

## Court upholds ruling against ND

*Third request for relief denied, University must comply with HHS mandate*

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI  
News Editor

In a split 2-1 decision Friday, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit upheld a ruling that Notre Dame must comply with a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate requiring the University's insurance plan to cover contraceptives, according to a report in the South Bend Tribune.

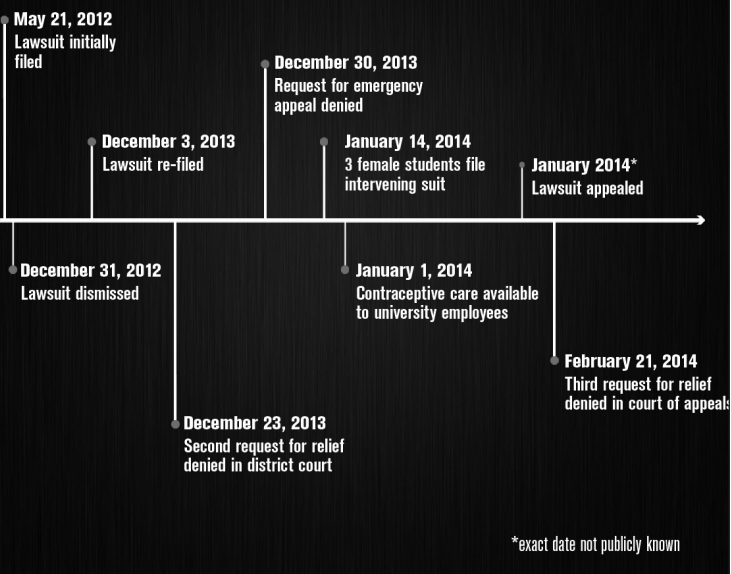
In its third request for relief from the mandate, which is part of the Affordable Care Act, Notre Dame argued that the school's agreement with its third-party health insurance administrator, Meritain Health, involves the University with

providing birth control against its Catholic beliefs. The University based its appeal upon a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in January that the Little Sisters of the Poor and other similar religious groups did not have to cover contraceptives in their health plans until the Sisters' litigation was resolved.

Notre Dame's most recent motion for appeal, filed in January, states that "there is no legitimate basis upon which an injunction could be granted to the Little Sisters of the Poor but denied to Notre Dame," according to a report in the Tribune in January.

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### HHS Mandate Opposition Timeline



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## Shembo confirms claims

### Observer Staff Report

For the first time publicly, former Notre Dame linebacker Prince Shembo confirmed he was the Irish football player involved in the Lizzy Seeberg sexual assault investigation in 2010.

In the fall of 2010, Shembo's first semester on campus, Seeberg, a Saint Mary's student, accused a Notre Dame football player of sexually assaulting her in her dorm room. In the coming days, Seeberg reportedly received text messages from a friend of the football player that said, "Messing with Notre

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## SCC election results released

### Observer Staff Report

Noemi Ventilla, Michael Markel, Neil Joseph and Eva Niklinska won Friday's Sophomore Class Council (SCC) run-off election and will serve as the 2014-15 officers, according to an email from the Judicial Council.

They received 482 votes, or 73 percent. The other ticket, comprised of Andrew Galo, Michaela McInerney, Vincent Vangaever and Daniel Barabasi received 178 votes or 27 percent, the email stated.

Ventilla will serve as president, Markel as vice president, Joseph as treasurer and Niklinska as secretary.

*Editor's Note: Barabasi is a staff writer for the Scene section of The Observer.*

## Students attend immigration summit

By ELYSE HIGHT  
News Writer

A summit held at Loyola University Chicago allowed students to learn, network and take action on immigration reform.

The program began with a general organizational and strategy session, followed by

four sessions on messaging, lobbying politics and policy, organizing fundamentals, and coalition-building, according to the summit's website.

Jessica Pedroza, the Notre Dame campus organizer for Faith in Public Life, said the summit Saturday hosted over 120 college students from

nine area universities seeking to advance immigration reform.

Pedroza said students were able to meet students, faculty and immigrant families from other Catholic schools who were involved in prominent activities in an effort to share ideas and light the pathway to reform.

Pedroza said the time for immigration reform action is now.

"A path to citizenship will stop the fear that many children feel, not knowing if they will come home to parents gone," Pedroza said.

She said the group hoped

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## SMC launches Love Your Body Week

By KELLY KONYA  
News Writer

This week marks the fourth annual Love Your Body Week at Saint Mary's, a time for members of the community to reflect on positive self-image and a healthy lifestyle.

According to Love Your Body Week event chair and junior Sam Moorhead, the week's events are intended to provide encouragement to women who may be struggling with body image-related issues, such as eating disorders or pop culture's portrayal of beauty.

"We hope that people who are struggling with these sorts of issues can find encouragement

through the events of the week," Moorhead said. "We want to encourage women to see themselves as beautiful, despite our many imperfections."

Junior Kelly Gutrich, a former coordinator of Love Your Body Week, said it is one of the most constructive initiatives during the school year at the College.

"When Laura Glaub started Love Your Body Week four years ago, the point was to inspire self-confidence in women, because it is such a controversy with the images in the media in our current world," Gutrich said. "In continuing Glaub's mission and recognizing that

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### SMC LOVE YOUR BODY WEEK February 24th-27th

MON	"On Fighting and Surviving Anorexia," Christina Grasso, SMC '11 Student Center Lounge, 7 p.m.*
TUES	Yoga and Yogurt, Angela, 6:30p.m. "True Beauty: A Definition from God," Wendy Odour, SMC '14 Vander Vennet, 8p.m.*
WED	Student Panel, Student Center Lounge, 7p.m.* Love Your Body Week Mass, LeMans Holy Spirit Chapel, 9p.m.
THURS	Film: "Someday Melissa," Sponsored by Project Heal Spes Unica 145, 7p.m.*

\* free t-shirts

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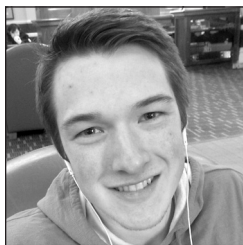
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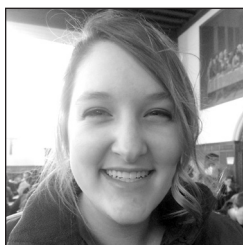
“Curling.”



### Michael McLean

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“Snowboarding. Even though I've never snowboarded in my life.”



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“Curling. Definitely curling.”



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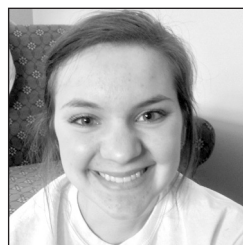
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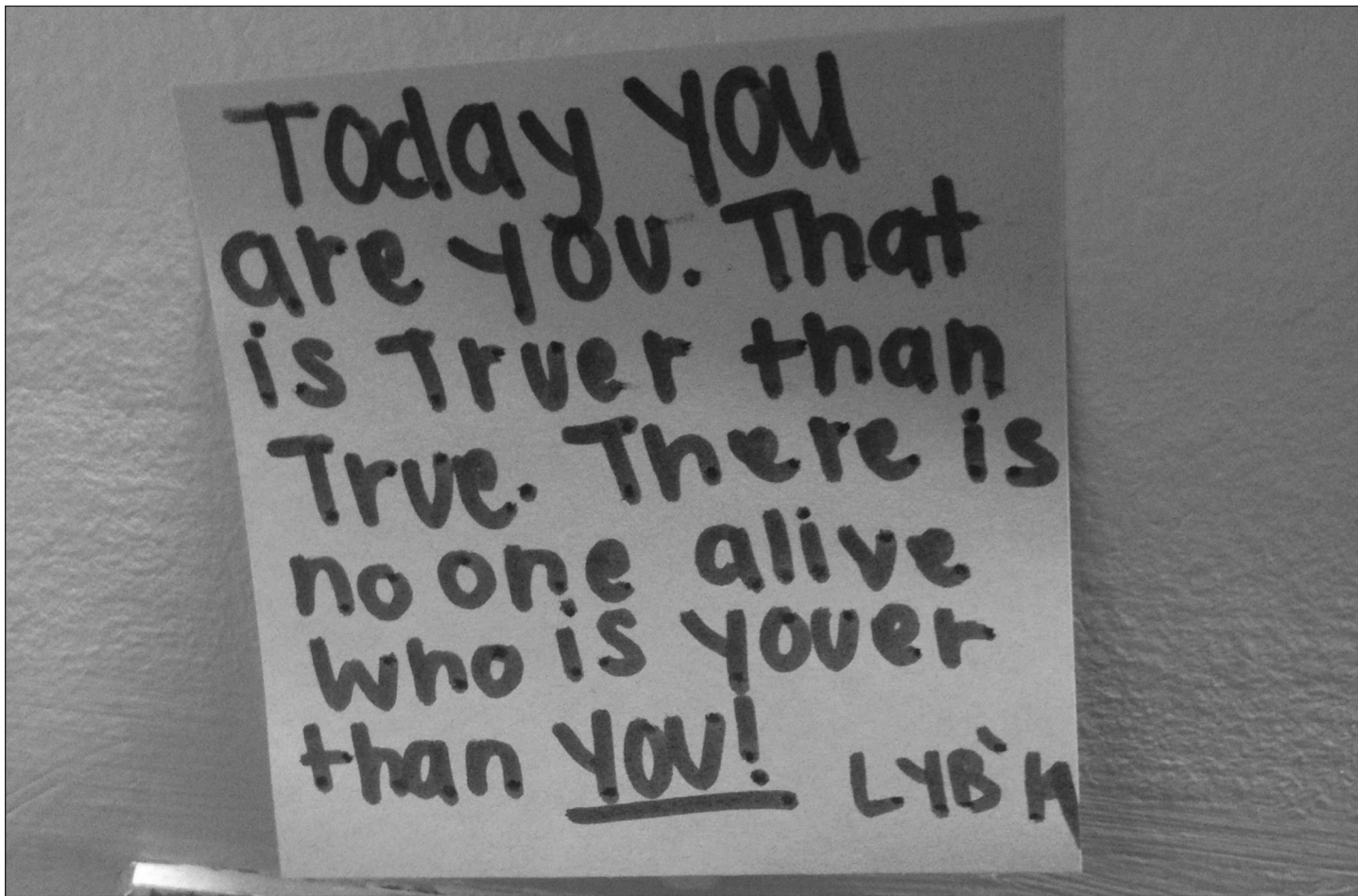
“Curling 1000 percent.”



### Laura Camarata

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“Ski jumper.”



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*As part of Love Your Body Week, the Saint Mary's student government is placing notes with uplifting messages, such as this one found in Holy Cross Hall, all over the Saint Mary's campus. The campaign also includes several presentations.*

# THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

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## Monday

### Discussion: the turmoil in Ukraine

LaFortune Student Center  
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Discussion open to all.

### Swing show

Washington Hall  
7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.  
\$5 for students and \$10 for non-students at the door.

## Tuesday

### Q&A on human rights

Hesburgh Center for International Studies  
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
With ND grad Vienna Colucci.

### Town hall meeting for undergraduates

Washington Hall  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
With University administration.

## Wednesday

### Men's basketall

Joyce Center  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
The Irish take on the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

### Journalism lecture

Hesburgh Library  
Carey Auditorium  
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
With Justin Gills of the New York Times.

## Thursday

### Women's basketball

Joyce Center  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
The Irish take on the North Carolina Tar Heels.

### Show Some Skin

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Student-written monologues.

## Friday

### Blood drive

Hammes Bookstore  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Sign up for an appointment at [givebloodnow.org](http://givebloodnow.org).

### Men's tennis

Eck Tennis Pavilion  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
The Irish take on the Virginia Tech Hokies.



# Auditions open for Shakespeare play

By CHRISTIAN MYERS  
News Writer

Students have the chance to find their own midsummer night's dreams again this year with the Young Company, a group that allows talented undergraduate and graduate students to perform as a part of the 15th annual Shakespeare Festival at Notre Dame.

Grant Mudge, Ryan producing artistic director of the Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival, said the Festival organizers and the two main directors are currently gearing up for the Young Company auditions. Students accepted to the group will perform as part of the Festival in both their designated production and alongside professionals in the Professional Company production. He said Notre Dame students will be joined by students from other universities, primarily in the Midwest, who will come to campus for the opportunity to audition.

The students selected will take part in three weeks of training in the summer and then will begin touring the Michiana area, within a 1.5-hour travel time radius of Notre Dame, between July 20 and August 25, Mudge said. They will also work

with professional actors to stage "Henry IV," which will run from Aug.19 to Aug. 31.

Auditions for the Young Company will take place on campus this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Regis Philbin Studio Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, and the necessary application forms can be found at [shakespeare.nd.edu](http://shakespeare.nd.edu), Mudge said. Students currently studying abroad will have the opportunity to submit video auditions, he said.

Mudge, who is running the Festival for the second time, said the Festival will offer four different elements: ShakeScenes, the Young Company production of "The Merry Wives of Windsor," the Professional Company production of "Henry IV" and the Actors From the London Stage production of "Much Ado About Nothing."

"The anniversary reveals how much of a tradition of Shakespeare we have here," Mudge said. "It's really within the fabric of our history as a university.

"The history of Shakespeare on campus is astonishing to me and most folks don't realize how extensive it is."

Mudge said the Young Company will be directed by

West Hyler. Hyler has worked on Broadway as an assistant director of "Jersey Boys" and directed productions of the same show internationally. He has also been a director with the Big Apple Circus on "Legendarium," with several large Las Vegas Casinos on "Panda" and with various regional theatres nationwide.

"He's got this very wide range of experience," Mudge said.

The other director, Michael Goldberg, has a background in Chicago theatre and will be directing the Professional Company production of "Henry IV," in which Shakespeare's "Henry IV, Part 1" and "Henry IV, Part 2" are "conflated" into one play.

Mudge said "Henry IV" was chosen because it was the first full Shakespeare play performed on campus 150 years ago.

"I think it's a great lens, doing 'Henry IV' on the 150th anniversary of its first performance at Notre Dame, through which we can view not only our history on campus but also our national experience," he said. "It was 1864, at the height of the Civil War, and they chose to stage a play that says: 'Those opposed eyes,/ Which, like the meteors of a troubled heaven,/ All of one nature, of one substance bred,/

Did lately meet in the intestine shock/ And furious close of civil butchery/ Shall now, in mutual well-beseeming ranks,/ March all one way and be no more opposed/ Against acquaintance, kindred and allies.'"

The crux of the play is the dilemma of young Henry IV over whether to follow the model of Sir John Falstaff and descend into debauchery or that of his father and become a serious monarch, Mudge said.

"Come see Henry IV because it has everything. It is both hilarious and very moving, which I think is at the heart of what Shakespeare likes to do," he said.

Mudge said the famous literary critic Harold Bloom deemed Falstaff to be one of Shakespeare's greatest characters, on par with Hamlet. Falstaff also appears in a different context in "The Merry Wives of Windsor," which was chosen for the Young Company for this reason.

"It's not often you get to see the wife-chasing Falstaff and the 'Henry IV' Falstaff in the same season," Mudge said. "I'm pleased we're going to have that."

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## Shembo

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Dame football is a bad idea."

Seeberg committed suicide 10 days after the alleged assault and charges were never filed.

Shembo's name popped up online in relation to the investigation but was never officially connected to the alleged sexual assault.

After playing four years with the Irish, Shembo is now prepping for a potential career in the NFL and said teams have asked him about the situation.

"I just tell [NFL team executives] the truth, I have nothing to hide," Shembo said to Blue and Gold Illustrated while at the NFL Combine in Indianapolis. "No one's heard from me one time. Do you go off of one person's story?"

Shembo said he was not surprised about the questions because the allegations were a simple search away.

"Everyone that does the background check can type my name in and you'll see all the stuff that people have said about me and have never heard from my mouth," he said.

Shembo said Irish coach Brian Kelly told him he was not allowed to talk on the matter publicly, despite his desire to.

"My name was going to flames and it just made my name look bad and I can't even speak," Shembo said.

Notre Dame declined to comment Sunday.

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# Body

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there are many positive ways to reinforce body image in young women, the week’s events can be beneficial for all members of our community.”

Gutrich said she is also excited Notre Dame has followed the tradition of Love Your Body Week to cultivate the dialogue between communities.

“I like when both Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame devote weeks to raising awareness of similar issues,” Gutrich said. “It’s uplifting when both campuses believe in promoting this issue, because it demonstrates how we are always striving to

be supportive of one another.”

According to Moorhead, the week’s events include a variety of speakers and fun events every night.

“On Monday, Christina Grasso will speak about her battle with anorexia,” Moorhead said. “She spoke two years ago during Love Your Body Week as well, and we hope that in sharing her story once more, she can provide hope to women who may relate to her struggles.”

Gutrich said she is excited for Grasso to return to campus once again.

“[Grasso] has an incredible story and I can’t wait for more students to be moved by her

courageous development of the organization Project HEAL (Help to Eat, Accept and Live),” Gutrich said. “Grasso is a true Saint Mary’s woman, empowered by her sense of self and dedicated to making a difference in the community. It will definitely be one of the most inspirational events of the week.”

Moorhead said free yoga classes would be held on Tuesday and Wednesday to encourage exercise alongside healthy minds. On Thursday, the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) will host a Self-Awareness and Familiarization Exchange (S.A.F.E.) event, where students can learn about self-defense.

Moorhead said she hopes this week will increase dialogue related to prevalent issues that are seldom discussed amongst the women on campus.

“We would love for students to come out of this week having learned ways to form a healthier and happier lifestyle for themselves,” Moorhead said. “If they are struggling with body image-related issues, we want them to know that they have the support of the Saint Mary’s community.”

“We hope that this will be a week that encourages each woman in the Saint Mary’s community to see the beauty in herself.”

For a full list of events, visit the Saint Mary’s website’s event calendar.

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# Lawsuit

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Last summer’s revisions to the Affordable Care Act enable religious nonprofit organizations to shift the cost for contraceptives to the government or a third-party administrator by submitting an opt-out form.

“The delivery of the form to Meritain reminds it of an obligation that the law, not the University, imposes on it — the obligation to pick up the ball if Notre Dame decides, as is its right, to drop it,” Judge Richard Posner wrote in the Court’s decision Friday, according to the Tribune report.

Paul Browne, Notre Dame’s vice president for public affairs and communications, maintained the University’s objection in a statement.

**“Our lawyers are reviewing the decision and contemplating next steps.”**

Paul Browne  
vice president for public affairs

“Our lawyers are reviewing the decision and contemplating next steps,” he said. “Meanwhile, we remain concerned that if government is allowed to entangle a religious institution of higher education like Notre Dame in one

area contrary to conscience, it’s given license to do so in others.”

Posner’s written decision questions what remedy the University wants, since it already submitted the required opt-out form, according to the Tribune.

“We imagine that what the University wants is an order forbidding Aetna [which provides coverage to students] and Meritain to provide any contraceptive coverage to Notre Dame staff or students pending final judgment in the district court,” Posner wrote. “But we can’t issue such an order; neither Aetna nor Meritain is a defendant ... so unless and until they are joined as defendants they can’t be ordered by the district court or by this court to do anything.”

The Tribune reported that in his dissent, Judge Joel Flaum said Notre Dame is the only plaintiff to be denied an injunction, out of the 19 previous cases challenging the application of the HHS mandate to religious nonprofit organizations.

“Notre Dame tells us that Catholic doctrine prohibits the actions that the government requires it to take,” Flaum wrote, according to the Tribune. “So long as that belief is sincerely held, I believe we should defer to Notre Dame’s understanding.”

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# Summit

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to demonstrate Notre Dame’s commitment to reforming a broken immigration system in America and keeping immigrant families together by attending the summit.

“I believe that [immigrants] came here through no fault of their own and should be recognized as the Americans they grew up to be, with a chance to contribute and receive an education,” Pedroza said.

She said the summit gave college students an important opportunity to hear other people’s ideas and learn about what different colleges are doing in response to immigration issues in America.

“There is strength in the unity and numbers of people who get together for one common cause,” Pedroza said.

The Notre Dame group now seeks to take what they learned at the Summit and bring it to the student body, she said. The group is already planning ways to implement immigration reform actions

at Notre Dame.

“This is an important issue that is not talked about very much at all so with enough planning and promotion we can create events to shed light on the immigration,” Pedroza said.

She said the group aimed to build awareness at Notre Dame and also engage the South Bend, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross communities. She said a major goal was to plan an Immigration Week on campus filled with events to help raise awareness on the issue at Notre Dame.

Pedroza, along with the other summit attendees, said she wants to bring the stories of the multitude of families that immigration reform would help to the Notre Dame community.

“It is not all about facts and statistics,” Pedroza said. “It is about 11 million stories of real people who are affected by the broken immigration system.”

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## INSIDE COLUMN

## Is Facebook crazy?



**Kevin Song**  
Online Editor

Somehow, the biggest headline on news sites nationwide and on my Facebook news feed this week wasn't how Russia's Adelina Sotnikova pulled a controversial win over South Korea's Yuna Kim or the protests in Kiev.

It was Facebook's \$19 billion acquisition of the cross-platform messaging service Whatsapp.

Facebook isn't new to the big tech acquisition arena. Just a year and a half ago, Facebook announced its acquisition of the popular photo-sharing app Instagram for a cool \$1 billion. Unprecedented at the time, some people saw the acquisition as a huge mistake, as Instagram had no revenue and no clear path to make money. But whether or not it was a smart move, it was clearly a trend-setting one, setting the stage for many large tech acquisitions to come.

Since then, Yahoo! purchased Tumblr for \$1.1 billion, Microsoft bought Nokia's mobile phone business for \$7.2 billion and Google closed a deal for cellphone maker Motorola Mobility for \$12.5 billion, subsequently selling it off again to Lenovo for \$2.91 billion. All of these pale in comparison to Facebook's acquisition of Whatsapp, which comes in at \$12 billion of stock, \$4 billion of cash and another \$3 billion in stock that will vest over the next four years.

Nobody really knows what Facebook's plan will be. All it has said is it will let Whatsapp and its 50 employees continue to operate independently.

Is Facebook crazy? Maybe, maybe not. Isn't Whatsapp just a simple app that sends short blurbs of text and photos back and forth, not unlike Facebook's own Messenger?

Perhaps it wants Whatsapp's 450 million monthly active users. Looking at that, it's perhaps not a terrible decision on a per user basis. According to CNN's Michael Wolf, it equates to \$42 per user. In comparison, Instagram's acquisition cost \$28 per user while Tumblr's cost \$33 per user.

But this sounds an awful lot like tech valuations before the dot-com bubble collapsed 14 years ago. Back then, tech companies were valued by the "eyeball" — how many people visited the site. Using "active monthly users" is just a slightly modified metric that accomplishes the same goal. None of this really addresses typical valuation methods that people learn in Finance 101.

Will company valuations continue to soar? Nobody knows. Tech companies like Twitter and LinkedIn are offering IPOs left and right, and Alibaba's upcoming IPO is widely expected to be well over \$150 billion. Traditional companies, and even The Observer, are beginning to invest heavily in their online presence.

Whether Whatsapp ever delivers \$19 billion of value to Facebook is a question that may never be answered fully. But it's the question that every tech company is asking as they look at the field of burgeoning startups.

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## Holding out for something better

**Matt Miklavic**  
The Maine Idea

Since coming to Washington for the semester, I've frequently wandered around the monuments.

I've gone on the weekends, on the way home from my internship and at random hours of the night. Each time is as awe-inspiring as the last. I find some measure of inspiration in their marble, some measure of hope in their presence. I find some measure of strength in the quotes strung around memorials, monuments and Kennedy's eternal flame. Ultimately, my time in D.C. has only further reinforced a pair of thoughts I had before coming here. The first is that we live in a nation of immense opportunity and promise, one that is capable of providing a shining light for good that can truly illuminate the world. The second is that we can do more to fulfill that promise.

I think we kid ourselves when we pretend the most hotly debated issues have a simple answer. I think the people of our country have genuine differences, and those differences demand discourse worthy of the importance of such issues.

I think we belittle both the issues and ourselves when we protest and harass rather than help. I see the debate being diminished when someone screams at those trying to access a Planned Parenthood. I think the debate is weakened by being dismissive of a given religion or the ideas they bring. I think the country isn't served by militant protest but rather by constructive action. The March for Life sends a much stronger, more positive message than the guy throwing graphic photos in kids' faces outside

the White House. Working to support mothers and address the societal causes of issues proves more helpful, and effective, still.

I think regardless of one's stance on an issue, we can applaud those who speak, write or march for an idea they find just. I think we can admire those who don't yell or demean, but talk. We need more of Jon Stewart and Bill O'Reilly debating each other. Both sides have ideas that deserve to be represented in the marketplace of ideas, and great debates should take place over these ideas. We need less of Glenn Beck's mindless, conspiracy-laden attacks, Ted Cruz's obstructionism and Bill Maher's cheap shots.

I think we can support those who don't wag fingers, but rather offer a hand, doing what they can to fix what they see wrong with the world. I think the differences in our country are far larger than any individual, and to protest by shaming someone seeking help or labeling them this or that is a slap in the face of the promise this country is capable of. I believe we can build society up without tearing each other down. And I think this building of society begins with each and every one of us.

When I consider those who I would like to emulate in my life, to take after, I think most of my family and friends who have lived for others. I think of those who have worked so I could succeed. I think of those who have volunteered for the good of those they know in their community and those they will never meet. I think of my parents and grandparents, who have worked so I could be where I am. I think of friends who, amidst the demands of classes and jobs and their own lives, find time to volunteer for charities or churches, to advocate and to mentor. I think we

can find it within most of us to follow the examples of those few who push for more. I know I can do more to live like those I wish to embody. I suspect we all can.

I think I'm a pretty optimistic person. I like embracing grand ideals, gestures and movements. But I also think my desire for us to do better is more feasible than delusional. I think my hopes for societal improvement are grounded in reality. I think those that say I'm naive are too burdened by the weight of their cynicism. Their view of tomorrow is too encumbered by a sense of what's been rather than what can be.

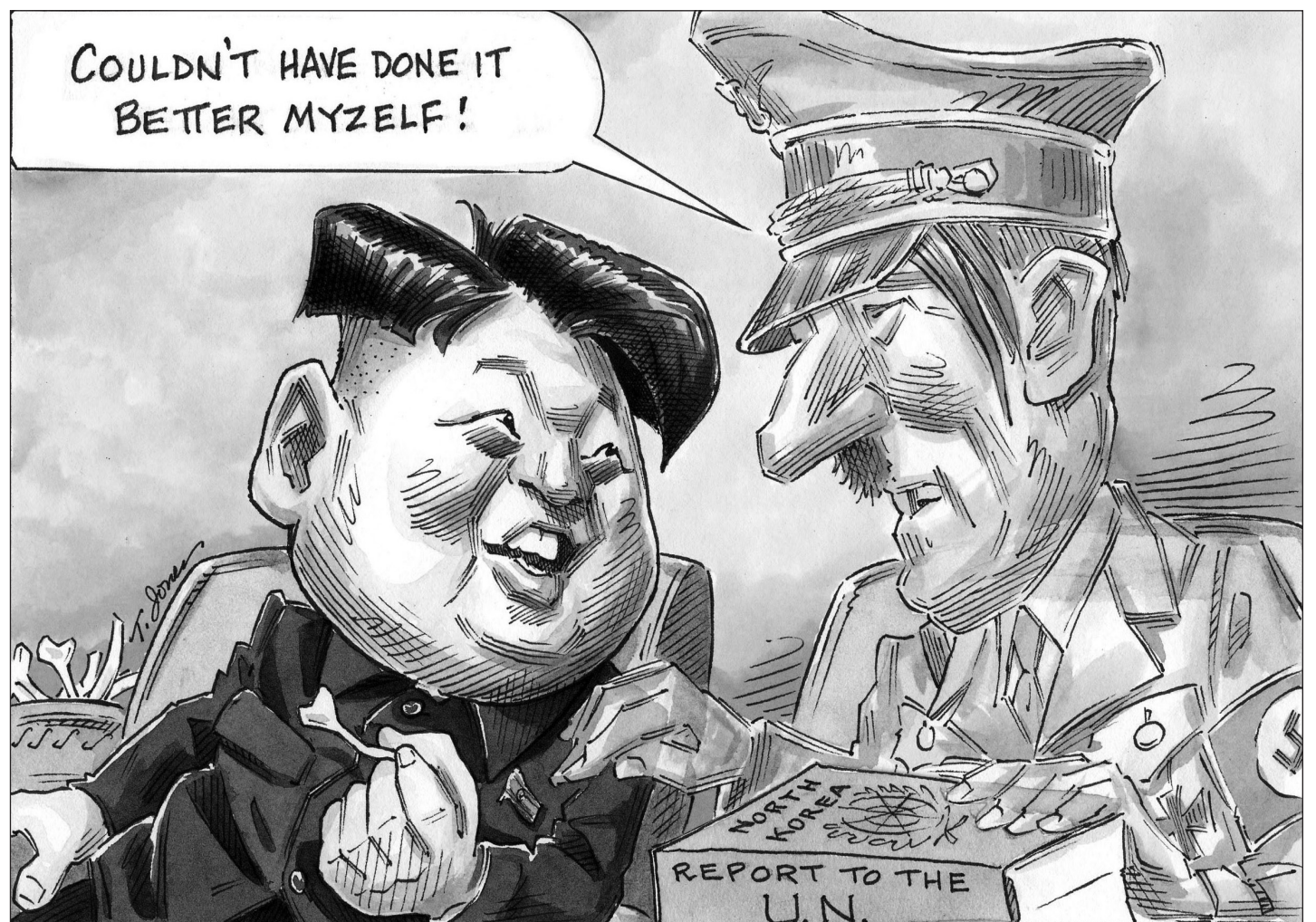
I think I'm far too young — I think we're all too young — to embrace such a dismal view of our future. Whether you're seven, 17 or 60, I think we can all find hope in tomorrow and work toward making our vision of it a reality. I think we are rightfully optimistic in our ability to improve the world we've inherited, to talk to one another and address the issues we see in society.

Maybe we shouldn't be. Maybe we should accept a fractured system, a hyper-polar political environment and factions of society that increasingly are concerned with their own kind and themselves rather than others. Maybe that's what our future holds. Maybe that's what we already have. But I say screw that. I'm not ready to buy that. Not yet. Hopefully, not ever. In the immortal words of Will Hunting, I'm holding out for something better.

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON





## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Equal rights (and cake) for all

In “You can’t make me sell a cake,” published in The Observer on Thursday, Mr. Raymond Michuda disagreed with the results of a recent lawsuit and argued that “it should be perfectly acceptable to refuse to sell a gay couple a wedding cake.” Mr. Michuda viewed the wedding cake case as a violation of property rights because the government is forcing someone to sell a product against his or her will. However, this framework is flawed in its focus on the product instead of the customers. The legal action was not about forcing a business to sell cakes (the business was already doing that), but rather about mandating that a business treat its customers equally regardless of their sexual orientation.

The bakery owners cited religious beliefs as the reason they refused to sell to the gay couple. However, freedom of religion does not give a person the right to discriminate against other human beings. Selling a product to someone you disagree with does not violate your right to practice your religion.

Fifty years ago, many businesses refused to serve African-Americans under the guise of religious belief, and I think everyone should agree that that

sort of prejudice was on the wrong side of history. The Equal Rights Act outlawed discrimination in the public sphere on the basis of race, sex, religion and ethnicity, and it reinforced our 14th Amendment right to equal protection under the law. I believe it is past time this protection was extended to the LGBTQ community at the federal level, but let me to return to Mr. Michuda’s argument.

Mr. Michuda asserts, “It is not the job of the government to legislate morality, and the very action of doing so is immoral in itself.” I do agree that government has no place in legislating what people can and cannot believe. However, that is a completely different issue than the government’s role in how its citizens treat each other. Here’s a basic example: It’s illegal to drive drunk, for obvious moral reasons. Laws punish and deter certain harmful actions in order to protect human beings. In the same vein, anti-discrimination laws exist to protect citizens from harmful treatment.

Mr. Michuda is bluntest in the paragraph where he states, “So if someone doesn’t want to sell a gay couple a cake, fine. It’s not the end of the world. No harm done. Grow up and go to a different bakery

instead of trying to destroy someone’s livelihood just because they don’t support your lifestyle.” Yes, buying cake seems like a trivial matter. Except, as I’ve said, this case is less about the physical cake and more about equality. There is serious “harm done” in setting a precedent where businesses and individuals can refuse to provide services to gay couples because of who they are, and it is callous to tell people to “grow up” and silently accept discrimination. Allowing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation relegates LGBTQ people second-class citizen status, without the rights and protections afforded to everyone else.

Furthermore, a person’s sexual orientation is not a “lifestyle.” Do straight people have “heterosexual lifestyles?” People in the LGBTQ community have lives, and part of those lives includes the people they love — just like everyone else. And, like everyone else, they deserve the right to buy cakes, have weddings and live without the shadow of bigotry.

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## Controversy aside, Coulter deserves to be heard

“Liberals claim to want to give a hearing to other views, but then are shocked and offended to discover that there are other views.” So said William F. Buckley, Jr., the founder of “National Review” and one of the fathers of modern American conservatism.

In “The left’s intolerant ‘tolerance’” on Tuesday, Mark Gianfalla rightly calls out the left’s tolerance for everything but divergent opinions. Unwittingly, Sarah Morris proves his and Mr. Buckley’s point in “Ann Coulter and tolerance” on Thursday.

Without discussing any of the examples Mr. Gianfalla used in his article, Ms. Morris simply deems it “ignorant and incendiary” and apparently not worthy of substantive rebuttal. This is a common tactic of the left: force political opponents to defend themselves against baseless charges of hatred, racism, sexism, bigotry or homophobia, and thereby relieve themselves of any responsibility to debate the issues on their merits. The ad hominem attacks on Mr. Gianfalla and by extension, sympathetic Republicans and conservatives, provide a

convenient excuse for Ms. Morris’s principled refusal “to engage further.”

Without blinking an eye or with any sense of irony, the tolerant Ms. Morris also urges Notre Dame’s College Republicans to rescind its invitation to Ann Coulter to speak at its Lincoln Day Dinner on Apr. 10 or even to set foot on campus on the grounds of her views constituting “hate speech, racism, ignorance and complete disrespect for humanity.” Ms. Morris bases these subjective charges on a few of Ms. Coulter’s quotes, though she fails to provide any context.

Ms. Coulter’s acerbic style appeals to many because she expresses her views in ways that many like-minded conservatives are reluctant to because they fear censure from the left. Ms. Coulter has a right to express her views, and students have a right to listen or not listen. Providing a platform does not necessarily mean a convergence of views. I doubt the University would consider its decision to have President Obama deliver the 2009 commencement address an endorsement of his

pro-choice policies or his administration’s contraception and abortifacient mandate, which some would argue “clearly contradicts Notre Dame and all that it stands for.”

The First Amendment does not only protect popular or non-controversial speech. If that were the intention of the framers, there would be no need for it. Ms. Coulter should speak, and then individuals can decide on their own whether the merits of her arguments have any influence on their views on the issues. Ms. Morris is under no obligation to listen to Ms. Coulter or agree with any of her opinions, but she is not the arbiter of acceptable speech. Her sanctimonious attempt to shut down debate before it begins is a disservice to the classmates who are willing to give Ms. Coulter a fair and open hearing.

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## Response to a recent disturbing column

I, like most Notre Dame students, am a busy person with deadlines to meet. That being said, on Thursday, I read a Viewpoint article that compelled me to drop pressing issues and write a response to Raymond Michuda’s article “You can’t make me sell a cake.” Throughout, Mr. Michuda defends the right of businesses to refuse services to gay people because of “religious objections.” He makes the dangerous claim that nothing is unreasonable about a business refusing services if they believe gay people are sinners. “I don’t see why the gay couple’s desire for a wedding cake should supersede someone’s religious beliefs,” asserts Mr. Michuda. If you need help understanding how truly disturbing this statement is, replace gay with interracial. Many of the people supporting these new discrimination laws would have had the same stance during the civil rights movement, though they will deny this fact. It is true, however, that the people who enacted and supported Jim Crow laws were very Christian, and more often than not their Christian faith reinforced their racist convictions.

Next, for some reason, Mr. Michuda rants about property rights and how, if you’re not hurting anybody, you can decide to refuse services to anyone. Just read paragraphs five and six. It’s really quite impressive. Having already justified discrimination against homosexuals, Mr. Michuda seamlessly proceeds to make the case for discrimination against anybody in the name of freedom. Essentially, the government has no right telling us who we can and cannot discriminate against. The implications of this inherently backwards method of thinking are grim. It sets us back 60 years.

Yet we return to the homophobic Christian baker. Mr. Michuda, because of people like you there are places in this country where the baker can refuse a gay cake. My question to you is, can a banker refuse a gay bank account? Can a diner refuse an interracial couple dinner? Can a university refuse a gay student? The only answer here is no, they cannot. It is irresponsible and embarrassing for you to claim otherwise.

The title of the article, “You can’t make me sell

a cake,” is indicative of the level of maturity of his argument. Where does common human decency fit into the equation? More importantly for you, Mr. Michuda, when does shame come into play?

I am not gay. I can only imagine what it is like to be gay on this campus, especially when people like Raymond Michuda are vomiting up articles like this in our school newspaper. I found it appropriate that the article beside Mr. Michuda’s was written by a Mexican-American student lamenting the discriminatory predilections of her pupils here at Notre Dame. Students like Mr. Michuda will be talking about the “Notre Dame family” for the rest of their lives. The people they advocated discrimination against most likely won’t.

Peace and love.

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By **ALLIE TOLLAIXEN**  
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Indie-pop duo MS MR took the stage Saturday night for “Coachella to Campus,” an event hosted by Legends. Though the title may be a little misleading (the group is actually scheduled to play at Coachella this upcoming April), the up-and-coming band’s performance was a strong indication of the good things to come on this year’s festival circuit.

MS MR (pronounced Miz Mister) is made up of Lizzy Plapinger and Max Hershenow, Vassar alums who reunited to record Plapinger’s distinctive vocals over Hershenow’s electronic, infectious pop beats. Before long, the young group began catching the attention of tastemakers and were featured in Tom Ford’s 2012 runway show as well as the “Game of Thrones” soundtrack with their single, “Bones.”

After releasing a five-song EP on their Tumblr, a format the group has utilized since their start, MS MR released their first full-length studio LP, “Secondhand Rapture,” in May of last year. With a style described both as “vintage” and “electroshock,” the group’s sound is a clever mix of old and new and has garnered comparisons to Lana Del Rey and Daft Punk.

“Secondhand Rapture,” which included the five songs

from MS MR’s earlier EP, features epic ballads driven by Plapinger’s powerful voice — think Florence Welch with less strings and more beat — and more upbeat, danceable pop numbers. Rather than be a bubblegum electro-pop outfit, however, the band consciously turns their music in a more sinister and sometimes macabre direction, with Hershenow building up insidious beats as Plapinger croons in minor keys.

Despite the darker elements to MS MR’s music, the band took the stage prepared to entertain, not depress, their enthusiastic crowd. Though Hershenow and Plapinger are the songwriters, founders and face of the group, MS MR took stage as a four-piece outfit, with drums, guitar and synth to round out their sound.

Even with a full band on stage, Plapinger undeniably captured the audience’s attention of with her signature colorful hair (this time it was a blue-green hue) and powerful voice.

The group performed a good variety of their songs from “Secondhand Rapture,” opening with super-popular track “Bones.” Plapinger was as endearing between songs as she was while singing them, and the band’s energy was refreshing in a space like Legends.

And the group didn’t hold back for the set’s end. After delivering a pretty impressive cover of LCD Soundsystem’s “Dance Yrself Clean” (which is almost impossible to listen

to and stay standing still), MS MR rounded out their show with “Hurricane,” the band’s biggest single and a definite crowd-pleaser.

Though MS MR has relatively little material to use in a show, performing covers and remixes to fill in the time, the group certainly has strength in their live performances. Their studio recordings and music videos may give off a dark and even aloof image at times, but their stage presence brings a fun and energetic element missing elsewhere. In the music video for “Hurricane,” a creepy collection of clips much like Miley Cyrus’ “We Can’t Stop,” the band tries hard to put on an air of mystery and make viewers a bit uneasy, but upon seeing MS MR live, the duo brings a different vibe to the stage. Even if it’s not cohesive with their dark-side image, the group was more engaging and entertaining than I expected.

Of course, this young band has plenty of time to fine tune their “Tumblr glitch-pop” sound, and while the band’s lyrics show room for improvement, MS MR has found a niche on the dark side of pop that is getting them plenty of attention. They may still be forming an image and creating a bigger body of material, but the group has one thing down for sure: a solid live performance that Legends was lucky to have.

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Nominated for nine Academy Awards, Steve McQueen’s “12 Years a Slave” has been taking the award season by storm, along with Alfonso Cuarón’s “Gravity” and David O’Russell’s “American Hustle.” The drama won three Golden Globes, including Best Motion Picture-Drama.

The film tells the story of Solomon Northup, a free man living in Saratoga, N.Y. Based on the memoir of the real Solomon Northup of the same title, the film follows his time as an enslaved man after he is kidnapped on a trip to Washington. The film emphasizes, in graphic detail, the violence of slavery as Northup struggles to survive his trials without losing his personal identity.

Chiwetel Ejiofor stars as Northup and is nominated for the Oscar for Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role. He is compelling in his character, leading the audience through Northup’s tragic struggles convincingly.

Providing a foil for Ejiofor’s character is Edwin Epps (Michael Fassbender), Northup’s exceedingly cruel master who buys him after he gets into trouble on the plantation of the much more sympathetic, though still incredibly troubling, Master Ford (Benedict Cumberbatch). Fassbender is nominated for the Academy Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role.

Epps personifies the cruelty of the slave institution and Northup’s escape from this man is bittersweet in his inability to remove the rest of comrades from his control.

“12 Years a Slave” is graphic in its depiction of slavery

and from the time Northup wakes up in chains in a slave bunker in Washington to the very end of the film, the audience is entirely unable to forget the inexplicable cruelties he is experiencing. Flashbacks to happier times are intercalated with scenes of physical and psychological torture and moments of respite are overlaid with the sounds of more obviously cruel scenes.

Director Steve McQueen started as a visual artist, a fact that may explain many of the graphic scenes of violence that fill the movie. Each of Northup’s struggles are emphasized with a strong visual reminder of what has happened, ranging from the physical scars of his beatings to the destruction of his violins the last tie to his life before enslavement.

These scenes stick with the audience, asking them to question “the peculiar institution” even after Northup’s story has been resolved. The signs and consequences of slavery are very visual in this movie — even in scenes where no one speaks, it is impossible for the audience to forget the horrors of enslavement.

From the beginning, Northup makes a point to differentiate between surviving and living. On the boat down to the South, while debating with two other captured men whether they should fight the crew for their freedom or keep their heads down and survive, he says “I want to live.”

Merely surviving within the institution of slavery cannot be enough. He finds his salvation in a Canadian abolitionist (Brad Pitt) and eventually makes his way back to his family. For all this, his 12-year enslavement cannot be

forgotten.

In theory, the movie has a happy ending for Northup but McQueen does not give the audience the ability to rest easy in his escape from the cruelty of Epps and the institution. The audience is asked to question the fullness of his escape, after seeing that he is forced to leave others behind and to grapple with the violence of the ordeal. After all that Northup experiences, there is no way for him to live the life he had before.

The film asks Americans to once again consider the lasting consequences of slavery. Such cruelty is not easily forgotten and McQueen offers no respite from the troubling aspects of slavery. There is no final resolution that makes what has happened all right in the end — and that is perhaps why this movie deserves all the critical acclaim it has received.

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### “12 Years a Slave”

**Director:** Steve McQueen

**Studio:** Regency Enterprises

**Starring:** Chiwetel Ejiofor, Michael Fassbender, Michael K Williams







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Scene Writer

Pasquerilla East Musical Company's (PEMCo) "Legally Blonde: The Musical" whirled and twirled onto the stage this weekend at Washington Hall.

The entire ensemble glowed pink with energy and enthusiasm from the moment the curtains opened. With cute puppies, quick costumes changes, peppy dance routines, impressive vocal talent and dedicated acting performances, "Legally Blonde" was illegally good.

"Legally Blonde," based off a novel and movie by the same title, recently became available for production by small local theatre companies and musical groups. The members of this PEMCo ensemble, therefore, were some of the first individuals to bring the show to life on a college campus.

The musical centered on Delta Nu sorority girl Elle Woods (Emily Nash) as she follows her ex-boyfriend all the way to Harvard Law School to win him back. Along the way, the audience was introduced to a delightful cast of characters with personalities as big as their talent.

The various sorority sisters of Elle's Delta Nu UCLA chapter, played by many members of the ensemble, started off the show on a great note, with a humor and harmony in "Omigod You Guys."

Nash played a delightful Elle, striking a balance between what audiences expect from a stereotypical blonde and what a smart, independent woman any blonde can be.

Her extraordinary voice is equal parts sweet and sassy, especially showcased in moments like the song "What You Want," where she goes from singing a heart-felt, powerful declaration of love to belting throughout a hip-bopping, cheerleader-esque dance routine.

Elle's two love interests, Warner (Chris Siemann) and Emmett (Brian Scully), played off of each other's energies well. While Siemann's not-so-lovable character impressed with sheer vocal ability, Scully's character won over the hearts of everyone within a two-mile radius.

That is only slightly a hyperbole.

Scully's portrayal of Emmett was spot-on and overwhelmingly endearing from the moment he walked onto the stage. The duets between Scully and Nash, including "Chip on My Shoulder," "Take it Like a Man" and "Legally Blonde," were undeniably aww-inducing.

Paulette (Katie Mullins) blew the crowd away with her spunky and beautiful rendition of "Ireland." Paulette's love of dapper Irish men was well received by the Notre Dame crowd.

Throughout the show, Mullins did an incredible job bringing the character of Paulette to life, delivering one

of the strongest acting performances of the cast.

Sincerely, all the characters that graced the stage this weekend are worth noting.

Elle's Greek Chorus, who sang to her and advised her throughout the show, reminded Elle and the audience to be "Positive" as they pranced with pep and sang with spirit.

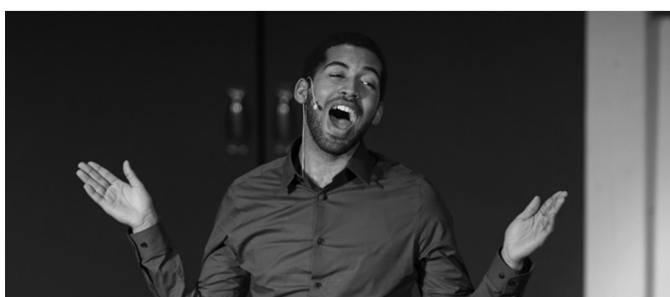
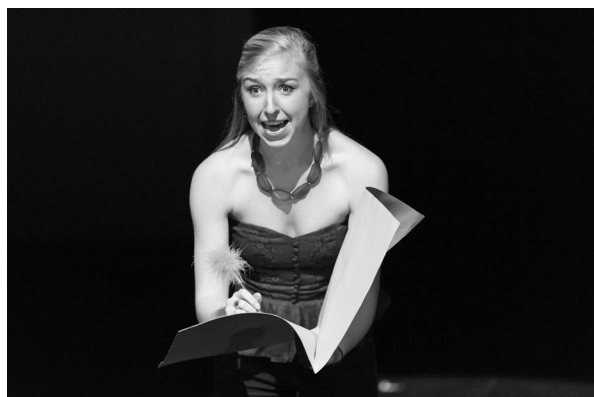
Fitness queen Brooke Wyndham (Margret Prakel) and members of the ensemble performed an intense workout regime on stage, whirling jump ropes and hopping in rhythm. Prakel did an impressive job vocally as she was obviously being "Whipped Into Shape" by her workout.

Warner's new serious Harvard girlfriend, Vivienne (Elizabeth Curtin), transitioned from wicked cruel to wicked awesome throughout the show and ended up being just as kind and beautiful at heart as her breathtaking voice.

Due to strong, impressive chorus members and outstanding leads, PEMCo's "Legally Blonde" surely will be remembered as one of the best PEMCo productions of recent years.

Sincerely heartfelt and outrageously fun, "Legally Blonde" tinkled me pink with pride for the talent here at Notre Dame.

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## SPORTS AUTHORITY

# Success goes beyond medals



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The Winter Olympics finished Sunday, and America lost.

Russia won.

Both in terms of overall medals and first-place finishes, the United States lagged behind the Russians. Those are the basic, some might say, embarrassing facts. We fell apart in speed skating, choked in hockey and generally performed below expectations.

The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) went, as one might expect, into damage-control mode, pointing to American successes in newer sports such as ski half-pipe and snowboard slope-style. But after such a strong performance at Vancouver 2010, when the United States set a record for total medals, Sochi 2014 is considered a let-down for Team USA.

Shaun White did not get his third gold medal. Lindsey Vonn did not even compete. Bode Miller took one bronze medal. In figure skating, no American took the podium in the singles competition. For the first time since 1984, no speed skater won a medal. Shani Davis called it the "worst Olympics ever."

Then again, why do we care so much about the failures?

One of the greatest aspects of the Olympics is that it transcends national boundaries through competition. Keeping track of who won how many medals is a nice way to feel national pride, but it can blind us to the achievements of other athletes from around the world, like Canadian sisters Justine, Chloe and Maxime Dufour-Lapointe, all of whom competed in the moguls. Justine and Chloe won gold and silver, while Maxime finished in 10th. Or the incredibly close women's downhill, where Tina Maze not only won Slovenia's first Winter Olympic gold medal, but also tied with Switzerland's Dominique Gislin.

Why have a medal table when all it does is take away from the whole point of the Olympic movement? Why not realize America will sometimes lose and instead pay attention to what matters

about the Olympics? There is nothing wrong with national pride or wanting to win. But the Olympics are about coming together and celebrating athletic achievement, and if we're too caught up lamenting America's poor performances, we will miss out on so much more. Yes, the U.S. hockey teams lost to Canada. But another Canadian, Alex Bilodeau won the freestyle moguls and dedicated the victory to his brother, who has cerebral palsy. And Japan's Yuzuru Hanyu won men's figure skating gold after his hometown, ravaged by the tsunami three years ago, banded together to help him, financially and emotionally.

If you prefer your inspiring stories closer to home, then what about luger Erin Hamlin, who became the first American woman to medal in Olympic history? If you were not paying close attention, Hamlin's story got buried behind tales of woe concerning Shaun White's failure to medal in the halfpipe.

All of this is not to say that everything is wonderful all of the time. The corruption and woeful preparation in the Sochi was egregious and inexcusable. We cannot afford to give Russia a free pass on this. But we also should not consider the Olympics a failure.

The Games brought out the very best athletic performances the world has to offer, and it is only getting better. Twenty-six countries won medals. Eighty-eight had athletes qualify for the Games, a new record. The United States athletes competed and it is not as if they failed their country. Team USA still won 28 medals.

Most importantly, if we have learned anything it is that when athletes break down in tears because they did not win a gold medal, the competition has been taken too far. So let's celebrate the good and not get caught up on the bad.

It may sound a little cheesy, but that does not mean it cannot happen.

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## MEN'S SWIMMING | ACC DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Dive scores put Irish in 7th

## Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame claimed seventh place in its inaugural ACC Diving Championships, earning 78 points over the three-day event held in Greensboro, N.C. The Irish swimmers will seek to advance that total in the second component of the championships next weekend.

Each day of the competition featured its own dive, with a preliminary round in the morning and a final round in the evening. No Irish divers advanced to the final round on any day in Thursday's three-meter dive, Friday's one-meter dive or Saturday's platform competition.

Of the five divers representing the Irish, freshman Joe Cuomos set the high mark of the group, earning 345.50 in the three-meter event. Cuomos scored 321.90 and 255.85 points in his one-meter and platform events, respectively.

Cuomos' debut season for the Irish featured 12 first-place

finishes in the one-meter and three-meter events. In four meets, he swept both competitions. The freshman had no such luck at the ACC Championships as his 11th-place finish in the three-meter prelims would be his personal and the team's high water mark on the weekend.

Finishing one slot above Coumos on Saturday was Irish junior Ted Wagner, who claimed 20th place in the platform event with 263.90 points. Wagner's ACC Championships also featured a 24th-place finish in the three-meter dive and 22nd place in the one-meter board competition.

Juniors Michael Kreft and Nick Nemetz also represented the Irish in the conference event. Kreft, who was last year's Most Valuable Diver in the 2013 Big East Championships, was the top Irish finisher in Friday's one-meter event with 334.55 points in the 13th position. He also earned 22nd place in the platform on Saturday with 252.60 points and 15th with 331.10. Nemetz's top

finish came in the one-meter dive, where he claimed 17th place with a score of 325.20.

Notre Dame's conference standing remained relatively stable throughout the weekend. After starting in seventh place on Thursday, the Irish advanced to the sixth-place slot Friday before returning to seventh place after Saturday's platform events. With 205 points, Virginia Tech heads into next weekend's swimming competition firmly in first place. Florida State is currently in second place with 169 points and Miami sits in third with 156 points.

Next weekend the swim team will travel to Greensboro, N.C., for the swimming championships. The points earned over the weekend at the diving championships will remain in place as each school's swim team will effectively continue the meet next weekend. On March 1, after the conclusion of the swim section, the ACC will crown its 2013-2014 swim and dive champion.

## MEN'S TENNIS | OHIO STATE 4, ND 2; ND 4, BALL STATE 0

## ND splits home matches

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No. 10 Notre Dame jumped out to an early lead by winning the doubles point over No. 1 Ohio State on Saturday afternoon before the top-ranked Buckeyes battled back to hand the Irish their first home loss of the spring campaign. In its second match on the day, Notre Dame cruised past Ball State, 4-0, without dropping a point.

The grueling 4-2 loss marked the second time in eight days the Irish nearly upset the top-ranked team in the country. Notre Dame fell to then-No. 1 Virginia, 4-2, on Feb. 14.

"Ohio State deserves all the credit," Irish coach Ryan Sachire said. "Our guys were ready and we backed them into a corner early by winning doubles, but their players and coaches did not cave. They proved why they are a great team."

The Irish doubles duos of senior Ryan Bandy and sophomore Eric Schnurrenberger as well as senior Billy Pecor and freshman Josh Hagar propelled the Irish to an early 1-0 lead heading into singles play. The third doubles pair of senior Greg Andrews and

sophomore Alex Lawson dropped its match to the No. 2 doubles team in the country of senior Peter Kobelt and redshirt junior Kevin Metka representing the Buckeyes.

Notre Dame continued its winning ways in its first singles match as Bandy claimed a quick pair of 6-3 victories, giving his team a 2-0 lead. Bandy's victory would be Notre Dame's last as Ohio State claimed the next four singles victories to win the day. Irish sophomore Quentin Monaghan, Andrews, Schnurrenberger and freshman Eddy Covalschi dropped their respective matches, two of which occurred in tiebreakers. Hagar's match in the final singles spot went unfinished as the Buckeyes had already clinched victory.

"Our guys wanted it big time," Sachire said. "Almost too much. We made a lot of uncharacteristic errors down the stretch that ultimately cost us the win. To be an elite team, you have to be able to trust yourself in those situations."

The Irish did not allow the missed opportunity of knocking off a top-ranked team affect their later performance against Ball State (4-3). Lawson, Monaghan,

Andrews, Hagar and junior Wyatt McCoy all took home singles victories for the Irish.

"Our approach is the same whether we are playing the top-ranked team or an unranked team," Sachire said. "One thing we emphasize as a program is that the process is the same whether we play Ohio State or Ball State. You have to bring energy and consistency to win any match."

After narrowly falling to defending national champion Virginia (6-1, 1-0) last weekend at the ITA National Indoors, the Irish hoped that a home victory in front of nearly 500 fans and covered by ESPN would serve as a benchmark for the program.

"We put ourselves in a position these last two weeks to beat two elite programs," Sachire said. "For us to make that jump as a team we need to take advantage of those opportunities. One thing we try and emphasize as a program is consistency."

Again at its home Eck Tennis Pavilion, Notre Dame is back in action Friday against Virginia Tech.

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## BASEBALL | IRISH BASEBALL CLASSIC

# Notre Dame wins two at Irish Baseball Classic

By VICKY JACOBSEN  
Sports Writer

The Irish won games against Gonzaga and Incarnate Word in San Antonio on Friday and Saturday, but on Sunday they concluded the Irish Baseball Classic the same way they opened it on Thursday: with a one-run loss to Santa Clara.

"Overall I thought our level of play was much improved over Florida Atlantic," Irish coach Mik Aoki said, referring to the team that took two of three from Notre Dame the previous weekend. "We had couple of tough losses against Santa Clara, but overall we played well."

After a 2-1 loss to Santa Clara (5-4) on Thursday, the Irish (3-4) bounced back with a 3-2 win against Gonzaga (2-6) on Friday. Irish junior pitcher and Kansas

State transfer Robert Youngdahl took the mound for his first start as a member of the Irish, and though he struggled to find the strike zone, at times he was aided by his defense, who turned three double plays in the first four innings. It was a welcome sight after the team accumulated 10 errors during their three-game series against Florida Atlantic.

"I think the way we played in games two and three against Florida Atlantic were really an aberration," Aoki said. "To kick the ball around the way that we did last weekend was out of the norm. It wasn't who we are. We got back to playing much more like who we actually are. I think we're a pretty solid defensive club, and I think we played that way this weekend. We didn't reinvent the wheel, we just got back to laying to our capabilities."

Youngdahl exited the game in the sixth inning without giving up any runs and stranded 11 Bulldogs runners. The Irish put their first run on the board in the second inning when sophomore center fielder Kyle Richardson and senior catcher Forrest Johnson hit consecutive doubles. Notre Dame manufactured two more in the eighth, scoring freshman second baseman Cavan Biggio on a bloop single from Richardson and Youngdahl on an error that allowed Johnson to reach base. Though sophomore pitcher Michael Hearne and junior pitcher Cristian Torres each allowed a run in the top of the ninth, the Irish escaped with the win.

On Saturday, Irish senior pitcher Sean Fitzgerald allowed two runs on four hits in seven and two-thirds innings of work, setting the Irish up for an 8-2 win over



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*Irish senior pitcher Sean Fitzgerald winds up in a game against Quinnipiac on April 21. Fitzgerald earned a win Saturday against Incarnate Word.*

Incarnate Word (2-5).

Notre Dame scored three runs in the first inning as Incarnate Word committed two errors, and the Irish added runs in the fifth

and sixth innings before tackling on three insurance runs in the seventh. The Cardinals committed four errors in the game. In the sixth, junior designated hitter Blaise Lezynski got on base via throwing error, advanced to second on a wild pitch and later scored from third on another throwing error. Youngdahl, sophomore left fielder Zak Kutsulis and Biggio all had multi-hit games. Biggio has reached base in all seven games played so far, and has recorded a hit in six.

"Cavan was a pretty high-profile recruit," Aoki said. "To see him playing the way that he has doesn't really come as a surprise. I think how under-control he is and the way in which he plays ... the world just kind of slows down for him. And I think that is really unusual for a freshman. No matter how highly-touted you are, there's a time when the game starts to move quickly in your mind, and he's never looked like he's coming out of his approach in this league. Defensively, I think he plays very steadily. He's just really good, and certainly it's great to see."

But after two days of promising play, the Irish again fell to Santa Clara on Sunday afternoon, 8-7.

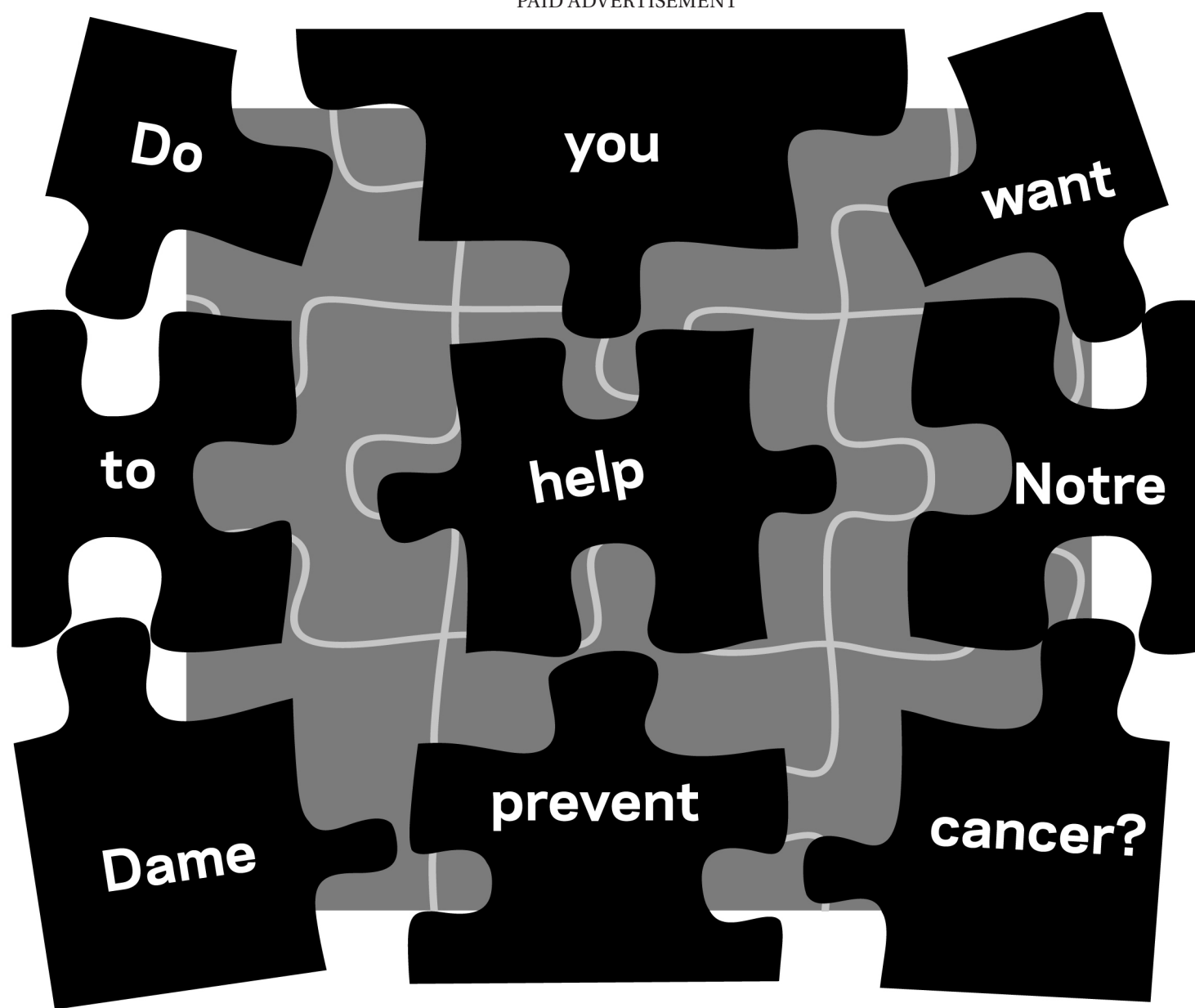
The Irish took a three-run lead in the first and added another in the top of the second, but in the bottom of the inning the Broncos closed the deficit with four runs of their own. Both teams added a run in the fourth inning, and Santa Clara took a one-run lead in the fifth. When the Irish tied it up in the sixth, the Broncos responded by adding two more of their own. The Irish added a final run in the seventh but could not pull even. Kutsulis had four hits, three of them doubles, and Richardson went 3-for-5, while freshman third baseman Kyle Fiala scored twice. Notre Dame used six pitchers for eight innings of work.

"Today was a little bit of a back-and-forth affair," Aoki said. "It was a good college baseball game to be a part of."

The Irish will return south for the USA Baseball-Irish Classic in Cary N.C., next weekend. They will face UCLA in the first of four games at the USA baseball complex beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

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MEN'S LACROSSE | PENN STATE 8, ND 7

# Notre Dame falls to Penn State in top-15 matchup

By **BRIAN PLAMONDON**  
Sports Writer

Fueled by senior attackman Shane Sturgis' five goals, No. 12 Penn State held on to beat No. 4 Notre Dame, 8-7, on Saturday at Arlotta Stadium, as the Nittany Lions earned their 13th consecutive road victory.

Notre Dame (1-1) fell behind 7-3 before its comeback attempt fell short. The Irish, who never led in the game, were paced by sophomore attackman Matt Kavanagh who had three goals and two assists. Kavanagh, however, turned the ball over with less than a minute left and with the Irish on the man-up.

"We knew they were going to pressure him because he was the critical guy on the play before, but Matt just didn't handle the pressure," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said.

Penn State (2-1) dominated time of possession early in the game, jumping out to a 2-0 lead with goals from senior midfielder Tom LaCrosse and Sturgis.

Notre Dame was able to answer with senior attackman Ryan Mix netting his first goal of the season, cutting the deficit in half. The Irish, however, were rarely able to put consistent pressure on Penn State's All-American goalie, senior Austin Kaut. Despite seven goals on 29 shots, Corrigan said he was not pleased with the way his offense performed.

"If you take poor shots on an excellent goalie, that's going to be the result," Corrigan said. "Give him a lot of credit, but I don't think we tested him the way we're capable of."

The Irish and Nittany Lions traded goals in the second quarter, with Penn State attackman TJ Sanders' goal sandwiched around strikes by Notre Dame senior attackman John Scioscia and Kavanagh. The Nittany Lions were able to open things up before half-time thanks to Sturgis, who scored two goals in a span of 40 seconds to give Penn State a 5-3 at the break.

This was the beginning of a 4-0 run for the Nittany Lions that saw Sturgis and Sanders both add to their goal totals.

"You gotta be aware of [Sturgis] both with or without the ball," Penn State coach Jeff Tambroni said. "He seemed to have tremendous poise and confidence coming down the stretch."

The Irish finished the game with a run of their own, scoring four of the games' last five goals. This included three goals in less than two minutes, with Kavanagh netting one along with junior attackman



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*Irish sophomore attackman Matt Kavanagh carries the ball during Notre Dame's 8-7 loss to Penn State in Arlotta Stadium on Saturday.*

Conor Doyle and senior attackman Westy Hopkins.

After Sturgis' fifth and final goal at the 5:06 mark of the third quarter, things quieted down for both sides as each squad's goalie played well down the stretch. The final tally of the game was Kavanagh's, cutting Penn State's lead to 8-7 with 7:25 to go.

This all led to the final sequence, where Kavanagh sent an errant pass out of bounds. The Irish were never able to regain possession.

"We didn't play well," Corrigan said. "We didn't handle the ball well. We gave the ball away on clears."

Although a disheartening home loss for the Irish, Penn State was able to grab a key resume-building win.

"There are so many teams that can put themselves in position to play at the end of the year and these kinds of games are, hopefully, the ones that are looked upon in May as an opportunity to keep playing," Tambroni said.

Notre Dame, meanwhile, will have to refocus its efforts as its next six opponents are ranked.

The Irish travel to Chapel Hill, N.C., to play No. 3 North Carolina on Saturday.

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE | ND 8, STONY BROOK 7

# Irish withstand late push in home victory

By CHRISTINA KOCHANSKI  
Sports Writer

The No. 15 Irish rebounded from their first loss last week with an 8-7 victory over No. 12 Stony Brook at the Loftus Sports Center on Saturday night.

The matchup came down to the last two minutes after Stony Brook (2-1) reeled off three straight goals to cut its deficit to 8-7. But Seawolves senior attacker Alyssa Cardillo's tally with 1:41 remaining in the second half was as close as Stony Brook would get down the stretch.

Freshman attacker Cortney Fortunato controlled the ensuing draw to seal the win for the Irish (2-1).

"We just needed to keep

possession and make sure that we secured the ball and the win," Fortunato said. "We didn't turn it over until [there were] a couple seconds left, and then that wasn't enough time for them to get down there."

Fortunato scored her fourth goal of the evening nearly 10 minutes into the second half to lift Notre Dame to an 8-4 lead. The Seawolves' defense held off the Irish attack for the rest of the half, with help from senior goalie Frankie Caridi. Caridi earned a shutout in the Seawolves' previous matchup against Monmouth and held a 0.51 goals-against average entering Saturday's game.

Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said Stony Brook plays a unique style of defense the Irish have never

encountered. Saturday's tilt was the first meeting between the Irish and the Seawolves.

"Their 2-3-2 zone was totally different than what anybody's doing," Halfpenny said. "I think it's a huge key to their success so we had to prepare for that a couple of days before. ... Not only did [our offense] prepare for it, but to watch their poise and their composure in it, all of the credit goes to them."

Halfpenny also said Notre Dame's offensive scout team was crucial in preparing for the Seawolves' offense.

"Our scout offense got us so ready for what [junior midfielder Michelle Rubino] was going to do and how we should shut her down and what their crease game was going to do," Halfpenny said.



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**Irish freshman attacker Cortney Fortunato, 15, carries the ball during Notre Dame's 25-1 home win over Cincinnati on Feb. 12.**

The Irish led the Seawolves the entire game and

entered halftime with a 6-2 lead. Fortunato opened up the scoring with two consecutive goals in the first seven minutes. Sophomore attacker Rachel Sexton, junior midfielder Caitlin Gargan and sophomore midfielder Stephanie Toy also scored before Fortunato rounded out the half with her third goal of the game.

Sexton extended Notre Dame's lead 45 seconds into the second half when Fortunato stole the ball in the Seawolves' defensive zone and passed it off to Sexton, who rifled the ball past Caridi.

The half also featured a crucial save with five minutes left in the game by Irish junior goalie Allie Murray. Stony Brook freshman midfielder Dorrien Van Dyke rushed Murray in a one-on-one situation, and Murray came up with the save to prevent the Seawolves from closing in on Notre Dame's two-goal lead. Van Dyke led the Seawolves with three goals.

Halfpenny said the team's performance during the gritty last few minutes of the game showed the players' growth and strength.

"I saw some of the younger kids grow up," Halfpenny said. "I saw how they would handle adversity and how they would respond to the game plan and be flexible."

The Irish will take on No. 1 North Carolina on Thursday in their first road game of the season. The game will be televised on ESPN3, which creates its own challenges for the Irish, Halfpenny said.

Halfpenny said Saturday's game, which had five timeouts, helped prepare Notre Dame for the stoppages that accompany a televised game.

"I think we're prepped now for the ESPN3 game down in North Carolina, with all of the stops that we will see," Halfpenny said.

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who contributed four points, combined to shoot 10-for-31. As a whole, the Irish made 21 of their 54 field-goal tries (38.9 percent) and were just 2-for-7 from the free-throw line. Virginia (22-5, 14-1), meanwhile, hit 28 of its 44 shots (63.6 percent). Cavaliers senior forward Akil Mitchell and redshirt sophomore Anthony Gill led the Cavaliers with 15 points apiece. Mitchell hit all seven of his field-goal attempts while Gill shot 5-for-6 in the game.

“Virginia might be the best team right now talent-wise,” Brey said. “They are very physical. They are really good at guarding you and they dictate the tempo of the game. I think they are a really confident group. Their team knows who they are on both ends of the court.”

After jumping out to an early 7-5 lead to start the game, Notre Dame endured a scoreless streak that spanned more than six minutes and ended with a Steve Vasturia 3-pointer with 10:40 remaining in the opening period. Virginia outscored the visitors 14-0 during the stretch to open up a 19-7 advantage.

Notre Dame found its way back into the contest, though. Down 11 with less than five minutes to play, the Irish hit three 3-pointers while finishing

the half on a 15-4 run to enter the break even with Virginia at 30-30. Connaughton led the visitors with eight points in the period, and all nine players who entered the game for the Irish had at least one field goal.

The Irish grabbed an early lead in the second half and entered the game’s final 11 minutes tied with the Cavaliers at 43-43. But from there, Virginia outscored the visitors 27-6 to hand Notre Dame its worst loss of the season. Virginia beat the Irish 68-53 on Jan. 28, which now stands as Notre Dame’s second-largest defeat.

“We can’t dwell on it much and we are who we are right now,” Brey said. “We have two games at home and we will take it from there. I’m really proud of our three freshmen and I want to keep encouraging them. We missed a lot of stuff around the bucket that was very deflating. We missed a lot of shots. We tried to get our big guys to roll off of those shots, but it wasn’t working.

“We have to get back and figure out a little more about who we are before we go to Greensboro [for the ACC tournament on March 12].”

Having concluded their three-game road swing, Notre Dame returns home for a two-game homestand starting with Georgia Tech on Wednesday.

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## Hockey

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period when senior defenseman Stephen Johns tallied his fifth goal of the season after carrying the puck into the zone and firing from the right faceoff circle.

“I just throw the puck on the net and sometimes it goes in,” Johns said. “Obviously we’ve kind of struggled in the second half scoring goals and I’m trying to do what I can to help.”

The Irish defensive unit was able to hold the Terriers to just 19 shots on goal Friday and Summerhays stopped them all to pick up his Division I-leading seventh shutout of the campaign.

Notre Dame had to wait a little longer than expected to hit the ice for its penultimate regular-season game Saturday as a combination of Senior Night festivities and a light malfunction delayed the game’s start by more than 30 minutes.

Unlike the lights, the Irish started brightly but could not get past Terriers sophomore goaltender Sean Maguire until the start third period when senior forward Jeff Costello buried a one-timer for his 11th goal of the season to give Notre Dame a 1-0 lead all of 19 seconds into the final frame.

“We’re having success now because we’re keeping things simple and getting back to our game,” Costello said.

It was an early trip to the showers for Johns on Senior Night as he took a five-minute major and



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**Irish senior goaltender Steven Summerhays (No. 1, above) sings the Alma Mater after Notre Dame’s 2-0 shutout win against Boston University on Saturday.**

game misconduct for hitting from behind 7:15 into the third period. However, the Irish penalty-kill unit buckled down and kept the Terriers from scoring a goal on what ultimately amounted to a 6:55-long power play.

Notre Dame was then able to put the game on ice when Wuthrich netted his second goal of the weekend, beating Maguire top-shelf and banking the puck in off the crossbar with 2:31 to play. Summerhays — who ran his shutout streak to more than 190 minutes Saturday — could have racked up a 14th career shutout but instead yielded the goal to senior

third-string goaltender Joe Rogers for the final 51.1 seconds of Senior Night.

“Once we scored that second goal, I wanted to give [Rogers] a chance so I just kind of skated over to [Jackson] and said I wanted Joe to finish the game,” Summerhays said.

Notre Dame is now 4-0-1 in its last five games and currently sits in line for the final NCAA tournament berth before the regular season wraps up Saturday when it visits No. 1 Boston College at 4 p.m.

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**Irish sophomore guard Jewell Loyd sets up for a jump shot while guarded by Duke sophomore guard Alexis Jones on Sunday.**

## W Bball

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room before the game. ... For a while there, we were so tense, in that stretch that we had, and we just came out, having fun, playing with each other and for each other.”

However, the Blue Devils began to crawl back and made three field goals on three straight trips to pull within 11 and set a competitive tone that would last for the rest of the matchup.

Duke hit shots more consistently from that point on to keep its deficit to between 11 and 20 points as the half progressed. It rattled off six points in the final seven seconds before the break, including senior guard/forward Richa Jackson’s near-half-court shot as time expired in the half to cut Notre Dame’s lead to 46-32.

“It was incredibly frustrating because we were making so many

mental mistakes, in particular the last play of the half — just mental breakdowns,” McGraw said. “They got the momentum, and we probably thought about the end of the half a little too much and carried it over into the second half.”

The Blue Devils outscored the Irish, 27-20, through the first 12:30 of the second frame behind Duke junior center/forward Elizabeth Williams, who finished with a team-high 20 points. They whittled Notre Dame’s lead down to seven points at the 7:37 mark after freshman forward/center Kendall McCravey-Cooper hit a jumper to bring the score to 66-59.

After that, however, the Irish took over as they did in the first half, hitting shots from the paint, the free-throw line and behind the arc. McBride nailed a 3-point shot with 2:31 left in the game that brought lead back up to 18.

“The 3 she hit ... was the game-winner,” McGraw said.

Sophomore guard Jewell Loyd, who contributed 21 points, said McBride’s efficiency Sunday — the senior was 13-of-25 from the floor — came as no surprise to the rest of the team.

“We see that all week in practice — she’s money,” Loyd said. “Every time she shoots it, that thing is going in.”

McBride and Irish senior forward Natalie Achonwa pulled down seven rebounds apiece. Achonwa scored 15 points, 13 in the first half.

The Irish also held senior guard Tricia Liston, whose 18.4 points per game led Duke, to nine points on 3-for-8 shooting.

“[We were] trying to hold her to single digits, and we were able to accomplish that,” McGraw said.

Notre Dame’s fifth win this season over a top-10 opponent helped it clinch a regular-season conference title for the third consecutive year. The Irish won the Big East titles in 2012 and 2013, and now in their first year in the ACC have earned a double-bye in the conference tournament, which begins March 5 in Greensboro, N.C.

“It’s good for us to have a trophy now, to know that we accomplished something so far,” McGraw said. “To come in as our first year in the league and to win it is really gratifying.”

The Irish next take on North Carolina on Thursday in their final home game of the season at Purcell Pavilion, with tip-off slated for 7 p.m.

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## W Swim

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freshman Catherine Mulquin, senior Kate Ryan and junior Courtney Whyte took third and second place in the 200-yard medly relay and 400-yard medley relay, respectively.

“We showed up in a big way in the medley relays and I think we took a lot of people off guard,” Reaney said. “We definitely want to work our way up those standings in the years to come.”

With Reaney leading the way, the Irish had strong individual performances throughout the championships that helped them accumulate 802 points during the week to earn their sixth place finish out of 12 teams. Virginia secured the top spot with 1,433 points, North Carolina took second with 1,205 and Florida State rounded out the top three with 972.

“I think we held our own pretty well,” Reaney said. “I’d say it was a pretty solid start for our first year in the conference.”

All 20 Notre Dame swimmers either competed in finals or scored points as the Irish continued to break individual record times. Six school records were set and six individual swimmers paved their way to the NCAA Championships. Reaney, Ryan, Mulquin, Whyte, junior Suzanne Bessire and freshman Katie Miller

automatically qualified for the NCAA. However, a few other Irish swimmers wait until next week to hear the official word on their NCAA qualifications.

Though the Irish did not win the championship title, they remained consistent and competitive throughout the week.

“Our team’s biggest strength [this week] was definitely how close-knit we are,” Reaney said. “We were genuinely invested in every single swim, and it is so incredibly helpful to know that your whole team is behind you supporting you when you step up to the blocks.”

With that sense of team unity and support, the Irish will return to the training pool. Reaney may be an American record holder, but even she cannot get too ahead of herself with the NCAA Championships quickly approaching.

“We just go right back into training [from here],” Reaney said. “We have about three weeks until NAAs so we’ll go back to regular training for about half of that, and then rest again until the meet.

“It’s such an exciting time of the season, and I can’t wait to get going.”

The Irish move onto the NCAA Championships, which begin on March 20 in Minneapolis, Minn., at University Aquatic Center.

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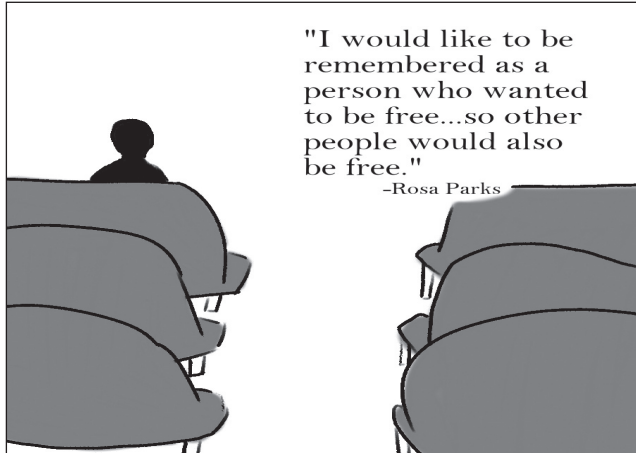
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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY’S PUZZLE 2/25/13

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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](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

HOROSCOPE | EUGENIA LAST

**Happy Birthday:** You’ve got more going for you than you realize. Don’t look back when what’s ahead is so much more appealing. Jump into action quickly and deal with anything that has been dragging you down so you can achieve new goals and improve your future. Don’t limit what you can do when all that’s required is some initiative on your part. Your numbers are 2, 14, 18, 25, 31, 38, 46.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Find solutions, but don’t implement your plans just yet. Bide your time and only use the alternative you have come up with if necessary. Keeping the peace will enable you to manipulate your position strategically when the time is right. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Being accommodating will lead to further requests. Don’t let anyone take advantage of you. Compliments are nice, but make sure you are being reimbursed properly for the contributions you make. Focus on personal improvement, not on helping others. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Intellect mixed with enthusiasm will bring you closer to your long-term goals. Someone from your past might be sending you mixed signals. Don’t get sucked in to an uncertain situation. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Look for the new and exciting. Try something different and visit people and places that offer mental stimulation and the chance to grow spiritually, emotionally and intellectually. Include someone you love in your journey and it will improve your relationship. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** A change will do you good. A different point of view or way of doing things will motivate you to make changes at home or within your social group. Make a subtle change to your appearance and you’ll boost your confidence. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Get your house in order. Expect someone to complain if you haven’t lived up to a promise that you made. Plan to do something special that will help smooth things over. Adding to your entertainment at home will win points. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Use incentives to get others to pitch in. Emotional manipulation and shouting will lead to a bigger problem and possible isolation. Use brains over brawn and you will find a way to get things done and have time for pleasure. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** What you do for others will pay off. Consider ways to brighten your home or turn it into a gathering place for innovative people. Make plans to spend time with the ones you love or do whatever you can to spice up your life. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You’ll give the wrong impression if you let your emotions take over. Don’t exaggerate about what you have or can contribute. You will be held accountable and must proceed with caution when asked to make a commitment. ★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Observe what everyone else does or says. Gather information, but refrain from letting anyone know where you stand. There will be far too many variables and changes that can lead to a tight spot if you are too quick to divulge your position. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Reevaluate what you have to offer and you’ll find an innovative way to generate more cash. Work on what you enjoy doing most. Don’t be afraid to do things differently. Positive change is within your reach. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** A change of attitude is likely to develop due to a situation that affects your reputation or position. Damage control can be helpful, but it must be done with precision, truth and conviction. A partnership can cost you if you are gullible or too accommodating. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are bold, courageous and innovative. You are free-spirited and engaging.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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

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A: “○ ○ ○ ○ ○” ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday’s

Jumbles: BLUNT YIELD IGUANA EXHALE

Answer: His ability to say “adios” and “au revoir” made him this — “BYE”-LINGUAL

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 81, DUKE 70

# Notre Dame clinches ACC regular-season title

By MARY GREEN  
Sports Writer

In a conference stacked with talent from top to bottom, Kayla McBride earned her coach's distinction as the best player in the ACC with a dominant performance Sunday.

The senior guard scored a career-high 31 points to lead No. 2 Notre Dame to an 81-70 win over No. 7 Duke and the outright ACC regular-season title.

"I thought Kayla McBride was just outstanding again today," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "She's had a phenomenal year, but [had] 31 points [today]. She was just amazing—really unstoppable."

The entire Irish team looked unstoppable to open the game, firing from all spots on the floor to begin with a 20-2 run off five layups, three jumpers and three free throws in front of a sold-out



ISABELLA BIANCO | The Observer

*Irish senior guard Kayla McBride drives to the hoop against Duke on Sunday. McBride had a career-high 31 points in the 81-70 Irish win.*

Purcell Pavilion.

Notre Dame (27-0, 14-0 ACC) was equally effective on the other side of the court, holding Duke (24-4, 11-3 ACC) scoreless in the game's first four minutes and limiting it to

just two points through the next four minutes.

"We had a lot of energy," McBride said. "You could feel it in the locker

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | VIRGINIA 70, ND 49

# Late Cavaliers run dooms ND

By JOSEPH MONARDO  
Associate Sports Editor

What was for most of the night a gritty performance from the Irish turned into a debacle in the final minutes and the most recent chapter in what has been a disappointing season for Notre Dame.

Tied with the Irish with just more than 11 minutes to play, host Virginia embarked on a 25-point run to close out a dominant 70-49 victory and secure its spot atop the ACC on Saturday at the John Paul Jones Arena.

"That is an example of how fragile a game can be," Irish coach Mike Brey told reporters afterward. "For 30 minutes, I really liked what we were doing. Virginia is really good. They are really, really good. I think they are the best team in the league

and they put it on us twice. ... The whole team is so explosive."

Notre Dame (14-14, 5-10 ACC) went scoreless from the 11:25 mark of the second half to 2:32 remaining, when freshman guard Demetrius Jackson converted a tough finish at the basket. The Irish missed 10 straight field-goal attempts and failed to convert the front end of a pair of one-and-one opportunities during the stretch.

"It was tough to match up against them," Irish sophomore forward Zach Augustine said. "We didn't take care of our business like men."

Irish junior forward Pat Connaughton led the Irish with 11 points and senior center Garrick Sherman scored eight. But Connaughton, Sherman and senior guard Eric Atkins,

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING | ACC CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Reaney sets American record

By KIT LOUGHRAN  
Sports Writer

The Irish made quite the splash — and some significant history — with a 6th-place finish at their first ACC Championships appearance in Greensboro, N.C.

Virginia captured its seventh-straight ACC title, but Irish junior Emma Reaney stood out from the pack and made national news by setting the American record in the 200-yard breaststroke Saturday night with her first-place finish. She swam an the event in 2:04.34 to break Texas A&M senior and 2012 Olympic Gold Medalist Breeja Larson's record by .14 seconds.

"It's all pretty surreal right now," Reaney said. "I can barely finish basic human functions right now, let alone comprehend what happened this weekend, but I honestly couldn't be happier."

"To have all of my hard work

pay off like this is the most rewarding feeling I've ever experienced."

Reaney not only set a national record this weekend, but she also earned distinction as the Most Valuable Female Swimmer of the event. Reaney set four additional school records this week in the 100-yard breaststroke (58.46), 200-yard individual medley (1:54.92), 200-yard medley relay (1:37.61) and 400-yard medley relay (3:33.93). Her 200-yard breaststroke, 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard individual medley times set not only school records, but also set ACC, ACC meet and ACC Championships record times.

Reaney's times in the 100-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard individual medley earned her two more first-place finishes to go along with the result in the 200-yard breaststroke. She and her relay team of

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HOCKEY | ND 2, BOSTON UNIVERSITY 0; ND 2, BOSTON UNIVERSITY 0

# Irish sweep Terriers to close out home season

By ALEX CARSON  
Sports Writer

It was a weekend full of superlatives at Compton Family Ice Arena as No. 15 Notre Dame defeated Boston University 2-0, on consecutive nights to earn its first sweep as a member of Hockey East.

The Irish (19-12-2, 8-9-2 Hockey East) have now recorded three straight shutouts (dating back to a 3-0 victory at Providence on Feb. 15) for the first time in program history and on Friday, senior goaltender Steven Summerhays set the program record with his 13th career shutout.

"[Setting the program record] is crazy," Summerhays said. "I think I had two shutouts in juniors. I think it's more of a team defensive stat but it's nice to get zeroes."

The weekend marked the first time the Terriers (8-20-4, 3-12-3) had been shutout in consecutive games since shutout losses to Yale and Princeton the week after the attacks on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

Notre Dame got off to a quick



MICHAEL YU | The Observer

*Irish senior left wing Jeff Costello skates ahead in Notre Dame's 2-1 loss to Maine on Feb. 2. The captain scored a goal against BU on Saturday.*

start Friday night when junior winger Austin Wuthrich tallied his fifth goal of the season just before the midway point of the first period.

"[Wuthrich] has been playing pretty good over the last few weeks," Irish coach Jeff Jackson

said. "He's been shifted around from line to line ... but [the fourth line] was really important to our game."

The Irish then doubled their lead just 19 seconds into the second

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## WEEKEND SCOREBOARD

Hockey vs. Boston University	W 2-0	Men's Lacrosse vs. Penn State	L 8-7
Baseball vs. Gonzaga	W 3-2	Women's Lacrosse vs. Stony Brook	W 8-7
Softball vs. UC Davis	W 12-11	Men's Tennis vs. Ball State	W 4-0
Women's Tennis vs. Georgia Tech	L 4-3	Women's Basketball vs. Duke	W 81-70
Men's Basketball vs. Virginia	L 70-49	Baseball vs. Santa Clara	L 8-7

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Swimming — ACC Championships	Wed.-Sat.
Men's Basketball vs. Georgia Tech	Wed., 7 p.m.
Women's Basketball vs. North Carolina	Thurs., 7 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. North Carolina	Thurs., 7 p.m.
Baseball vs. UCLA	Fri., 6:30 p.m.