a little too much like the desires of our current president.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is that a girl?

When I wrote this, the elections for student body government still loomed over campus, drawing closer and closer. One night, a girl stopped by my room tonight to campaign for my vote. I live on-campus in O'Neill Hall, and the first surprise of the night was actually hearing a girl's voice in the hall when it's not after 10 p.m. on a weekend night. I immediately assumed she was someone's girlfriend, since the probability of someone casually hanging out with a friend who is a girl on a weekday night is frighteningly low at this school. My assumption was proved wrong yet disappointingly validated when she came into my room to give me a flyer for her campaign.

She told my friend and me to check out her website so we could see her platform. Rather than investigating the website, I immediately questioned her platform by asking her what her stances were on the controversial issues here at Notre Dame. She asked me what I considered to be controversial, so I named the obvious topics: single-sex dorms, pariety, lack of condom distribution on campus, the quota that 50 percent of our faculty must be Catholic. She replied by saying that the administration would never change and that the administration believes that since I agreed to come to this school, I had no right to complain. In other words, she said that she had no platform on these issues. The impact of the stances taken on these issues is simply a way of life here at Notre Dame. It is not subject to change. So why even bother talking about it?

You might have guessed I think Notre

Dame is on the wrong side of every controversial issue I named above. I think it is exceedingly clear that the segregation of the sexes here at Notre Dame is the direct cause of its abysmal gender relations. Interactions with the opposite gender are largely restricted to classes and weekend nights, and the social consequences of it are immense. I think the majority of students here lack adequate gender relation skills. I think many of my male peers here fail to fully respect women because they've never had a girl friend whom they are as close with as a guy friend. I think many Notre Dame students lag behind in their social development because of these problems, and I think some students may never catch up. But per usual, a rigid interpretation of the antiquated social teachings of the Catholic Church is more important than the welfare of the student body.

Notre Dame needs change in so many ways. But she isn't going to change. Far worse than that, we aren't even going to have a conversation about it. We will not elect a student body president who criticizes university policy. There will not even be an option for such a candidate on the ballot. But I want there to be. I want to talk about these issues. It's time for change at Notre Dame, and even if you disagree, I hope you can at least agree to talk about it.

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Rethink attitudes, reshape policy

Numbers, although they make statements more credible, can be easily distorted. That is one of the points Conor Durkin makes in his Viewpoint "Examining the 77-cent myth," (Feb. 3). As a business and sociology double major, I appreciated Durkin's take on the gender wage gap, but I wanted to voice my own thoughts as well.

Durkin suggests that the 77-cent statistic is misleading "almost to the point of being untrue" because it does not account for factors such as educational attainment, job type or consecutive years in the workforce. These controls, economists propose, could reduce the gap to 2-9 cents. However, all the sociological studies on gender and employment I have analyzed in class do control for these extraneous variables, yet they still confirm the existence of a sizable wage gap. Moreover, those factors are not unrelated to gender.

Consider this: today more college graduates are women than men. This means women and men enter post-grad entry-level jobs with comparable educational attainment and career trajectories. Since these well-educated women are delaying childbirth, we should see a 100 percent salary match between them and their male counterparts across all fields — at least until women may leave the workforce for motherhood. But that is simply not the case. The gap is evident

upon initial hiring and only grows as women struggle to break past the glass ceiling.

I do agree with Durkin that a considerable part of this problem is social — women are taught to be feminine, and, by praising polite and passive behavior, we discourage women from taking risks in the workforce. But we cannot solve the wage gap dilemma through social means alone. The government plays a paramount role in introducing policies that give women the choice to remain in the workforce if they so desire, such as better public daycare or even mandated paternity leave. (Policies which grant more leave to mothers than fathers perpetuate inequality.) Progressive countries such as Sweden have these initiatives in place, and as a result they boast more gender egalitarian workforces.

In sum, social attitudes dictate policy, and policy shapes social attitudes. Only when America attacks this problem through both social and legal means will we start to see gender equality in the workforce. Because whether we are fighting a 23-cent differential or a 2-cent differential, in issues of equality, "not that bad" does not cut it.

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J.K. Rowling's comments about the romance between Ron and Hermione rocked the Muggle world this past weekend. In an interview for Wonderland magazine, Rowling admitted that she had Ron and Hermione end up together as a form of "wish fulfillment."

"For reasons that have very little to do with literature and far more to do with me clinging to the plot as I first imagined it," Rowling said. "Hermione ended up with Ron."

I can picture it now. Ron just bellowing, "Bloody hell, Rowling! This better be a JK!"

Is this an attempt to start a #TeamRon versus #TeamHarry war? Harry Potter is above that. The series focused on friendship and bravery, not love triangles. However, with Rowling pushing this idea into the foreground, what better time to reflect on the love that existed in the series?

To say that the sparks between Hermione and Ron were less heated than the flame of Ron's hair isn't giving the love story a fair shot. I remember how truly pained

Hermione was after Ron insulted her by asking Fleur to the Yule Ball, then again while snogging with Lavender Brown. Those tears were genuine.

However, I believe Hermione had a lot more to offer than being someone's wife.

Although her boys were both quality lovin' options, one of the things I enjoyed most about the series was how Hermione was a brave, intelligent, and independent woman. Also, marrying off the two main characters would have been the typical love story, and Harry Potter characters should not do the expected.

Hermione and Ron fulfill the proven "opposites attract" theory. Hermione is high-strung, while Ron is relaxed. They keep each other in check. This is embodied in my favorite quote of the series, Hermione when told the boys, "If you two don't mind, I'm going to bed before either of you come up with another clever idea to get us killed... or worse, expelled!" Ron then turned to Harry and said, "She needs to get her priorities straight." Such a classic sequence. Ron and Hermione go together better than Malfoy and hair gel. Hermione sees things in Ron that others ignore and they both truly appreciate each other.

Now for Harry. Let's start out with the obvious, I'm

definitely not #TeamChoChang. I mean she chose Edward Cullen over Harry Potter... No, thank you.

I have to admit I found Ginny's character to be rather irksome in the movies. Throughout the whole series she was always feeding him tiny pies, tying his shoes, or uttering awkward pickup lines in the Room of Requirement. Nevertheless, she was a fine choice for Harry's love interest. He saved her life some and had nice hair. Also, I can't help but think that Harry kind of wanted to date Ron's little sister to get back at Ron for making him a third-wheel.

Overall, I'm not sure why Rowling felt it necessary to bring up this apparent romantic blunder. It undermines the real themes of the story and threatens to drag it into Twilight-esque love triangle territory. She should have just kept this to herself. Think about all the redheaded men of the world who were empowered by Ron's ability to land the best female fictional character ever! Do the gingers of the world a favor and don't mess with the reds.

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FRIDAY NIGHT TKYES

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By MIKO MALABUTE
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"You have the opportunity today to rip their freaking heads off and let them bleed," Coach Charles Chavarria proclaimed to his football squad — the Jr. Broncos — in an attempt to pump his team up against the San Antonio Outlaws. "If I cut them with a knife, they're gonna bleed — red — just like you."

Even just the preview clip introducing the new mini-documentary series "Friday Night Tykes" on Esquire Network will shock upset and offend the unsuspecting viewer for the way Chavarria was addressing his team full of eight- and nine-year-old boys playing football. This viewer will roar about how the children's innocence is being shredded to pieces and the fun of the game is being sacrificed in favor of an unhealthy, insatiable desire apparently evident in the harsh and scary reality of Texas youth football. Finally, posts questioning the humanity of these coaches and how they treat these young children will flood the comment section.

And this will all happen after viewing just the first 12 seconds of the clip.

However, right after that, Chavarria goes on to say, "You go out there like Jr. Broncos, you play Jr. Bronco football,

and you can do it. If you believe in yourself, you can do whatever it is you want to do in life! But do it now!"

This small glimpse essentially encapsulates what this series is all about: an extreme, harsh, no-nonsense coach utilizing a Spartan approach to football to instill life values into young boys. Those values seem to be winning at all costs and playing with a "healthy" sense of blood-thirsty competition.

Viewers of the series will hear each coach say it over and over again — the children bring them back. The coaches cite the responsibility they accept in being father figures to these boys — many of whom have no father to look up to — as the largest reason that they are out there on the field, pushing each of the kids as hard as they do. Even the casual viewer will claim this is anything but the truth.

Yet, countless reviews of the series deem "Friday Night Tykes" a nightmare horror series that should be considered unfit for television.

Viewers, both the general audience and notable entities like the NFL, have expressed the concern they have over the screaming coaches brutally pushing the boys and countless instances of the boys' — albeit, extremely scary-looking — helmet-to-helmet contact. However, in the series the children's parents are fully behind their children's coaches, often even telling their children not

to cry, to toughen up and to simply be better.

A deeper reflection would allow us viewers to understand and maybe even sympathize a bit with the coaches. Not to defend all of the actions of the coaches — especially because a 40-something-year-old man intimating that he would cut a team full of children with a knife is so not acceptable — for the way they treat their players, but I am of the belief that if there was really a genuine reason for alarm, that these coaches would not be coaches for a youth league.

My friend's father likened our generation to a micro-wave, saying that we are desperate to "get hot quickly." To me, "Friday Night Tykes" epitomizes this idea, as parents and coaches alike — no matter how flawed their approach to the children — want to see these kids become men of success, and by doing so hopefully ride their coat-tails all the way to NFL money and fame.

The show may come off as unnerving, unsettling and frankly quite unreal. But if each of us were to take a step back, we could begin to see every Tuesday night that if wishing success for these children — albeit for selfish reasons — is a crime, then to a certain degree, we are all guilty.

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COMMENTARY

No place for bashing these kids



Mike Monaco
Sports Editor

Signing Day for me was a little more than three years ago.

After a long, thoughtful process, one morning I was ready to decide.

I had committed to the University of Notre Dame, where I would spend the next four years as a student.

But unlike the recruits across the nation who officially signed their National Letters of Intent on Wednesday amid press conferences, high-school pep rallies and ESPN segments, I merely rolled out of bed one morning, walked downstairs, told my mother I had decided on Notre Dame. And that was that.

Unlike the recruits across the nation who had a never-ceasing peanut gallery in their ears at all times leading up to the decision, my "fans" (friends and family) basically stayed out of my way and let me decide.

And unlike the recruits across the nation who dealt with backlash Wednesday from those very fans who had been promoting their favorite schools along the way, I received nothing but congratulations.

Sure, comparing my college decision to that of a high-end football recruit is, well, tough to do. For one, those recruits possess athleticism, size and strength you simply won't find in a kid like me, who, as a high-school senior was generously listed at 5-foot-9. And two, with a high profile comes attention, whether wanted or not.

Yet as different as my college decision would appear from those of the 22 high-school seniors who signed with Notre Dame on Wednesday, the decision was, generally speaking, the same.

The company line in Notre Dame recruiting says, "It's not a four-year decision. It's a 40-year decision." But for a lot of incoming Notre Dame students, it's really both. You're deciding the place at which you want to spend the next four years, and you're deciding the school with which you want to be associated (and whose degree you want to help you) for the next 40 years.

For me, I was thinking of the school at which I thought I would fit best for four years. I was judging the student life, potential majors and overall fit just as a football recruit would judge his potential teammates, coaches, schemes and playing time.

Sure, 40 years worth of a decision should trump a four-year choice in most instances, but 17- and 18-year olds are often thinking of the present, not the future.

So, really, the decisions are similar. Then why do recruits have to deal with the constant bashing and prodding (coercing?) throughout the process? They shouldn't.

Last week, former Irish receiver target Isaiah McKenzie tweeted a screenshot of "fans" criticizing him on a recruiting website's message board. Some of the lowlights: "This kid is an idiot! Kelly and crew need to stop talking to him!" and "I just don't think this kid would make it at ND."

Yikes.

And sadly, there's examples like that everywhere you look. A high-profile recruit might expect to receive messages from rabid fans pushing their schools on social media. You could argue that comes with the territory.

The unabashed venom doesn't.

A 4.5 40-yard dash time and a few All-State honors aren't to be confused with an open invitation for criticism, certainly not for a 17- or 18-year old simply trying to make what he thinks is the best decision.

At the end of the (signing) day, they're all just trying to make the right decision.

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Kelly introduces 23 players as recruiting haul

By **JACK HEFFERON**
Sports Writer

Irish coach Brian Kelly named the 23-member class of 2014 during a press conference Wednesday, highlighting the talents of the incoming group ranked 11th in the country by both ESPN and Rivals.com.

After the departure of stars like Zack Martin, Chris Watt, Louis Nix and Stephon Tuitt, Kelly said the biggest focus of this class was in the trenches. The Irish reeled in four offensive linemen — all ranked within the top 240 recruits by CBS and Scouts, Inc. — along with six defensive linemen and five linebackers.

"I think if you really boil it down, it's about the [defensive] front seven and the offensive line," Kelly said. "Yeah, there's some great skill players that I'll talk about, but you're winning up front, and building that depth in the front seven and the offensive line really stands out in this class, and then having some really good players across the board for us."

Kelly credited the strength of the class to excellent work by his entire coaching staff, with a couple of exceptional performances. Schools in Texas are notorious for recruiting the top talent within the state's borders, but Irish assistant coach Kerry Cooks landed three

highly-ranked defensive players from the Lone-Star State. Additionally, Kelly credited the work of Notre Dame's director of player personnel, Dave Peloquin, who worked through the late departures of offensive coordinator Chuck Martin and defensive coordinator Bob Diaco to keep recruits on board.

"[Peloquin] did an incredible job this year," Kelly said. "He was short-staffed this year in the recruiting office. We had some departures within that office at a very untimely time in a sense during the recruiting process, and he held that together."

With Nix and Tuitt — as well as running back George Atkinson and tight end Troy Niklas — forgoing additional years of eligibility to enter the NFL Draft this off-season, Kelly also emphasized the program's commitment to four-year players, and said that expectation is communicated early in the recruiting process.

"When we have the opportunity to recruit a young man, they have to have a passion for wanting to get a degree from Notre Dame and winning a National Championship," he said. "If they want to come here just to hang their hat to play football and go to the NFL ... we passed on some pretty good players, because I don't want

guys to come here and not finish their degree."

With signing day over, Kelly and his staff can now focus on working with the team they have on campus, which includes two members of the incoming class who enrolled in January. One early enrollee is Justin Brent, a wide receiver from Speedway, Ind., whom Kelly praised for having a college-ready body and plenty of speed. The other is 6-foot-3, 260-pound defensive lineman Andrew Trumbetti, a freak athlete who played running back and returned kicks in high school when he wasn't on the defensive line.

After having several freshmen step into big roles last season, Kelly said he is interested to see the learning curve for each new player once they arrive on campus, and determine their impact from there.

"Physically, if you look at a number of these guys, you could say they could play right now," Kelly said. "It's developing them mentally to find out whether they're going to play. It's not physical. And you really can't tell that until they get into camp and how they pick up the grind of going through double sessions and the grind of school and balancing all those things."

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Alex Bars is a four-star recruit, according to multiple outlets, and ESPN ranks the 6-foot-6 lineman as the No. 2 prospect in Notre Dame's class of 2014 and the No. 7 offensive tackle in the nation.

Bars received offers from a host of schools, including Florida State, LSU, Michigan, Stanford and Ohio State, before committing to Notre Dame.

He adds size and quickness and is a skilled blocker who adjusts well mid-play and has the quickness to get into the second level.

In his senior season at Montgomery Bell Academy, Bars anchored the offensive line as the team posted a 10-1 record and made a postseason run to the state semifinals, and Bars earned a spot in the Under Armour All-America game.



Dan Pels/Times of Northwest Indiana

NYLES MORGAN

LINEBACKER

6'2" • 225

Crete-Monee High School
Crete, Ill.

Rated the third-best inside linebacker in the country by 247Sports, Nyles Morgan committed to Notre Dame at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl on Jan. 4, selecting the Irish over other finalists Ole Miss and Vanderbilt.

A 6-foot-2 and 225 pounds, Morgan is strong at attacking the ball-carrier at the line of scrimmage and making plays in pursuit, although he has room to improve in pass coverage. He finished his senior season with 115 tackles, 12 tackles for a loss and four sacks, according to the Chicago Tribune.

Morgan could be called upon for immediate playing time this fall for the Irish following the departures of Carlo Calabrese and Dan Fox. A first-team all-Illinois selection by the Tribune, he also had offers from Alabama, Florida, Ohio State and USC, among others.



Photo Courtesy of Speedway High School

JUSTIN BRENT

RECEIVER

6'1" • 197

Speedway High School
Indianapolis

Justin Brent adds needed depth to Notre Dame's receiving corps and punt-return unit, both of which have been depleted by the graduation of TJ Jones. Brent's 40-yard dash time of 4.51 does not account for his lateral quickness and sure hands in the middle of the field.

The Indianapolis native averaged more than 170 all-purpose yards per game in his senior season while earning all-state honors and was ranked No. 11 among the nation's receivers by Rivals.com. Brent is a strong player who can fight through traffic and stretch the field vertically. He will join a talented Irish receiving corps, but one in which he will have a chance to contribute early on. He is also a dangerous returner, averaging 27.7 yards on kicks and punts.



Photo Courtesy of Red Bank Catholic High School

QUENTON NELSON

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6'5" • 302

Red Bank Catholic High School
Red Bank, N.J.

Quenton Nelson is a four-star recruit and rated the 175th-best player in the ESPN 300. According to Rivals, Nelson is a five-star recruit and the No. 29 player in the nation.

At 6-foot-5, 302 pounds, Nelson already has the size to fit in among Notre Dame's other linemen. He played most of his high-school snaps at offensive tackle, and Nelson could project as an offensive guard, as well. He chose Notre Dame over a long list of other offers, most notably Alabama, Michigan, Ohio State and Stanford.

One of three Irish commits to find a spot among the national Lombardi Award nominees, Nelson enters as a U.S. Army All-American and a USA Today second-team All-American. A physical force, Nelson has the athleticism and drive to finish blocks well downfield.



Tom Martinez/Saint Thomas Aquinas High School

COREY HOLMES

RECEIVER

6'2" • 176

St. Thomas Aquinas High School
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

With a decent-sized frame and a 4.4-second 40-yard dash time, Corey Holmes brings the Notre Dame receiving corps both size and speed. He uses his size to his advantage, leaping above defensive backs to make catches even when double-teamed, but can blaze down the field to grab long catches in wide open spaces. The four-star recruit out of Florida powerhouse St. Thomas Aquinas also brings a strong sense of awareness to his game and is able to come down with tough catches along the sideline. Holmes does not shy away from contact and often gains more ground after contact. Holmes is the 77th-best player in the ESPN 300 and the No. 8 receiver in the country, according to the network.



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ANDREW TRUMBETTI

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

6'5" • 250

Northern Valley Region High School
Demarest, N.J.

Combining relentless energy with great athleticism, defensive lineman Andrew Trumbetti brings a unique set of talents to the depleted Irish defensive front.

The 6-foot-5, 250-pounder from New Jersey shows decent speed and strong tackling ability and has the strength and pass-rushing moves to plug in at defensive end for the Irish.

In high school, Trumbetti also showcased his great speed and strength by doubling as a tight end and his outstanding play on both sides of the ball earned him a spot in the Under Armour All-American game. Already enrolled for this spring semester, Trumbetti will be competing for early playing time as Notre Dame reloads after the losses of stars Stephon Tuitt and Louis Nix.



Photo Courtesy of La Mirada High School

TYLER LUATUA

TIGHT END

6'3" • 243

La Mirada High School
La Mirada, Calif.

Tyler Luatua was the second tight end to join the incoming class and follows in the Notre Dame tradition of great pass-catchers at the position.

Luatua is a big target for the Irish, with some speed as well. His high school drew up screen plays and play-action passes designed to get him the ball in space underneath coverage, and once there, Luatua has proven himself shifty enough to evade smaller corners and safeties.

Landing Luatua was a big win for the Irish over Alabama, where Tyler's brother Isaac is an offensive lineman. However, with Notre Dame's emphasis on using the tight end in the passing game in recent years, Luatua elected to become the next enrollee at "Tight End U."



Photo Courtesy of Speedway High School

NICK WATKINS

CORNERBACK

6'1" • 180

Bishop Dunne High School
Dallas

Texas product Nick Watkins, the No. 15 cornerback recruit in the nation per Rivals, verbally committed to Notre Dame on Nov. 1 and became the second 2014 pledge from the Lone Star State, joining defensive end Grant Blankenship.

At 6-foot-1, the lanky Watkins is the type of corner that former Irish defensive coordinator Bob Diaco traditionally recruited and should fit well into the Irish system, where he will enter a deep position group competing for graduated captain Bennett Jackson's starting position as well as backup spots.

Watkins played both receiver and cornerback at Bishop Dunne High School in Dallas but will stay on the defensive side of the ball at Notre Dame. Watkins chose the Irish over offers from Alabama, Auburn, Florida State and other elite programs.

Hiestand adds to culture, hauls in four OL

By **MIKE MONACO**
Sports Editor

A little more than two years ago, Harry Hiestand was officially hired at Notre Dame.

The offensive line coach took over in January, months before the 2012 season.

At the time, Mike Golic Jr. was preparing for his fifth season in South Bend.

"He was so focused on coming in every day and doing whatever he could to help us be the best offensive line in the country," Golic said of Hiestand. "He said that's his goal from day one."

Two years later, Hiestand has built a culture among the offensive linemen at Notre Dame. In 2013, the Irish allowed the second-fewest sacks (eight) in the nation. In 2012, Notre Dame averaged 4.9 yards per carry, the highest Irish average since 1996.

Hiestand's influence and quest to produce the best line in the nation extends to recruiting, too. Last year's No. 4 class in the country featured five offensive linemen, four of whom earned four-star ratings from ESPN. Four more linemen — including three ESPN four-stars — signed with Notre Dame on Wednesday (the Irish also have two verbal commitments from offensive linemen in the class of 2015).

Irish recruiting expert Mike Frank said the offensive line is the position group Notre Dame has best recruited in the past few years.

"I've followed this a long time and I can't remember Notre Dame doing a better job of back-to-back classes filling in their offensive line with both a body for each position plus elite talent for each position," said Frank, who runs the ESPN-affiliated Irish Sports Daily. "I think they've just really done an outstanding job with it."

A long lull

But before these past two strong seasons — both in terms of recruiting and on-field production — Notre Dame had not attained the same level of success along the offensive line. In 2003, former Irish center Jeff Faine was selected in the first round of the NFL Draft. But from 2004 onward, only seven Notre Dame offensive linemen have been drafted, with only one — Ryan Harris — chosen before the sixth round (Harris was a third-round pick in 2007).

The 2012 recruiting class consisted of two offensive linemen, and the 2011 and 2010 classes featured just one ESPN four-star apiece.

"One of the things that I think was pretty obvious during the mediocre years prior to the national championship run was that their offensive line just wasn't physical," Rivals national recruiting analyst Mike Farrell said.

In the four seasons before Hiestand arrived, the Irish went a combined 29-22. Golic was there for those four seasons, and he played for three different offensive line coaches before Hiestand

became his fourth.

John Latina, currently the assistant head coach and offensive line coach at Duke, recruited Golic to Notre Dame and coached him during his freshman season. The following year, however, Frank Verducci took over for Latina. Kelly was then hired to replace Charlie Weis the next season, in 2010, and Ed Warinner stepped in as the new offensive line coach, a position he held for two seasons before moving to Ohio State after the 2011 campaign.

"I was fortunate to work with a lot of great guys, but I think everyone will benefit from having a coach that's been there three years now and has that foundation laid or how he wants things done," Golic said.

Building a family

When Hiestand joined the Irish staff in 2012, he stressed

continuity among the offensive linemen. He stressed family. He stressed togetherness.

"He came in and that was the biggest thing he preached is that, 'We are going to do everything on and off the field together. We are going to be that one cohesive unit,'" Golic said. "So that when it came time to be on the field, you could be counted on [by] not only the rest of the team but by the guy next to you."

"That's the biggest thing you really need to have going as an offensive line is that continuity and that level of comfort between all the guys."

Hiestand had the linemen do everything together. They ate their meals together. They were together for meetings and walk-throughs. They stayed 30 or 40 minutes after practices for extra work. They watched game film together and talked through what



Photo courtesy of St. Ignatius High School

Offensive lineman signee Jimmy Byrne (76) is one of four offensive linemen in Notre Dame's class of 2014.

they saw.

"When you get into game situations it makes it so much easier to talk and work those things out

because you've already done that together," Golic said.

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'Underrated' class is high on athleticism, upside



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Defensive end signee Jhonny Williams (12), pictured playing for Berrien Springs (Mich.) High School, is one of multiple Irish defensive commits described as "projectable" by Irish recruiting expert Mike Frank.

By **MIKE MONACO**
Sports Editor

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From 2013 all the way back to 2006, that's where Notre Dame's recruiting classes ranked in the final class rankings, according to ESPN. In six of the last eight years, the Irish finished in the top 10.

As the book begins to close on the 2014 recruiting cycle, Notre Dame currently checks in at No. 11 in ESPN's RecruitingNation Class Rankings.

"I think that maybe, previously, some classes may have been overrated by some of the experts," Irish recruiting expert Mike Frank said. "I think in the end this one will be a little underrated."

Frank, who runs the ESPN-affiliated Irish Sports Daily, cited plenty of raw talent that could

lead to real production down the road among the 23-member class (which includes early-enrollees Justin Brent and Andrew Trumbetti).

"I think the only reason these guys probably aren't rated a little higher as far as individuals is because they haven't fully grown into their bodies," Frank said. "But when you look at just pure athleticism, it's as good as you're going to get. I think they've got some great talent coming in there."

No position group earned as much praise from Frank than the defensive line. Frank lauded recent defensive tackle Pete Mokwuah, calling the former Rutgers commitment "a real steal" for the Irish.

Trumbetti, a defensive end from Demarest, N.J., and defensive end Jay Hayes are the two highest-rated defensive-line prospects in the Irish class, as ESPN rates both as four-star prospects. Frank said he is also high on fellow defensive ends Jonathan Bonner and Grant Blankenship.

Along with the defensive-line prospects, a group of athletic linebackers with pass-rushing ability add to an exciting mix of defensive prospects with athleticism and upside, according to Frank.

"Then they have a bunch of guys who I want to call them projectable guys — they're guys that can really run but are going to need to add some weight," he said.

In particular, Frank tabbed Kolin Hill, Jhonny Williams and Blankenship as projectable prospects.

"What I really love about all three of those guys is that they're extremely aggressive, very, very quick off the ball," he said. "All three of them play with their hair on fire. They're just real intense, fast-twitch players that Notre Dame's been lacking recently when you talk about pass rush and explosion from the edge."

Frank noted that, of the 12 commitments listed as defensive linemen or linebackers, many could slot in at either position.

On the other side of the ball, Frank praised another talented yet still-developing prospect in quarterback DeShone Kizer. ESPN rates Kizer as a four-star prospect and the No. 16 dual-threat quarterback in the class of 2014.

"He's got a big arm. He moves extremely well. And he improved dramatically from his junior to senior season much as we saw [Irish rising sophomore quarterback] Malik Zaire do from his junior to senior season [in high school]," Frank said.

Rivals national recruiting analyst Mike Farrell said he's also excited by Kizer's raw ability and added that the signal-caller could be the player in the Irish class who has the biggest long-term impact.

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GRANT BLANKENSHIP

DEFENSIVE END

6'5" • 230

*The Colony High School
The Colony, Texas*

Defensive end Grant Blankenship, from The Colony High School in Texas, ranks as a three-star recruit and the No. 66 player in the state, per ESPN. Blankenship verbally committed to Notre Dame in early July.

Blankenship, weighing in at 6-foot-5 and 230 pounds, is slated to play defensive end or outside linebacker, though he will need to add weight to his frame. He brings solid speed, allowing him to cover a lot of ground and get to the quarterback quickly. Blankenship led his high school team with a high of 16 sacks last season. His speed and versatility should allow the defense another measure of flexibility as Notre Dame looks ahead.



Photo courtesy of Irish Sports Daily

JONATHAN BONNER

DEFENSIVE END

6'4" • 249

*Parkway Central High School
Chesterfield, Mo.*

The suburban St. Louis, Mo., native committed to the Irish within days of receiving his offer in June after impressing coaches with his performance at the line-man challenge.

At 6-foot-4 and 249 pounds, Bonner played defensive end and tight end at Parkway Central High School — where he amassed 86 tackles, 17 sacks and 26 tackles for loss — and projects to the defensive side of the ball for the Irish. Bonner, who chose Notre Dame over offers from Michigan State, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Purdue, among others, has the flexibility to profile in a variety of defensive

positions at Notre Dame and still has room to grow.



Photo courtesy of Saint Ignatius High School

JIMMY BYRNE

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6'4" • 275

*St. Ignatius High School
Cleveland*

The life-long Buckeyes fan was the first player from the state of Ohio to receive a verbal offer when Urban Meyer took over as the head coach at Ohio State, but Jimmy Byrne announced his verbal commitment to Notre Dame way back on Dec. 12, 2012.

Byrne played as an offensive tackle at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland and is a four-star recruit according to Rivals.com, but he is likely to play at guard for the Irish. Scout.com rated Byrne as the No. 19 recruit from the state of Ohio and the No. 12 offensive guard in the nation.



Elise Speeg/Winton Woods High School

DANIEL CAGE

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

6'3" • 290

*Winton Woods High School
Cincinnati*

On Jan. 5, junior defensive end Stephon Tuitt elected to join teammate Louis Nix and forego his final year of eligibility to declare for the NFL Draft. Eight days later, Notre Dame offered Winton Woods (Cincinnati) prospect Daniel Cage a scholarship. Cage signed with the Irish on Wednesday, reportedly choosing Notre Dame over Michigan State.

Cage, listed as a 6-foot-3, 290-pound defensive tackle, is blessed with advanced playing strength for an incoming freshman as well as an explosive first move off the line. He has impressed scouts by adding 50 pounds since he burst onto

the scene as a sophomore. And with the defensive line depleted by NFL departures, he could be an asset to the unit's depth immediately.



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JAY HAYES

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

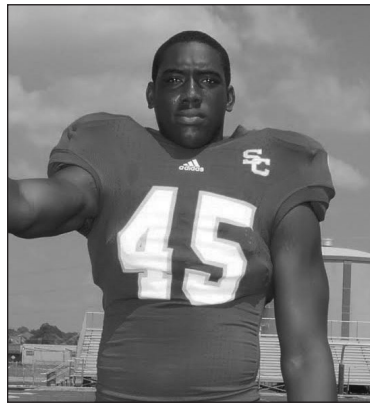
6'5" • 270

*Poly Prep Country Day
Brooklyn, N.Y.*

A four-star recruit per both Rivals.com and ESPN, Brooklyn, N.Y., native Jay Hayes checks in at 6-foot-5, possessing an impressive frame to which he can still add muscle.

The Poly Prep product plays light on his feet and is relentless in his pursuit of the ball-carrier downfield. Hayes is consistent in his gap responsibility as well and crashes down the line effectively when offenses run away from him. For a player of his size, Hayes is a strong form tackler who plays well in space and plays sideline to sideline.

Though Hayes has a strong swim move, he will need to develop a deeper arsenal of pass rush moves to remain a dominant pass rusher at the next level. Hayes also is a high character recruit for the Irish with a big personality, one reminiscent of former Irish defensive tackle Louis Nix.



Samuel Clemens High School

KOLIN HILL

DE/LB

6'2" • 222

*Samuel Clemens High School
Schertz, Texas*

Kolin Hill is a relentless defender with a great blend of size, speed, and skill. He has the ability and the frame to play either defensive end or outside linebacker at the collegiate level and might best fit in more of a hybrid

role.

Hill is a grind-it-out kind of player who never gives up on a play. His determination and effort is there, but his overall game will need to be refined, as he still has room to pack on more good weight to his lengthy frame with time in a college lifting program.

Hill committed to Notre Dame on Dec. 15 and checks in as a three-star recruit, per ESPN.



Scott W. Grau/Central Catholic High School

DESHONE KIZER

QUARTERBACK

6'5" • 216

*Central Catholic High School
Toledo, Ohio*

Standing at 6-foot-5, Notre Dame commit DeShone Kizer will be the tallest quarterback on the Irish roster. While he needs to add weight to his trim frame, his skills have been put on display throughout his high school career in Toledo, Ohio.

A dual-threat quarterback, Kizer relies on his spectacular downfield vision to make plays. He is a clear pass-first quarterback, always looking for options even while scrambling. Although his movement away from the pocket is somewhat slow, he always keeps his feet moving to make a play. Arm strength will also be a key factor for Kizer, especially as he grows.



Woodberry Forest High School

GREER MARTINI

LINEBACKER

6'3" • 225

*Woodberry Forest High School
Woodberry Forest, Va.*

Greer Martini, a four-star linebacker according to ESPN, has prototypical linebacker size and provides immediate depth at the middle and/or outside linebacker positions. Martini shines in run defense, in large part due

to his ability to diagnose plays quickly, shed blocks and get upfield, often meeting the ball carrier two or three yards in the backfield. Martini doesn't possess the athleticism of, say, Jaylon Smith, but Martini is solid in pass coverage.

With a few added pounds in the weight room and improved agility, Martini has the fundamentals and instincts necessary to jump in and be an immediate contributor for the Irish. Martini, who was the first commitment in the Irish class when he pledged in July 2012, chose Notre Dame over offers from Maryland and North Carolina State.

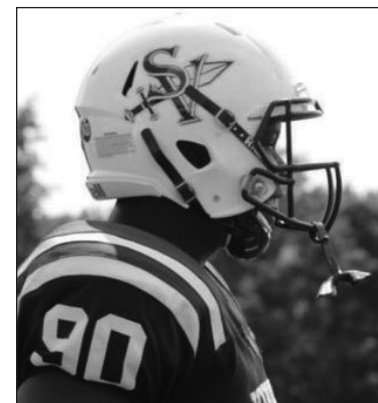


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PETE MOKWUAH

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6'4" • 304

*St. Joseph-By-The-Sea High School
Staten Island, N.Y.*

ESPN ranks the three-star Pete Mokwuah as the No. 71 defensive tackle in the nation. The 6-foot-4, 304-pounder had been committed to Rutgers, but he flipped to Notre Dame on Jan. 24.

Brian Kelly noted the Catholic-school connection between Mokwuah's high school, St. Joseph By-the-Sea, and Notre Dame. Mokwuah brings great size to the Irish defensive line, a position group Notre Dame admittedly stocked up on late in the recruiting cycle.

Mokwuah also brings good athleticism and aggressiveness to the defense and will need to focus on technique at the collegiate level.



Chris Konrad/Our Lady of Good Counsel High School

SAM MUSTIPHER

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6'3" • 294

Our Lady of Good Counsel HS

Olney, Md.

Sam Mustipher projects as an interior lineman at the next level. Rivals.com ranks him as the No. 12 guard and the No. 3 player in the state of Maryland, coming out of Our Lady of Good Counsel High School.

Mustipher chose the Irish early, committing in April over offers from Alabama, Michigan and Northwestern, among others.

Mustipher will have to continue to add size, but he was listed as a "Pleasant Surprise" by ESPN in regards to his performance at the Under Armour All-America game in January. He is strongest in run blocking, where he gains leverage and has fantastic hand positioning against defenders as he drives to the second level. Mustipher also does a good job of moving his feet.



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NILE SYKES

LINEBACKER

6'2" • 219

Montini Catholic High School
Lombard, Ill.

Nile Sykes played defensive end at the high-school level but projects to be an inside or outside linebacker at Notre Dame. His athleticism and strength complement his speed and range on the field.

At 6-foot-2, 219 pounds, Sykes is instinctually quick in his ability to react to and shed blockers. His speed enables him to inflict immediate pressure off the edge in getting off the mark and up field. He tallied 80 tackles this past season, 22 for loss, with 12 sacks and two interceptions.

Sykes committed to Notre Dame on Dec. 15 over offers from Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, South Florida and Syracuse, among others.



David Brooks/Carrollton High School

TYLER NEWSOME

KICKER/PUNTER

6'2" • 175

Carrollton High School
Carrollton, Ga.

Semper Fidelis All-American kicker and punter Tyler Newsome is listed as the No. 8 kicker in the 2014 class, according to ESPN, and is sixth on the Rivals list of kickers.

In addition to his athleticism and size at 6-foot-2, 175, Newsome is lauded by recruiters for the "explosion" of the ball off his foot. The strength of his leg is without question, as 146 of his 220 high-school kickoffs — an impressive 66 percent — went for touchbacks.

His punting is equally noteworthy, with half of his punts landing inside the 20-yard line. In his senior season, opposing punt returners combined for fewer than 40 return yards on his high-arching punts. Newsome's versatility and powerful leg will add depth to the Irish special teams unit.



Carroll High School

DRUE TRANQUILL

LINEBACKER/SAFETY

6'3" • 207

Carroll High School
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Drue Tranquill comes to Notre Dame set to factor into Brian Kelly's plans on the defensive side of the ball, likely at safety or linebacker.

Tranquill helped lead Carroll High School to back-to-back sectional championships in 2012 and 2013 — the third and fourth in school history — and comes to Notre Dame after a season in which he led his team on both sides of the ball. Tranquill scored 34 offensive touchdowns in 2013 — one passing, five receiving, and 28 rushing — and finished second in the state with 12.3

yards per carry.

On the defensive side of the ball, Tranquill recorded 75 tackles, 18 tackles for loss, four sacks and one interception in 2013.



Jason Glosniak/Chicago Sun-Times Media

NIC WEISHAR

TIGHT END

6'5" • 210

Marist High School
Chicago

Standing at 6-foot-5, Nic Weishar had no problem making the tough catches as a receiver while playing for at Marist (Ill.) High School. A four-star recruit, Weishar had a storied career for the Red Hawks, breaking the Illinois state record for career receptions with 256. He also compiled 3,284 receiving yards and 28 touchdown receptions during his career.

Weishar projects as a tight end for the Irish. Though he doesn't possess blistering speed, Weishar's high-flying ability and

knack for making tough catches are reminiscent of other tight ends that have come through the Irish ranks, including current NFL players Kyle Rudolph and Tyler Eifert, as well as Troy Niklas.



Mitchell Cummings/Berrien Springs High School

JHONNY WILLIAMS

DE/LB

6'5" • 230

Berrien Spring High School
Berrien Spring, Mich.

Jhonny Williams, from Berrien Springs, Mich., also plays basketball and competes for the track-and-field team at Berrien Springs High School.

The athletic Williams is quick at the snap and bowls over his opponents to make a beeline for the quarterback or ball carrier. Williams is fast and powerful on the field and excels as a pass-rusher. Williams originally committed to the Missouri in September before pledging to Notre Dame on Nov. 27. His

explosiveness will give him power on the field, but he needs to bulk up to be truly effective for the Irish.

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O-Line

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And spending the countless and sometimes thankless hours together naturally forged a brotherhood and a confidence that not only the linemen could count on each other, but that the whole team could trust the men up front, Golic said.

"You want to be the group that when the game is on the line, put it on us. That's the mentality that [Hiestand has] brought," Golic said.

But the familial atmosphere cultivated by Hiestand and the benefits it produced weren't limited to the field.

A shift in recruiting

Offensive lineman Sam Mustipher verbally committed to Notre Dame on April 15. Though the 6-foot-3, 294-pounder did not visit campus during the season, Mustipher made the trip from Maryland to South Bend in mid-December, when the Irish were in the midst of bowl practices, for the annual team banquet.

"The older guys looked out for all of the recruits when I was up there," Mustipher said. "[Fellow 2014 offensive-line signees] Quenton Nelson, Jimmy Byrne and myself were with the offensive line for pretty much the entire weekend. They just looked out for us, cared for us.

"It's a very tight-knit group," Mustipher added. "A lot of the coaches there say it's one of the most, if not the most, tight-knit

group. And that was something that I really look forward to. The older guys take care of the younger guys."

Those younger guys comprise the recent strong offensive-line classes, another testament to Hiestand's handiwork. Though he won't be confused with a stud recruiter who can bounce around the nation and poach top prospects who play other positions — "He's not a ... rock star recruiter," Farrell said — Hiestand has repeatedly cast his line at a decided target and, more often than not, reeled in his catch.

"His job is to close on offensive linemen," Farrell said. "Now he's got a territory, of course, but he's not considered one of those flashy recruiters that make their name going out and getting top kids. I think he's very direct and I think that kids that want to go to Notre Dame love that."

Frank added that if the goal is someone to send to Florida to recruit an elite running back, Hiestand likely wouldn't be too

effective.

"But mainly his job is, 'Hey, just go out and find us the best linemen, the guys you really want. Get them here and coach them up,'" Frank said. "I'm going to guess Brian Kelly wouldn't trade Harry Hiestand for hardly anybody in the country as an offensive line coach."

Mustipher wouldn't either.

"I feel like he's the best offensive-line coach in the country," Mustipher said. "The way coach Hiestand treats his players, the way he approaches the guys, the way he gets the best out of the guys day in and day out is something that's unmatched that I've ever seen."

And when it comes to casting his line and finding the guys Hiestand really wants, Farrell said the Irish have done a better job identifying the very tough, physical offensive linemen that he believed were lacking in the pre-2012 years.

The incoming group

Nelson, a five-star recruit

and the No. 29 player in the nation according to Rivals, is the highest-rated (per Rivals) of the four offensive linemen in Notre Dame's class of 2014. Kelly praised Nelson's relentlessness on Wednesday, and Farrell said Nelson is definitely the jewel of the four linemen.

"I think he's a guy that could be very, very special," Farrell said. "I think he has the most tools of an offensive lineman coming in since [former Irish offensive lineman] Sam Young."

Mustipher, Byrne and fellow offensive lineman signee Alex Bars round out this year's unit, a group that has already had a jumpstart on the brotherhood building that has typified a Hiestand-coached position group.

"I've become close with all of them, especially that weekend we came up," Mustipher said. "I was already close with Quenton, but that weekend we really bonded. Jimmy and I really bonded that weekend as well. Our families

met each other and they talked for a long time.

"I went to the Under Armour [All-American Game] in Florida [in January] and I actually roomed with Alex there, so I spent a week with him."

Couple those four with the five linemen from the recruiting class of 2013, and add all of them to the older returnees — many of whom received valuable experience in 2013 as injuries decimated the line — and the result is depth across the board, one of Kelly's main takeaways from the overall class of 2014.

As of now, the Irish will enter spring ball with 15 scholarship offensive linemen, 15 players joining to form one corps under Hiestand.

"The sky is really the limit for that group," Golic said. "There's a ton of talent along there and they've got a great guy there to develop it."

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Upside

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"[He] is so raw and he has no idea what he's doing right now, but he gets by on athleticism," Farrell said. "If they can teach him, because he's a very, very good athlete, ... he could be a home-run fit for that offense."

Given the lean toward potential in the class, Frank said he does not expect too many commits to step in and log significant playing time in 2014. Still, Frank sees a strong class, even if it isn't rated as highly as the class of 2013, or other Notre Dame classes of years past.

"I really like this class. It's not probably gonna be ranked in a lot of top 10s," he said.

"What I really like about this class is they have a whole lot of athletes, a lot of guys who can run and probably just as important, a lot of guys who play with a lot of passion. I think that's something that coach Kelly has really tried to find, is players that play with a lot of effort, play with a lot of fire.

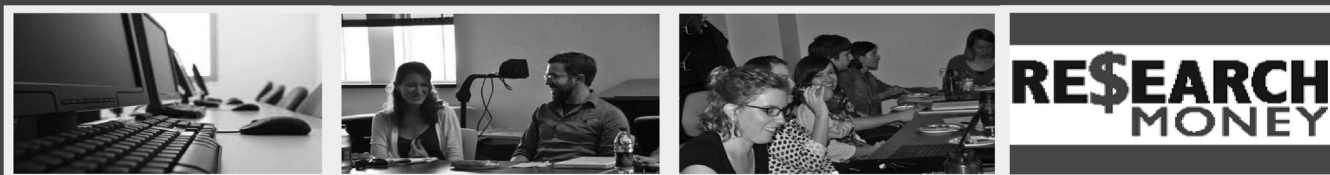
"I think he's landed a good number of those."

For more on Notre Dame recruiting, check out Mike Frank's irishsportsdaily.com.

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WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY



What: “The Hunger Games: Catching Fire”
When: 8 p.m.
Where: DeBartolo 101
How Much: \$3

Missing some sass in your life? Jennifer Lawrence can help you with that. Returning to the big screen as empowered Katniss Everdeen, our strangely lovable murderer jumps back into the brawl amidst growing turmoil. Meanwhile, weep for the loss of majestic Phillip Seymour Hoffman. Great for satisfying your anti-capitalist sentiments.

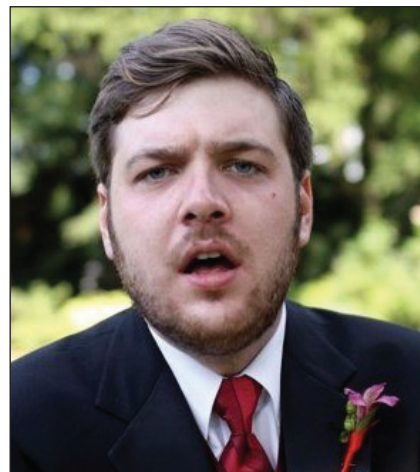
FRIDAY



What: “As You Like It”
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Washington Hall
How Much: \$12

Experience Shakespeare's greatest comedy, brought to you by actors from The London Stage. This battle of the wits between Rosalind and Orlando is the best ab workout you can hope for on a Friday night, just make sure not to fall out of your seats during the performance. It's really not a performance you can miss, for, as Jacques says, “All the world's a stage.”

SATURDAY



What: Comedian Max Silvestri
When: 10:00 p.m.
Where: Legeneds
How Much: Free

This Saturday SUB Presents: Max Silvestri, self-proclaimed “Comedian and Person.” The Brooklyn-based comic has been in the field for over a decade, and recently known for his weekly free stand-up show Big Terrific. If you're looking for those P90X abs without the months of work, hit up this show after “As You Like It” and you'll be rocking the tightest six pack on campus. At least that's what the Scene section likes to tell itself.

SUNDAY



What: Gaudete Brass Quintet
When: 2:00 p.m.
Where: Leighton Concert Hall
How Much: \$2

Start your week in style. The family-friendly Gaudete Brass Quintet presents a collection of serious chamber music. Their repertoire includes composers ranging from the Renaissance to the 21st century. Before coming to Notre Dame, the quintet has performed at Symphony Space in NYC and Millenium Park in Chicago, as well as on multiple radio shows.

SCREENPEACE FESTIVAL RETURNS TO CAMPUS

By KEVIN NOONAN
 Scene Editor

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies presents its sixth annual ScreenPeace Film Festival this weekend at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, kicking off tonight with the 2013 documentary, “The Trials of Muhammad Ali.”

Hal Culbertson, executive director of the Kroc Institute, heads the festival and said he looks for contemporary, acclaimed films that deal with significant and diverse peace issues.

“The purpose of the ScreenPeace Film Festival is to challenge students, faculty, and members of the community to reflect more deeply on peace issues arising around the world, Culbertson said. “We see the festival as complementing our

teaching about peace with concrete, and often complex, examples of current conflicts and peacebuilding efforts.”

All of the films screened at the festival received significant critical acclaim upon their release in theaters, and two, “The Act of Killing” and “The Square,” have been nominated for the 2014 Oscar for Best Documentary. Beyond the critical acclaim, the films are chosen due to their relevance to subjects that students cover in classes every day.

“We give particular attention to topics addressed in current peace studies classes and in faculty research, and have faculty with relevant expertise lead discussions after the films, Culbertson said. We also try to include films, such as ‘Wadjda,’ that have received significant critical attention but have not been screened elsewhere in

the area.”

Culbertson has overseen the festival since its inception in 2008, and said the core concepts haven't changed over the years, but this year in particular has a little more ‘oomph’ in the lineup.

“This year we have tried to add a little more ‘punch’ to the festival, not only by showing ‘The Trials of Muhammad Ali,’ which provides fascinating insights into his refusal to serve in the Vietnam War based on his religious convictions, but also through films like ‘NO,’ which bring in some humor,” Culbertson said.

After “The Trials of Muhammad Ali,” which shows tonight at 7 p.m., the festival continues Friday at 6:30 p.m. with “Wadjda,” which details the struggles of a 10-year-old girl in Saudi Arabia who wants to buy a bike in spite of cultural norms, and

is also the first ever film in Saudi Arabia directed by a woman. Following “Wadjda” on Friday is “NO” at 9:30 p.m., a film that follows a 1988 advertising campaign to oust Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet.

Saturday's screenings begin with “The Square” at 6:30 p.m., which places the audience inside an immersive view of the turmoil in Egypt of the last two or three years. The festival closes Saturday night with “The Act of Killing,” shows a part of Indonesia where death squads, who reenact their killings in the style of Hollywood movies, are celebrated heroes.

Tickets to the festival screeners are free, but they must be reserved online at performingarts.nd.edu.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Give Wilson some respect



Aaron Sant-Miller
Sports Writer

Checking in at 5-foot-11, Russell Carrington Wilson has always been stuck in someone's shadow. Even as a professional football player, he is overshadowed by his own unsuccessful professional baseball career, an anecdote that seems to follow nearly every analysis. Overlooked as an elite quarterback, Wilson has never been given the recognition he deserves, as if some other personal characteristic reigns supreme on his social identity.

Coming out of high school, Wilson was a two-star recruit, despite gaudy career numbers, two all-state nominations and two state championship wins.

Wilson proved his critics wrong. Through four years, Wilson threw for 11,720 yards, 109 touchdowns, and only 30 interceptions. His senior year at Wisconsin, after playing three years for North Carolina State, Wilson set the FBS record for passing efficiency with a mark of 191.8, a record he still holds.

Again, the doubters took over. As 32 teams judged a man by his height rather than his skills and performance, Wilson fell to the third round of the NFL draft.

During his rookie season, Wilson won the starting job in Seattle and led the Seahawks to a playoff spot. He also finished fourth in the NFL in passer rating, while earning a trip to the Pro Bowl, and being named Rookie of the Year.

Yet, he spent the entire season in the shadows of Andrew Luck and Robert Griffin III, the proclaimed future superstars of the NFL. Though he shook off the critics and all those who agreed 74 players should have been drafted before him that year, Wilson was stuck in the background once again.

This season, Wilson dodged the fateful sophomore slump and led his team to the Super Bowl. As the biggest game in professional football approached, one of the shortest quarterbacks in the NFL was once again pushed out of the sightline. When pundits broke down the strengths of Seattle, they talked about their running game or their dominant secondary. They talked about Richard Sherman and the Legion of Boom. When pundits talked about the quarterback position, they focused on the legendary Peyton Manning.

From the shadows, Wilson calmly threw for over 200 yards, two touchdowns, no interceptions, and completed over 70 percent of his passes in the biggest game of his career, with the brightest lights shining.

Now, as a Super Bowl winning quarterback, Wilson still manages to stand head and shoulders below his compatriots in the elite club. Critics will continue to shrink the successes of Wilson. He doesn't possess the skill set of other top passers. It's the team around him that makes him good; he rode a historically great defense and strong running game to a Super Bowl, where they won him a ring. While most quarterbacks bring home millions of dollars, Wilson isn't even in the top-50 salaries for the position.

Heck, Wilson is still stuck in the shadow of Andrew Luck, who was recently voted by players as the second most desired quarterback in the NFL, behind only the player Wilson just beat in the Super Bowl.

I doubt Wilson minds this too much. The selfless quarterback makes weekly trips to the Seattle Children's Hospital during his days off. He also organizes a summer passing camp in several cities for young football players. All the proceeds go to the Charles Ray II Diabetes Association.

Will anything change for Wilson? Eventually. In time, Wilson will be forced to raise himself up above those around him and step up into the spotlight.

Until then, Wilson will keep doing what he does: perform at a high level and win football games. Next time you're asked to name the top quarterbacks in the NFL, throw Wilson out there.

The regular media processes of the NFL will fail to raise Wilson above the rest, even with a Super Bowl ring. When the quarterback position is talked about, Wilson will be stuck in the shadows of the big names at his position, the big contracts at his position, and the uber-talented players around him.

Who knows how long it will take for others to turn the spotlight No. 3's way? Until then, let's give the man a hand up. He deserves it.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Ohio State signs best Big Ten recruiting class

Associated Press

Ohio State signed the best recruiting class in the Big Ten. Michigan signed the best player. And Michigan State parlayed its conference championship and Rose Bowl victory into its best letter-of-intent signing day in five years.

The Buckeyes on Wednesday unveiled the third-best recruiting class in the nation, according to Rivals.com, with only Alabama and LSU ranked higher.

To illustrate the gap between Ohio State and the rest of the Big Ten, consider that the Buckeyes landed eight of Rivals.com's top 100 players. The rest of the league combined to sign six.

"Urban Meyer is recruiting at a completely different level than anybody else," Rivals.com analyst Mike Farrell said. "If you had to categorize it, he's No. 1 and the next closest is No. 4. There is obviously a No. 2 and No. 3, but they're just not close to him."

About the only thing Meyer didn't do was reel in the Big Ten's highest-ranked recruit. Michigan accomplished that, signing cornerback Jabrill Peppers out of Paramus (N.J.) Catholic High.

Michigan State edged out Penn State for second-best class in the Big Ten. The Spartans are ranked no higher than 21st nationally by the analysts, but it's still their best finish since 2009.

MSU coach Mark Dantonio's biggest victory might have been hanging on to defensive lineman Malik McDowell of Southfield, Mich. His parents

told reporters this week that they wanted their son to go out of state, and he visited Ohio State.

The Spartans did lose a lower-ranked defensive lineman in Darius Slade of Montclair, N.J. He switched his pledge from Nebraska to Michigan State two weeks ago and ended up signing with the Buckeyes.

"That's one of our teams we're nose-to-nose with right now in recruiting," Meyer said of the Spartans. "We don't win them all because I know we lost a couple, too. But that's a real battle right now."

Big Ten teams continued to increase the number of recruits signed from the Southeast. According to BTN, Big Ten schools signed 158 players from the conference's footprint and 80 from SEC states.

At Nebraska, 15 of its 24 recruits came from states that have SEC schools. Ohio State pulled one of the best linebackers in the country out of Georgia, and Penn State and Wisconsin brought in quarterbacks from Florida.

"There are some quality kids that can escape and play in the Big Ten," ESPN.com analyst Jeremy Crabtree said. "Big Ten coaches realize that if they want to compete on the national stage and beat the Alabamas and Florida States of the world, they're going to have to fish where the fish are, and that's in the Southeast."

Here are some things to know about the Big Ten recruiting classes:

BEST CLASS: Ohio State, by far.

IMPACT PLAYER: Peppers,

Michigan. The 6-foot, 190-pounder is the best defensive player in the nation and the most heralded Michigan recruit in a long time. He's penciled in at cornerback but could also play safety. Either way, he'll be on the field next fall and might even start. He also could figure in as a punt returner.

PLAYER TO WATCH: MLB Raekwon McMillan, Ohio State. The 6-2, 247-pounder from Hinesville, Ga., is a ferocious hitter who is widely regarded as the nation's top inside linebacker prospect. He made 456 tackles as a four-year starter at Liberty County High and is ready mentally and physically to play. Best of all is that he's among seven Ohio State recruits already enrolled.

BIGGEST SURPRISE: RB Jeff Jones, Minnesota. Yes, Jones is a hometown recruit, having prepped at Minneapolis Washburn. But the best players in the state have usually gone elsewhere. It's testament to the job Jerry Kill has done with the Gophers that he was able to lock down one of the nation's top players. Jones, co-MVP of the Under Armour All-America game, stayed committed despite bids by Michigan and Florida.

BIGGEST DUD: Big Ten newcomer Rutgers had 12 players back out on verbal commitments, an unfathomable number for a program that hasn't had a coaching change or been hit with NCAA sanctions. Of those 12, five of them were four-star recruits. What was regarded as one of the best Big Ten recruiting classes in the fall became one of the worst.

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NHL

Penguins crush Sabres in last game before Olympics

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Sidney Crosby scored a highlight-reel goal and added an assist, leading the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 5-1 victory over the Buffalo Sabres in a pre-Olympic tune-up against goalie Ryan Miller on Wednesday night.

Evgeni Malkin, James Neal, Brian Gibbons and minor-league call-up Harry Zolnierczyk also scored for Eastern Conference-leading Pittsburgh. Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 24 shots and the Penguins (40-15-2) set a franchise record by reaching 40 wins in 57 games. That eclipsed the previous mark of 40 wins in 65 games in 1995-96.

Drew Stafford scored for the NHL's worst team, and U.S. Olympic goalie Miller finished with 29 saves. Buffalo (15-33-8) dropped to 4-9-4 in its past 17 and winless in its last eight home games (0-5-3). That's the Sabres' worst home stretch since opening the season 0-8-1.

Crosby scored the go-ahead goal by putting the Penguins up 2-1 with a breathtaking play 2:08 into the second period. It came immediately after

Fleury stopped Buffalo's Brian Flynn in close.

Crosby circled his own net and built up a head of steam by driving up the left wing. Accepting Matt Niskanen's pass while crossing center, Crosby didn't break stride in cutting between Flynn and Mike Weber. He then drove toward the net and snapped a shot just inside the top right corner.

Malkin then provided an insurance goal on a breakaway with 2:12 left in the second period. Pouncing on Marcus Foligno's turnover inside the Penguins' blue line, Malkin streaked past flat-footed defender Jamie McBain. Driving in alone on Miller, he faked going right and went left to deposit the puck in the open side.

Miller is one of Team USA's three goalies selected to play at Sochi, and the game against the Penguins was regarded his last chance to make a firsthand impression on U.S. coach, Pittsburgh's Dan Bylsma

Miller was coming off his worst outing of the season. He was benched after giving up five goals on 27 shots through two periods in a 7-1 loss at Colorado on Saturday.

Crosby, of course, was

Miller's nemesis at Vancouver. Crosby beat Miller in scoring the gold-medal winning goal in overtime in Canada's 3-2 win.

Crosby enjoyed a break-out game Wednesday. The goal, his 28th of the season, snapped a five-game drought. And his assist on Zolnierczyk's goal was his first in three games. The Penguins captain also upped his personal streak at Buffalo, having registered at least a point in all 14 trips.

The Penguins scored five straight after Stafford opened the scoring 5:58 into the game.

Miller was sharp through two periods on Wednesday, and didn't have much chance on any of the first three goals allowed on the first 28 shots he faces.

The floodgates then opened in the third.

Gibbons made it 4-1 by scoring off a face-off to the right of the Buffalo net by snapping a shot in the short side.

Neal then capped a transition rush with 7:48 left. Accepting Malkin's drop pass and with Sabres defenders backing in, Neal waited for Malkin to set a screen in front before snapping a shot beating Miller on the stick side.

MEN'S SWIMMING

ND prepares for home finale



ZACH LLORENS | The Observer

Irish junior Cameron Miller swims in the 200-yard individual medley at the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 31 at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

By HENRY HILLIARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will take to the water at the Rolfs Aquatic Center on Saturday for the final time in its 2013-2014 campaign. The Irish will face Cleveland State in the home finale, which will also mark the final home appearance for Irish coach Tim Welsh, who has been at the helm for Notre Dame for 29 years.

After Saturday's competition, the Irish turn their attention to the ACC Championships, held at the Greensboro Aquatic Center in Greensboro, N.C. from Feb. 26 through March 1, which marks the start of postseason competition.

"The postseason is a totally different approach for us. We have to totally focus on getting as many relays and individuals qualified in the ACC Championships so that they can move on," Welsh said.

ACC Championships serve as a qualifier for the national championship meet. In order to compete in the NCAA Championships, held at the Lee and Joel Jamall Aquatic Center in Austin, TX, both relay teams and individual swimmers must have met certain benchmark times in previous competition. Teams have a month

after their conference championships before the NCAA Championships March 27-29.

"Our total focus these next few weeks is to be the best we have ever been both as individuals and as a team. Both this weekend and in the ACC Championships we need our guys to swim lifetime bests. If they accomplish that then I consider it a success," Welsh said.

Though the Irish had been away from Rolf's since Nov. 16, this weekend will mark the second weekend in a row the Irish will welcome opposing teams to their home pool. Last weekend, Notre Dame earned a pair of victories in the ninth annual Shamrock Invitational in front of a record crowd of 609 people. The team beat Missouri State 223-147 and Iowa 224.5-145.5.

Welsh hopes they can translate their home pool advantage to a victory in their regular season finale on Saturday.

"We love swimming at home, between the fans and our families we can always count on strong support here and we swim better as a result," Welsh said.

The Irish face Cleveland State at 12 p.m.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish set for final dual meet



GRANT TOBIN | The Observer

Irish freshman Molly Barry swims the freestyle during the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 31 at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

By **KIT LOUGHRAN**
Sports Writer

The Irish will return to competition in their home pool against Cleveland State on Saturday at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The No. 24 Irish will take on out-of-conference opponent Cleveland State in their last meet before the ACC Championships begin Feb. 19.

"The big focus for this meet is to get some last minute racing in before ACC's," junior Bridget Casey said. "We are really focused on ACC's in less than two weeks and have already started tapering for the championship, so this meet against Cleveland State is our last opportunity to really get up and get going before conference."

Notre Dame will maintain its home-pool advantage for the second consecutive weekends after hosting the two-day Shamrock Invitational at Rolfs Aquatic Center last Friday and Saturday. The Irish capitalized on having home-pool advantage at last week's Invitational after winning 16 out of 20 events to defeat Iowa 263-106.

"The Shamrock Invitational was a great meet for us, for some of our girls it was their big taper meet and they swam very well," Casey said. "We were all wearing racing suits for Shamrock to get a feel for racing in suits before our big conference Championship [because Coach Barnes] is big on preparation and getting a feel for racing in fast suits."

"This weekend [against Cleveland State] is another great opportunity for us to get on the blocks and race and see what we can do."

Cleveland State enters this meet after a 181-114 win over Illinois-Chicago (UIC) on Saturday and, like the Irish, have one more chance to see what it can do in the pool.

Senior Alex Johansson carried the Vikings against UIC

with first place finishes in the 200-meter medley relay, 50-meter free, 100-meter fly, and 400-meter free relay. Johansson leads the Vikings this season in the 50-meter free, 50-meter yard fly and 400-meter medley relay.

Just as the Irish prepared for the ACC championships by wearing racing suits in the Shamrock Invitational, the Irish are using this meet against Cleveland State to test possible adjustments to their lineup, Casey said.

"We are switching up our line-up a little bit for this meet and we get to swim events that we don't normally get to swim," Casey said. "This meet against Cleveland State is our last opportunity to really get up and get going before conference."

Though this will help the Irish prepare for conference, switching up the line-up also poses its threats.

"Our biggest challenge against Cleveland State is that we are going to be in different events than usual, Casey said. "I am confident that we will step up and swim fast, however we do not have as much practice in 'off-events.'" While the Irish will rest up until Saturday before taking on the Vikings, Cleveland State competes against Valparaiso in its last conference meet of the season Friday.

As the season comes to a close, the Irish are ready to finish out the season strong with this last meet against the Vikings, Casey said.

"Our mindset going into this meet is to race, be competitive, and have fun," Casey said. "This meet is our last dual meet of the season and Tim Welsh's last dual meet as well, and we look forward to honoring Tim and to swimming fast one last time."

The Irish and Vikings square off Saturday at noon at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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FENCING

Notre Dame honors late coach with home meet

By **REBECCA ROGALSKI**
Sports Writer

The Irish will host their annual home meet, recently renamed the DeCicco Duals, this weekend at the Castellan Family Fencing Center.

This year's meet has extra significance for the Irish fencing program, as it is the first year that the tournament is named after former Irish coach Mike DeCicco, who passed away last spring.

"We will fence this weekend in honor of coach DeCicco," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "He had a huge influence on both the program and the university, which fuels many of the fencers' motivations to do well in this weekend's bouts."

Though the Irish have built momentum heading into the weekend, the team will no doubt be tested, with an important match

against rival Penn State on Saturday.

"It will not be easy, as we have some various good teams, such as Penn State, coming into town," Bednarski said. "For several years, Penn State has received more medals than we have, so it will be like a revenge for the past to beat them this weekend."

Other than Penn State, other schools will compete against the Irish, such as Ohio State, Wayne State and Northwestern.

Last weekend, senior captain Gerek Meinhardt and a number of other Irish fencers were absent at the Northwestern Duals while aiming to qualify for the World Championships and the Olympic games, but they will all be returning this weekend to compete in the DeCicco Duals.

"With our top fencers back, the team is exceptionally confident heading into this tournament," Coach

Bednarski said. "Having Meinhardt back on the men's foil squad, as well as having sophomore Lee Kiefer and junior Madison Zeiss back on the women's foil squad, will benefit us immensely in the foil matches."

The Irish will aim for success on their home turf, fencing for their ranking as well as in honor of Coach DeCicco.

"All the fencers we have competing will be in good shape, so I don't expect there to be many problems from the squad," Coach Bednarski said. "The DeCicco Duals is a very important competition to us, and we would like to show everyone just how skilled we really are and achieve success this weekend."

The DeCicco Duals begin Saturday morning at the Castellan Family Fencing Center.

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sophomore Jared Hiltzik, ranked No. 4 nationally at singles. Subsequent losses by Bandy, Lawson, Hagar and freshman Eddy Covalschi clinched the match for the Illini.

Sachire says he is optimistic about the future of the team, especially considering it was the team's first loss.

"Look, we're a good team and we're playing a lot of quality teams," Sachire said. "It's about just getting back to who we are. We're going to rest up and get ready for a really big week of tennis."

Notre Dame will have an opportunity for redemption Tuesday when the team travels to Northwestern for a 6 p.m. match



WEI LIN | The Observer

Irish sophomore Alex Lawson returns a volley at the Big East championships on Apr. 21 at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

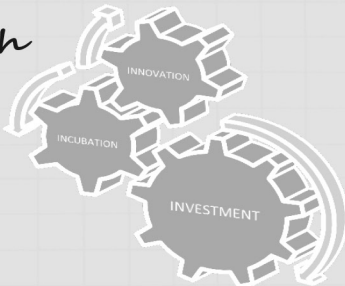
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SMC BASKETBALL | CALVIN 87, SMC 53

Poor defense dooms Belles



CAROLINE GENCO | The Observer

Saint Mary's freshman guard Timoney Moyer lines up a free throw during the Belles' 95-68 loss to Calvin on Jan. 15.

By **KIT LOUGHRAN**
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's fell 87-53 on the road to Calvin on Wednesday.

The Belles (6-14, 4-7 MIAA) had a slow start from the beginning and could not break past the Knights (14-6, 9-3).

"We did not play solid defense in the first half," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "We missed a lot of shots in the paint that we don't normally miss."

The poor execution of offense, combined with a lack of defense, did not help the Belles, Henley said.

"When we have off nights on offense we have to play great defense, and that didn't happen," she said.

Sophomore forward Krista Knapke was the first to score for the Belles and was the Belles' leading scorer with 11 points. Junior forward Ariana Paul, who had 10 points, led the team along with Knapke through the first half.

Despite the Belles' efforts, the Knights led by 30, 52-22, at the end of the first period.

Saint Mary's looked for a new start with the beginning

of the second period. Henley said they played better in the second half.

Calvin was the first to score in the second period with a layup from junior forward Breanna Verkaik, and the Belles could avoid errors as they continued to miss shots and turn the ball over. The Knights had their largest lead of 42 points at the 10-minute mark of the second half.

With 1:55 left on the clock, sophomore forward Eleni Shea scored back-to-back jumpers, but Calvin still led by 33 points.

The Belles were 23-63 (36.5 percent) from the field, while Calvin shot 37-64 (57.8 percent).

The Belles will try to rebound against Kalamazoo.

"Moving forward, we need to prepare for Kalamazoo on Saturday," Henley said. "I feel we match up well with them, but at the end of the day, we have to defend."

The Belles take on Kalamazoo on Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Anderson Athletic Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

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EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

Irish junior guard Madison Cable defends the ballhandler during Notre Dame's 99-50 victory over UNC Wilmington on Nov. 9.

W Basketball

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with the crowd and just getting used to the new arena. It's been an adventure for us and we expect this will be yet another big road test for us." After a narrow, four-point win over Maryland on Jan. 27, the Irish responded by winning their next two games by 26 and 21 points, respectively.

Florida State (15-6, 3-5) has not been able to establish a comparable winning streak. The Seminoles broke a four-game losing streak Jan. 26 with a 70-54 win over Virginia Tech but lost to Wake Forest on Sunday.

Seminoles senior forward Natasha Howard leads Florida State's in scoring and in rebounds and recently broke the school's record for career double-doubles with 32. 1984 graduate Sue Galkantas held the former record of 31 for nearly 30 years.

"Natasha Howard is really good," McGraw said. "She averages over 20 points a game, and she really is one of the best players in the league. She's an all-conference type of player. She's a great rebounder, she's a great scorer, she's really athletic and she can run the floor. She is tremendously talented and their best player."

As of this date, Howard is averaging 18.2 points and rebounds per game.

Florida State dropped out of most recent AP top-25 poll but previously was tied for the No. 23 ranking, and McGraw said the Seminoles field a talented team with multiple threats. Florida State has performed well at

home, putting together an 8-2 home record this season, compared to 6-4 on the road.

"Their point guard [senior Cheetah Delgado] is also very good and they have a guard on the wing, [sophomore] Morgan Jones, who's a really good shooter and wing player," McGraw said. "They've got some talent and they're a very dangerous team, especially at home."

So far this season, Delgado has made 133 assists, well more than twice as many as the second-highest total on the team. Jones averages 13.3 points per game, second only to Howard.

Irish sophomore guard Jewell Loyd leads Notre Dame players in scoring with 17.5 points per game, but senior guard Kayla McBride is close behind with 17.1.

McBride's offensive output has surged in recent weeks, including a team-high 23-point effort against Duke (21-2, 8-2), and on Monday she was named the espnW National Player of the week as well as the ACC Player of the Week. McBride earned the honors after a week in which she averaged 20.3 points per game.

Although the Irish will be aware of Howard, Delgado and Jones, McGraw said that her team will work on its own game.

"We like to really focus on ourselves and what we can get better at," McGraw said. "Rebounding and defense are two areas where we are always trying to improve."

The Irish and Seminoles take the court Thursday at 7 p.m. in Tallahassee, Fla., at Donald L. Tucker Center.

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Bench

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in Notre Dame's close victories. Against Tennessee, Mabrey and Cable combined to score 27 points, helping to outscore Tennessee's reserves 36-13. With sophomore guard and leading scorer Jewell Loyd out due to injury against Miami, Mabrey and Cable combined for 20 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Mabrey leads the team in 3-point attempts and she and Cable rank third and fourth in 3-point percentage, respectively.

"Michaela can come in and shoot the 3-pointer so well," McGraw said. "She's one of the best shooters in the conference. She's somebody we count on to come in and score points quickly. Madison Cable is also having a great year. She's just coming off a career high in rebounding [against Virginia Tech]. She also had her career high in scoring against UCLA. She's a very capable rebounder and scorer. They're a big reason we are so successful this year and ... we're looking to them to play a big role in every game."

Mabrey has also played a pivotal role in the team's defense, McGraw said.

"She's worked really hard in the offseason to get better defensively," McGraw said. "That's something she

really wanted to get better at. She knows she can come in and she can score, but she wants to do other things as well and help the team on both ends. She's a very smart player with a high basketball IQ."

Freshman forward Taya Reimer has also come off the bench to produce for the Irish. A five-star recruit coming out of high school, Reimer leads the team in blocks and ranks fifth in scoring while playing 19.6 minutes a game.

As the Irish hit the midway point of their ACC schedule, McGraw said she will continue to look to her bench, and Cable and Mabrey in particular, to provide a spark.

"I'm comfortable leaning on both of them," McGraw said. "We have such great

guards that it can be hard to find time for everybody, but they are certainly in the rotation and I trust them to go out there and play well and score."

Off the court, the bench players, especially Cable and Mabrey, contribute to the team's chemistry, McGraw said.

"They definitely like to have fun," McGraw said. "They enjoy spending with their teammates off the court and they're really fun to coach. They're so upbeat and ready and very coachable in that way. They work hard in the gym and I think that carries over,"

The Irish square off against Florida State at 7 p.m. in Tallahassee, Fla.

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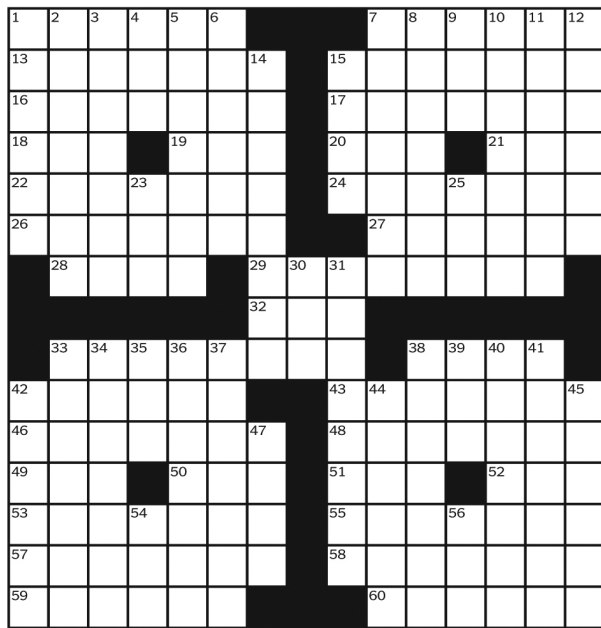
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CROSSWORD | WILL SHORTZ

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- 1 Start of a motto first published in an 1844 book
 - 7 1967 disaster
 - 13 Lazy sort
 - 15 Criticize cattily
 - 16 Unwakeable, say
 - 17 "No use arguing with me"
 - 18 It took 70 years to complete, in brief
 - 19 Vintner's need
 - 20 Cockney abode
 - 21 Chateau — Michelle
 - 22 Tex-Mex order
 - 24 Swimmer
 - 26 Go beyond
 - 27 "Any ___?"
 - 28 Be a tippler
 - 29 Bookish
 - 32 Single, slangily
 - 33 Dreams up
 - 38 Ready for a drive
 - 42 Hit hard, as the brakes
 - 43 Was on tour, in a way
 - 46 Most light
 - 48 Earthen casserole dish
 - 49 Susan of "L.A. Law"
 - 50 Not just threaten, say
 - 51 Japanese vegetable
 - 52 Group of whales
- DOWN**
- 1 Former San Francisco mayor Joseph
 - 2 Make a hard, low hit that's caught
 - 3 Causes
 - 4 Univ. body
 - 5 Inversely egg-shaped
 - 6 Like "The Karate Kid" and "Total Recall"
 - 7 Enliven
 - 8 It helps one get a grip
 - 9 Special —
 - 10 Three-pronged fishing spear
 - 11 Steve Martin romantic comedy
 - 12 Bewhiskered animals
 - 14 Purchase with a cell phone
 - 15 Priory in "The Da Vinci Code"
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 - 25 Alias
 - 30 Diamonds
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Puzzle by BRUCE HAIGHT

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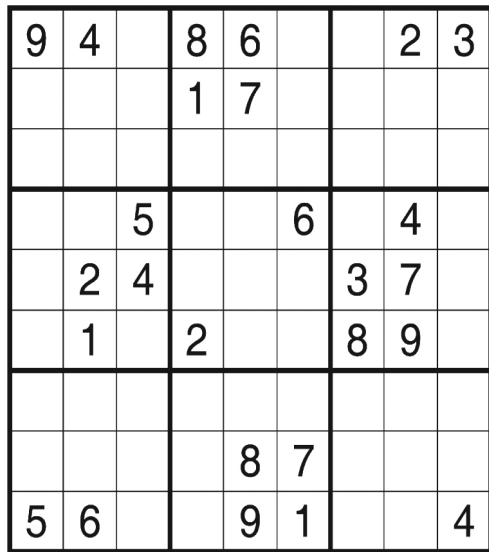


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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE 2/7/13

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6	7	5	2	3	4	8	9	1
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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Happy Birthday: Take time to plan your actions. Stepping into a situation that can spin your life out of control must be avoided. This is a year to be progressive but also organized and cautious. Keep your actions simple, affordable and within reason. Show respect for others and work in conjunction with people who can enhance your life and your success. Your numbers are 3, 10, 24, 27, 31, 35, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Impulse will be your downfall. Fight against any desire to get involved in an argument or to do something totally out of character. Erratic behavior will leave you in a vulnerable position with few choices. Proceed in secrecy. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Communication and sharing plans with people who have common interests will result in an opportunity to travel, learn or discover new ways to enjoy and live your life. A chance to spend time with someone special will improve your relationship. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): What you are told will be questionable. Stick to facts when discussing personal or professional matters. You can ask for favors, but first find out what's expected of you in return. Contact old colleagues if you feel uncertain about your current position. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Add flare to whatever you do or say. The way you express your likes and dislikes will make a difference to the outcome. There are gains to be made if you connect with the right people. Share your concerns and your solutions. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you don't like something, change it. Taking action and being proactive will show how capable you are, but don't expect everyone to like what you do or say. Be prepared to deal with emotional issues that are brought to your attention. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your personal finances will suffer if you make emotional purchases. Don't overspend or feel you have to pay for others. Joint ventures will not turn out as planned. Focus on self-improvement, romance and family fun that you can afford. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't make personal or domestic changes. Moderation in all that you do will be necessary if you want to avoid loss. Invest in something that will bring you a safe and steady return. Accept a contract or settlement that is offered. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Getting together with people from different backgrounds will be enlightening. A change in attitude or to the way you live will enhance your life and bring you great joy. A change at home will inspire you to do something creative. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't exaggerate when discussing problems with friends or relatives. Gossip will lead to trouble that can affect your reputation. Stick close to home and catch up on odd jobs that have been left undone. Don't let someone from your past cause trouble. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't make unnecessary alterations to the way you do things. Keep relying on what's worked for you in the past. Keep life simple and you will not have any need to worry about what's going to happen next. Consistency equals stability. ★★★★★

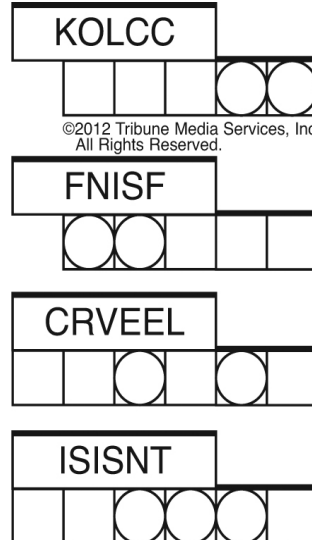
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Bring on the 'Noles

Undefeated Irish face Florida State on the road

By SAMANTHA ZUBA
Sports Writer

With two consecutive, decisive victories in ACC matchups against Duke and North Carolina State, the undefeated No. 2 Irish have created momentum for their next conference contest against Florida State tonight in Tallahassee, Fla.

Notre Dame (21-0, 8-0 ACC) will play on the road for the second time this week after traveling to Durham, N.C., on Sunday and defeating No. 5 Duke 88-67.

Despite remaining undefeated on the road, McGraw said that road games in the ACC have been a challenge.

"So far in the ACC, we've found that every place we go to has been a tough place to play," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "[It's difficult]

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EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

Irish sophomore guard Michaela Mabrey looks to pass during Notre Dame's 99-50 victory over UNC Wilmington on Nov. 9. Mabrey averages 9.4 points a game, good for fourth on the team.

McGraw relies on bench for depth, offensive spark

By GREG HADLEY
Sports Writer

At 21-0, No. 2 Notre Dame is one of only two remaining unbeaten teams in the nation. What separates the Irish from the rest of the country is more than just senior all-American guard Kayla McBride and senior forward Natalie Achonwa. Irish coach Muffet McGraw said her team's deep bench has been the squad's greatest asset.

"The strength of our team is that our bench is as good as any team in the country," McGraw said. "We're getting [27.7] points off the bench and it's something that we've able to count on all year long."

Led by sophomore guard Michaela Mabrey and junior guard Madison Cable, the Irish bench has been key

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MEN'S TENNIS | ILLINOIS 5, ND 2

Notre Dame drops first match of season

By RENEE GRIFFIN
Sports writer

The No. 16 Irish suffered their first loss of the season Wednesday night at No. 22 Illinois, falling 5-2.

Notre Dame (6-1) faced the Illini (3-2), and the Irish showed well in the doubles matches. Senior Ryan Bandy and sophomore Eric Schnurrenberger won their match 6-1, while senior Billy Pecor and freshman Josh Hagar beat the No. 27 doubles team in the country of juniors Farris Gosea and Blake Bazarnik.

"You can't let guys back in the matches when they're the quality of the Illinois team, that's what did it for us," Irish coach Ryan Sachire said.

The only doubles loss was the No. 22 Irish pair of senior Greg Andrews and sophomore Alex Lawson to the Illini's pair of Tim Kopinski and Ross Guignon,

who are ranked fourth in the nation in doubles.

"They did a good job of rallying. You know, we won the doubles point and we were up and in the singles too," Sachire said. "They really made a run at us and turned the tables quickly. We were certainly disappointed about our inability to do the same to them."

The Irish were not able to mount a similar charge in singles, however. Though Schnurrenberger got the second Irish point with a close win, the Illini beat Notre Dame in the five other singles matches.

"We have to work on finishing when we get a lead," Sachire said. "We can enjoy the fact that we're winning, but then putting the hammer down and finishing is important."

Andrews, ranked No. 22 at singles, fell first to Illini

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GRANT TOBIN | The Observer

Irish senior Greg Andrews accepts the award for Most Outstanding Performer at the Big East conference championship on Apr. 21. Andrews lost in both singles and doubles on Wednesday at Illinois.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARD

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ND Women's Tennis at ITA Championships	Fri.- Sat.	ND Women's Lacrosse vs. Michigan	Sat., 7:45 p.m.
ND Softball at Tenn. Tech	Sat., 10 a.m.	Hockey vs. Maine	Sat., 8:05 p.m.
ND Swimming vs. Cleveland State	Sat., 12 p.m.	Fencing, DeCicco Duals	Sat.- Sun.