

Notre Dame expands Asian studies courses

Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies to offer summer program in India, on-campus seminar

By **CATHERINE OWERS**
News Writer

The creation of a 2014 summer studies program in India and the on-campus Asian Studies Seminar on China this semester will provide Notre Dame students with the opportunity to further investigate their interest in Asia.

According to Inez Suhardjo, director of undergraduate studies at the Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies, the summer India studies program comes in the wake of Fr. Jenkins' recent travels to Asia and the announcement of the University's

partnerships with various Asian universities.

"We wanted to keep up with the momentum of India being important on campus," she said.

The summer India studies program will allow students to spend two weeks at the St. Xavier's College in Mumbai while earning three Asian Studies credits, Suhardjo said.

"It's a specially designed program with nine different modules, anything from popular culture, to traditional Indian art, to history," she

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SUMMER INDIA STUDIES PROGRAM

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- One credit

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DSLCC workshops address intersectionality, diversity

By **REBECCA O'NEIL**
News Writer

The ninth annual Diverse Students' Leadership Conference (DSLCC), "Rethinking Leadership and Diversity," took place on the Saint Mary's campus Tuesday and Wednesday. The 16 workshops spread out over two days made it the largest event of the year hosted by the Student Diversity Board (SDB) and the largest student-led conference

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CAROLINE GENCO | The Observer

Kevin Powell delivered DSLCC's closing speech in Carroll Auditorium on Wednesday. The activist is the president and co-founder of BK Nation.

Saint Mary's professor earns service recognition

By **ALAINA ANDERSON**
News Writer

Saint Mary's College announced that the Indiana Campus Compact awarded assistant professor of communication studies Terri Russ the 2014 Brian Douglas Hiltunen Faculty Award for Scholarship of Engagement.

Russ, one of four recipients of the award, encourages experiential learning by creating opportunities for students in her Public Communications class to interact with adults and children of the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

She said the classroom is important for learning things like theory, but

going outside the classroom is also very beneficial.

"We need to find ways to expand theory and put it into practice, so by breaking down the classroom walls and taking the classroom out to the public, we get to do that, and I believe it has more real world

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Kroc Institute honors peace studies students

By **WEI LIN**
News Writer

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies recently announced seniors Alex Coccia and Ilse Zenteno as recipients of the 2014 Yarrow Award for their accomplishments in academics and in the field of peace studies.

Ernesto Verdeja, Chair of the Yarrow Award Committee and director of undergraduate studies at the Kroc Institute, said winners are selected by the committee, which is comprised of faculty members who have worked closely with the senior peace studies majors.

"We consistently get some of the most exceptional students of the University in the peace studies program," he said. "So it is often very difficult to select a [recipient] because of the quality of the accomplishments they have."

Recipients of the award

are selected based on their academic accomplishments and ability to combine and apply their scholarly knowledge with an awareness of how the world works outside of the

Ilse Zenteno
2014 Yarrow Award recipient



classroom.

"One thing that is important is to highlight the significant successes that the students have who have done work in the community or have accomplished work outside of the community and around the world," Verdeja said. "These two students, in particular, are remarkable examples of what we strive for in the Kroc Institute,

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Matthew Hickey

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“60 rain; spring is hopefully coming.”



Daisy Costello

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“60 rain; I'm tired of the snow and I like the rain.”



Kate Zenker

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“30 snow; the cold never bothered me anyway.”



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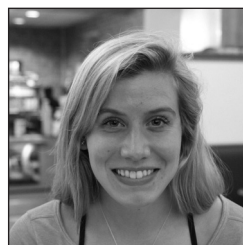
“30 snow because rain makes everything smell.”



Hayley Evans

senior
Ryan Hall

“60 rain; make it rain!”



Kaileen Healy

junior
Welsh Family Hall

“30 snow because I hate the rain.”



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Freshman Erich Jegier is sold for \$50 during the Notre Dame Gentlemen Auction in the LaFortune Ballroom on Wednesday night. The event benefitted the Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation, an organization dedicated to fighting childhood cancer.

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Thursday

Softball

Melissa Cook Stadium
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
The Irish take on the Northwestern Wildcats.

The Pervert's Guide to Ideology

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Nanovic Film Series.

Friday

Soup and Substance

Geddes Hall
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Examining African education. Sponsored by Building Tomorrow.

Relay for Life

Compton Family Ice Arena
6 p.m.
\$10 registration, ends Saturday.

Saturday

Holy Half Marathon

Campus-wide
9 p.m. - 12 p.m.
Packet pickup Friday, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. in Sorin Room, SUB office.

Women's Basketball

Purcell Pavilion
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
NCAA regional semifinals vs. Oklahoma State.

Sunday

Shamrock Challenge

Rockne Memorial
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Fitness contest to benefit the Special Olympics.

Men's Tennis

Eck Tennis Pavilion
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
The Irish take on the North Carolina Tar Heels.

Monday

“Porn: Both Sides of the Screen”

Hesburgh Library
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Panel discussion on effects of pornography.

Women's Basketball

Purcell Pavilion
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Notre Dame hosts NCAA Regional Finals.

SENATE

Senate amends constitution with inclusion clause

By MARGARET HYNDS
News Writer

The 2013-14 class of senators met for their last student Senate meeting Wednesday night, during which they discussed the nondiscrimination clause within the student Constitution for nearly an hour and 15 minutes and passed two new resolutions.

The debate concerning the nondiscrimination clause involved two major opposing views. One group, spearheaded largely by Judicial Council president and senior Michael Masi, pushed for a broad statement that would refrain from naming

specific groups protected from discrimination.

In Masi's proposed alternative, the clause would acknowledge "the beauty and uniqueness of all God's children, and therefore prohibits any discrimination within the Student Union."

Other senators supported altering the originally proposed amendment with a revision put forward by seniors Alex Coccia, student body president, and Juan Rangel, chief of staff.

Coccia and Rangel's proposed amendment stated, "This Constitution recognizes the God-granted dignity of all persons and their

right to respect, justice and a welcoming environment, regardless of race, color, ethnicity, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability or disability, religion, socioeconomic status, documentation status and nationality. This Constitution forbids any acts of harmful and unjust discrimination within the Student Union."

Senior class president Carolina Wilson said many

undocumented students.

"One of the reasons it was important for me to include documentation status in our nondiscrimination clause is because I've had a lot of conversations with undocumented students who have applied to Notre Dame, and quite a few have been accepted as part of our incoming class," Rangel said. "But they have a fear that we are not an undocumented-friendly school."

"I feel that if we don't include them in our nondiscrimination clause, it will only hint that they are not a part of our student body yet, and it think to them it will be very meaningful."

After a contentious debate, the resolution proposing amendment written by Coccia and Rangel passed.

Sophomore senators Phil Krebs of Zahm House, Kyle McCaffery of O'Neill Hall and Rohan Andresen of Siegfried Hall presented a resolution "supporting enhanced communication among residence halls, residents and University administration."

Their proposed resolution addressed recent conflicts between students and the Office of Housing, particularly surrounding the transition of Zahm House's five-man common rooms to common space.

The Senate passed the resolution, which McCaffery stressed does not seek a reversal of the Office of Housing's decision regarding the Zahm common rooms.

Instead, the resolution requests that the Office of Housing "consult more closely those residential communities in which the administration is considering making changes in order to promote a greater understanding between the students and the administration." It further requests that the "administration consider how to communicate changes in a more timely manner so that affected students can prepare appropriately."

"We all know how foundational the living experience is at Notre Dame, and we feel that with this experience in Zahm, there is a lack of understanding how deeply the students are affected by these changes," McCaffery said.

The Senate also passed a resolution presented by Fisher Hall senator and sophomore Michael Lindt calling on the Office of

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Juan Rangel
chief of staff

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of her classmates reached out to her specifically asking her to vote in favor of a resolution containing specific groups that would be protected from discrimination. Wilson read from an email sent to her by a peer, which asked her to vote in favor of the revised amendment "to promote inclusivity on campus and to ensure members of the LGBTQ community are given a clear message that they are respected and valued."

Rangel said he and Coccia included documentation status in their version of the nondiscrimination amendment in direct response to interactions with

Student Affairs and the Office of the Provost for increased focus on and attention to the Faculty Fellows program. The program is an initiative within the Office of Student Affairs that seeks to have the University faculty become more involved with student life, particularly through the residence halls, to facilitate conversations and interactions.

The senators voted on several different student and faculty awards and approved the assistant student treasurers as well as Irish Gardens manager.

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Scholar connects atheism to cultural shifts

By **GABRIELA MALESPIN**
News Writer

Noted British literary theorist Terry Eagleton explored the relationship between the postmodern movement, religion, atheism and fundamentalism in his lecture “The Death of God and the War on Terror” on Wednesday at the Eck Visitors Center auditorium. The English department sponsored the event.

“Religion has played, traditionally, such a vital role in legitimating political regimes that our rulers could hardly look upon the disappearance of God with any degree of equanimity,” Eagleton said. “Religion is an exceedingly hard act to follow. Indeed it has been proved to be by far the most universal symbolic system humanity has ever known.”

According to Eagleton, the “death of God” and the shift towards atheism was due largely to evolving ideas of market and capitalist mentality, as well as the influence of postmodernism in Western culture. Eagleton said capitalism and utilitarian market systems, as ideas that do not necessarily involve metaphysical or moral concepts, create a tension with morally-based systems such as democracy.

“It was the inherently rationalist, utilitarian, pragmatic, mental logic of the marketplace which has rendered such high-sounding and edifying metaphysical notions as implausible,” Eagleton said.

Eagleton said notions of cultural relativism and the importance humans put on the anthropological aspect of culture influence our beliefs.

“Culture is as precious as it is because it was seen to offer in a hopelessly divided society a ground of fundamental reconciliation,” he said. “Only religion has been able, I think,

high art concept, that are key to the human experience. Eagleton said the shift away from God as a central focus of culture has created a new relationship between government and culture and changed the role that relationship plays in understanding humanity.

“There is a kind of complicity between cultural customs that becomes deeply involved in political questions,” Eagleton said. “What that means is that culture has become part of the problem, rather than part of the solution.”

Eagleton said religious fundamentalism arose as a response to the rapid social movement away from religion as Western civilization developed. He cited events such as the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and other instances of religious



EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

Terry Eagleton, a noted British literary theorist, discussed the relationship between religious fundamentalism, or lack thereof, and the War on Terror at the Eck Visitors Center auditorium Wednesday.

fundamentalism as responses to western capitalism.

“Religious fundamentalism is a momentous, historic shift in western

civilization,” Eagleton said. “Fundamentalism has its source not so much in hatred as in anxiety. It’s the pathological mind set of those who

feel ‘washed up’ by the brave new world of capitalism.”

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Terry Eagleton
literary theorist

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According to Eagleton, religion connects the two definitions of culture, an anthropological version and a

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excellence in terms of scholarship and a commitment to trying to change the world.”

Coccia has worked on and continues to develop a number of projects, including sexual assault prevention efforts, recommendations for services for students with high financial need and mental health resources.

Coccia is also the founder of the “4 to 5 Movement,” a student initiative aimed at recruiting allies of the LGBTQ community to speak up in support of the community. He also helped the gay-straight alliance student organization PrismND gain recognition for their work.

Off campus, Coccia worked with the Read to a Child program from his freshman to

Alex Coccia

2014 Yarrow Award recipient



junior year.

After graduation, Coccia will work in Washington in either a government agency or a non-profit organization through funding from the Truman Scholarship.

During her time at Notre Dame, Zenteno interned with the Center for Social

Concerns (CSC) through their International Summer Service Learning Program as a short-term missionary in Bolivia. During the summer following her sophomore year, she participated in the CSC’s Summer Service Learning Program and lived with women on probation and parole while serving as a mentor during their transition back into society.

Zenteno is also very involved with the local community. She volunteers regularly at the South Bend Catholic Worker, has interned with the Public Defender’s Office at the Juvenile Justice Center in South Bend and accepted an AmeriCorps position as Outreach and Social Media Coordinator at St. Joseph

County Bridges Out of Poverty.

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“You don’t have to travel to a developing country in Africa, Latin America or Asia to begin doing service. It begins here at home in our own cities, in our own backyards.”

Ilse Zenteno
senior

aged or overwhelmed with all of the social problems we continuously face, but

receiving this award was a great honor,” she said. “It made me realize that we can never give up and must always fight for the greater good of our society.”

After graduation, Zenteno plans to work at St. Joseph County Bridges Out of Poverty until mid-July, when she will return to her hometown of St. Louis. She hopes to pursue an academic career in peace studies and international development.

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Asia

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said. “It’s going to be a kind of survey introduction to India for any students interested, anyone who wants to get a sense of India, on the ground in India.”

Suhardjo said student interest also contributed to the creation of the India summer studies program.

“I had met with students at the end of last year, who had either been to India or were from India, and they were saying that Notre Dame just doesn’t have enough [classes] about India,” she said. “This is a way to speak to those concerns and those wishes, for something to do with India programmatically.”

Suhardjo said the summer program is just the first of several programs the University plans to develop with the intent of building stronger ties with India.

“There are also some programs in the works for

exchange programs, and we’re hoping after this pilot run of our summer India studies program that we can build this from here and make it bigger and better, to have it apply to University requirements,” she said.

Students from all majors are encouraged to apply to the program, Suhardjo said.

“India is going to be such an important player on the world stage that it’s important for everyone to really think about India on a deeper level, and get to know it and understand its position in the world,” she said. “It’s open to people who are looking to build Asia as a concept in their degrees, so it’s definitely something we’re hoping to get everyone involved and interested in.”

As for the Asian Studies Seminar, Suhardjo said this one-credit course is built around a series of guest lecturers and will take place this semester from March 27 to April 4.

“It’s a way for us to

encourage students to connect with really important, prominent scholars that are coming to campus,” she said.

The guest lectures are open to the public, but Suhardjo

“Both China and India are important, and these programs are a way for us to make sure the Notre Dame community is linked in to what is going on in Asia and seeing how the world is connected.”

Inez Suhardjo
undergraduate studies director
Liu Institute for Asia

said visiting scholars will additionally lead small class sessions for students in the Asian Studies Seminar.

“This semester we have a couple of very prominent scholars coming from China, and they will be discussing China today, in a historical and religious context,” she said. “One is speaking about the cultural diversity of rural areas, and another will be speaking about philosophical Daoism and Confucianism in China today.”

Suhardjo said these programs aim to promote a deeper awareness of global interaction among students.

“Both China and India are important, and these programs are a way for us to make sure the Notre Dame community is linked in to what is going on in Asia and seeing how the world is interconnected,” she said.

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value,” Russ said.

Senior Allison Priede, a member of the public communications course, said Russ has made an impact both in the community and within the classroom.

“This class has made a huge impact on the community by uniting two different groups that benefit from one another,” Priede said. “The students benefit by using our knowledge of communication outside the classroom and learning from a diverse group of people.”

“It makes us reach outside our comfort zone and challenge ourselves.”

Senior Fernanda Amado is president of the organization Lend an Ear, an outgrowth of the public communications class that takes students to the Center for the Homeless. Amado said the course opens students’ eyes to the greater community.

“Those who are homeless are people who have fallen on some hard times,” Amado said. “The answer isn’t to shun them, but to lend a helping hand.”

“I believe that Terri’s course succeeds in disproving the negative stereotype of the homeless and helps break down the ‘walls’ of preconceived notions.”

Priede said Russ has inspired and helped her become the best person she can be.

“One thing Professor Russ taught me was something not everyone finds in a classroom,” she said. “She taught me how to push myself and never let myself get left behind.”

“Professor Russ showed

me that the most important things I’ll learn in college don’t always come from a textbook.”

Michael Kramer, associate professor of communication studies, said Russ is

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Fernanda Amado
president
Lend an Ear

an inspiration to her students and other faculty.

“Anyone who can point to something out in the world and say that I’ve had an impact on that, or I’ve helped people by using communication theory and ideas, should inspire all of us who are in the field of communications,” he said.

Since Russ’s arrival, Kramer said she has worked hard to try and engage with the community, and that is what the award is about, “engaging with the community and bringing ideas to help people in real situations.”

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at Saint Mary's.

"After months of planning, our hard work is finally on display, and our hope is that [students] find everything to be insightful, challenging but most of all enjoyable," senior Lucy Macfarlane, DSLC chair and SDB vice president, said at the beginning of the conference. "We hope [students] are inspired to make change where [they] see change is necessary even if that's within [themselves]."

The two keynote speakers, activist Faisal Alam and U.S. Congressman from Minneapolis Kevin Powell, were chosen to help students realize their own potential as leaders and rethink their previous understanding of what diversity means, Macfarlane said.

"I think the keynotes actually had a lot in common," she said. "[The speakers'] breadth and variety of life experiences demonstrated to them the necessity of self-actualization. When you know yourself and accept all facets of your identity you are more capable of accepting and including others in positive change."

"Leadership is not categorized into one thing like a man in a dark suit but rather the creation of a safe space that allows others to voice their opinions and experiences. Diversity encompasses us all and must be a positive force for good."

Alam and Powell, the opening and closing lecturers, respectively, emulated this by sharing the stories that led them to the forefront of intersectional activism.

"When people ask me where I'm from, I have to ask, 'Well how far do you want to go back?' The partition in Pakistan, to my birth in Germany..." Alam said.

Alam founded Al-Fatiha, an organization that supports Muslims struggling to reconcile their faith, sexual orientation or gender identity. The queer-identified Muslim activist of Pakistani descent referred to himself as an "accidental activist," as his experience grew out of inconsistent religious and societal expectations.

"Today, there are second and even third generation Muslims born in the United States," Alam said. "I am a one-point-five generation immigrant. What that meant for me was that I was straddling two different cultures: my Pakistani culture and Muslim faith, as well as my American identity."

Living in the context of the convergence of diametrically-opposed norms from the American public and from the traditions practiced in the privacy of a Muslim home

comes more easily to Alam now than it did in the past, he said.

"If I am an American Muslim teenage girl, I may want to go to the Britney Spears concert in Indianapolis, or in Chicago, on Friday night, and I will wear my headscarf because I am adherent to my faith and there is no conflict between the two in my mind," Alam said. "Whereas in generations past, or even immigrant parents sometimes, American culture is often viewed as a threat to their own identity so there's a stronger inclination to latch onto it."

Alam said modern-minded Muslim immigrants and children of Muslim immigrants aspire to enact progress rather than reform in the Islamic faith.

"Progressive Muslims want a revival, a progressive form of Islam that is rooted in social justice and equality," he said.

This move towards equality is evident in the increased amount not only of tolerance but also of active incorporation, Alam said.

"Just in the past five years there are communities that are growing and places of worship that are not only inclusive to the LGBT people but are also not gender segregated, particularly in times of prayer when generally women and men are separated," he said.

Women in the mosque are usually found praying behind men or on a balcony, Alam said. He said this segregation is nonexistent in these new progressive communities.

"Men and women are praying side by side," Alam said. "Women are allowed to lead prayer, which is a notion many people view to be outside the fold of Islam."

As this movement gains momentum in smaller communities, activism is occurring in the public sphere as well, Alam said. He said Keith Ellison is the first Muslim representative elected to Congress and one of two Muslims in the United States House of Representatives who recently announced their support of LGBT community.

"There is diversity in the Muslim world," Alam said. "There is a reality and a side of Islam that people haven't seen before. American Islam is a unique blend of the Muslim faith and the American identity as well."

The keynote speakers also spoke about the degrees to which minorities belonging to multiple distinct demographics face marginalization.

"When we talk about diversity and leadership, there is not only so much history that needs to be looked at as how those notions of diversity were first defined in the United States, but also what different leadership looks



CAROLINE GENCO | The Observer

Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney introduces DSLC keynote speaker, Kevin Powell. Powell has written 11 books and plans to publish a biography of Tupac Shakur in 2016.

like," Alam said. "On top of that, if you add different layers of marginalization, what works within certain communities and what will not work within other communities."

Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff discussed various other layers of social complexity throughout the DSLC. Marc Belanger, associate professor of political science, spoke about immigration and globalization. Graci Martsching, assistant director of Student Involvement and Multicultural Services, promoted inclusive leadership in her lecture.

Other professors discussed diversity within the workforce and economy, specifically with regard to

disabilities. Adrienne Lyles-Chockley, the head of the justice education program at Saint Mary's, spoke about the intersection of race, gender, poverty and imprisonment, while both students and professors explored the true meaning of masculinity and tried to debunk immigration stereotypes.

"My favorite part of the week was grabbing lunch with Kevin Powell, the closing keynote, at Whole Foods," Macfarlane said. "He's vegan and we just spent time in the hot-food line soaking in our conversation and the expectation of delicious vegan pizza. His emphatically encouraging demeanor and humility is profound, and I am lucky to have spent time with

him."

Macfarlane said the DSLC event exceeded her board's attendance goals for both keynotes and all the workshops.

"It was the best it has been in recent years, with over 200 people registered," she said. "The best takeaway I can have from this conference is that every person who came to me only had feelings of empowerment and knowledge was gained."

"I wanted the conference participants to look within themselves and discover their own potential as leaders and advocates for inclusive change. I think we accomplished that this year."

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Satellite images reveal Malaysian jetliner clues

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — More satellite images have given searchers the latest clues in the hunt for the downed Malaysian jetliner, as planes flew out of Australia on Thursday trying to spot 122 objects seen floating in the turbulent Indian Ocean where

officials believe the missing passenger jet may have crashed.

Almost two-thirds of the 239 people who died on the flight were from China, and the first search plane in the air was a Chinese Ilyushin IL-76 aircraft.

In total, 11 planes and five ships are set to scour a search area 2,500 kilometers (1,550 miles) southwest of Perth

on Australia's western coast, but the Australian Maritime Safety Authority cautioned that weather was expected to deteriorate later Thursday. Heavy rains, strong winds, low clouds and reduced visibility were forecast for the search area, although that may clear later.

Malaysia Airlines also ran a full-page condolence advertisement with a black background in a major newspaper.

"Our sincerest condolences go out to the loved ones of the 239 passengers, friends and colleagues. Words alone cannot express our enormous sorrow and pain," read the advertisement in the New Straits Times.

Nineteen days into the mystery of Flight 370 that vanished early March 8 en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, the discovery of the objects that ranged in size from 1 meter (3 feet) to 23 meters (75 feet) offered "the most credible lead that we have," a top Malaysian official said Wednesday.

A search Wednesday for the objects — seen by a French satellite — was unsuccessful, echoing the frustration of earlier sweeps that failed to zero in on three objects seen by satellites in recent days.

With the search in motion, Malaysian officials again sought to assuage the angry relatives of the flight's 153 Chinese passengers. But Defense Minister Hishammuddin Hussein also

expressed exasperation, pointedly saying Chinese families "must also understand that we in Malaysia also lost our loved ones," as did "so many other nations."

The latest satellite images, captured Sunday and relayed by French-based Airbus Defense and Space, are the first to suggest a debris field from the plane, rather than just isolated objects. The items were spotted in roughly the same area as other objects previously seen by Australian and Chinese satellites.

At a news conference in Kuala Lumpur, Hishammuddin said some of them "appeared to be bright, possibly indicating solid materials."

But experts cautioned that the area's frequent high seas and bad weather and its distance from land complicated an already-trying search.

"This is a really rough piece of ocean, which is going to be a terrific issue," said Kerry Sieh, director of the Earth Observatory of Singapore. "I worry that people carrying out the rescue mission are going to get into trouble."

Officials from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority said Thursday's search was split into two areas totaling 78,000 square kilometers (30,000 square miles).

Planes and ships from the U.S., China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand are involved in the hunt, hoping to find even a single piece of the jet that could offer tangible evidence of a crash and provide clues to the location of the wreckage.

Malaysia said Monday that an analysis of the final known satellite signals from the plane showed that it had gone down in the sea, with no survivors.

That data greatly reduced the search zone to an area estimated at 1.6 million square kilometers (622,000 square miles), about the size of Alaska.

"We're throwing everything we have at this search," Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott told Nine Network television.

"This is about the most inaccessible spot imaginable. It's thousands of kilometers from anywhere," he later told Seven Network television.

Malaysia has been criticized over its handling of one of the most perplexing mysteries in aviation history. Much of the most strident criticism has come from relatives of the Chinese passengers, some of whom expressed outrage that Malaysia essentially declared their loved ones dead without recovering a single piece of wreckage.

At a hotel banquet room in Beijing on Wednesday, a delegation of Malaysian government and airline officials explained what they knew to the relatives.

They were met with skepticism and even ridicule by some of the 100 people in the audience, who questioned how investigators could have concluded the direction and speed of the plane. One man later said he wanted to pummel everyone in the Malaysian delegation.

"We still have hope, but it is tiny, tiny," said Ma Xuemei, whose niece was on the flight. "All the information has been confusing and unreliable."

China dispatched a special envoy to Kuala Lumpur, Vice Foreign Minister Zhang Yesui, who met Prime Minister Najib Razak.

China's support for families is likely why authorities — normally wary of any spontaneous demonstrations that could undermine social stability — permitted a rare protest Tuesday outside the Malaysian Embassy in Beijing. Relatives chanted slogans, threw water bottles and briefly tussled with police who kept them from a swarm of journalists.

Meanwhile, a U.S.-based law firm filed court documents that often precede a lawsuit on behalf of a relative of an Indonesian-born passenger. The filing in Chicago asked a judge to order Malaysia Airlines and Chicago-based Boeing Co. to turn over documents related to the possibility that "negligence" caused the Boeing 777 to crash, including any documentation about the chances of "fatal depressurization" in the cockpit.

Though officials believe they know roughly where the plane is, they don't know why it disappeared shortly after take-off. Investigators have ruled out nothing — including mechanical or electrical failure, hijacking, sabotage, terrorism or issues related to the mental health of the pilots or someone else on board.

And finding the wreckage and the plane's flight data and cockpit voice recorders is a major challenge. It took two years to find the black box from Air France Flight 447, which went down in the Atlantic Ocean on a flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris in 2009, and searchers knew within days where that crash site was.

The batteries on the recorders' "pingers" are designed to last 30 days. After that, the pings begin to fade in the same way that a flashlight with failing batteries begins to dim, said Chuck Schofield of Dukane Seacom Inc., a company that has provided Malaysia Airlines with pingers in the past. Schofield said the fading pings might last five days before the battery dies.

Once a general area is pinpointed for the wreckage, experts say salvagers will have to deal with depths ranging from 3,000 to 4,500 meters (10,000 to 15,000 feet).

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Live in the moment



Samantha Zuba
Assitant Managing Editor

Notre Dame is not an easy place to live.

When students decide to come to school here, we make a decision not to take the easy road. Classes will be tough, and the pressure will be high, but that is part of what is great about this place.

It's just not always easy.

When the pressure and stress reach their toughest levels, sometimes we might forget why we came here in the first place, and that only makes things worse.

As we try to discern what major we should choose, as we desperately search for summer internships or full-time positions for after graduation, it's important to hold on to the reasons we choose to be here rather than anywhere else.

And this isn't just to say how special Notre Dame is. Wherever we find ourselves in life, we need to learn to appreciate that place because the pressure never fades. It will still be there when we graduate, and what we really need to learn now is how to live lives that cut through the stress.

Notre Dame is a great place to start that lesson. Here, in a wonderful community, we have the opportunity to learn to stay positive and healthy during stressful times. With support and understanding from fellow students in similar situations, we can learn how to feel good about ourselves and what we have to offer even when faced with challenges.

Attaining goals might seem like everything at a school so heavily concentrated with high-achieving students, but no matter what we strive to do and how badly we want to earn a certain grant, job or grade, we are so much more than any one thing we accomplish.

Is a great internship for a summer important? Yes. So are good grades and accomplishments in extra-curricular activities. But do any of these things tell the world exactly who we are? No. We are defined by how we live our lives each and every day, interact with our friends and treat strangers. We are defined by our attitude when faced with struggles, not just our success or failure in response to those difficulties.

In the midst of stress and the desire to achieve, these important considerations often fall to the wayside. But never forget there is a life to live in between achievements. Little moments matter just as much as where we will work or travel after or during our time at Notre Dame.

In those little moments, living here — living anywhere — is easy.

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Katrina Linden

Kat's Meow

I vowed never to participate in any program vaguely related to Urban Plunge, mainly because I disagree with the idea of instilling compassion by “plunging” students into “urban” life.

I disagree with the idea of throwing somebody into a community of the “other,” visiting a soup kitchen or two, then returning to the comforts of Notre Dame with a heightened appreciation that they don't have to live below living wages in the inner-city they would never dare to drive through on their own accord. Though not everybody has this type of experience, many do.

Admittedly, I was hesitant to take part in a Center for Social Concerns service trip after adamantly being against Urban Plunge. I was cautious to participate in the Migrant Experience Seminar in Immokalee, Fla., this Spring Break, a migrant community less than an hour away from the affluent Naples.

They say these things are life-changing. I once scoffed at the idea that one service trip down South could so quickly change a person's life. But having experienced it firsthand, it doesn't seem so absurd anymore. I would have never expected this trip would be one that changed my life, perspective and attitude on my Notre Dame community.

The goal of our trip was to live and be in solidarity with the migrant workers with whom we would work throughout the week. We wanted to understand the migrant experience, not just pity and frown at the injustices we observed. I was skeptical of the idea that we would be able to see the situation in a way different from an isolated outsider's perspective.

This was a collective fear. We did not want to come in feeling like saviors of the poor, bringing our precious time and efforts to volunteer at a soup

kitchen for two hours. And I believe we completely avoided that.

The greatest experiences we had during our time in Florida were the ones in which we actually interacted with community members. This was when we were in the greatest solidarity. Haitian men taught us Creole before the sun came up, five-foot Latino men danced “bachatas” with us during protests in the city, we spoke Spanish and understood. Though sometimes lost in translation along the way, we tried. And that's the important thing: trying to understand, laughing, talking and sharing donut holes in dirt-paved parking lots before sunrise.

Even greater was the fact that big things are happening in Immokalee. We came in expecting dire circumstances of the great human injustices we read so extensively about in preparation. Instead we found improvement, cooperation and so much goodwill penetrating this community, not only from inhabitants, but from surrounding cities as well. People cared, and that's the most important part.

However, I still have an issue performing service in college. I don't want to appear as though I am better than others because I am helping them. For many of those receiving aid, it is difficult not to question the intentions of the wealthier individuals helping at a homeless shelter or food banks.

I have heard students here state they did community service because it made them feel like a better Catholic, making their “chances of getting into heaven better.”

My greatest fear was spending the week with students who pitied the migrant workers, frowning and silently observing the other, uncomfortable and displaced in a place they had never seen or known even existed — a reaction, I'll reiterate, voiced by some who have participated in service projects in the past.

Instead I spent the week with 10 amazing people, consisting of business majors, arts and letters majors and even a science major. Instead of being set in our own opinions and ideals around the issue, we discussed, debated and changed our views on just about everything at some point during the trip.

We came in wanting to learn, not only from the migrant community, but from each other as well. And we did. Some of us learned the greater economic implications of higher wages and the change we were trying to obtain, while others were able to bring back a greater ethical view on the business side of it all.

Even greater, I have never laughed or smiled more in my entire life (or at least within the last semester,) which says a lot considering I am almost always doing both. Sometimes during late night discussions in our cramped house shared with 30 other college students, I found myself stopping and feeling for my cheeks, numb from laughter. I am grateful for this handful of Notre Dame students who broadened my perspective on the community I sometimes find myself clashing with.

I don't think any of us expected to enjoy our trip as much as we did. When friends ask what was so great about my trip, I struggle to find the words to describe it. But during our final meeting of the year, one boy summarized it perfectly: “We went down there to experience solidarity with these people, but we also found solidarity with ourselves.”

All hearts clear.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Frozen enough

Dearest Elsa,

Stop. Enough already. We get it. You really like winter. Cool. But the rest of us? We're sick and tired of it. Why must you continue this eternal winter? Is it because everyone and their mother has made a cover of “Let it Go” to the point that you cannot, in fact, let it go? Has Anna been running around the castle singing “Do You Want to Build a Snowman?” so much that you decided to give her enough snow so she will never ever ever want to build another snowman again? Have you decided after all your dealings with humanity, “Reindeers are Better than People,” so there must permanently be a layer of snow to keep them happy?

While I realize “Love is an Open Door,” and nothing says love like cuddling next to a warm fireplace sipping hot cocoa, believe it or not love may exist outside of winter, i.e. “In Summer.”

Are you so displeased with your kingdom that you have deemed it a “Fixer Upper” and are currently punishing us for allowing it to fall into such a state in your absence? Whatever your reasons for tormenting us with this never-ending winter, I beg of you, stop. Please. I can usually tolerate winter during the winter months, but now that it is late March, “For the First Time in Forever” I have a glimpse of hope, and nothing hurts the soul more than a hope crushed.

If there is anything I can do to remedy whatever went wrong, please do not hesitate to contact me at 313 Carroll Hall. At this point I would do just about anything to see just one solitary violet through the snow. If some people are, in fact, “worth melting for,” then you must give us a chance to melt. Or at the very least thaw out. Just because “the cold never bothered you, anyway,” doesn't mean it doesn't bother us.

Sincerely,

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Truth beyond gender

Hailey Vrdolyak
Guest Columnist

With contemporary culture constantly fixated on the concept of equality, it can be all too easy to strive for this principle at the expense of some deeper truths. Equality is, for the most part, a positive ideal in society, but taken to its extreme it can deny the fundamental truth that people are, by nature, different. These differences, like the difference between men and women, are beautiful because they complement each other and allow society to flourish. The fact that women are not allowed to enter the priesthood does not indicate Church doctrine denies equality.

It is necessary to remember that priests are supposed to be successors of the apostles and representative of the person of Jesus Himself. It is an undeniable fact that Jesus and all of His apostles were male. Therefore, it follows that those carrying on the work of the apostles should also be male.

A common response to this argument is that Jesus could not choose women to be his apostles due to the historical context of His time. However, Jesus was in no way bound to the times; in fact, He often blatantly opposed the customs of His day. For example, on several instances He disregarded the fact that the Sabbath was a day of rest in order to cure people.

Jesus had friends who were women and treated them with equal dignity despite the fact that He did not choose them to be His apostles.

As the Son of God, Jesus is omnipotent and omniscient. If Jesus had wanted to make women His apostles, He would have done so regardless of the societal norms of the time, because He has the power to do anything. Because Jesus is omniscient, we must assume, in His infinite wisdom, He had some greater reason for making only men His apostles, even if we cannot understand that reason today.

It has been Church doctrine for centuries that not even the Pope has the authority to change the Sacraments. It does not matter what we deem the most fundamental aspects of a Sacrament — no one has the power to alter them. This is not a matter of personal preference, but of the truth of age-old Church doctrine.

Some argue that the Church changed its teaching on the Assumption and should therefore be able to modify the Sacrament of Holy Orders. First, the Church never changed its teaching on the Assumption; it simply proclaimed the truth that Mary was taken body and soul into Heaven. The Church never denied the fact of the Assumption — it simply was not made explicit Church doctrine. Second, the teaching of the Assumption is not a Sacrament and therefore not analogous to Holy Orders.

The Church teaching on the priesthood has its roots in the fundamental difference between men and women. Jesus created a role for women — a role not lesser than that of men, but simply different. Women have always played an important role in the Church — it was the women who found the empty tomb of the Risen Christ, and many women have become important saints. Jesus granted women the role of spreading the Truth, just not through teaching at Mass but rather through action and prayer. Women can become sisters and be a tremendous force for good in the name of Jesus through either service or living the cloistered, prayerful life.

God has granted women special privileges He has not granted to men, most notably the ability to bring new life into the world. This role is extremely influential in the Church because women are charged with the primary task of nurturing children in the light of Church doctrine. As St. Paul explains in 1 Corinthians 12:5-29, we are all members of the Body of Christ, the Church, but as parts of this Body, we each have different roles.

Men are not dominating women simply because they hold leadership roles in the hierarchical Church. Through these roles, men are called to proclaim the truth of God. In this way, men attest to the pre-existing truth of the Risen Christ. As Catholics, we believe the

Church is guided by the Holy Spirit and the bishops and cardinals are merely proclaiming the Truth. They themselves are not deciding the course of the Church and therefore not dominating women in any way.

Common arguments for allowing women to enter the priesthood cite personal “feeling” as important in deciding a vocation. Some women may feel they want to enter the priesthood, but are not permitted to do so because of Church doctrine. However, this idea of vocation is flawed. As Catholics, we believe we are called by God to a vocation that will bring us to our ultimate flourishing. In this view, vocation is not about personal feeling, but more about an obligation to serve God in the way He is calling us.

No one, man or woman, is entitled to the priesthood. Rather, it is a gift and calling bestowed on some by God. If you really listen to what God is calling you to do, it is easy to realize vocation is not a matter of feeling, but rather of truth. We are each called to be witnesses to the truth through our vocations, and the best way to obtain this truth is by following the teachings of the Church.

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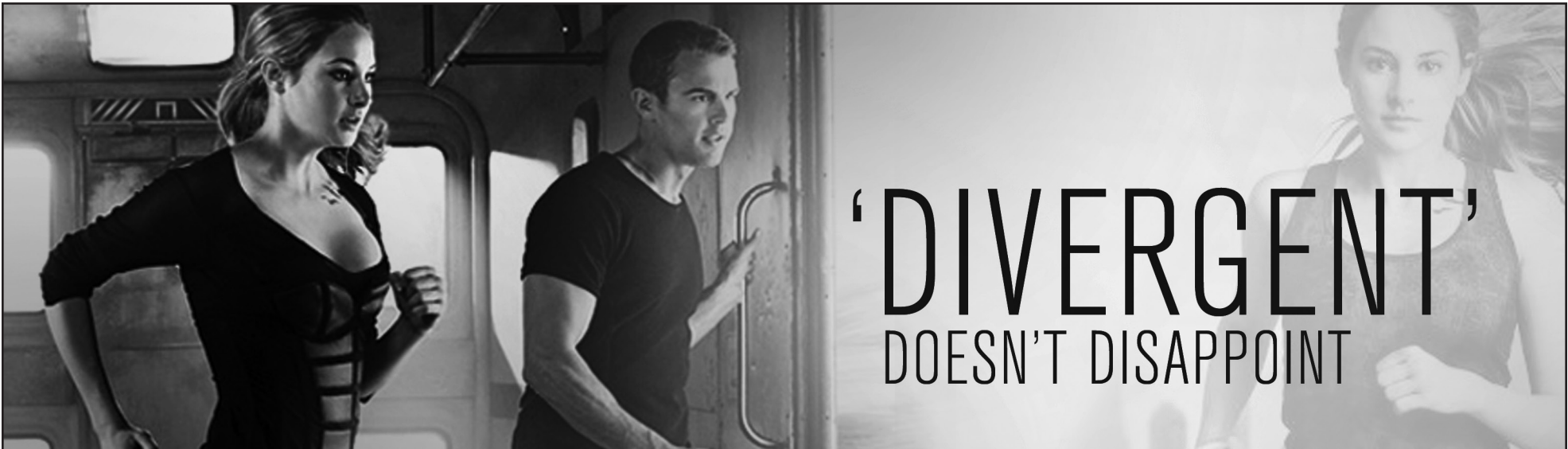
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Protect moral objections

Sean Long's column, "Protect religious freedom," (March 25) is factually incorrect when it says "the Supreme Court must only decide whether the contraception mandate is constitutional." The court must also decide whether the mandate violates the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which Congress passed by nearly unanimous votes in 1993. Hobby Lobby is far more likely to win its case under that act than on constitutional grounds.

Meanwhile, I find it astonishing Long would argue, "the case is not about contraceptives" because "use occurs in both scenarios." There is a world of difference, morally, between someone committing an act another person considers immoral and the government compelling the other person to pay for the act. If the government compels Hobby Lobby to pay for types of contraception it finds objectionable, then whether or not the contraception would otherwise be used, the government is making Hobby Lobby complicit in something the company considers immoral.

Brian C. Hall
professor of mathematics
March 25



‘DIVERGENT’ DOESN’T DISAPPOINT

By ERIN McAULIFFE
Scene Writer

The first time I picked up “Divergent,” I put it right back down. The postwar dystopian society and female heroine made me feel like I was cheating on the “Hunger Games.” However, I took it down from its place on my bookshelf when a movie went into the works, and I am glad I did.

The movie is receiving some harsh reviews, averaging a 40 percent on Rotten Tomatoes, but I went into the premiere having read no reviews (but also shamelessly dressed as a Dauntless member with the rest of the Pasquerilla East book club, so I may be a bit biased) and came out pleasantly surprised.

More surprising for me than the reviews is the statistic that only 50 percent of those in the audiences have read Veronica Roth’s novel. This statistic is in stark contrast to the statistics of past Young Adult movies, namely “The Hunger Games” and “Twilight” series, which have had averages closer to 75 percent.

However, this speaks to the movie as a spectacle attracting more than fangirl teens dressed in “Divergent” garb and sporting fake tattoos — I may still have the faint outline of an Abnegation tattoo on my wrist, no shame.

There are four reasons to see Divergent. First, the plot is arresting — as in, it will suck you in, but also the plot is literally about arresting those who threaten the peace, namely divergents.

The postwar society, set in what is vaguely still recognizable as Chicago, is split into five factions. Each faction promotes one quality — Abnegation, selflessness; Erudite, intelligence; Dauntless, bravery; Amity, peacefulness; Candor, honesty. It is thought that everyone is born to fulfill one of these qualities, and at 16 years old the members of society get to choose which faction best suits them. The antagonist, Erudite leader Jeanine Matthews, states “the future belongs to those who know where they belong.”

However, there is a “flaw” in the system: divergents. A divergent harbors more than one defining characteristic, which poses a threat to society. The government is hunting the divergents, which includes our protagonist Tris, and voila, the story ensues.

The soundtrack to Divergent diverged from what I have come to expect from YA blockbusters. There was less Bombay Bicycle Club/Coldplay and more Ellie Goulding — like a lot more, like “I counted at least four Ellie Goulding songs” more. But ever since her song was on that

“Girls” commercial, I’ve been a fan. The electronic-heavy music reflects the teen angst in the movie. Furthermore, there’s some A\$AP Rocky and I have no “Freakin’ Problems” with that.

The protagonist, Tris, is played by actress Shailene Woodley. Woodley has left her “Secrets of an American Teenager” days behind, thankfully. She scored a breakout role in “The Descendants” alongside George Clooney and was recently in “The Spectacular Now” — both a must-read and a must-see. She will also be starring as Hazel in the big screen adaptation of John Green’s best-selling novel, “The Fault In Our Stars.” She is quickly becoming a prominent “it girl” in Hollywood, however she is not the typical Birkin-toting celeb.

Woodley has gone barefoot on the red carpet, worn Vibram Fivefingers (those “shoes” that separate your toes in case you want to play piano with your feet or pick up pencils off the ground with your toes) to parties and makes her own toothpaste. I’m not sure I am in full support of any of these actions, but at least she’s being different.

Fittingly, the fourth reason to see “Divergent” is ... Four. Four is Tris’s instructor and love interest in the series. He is played by actor Theo James who is tan,

chiseled and British. Enough said. If none of the above reasons were enough to drag you into the cold to go see the movie, do it to watch the epitome of a man on a giant screen for two and a half hours. Also, Peter is played by Miles Teller (he starred alongside Woodley in “The Spectacular Now” — cute as well) and Caleb is played by Ansel Elgort (who will star alongside Woodley in “The Fault In Our Stars” this summer — also attractive).

AKA there is so much eye-candy in Divergent you can skip the Twizzlers, but don’t skip the movie.

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“Divergent”

Director: Neil Burger
Starring: Shailene Woodley, Theo James
If you like: “The Hunger Games”
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By ALLIE TOLLAIXEN
Scene Editor

In a semester packed with dynamic performances, Humor Artists (HA) will take the stage again tonight at Carey Auditorium at 8 p.m. with a 30-minute, entirely improvised musical. Called “Humor Artists Present: Suspended Disbelief,” the performance will consist of the group acting out a spur-of-the-moment musical based solely off of suggestions from the crowd.

The group, Notre Dame’s only comedy group on campus, is known for their classic improv games while taking the stage at Legends and their Notre Dame-centered comedy videos, including the amusing, recently-posted clip called “NDSPA: Save Our Students,” parodying those heart-wrenching ASPCA commercials we love

to hate.

An improvised musical, on the other hand, is a less common performance for the comedy collective. Still, this isn’t their first time to the improv musical rodeo: Humor Artists have produced longform shows like this both on campus and in competitions, an impressive feat. With the help of piano man sophomore Pat Hansen, the group manages to put on shows in which everything from the music to the scenes is generated on the spot.

“It’s pretty simple,” HA Vice President Conor Haney said. “We get a prompt from the audience and do a musical based on said prompt, singing (or rapping) to the improvised stylings of our pianist Pat ‘-in-the-Hat’ Hansen. His fingers are magical.”

The troupe of performers, who go by Suspended Disbelief (you bet they wear

suspenders), is made up of a handful of members from the larger Humor Artists group.

“Not all of HA participates. Nine of us perform in the non-musical longform improv sets, and four of us and Pat in the musical ones,” Haney said of the troupe. “Of the group, it is only sophomore Steven Goickecheskza’s second show with us. He’s got the voice of an angel, the dance moves of a devil and the moistness of a half-angel, half-devil’s food cake.”

While the longform format isn’t new for them, a move to the bigger stage at Carey Auditorium is. Increased demand moved the group to the Hesburgh Library auditorium.

“Usually we do these kinds of shows at the Washington Hall Black Box Theater with little publicity, but we needed to increase seating capacity because so many

people want to watch/adore us,” Haney said.

When asked if there was anything else to know about Suspended Disbelief, Haney replied in true Humor Artist fashion.

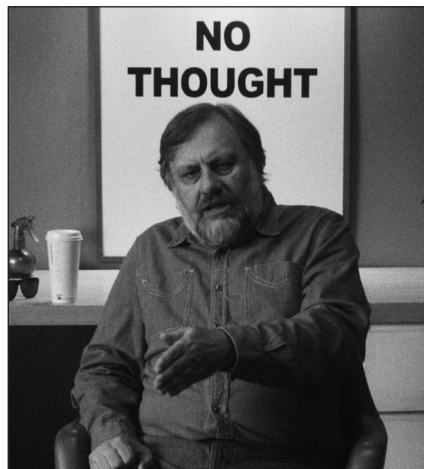
“I’d like you to know that HA is accepting of all audience members,” Haney said. “Especially the Finnish, whether you’re from Finland or have actually fins. Except for orcas. I watched ‘Blackfish’ on Netflix. You’re not killing any of my friends, orcas.”

With only a few more shows left this year and growing adoration, “Humor Artists Present: Suspended Disbelief” won’t be one to miss this evening. Tickets are free. No orcas, please.

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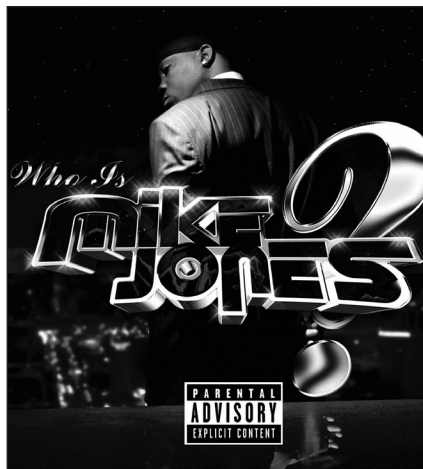
THURSDAY



What: “The Pervert’s Guide to Ideology”
Where: DPAC
When: 7 p.m.
How Much: \$4

Slovene philosopher and psychoanalyst Slavoj Žižek leads this head-twisting film, in which he goes deep into some of Hollywood’s most famous movies and inspects what ideologies hide beneath the surface. “Jaws,” “Taxi Driver,” “Titanic” and “The Dark Knight” all come under Žižek’s microscope in this acclaimed 2012 British documentary.

FRIDAY



What: Mike Jones
Where: Legends
When: 10 p.m.
How Much: Free

Who? MIKE JONES.
 Presented by SUB.

SATURDAY



What: “The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug”
Where: DeBartolo 101
When: 8:30 and 10 p.m.
How Much: \$3

Will there be someone there to pronounce the name of the movie for you intermittently throughout the presentation, so you can get your fill of hearing grown men and women say “Smaaaaaaaaaaao-o-o-o-o-wwwwwwwggggggg?” Unknown. Presented by SUB.

SUNDAY



What: Nothing
Where: Campus
When: The whole day
How Much: Free

There’s literally, lit-trally, LIT-TRALLY nothing going on Sunday. Do your homework or something.



By **JOHN DARR**
 Scene Writer

You know those stories you tell at parties? You know, the ones that you spend all night trying to tell, butting into random conversations and just saying “Hey? Hey guess what?” until everyone stops and looks at you, kind of annoyed, kind of confused, but you’re too excited to register that and blurt out:

“Last Saturday I was at this grocery store, and as the lady was checking me out, she said, that’ll be three-oh-three and I said, that’s my favorite band! And she said, ‘You too?’ and I said, ‘ANOTHER GREAT BAND!’ and, hahahaha! Oh man, hahaha, that was just, just so, hahahahah!”

And everyone just looks at you for a second. And then they just all turn their backs on you and you sadly wonder where you went wrong.

It was a great moment. I mean, she was this older woman who looked like she’d never listen to 3OH!3, and you’re never witty but DANG you were fast with those

quips. Maybe the next customers in line were just happy for no good reason, but boy did they laugh along! That moment was special and happy and magical in the context of the everyday shopping mall surroundings. It’s the sort of moment that you just want to share with everyone you meet.

“Singles” is essentially a collection of those uber-special moments. On paper, it looks like nothing — another indie-pop album with 80s-influence and a unique-sounding singer? Pretty stripped-down, straightforward production? Sleepy lost-love song lyrics like, “I want you to know, I was thinking about you” and “I was waiting on you” and “Sun in the morning/moon always beaming?” Honestly, how do you tell someone that such an album will bring them tidings of great joy, or maybe even change their life?

As it turns out, Future Islands is such a success because they are led by a honest-to-goodness superhero. Lead singer and songwriter Samuel T. Herring carries the entire album into a realm of its own with

legendary vocals on nearly every track. The man wrenches emotion out of every word of every track. On “Spirit” his voice scratches in imploring earnestness. On “Light House” it whispers in loss. On “Sun in the Morning” it calls out strong like a light in the storm. Unlike so many indie records today, one doesn’t need to investigate or understand the lyrics to get the full emotional impact of the music. It’s simply ingrained within the music itself, courtesy of Herring’s ambitious and brave vocal style.

Of course, the record succeeds because the songs themselves are also fantastic. “Spirit” leads off with a groovy, slightly dark synth line. Momentum and energy tumble and snowball throughout the song until it turns into a full-on raver.

Opening track “Seasons (Waiting On You)” carries a beautiful verse melody which explodes into a powerfully gorgeous, and unforgettable, guitar-driven chorus.

Ridiculously funky bass lines, a soaring bell track and a smooth-as-silk guitar

riff compensate for the lack of a relatively strong vocal hook on “Doves.”

So that’s it. Singles is a great pop album fronted by a frontman whose charisma and vocal diversity are unrivalled. It’s consistently catchy, inspiring and epic. There’s nothing more to say. Now you just have to listen.

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“Singles”

Future Islands

Label: 4AD

Tracks: “Spirit,” “Seasons (Waiting on You,” “Light House”

If you like: Wild Nothing, Destroyer, Frankie Rose



SPORTS AUTHORITY

Keep the ‘foot’ in football



Aaron Sant-Miller
Sports Writer

Ah, the intrigue of the upright. As I reviewed the recent NFL rule changes, I couldn't help but notice the undue amount of love the uprights were getting. Three new rules revolve around the field-goal posts, one of which I emphatically agree with, one of which I think is ridiculous and one of which I think is simply intriguing.

Allow me to begin with the first change. The NFL now plans to extend the goalposts an additional five feet above the crossbar, making it easier for officials to determine if a field goal is good or not.

This is one of the most logical and practical changes the NFL has ever implemented. An ungodly number of professional football games are decided by solely a field goal. It only makes sense to make field goal assessment as effective as possible. This is one of those rule changes that cannot physically affect the game in a negative manner, requires little effort and change, but effectively improves the game and prevents potential future issues. I love this change. The biggest shame? It took the NFL this long to fix this issue.

The second change: the NFL will no longer allow dunking of the football through the uprights as a touchdown celebration. If a player does celebrate a touchdown in this manner, he will be flagged for excessive celebration.

Though the logic of this rule makes sense, I can't agree with the change. Last season, after a particularly emphatic dunk, the goalposts had to be adjusted and leveled out. Jimmy Graham had left them crooked. Fair enough. It's a little impractical to have to stop the flow of the football game to fix the level of a goalpost. I recognize that this makes sense. Yet, they are building a theory off of one anecdote. This happened once, and the dunk celebration happens hundreds of time a season.

More importantly, the NFL is continuing to propagate their perception as the "No Fun League." Part of what makes sports so entertaining is their raw emotion. The Tiger Woods fist-pump. The Kevin Garnett head butt. The Yasiel Puig slide into home plate. Even the Richard Sherman postgame interview. Yes, it's a professional sports league, but it's the genuine lack of polished "professionalism" on the field that makes sports so captivating.

Rules to limit taunting, racist slurs and foul language on the field are good. Reign negative emotion in and try to remove hate from the field; I like these changes. But, NFL, please stop

siphoning off the visible passion from the game of football. It's what makes football so special; to the players, it's so much more than a game.

Finally, the NFL is considering moving extra points back to the 20-yard line. I had heard rumblings of this for a few weeks now and now it's solidified: this rule has been modified and applied for the first two preseason games on a trial basis.

Here, the objective is to increase the excitement and competition in an NFL game. Teams make extra points at an absurdly high rate and to some, consequentially, the extra point attempt comes off as a wasted down. Ideally, this change would increase the excitement of scoring and increase the value of kickers.

I've gone back and forth on this change. I can't help but deny that it would be cool to increase the challenges a team faces in putting points on the board. Also, this change raises the kicker's value and makes their skills even more important.

Here is why I'm hesitant to jump on the bandwagon. It could simultaneously act to phase kickers out of the game. Moving the extra point back will incentivize going for two, devaluing a kicker to the football team. Even more abstractly, rumors have floated around about making the player who scores the touchdown kick the field goal. Again, this threatens the place kickers hold in the NFL.

I think the job of a kicker is the most impressive of any position. You ask a player to go out and kick an oddly-shaped ball upwards of 40 to 50 yards. Fair enough, but you also expect them to hit the field goal almost every time. This is where the bar is set. Perfection is demanded, adding more pressure to a position that carries the responsibility of deciding a fair share of football games in the waning seconds.

Kickers have to love the pressure, and the best ones truly embrace it. That's why kickers love having the opportunity to attempt a long field goal and why many like the rule change. Still, at the back of their mind has to be the fear that this is a sign of things to come, a league that wants more focus on the other players and less on the kickers.

Let's not get away from the game's roots. Let's not get away from the kicking game. Let's not get away from only position that makes sense with a game named FOOTball.

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NBA

Suns fend off Wizards

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After letting a 25-point lead dwindle to three, Suns guards Goran Dragic and Eric Bledsoe got back to business Wednesday night, combining to finish with 48 points, 13 assists and 13 rebounds, helping Phoenix beat the Washington Wizards 99-93 for its fifth consecutive victory.

The Suns moved into a tie with the Dallas Mavericks for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference. Both clubs are 43-29 with 10 games remaining.

The Suns have won seven of their last eight, coinciding with Bledsoe's return to the starting lineup after missing 2½ months because of knee surgery. He had 23 points, seven assists and six rebounds, and Dragic wound up with 25 points, six assists and seven rebounds.

John Wall led Washington with 29 points and six assists.

The Wizards, sixth in the Eastern Conference, lost for the fourth time in five games.

Phoenix led by as much as 75-50 in the third quarter, but Washington kept chipping away at that, getting as close as 83-79 on Wall's three-point play with a little more than 8 minutes remaining. But an 8-0 run by Phoenix that closed with Dragic's 3-pointer, then reverse layup gave the Suns some breathing room.

Washington again cut into the lead, though, and when Wall made consecutive driving layups, it was 93-90 with 1½ minutes left. Sure enough, Dragic and Bledsoe again responded. Bledsoe hit a 3 off Dragic's assist, and then Dragic fed Gerald Green, who was fouled and made two free throws.

And that was pretty much that.

With a little under 3 minutes left in the first half, Wizards shooting guard Beal walked toward Washington's locker room, resting his left hand on his right side after colliding with a Suns player.

The second-year guard, the No. 3 overall pick in the 2012

draft, is averaging 17.2 points and 3.3 assists this season, second on the team to Wall in both categories. Beal had eight points, four assists and three rebounds when he left.

The Suns led the Wizards 54-44 at halftime, led by 14 points from Dragic, and 12 from Green. Phoenix made 55 percent of its shot attempts in the first half — and somehow managed to improve that in the early part of the third quarter.

The Suns went 7 for 9 during a 17-4 run that began the second half, moving out to a 23-point lead — at 71-48, with a little more than 5 minutes elapsed — when Bledsoe made a 3-pointer, followed by a fast-break layup.

Wittman called timeout and there were some boos in the arena.

Phoenix went up by as many as 25 points, before Wall's pair of 3s capped a 17-2 run for Washington to make things more competitive. Still, the Suns were ahead 79-69 entering the fourth quarter.

NBA

'Cats top Nets in overtime

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Al Jefferson scored 35 points, Kemba Walker had a double-double and the Charlotte Bobcats defeated the Brooklyn Nets 116-111 in overtime Wednesday night for their 10th victory in the last 12 home games.

Walker had 20 points and 12 assists and Chris Douglas-Roberts added 16 points, including two big jump shots in overtime.

It was Jefferson's 12th 30-point game this season for the Bobcats, who beat the Nets for only the second time in the last 11 meetings.

The win pulled the Bobcats within three games of the Nets, the fifth seed in the Eastern Conference. Charlotte (35-37) has the conference's seventh-best record, 1½ games behind sixth-place Washington.

Deron Williams finished with 29 points for Brooklyn, after scoring 18 in the first quarter. Joe Johnson had 18.

Josh McRoberts put the Bobcats ahead for good in overtime when he cut to the basket, caught a pass from Jefferson and pulled off a reverse dunk in traffic.

Williams tied the game at

103-103 with 59 seconds to go in regulation on a driving layup, finding a crease down the middle of the lane and splitting two defenders.

Walker knocked down a 17-foot fadeaway jumper to put Charlotte back on top, but Williams quickly answered with a 20-footer to tie the game again with 26.8 seconds left.

Williams purposely fouled Walker with 7.8 seconds left. The Bobcats called timeout to set up an inbounds play, but the ball slipped out of Walker's hands as time expired and he never got a shot off, sending the game to overtime.

After McRoberts' slam dunk gave the Bobcats a 109-108 lead, Douglas-Roberts and Johnson traded 3-pointers before Walker hit a 19-footer over Williams to push the lead to three.

Shaun Livingston missed a driving layup with 35 seconds left and the Bobcats got the ball.

McRoberts was blocked on the ensuing possession, but Douglas-Roberts tracked down the loose ball and made a 20-footer from the left wing to push the lead to lead to five and seal the victory.

Williams set a career-high with 57 points in this same building against the Bobcats on March 4, 2012.

And early on he looked like he about to rewrite his personal record book.

Despite missing the morning shootaround with an illness, he made seven of his first eight shots, including four 3-pointers to finish with 18 points in the first quarter.

The Bobcats, who have surrendered 62 points to Carmelo Anthony and 61 points to LeBron James this season, seemed intent not to allow that to happen again. They shaded their coverage to Williams in the second quarter and he was limited to only two more points before halftime.

In the meantime, Jefferson was starting to heat up, scoring 22 points in the first half on 9-of-14 shooting, using a variety of low-post moves and jump hooks.

On one play Jefferson faked right, rolled to the baseline on his left and threw a shot over Jason Collins that somehow cleared the side of the backboard and went. He made the ensuing free throw to complete the 3-point play.

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SMC TENNIS

Indiana-Wesleyan game postponed

Observer Staff Report

The Belles' visit to Indiana Wesleyan originally scheduled for today has been postponed due to weather, with a potential makeup date to be determined later.

Saint Mary's (5-3, 1-0 MIAA) will be back in action as it visits Trine on Saturday for its second conference contest of the season. The Belles are coming off of a 9-0 sweep of Olivet this past weekend in their opening conference match. Senior co-captain Mary Catherine Faller and junior Kayle Sexton won their match at No. 1 doubles and swept singles

without dropping a game in the victory over the Comets (0-2, 0-2). Indiana Wesleyan (17-1) is currently ranked No. 17 in the latest NAIA Coaches' Poll.

Belles head coach Dale Campbell said his team was focusing this week on being more aggressive during matches before taking on Trine (5-5, 1-0).

"Attacking the net in doubles is important as is playing a bit more offensively in singles," Campbell said. "You have to be consistent regardless of the pace of play."

The Belles are back in action when they visit Angola, Ind., on Saturday for a match with Trine.

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MLB

Spring games wind down

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Arizona's Brandon McCarthy and Chicago's Jeff Samardzija wrapped up their spring training with solid outings in the Diamondbacks' 14-4 victory over the Cubs on Wednesday.

McCarthy, the starter in Monday's home opener against San Francisco, allowed three runs on six hits in six innings. Smardzija, the Cubs' opening-day starter Monday at Pittsburgh, went three innings, giving up a run on four hits.

The Diamondbacks amassed 20 hits, including six home runs. Mark Trumbo and Chris Owings were among the Arizona players who homered.

The Diamondbacks played for the first time since returning Sunday from Australia, where they opened the regular season with a pair of losses to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Manager Kirk Gibson wasn't in the Arizona dugout after undergoing surgery to repair a torn meniscus in his left knee. Bench coach Alan Trammell took Gibson's spot.

Gibson hobbled in on crutches for his pre-game news conference and said he expected to be back in the dugout for the Diamondbacks' split-squad game against Cleveland on Thursday. It will be the final game for Arizona at its Scottsdale spring training facility.

Although it didn't count, the blowout felt good for the Diamondbacks after two disappointing outings in Australia.

"This is what the doctor ordered right here, I mean it really was," Trammell said. "The

fact is that we are a good hitting ball club and we need to sustain rallies and do these things, and that was very encouraging."

The Cubs play their final game of spring training at their new Mesa digs Thursday against the crosstown rival White Sox.

The Diamondbacks and Cubs play exhibition games Friday and Saturday at Chase Field in Phoenix.

STARTING TIME

Cubs: Samardzija struck out two with no walks. He finished the spring with a 5.14 ERA but said he was ready for the season to begin.

"The last two times out have been really positive," he said. "You kind of look at all fronts — arm strength, body strength, mechanics, location of pitches. And I'm checking off all the boxes, so I felt good and I'm ready to get going."

Diamondbacks: McCarthy's spring was the best of any Arizona starter. He finished 2-0 with a 2.70 ERA. On Wednesday, he struck out six with one walk.

"Whether it's a minor league or big league game, I felt like I threw most of the pitches where I wanted to," he said of his spring efforts. "I threw with conviction. The stuff was all there. I was able to accomplish what I wanted to while I was here. Those were all good things. How those translate into the regular season we'll find out, but I feel like I'm in a real good place."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Cubs: OF Justin Ruggiano was a late scratch and was given a second day to rest his sore left ankle. Ruggiano, acquired in an

offseason trade from Miami, is hitting .297 with two home runs this spring.

Diamondbacks: OF Cody Ross, recovering from a severe hip injury and subsequent surgery, remains ahead of schedule in his recovery.

Gibson said Ross looks good at the plate and the only thing he is waiting to see is how Ross maneuvers in the outfield in game situations. Ross could be back the second week of the season.

RHP Bronson Arroyo is coming back from a sore back. Arroyo is scheduled to start Saturday's exhibition game and could be in the rotation for either the fourth game of next week's Giants series or April 4 in the series opener at Colorado.

SHORTSTOP BATTLE

There's been no announcement as to who will win the Diamondbacks' starting shortstop job, but Owings provided another glimpse of his hitting ability with his two-run homer after replacing Didi Gregorius in the sixth. Owings, the PCL player of the year last season, is hitting .298 this spring. Gregorius, a superior defender but weaker at the plate, is batting .195.

HOME RUN ALLEY

Cubs left-hander Chris Russin had a rough day, allowing nine runs on 10 hits, including four homers, in 2 2-3 innings.

He gave up a two-run shot to Trumbo in the fourth, then gave up three home runs in Arizona's six-run sixth.

Russin was one of three players acquired from Texas in the July, 2013, trade that sent Matt Garza to the Rangers.

NBA

Pacers snag late victory

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Paul George scored 23 points and Roy Hibbert had 21, leading the Indiana Pacers back from a seven-point fourth-quarter deficit for an 84-83 victory over the Miami Heat on Wednesday night.

The NBA's best home team ended a two-game losing streak, took a 2-1 lead in the season series against the two-time defending champions and rebuilt a three-game advantage in the race for the Eastern Conference's top seed. Indiana (52-20) also clinched its second straight Central Division crown, something it hadn't done since 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

LeBron James scored 38 points, but Miami managed just one basket over the final 3:54.

Chris Bosh had a jumper at the buzzer to win it but it hit nothing but air.

George had two monster dunks — one over LeBron James — to get the Pacers back in the game.

It was a good, old-fashioned grudge match right down to the final shot — Bosh's air ball from slightly to the right of the top of the key.

There were flagrant fouls and bodies flying. Lance Stephenson was ejected midway through the fourth quarter after picking up his second technical foul. And nobody had a rougher night, physically, than James.

He tripped in the first quarter and wound up dribbling the ball while sitting down. He got knocked to the ground and slid into the basket support late in the third quarter.

He did a push up following

another hard fall early in the fourth, and then got whacked across the face before shooting free throws. Before the game ended, James was called for a flagrant foul for an elbow on a layup, an elbow that landed squarely in the face of the 7-foot-2, 285-lb Hibbert.

The shot left Hibbert on the ground and stumbled when he tried to get up.

Plus, James had to contend with all those picks from Indiana's All-Star center, too. And he wound up with six turnovers, including the one that led to an Evan Turner layup that gave Indiana the lead for good with 90 seconds to go.

The Pacers just refused to go down at home.

After trailing by as much as 68-61 in the final minute of the third quarter and by seven again early in the fourth, Indiana charged back — twice.

SMC SOFTBALL

Doubleheader versus Manchester postponed

Observer Staff Report

The Belles' doubleheader against Manchester scheduled for Wednesday was postponed and will be rescheduled to an undetermined date. The Belles will hit the field Sunday in one of their final non-conference games against North Park.

This will give the Belles (8-4, 0-0 MIAA) time to prepare against North Park (6-4, 0-0 CCIW). The Vikings are on a two-game winning streak, most recently coming off a 7-2 victory over Rutgers-Newark on March 15. The Vikings are led by junior infielder Cyerra Rodriguez, freshman outfielder Kristin Reichert, sophomore infielder Nicole Kruckman and junior outfielder Paige Massa. These players lead the Vikings in batting averages and RBI.

The Belles will have to contain Rodriguez on Sunday, as she led the Vikings last year with 34 RBI, batted a .361 average and led the team with 11 doubles.

Last year, when the Belles faced off against North Park, they dropped both games in the double header losing 1-0 in their first contest and 6-3 in their second bout. However, this year Saint Mary's goes into its matchup with the Vikings on a six-game win streak in which the Belles outscored their opponents 38 to 9. The string of wins comes after Saint Mary's was shut out in three of their first six games.

Behind the bats of senior Callie Selner, sophomore Jillian Busfield and freshman Caitlyn Migawa, the Belles recorded a solid .350 team batting average over the course of the six-game winning streak. In addition to their batting, Selner and sophomore Sarah Burke have struck out 40 opposing batters and allowed only six earned runs.

Looking into how their recent success has played out during their games, the Belles won every game they played when scoring three or more runs. On the other side of the spectrum, in games where the Belles have trailed, the team was only able to muster up two wins, both coming from their recent double header against Dominican.

Looking to face North Park's two-game winning streak, Saint Mary's will take on the Vikings Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Saint Mary's College softball field.



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Belles sophomore outfielder Megan Sorlie throws during a game against Defiance on March 28, 2013. The Belles won both games of the doubleheader that day. The Belles' doubleheader versus Manchester on Wednesday was postponed.

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Irish blank Marquette in midweek match

By ZACH KLONSINSKI
Sports Writer

Playing a rare midweek afternoon contest did not slow down the Irish on Wednesday as they blanked the Golden Eagles 7-0.

"We don't have many week matches anymore," Irish

coach Jay Louderback said. "All the ACC matches are on the weekend, or Friday/Sunday, but we've always played Marquette and wanted to keep them on the schedule."

The slight oddity did not affect the No. 24 Irish (9-8), as they were able to get the

match off to a good start, winning the doubles point behind the team of senior Britney Sanders and junior Quinn Gleason and the senior duo of Jennifer Kellner and Julie Sabacinski. Sanders and Gleason took down the Golden Eagles duo of sophomore Laia Hernandez Soler and junior Ali Dawson, 8-3, while Kellner and Sabacinski felled the Marquette pair of junior Ana Pimienta and sophomore Aina Hernandez Soler, 8-4.

"It was tough coming out and playing on a Wednesday," Kellner said of her match with partner Sabacinski. "We started out pretty close, but after we got the momentum things went our way. We got used to their game style and started to read their patterns. Julie picked up on it really well and was able to execute."

Louderback afterwards stressed both of those matches could have been much closer than the score indicated.

"One doubles was 8-3, but we had so many tight games," Louderback said. "We won three or four games where we were down [advantage points] and so even though the doubles looked



EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

Irish senior Britney Sanders prepares for a shot against Georgia Tech on Feb. 21. Sanders delivered a point Wednesday versus Marquette.

like we won easily, we didn't. But we got the point."

With doubles concluded, it was smooth sailing for the Irish, with none of their six singles players dropping a set. Sophomore Julie Vrabel was the first off the court for Notre Dame, shutting out Aina Hernandez in the first set en route to a 6-0, 6-2 victory. The rest of the Irish followed suit, never letting the Golden Eagles fight their way back into the match. Freshman Mary Closs defeated her opponent 6-4, 6-2, with Gleason clinching the match right after Closs's victory with a 6-2, 6-2 win of her own.

"One of the biggest things for us was we controlled all of the singles matches and didn't let them in the match," Louderback said. "This definitely could have been a really tight match if

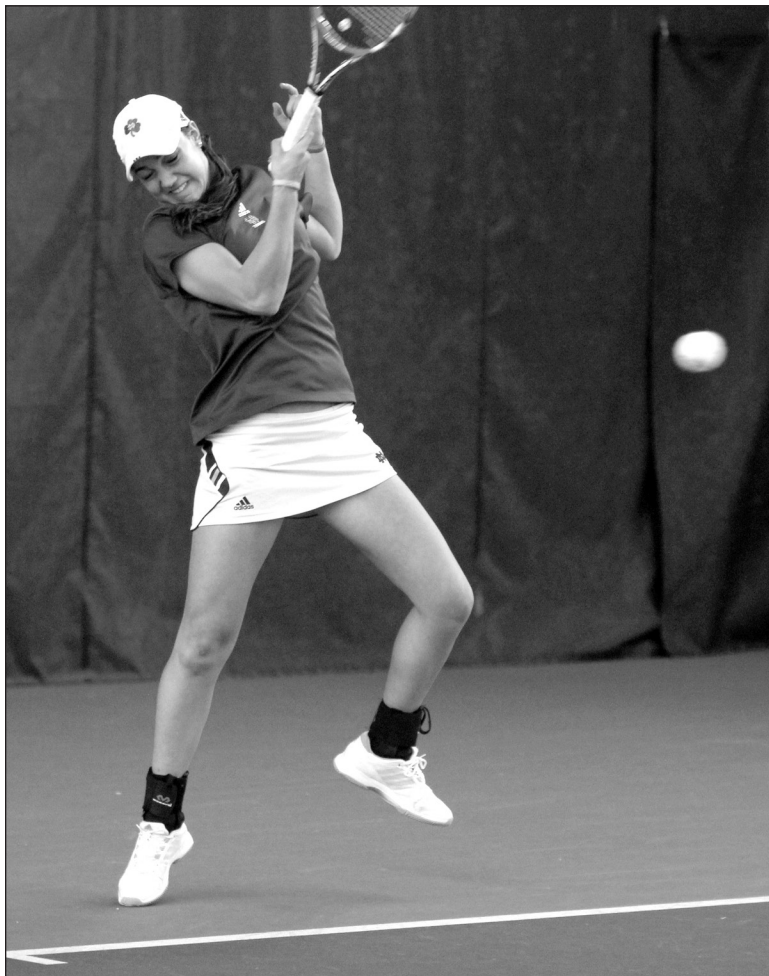
we let them back in and we didn't. ... I thought we even played better second sets than we did first sets."

Sanders and freshman Monica Robinson finished off their matches, 6-2, 6-2, and 6-1, 6-2, respectively, within seconds of each other, while Kellner finished off the sweep with a 6-4, 6-0 win.

"It's a good confidence boost for everyone, especially since all the girls in the ACC are so tough," Kellner said.

Louderback noted after the match that it was a good week to have the Wednesday match, as the Irish do not play again until Sunday, when they host No. 46 Wake Forest at 9 a.m. in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Irish junior Quinn Gleason launches a forehand shot against Georgia Tech on Feb. 21. Gleason secured a team point in Wednesday's match.

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SMC LACROSSE

Belles strive for first program win

By **ANDREW ROBINSON**
Sports Writer

After a slow start to their inaugural season as a varsity program, Saint Mary's looks to build on its experiences so far and challenge a comparable Illinois Tech team Sunday.

The Belles (0-6, 0-0 MIAA) and the Hawks (0-6) have each had their share of struggles to start the season. Saint Mary's lost its most recent game against Concordia 20-3 on Saturday and has not yet been able to overcome

"As a new team, a large adjustment for our players has been learning to work with new teammates."

Amy Long
SMC Lacrosse Head Coach

the hurdles that come with inexperience.

"As a new team, a large adjustment for our players has been learning to work with new teammates," Belles coach Amy Long said. "We have 13 players who have never played together, and there is definitely a learning curve associated with that."

Illinois Tech, also in its first season as a varsity lacrosse program, has encountered similar speed bumps. The Hawks have allowed 106 goals in their first six games while scoring just 13, most recently losing 20-1 to Otterbein on Saturday.

Long said she expects to see improvement from previous games in the matchup, especially with home field advantage.

"I expect our game on Sunday versus Illinois Tech to be a very competitive game," she said. "It will be our first game at home, and I expect that to have a positive impact on our players."

She said that the team has been addressing several glitches, especially the

transition from defense to offense, and that they hope to improve in these areas on Saturday.

"Our transition through the midfield ... continues to be a challenge for us," Long said. "Going into the game, we will continue to work on our transitions and slowing the ball down on offense."

Long also pointed to major improvements on both ends of the field that are promising for the team moving forward.

"Our team has a strong defense. The players on defense communicate and work well together," she said. "Our patience and confidence on offense has also improved greatly since our first game."

The Belles have allowed just 28 goals in the second period compared to 67 in the first, which Long attributes to the team's resiliency over the course of the game.

The team's shot, ground ball and turnover statistics have also improved significantly since the first few games.

Freshman midfielder Aubrey Golembieski has been a standout for the Belles, notching 11 goals while securing 25 draw controls and 20 ground balls so far this season, all team-leading statistics. She had four of the team's seven goals in the 12-7 loss to Aurora last Thursday.

Loesch has added five goals on 13 shots, while freshman defenseman Katlynn Dee has a team-high 10 caused turnovers.

Despite the shaky start to the season, Long said she remains confident in her team and the improvements they have made.

"They have built close relationships already and continue to learn more about their teammate's motivators and how to communicate most effectively."

The Belles host the Hawks for a 1 p.m. contest Sunday.

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TRACK AND FIELD | TEXAS RELAYS; VICTOR LOPEZ INVITATIONAL

Irish begin outdoor season

By **MATT GARCIA**
Sports Writer

The Irish kick off their outdoor season this week, with 18 athletes competing in the Texas Relays in Austin, Tex., starting Wednesday and 27 racing at the Victor Lopez Invitational in Houston on Friday and Saturday.

Irish coach Joe Piane touched on his goals for the weekend.

"We would like to see [graduate student Ted Glasnow] place high at the Texas relays and place high in the country," Piane said. "I'd like to see our men's and women's miles do well. We are hoping to get a lot done down there."

Still in South Bend on Wednesday afternoon, Piane was following the results closely, again mentioning Glasnow.

"Ted has got 2250 points after the first three events, so hopefully that should get him to 3700 or better," Piane explained. "That would be a very, very good first day."

Glasnow participated in the men's decathlon, in which he placed 16th in the 100-meter dash (11.2 seconds), 14th in the long jump (6.7 meters), third in the shot put (13.78 meters), 14th in the high jump (1.81 meters, and



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Irish graduate student Ted Glasnow runs at the Notre Dame Invitational on Jan. 25. Glasnow participated in the decathlon Wednesday.

10th in the 400-meter dash (51.22 seconds).

Thus far, the Texas Relays have only completed the Women's Heptathlon and the Men's Decathlon. Glasnow was the only Irish runner to compete at the Texas relays Wednesday. The remainder of the Irish competitors will begin preliminary races today.

These being the first outdoor meets of the year, Piane made it known that there was no change in mentality during the events.

"Track is track," Piane

said. "If you are running the 400-meter inside, you are still going to be running 400 meters outside. The people it does affect are the people without indoor events, like discus throwers. They have got a little bit of adjusting to do, but nothing too drastic."

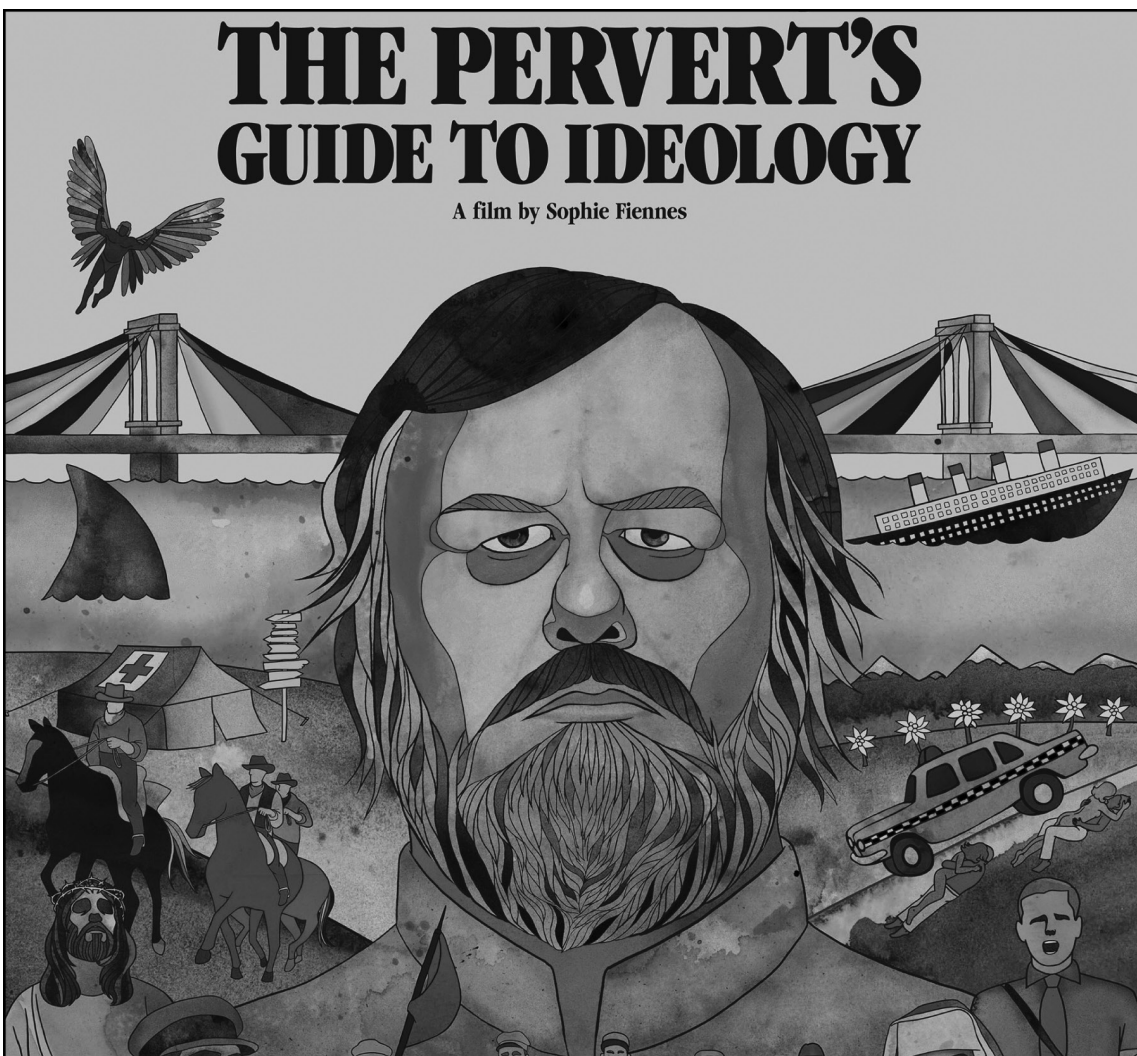
The Texas Relays continue today, and the Victor Lopez Invitation begins Friday as the Irish continue to strive for a solid start to the outdoor season.

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MEN' SWIMMING

Seven to compete at NCAA Championships

Observer Staff Report

Seven Notre Dame swimmers and one diver will hit the pool at the NCAA Championships beginning Thursday at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center in Austin, Texas.

Senior Frank Dyer and juniors Zach Stephens and John Williamson qualified for individual swimming events, while senior Colin Babcock, junior John Hughes, sophomore Matthew Buerger and freshman Tom Anderson travel to the meet as part of Irish relays. Freshman Joe Coumos advanced in the diving portion of the championships after a strong performance at the Zone C diving meet on March 13-15.

Dyer, Stephens, Williamson and Hughes are all returnees to the NCAA Championships, having swum in last year's meet, while Babcock, Buerger, Anderson and Coumos will make their championship debuts.

On Thursday's first day of action, Notre Dame swimmers will compete in the 200-yard freestyle and 400-yard medley relays; Stephens will race in the

200-yard individual medley, and Dyer and Williamson square off in the 500-yard freestyle.

The 200-yard medley and 800-yard freestyle relays take place Friday when Williamson (100-yard butterfly), Dyer (200-yard freestyle) and Stephens (100-yard breaststroke) also swim in separate individual events.

In Saturday's final sessions, the three individual qualifiers round out their weekend swims, with Dyer in the 100-yard freestyle, Stephens in the 200-yard breaststroke and Williamson in the 200-yard butterfly. The 400-yard freestyle relay closes out the meet and the season for the Irish.

In diving, Coumos competes in the one meter Thursday, the three meter Friday and the platform Saturday.

Several Notre Dame swimmers carry high seeds into the meet that could translate into points for the Irish.

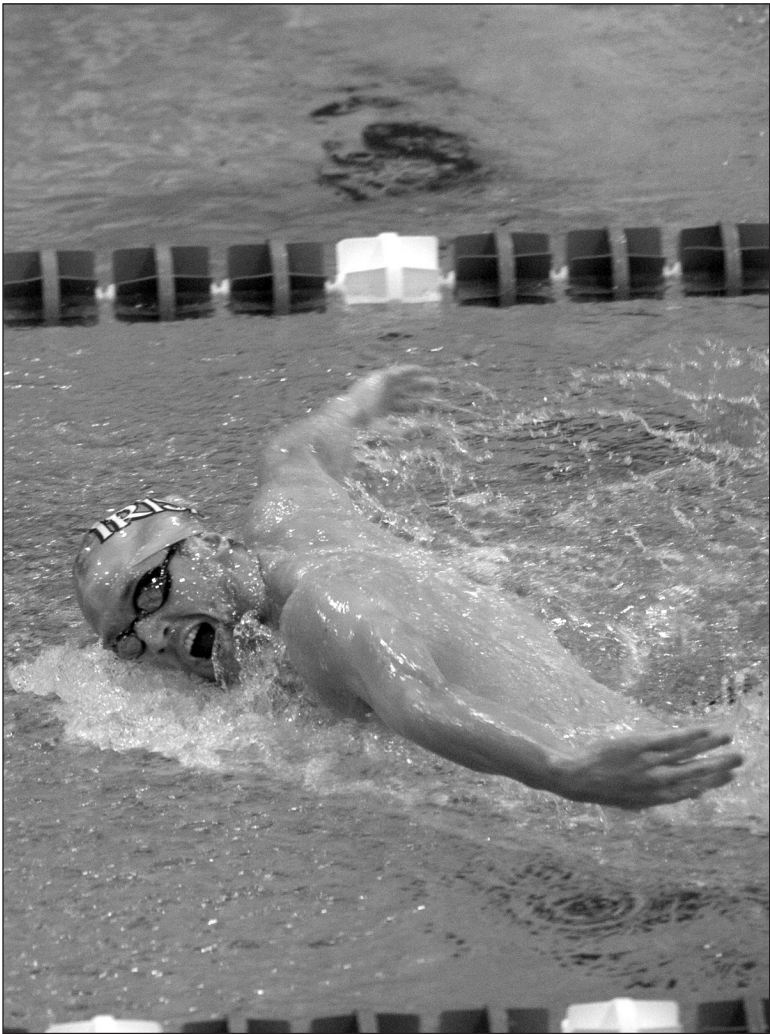
Stephens enters the meet ranked seventh in the 200-yard breaststroke and 11th in the 100-yard breaststroke, while his No. 17 seed in the 200-yard individual medley lies just out of top-16 scoring range.

Dyer, who is the program's first four-time NCAA qualifier, holds Notre Dame's overall highest seed at fourth in the 200-yard freestyle, and Williamson's 200-yard butterfly qualifying time is good for a 14th-place seed.

In last year's meet in Indianapolis, Notre Dame finished in 36th place with seven points. Williamson (13th place, 200-yard butterfly), Stephens (16th, 200-yard breaststroke) and the 800-yard freestyle relay of Dyer, Hughes and former Irish swimmers Bill Bass and John McGinley (16th) collected honorable mention All-American accolades.

This year's meet will also be the final competition for Irish coach Tim Welsh, who will retire at the end of the season. Welsh has led Notre Dame for the past 29 years and has seen 23 Irish swimmers and divers qualify for NCAA Championships during his career.

Welsh and his eight 2014 qualifiers compete at the NCAA Championships at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center in Austin, Texas, beginning Thursday and concluding Saturday.



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Irish junior John Williamson swims during a meet on Nov. 11, 2013. Williamson will swim in three individual events at the NCAA Championships.

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but the situation on defense is slightly different. Notre Dame is in the process of installing multiple looks defensively, and they're doing the base teaching within different packages. A new-look defense, one that VanGorder said will not be exclusively a 4-3, brings new terminology, as well, which makes it even more difficult, according to the defensive coordinator.

But VanGorder has done this before. Notre Dame is VanGorder's 12th different school or NFL team he's coached since joining the Grand Valley State staff in 1989. VanGorder spent last season as the New York Jets linebacker coach after serving as Auburn's defensive coordinator in 2012.

"The thing that stands out here is our youth. We're so young," VanGorder said. "We're really young in the front seven especially. It's young players. So we've got to speed the process up and bring them along."

VanGorder noted that he's still evaluating players, especially as the coaches throw a lot of schemes at players and move them around the defense.

"It's an evaluation period for us too, trying to find a comfort zone in respects to a player and his ability and where he's going to fit best as we build our schemes," he said.

'Uphill' climb to return from injuries

Defensive players out of contact for the spring while recovering from injuries — the likes of senior linebacker Jarrett Grace,

senior defensive lineman Tony Springmann, senior linebacker Ben Cuncell and sophomore cornerback Devin Butler — will be playing catch-up whenever they do return, VanGorder said.

"It will be uphill," he said. "Each player's a little bit different, but they're definitely going to be behind. ... There's no getting around it. Hopefully they bring some different kinds of things to it as an individual as a player that help them recover quickly and put them in a position to help us."

McGlinchey being 'thrown to the wolves'

In practice sessions open to the media, sophomore Mike McGlinchey has lined up at right tackle with the first team. The 6-foot-7.5, 300-pounder didn't play as a freshman but has flashed his raw ability thus far, Denbrock said.

"When the light comes on and he gets it, he's gonna be an incredible football player from the standpoint that I think the physical gifts that he possesses as far as his athletic ability, obviously his size is hard to miss," Denbrock said. "But with that, he's got some football intelligence that can be cultivated and can grow rather quickly and that puts us in a position, obviously, to get him on the field right away."

"And we've kind of thrown him to the wolves here in the spring and let him kind of fight through it. And he's done a really nice job so far."

Notre Dame will hold its seventh spring practice Friday.

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Baseball

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freshman catcher Ryan Lidge (2-for-3) also had multi-hit days for Notre Dame.

The Irish jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning. After junior designated hitter Conor Biggio was hit by a pitch, junior center fielder Mac Hudgins laid down a sacrifice bunt and junior first baseman Blaise Lezynski drove him in with a RBI single to right field.

Fiala poked a single to right field and freshman second baseman Cavan Biggio flew out to deep left field to plate Lezynski. Notre Dame nearly scored again in the first, but Valparaiso senior center fielder Chris Manning threw Fiala out at the plate on a single up the middle to end the frame.

The Crusaders manufactured a run in the top of the second when senior third baseman Michael Morman singled, stole second and eventually scored on a McCarty wild pitch.

Notre Dame added an insurance run in the sixth when Fiala and Cavan Biggio strung together back-to-back two-out singles. Kutsulis drove in Fiala with a RBI double to put the Irish up 3-1.

The Irish scored again in the seventh as Hudgins' sacrifice bunt scored sophomore pinch runner

Jack Flaherty, who pinch ran for Lidge.

"It's always nice to make it a little pressure-free," Aoki said. "I don't know if it's ever pressure-free but it was nice that we had those insurance runs."

Crusaders sophomore right-hander Ellis Foreman (1-1) took the loss.

After giving up two runs in the first, Foreman cruised through the next four innings. He allowed just one hit and threw just 31 pitches in those four frames. Foreman finished with 79 pitches and gave up four runs on nine hits in seven innings.

"I thought the kid did a fairly decent job of mixing the fastball, change up to the lefties," Aoki said. "He got us on some early weak contact after the first inning where we put up those two runs. In the last three innings or so, I thought our at-bats got a little bit better against him."

Irish junior right-hander Cristian Torres earned his second save by getting the final two outs.

The Irish return to ACC play this weekend when they host Wake Forest. Friday and Sunday's games will be at Four Winds Field while Saturday's will be at the U.S. Steel Yard in Gary, Ind.

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Softball

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Eagle first baseman Lindsay Rich to fly out to left.

The Irish roared back in the bottom half of the inning. Notre Dame batted around and saw 13 plate appearances in all as they grabbed eight runs to take a commanding lead.

"In the first inning, we had horrible at-bats; in the second inning, we were getting there. But [Eastern Michigan] got those two runs against us, and I think the girls said, 'Oh boy, we better get going,'" Gumpf said. "I like the way that we responded. We earned those wins."

Junior centerfielder Emilee Koerner led the inning off with a walk. Eight batters and five runs later, she hit a three-run home run over the right-field

wall to put the finishing touches on an eight-run frame that put the game all but out of reach.

After another clean inning of work by Nasland, the Irish added four insurance runs in the bottom of the fourth to bring the score to 12-2 before Winter trotted out to ice the game and rewrite the record books.

Senior captain and shortstop Chloe Saganowich was 3-3 on the day with a double, three RBI and two runs scored as the Irish improved to 38-3-1 in home nonconference games since Melissa Cook Stadium opened in 2008. The Irish play another such game tomorrow as they take on No. 23 Northwestern (18-6), a team that has beaten such quality competition as current No. 6 South Alabama and No. 19 Washington.

Gumpf called the Wildcats' team similar to another she is very familiar with — her own.

"[Northwestern's] pitchers do a great job of keeping them in ball games. They have a very balanced lineup. They have speed, they have power, and they don't make mistakes defensively. I could be talking about us," Gumpf said. "We have a great rivalry with Northwestern, and I think the girls are excited to get out there and have a great ballgame."

The contest with Northwestern begins at 4 p. m. Thursday at Melissa Cook Stadium. The Irish then travel to Syracuse, N. Y., to play a three-game weekend series with the Orange.

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Irish junior pitcher Allie Rhodes winds up for a pitch in a game against Illinois State on Sept. 15, 2013. Rhodes started Wednesday's game against Eastern Michigan and gave up two runs in the first inning.

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5 Candy used to be seen on it

9 Like a celestial body

14 Oscar Wilde poem "By the ____"

15 Ingredient in traditional medicine

16 Uncertain

17 Start of a Confucian aphorism

20 Man's name that's Latin for "honey"

21 Not so great

22 Arm raiser, informally

23 Like the gang, in an old song

25 Single, e.g.

28 Accept eagerly, with "up"

29 A goner
- 31 Dig it

32 Work assignments

35 TV network that broadcast live from Opryland USA

36 Two-time Oscar-winning cinematographer

37 Aphorism's middle

40 Draftable

41 Tick off

42 Journalist Howell

43 Actor Wheaton

44 Medgar ____ College

46 Number twos, for short

47 Some galas

49 Accustoms

53 Place for family portraits

54 Together, in Toulon
- 55 Suffix with manager

56 Aphorism's end

60 Beau

61 Call ____ (stop play after service)

62 "Am ____ only one?"

63 Terminals in a computer network

64 Minuscule issues

65 Word with china or chop

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- 2 Staggering
- 3 Probably
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- 5 Not being such a daredevil, say
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- 7 Brings along
- 8 Speed: Abbr.
- 9 Guinness superlative
- 10 "La ____ du jeu" (1939 Renoir film)
- 11 Music featured in "A Clockwork Orange"
- 12 "____ tu"
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Favors will be granted. Mingle and you will meet people who can help you advance. Take on a physical challenge and you will feel good about the way you look and feel. Children and elders will offer insight and honesty. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Broaden your knowledge and your connections. Take part in a function that will add to your experience and bring you in touch with people who are beneficial. Don't let love or an emotional situation stand in your way. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get ready to make a move. Idle time will lead to confusion. Re-evaluate and take action. Love is on the rise, and the opportunity to see into someone's world or cultural background will help you make an important decision. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stand up for your beliefs. Make decisions based on your needs. Don't allow anyone to interfere or force you in a direction not suited to your goals. Follow the path you feel most comfortable with and you will be successful. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look, see and follow through. Your charismatic approach will win favors and bring you good fortune. Do whatever it takes to improve your quality of living and your relationship with someone you love. A change will motivate and inspire you. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get involved in projects and humanitarian causes you believe in. Your insight and tenacity will put you in a key position that will boost your confidence and help you gain respect from influential people. Press on and let your talents shine. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Network and let your social skills influence the caliber of person you attract. Collaborating with someone who has as much to bring to the table as you will result in a fruitful future. Love and romance are in the stars. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Listen carefully and head in the direction that makes the most sense. You can't please everyone, and in this case, suffering a loss to appease someone is foolish. Once you reach your destination, re-evaluate some of your relationships. ★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take action and follow through to honor a promise made. Someone may let you down, but that doesn't mean you should lower your standards or do the same thing. Show off what you have to offer and you will make gains. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make sure you're stepping forward. Focus on finishing what you start and living up to your word. You'll be disappointed if you count on someone to come through for you. Do what needs doing and don't lose your resolve. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Show your enthusiasm and you will create a buzz. Showing interest in what others do will help you gain the support you need to follow through with your own plans. Love will bring about a change in the way you live. ★★

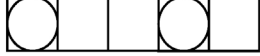
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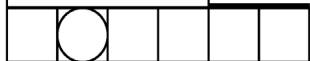
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BASEBALL | ND 4, VALPARAISO 1

McCarty earns first win, ND tops Valparaiso

By **MATTHEW DeFRANKS**
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A week ago, Notre Dame had no chance of beating Valparaiso — because the game had not yet been scheduled.

The Irish (9-14, 1-8 ACC) beat the Crusaders (9-10, 1-2 Horizon) 4-1 on Wednesday night at Four Winds Field in a replacement game for both teams.

"It's nice to win," Irish coach Mik Aoki said. "Those have been difficult for us to get. That was a much-needed win."

Both Notre Dame's Tuesday game against Illinois-Chicago and Valparaiso's tilt with Ball State were postponed due to weather.

Sophomore right-hander Nick McCarty (1-5) earned his first win of the season by throwing six innings of three-hit, one-run ball. He struck out five and walked none.

"I didn't think Nick was super sharp but I think he battled through it and I thought that the big thing for him was that he was in the strike zone," Aoki said. "He

made them put the ball in play as opposed to giving up those free 90s which he has a little bit this year and it's hurt him."

McCarty has had three outings of at least six innings — including seven innings of one-run ball against NC State — but had not registered a victory.

"[It] feels really good," McCarty said. "We've been working very hard for this and it just feels good to get that monkey off my back and get the first win."

The win came just four days after McCarty had a rough outing against Virginia Tech. He went just one and a third innings and gave up five hits, seven runs, six earned in Saturday's 8-3 loss.

"Admittedly, on his part, he was not very good on Saturday so it was nice to see him do that," Aoki said.

Freshman third baseman Kyle Fiala led the Irish at the plate, going 3-for-4 with a run scored. Sophomore left fielder Zak Kutsulis (2-for-4 with one RBI) and



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Irish junior designated hitter Conor Biggio slides into home during a game against Quinnipiac on April 21, 2013 at Frank Eck Stadium. Biggio scored a run during the 4-1 win over Valparaiso on Wednesday.

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FOOTBALL

Young players fill roster

By **MIKE MONACO**
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Regardless of how they define it, Mike Denbrock and Brian VanGorder see youth. The first-year Irish coordinators, tasked with leading the offense and defense, respectively, see a team that returns only three players (excluding special teams) who started all 13 games last season.

Whereas much of the team can be typified by underclassmen, VanGorder even describes some upperclassmen as young, whether because of their lack of game experience or unfamiliarity with the new scheme.

For the first time since spring practice began, VanGorder and Denbrock met with the media following Wednesday's session, the sixth practice of the spring.

"We are so young," Denbrock said. "I look at our offense and there's so many young guys in so many spots that are going to have to grow up pretty fast. During the team meeting, I look over at the schedule, and



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Irish senior lineman Christian Lombard and freshmen lineman Mike McGlinchey practice pass-blocking during spring practice.

I'm like, 'To get from where we are now to where we're going to have to be in the fall, we're going to have to make tremendous progress.'

"The work ethic, the ability that these guys have is going to help us do that. But we've got

some strides to make before we play that schedule."

VanGorder, too, noted the progress that needs to be made, but the situation on defense is

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Irish roll over Eagles

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It took Notre Dame only five innings to trounce the visiting Eastern Michigan 12-2 in the team's much-delayed home opener Wednesday as senior pitcher Laura Winter, a 2014 Senior CLASS Award candidate, tossed one scoreless inning to become the winningest Irish pitcher of all time.

Irish coach Deanna Gumpf called it a proud day as Winter (14-3) passed Heather Booth with her 97th career victory.

"[Winter] has been amazing for us, and she has carried us," Gumpf said. "I'm just very proud of her, very happy for her. I can't wait to see what happens the rest of the way."

After cold weather postponed a series this past weekend against Pittsburgh and shuffled around this week's schedule, the No. 24 Irish

(20-7) were slow out of the gates against Eastern Michigan (8-17) as they attempted to shake off the effects of a nearly two-week layoff.

Both offenses were dormant until the third inning, when the Eagles drew first blood. Junior second baseman Jenn Lucas and senior centerfielder Lindsay Smith bunted her over to second base before a gap double before junior third baseman Abby Davidson bashed a double to the gap to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead.

Irish starting sophomore pitcher Allie Rhodes set down the next hitter, but was chased after the Eagles added a second run on an error by Notre Dame junior third baseman Katey Haus. Gumpf then handed the ball to freshman pitcher Rachel Nasland, who got the

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARD

ND Softball vs. Eastern Michigan
ND Women's Tennis vs. Marquette
Baseball vs. Valparaiso
ND Track and Field

W 12-2
W 7-0
W 4-1
All day

TODAY'S EVENTS

ND Softball vs. Northwestern 4 p.m.
Track at Victor Lopez Invitational All day
ND Men's Swimming All day

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Lacrosse at Syracuse Sat., noon
Men's Hockey vs. St. Cloud St. Sat., 9 p.m.
ND Women's Basketball vs. Oklahoma St. Sat., 2:30 p.m.
ND Women's Lacrosse vs. Stanford Sat., noon