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Fisher rector issues sudden resignation

Fr. Brad Metz announced his departure in Thursday morning email to residents

By LESLEY STEVENSON News Editor

Fr. Brad Metz, rector of Fisher Hall, sent an email to Fisher Hall residents early Thursday morning announcing his resignation from his position, effective immediately.

"After discussion with administrators in Student Affairs, Human Resources and the Holy Cross community, I apologize for regrettable decisions that I made last weekend that failed to live up to the values of our community," Metz said in

the email. "I will be departing from Fisher in the next couple of days to address these issues and thus resigning my position as Rector effective immediately, and I ask for your prayers.

"David Halm, C.S.C. will be serving as interim rector for the remainder of the academic year, and I know that he will lead our community with integrity, compassion and good judgment."

Metz declined to comment beyond what he stated in the email.

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Fisher Hall's rector Fr. Brad Metz announced his resignation from his position Thursday morning. Former assistant rector David Halm will serve as interim rector for the rest of the year.

SMC seniors named Orr Fellows

By RONI DARLING News Writer

Saint Mary's seniors Annie Kennedyand SaraNapierkowski are the latest Belles to receive Orr Fellowships, offering them a two-year entrepreneurial opportunity to gain post-graduation experience in Indiana.

Previous Orr Fellows from Saint Mary's include 2013 graduate Nichole Clayton and 2012 graduates Amanda Lester and Melissa Jackson, director of media relations Gwen O'Brien said. This is the third consecutive year Saint Mary's seniors have received this award.

"Commonly referred to as the Orr Fellowship, the Governor Bob Orr Indiana Entrepreneurial Fellowship was established in 2001 and provides a unique opportunity to soon-to-be college graduates," O'Brien said. "Approximately 35 Orr Fellows are selected each year from hundreds of applicants to break into the professional world through paid positions with high-growth Indiana companies."

O'Brien said applicants are typically natives of Indiana or have attended a college or



Seniors Annie Kennedy, left, and Sara Napierkowski were named 2014 see FELLOWS PAGE 5 Orr Fellows and will engage in entreprenurial post-graduate work.

Former faculty dies of cancer

Observer Staff Report

Olivia Remie Constable, director of the Medieval Institute at Notre Dame since 2009 and professor of history, died of cancer Wednesday in her home, according to a University press release.

Constable joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1995 after teaching history at Columbia University for six years. She graduated from Yale University in 1983 and earned a doctoral degree in Near Eastern Studies from Princeton in 1989, the press release stated.

Dean's Fellows host sports panel

By LESLEY STEVENSON News Editor

alumnus and general counsel for a large part of the question-and- openly criticized the University's tion of college athletes and Notre Dame's Campus Crossroads Project.

the National Collegiate Athletic answer session. Other topics response to the 2010 death of Association (NCAA) Scott Bearby, included the possible unioniza- Elizabeth "Lizzy" Seeberg. Then a first-year student at Saint Mary's, Seeberg committed suicide shortly after accusing a Notre Dame football player of sexually assaulting her. Former Irish linebacker Prince Shembo confirmed in February that he was the player involved in the subsequent investigation. "Notre Dame isn't Michigan; Notre Dame isn't Florida State, and we never wanted our motto

The Dean's Fellows of the College of Arts and Letters hosted four speakers in Leighton Concert Hall on April 16 to debate the most controversial aspects of athletics at the nation's most prominent institutions.

The panel discussion, titled "For the Love of the Game: Big Time Sports at Big Time Universities," featured author Murray Sperber, journalist and alumna Melinda Henneberger, former Notre Dame football player Pat Eilers and

The Notre Dame Athletic Department declined to participate in the discussion, co-executive director of the panel and senior Nikita Taniparti said.

Senior student body president emeritus and former varsity fencer Alex Coccia moderated the event by prompting discussion and posing audience-submitted questions.

The panelists considered sexual assault and preferential treatment for student athletes during

Henneberger, a writer for The National Catholic Reporter and The Washington Post, said Notre Dame fans and administrators must take a stronger stance against assault in order to promote the University's traditional values, which she said might "have been subjugated to the glory of the football team."

Henneberger reported on and

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"Remie Constable was a brilliant historian, a generous colleague and a very dear friend," associate professor of history Margaret Meserve said in the press release. "Her contributions to medieval studies at Notre Dame were countless, but I will remember her best for her love of her students, her wonderful wit and her extraordinary hospitality. She will be

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What is your favorite Pokemon?



Anthony Barrett junior Stanford Hall "Bulbasaur."



Emily Dauer sophomore Pangborn Hall "The original 151, the only ones

Josh Dempsey sophomore Duncan Hall "Snorlax."

that count."



Conor Montijo junior Stanford Hall "Charmander. For sure."

Brooke Turrell

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junior

Walsh Hall

"Squirtle."

"Definitely Pikachu."



Junior Stephanie Klotter sells baked goods in the lobby of Walsh Hall on Monday to raise money for breast cancer research through the Michigan Susan G. Komen 3-Day 60 Mile Walk for the Cure this summer.

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Bob Marley on the Quad

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Wizard Chess

LaFortune Ballroom 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Channel your inner Ron Weasley with the Sci Fi and Fantasy Club

Mascot Royale McGlinn Fields 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

Friday

Bonfire

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Join SUB and the

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Pangborn's Easter Egg Hunt McGlinn Fields 1p.m.-3p.m. \$2 per person, \$5 per team

Senior advisor spreads awareness of education

By MARISA IATI Senior News Writer

Christie Vilsack, the self-proclaimed "storyteller" for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), spoke about the organization's educational mission in developing nations April 16 in Carole Sandner the world today is pretty de-Hall.

Vilsack, the senior advisor for international education at USAID, asked approximately 50 students and staff members to spread the message that the safety and prosperity of the United States depends on education in developing countries.

"If young people have jobs and they feel like productive citizens in their own countries, they're not going to become security threats to us," she said. "So, it's in our best interest ... to make sure that we consider that educating children in other countries is just as important as educating children in our own country.

"Everything that happens out there in those countries where I'm visiting ... will impact kids in this country every day as they grow up. ...

Our economy depends upon people in other countries and ... our trading dollars are very definitely connected to the developing countries, as well."

To that end, Vilsack said her branch of USAID seeks to increase opportunities for learning.

"The ability to function in pendent upon being able to read," Vilsack said. "If you can read, that means you can read the medicine that you get at a drugstore or from a doctor. It means that maybe you can better understand the people that you might be voting for. It means that you can start a business."

In 2010, USAID created a three-part strategy for using education to empower people in impoverished countries, Vilsack said. She said the organization pledged to improve the reading skills of 100 million children, put 15 million additional children in school and increase vocational opportunities and access to higher education.

USAID currently is hosting "All Children Reading: A Grand Challenge," which asks people to create technology

that helps children learn to read, Vilsack said. According to USAID's website, this international grant competition makes \$2.7 million available to innovations and programs. Vilsack said USAID is look-

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Christie Vilsack senior advisor USAID

ing for software that creates open-source books, uploads them to a cloud, translates them into multiple languages and submits them to local publishers in various nations. As it works to accomplish its goals, USAID considers the impact its efforts will have on

women and girls, Vilsack said. "We don't do anything at

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USAID without putting it through the filter of gender," she said. "We know that one of the best ways to raise the standard of living in developing countries is to make sure girls and women have opportunities they maybe haven't had in the past."

Vilsack told The Observer that in countries such as Pakistan and Afghanistan, for example, USAID tries to increase the number of female teachers because girls are not permitted to attend classes taught by men.

"In every program that we do, we think about how is this going to affect girls in this country," she said. "And in some places, in Haiti, the number of boys and girls in Haiti in school are the same, so in some places this isn't so much of an issue, but in other places, it definitely is for different reasons."

Vilsack said USAID asks colleges and universities to help students see themselves as problem solvers.

"It's about changing the attitude that we have about education so that we're not just getting degrees so that we can get a job. We are actually able

to solve problems," Vilsack said. "And sometimes if you can solve a problem at a local level, you can take that and work at a global level."

College students with limited time can begin to address global issues by educating themselves about current events in one particular nation. Vilsack said.

"It's overwhelming to pick up a newspaper if ... you don't feed on these things," she said. "As a young parent and as a teacher, I'd often think, 'I have to teach these kids tomorrow. I don't have time to sit and read about South Sudan in depth or every country in the world that I should be thinking about.' But if you choose one."

Ultimately, students should aim to consider the ways in which all people are connected, Vilsack said.

"If people can think more globally, I think that's important, and it doesn't take any more time," she said. "Just opening your mind ... to understanding different cultures."

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Lecturer analyzes Latin American economy

By GABRIELA MALESPIN News Writer

José Miguel Insulza, secretary general of the Organization of American States (OAS) presented a lecture titled "Growth, Inequality and Democracy in the Americas" at the Institute for Educational Initiatives on Tuesday.

Insulza, one of Chile's longest serving public ministers, addressed the current economic growth of Latin America and what it signifies for the implementation of democracy in the region.

He said the decade between 2002 and 2012 was the period with the largest economic growth for Latin America, a phrase that is key to understanding the economic decline and inequality Latin America currently faces.

"We could have made all the improvements in education, in science and technology, diversifying the economy in the decade between 2002 and 2012," Insulza said. "This is really a challenge for the region today. What do we do with the expectations that have been created? How do we try to carry out the reforms that are pending from the past decade?"

Insulza said the 2002-2012 decade presented enormous economic growth partly because of better international trade relations, particularly with China.

"Trade between Latin America and China grew from 2002 to 2012, from 4 billion to over 70 billion dollars, and that's enormous," Insulza said. "China will become a larger economic partner with Latin America than the United States.

"There is no reason why

there should be so much poverty and there is no reason why there should be so much inequality. The fact is that

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José Miguel Insulza secretary general Organization of American States (OAS)

our inequality has increased incredibly. It's very clear that there is a relationship between the health of the economy and the degree to which capitalism is responsible in some way."

Insulza said one of the factors that contributed to income inequality in Latin America was the lower rate of investment in regional production, where consumption has ultimately outpaced the country's import and export rate.

"External investment hasn't grown, and that is a problem. When wealth increases, wealth in terms of capital and ownership of capital decreases, investments cannot be made," he said. "Currently, the wealthy classes in Latin America are more willing to buy land or to invest in houses than to invest in products from that region."

Insulza highlighted three

problems key to understanding the current crisis in Latin America: income inequality, rising crime rates and the call for legitimate democratic governments.

He said crime rates have been proven to correlate with income inequality, with the majority of security forces in several countries influenced by the wealthiest one percent.

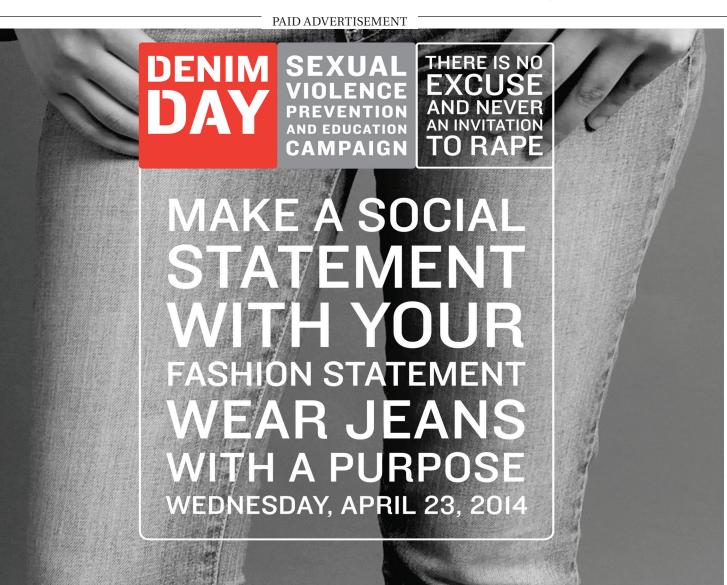
"Socially, we are faced with a tougher problem. The external conditions for our growth are not there, the internal conditions for our growth are not created and we have been lagging behind. That certainly will affect democracy." Insulza said. "The interesting thing is that even today, most economists are warming up to the fact that it is not just a problem of social justice, it also a problem of unfairness.

"Growth in the economy is not possible unless we correct the tremendous inequality that exists in the country."

Insulza said while democracy in Latin America has improved substantially since the 1990s, Latin America still requires progress and further implementation of democratic governments in several countries.

"Citizens are not willing to give obedience in exchange for protection; they are willing to give legitimacy in exchange for citizenship, and I think we are very far from that," he said.

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Denim Day History

In 1999 the Italian High Court overturned a rape conviction because the victim was wearing tight jeans at the time of the assault. The justices stated that the victim must have helped her attacker remove her jeans, from which they inferred consent. People all around the world were outraged. Wearing jeans on this anniversary became an international symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual violence.

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SMC extends Earth Day celebration all week

By KATHRYN MARSHALL News Writer

The Saint Mary's community will celebrate Earth Day with a week of activities hosted by the College's Environmental Action Coalition.

chance to assist in the Saint Mary's Community Garden, located on the south side of Havican Hall on Wednesday evening, senior Coalition president Colette Curtis said.

"We are encouraging members of the SMC community to be more involved to see the many benefits that come with having a community garden,[including] the importance of growing your own food and knowing where

said.

On Thursday, the average lunch waste per person will be measured during "Weigh Your Waste" in Noble Family Dining Hall, Curtis said.

"During this lunch period, we separate all the 'edibles' Students will have the from the 'nonedibles' on the trays," Curtis said. "We weigh all the edibles."

> Members of the Coalition will teach students how to reuse old t-shirts through a recyclable craft event Friday, and the week will celebrate locally grown food with a meal made of such ingredients Saturday, Curtis said.

"I believe it is important to know your farmer, share meals with friends and community members and learn

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your food is from," Curtis how to cook wholesome, healthy food," Curtis said.

Other activities include a nature walk Sunday and the showing of a film titled "Chasing Ice" on Monday, Curtis said.

Environmental "The Action Coalition is a group dedicated to bringing environmental consciousness to the Saint Mary's community," Curtis said. "We host events and activities to promote the healthy treatment of our Earth."

After the week's events, Curtis said she hopes students will become more aware of their impact on the environment.

"I don't expect students to change their whole way of living after attending one activity," Curtis said. "However, I hope they recognize the impact they have on GELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH SMC WED plant and loarn about the community gordon

WED:	plant and learn about the community garden
	6 PM, Havican Hall
THURS:	weigh your waste
	11-2 PM, Noble Family Dining Hall
FRI:	recycle and craft
	TBA
SAT:	community dinner with local food
	7 PM, Regina South Lounge

our Earth and what they can RSVP for Saturday's dinner, do to live in harmony with contact Colette Curtis at ccurti02@saintmarys.edu all the natural things of our

For more information on Earth Week events or to

planet."

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university in the state.

"During their two-year tenure, Orr Fellows gain executive-level mentorship at their host companies and build professional and peer networks," O'Brien said. "The recipients gain experience with other high-potential professionals within dynamic, fast-growing entrepreneurial companies."

Upon graduation, both Kennedy and Napierkowski will work for Orr Fellowship host companies located in Indianapolis.

"Napierkowski, an Italian and global studies double major with a concentration in global business administration, will join [previous Orr Fellow Melissa] Jackson

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at Teradata," O'Brien said. "Teradata specializes in helping companies consolidate and analyze large amounts of data to ultimately inspire further corporate development."

Napierkowski said she will most likely have a role in marketing and research.

"When I start in late June, I will do some preliminary work. This will then determine in which area my skills will be most beneficial for the company," Napierkowski said.

O'Brien said Kennedy, a communication studies major and public relations and advertising minor, will join [previous Orr Fellow Nichole] Clayton at Courseload.

"Courseload primarily helps higher education institutions transition into the

digital space," O'Brien said. "Additionally, Courseload strives to make classroom materials and resources more affordable and accessible for students by creating integrated technology platforms."

Kennedy said she will be starting out in services to learn the ins and outs of the company, but as time progresses, she will have the opportunity to take on other responsibilities.

O'Brien said Clayton works as an academic services manager for Courseload, focusing on retention and growth at universities where the company is already established.

Clayton said Kennedy and Napierkowski will be immersed in a very innovative and passion-driven community of the Orr Fellowship community.

"Indianapolis is the perfect city for young professionals to explore, learn and develop," Clayton said.

O'Brien said the previous Orr Fellows from Saint Mary's have come back to campus and spoken to students about their experiences.



Thursday, April 24, at 7 p.m.

Opening Keynote Address "The Council and the Churches"

Joseph A. Komonchak Professor Emeritus School of Theology and Religious Studies Catholic University of America

McKenna Hall Auditorium

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Stephen Schloesser, S.J. Professor of History, Loyola University Chicago

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"Hearing about how positive their personal experiences were as Orr Fellows really drew me to the program, and helped me decide it was something I really wanted to do," Kennedy said. Clayton said it was very important for her to reach out to fellow Belles and share her story about her exciting and rewarding experience.

"The constant exposure to new opportunities, talented community leaders and ambitious peers is what makes the Orr Fellowship so special," Clayton said.

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Rector

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Heather Rakoczy Russell, associate vice president for residential life, confirmed the information in Metz's email was accurate and declined to comment further on the matter. She said the Office of Student Affairs would seek and hire Metz's permanent replacement through the annual search to fill vacant rector positions.

"Student Affairs is currently engaged in the regular spring search to fill any anticipated vacancies for the 2014 – 2015 academic year," she said. "I will hire

"We are using this tragedy as an opportunity for growth, and the brotherhood that we all share will only grow stronger through trial."

Michael Lindt Fisher Hall vice president sophomore

the next Fisher rector together with all new rectors as a result of this regular spring search."

Halm, a seminarian who was serving his first year as a Fisher Hall assistant rector, declined to comment on Metz's resignation. He thanked the residents for their concern and compassion and asked them to continue respecting Metz's privacy in an email to the hall sent Friday morning.

"The Congregation of Holy Cross, Fr. Brad's religious community and mine ... is an incredible brotherhood and is rallying around Fr. Brad during these days of transition," he said. "He is being provided with support and love and is also blessed to be near family, including his mom, in South Bend. Right now the best way our community can support him is to pray for him."

Hall vice president and sophomore Michael Lindt said Metz and Halm addressed Fisher Hall residents Tuesday night.

"[Metz] basically said that he was sorry for the circumstances surrounding his resignation and that he was sad to leave because we were like sons to him," he said. "... After Fr. Brad's speech, he left, and David Halm, the new rector, as well as the rest of the hall staff spoke about the great unity the dorm had shown.

"We are using this tragedy as an opportunity for growth, and the brotherhood that we all share will only grow stronger through trial."

Lindt said Metz remained in the dorm through Easter weekend. He said he spoke briefly with Metz, who was serving his third year as rector, over the weekend.

Lindt said the residents of Fisher Hall do not know what prompted Metz's resignation. He said they expressed concern for their former rector after receiving his email.

"[The reason for Metz's resignation] was kept vague, and I think that was good because at first, we were kind of wondering what happened, but overall most of us figured it wasn't really important to know what happened, just to know that something did happen that caused him to resign," Lindt said. "After we got the email ... it was just kind of disheartening too.

"We were very sad, because basically our father figure in the dorm was leaving us. But after we got over that initial shock, the big thing that everyone was worrying about was actually Fr. Brad because we didn't know what was going on, so we wanted to be as supportive as possible without breaching his privacy."

Fisher Hall president Erik Siegler said Metz encouraged the formation of a tight-knit community in Fisher Hall.

"He may not have been in Fisher Hall for a long time, but he has impacted many Fishermen," Siegler said. "He was able to teach patience and respect to many of the residents of Fisher Hall in his short time here. ... I will say he will be greatly missed."

Sophomore Adam Rene Rosenbaum said Metz's resignation "came as a shock." He said he did not know what prompted Metz to resign.

"I was completely shocked," Rosenbaum said. "I hadn't really heard of anything; this kind of came out of nowhere."

Rosenbaum said he and other residents showed support for Metz on Thursday by leaving him notes and signing a Fisher Hall oar to give him as a gift.

"A lot of people, myself in-

individually and for the Fisher community, and also some people were going around with a Fisher oar getting people to sign the oar because everyone loves

"He very much enabled us to have the brotherhood that we have in Fisher Hall."

Michael Lindt Fisher Hall vice president sophomore

Fr. Brad," Rosenbaum said. "He had the spirit and he established the sense of brotherhood that we pride ourselves on in Fisher. The fact that he's leaving us is really sad for our community."

Lindt said Metz supported the strengthening of "a fantastic brotherhood" in the hall. He said he hoped he and other residents would be able to maintain a relationship with Metz.

"The biggest legacy I think he'll leave is, in a sense, he embodied Fisher Hall," Lindt said. "He was our director, but he also had a very strong determination and desire for us to really grow in brotherhood and he really embodied that.

"He very much enabled us to have the brotherhood that we have in Fisher Hall."

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greatly missed."

Constable's focus for classes and research included "interactions between medieval Christians, Muslims and Jews; the Mediterranean world; economic and social history; the history of medieval cities and urban life; medieval Spain and perceptions of the middle ages in modern novels and film," the press release stated. Constable received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council of Learned Societies and the Guggenheim foundation, according to the press release. She was also a member of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton and a fellow of the Medieval Academy of America.

Funeral services will be private and a public memorial service will be announced soon, the press release stated. across the Neoliberal Américas Arlene Dávila





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Dr. Arlene Dávila

Professor of Anthropology and American Studies at New York University

"Locating Neoliberalism in

Time, Space and 'Culture'"

Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. The Eck Visitors Center Auditorium

Panel

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to be 'no worse than Florida State,' right?" Henneberger said. "This school means more to me than any other, obviously, and to see my school's campaign to discredit in misleading terms, often, this dead 19-year-old just went beyond anything I would have believed the leaders of my school possible."

"Isee other schools like Missouri, for example, or like Dartmouth, where the leadership really is saying, 'Wow, we've fallen short; we must do better on this,'" she said. "All these years later, I still have not really heard that from this school. You really can't address a problem that you don't know you have."

Bearby said the NCAA itself cannot investigate claims of sexual assault and does not have the authority to impose punishments based on allegations alone.

"Amateurism and academics are our jurisdiction," he said. "Criminal law isn't our jurisdiction," he said.

Coccia prompted the panelists to discuss the impact and implications of Notre Dame's Campus Crossroads project, which will add academic, athletic and extracurricular space around Notre Dame Stadium and cost an estimated \$400 million. Henneberger said she was concerned with the scale of the plan and its focus on the stadium.

"I look at that proposal for the expansion of the stadium and I see an idol; I see the absolute essence of what an idol is," she said. "I look at this thing and I think it's a visual representation of my question about ways in which we can be overemphasizing our cult of football."

Pat Eilers, a member of the 1988 national championship football team and a '89 and '90 graduate in biology and mechanical engineering, said the stadium expansion indicates the University's focus not on football but on improving access to athletic and academic facilities for all students.

"I do think, at least what I understand they're trying to accomplish is addressing a lot of needs - both academic and athletic needs, not just Division I collegiate athletic needs," he said. "... If you really think about the University and how it's self-contained as a campus and we don't have a lot of roads and streets going through it, if you look where all that could be put, the space around the stadium is really only utilized six, seven times a year depending on how many home games we have.

"I think there could be another perspective as well, which is we're reutilizing this space on campus that is available for all these initiatives that help to benefit all of the above, both the academic <image><image>

Student body president emeritus Alex Coccia, far right, leads a discussion of panelists from a variety of disciplines related to athletics at major universities.

and the athletic focus that the University stands for."

Coccia asked the panelists to consider the National Labor Relations Board's (NLRB) recent decision to consider scholarship football players at Northwestern University as employees with the potential to form a union. Henneberger said student-athletes' demanding schedules prevent them from devoting enough time to academics.

"If they're working a grueling full-time job, how many students doing that really could also take the most of their educational opportunities?" she said. "I think very few."

Sperber, author of "Shake Down the Thunder: The Creation of Notre Dame Football," said the NBA rule that requires draftees to spend just one year in college

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illustrates the increasing professionalization of college sports.

"These guys are in college for minor league NBA training," he said. "They don't pretend to be students. In a very public, symbolic way, it says college sports on certainly that level are in the entertainment business; this has got nothing to do with education."

Eilers said he transferred to Notre Dame from Yale University because he believed in the capability of superior academic institutions to maintain strong programs for student-athletes. He said he thought Yale chose to sacrifice athletic opportunities in favor of more rigorous academics.

"I didn't think you needed to sacrifice athletics, in particular this case football, for the pursuit of academic excellence," he said. " ... Notre Dame [also] strives for excellence in your spiritual development. I didn't think there were many, if any, other institutions on the face of the earth that really strive for excellence in all three areas."

Eilers said Notre Dame and other elite universities must continue to develop existing support structures for student-athletes and balance between athletics and academics across all University departments.

"I think [athletics programming] should enhance, not marginalize, the academic pursuits of the institution, and it should promote the goals and the values that are consistent with the overall institution's goals and values," Eilers said.

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VIEWPOINT

INSIDE COLUMN

A reflection on column writing

Henry Gens News Writer

Well, it's time for the Semester Inside Column (SIC). The SIC is a largely unedited biannual ritual for writers on the staff of this lovely paper that is loved, hated and everything in between - but always 450 words.

Every writer has a different aim in this piece, and my goal here is unabashedly to just get it done. There's nothing that I really want to get up on my soapbox about today; if that's what you were hoping for, the fine folks over at Viewpoint do an excellent job.

Even though I'm not feeling the whole expound eloquently about a worthy cause, I'm still somewhat excited to be writing this column. See, for a news writer like me this is a completely different experience. In fact, it's just about the only time I get to blatantly disregard AP style! Did you just see that exclamation mark? Wow! There's another! My writing is so much more interesting! Not only do I get to be cavalier with those adorable little inverted i's, I can also freely abuse apostrophes, name numbers, and employ Oxford commas. This is already forty-three percent better!

Ah, there's so much un-styled evil in that last paragraph that I think my stomach just churned a little glancing back over it. Inducing physical illness? Not bad for a second inside column.

You see, I'm really trying to work with what I got here, which isn't a whole lot to go off of. This engine's running on empty, so to speak. The problem is, I just spent all day between a plane and a bus, with the no-man's land of luscious airport connecting the two. You'd think with the amount of time I spend sitting at a desk as an engineering student here that I would've gone sufficiently soft enough to not mind being sedentary for a whole day, but it turns out that there's a whole other level of enervation required beyond the one I so comfortably inhabit.

Of course, the day I spent standing in long security lines and sitting in sterile seats also happened to be the day that something diametrically opposed was happening on the human momentum spectrum — a miracle marathon was run by Meb Keflezighi. For those of you non-endurance sports individuals that have endured my column thus far, Meb is the first American to win the Boston Marathon since 1983. For most elite marathoners in the field, that would've been before they were born, but not for Meb, who turns 39 in a couple of weeks. Everything about this win was as unlikely as it was fitting, from an individual who has overcome amazing adversity recently in his career to a city recovering from the tragic bombings at last year's event. So it might seem out of place with the rest of this pointless piece, but I couldn't pass up the chance to mention what is definitely my favorite sports story of the past year. To viewpoint, exit "page left."

Mischief managed

Jameson Ondrof Around Europe in 120 Days

"I solemnly swear that I'm up to no good."

The words used to reveal the Marauder's Map to Harry Potter could very easily be applied to me and my experiences, as the past 12 months of traveling, experiencing new cultures and (occasionally) attending class come to an end. Between spending the summer in Jerusalem and the spring semester in London, it's been a magical experience, and it truly is hard to put into words the impact that the two experiences have had on me. My time internationally has been like a map for my life, to extend the metaphor, as it's allowed me to visit places of which I've only dreamed, meet new people and learn so much about myself and the world around me. Studying abroad has truly been the experience of a lifetime, and, in writing a eulogy for my time abroad, it only seems appropriate to attempt to explain why everyone who takes part in Notre Dame's international programs rave about their experience.

First, and perhaps most obviously, study abroad is enriching because of the places to which one goes. It's not hard to explain this one, as walking through the Colosseum, taking an evening cruise on the Seine, swimming in the Sea of Galilee and climbing to the top of St. Paul's Cathedral are all experiences that I will treasure for the rest of my life. It's a unique privilege to be able to see the places where important moments in history have happened and experience cultures different from that of the United States, all by one's early 20s. The places and cultures that one experiences are a key part of the study abroad experience.

Secondly, study abroad is enriching because of the people one meets, both in the program and in everyday interactions. The students of Jerusalem Summer Program 2013 and the London Spring Semester 2014 are some of the most talented, outgoing, intellectually curious and fun people that I've met at Notre Dame, and I certainly think that my college experience would be lacking had I not met them. However, study abroad also affords one the opportunity to meet people outside of the programs, such as Palestinian refugees, Israeli settlers and Londoners down at the local pub. It's the interactions with the locals through which the education really happens, where the worldview you had previously is challenged, stretched and altered by what they have to say and their life experiences.

Finally, study abroad is enriching because it changes you and certainly leads to a greater degree of selfknowledge, no matter how worldly or well traveled you may be before going abroad. For my part, Britain and Israel have taught me so much about myself, the world and life in general. In Israel, I learned about the struggle for peace in one of the world's most volatile regions and the unfortunate realities of "facts on the ground," all while visiting the places that are most holy to more than four billion people. Britain has taught me about surviving after college: from booking flights and hostels to grocery shopping on my own, I've become more self-sufficient. In addition, Britain has taught me about

the political realities of the European Union, and my travels through Europe have reminded me of the wealth of cultures and places still left to explore, even after a semester abroad.

Overall, though, study abroad is enriching because of the mix of those three aspects and the special memories that mix creates. I'll always remember the nights spent with friends at a pub discussing, among other things, Britain's reluctance to join the European Union. I'll never forget the weeklong trip through the Galilee with the Jerusalem program. These memories and experiences simply can't be created under any other circumstances than during study abroad. I count myself as extremely lucky to have been able to take part in study abroad.

So, for those of you going abroad this summer or next year: enjoy it and make the most of the short time you're away. For those of you considering doing it at some point, give it a shot. You'll be glad you did.

As for me, at the end of my study abroad experience - I'm sad it's ending, but I'm happy in the knowledge that I'll be traveling in Europe and around the world again someday, because there are more incredible places to visit, fascinating people to meet and learning experiences to have.

So: Mischief managed. For now.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The most wonderful time at the Pier

It's that time of year again. Spring has blossomed, and with it comes this gracious invitation to celebrate the final day of class with us, the men of St. Edward's Hall, aboard the Mystic Blue - that's right, it's Yacht Dance season. Keeping the tradition of the outgoing St. Edward's Presidents before me, I offer you the incredible opportunity to cruise the beautiful waters of Lake Michigan along the greatest skyline (and city) in the world as my date. We will set sail on the thirtieth evening of April, during the two thousand fourteenth year of our Lord, when showers turn to flowers at midnight. However, you must act now if you'd like to be my first mate for the festivities. By following the applicable link below (you're welcome for the online hits, Observer) and completing the questionnaire, you will be entered for a chance to be chosen. I'd say "don't go overboard" with your answers, but I'm sure that ship has already sailed. So just go with whatever floats your boat. Okay, in all seriousness, I'm a normal person.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A personal Boston Marathon story

Running Boston is the dream of every long distance runner and I was lucky enough to get a bib number last year for the 117th Boston Marathon. I flew home to Providence with my best friend, Colleen, for the weekend. My two sisters, Grace and Molly, and my mom also met me there to be my support team.

At Saturday evening Mass two days before the race, my priest at home delivered a homily about love. He emphasized the distinction between love and agape love. He described agape love as "being willing to sacrifice your life for someone else." Agape love is completely voluntary and unconditional in the truest sense of the word. As I sat in Mass two days before the Boston Marathon, unaware of the situation I would soon experience, I looked down the pew. I saw my mom, my dad, my two sisters and my best friend. As I looked at each of them, I could honestly say that I loved them in such a way that I would be willing to give my life for them. I never imagined that less than 48 hours later, what seemed to be a purely hypothetical situation would become more real to me than ever before.

When I got to the start line, the whole atmosphere was surreal. I was excited, anxious and a little nervous. I had trained well and I finished the marathon in three hours and 31 minutes, just at my goal time. I could not stop smiling. I enjoyed every mile; they weren't all easy — especially the last few — but every one was worth it. There's something about accomplishing a feat that wipes your memory of the pain associated with it and, instead, joy overwhelms it, leaving the lasting impression.

I found my mom, Molly, Grace and Colleen a few minutes after I finished and was bombarded with hugs and pictures. Their love and pride was tangible, and I can't describe the elation and happiness shared between all five of us.

After basking in celebration, I got in the car with my mom and Molly to go home. Grace and Colleen walked to their car, just about a block from the finish line. We were already on the highway when we got a call from Grace. She explained that they were all rright, but they had run as far away as they could from Copley Square where they heard and felt two big explosions. They were looking for a safe place to wait until we could pick them up. She was trying to remain calm, but I could hear her voice falter and waver as she spoke. I let my head drop into my lap and I began to shake. I was scared; I was scared because my big sister was scared. I was scared because two of the people I love most were in a dangerous place.

My body was so exhausted from running that when I started to cry, I couldn't stop. My mom tried to console me. She kept saying, "It's okay. They are okay. We are going to get them." I let her say it a few times before I was finally able to get out, "Yes, but someone else isn't."

I couldn't help but let my mind wander to the "what if's." I knew that there was no point in going through them, but I couldn't help it. The biggest hypothetical that I couldn't shake was the possibility of Grace and Colleen being among the victims who suffered injury, or even worse, death. I don't think a day of my life would ever be the same if anything had happened to them. I couldn't help but feel anger, as well. It was selfish, but this was my day. This was supposed to be a day about my accomplishment and the culmination of all the blood, sweat and tears I had endured. I was supposed to be celebrating with my family and friends, but instead, it was a tragic day in which three people lost their lives, hundreds were injured and thousands were emotionally scarred.

When we picked up Grace and Colleen, instead of sighing with relief, I just sobbed harder. I was sobbing because I was relieved, but I couldn't stop. We made it home and I fell apart again when I saw my dad. When I looked around, I saw five different people than I had seen in the pew at church two days earlier. Over the course of the day, I had felt feelings I had never had before, but the strongest feeling between the six of us was that of agape love.

I recently read a reflection on agape love by Dr. Chris Anthony in "Catholic

Online." Dr. Anthony speaks of God's agape love — love that is "divine, unconditional, self-sacrificing, active, volatile and thoughtful" — in the context of Holy Week. He calls to our attention the act of humility and love of Jesus washing the disciples' feet and the ultimate sacrifice of death on the cross on Good Friday. Jesus embodies the definition of agape love.

When I crossed the finish line on Boylston Street in Boston, I was received by four of the most important people in my life, people for whom I would give up my life and who I know would do the same for me. I was given the opportunity to discover just how deep, involuntary and unconditional my love was and others' love was for me.

As we celebrate the Easter season and reflect on the Triduum, we see the most obvious display of agape love when Jesus dies on the cross for us. As we remember the victims of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings, we grieve for those who suffered death, physical injury and emotional harm. But as John reminds us in his gospel, "Light shines in darkness, and darkness could not overpower it." Powered by this light, let us strive to show agape love to all those around us.

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Preferential treatment no more

On Tuesday, the Supreme Court voted 6-2 in Schuette v. BAMN to allow states to place bans on public universities taking race into account when considering admission of prospective students. Perhaps the most striking note about this decision was its margin. On what has been a controversial issue, the ruling was decisively in favor of allowing states to decide whether to keep or drop affirmative action policies. Associate Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor predictably dissented in the ruling, but the surprise came when ideological lines broke and reliably liberal Associate Justice Stephen Brever sided with the majority, hopefully representative of a shift in public opinion to one questioning affirmative action's merits. After all, this was not by any means a ruling on whether or not affirmative action should be in place, but whether or not states have the constitutional right to determine for themselves if they want to allow affirmative action in

their public universities. Nevertheless, Schuette v. BAMN revives the debate on affirmative action, a debate that is guaranteed to be lively in every state over the next couple years as they decide whether to enforce the policy or abandon it. Affirmative action is, for those who may be unaware, the policy that enforces race-based preferential treatment when considering admission to universities.

It is time that the nation escapes the antiquated and false idea upon which affirmative action was adopted: That different groups need a leg up on the competition to get ahead. Dropping preferential treatment not only makes the admission process fair, but also promotes a greater devotion to viewing all races as equal. The groups that benefited from it seldom opposed the message behind affirmative action, and the underlying patronization and belittlement was ignored by nearly everyone. The fact of the matter is that by giving preference to racial groups, the government was stating that those respective groups needed the extra help. The government was stating that those groups couldn't get into universities on their own merits. Now, as more and more states opt to consider merit alone in the admissions process, that message will be no more. It will finally be believed that every student in universities got there on his or her own, as a result of his or her own academic excellence and volunteerism.

The Supreme Court's decision has made it clear that states have the right to determine their tax-funded universities' admissions process. Eight states have already adopted policies that only allow merit-based applications, with Missouri, Ohio and Utah soon to follow suit. Even the politically leftleaning state of California has considered adopting such a policy. This will promote a truer equality and a process where everyone has equal chances of getting admitted and no one gets an unfair advantage because of the circumstances into which they were born.

Perhaps surprisingly, this bears no weight in my views on scholarship and financial aid awards. I do hold a belief that circumstances should be taken into account when divvying out financial assistance. Doing so will allow those who literally cannot afford to attend college to do so, and enable upward economic mobility for all those in such circumstances. Even then, though, I believe that such assistance should be based strictly upon socioeco-

nomic status, not race.

Regarding Schuette v. BAMN, it is my hope that the ruling allows for greater equality of opportunity throughout the nation, without trying to patronize certain groups and guarantee equal results.

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John Darr Scene Writer

In life, there are a lot of things that are pretty good. Paintings in a museum that you like but won't really remember, because they're just pretty good. Meals that you gulp down, not stopping to remark "Mmm" or "Wow, that's tasty" because their pretty-goodness simply doesn't warrant it. People that you cheerfully greet at the dining hall but would never think to text because they're just pretty-good friends.

As a critic, I naturally associate adjectives of quality — bad, average, good, amazing — with ratings out of five. The pretty-good is a solid 3.5/5: a rather respectable, yet wholly unremarkable, rating. For all my life, I've thought that of course, obviously, the 3.5s of life are not as good as the 4.5s or the 5s. It's simple math after all.

It's a lie.

The 3.5s in life are criminally underrated. They slip by, unnoticed as highlights and low points of life dominate our memories. Gorgeous vacations and nights dominated by relationship problems create a false backbone of life; pleasant weekend afternoons and nights out foster tight relationships and communities under our noses. They're stress-free and familiar — a comforting staple in our often-hectic timelines. We need our 3.5 days just as much as our painful 1s and glorious 5s.

The importance of pretty-good days is pretty straightforward, even obvious. They form the carefree "good times" we find ourselves reminiscing about later in life. However, the concept of the 3.5s importance stretches into perhaps the most unlikely category of all: art.

It's true that critics spend a lot of times traversing a sea of music in search for the next modern classic, trying to skip to a favorite song on the universal iPod. On a social level, trying to find the best song for a given situation or the perfect track to put on a mixtape is an exhilarating, high-stakes process.

However, the idea of playing or finding quality music can make a situation needlessly stressful. Will everyone appreciate the artistic value of what you're trying to display? Will your friends connect with the music as deeply as you do, or will they just chat away unaware of a message you're trying to send? Or if you're on your own, you can find yourself torn between trying to fully appreciate a loved record and simply sitting back and enjoying life.

That's when the 3.5 nudges your arm. It's no big shot, just a pretty-good record you're in the mood to listen to. It floats inoffensively in the background, filling the air with friendly melodies and soft rhythms. It doesn't interrupt or plead for attention or exert any sense of selfimportance. It's background music, but it's your background music. It's just a pretty good record, a 3.5 album for the vast amount of 3.5 moments in our lives.

As an artist and a critic, I spend a lot of time worrying if I'm truly taking advantage of opportunities and moments. Am I playing the best music, wearing the best clothes, having the best day? We spend so much time trying to achieve the absolute most that we miss the ordinary greatness of our merely above-average experiences. It's healthy to sit back and relax – sometimes life is simply a 3.5.

And that's still pretty good.

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Erin McAuliffe

Scene Writer

"And we can't stop and we won't stop..." Lies.

Contrary to her well-known lyrics, Miley Cyrus can and did stop. The rest of her "Bangerz" tour was postponed until August due to her hospitalization for a severe allergic reaction.

I was supposed to see Miley Cyrus in Louisville during Easter break, but my hopes and dreams of seeing her fly in on a hotdog were burnt to oblivion by a retweet and a few sad cat emoji.

"Can't quit crying [sad cat emoji]. i wanna go back on tour. im meant to be on stage performing for y'all...not laying in a hospital bed [sad cat emoji]," Cyrus tweeted.

The news hit me like a wrecking a ball, and I proceeded to lose it. After some dramatics, which involved mourning the lost opportunity to wear my teddy bear backpack and cursing Miley's recently-deceased dog for leaving her body distraught and therefore susceptible to — her forlorn, feline filled tweets tugging at my fragile heart-strings.

Her social media presence has been #depressing. Just this month, Miley lost her dog, inspiring #RIPFloyd and #FF (Floyd Friday) to trend. Now that she has been hospitalized for a week and may stay there for upwards of three weeks, tweets like "mizzzzeraaabbblleeee [3 sad cat emoji]" kept rolling in even through Easter weekend..

"Happy 420/Easter! I'll be where I've been the passed week. In bed. Crying..."

Tweets such as this have clogged my newsfeed and tear-ducts for the past few days. Her substitute of "passed" for "past," though regrettable, is no cause for worries, however. A more recent tweet confirmed that she is "reading books so I don't die a famous pop pop dumb dumb."

But does that mean she is worried she will die in the near future? I have so many questions.

However, her plight expanded beyond the Twittersphere: even my grandma — two days after the "allergic reaction to anti bios." (Related chain email from grandma on dangers of "anti bios" and cell phone radiation are sure to come soon.)

Miley's hospitalization is much more dire than my own disappointment over not being able to see her blingy "Bangerz" tour. However, that disappointment does still exist. I was looking forward to rocking shades and a mini skirt with my J's on — prepared for the imminent moment when she would spot my short haircut and killer dance moves and pull me on stage to perform "23" with her, letting me rap Juicy J's part.

Unfortunately, this did not twerk out, and I was home participating in forced family fun on the night of the elusive concert instead.

Miley, although you wrecked me when you postponed "Bangerz," I want you to know I still "Adore You" "My Darlin'" and will stay "Rooting For My Baby."

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ROCH GOD: A LOOK BACK AT SUPERSTAR

Emilie Kefalas Scene Writer

Though it's not as simple as "Cats," one could certainly try to make the case that Andrew Lloyd Webber is, in fact, not a god. We're talking as mortal, as English and as prone to illness as the next bloke. However, God owes Sir Webber some thanks for giving His Son and His Word an unmatched vibrancy and angst only experienced through the wailing of a rock and roll opera.

If not for Webber's collaboration (pre-Phantom) with lyricist Tim Rice (pre-Disney Renaissance) at the dawn of the pivot of change, the only religiously affiliated music with which the world was familiar would be church hymns. Not to say that those can't get a crowd going, but the point is that no one really associated the "great Jesus Christ" with upbeat electric guitars, hip beats and rad tunes. To put a pun to pen, thank God for "Jesus Christ Superstar."

It's edgy. It's misguided. It's for the "nobody understands me" pariah in youth group. It's full of angst, brooding, sweat, blood and tears. Did I mention the mortal Mr. Andrew Lloyd Webber composed the music? Quite honestly, this is the most untraditional, unshow-tune-y score of his entire career, largely in part to the jam sessions of well-known rock musicians Neil Hubbard, Chris Spedding, Alan Spenner and Bruce Rowland. Credit must also be given to the lead vocalists. Before this concept was a show, it was an album featuring Ian Gillan, lead singer of Deep Purple, as Jesus and Murray Head as Judas Iscariot.

So let me drop the beat for those of you who don't know this "rock God." An unorthodox Jesus Christ is not so much the Son of God as much as the antihero causing quite a buzz amongst a lost people (get ready for the cries of "Blasphemy!") Beginning on Palm Sunday, the show opens with a regular guy everybody calls Jesus of Nazareth, even just Christ, who walks, dances, pretty much shows up in Jerusalem glowing with "superstar" quality. Who is he, what has he sacrificed and why is this group of shaggy, long-haired and barefoot disciples behind him so musically inclined? Are they his backup dancers or something?

Just ask your parents, grandparents or anyone who listened to vinyl during the 1970s, and they could more likely recount a more personable experience concerning the album's controversy than any Internet source I scoured following my surge of fascination. Upon listening to my mom's workout playlist (out of pure curiosity) last year, I shuffled to one of the album's opening tracks titled, "Heaven On Their Minds." You would probably never consider that the Gospels could be interpreted, stretched and taken to such extended liberties until you realize the depth, fear and concern behind Judas's character.

Jesus may be the title role, but Judas is the show's true protagonist. His complexion is as notable as Christ's, if not more intriguing. However, consider how much we really, historically, know about him. His political and interpersonal disagreements with Christ seen onstage are nowhere in the Bible. Aside from a few very vague biblical descriptions, next to no light is ever shed upon his motives for handing over Jesus to the Romans nor the swarming distress that screeches in his ears after doing so, one of the reasons he is a paramount figure in this production.

Until the album's release, Judas was always the bad guy in every medium of art and interpretation of the Passion. Even since, no other concept or rendering has delved as deep or placed as much emphasis on him as "Superstar." Believe me, if I ever had the chance for the roles Jesus and Judas in the musical, I'd be secretly praying to get the latter (and not just because Judas sings the title song, though he has some of the best solos). He also experiences an uncomfortably real 21st-century breakdown, subsequently cutting his stage time a little bit shorter than Christ's by committing suicide before returning as an angel (in this case not "damned for all time") to sing "Superstar" before the Crucifixion.

One more thing: The Resurrection is not included. Perhaps the most controversial element of the show, the fact that the Resurrection is excluded instills a free interpretation for all audiences. Rice made an interesting comment in Life magazine about the characterization of Christ that parallels this ideology.

"It happens that we don't see Christ as God but simply the right man at the right time at the right place." " Heresy!" cried the adults.

"Jesus was in Black Sabbath?" asked the kids.

Obviously, this concept invites listeners and audiences to freely interpret the unsung layers of Jesus's, Judas's and Mary's psyches. Modern language is prevalent throughout the lyrics, and present-day postures contrast with allusions of biblical dress and contemporary sensibilities.

Whether meditated as an alternative to a Lenten preparation or used to combat your traditional religious narrative, "Jesus Christ Superstar" is for the soul of both the religiously and morally lost who seek the comfort of a familiar story rerouted to feel slightly modernized and rebellious.

The youth who want to know a less stained-glasswindow-image of Jesus desire a personal intimacy with Christ as much as the hippies who shout and proclaim so in song and dance, "Christ, you know I love you /Did you see I waved /I believe in you and God, so tell that I'm saved /Jesus, I am with you /Touch me, touch me, Jesus /Jesus, I am on your side /Kiss me, kiss me, Jesus!"

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By ALLIE TOLLAKSEN Scene Editor

In the midst of the long weekend was an annual holiday less recognized but still celebrated in full force by a handful of local businesses. Record Store Day (RSD) was celebrated by local record stores, audiophiles and vinyl-heads on its annual day, April 19.

RSD was created in 2007 by independent record store owners to spur an interest in the culture of record stores. In its nascence, a handful of record stores began participating in the day-long event, but RSD has grown to include thousands of participating independent stores around the world.

The day includes collaborations between organizers, producers, artists and participating stores, featuring events and performances. The big draw, however, for RSD lies in the exclusive releases. Releasing records in the thousands or sometimes only hundreds makes for a vinyl-collector's dream — or nightmare, if they can't get to the much-hyped sale in time.

This year, participating stores were sent new releases of

"special" singles and LPs from hundreds of artists, old and new. Some high-demand records were pressed and sent in small quantities, including music ranging from Action Bronson to David Bowie. Some albums had only a few copies pressed and sent to a select number of stores. Among these were compelling compilations from various artists, like "Faux Real," a collection of fake songs covered by real bands.

Luckily, other records were more readily available, with RSD marking the beginning of their release, including the highly-anticipated recording of LCD Soundsystem's final concert and the early release of Pixies' first album in 23 years, "Indie Cindy," out next week. But while the Pixies LP is due out those lucky enough to get the album early were surprised with a Record Store Day-exclusive 7-inch single. Among participating vendors were two record stores around Notre Dame, and students who spent their Easter break under the South Bend sun got a taste of RSD just outside of campus.

Orbit Music in Mishawaka, Ind., was one of the participating stores, and along with a table of food and plenty of decorations to celebrate the day, offered a collection of exclusive releases that went quickly. By 4 p.m., most Record Store Day exclusives were long gone, but with special deals on all music in the spirit of the holiday, even those who walked away without a coveted Chvrches 7-inch single left full-handed. Another participating store, Michiana Used Music and Media had an ample amount Record Store Dayexclusive releases. Early risers came in to find glow-in-thedark "Ghostbusters" soundtrack on vinyl as well as Nirvana and OutKast releases.

Those lucky (or admirably determined) enough to score one of these exclusives RSD releases could be making a pretty penny from their findings on eBay — a concern of store owners and employees, as the act surely goes against the spirit of RSD — but plenty of audiophiles around the world and in South Bend are enjoying their records and looking back fondly on a celebration of community, local business and, of course, music. If only there were a few more records to go around.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Baseball hot starts could last



Samantha Zuba Assistant Managing Editor

The MLB season is at that stage when parity among teams still exists, with many clubs sitting around the nine-win mark.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the Brewers had ridden a four-game winning streak to an MLB-best 15-5 record, and the Braves and A's each sit at 13-6, but even these teams have not separated themselves too far from the pack.

Several players, however, have jumped to impressively hot starts.

The kinds of numbers that lead the league right now have little chance to endure to the end of the season, but the current leaders could stay at the top of the board if they can produce consistently — if not quite so extraordinarily — over the course of the season.

So who is most likely to stay at the top of MLB in terms of individual stats? Here is a look at a few of the MLB leaders.

Charlie Blackmon, batting average

Rockies right fielder Charlie Blackmon currently leads all hitters with a .411 batting average. No one since Ted Williams in 1941 has been able to keep up a .400 pace, so a .400 average in April means little, but Blackmon's production deserves a look.

What is surprising about Blackmon is that he has yet to play a full season in the majors. Last season, he split time with Colorado and its AAA affiliate, hitting .309 in the majors and .288 with the minor league club.

Blackmon, however, has played 172 major league games, spread out over the course of several seasons. Blackmon has a .308 average in 530 at-bats — a full season's worth of at-bats. Blackmon has yet to play 162 major-league games within a single grueling season, but a batting average over .300 in over 500 at-bats shows that, although Blackmon's production so far this season might be extraordinary, his talent is not a fluke.

Mark Buehrle, ERA and wins

The Blue Jays lefty is tied with Cardinals right-hander Lance Lynn with an MLB-leading four wins, but Buehrle owns the ERA lead outright at a stingy 0.64.

If Toronto keeps providing Buehrle with enough run support, he should keep racking up wins. Buehrle might not have a high-90s fastball, but he is a crafty pitcher with experience that translates into wins.

His ERA is the more surprising stat. Buehrle has a career 3.81 ERA, not half-bad, but he has never finished a season with an ERA below 3.00, let alone below 1.00. It seems unlikely that Buehrle will be able to maintain a sub-1.00 ERA, especially once batters actually start to heat up. Look for Buehrle to keep win-

ning, albeit with a higher ERA.

Felix Hernandez, strikeouts

He is King Felix. He will keep throwing strikeouts.

Although the Mariners pitcher will have competition, especially from Washington's Stephen Strasburg — if he stays healthy for the entire season — and Detroit's Max Scherzer, he will finish among the leaders.

Giancarlo Stanton, RBI

Don't expect this name to go away. Stanton hits when it counts, and the 24-year-old right fielder has shown he can do that by leading MLB in RBI with 26 so far.

This season, the Marlins have a team on-base percentage of .343, good for fifth overall in MLB, and with that kind of production, Stanton will have plenty of opportunities to earn more RBI. The problem is, Miami finished dead last in the category for the 2013 season and only made minor upgrades for 2014.

If the team OPS tumbles, that could cut into Stanton's production, but it shouldn't crush his campaign to stay among the leaders.

Besides, he also has six home runs, so even if his teammates stop getting on base, he could at least drive in himself.

BOSTON MARATHON

American runner wins **118th Boston Marathon**

Associated Press

A year ago, an injured Meb Keflezighi watched the Boston Marathon from the stands at the finish line on Boylston Street, leaving five minutes before the bombs went off.

On Monday, with tens of thousands of spectators cheering wildly for him, the 38-year-old who emigrated from Eritrea as a child became the first U.S. man to win the race in 31 years.

"They're saying, 'You can pull this off. Go Meb! Go Meb!,'" he said. "I was using that as energy. I had the (names of the) four people that passed away on my bib. Like me, they were spectators, I was a spectator. I had them on my bib number. They helped me carry through."

Keflezighi, running just two weeks before his 39th birthday, added Boston to a resume that includes the New York City Marathon title in 2009 and a silver medal in the 2004 Olympics.

Keflezighi completed the 26.2 miles from Hopkinton to the finish on Boylston Street in Boston's Back Bay on Monday in a personalbest 2 hours, 8 minutes, 37 seconds. He held off Kenya's Wilson Chebet, who finished 11 seconds behind. Frankline Chepkwony of Kenya was 13 seconds back.

Keflezighi went out early and built a big lead. But he was looking over his shoulder several times as Chebet and Chepkwony closed the gap over the final two miles. After realizing he wouldn't be caught, Keflezighi raised sunglasses, his began pumping his right fist and made the sign of the cross. He threw his arms in the air and broke into tears after crossing the finish line, then draped himself in the American flag.

No U.S. runner had won of injury. the race since Lisa Larsen-Weidenbach took the women's title in 1985; the last American man to win was Greg Meyer in 1983. Meyer and Keflezighi embraced after the race.

"I'm blessed to be an American and God bless America and God Bless Boston for this special day," Keflezighi said.

Rita Jeptoo of Kenya successfully defended the women's title she said she could not enjoy a year ago. Jeptoo finished in a courserecord 2 hours, 18 minutes, 57 seconds. She is a threetime Boston Marathon champion, having also won in 2006.

"I came here to support the people in Boston and show them that we are here together," she said. "I decided to support them and show them we are here together."

Jeptoo broke away from a group of five runners at the 23-mile mark. Buzunesh Deba of Ethiopia finished second in 2:19:59. Countrywoman Mare Dibaba was third at 2:19:52. All three women came in under the previous course record.

American Shalane Flanagan, who went to high school in nearby Marblehead, Mass., finished seventh after leading for more than half the race. She gambled by setting the early pace, but fell back on the Newton Hills about 21 miles into the race.

"It does mean a lot to be that my city was proud of me," she said. "I'm proud of how I ran. I don't wish I was it was easier. I wish I was better."

After breaking a 27year American drought at the New York marathon, Keflezighi contemplated was canceled because of Superstorm Sandy, and he pulled out of the Boston Marathon last April because

He was the first American to win a medal in an Olympic marathon since Frank Shorter won gold in 1972 and silver in 1976. His 2009 New York victory broke a 27-year American drought there.

He was inspired, he said, by another former American champion.

"I've been reading Bill Rodgers' book, 'Marathon man,'" he said. "I just visualized that race every day since last year. I've been visualizing this moment for me personally."

Another American, Tatyana McFadden, celebrated her 25th birthday Monday by winning the women's wheelchair race for the second straight year. She was timed in in 1 hour, 35 minutes, 6 seconds.

McFadden was born in Russia and lived in an orphanage as a child before starring at the University of Illinois. She also won the 2013 NYC Marathon women's wheelchair race after taking the titles in Boston, London and Chicago last vear.

Ernst van Dyk of South Africa won the men's wheelchair division for a record 10th time. The 41-yearold crossed the finish line in 1 hour, 20 minutes, 36 seconds.

Van Dyk holds the record for most all-categories Boston Marathon wins. This was his first win at this race since 2010.

Last year's men's champion, Lelisa Desisa, did not finish this year's race, and had to be picked up by a van about 21 miles into the event.

Marathon officials said 35,755 runners registered for the race, and 31,779 crossed the finish line before the retiring after the 2012 NYC clock was turned off at 6:15 Marathon. But that race p.m. The field included just less than 5,000 runners who did not finish last year and accepted invitations to return this year.

He won't bat .400, but he may very well stay near the top of the leaderboard. Keep watching this guy.

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"Toward the end, to be honest I was a little nervous," he said. "I was saying save something for the end."



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Saint Mary's takes three of four over weekend

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary's split a weekend doubleheader with Adrian before sweeping Manchester on Monday to improve its record to 15-13 and 5-7 in the MIAA.

The Belles' offense was relatively quiet over the weekend against the Bulldogs (15-11, 5-7 MIAA) before exploding for 17 runs, including eight home runs, against the Spartans (9-21, 6-8 HCAC).

The first game against Adrian was tightly contested, as the Bulldogs jumped out to an early 1-0 lead before Belles sophomore second baseman Angela Dainelli pulled Saint Mary's (15-13, 5-7 MIAA) even with her first career home run.

The teams traded runs in the sixth inning, and in the top of the final frame, Belles junior outfielder Nina Vlahiotis made a diving catch to keep the game tied heading to the bottom of the seventh. Dainelli reached third on a single and a misplayed ball to lead off the inning and Vlahiotis won the game by bringing Dainelli home on a walk-off squeeze bunt.

The Bulldogs quickly doused Saint Mary's momentum, however, as they scored two runs in the second game's opening inning. Belles sophomore third baseman Jackie Martinez tallied the lone RBI of the game for Saint Mary's in the third inning, but Adrian tacked on three runs in the fifth and held on for the win. Belles sophomore pitcher Sarah Burke took the loss for Saint Mary's in the second game, but Belles senior pitcher Callie Selner earned the game one win to improve her record to 8-6. Over the course of the doubleheader, Selner pitched more than nine innings with six strikeouts, while only allowing three runs.

Selner was equally impressive Monday against the Spartans, earning her ninth win of the season in the first game. She pitched just under ten total innings on the day, racked up seven strikeouts and earned a save in the second game. In addition to her dominance on the mound, Selner hit three home runs. Each one of her home runs came immediately after sophomore first baseman Jillian Busfield hit home runs of her own. Add in sophomore outfielder Sarah Callis' home run and a long ball from Dainelli, and the Belles had eight in the doubleheader.

This offensive outburst keyed the two victories. Saint Mary's scored five runs in the first game's opening inning and coasted to an easy win behind Selner's arm. The second game was more of the same as the Belles posted six runs in the opening frame and never led by less than three the rest of the way. The Belles had 12 hits in both games and 17 combined runs, the most Saint Mary's has scored in any doubleheader this season.

The Belles hope the offense carries over into Wednesday's

contest with Trine. The Thunder (31-2, 14-0 MIAA) are undefeated in conference play and are the top ranked team in the central division of NCAA Division III. They have already clinched the MIAA regular season title and have allowed more than two runs only one time in their 14 conference contests.

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On the mound, Thunder junior pitcher Bree Fuller, who has a 17-1 record to go with her 1.45 ERA and 174 strikeouts, leads the way. At the plate, sophomore outfielder Kaitlyn Clark stars with her 43 RBIs and .409 batting average.

The Belles will look to hand Trine its first conference loss Wednesday at Saint Mary's College. Play gets underway at 3:30 p.m.



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Irish fall short at regatta

By BRIAN PLAMONDON Sports Writer

Despite competitive times, No. 9 Notre Dame failed to win a race in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge in Belleville, Mich. The Irish squared off with No. 3 Ohio State in the morning session and No. 10 Michigan in the afternoon session of their

second straight elite regatta.

"I don't think the effort was there, but we executed a lot of things fairly well," Irish coach Martin Stone said.

Notre Dame began the day with their novice eight logging a time of 7:41.47, well shy of Ohio State's 7:19.50. In the third varsity four, Ohio State won with a time of 7:54.70. The Irish grabbed second and third place, however, with times of 8:09.58 and 8:17.09. The closest race of the morning was the first varsity eight, where Ohio State posted the fastest time of the morning, coming in at 6:25.30. Notre Dame, led by coxswain Christina Dines, finished at 6:32.06.

"I think we're just trying to get faster," Stone said. "The weather hindered us a little bit. But I think there's something we've learned from every race we've been in. We just need to put together a great race."

Notre Dame's times were more competitive against Michigan in the afternoon. The second varsity four fell as they came in at 7:39.66, just shy of Michigan's 7:33.60. First varsity four had almost identical times — Michigan clocked in at 7:33.80, while the Irish were not far behind at 7:39.83. The

varsity eights, however, were the closes races of the day. Notre Dame's second varsity eight fell to Michigan, 6:38.80-6:40.04, while the first varsity eight lost by just over three seconds, 6:29.00-6:32.25.

"We had a chance to get to Michigan after they went off the line a little early, but we stalled at the 1200 meter mark and they extended back out," Stone said. "There was a 40 to 50 second span of the race that we want back that we did not do to well. We're disappointed that we lost but we'll try and put it back together this weekend."

The Irish, who will now have their third regatta in as many weekends, are trying to stay confident.

"We've put together some good races against some fast teams," Stone said. I'm looking forward to this weekend ----I'm positive and I feel like we have a deep team. Especially compared to other programs around the country."

The Irish next take to the water this weekend on Lake Hartwell in Clemson, S.C., for

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TRACKAND FIELD | ACC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men, women finish in top three

By MATT GARCIA Sports Writer

The Irish made a strong case that they belong in the ACC after a powerful showing at Notre Dame's first outdoor ACC championships. The men placed third overall, while the women took home second place. Florida State claimed first in both the men's and women's divisions.

The Notre Dame women had an impressive weekend, led by junior Jade Barber, who claimed two ACC victories. Barber took home the gold in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 12.98, making her the first outdoor ACC champion for the Irish. Her time is the fifth best in the country for that event.

Along with Barber, senior Michelle Brown, junior Amber Lalla, and sophomore Margaret Bamgbose won the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:33.70.

On the men's side, graduate student Nick Happe won the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14:01.15, beating his indoor ACC championshipwinning time of 14:03.92. Happe also finished third in the finals of the 1,500-meter with a time of 3:50.83 after taking first in the preliminary race.

Senior Pat Feeney picked up three top-five finishes, placing fourth in the 400-meter, second in the 4x100-meter relay and fourth in the 4x400-meter relay.

Chris Giesting Iunior matched that total with a fifth-place finish in the 200-meter, while competing on the same 4x100-meter and 4x400-meter relay teams as Feeney.

Freshman sprinter Harvey Smith said Feeney and Giesting helped the team by running multiple races. "Pat and Chris ran extremely well for running in multiple events," Smith said. "They totaled a lot of points for us, so that was big."

"Everyone is still kind of tired; [we're] getting our legs back from the ACC," Smith said. "It takes a lot to fully get back to the way we were before. Bu, we are going to go to the Drake Relays this weekend and lower our times in the relays."

With the NCAA Championships still over a month awae, the Irish will shift gears from the national stage to the Drake Relays, which begin Thursday in Des Moines, Iowa.

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Softball

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bunt. Then, a single from Wester made the score 2-1 in favor of the Irish. After North Carolina State tied the score again at 2-2 in the sixth inning, it came down to the last inning for the Irish to move into the lead for good. Junior second baseman Jenna Simon would stroke a single good enough to score Wester all the way from second base and give the Irish a 3-2 lead as well as an eventual victorn.

Along with scoring the winning run in the first game, Wester also led the Irish in batting for the day, going 5-for-7 and swiping three stolen bases.

In the second game, the Wolfpack rallied. Paced by junior Renada Davis' four for 6 p.m. at Melissa Cook runs scored, the Wolfpack Stadium.

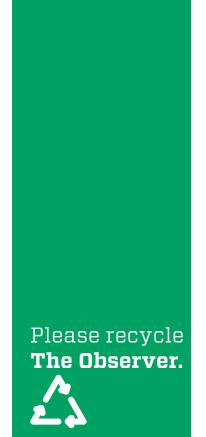
overcame a solid performance from Irish sophomore pitcher Allie Rhodes (6-5), taking the game by a score of 6-2.

Rhodes allowed three earned runs in five innings of work, and wound up responsible for the loss.

Sophomore first baseman Micaela Arizmendi continued her power surge on the season, smacking her tenth home run, once again moving her into a tie for first place on the team with Whiddes. Arizmendi still leads the team in RB, with 41 on the year, including the one she added in the nightcap of the doubleheader.

The Irish resume play Thursda, at home against Valparaiso. First pitch is scheduled

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Overall, Smith said he was pleased with the performance of his team, despite some adversity.

"The team ran pretty well, and on the distance side, we had a few injuries, so we had to make up some points there," Smith said.

After an important meet like the ACC Championships, Smith said the road to recovery is not as fast as after a normal competition.

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Irish close season with tough win over Orange

The doubles point set the

tone for the rest of the match

as each side earned one dou-

bles win, with Notre Dame's

senior duo of Jennifer Kellner

and Julie Sabacinski defeating

the Orange's freshman pairing

of Rhiann Newborn and Olivia

Messineo, 8-5. After senior

Britney Sanders and sophomore

Quinn Gleason fell at No. 1 dou-

bles, the Irish turned to their

newest doubles team, freshman

Mary Closs and junior Molly

O'Koniewski. The pair found

themselves down 4-0 early in

the match, but battled back and

eventually defeated Syracuse

juniors Amanda Rodgers and

"Our [position] three doubles

did a great job," Louderback

said. "They were down 4-0 but

they didn't lose their heads, kept

their composure and battled

back to give us the point, which

The back-and-forth contin-

ued as the match moved into

singles play, with the sides split-

ting the six matches. Sanders

and Gleason rebounded from

the doubles loss to each claim

a point for the Irish, as Gleason

defeated Rodgers 6-2, 6-1, and

Sanders trumped Syracuse se-

nior Maddie Kobelt 6-3, 7-6 (4-2).

As has been the case all season,

the Irish's depth proved to be

a difference-maker, as sopho-

more Julie Vrabel clinched the

ended up being huge for us."

Komal Safdar, 8-6.

By ZACH KLONSINSKI Sports Writer

SPORTS

Notre Dame closed its inaugural year in the ACC with a victory over the Orange in Syracuse, N.Y., on Saturday. The Irish (15-8, 8-6 ACC) defeated the Orange (5-14, 5-9 ACC) by a score of 4-3 to clinch a winning conference record and the seventh seed for the 15-team ACC tournament.

"We knew it was going to be a tough match at their place," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "It was a good match by our team. ... It was really nice to win the last one going into the tournament."

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"Obviously it's a great way to finish with a bunch of wins," Louderback said. "We're really excited to play in the tournament with how we've been playing."

The Irish went on a seven match winning streak to finish the season, outscoring their opponents by a combined 45-4. Notre Dame has also won 10 of its last 12, but most of the wins have come against the bottom half of the ACC. Heading into the conference tournament, the seventh-seeded Irish have beaten every team seeded below them but lost to every team seeded above them. However, as Louderback pointed out, most of those matches came much earlier in the year, and he feels his team's play has improved greatly since then.

"We've gotten better from even the middle of the season, especially our doubles," Louderback said. "Our [position] three doubles have gotten so much better, we've been working hard. ... That's been the biggest difference between the two halves of ACC play is our doubles."

The ACC is one of the deepest conferences in the country: according to the latest polls, the conference boasts four of the top 12 and seven of the top 27 teams in the country. No. 5 Duke, last week's first-ranked team nationally, is only the fifth seed in the ACC tournament; No.11 North Carolina earned the top seed. With such a large number of quality teams in the conference, Louderback knows the Irish have to play well in every match in order to keep their ACC season alive.

The Irish play the winner of 10th-seeded Boston College (13-8, 5-6 ACC) and 15th-seeded Pittsburgh (4-14, 0-14 ACC) on Thursday. Although Notre Dame has beaten both teams earlier this year, Louderback knows either team could pose a challenge.

"We practice later on Wednesday, so we'll know who we are playing," Louderback said. "We'd love to get another shot at some of those other teams, but we have to focus on this one first. We beat Pitt here and won a tight one at BC before that. ... We could play really well or not well and then we're done. But we'll have no trouble focusing on our first game."

The Irish will take on the winner of the match between Boston College and Pittsburgh on Thursday at noon in Cary, N.C.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF | ACC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Irish finish tied for fifth at ACC championships

By RENEE GRIFFIN Sports Writer

The Irish finished in a tie for fifth in their first-ever ACC Championship tournament at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C., this past weekend, finishing above several highly ranked teams including No. 12 Clemson, No. 17 Wake Forest and No. 25 Florida State.

Notre Dame staged a comeback after entering the final day of competition in seventh place. The Irish were able to score 296 in the third round after scoring 306 and 303 in the first two, adding up to a final tally of 905.

"We were looking for a top-five finish," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "We were the ninth seed going into the tournament, but we're a better team than that, and we know that. I was really proud of how they played. We needed to play well to make the postseason, and we beat out several teams in the top 25, so I was pleased with it."

No. 3 Duke took first at

the tournament, followed by No. 23 Virginia, North Carolina State and No. 21 North Carolina. Notre Dame tied with Miami for the final spot in the top five out of the 11 teams at the tournament.

Holt named sophomore Talia Campbell, junior Kelli Oride, and senior Kristina

> "We were the ninth seed going into the tournament, but we're a better team than that, and we know that."

Susan Holt coach

Nhim as standout performers for the Irish at the tournament. Nhim bounced back from scoring +8 in the first two rounds to shoot par (71) in the last, giving her an overall score of 229. Oride also garnered her best score in the final round, shooting 77-78-74 to tie with Nhim at 229. Campbell had the best

score of all the Notre Dame golfers at 223.

"Talia Campbell played really well," Holt said. "This golf course was really difficult. Conditions were tough. It was a good test and I thought she really did a nice job."

Freshman Jordan Ferreira came in second for Notre Dame, going 76-75-77 in the three rounds for a final tally of 228. Junior Ashley Armstrong rounded out the Irish lineup at 231.

Overall, Holt said she was happy with the outcome and the cohesive performance of the team as a whole.

"The biggest takeaway for me is that it was a good team effort," Holt said. "We definitely need to continue that in the postseason. We had contributions from everybody, and at this point in the season, it's really important for everyone to be doing their part and contributing."

The next event for the team will be the NCAA Regionals on May 8.

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Irish junior Ashley Armstrong drives during the Mary Fossum Invitational on September 15, 2012. Armstrong finished third this weekend.

Baseball

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Dame 3-2.

"A tough one, one that we packaged up relatively nicely and gave to them," Irish coach Mik Aoki said.

The Hurricanes trailed the Irish 2-1 entering the ninth but scored two runs to walk off. Freshman right fielder Willie Abreu led off the frame by reaching on an error by Irish freshman shortstop Kyle Fiala, who was making his first start at the position.

"He had a little bit more time than he probably thought of and he didn't need to come up and get rid of the ball the way that he did there," Aoki said.

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game was Notre Dame's third in the last four games.

"He's been so darn consistent this year in giving us opportunities to win," Aoki said. "He hasn't pitched us out of anything. Every time he's taken the ball, he's given us an opportunity to win it.

"This is one of those things that goes to show you how unfair baseball is because he gets saddled with that loss and in no way, shape or form, should he have gotten saddled with that loss."

On Sunday, a great play from junior third baseman Phil Mosey preserved a 1-0 lead and sparked Notre Dame to a series-evening 7-4 win over Miami.

"If I airmail that throw or if the ball gets through, momentum's really on their side, so I think that was a good shift right there," The win was Notre Dame's first-ever ACC road victory and snapped Miami's nation-leading 14-game winning streak. Miami's loss also snapped its program-record 10-game conference winning streak. "I think, at this point, any ACC win for us this year has been especially gratifying," Irish coach Mike Aoki said. "Tonight was really nice because I thought it was a team win. ... I think there were a lot of people who had their hand in this tonight."

considering we've had so many late-inning road losses in the ACC at big-time places," Mosey said. "It's nice to get one."

The Irish stretched their lead from 1-0 to 6-0 with a five-run fifth inning. After Mosey flew out to center, Notre Dame loaded the bases for junior first baseman Blaise Lezynski. Lezynski, Notre Dame's leading hitter, lined a single to center that plated Youngdahl.

Hudgins scored on a sacrifice fly by junior left fielder Ryan Bull, junior Kevin DeFilippis pinch hit for sophomore designated hitter Ricky Sanchez. DeFilippis smashed a triple down the left field line to clear the bases and then scored on freshman second baseman Cavan Biggio's infield single.

"Kevin DeFilippis with that big double that scored those runs was a turning point in the game right there," Aoki said.



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Irish junior pitcher Pat Connaughton deals during a game against UConn on March 26, 2013. Connaughton took the loss Sunday.

Hurricanes in the eighth, including a one-out walk to Hurricanes after seven innings. The Irish

"Kyle Richardson and Robert [Youngdahl] out there miscommunicating, which was inexcusable," Aoki said. "Robert was camped under that ball."

Sophomore pinch-runner Ricky Eusebio scored on the next pitch as senior first baseman Brad Fieger lifted a sacrifice fly to right.

Fitzgerald (3-3) went 8 1/3 innings, giving up two earned runs on five hits while striking out five and walking one.

With Fitzgerald's effort, Notre Dame starters have now gone at least seven innings in five consecutive games. The complete Mosey was 2-for-3 with a walk and an RBI while junior center fielder Mac Hudgins went 3-for-5 with a run scored. Five different Irish players had an RBI.

"It gives us a little bit of hope,

On Sunday, Irish junior righthander Pat Connaughton (1-3) took the loss by tossing 7 2/3 innings and giving up six runs on seven hits while walking four and striking out eight.

"I thought overall, Pat was really good. That's two outings in a row where, for the most part, he's been in the strike zone," Aoki said.

Connaughton cruised through the first seven innings, allowing only four Hurricanes to reach second base.

In the first 26 batters he faced, Connaughton threw three balls to only three hitters but he ran three-ball counts to the first two senior center fielder Dale Carey. "Unfortunately that walk,

which so often this season has come back to bite us in the rear end, that one-out walk to Carey kind of came back to bite us in the rear end," Aoki said.

Carey scored on senior left fielder Tyler Palmer's triple to left-center and freshman designated hitter Zack Collins followed with a sacrifice fly to shallow left to drive home his second run of the game. Miami added insurance runs in the eighth when Irish senior righthander Donnie Hissa walked in two runs.

Collins finished 2-for-3 with two RBI and a run scored. Entering the series, Notre were 1-2 this weekend in those situations.

"I think we are getting a little bit caught up in the moment," Aoki said. "It's not just bloodless, passionless execution. ... Some of those plays in the fourth inning, we're making. Some of those plays in the ninth inning, we tighten up and we're not making. Or those pitches, or those swings or whatever it happens to be."

Notre Dame will try to stay perfect in midweek games when it plays Central Michigan on Wednesday in Kalamazoo, Mich.

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MEN'S TENNIS | ND 7, BOSTON COLLEGE 0

ND earns dominant win over Boston College

By RENEE GRIFFIN Sports Writer

In their final match of their regular season, the No. 13 Irish made quick work of ACC opponent Boston College, coming away with a 7-0 sweep.

Senior Greg Andrews and

freshman Josh Hagar won their doubles match 8-5, and sophomores Alex Lawson and Quentin Monaghan finished on top as well by a score of 8-0, putting the Eagles (6-15, 0-11 ACC) in a big hole in the early-going. The Irish (18-8, 7-4 ACC)

secured the victory in the

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singles matches without surrendering any sets to Boston College. Andrews, ranked No. 23 nationally in singles, defeated Eagle junior Philip Monaghan took Nelson; down senior Jonathan Raude and Hagar beat out freshman Hank Workman. The rout continued as freshman Eddy

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Schnurrenberger and junior Wyatt McCoy triumphed in their matches too. "We played a good match," Irish coach Ryan Sachire said.

"Obviously getting a 7-0 ACC win is nice. Our guys played hard and played well. We've got a lot of momentum heading into the ACC tournament."

Covalschi, sophomore Eric

Sachire praised some of the less experienced players in particular for their performances against Boston College and over the past few weeks.

"Honestly the play of our younger guys was huge," Sachire said. "We've got three first-year guys: our two freshmen Josh Hagar and Eddy Covalschi, plus Eric Schnurrenberger who's a sophomore but didn't play last year. Those three guys have really come into their own and are on winning streaks. They've really been

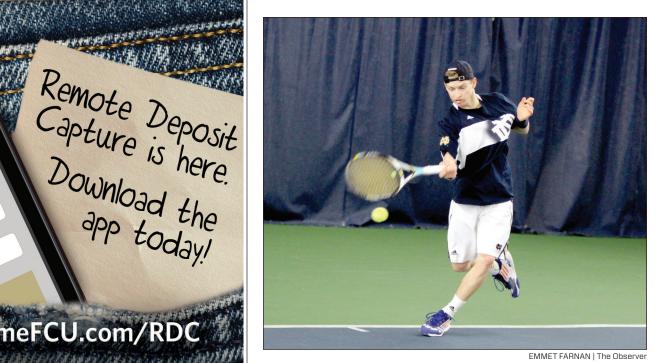
dominating the bottom of the lineup."

The Irish didn't make many mistakes in the one-sided match, but Sachire said the team will still work to improve and go into the postseason with confidence.

"In a 7-0 win, it's hard to find any really big problems, but we'll keep working on the doubles matches and make sure that's a strong weapon to have moving forward in the tournament this weekend," Sachire said. "Again, we're feeling pretty good about ourselves. We've won decisively in our last three ACC matches. Whoever we play will be a tough opponent, but I think we've got a really good chance."

Next for the Irish is the ACC Championships in Cary, N.C., starting Thursday.

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Irish freshman Josh Hagar delivers a forehand against Ohio State on Feb. 2 at Eck Tennis Pavilion. Hagar won his doubles match Saturday.



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"You can't lose face-offs 20-4 and win very many games," Corrigan said. "They had a faceoff guy who kicked our butt. That's not our doing, but there are ways that we can do a better job as a team to counteract that. We need to do a better job facing-off as a team, and we've got to do a better job turning our stops into possessions by clearing the ball effectively, and we've got to a better job making sure we don't give away many goals."

The Irish went down early on in the contest, giving up six firsthalf goals while scoring three times. Sophomore attackman Matt Kavanagh, who leads the Irish in points, chipped in assists on all three scores, part of a career-high four assist afternoon. The Terrapins were led by All-American senior attackman Mike Chanenchuk, who tallied three goals and an assist in the first two periods, including a score with six seconds left in the half.

Notre Dame had five manup opportunities in the second quarter and capitalized on two of them, but would receive no more extra chances for the rest of the game, while the Terrapins converted two of three opportunities.



Irish senior midfield Liam O'Connor runs downfield in a scrimmage with Detroit on Feb. 2 at Loftus Sports Center.

"We've got a bunch of guys who can score and have scored," Corrigan said. "We have great depth and we scored eight goals and probably had the ball for about a third of the game at most. The production offensively wasn't bad, but you have to have the ball to score goals."

Junior goalkeeper Conor Kelly started in goal for the Irish for the first time since March 1 and faced 40 shots from the Terrapins, making 14 saves, a season high. of those shots, 24 came in the second half. The Terrapins went up 8-4, gave up four straight to Notre Dame, then pulled away with nine minutes to go to secure the victory

"We felt like Conor's been playing well lately," Corrigan said. "At the end of the day, we're looking for a spark [from the goalkeeper position].

The Irish and the Terrapins square off for the second time in a week Friday at the ACC championships in Chester, Pa. Game time is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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Getting Austin Pruitt in there, who was able to come in and take the draw for us was really important."

"It's an area we're learning and growing in right now. We lost Barbara Sullivan six games in, and it's really about continuing to work on the skill set everyday."

After withstanding Syracuse's opening barrage, Notre Dame (9-7, 2-5 ACC) matched the Orange 10-10, and held the second-ranked scoring offense scoreless for the first 17:36 of the second half.

"We just got back to our gameplan," Halfpenny said. "The first 10 minutes we went rogue. Everyone had their moments, no one was immune. The final 45 minutes the team dug in, focused on our gameplan and played tough-nosed, aggressive lacrosse, which was huge. Our defense did a really nice job of transitioning the ball up field, and we started to grow confidence in our game. It wasn't an adjustment, just executing."

Irish senior attack Kaitlyn Brosco led her team with four points on one goal and three assists. Brosco has emerged as a dynamic offensive threat of late, tallying 12 points in the last three games. Freshmen attack Cortney Fortunato added two goals to her team-leading total of 40, along with sophomore attack Kiera McMullan and freshman midfielder Casey Pearsall.

Along with the emergence of Brosco, Halfpenny took away several positives from Saturday's loss, including winning the ground ball and turnover battle.

"We battled," Halfpenny said. "We never look completely defeated. We might've looked a little shocked out of the gate, but we battled back. We found more ground balls, we had fewer turnovers, [freshmen goalie] Liz Sullivan was able to come in and make seven saves. We need to pump up our scoring percentage, get better looks and look for more opportunities, especially second and third opportunities off shots."

Saturday's loss marked the end of the regular season for the Irish. The team will enter their inaugural ACC Tournament seeded seventh, and will ironically pit them against Syracuse in their first round game on Thursday.

Notre Dame will look to avenge their Senior Day defeat in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament at 3 p.m. in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.

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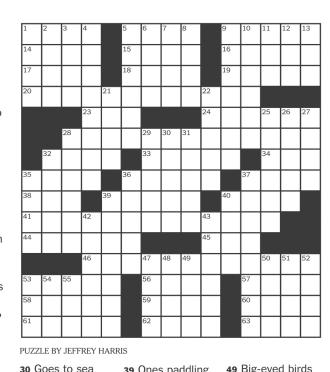
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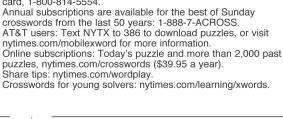
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Live life to the fullest. Show off and use your charm to capture attention. Travel or visiting unfamiliar places will satisfy your lust for adventure. Embrace any challenge that comes your way with a positive attitude and a healthy ego. $\star \star \star$

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't fall into a financial trap. Making an impulsive move regarding an investment or getting involved in a joint venture isn't likely to turn out the way you want. Focus on your relationships with others and picking up valuable information. Romance is highlighted. $\star\star\star$

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Acceptance and moderation will be necessary if you want to avoid arguments and interference. Spend more time working on personal improvements and building your assets. Re-evaluate your relationships with others and weed out the people who bring you down. $\star\star\star\star\star$

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Rearrange your work space or make changes at home that will inspire you to invest more time in your talents and personal goals. Love is in the stars, and romance will enhance your life. Make a positive change to the way you live. $\star\star$

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Go out with people you feel have something to offer or contribute to the goals you have set. Collaborating will lead to changes at home. Initiate a routine that will help you improve your skills and add to your expertise and knowledge. $\star \star \star \star$

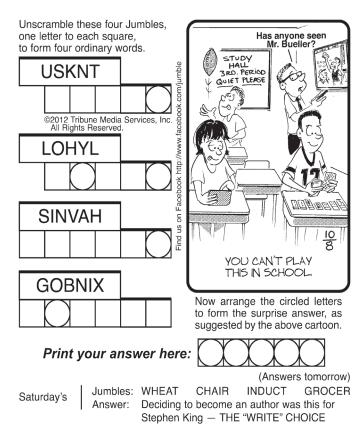
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stick close to home and don't ruffle feathers. Consistency and diplomacy will help you divert arguments that are likely to cause confusion and possible repercussions. Nurture an important relationship and revert back to solutions that have worked for you in the past. $\star\star\star$

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Mull over personal, financial or medical issues that need to be resolved. A couple of insightful changes will allow you greater freedom to follow your dreams, hopes and wishes. Revive and update old goals and prepare to present what you have to offer. $\star\star\star$

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus on yourself and the improvements you want to make. Setting a personal budget or considering new ways to present and promote what you have to offer will help you achieve financial freedom. Romance is on the rise. ***

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MEN'S LACROSSE | MARYLAND 12, ND 8

Terps outlast Notre Dame

By GREG HADLEY Associate Sports Editor

In the final ACC game of the regular season for both teams, No. 9 Notre Dame surrendered four unanswered goals in the final quarter to give No. 5/7 Maryland the 12-8 win and the regular season conference crown at Arlotta Stadium on Saturday.

The Irish (6-5, 2-3 ACC) and the Terrapins (10-2, 4-1) both entered the game guaranteed the first and fourth seeds in the ACC tournament semifinals, respectively, meaning that the two teams will play each other again Friday in Chester, Pa. Moving forward, the Irish will need to control the flow of the game better Friday, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said.

"We actually played good defense and didn't do a bad job offensively of taking advantage of our opportunities," Corrigan said. "The big



Irish sophomore attack Matt Kavanaugh evades a defender during Notre Dame's 15-7 loss to Duke on April 4 at Arlotta Stadium.

thing is we just didn't have junior Nick Ossello split facethe ball."

The Irish lost 20 of 24 faceoff opportunities and collected 10 less groundballs than the Terrapins (31-21). Senior Liam O'Connor and

off duties against Maryland junior midfielder Charlie Raffa, who ranks third in the nation in faceoff percentage.

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ND SOFTBALL | ND 3, NC STATE 2; NC STATE 6, ND 2

Irish split doubleheader

Observer Staff Report

In two hard-fought games, Notre Dame walked away with a split against North Carolina State.

The Irish (30-10, 10-5 ACC) defeated the Wolfpack (30-14, 14-7) in the first half of the doubleheader Tuesday by a score of 3-2 but came up short in the nightcap when the Wolfpack rallied to win by a score of 6-2.

The first game of the doubleheader was highlighted by another strong pitching performance from Irish senior Laura Winter. The right-handed starter (19-4) went the distance in game one, allowing no earned runs while scattering seven hits over seven innings pitched, Winter struckg out five Wolfpack hitters and walked only one.

At the plate, the Irish offensegmanufactured runs. Freshman left fielder Karley Wester led off the first inning with an infield single, then was moved over to third on a sacrifice bunt and another infield singl, before being knocked in on an RBI groundout by Irish junior third baseman Katey Haus to make the score 1-0.

After the Wolfpack tied the game in the fourth inning, the Irishesqueezed in another run in the fifth inning. Irish Junior catcher Cassidy Whidden reached safely on an infield single, senior shortstop Chloe Saganowich reached on a bunt, and senior right fielder Lauren Stuhr moved them both into scoring position with a sacrifice

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BASEBALL | MIAMI 3, ND 2; ND 7, MIAMI 4; MIAMI 6, ND 3

ND lets series slip away

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS Senior Sports Writer

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Notre Dame was five outs away from a road series win over a ranked ACC opponent.

But then it all fell apart for the Irish.

No. 11 Miami scored four runs in the bottom of the eighth to steal a 6-3 victory Monday at Alex Rodriguez Park and secure its fourth straight series win.

The Irish (16-23, 4-17 ACC), ty to claim their first road series win as a member of the ACC after they lost Saturday, 3-2, when the Hurricanes (28-13, 16-5) scored two in the bottom of the ninth before bouncing back with a 7-4 win Sunday.

to be honest with you," Irish coach Mike Aoki said. "I think we're playing a heck of a lot better baseball than we were playing for a stretch of time. I thought we came down here and I thought we played pretty darn well.

"I'm not really into moral victories and at the end of the day, unfortunately, we dropped another series."

The Irish have now dropped six of their seven ACC weekend series, the lone win coming last meanwhile, lost an opportuni- week against Boston College. Miami has won its last four series and 15 out of its last 16 games overall.

ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE | SYRACUSE 18, ND 10

Orange too much for Irish

By ALEX WILCOX Sports Writer

Top-ranked Syracuse's 8-0 run to open the game proved too much for No. 9 Notre Dame to overcome, as the Orange topped the Irish 18-10 on Senior Day.

"There was a little too much watching from our team," Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said. "We didn't come out the way we wanted to come out. They jumped out 8-0 over the first 12 minutes, but the first eight minutes really got us on our heels. That was obviously disappointing. We were able to regroup and get in to a little bit of a rhythm after that. Losing the draw control and putting ourselves in that hole was the difference."



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"It's a shame but, essentially, we're about six outs away from sweeping a series on the road,

Senior right-hander Sean Fitzgerald threw his second complete game of the season Saturday but took the loss as Miami came back to beat Notre

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The Irish lost the draw control 22-8, including six of the first seven draws, continuing a troubling trend that has plagued the team all

Irish senior attack Kaitlyn Brosco races past a defender during Notre Dame's 18-10 loss to Syracuse on Saturday at Arlotta Stadium.

season. In search of a spark, Halfpenny turned to sophomore defender Austin Pruitt to take the draws. Pruitt proved capable but Halfpenny said it is something the squad will continue to work on.

"We're very young in that area and we've been up and down," Halfpenny said. "I'm really proud of our efforts to work in other options.

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