

Tickets face off in Class Council elections

Ballots feature two tickets apiece from incoming sophomore, junior, senior classes for election today

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Two tickets from each class will be competing for the role of executive board for the Sophomore, Junior and Senior Class Councils. Elections will be held today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Seniors

Andrew Stoker, Shae Boguslawski, Mia Womack and Kyle Witzigman divided their platform into three parts: a senior speaker series; senior engagement on social, service and spiritual dimensions; and senior week.

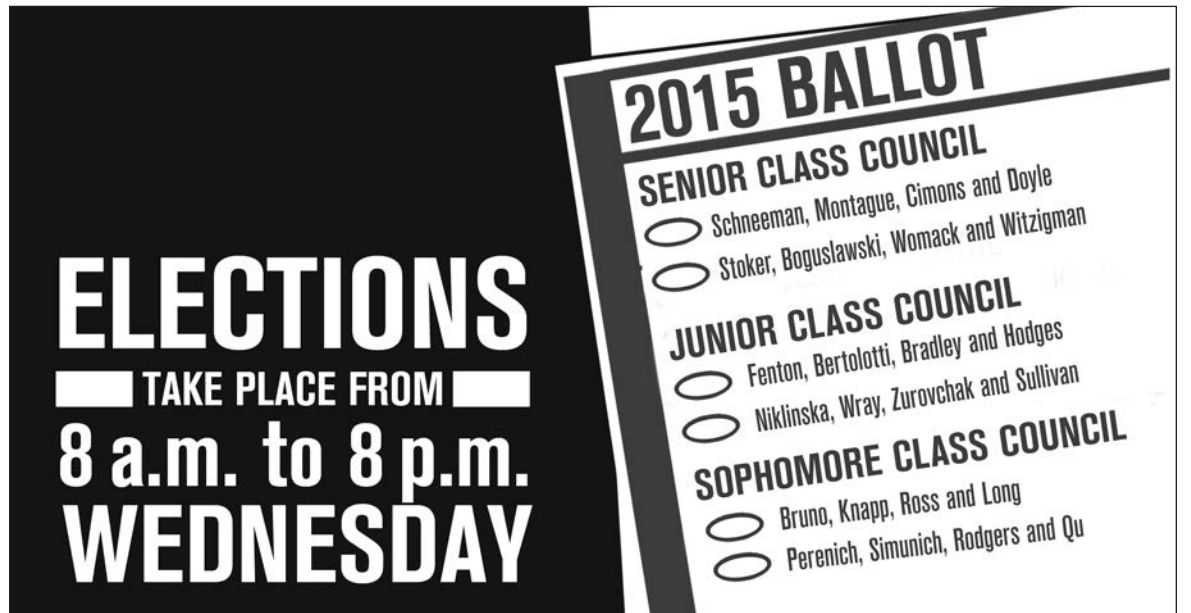
"We plan to use Notre Dame's

resources to bring prominent speakers to campus," Stoker, the ticket's presidential candidate, said in an email. "From entertaining comedians to business leaders, we want to connect students with people that we could only get access to while at Notre Dame. I think engaging with speakers like this is unique to the college experience and something we should really be taking advantage of before graduation."

The ticket also wishes to strengthen seniors' involvement with each other and with the community as a whole, Stoker said.

"We'll have social events from a back to school barbecue to study

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GreenND club goes trayless for Lent

By **CLARE KOSSLER**
News Writer

The University's environmental club GreenND is incorporating its cause into the Lenten season with a campaign set to launch tonight. Their initiative "Go Trayless for Lent" encourages students to refrain from using trays in the dining halls in the hopes of reducing food waste and therein, carbon emissions.

"When you don't use a tray, you're just less likely to put five

cups of chocolate milk and three spoonfuls of something that you're actually not in the mood for, just because it's there and convenient," freshman Brooke Ely, a member of the Waste Committee of GreenND and one of the organizers of the campaign, said.

In addition to reducing food waste and the associated financial costs, Ely said the campaign will decrease the amount of dish detergent, water and electricity that is currently used in cleaning soiled trays.

Freshman initiative collaborator Flora Tang, who serves on the Waste Committee as well, said the goal of the campaign is to alert students of their role in generating waste and to foster a dialogue with students concerning how best to address the issue of waste reduction.

"One of the other things we're trying to do is just to make our students more aware of the environmental impacts of everything that we do," Tang said. "I feel like so many of us just take food and

use trays without thinking about what is the true cost of the things we are doing."

Tang said the campaign's recommendation to give up trays during Lent provides students with an easy way to abate their adverse impacts on the environment in the spirit of the Lenten season.

"I think Lent is about creating small inconveniences for ourselves in order to get closer to God and better serve others — and it's

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Campus Ministry launches study

By **RACHEL O'GRADY**
News Writer

The Office of Campus Ministry is taking initiative to keep up with the evolving spiritual needs of the Notre Dame community.

"The Spirituality Study is Campus Ministry's way of intentionally engaging the Notre Dame community, to get to know our students for who they are, and consider ways in which we might support them in their faith, in their life and respond to whatever their needs may be," senior and Hall Retreat intern Laura Gauthier said.

Campus Ministry associate director of communications Kate Morgan said the study seeks to better understand the practices and programs of the Notre Dame community in order to cultivate a better practice of everyday spirituality on

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Center for Spirituality begins series

By **STEPHANIE SNYDER**
News Writer

Saint Mary's Center for Spirituality (CFS) kicked off its lecture series titled "Saint Teresa of Avila: Carmelite Mystic and Doctor of the Church," Tuesday night. The first lecture, entitled "Teresa of Avila: Prayer is an Adventure in Love," was given by Keith Egan, the Aquinas Chair of Catholic Theology Emeritus at Saint Mary's, who has lectured and published extensively on Carmelite Mysticism and Saint Teresa of Avila.

This year marks the 500th

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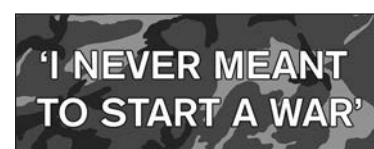


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Keith Egan, Aquinas Chair of Catholic Theology Emeritus at Saint Mary's, delivered the opening lecture in the SMC CFS series "Saint Teresa of Avila: Carmelite Mystic and Doctor of the Church."



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"Panther."



Cory Castrejon

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"Tiger."



Dontae Knox

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Knott Hall

"Komodo dragon."



Eric Prupa

law student
off campus

"Orangutan."



Sarah Drumm

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"Red panda."



Sophie Asah

freshman
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"Flamingo."



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The College of Engineering Majors Night was held in the Coleman-Morse Center Lounge on Tuesday night. Here, professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering Joseph Powers describes majors specific to the College.

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Wednesday

Men's Boxing

Joyce Center
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
85th annual Bengal
Bouts quarterfinals.

Ross Gay Reading

Hammes Bookstore
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
American poet reading
his works.

Thursday

Mindful Meditation

Coleman-Morse
Center
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Open to students,
faculty and staff.

"Do I Have OCD?"

LaFortune Student
Center
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Lecture by Dr.
Christopher Bedosky.

Friday

Graduate Student Mass

Basilica of the Sacred
Heart
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Worship service.

Film: "Force Majeure"

DeBartolo Performing
Arts Center
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
About a family caught
in an avalanche.

Saturday

Vigil Mass

Basilica of the Sacred
Heart
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Worship service.

Third Coast Percussion

DeBartolo Performing
Arts Center
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Live concert.

Sunday

Mass in Spanish

Dillon Hall Chapel
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Worship service.

"Cloud Tectonics"

DeBartolo Performing
Arts Center
2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Theatrical
performance.

Students celebrate Lunar New Year

By WEI LIN
News Writer

Students of the Chinese program received the opportunity to learn more about the Chinese culture outside of class during this year's annual Celebration of the Lunar New Year. This Lunar New Year, which begins Thursday, will mark the start of the Year of the Sheep.

The event featured various traditional and modern Chinese songs, a fan dance and a lion dance. Performers comprised entirely of students in the various levels of the Chinese language courses.

Assistant professional specialist Wei Wang spearheaded the event, with help from the Chinese program faculty, including Chengxu Yin, Congcong Ma, Shiyi Lu, Weibing Ye, Xi Zhang, Yongping Zhu, Yuming Liu and Zijun Wang.

Zhu said Hibachi Grill Buffet catered the Chinese food, and the Oriental Market provided the snacks. The event was sponsored by Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, College of Arts & Letters' Office for Undergraduate Studies, Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies and Center for the Study of Languages & Cultures.

Students currently taking a Chinese language course were asked to attend the event. International students and a Chinese program alumnus, Philip Hootsmans, also attended the celebration.

"It was great to see my Chinese

professors and classmates in an informal setting, celebrating, having fun and getting to know each other outside the classroom," junior Emily Bedell said.

Sophomore Kelia Li performed a fan dance with freshman classmate Sophie Spartz. The Chinese Culture Society provided the two set traditional Chinese attire, qi paos, and the pair of fans used for the dance, Li said.

"Since a lot of us aren't home with family, having people who learn Chinese and speak Chinese really adds to my idea of a Notre Dame family," Li said. "The idea of family is in the spirit of Chinese New Year, and I was glad to be able to celebrate that.

Sophomore Shinaola Atoro and junior Neil Xue performed the traditional lion dance. Atoro and Xue danced in their two-man lion costume, weaved around tables and interacted with the audience. According to the Chinese culture, the dance frightens of evil spirits and brings good luck.

Freshmen Dennis Zheng and Abigail Awodele sang a duet at the end of the event. The chorus comprised of Elementary Chinese and first-year Chinese students performed a song wishing everyone a happy Chinese new year.

"Since we're in a western society, we, as Asian Americans, tend to lose connection with our culture," Zheng said. "This celebration of the holiday brings us back in touch with our culture and roots."

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Group hosts discussion of life

By JP GSCHWIND
News Writer

Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture hosted its semi-annual Bread of Life Dinner Tuesday evening in the Morris Inn. Senior Erin Stoyell-Mulholland who helped plan and run the event, said the dinner is an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to interact with faculty and have conversations about issues related to the protection and support of life in the context of a brief lecture. Tuesday's lecture featured speaker was Erin Hoffmann Harding, vice president for student affairs, who spoke on the topic of "Promoting a Culture of Life at Notre Dame."

Hoffmann Harding said she wanted to start by dispelling the notion that Notre Dame imposes disciplinary action on pregnant students — a myth she said she has heard repeated by many people across campus from students to hall staff.

"This issue is one of our biggest challenges and something I am particularly passionate about," Hoffmann Harding said.

Hoffmann Harding said Notre Dame offers a wide variety of tools to help with planned and unplanned pregnancies, in

particular designated pregnancy support advocates, a pregnant and parenting student assistance fund and educational online resources.

"As a Catholic university, Notre Dame is committed to life and to offering students resources that support the choice of life," Hoffmann Harding said.

Students can anonymously receive pregnancy tests through University Health Services or the local Women's Care Center if they are uncomfortable with turning to an official school organization, Hoffmann Harding said. She also said that Notre Dame takes pains to include males in the pregnancy support process, especially since the fathers are often students themselves.

The question of where students can find help is crucial, Hoffmann Harding said, and options range from the emotional and spiritual support of Saint Liam's counseling services, campus ministry and hall staff to monetary assistance from the office of financial aid.

"We must be empathetic, non-judgemental and good listeners," Hoffmann Harding said. "We want to support the choice of life."

Hoffmann Harding showed a

video produced by Notre Dame, which showcased the stories of former students who had unexpectedly become pregnant while they were undergraduates in school. The students spoke about the initial fear and uncertainty they experienced, but also talked about how they were able to successfully finish their educations and form families with the support of the university.

There was an informal question and answer session after the talk finished and the discussion primarily focused on raising student awareness of the issue available help for unplanned pregnancies. Suggestions from the audience included placing informational posters on pregnancy support resources in the bathrooms of resident halls in similar manner to how Georgetown University advertises their own pregnancy assistance program.

Hoffmann Harding said the University is continually looking for new ways to improve their support for pregnant students and she appreciates recommendations and ideas from students and faculty.

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Teresa

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anniversary of Teresa of Avila's birth — the inspiration for the theme of this lecture series, CFS Associate Director Michelle Egan said.

"When deciding on a theme, we consider the current contemporary religious and theological issues, or if there are any significant milestones within the Church," Egan said.

"The 500th anniversary of Teresa of Avila's birth is one such milestone. Teresa is one of four women to be named a Doctor of the Church."

Egan said exposing the students of Saint Mary's to Teresa of Avila is important as they pursue deeper meaning in Christian theology and spirituality.

"This lecture series is an opportunity for students to become more familiar with Teresa of Avila and how influential her teachings have been to generations," Egan said. "Her words, particularly on prayer, may have been written several hundred years ago, but they are just as fresh and meaningful today to people of all ages."

Egan said Teresa is an excellent example for Saint Mary's students living out its mission.

"They can look to Teresa — her courage, wisdom, accomplishments and her writing on prayer — to serve as a guide as they become positive influences on today's society," Egan said.

Egan said Teresa's desired to help people love God so that they could feel God's love and "do what needs to be done in God's kingdom."

"When God loves us, God exists in us," Egan said. "When we love God, we exist in God."

Egan said Teresa described prayer uniquely as a gift.

"The risk of giving and receiving gifts is an absolutely necessary function of human life. ... It brings about a commitment of love," Egan said.

Egan said Teresa of Avila's

"willingness to venture within herself to find her friend, her spouse, her Lord," led to her greatest discovery of prayer — that, "God is the God of lavish love."

"Prayer was her greatest adventure," Egan said. "She said, 'In this life there could be no greater good than the practice of prayer.'"

Egan said this is how human experience God's love."

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breaks with free pizza right before midterms, service partnerships with the Boys and Girls Club and the Robinson Center and spiritual opportunities, including a class mass and candlelight prayer," he said.

Stoker, Boguslawski, Womack and Witzgman also have plans for senior week that incorporate both old traditions and new ideas, Stoker said.

"I'm personally most excited about the senior speaker series," Stoker said. "This kind of event has never been taken on by a class council before and I think it will be an exciting challenge to see how big we can make it. The inspiration for this project came from attending speeches by Stanley Druckenmiller and Alexis Ohanian, the founder of Reddit.

Stoker and Boguslawski have served on class councils since freshman year, while Womack and Witzgman have been involved with class councils since sophomore year. Stoker is currently the Junior Class Council's treasurer.

The ticket aims to encourage participation among off-campus seniors, Stoker said.

"One of the challenges for student government senior year is that so many students move off campus. We plan to collaborate heavily with off campus council and other student groups in the planning of events," Stoker said.

Thomas Schneeman, Shannon Montague, Brian Cimon and Bridget Doyle said they hope to make senior year as memorable and meaningful as possible by focusing on bringing together on- and off-campus seniors. They plan to do this through transportation reforms, the ticket's candidate for treasurer, Cimon, said.

"One of the first thing that we would like to get started working on is increasing the off campus transportation network," Cimon said in an email. "All the construction going on has really limited parking options, and since seniors make up a majority of off campus students, this is a great concern of ours. We also want to work on expanding the existing transportation to downtown South Bend."

Scheeman said the focus will be on ensuring that the seniors, regardless of location, will remain close.

"Senior year is much different than any other year, as it is our last year together, and we will be facing different challenges," he said. "With so many seniors moving off campus, the event planning shifts from bringing together students from around campus to uniting the off-campus community with the on-campus community.

Montague, the ticket's candidate for vice president, said that the ticket has built up a variety of contacts that will ensure their plans will be implemented quickly and effectively.

"This will allow us to dedicate our efforts and utilize the necessary resources and planning at our disposal to make them great

and encourage spending time as a class without inviting busy seniors to events every single week," Montague said. "We know that as seniors, everyone in our class will have busy schedules, so for programming, we want to hit a couple of big, signature events."

Thomas Schneeman, the ticket's presidential candidate, is the current Executive Controller for Student Government, managing the Vidal-Devine administration's budget. He has also been a member of FUEL, Morrissey Freshman Orientation Committee, Morrissey's Hall Council and various departments of Student Government, including University Affairs and Constituent Services. Montague is the Chief of Staff for the Undergraduate Student Union and has previously served as Pasquerilla West Hall's dance and Queen Week commissioners, and was a member of the Student Campus Orientation Committee. Cimon is Morrissey's representative on Student Senate and helped

bring the Wall Street Journal to campus. He also has served on Morrissey's Freshman Orientation Committee. Bridget Doyle, the ticket's candidate for secretary, is Vice-President of Howard Hall and has served as Co-President in the past. She also has been a member of class council and served on various committees within the council.

The ticket wishes to continue the great work of this year's Junior Class Council, but also expand on it for their senior year, Doyle said.

"We want to make this next year even better, since it is our senior year here on campus... I think that we have a great team and some really good ideas, and we look forward to our senior year with the chance to give our classmates the best year yet," Doyle said.

Juniors

Eva Niklinska, Katelyn Wray, Mason Zurovchack and Kimmy Sullivan intend to introduce several new events for the class, including giveaways and service

opportunities, the ticket's candidate for treasurer, Zurovchack said.

"Events like study abroad send-offs and welcome-backs will provide a perfect opportunity for staying in touch with new friends made around the globe and those you love from under the Dome," Zurovchack said in an email. "Frequent events like Berry and Einstein Bagel giveaways will sweeten your day with a way to destress from the craziness that is junior year. We plan to give back to our amazing class by not only offering them more opportunities to volunteer their time and talent in the community, but also through Junior Appreciation week — a new initiative to give juniors steals and deals within and outside campus.

"Finally, we want to start a new signature event aside from the classic JPW with an Annual Derby Dance, modeled off the vibe and excitement of the Kentucky Derby."

Sullivan said that three of the four members of the ticket — Niklinska,

Wray and Sullivan — previously served on Class Council.

"Eva [Niklinska] was a member of both Freshmen and Sophomore Class Council as the Freshman Class service committee chair, and the current sophomore class secretary," Sullivan said. "As an executive this year, she knows what has worked and what changes need to be made in order for the Class of 2017 Council to get more cohesive and better organized each and every year."

Niklinska said Sullivan's experience planning events this year put the ticket at an advantage in terms of expectation management, and what projects would be realistic.

"All of our plans are feasible not only within the ability to execute, but also within the budget normally allocated to class councils," Niklinska said.

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about service," Tang said.

The idea for "Go Trayless for Lent" originated from the Waste Committee, a subset of GreenD. Tang and Ely, along with junior Jessica Peck, who is currently studying abroad in Paris, designed the initiative in the hopes of continually improving Notre Dame's commitment to sustainability.

"We've been working on ways to reduce waste, and one of the ways we came up with was basically to encourage people to use trays because it's one of the most tangible ways to reduce waste," Tang said. "One tiny thing that you could do during Lent could actually make a huge impact on the environment itself and other people's lives."

Although the campaign will initially be associated with the Lenten

season, Ely said the committee's ultimate aim is for students to decrease their usage of trays through the duration of the academic school year.

"There used to be 'Waste-Free Wednesdays,' and we want there to be 'Trayless Tuesdays' or something of that nature where on occasion people will not use their trays to reduce waste," Ely said.

Tonight, members of GreenD will have a table outside of South Dining Hall to answer questions and raise awareness about the campaign. Ely said the committee's current emphasis is on publicizing the campaign and assessing its reception among the student body.

"We're mainly focusing on getting the word out there and getting people to start thinking about it and trying to get a lot of feedback," Ely said.

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Study

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campus.

"We hope the information collected in this study will help us to recognize what our students need from us and how we can better support them during their time at Notre Dame," Morgan said. "We're also very interested in hearing what's currently working in Campus Ministry and what's not."

Morgan said she and the rest of Campus Ministry acknowledge that the study will not facilitate progress on its own.

"While we know this study won't give us all the answers, we do think that learning more about student life will allow us to help students grow in their faith," Morgan said.

Sophomore and Junior Retreat intern, senior Jordan Russell, said she is excited for an opportunity to examine and critique the current programs Campus Ministry offers.

"We want to help students grow in their faith in whatever ways they need," Russell said. "Therefore, our hope is to uncover what those needs are in order to better aid the current and incoming students. I think this is a great chance for us to really ask the question, 'who are our students?'" Russell said.

Morgan said the study is an opportunity to help better understand students and carry on the mission of Campus Ministry.

"I think it's imperative for Campus Ministry to understand student interests, concerns, aversions," Morgan said. "Knowing this will help

us to assess our own programming and determine how we can better tailor it to meet their needs"

Though the study may engender major changes within Campus Ministry in the future, the study also serves the present University community, Gauthier said.

"Campus Ministry strives to serve its students as Christ would serve them, recognizing that every student on this campus is not only important, but beautiful," Gauthier said. "This has been, and will continue to be, our goal. By engaging the unique stories that make up individual lives on this campus, we are excited to continue getting to know our students, loving our students and letting Christ show us the way to serve them best."

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Bertolotti, Conor Bradley and Shannon Hodges focused their platform on unity and bringing the class of 2017 together for the last two years of their time at Notre Dame.

"This is reflected in our slogan 'Together, to 2017,' which we hope conveys the fact that we want to bring everyone together to our telos, or best selves, over the course of our last two years," Fenton said in an email.

Bertolotti said that the ticket hopes to achieve their goal of class unity through class trips.

"This is a way to bring the class closer together outside of the 'ND bubble,' and we think that it could also just be a great time," Bertolotti said. "First semester, we plan on bringing everyone to the Michigan Dunes for a beach trip, and second semester, should our budget allow, we hope to attend a Cubs, White Sox or Blackhawks game together."

"The plans we will work on first are the networking ones like these where 2017ers will be given the opportunity to get to know each other

better."

Fenton is the current director of National Engagement and Outreach (NEO) and also sits on the Executive Cabinet of Student Government. Bertolotti is the co-director of FUEL and has helped plan events such as the Freshman Networking Fair. Hodges and Bradley both have leadership experience outside of Student Government.

The ticket also wishes to increase cohesiveness within the class of 2017 through signature events, Fenton said.

"The biggest change that we will

have to make next year is working with students who are studying abroad," Fenton said. "We want to ensure that these students will not feel left out of the ND community while they are gone, and we believe that programs which highlight their friends from back home, such as 'Junior of the Week,' will help that."

"We also hope to seamlessly integrate them back into the 2017 family when they come back with events that will allow students who did not study abroad learn from the experiences of others who had the opportunity to spend time in another country."

this year's Freshman Class Council although they were each involved in student government in their respective high schools.

"We think the fact that we were not involved in Class Council allows us to bring a fresh perspective to the role," Rodgers said in an email.

JP Bruno, Molly Knapp, Matthew Ross and Henry Long ticket's agenda focuses on working with the incoming freshman executive board.

"If elected, we would all attend the Freshman Class Council meetings and hold mentorship workshops for the freshmen representatives in order to create a relationship with the future leaders of Notre Dame," Long said. "We feel that this mentorship would facilitate collaboration between Class Councils and would create a smoother transition for the freshmen as they assume their roles as leaders of their class."

Long said that he, Bruno and Ross currently serve on the executive board of Freshman Class Council; Bruno serves as president, Long as vice president and Ross as treasurer.

"We have all made extensive contacts within Student Government and the administration at Notre Dame, including Ryan Willerton, the Director of the Office of Community Standards, and Paul Manrique and Peggy Hnatusko in the Student Activities Office," Long said in an email.

Given their experience on this year's council, Long said the ticket hopes to increase communication between the Class Council and the class.

"If we are elected, we would focus being accessible to the members of the sophomore class," Long said. "Open meeting and office hours would provide opportunities for sophomores to discuss concerns, ask questions, and give suggestions for the Sophomore Class Council. Online forms will allow feedback and ideas for events to be shared directly with us."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Forty days of fair

Margaret Hynds
Associate News Editor

I love the musical “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying” for many reasons. An important one is that it starred Daniel Radcliffe in its revival three years ago, which was a wonderful thing. Picture Harry Potter in a suit and bow-tie doing incredibly complicated choreography while running around singing with a delightful vibrato.

More importantly, however, the annoyingly catchy song “Coffee Break” really resonates with me.

“If I can’t take my coffee break,
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“If I can’t make three daily trips
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And taste cardboard between my lips,
Something within me dies.”

No really, something within me really does die. If you’ve ever had the distinct pleasure of running into me early in the morning before I’ve had my (first) daily cup of coffee, then I’m so sorry, because I was probably horribly unpleasant.

Unfortunately, however, the coffee industry that I so rely on is rife with human rights abuse, unfairly low wages and dangerous working conditions. Many coffee companies grow their coffee beans in incredibly impoverished areas of the world and do little to combat that.

My coffee habit sometimes leaves me feeling guilty. I try to drink fair trade coffee when I can, but that’s only so convenient, and I happen to love Starbucks, a company criticized heavily for its treatment of workers in Ethiopia.

The issue presents at the forefront of my mind this week because, in the days leading up to Ash Wednesday, I’ve been on a quest to decide what I would like to do or give up for Lent. I briefly considered weaning myself off caffeine entirely, but that seems unrealistic (read: impossible. Definitely not happening.)

Instead, I’m going Fair Trade for the next 40 days. Completely. Thankfully, there are plenty of places to find fair trade coffee on this campus (Waddicks, Café de Grasta and the Huddle, to name a few).

The way I see it, if I’m going to pump an alarming amount of my flex points and, when I inevitably run out of them, my own money into the coffee industry, I should at least make an effort to encourage fair trade companies.

And, since you’ve taken the time to read this, I’m encouraging you — take the opportunity to support human rights while supporting your own sanity with your daily cup of joe.

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‘I never meant to start a war’

Christopher Newton
Stepping Out Of The Cave

America’s foremost foreign affairs expert, perhaps the most incisive and lucid since Thucydides, the lyrical genius that is Miley Cyrus provides us with an analytical framework with which to examine ongoing Middle Eastern conflict. Beyond encouraging reckless weekend behavior, Cyrus’ ballad “Wrecking Ball” may be the most insightful take on American national security policy since George Kennan gave us the Long Telegram. Despite its wide applicability, here we shall utilize it as a starting point for examining President Barack Obama’s recent request from Congress for an Authorization of the Use of Military Force (AUMF) in the Middle East.

Iraq has once again come full circle and is in danger of coming apart at the seams, with talk of civil war and sectarian partition causing many Americans to shake their heads in disbelief, anger and resignation. The complete dismantling of the Iraqi state during the Iraq war not only midwived the ever so cleverly titled Islamic State (IS), but subsequently allowed it to invade from its Syrian bases and occupy large tracts of Iraq as well.

The United States, Iran, Turkey, Israel and numerous Arab League members have all joined the fray, each desiring starkly contrasting outcomes. With the center of the Middle East engulfed in turmoil, the regional balance of power and even Sykes-Picot have been strongly destabilized. The realists of every participating nation-state see not human tragedy, but a rare chance for “a splendid little war” that could restructure the politics of the region for generations.

The United States is first among these interested parties. As Cyrus tells us in “Wrecking Ball,” although the United States entered Iraq in 2003 not intending to ignite a regional conflagration (see title), its invasion strategy left much to be desired: “I just closed my eyes and swung.” Inevitably, this led to a lamentable American response following its 2011 withdrawal, with accusations against Iraq that “All you ever did was wreck me,” followed by repeated admissions that “I came in like a wrecking ball.” With the American public demanding action, Obama must now convince the Iraqi people and other allies that he means it when he tells them “Don’t you ever say I just walked away, I will always want you,” bringing us to the AUMF request.

This request for a formal, potentially unnecessary authorization indicates that the president intends to escalate the conflict — a welcome signal to regional partners — and that American ground troops will inevitably become casualties — requiring a domestic political consensus. Domestically, Obama’s rhetoric about returning to Iraq for the purposes of “degrading and ultimately destroying” the Islamic State sounds more akin to Shakespeare’s King Henry V at Harfleur — “Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more, or close the wall up with our English dead” — than the president

who had bin Laden shot.

The AUMF, as first drafted by Obama, aims to accomplish a variety of goals in both letter and spirit, demonstrating that the grey-haired one remains an astute lawyer. Most of these goals are political rather than legal, as Obama indicated that the AUMF is merely a courteous formality in an uncharacteristically sassy letter to Congress. Obama has bluntly stated that he has the authority to conduct operations against IS through a combination of the post-9/11 AUMF of 2001 for fighting al-Qaeda, and his role as Commander-in-Chief of the American military. While this requires the legal acrobatics typical of the War on Terror, it is suffice to say that Obama will carry on with the campaign against the Islamic State regardless of what Congress says.

Instead, the AUMF is primarily a political tool, its debate a reflection of struggles between not only Democrats and Republicans but also the executive and the legislature. It cannot be overlooked that the AUMF currently has a three-year sunset clause, meaning that it is set to expire during election season of the 2018 midterms. That election will thus in part be a referendum on the next administration’s, and Congress’, progress against the Islamic State.

More immediately, the ongoing effort against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria presents Congress with a fait accompli, placing the onus on its Republican leadership to join in the national effort. The war is on and the American people want the Islamic State destroyed. Congress cannot be seen as impeding this effort, for to do so would hand Obama two victories — Congress would again be seen as useless compared to the executive and Republicans would come off as obstructionist.

Yet, Obama also did not include a repeal of the controversial 2001 AUMF, a tactical masterstroke. Congress must approve military action, but to do so it must amend the proposed AUMF. Thus the AUMF will not be purely a product of the administration, but of a Republican Congress as well. Whatever the results of the coming conflict, it will have the stamp of both Obama and Boehner come 2018.

The document is also rife with semantic nuance, particularly one crucial phrase. It does not authorize “enduring offensive” action, in turn allowing actions that are long-term yet billed as defensive or neutral — such as any humanitarian or advisory initiatives — or offensive yet short — including any special forces raid — potentially granting Obama and the next president a deceptively wide mandate for action.

As the political battle gathers speed, the physical battle rages on. Regardless of who wins the contest at home, let us all hope that our elected officials remember who the actual enemy is, the Islamic State itself.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Lenten journey

To me, the beginning of Lent was always met with the constant question, “What are you going to give up this year?” As a little kid, that meant giving up mac n’ cheese, fruit snacks, or, as my sister did once, onion rings (okay, she was a junior in high school when she did this ... last year). As I got older, these sacrifices became larger. Chocolate, TV time, even eliminating all sweets, as I’ve done the past few years. These sacrifices were also met with comparisons, the “Oh you’re giving up chips, I’m giving up all chocolate” comment. Lent became a challenge of who could give up the most difficult and delicious food. Lent had basically turned into a spring break diet.

This year, I’m taking a different approach. Not because I’m giving up on cutting junk food (but let’s be honest I couldn’t go more than 40 days without dark chocolate anyways), but instead because that’s not what Lent is about. The purpose of Lent is to begin a 40-day journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to deepen and strengthen our relationship with Christ. Lent isn’t about trying to fit into that bikini or about giving up something more difficult than your friend, Lent is about doing something for your faith and for others.

When I heard about the CRS Rice Bowl Initiative, it brought me back to the true meaning of Lent. The CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services’ response to hunger in Africa, which started 40 years ago. This year there will be many of the cardboard rice bowls in each dorm to collect any donations to raise

money for impoverished areas. Each rice bowl also comes with a calendar with each day of Lent including a simple reflection to join in solidarity and prayer for our brothers and sisters.

Another unique quality about the CRS Rice Bowl is that the focus is not solely on global solidarity, but on local communities as well. Of the money raised, 75 percent goes to helping global hunger, but another 25 percent is used to help local issues. Here in this “Notre Dame bubble” we may not realize all the support that those in our community may need. How can we show those around us this solidarity? There are so many ways we can do this, especially on our own campus. A simple acknowledgement or word of thanks to the service staff on campus can foster this overall sense of community and help us reach out to others. With many commitments in our schedule, it can be difficult to slow down and take a step back to remember what is truly meaningful, our relationships with one another. Those who work to provide food in the dining halls, clean the dorms and protect our campus work hard for our benefit; the least we can do is show our gratitude for their meaningful work. If someone is looking for a way to serve others by putting their words into actions, the Center for Social Concerns in Geddes Hall provides many service opportunities for students to join in solidarity with our brothers and sisters here on campus and in the surrounding South Bend and Mishawaka area. The CRS Rice Bowl represents an opportunity to join

in solidarity with one another and to promote the community to which Notre Dame aspires.

And, like everything, there’s an app for that. The app, entitled “CRS Rice Bowl” comes equipped with alarms for reminders for Lenten promises, opportunities to donate and my personal favorite, daily reflections. So this year, instead of just giving up all sweets (difficult as that is), I’m going to use this app to read the daily reflections on my walk to classes. Instead of spending my walks checking Yik Yak or Twitter, I’m going to spend them in reflection and prayer.

I realized that giving up all sweets or chocolate or Facebook was a challenge, but it was a challenge for only myself. I didn’t find myself building on my faith or sharing in solidarity with others, I was just constantly craving chocolate and eating lots of peanut butter to appease my sweet tooth. This year, I won’t focus my Lenten journey around “40 days without sweets” but instead “40 days for solidarity.” I encourage everyone to do the same. The next time you see a CRS Rice Bowl, I hope you stop to say a quick prayer or donate if you wish, but I really hope you think. What does Lent mean to you? And what does your Lenten promise mean for others?

Please check out crsricebowl.org and download the CRS Rice Bowl App for more information!

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Justice for Muslims

Dear Muslim Notre Dame Family,

It is with deep sorrow that we reach out to you in shock of the events that occurred at Chapel Hill. The violent taking of the lives of three loving, striving, innocent Muslim students is a disgusting reminder of the hatred towards Islam which we unfortunately see living among us in America.

As black, largely non-Catholic students, we know all too well the stressors of attending a predominantly white, primarily-Catholic institution. As the targets of hurtful backlash at the end of last semester for affirming that our lives matter, we recognize the often anonymously-voiced acrimony toward us, particularly on social media, as just another symptom of the myopic worldview that afflicts many on our campus and throughout the country as a whole. As the murders in Chapel Hill demonstrate, the inability to acknowledge the humanity of marginalized groups, whether racial or religious, can only beget suffering and division. We believe that if we are not part of the solution to this schism in our society, we are part of the problem. We know that the solution is to love one another. Thus, we reach out to you in a spirit of love and support.

To watch members of one’s larger community attacked because of who they are is an extremely painful, often frightening experience. The fact that these students lost their lives on the basis of faith — the way in which they chose to worship God — is outrageous. Due to the unreliable nature of many

media outlets, this tragedy can and will be spun in many ways. However, from our perspective, this appears to be an act of terrorism.

Indeed, Islamophobia is a form of bigotry that some consider a form of racism — we see this connection clearly when the terms “Arab” and “Muslim” are conflated and when even non-Muslim Arabs are attacked and discriminated against for their phenotypical appearance. To be sure, these acts of spiritual, emotional and physical violence begin with the corrosive fear and ignorance deep within the souls and minds of the aggressors. All racism does. All discrimination does. Islamophobia is no different in this regard.

We are deeply saddened to see such heinous violence against Muslims occur yet again in our country, let alone on a college campus. We are all students, just like the three young people who were slain. Though all the details are not yet accessible to the public, it is our opinion that this incident falls into the realm of hate crime.

The root of hate is fear. As the opposite of fear is love, we intend to continue to construct a loving community, on Notre Dame’s campus and beyond, to counter the fear and ignorance toward your community, dear Muslim brothers and sisters.

We love you. We appreciate you, and your Notre Dame family is not ignorant of the issues you face. We see you. We bear witness to and condemn bigotry in all its forms and we affirm that your lives

are precious.

#JusticeForMuslims is a human right.

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'CLOUD TECTONICS'

By **CAELIN MILTKO**
Scene Writer

Time, we assume, passes the same way for all us. A year for one person is the same as a year for another; certainly, some days may seem to go by more quickly than others, but that is a matter of perception and not a reflection of actual reality.

Or so we assume. In José Rivera's "Cloud Tectonics," the playwright questions our basic assumptions about time and space with a dreamlike, tragic love story. As part of their spring line up, the Department of Film, Television and Theater will present "Cloud Tectonics" at the Regis Philbin Theater in DPAC beginning Feb. 19. The play is directed by senior Professor of Directing and Playwriting/Theater and Social Concerns Anton Juan.

"Cloud Tectonics" is an exploration of magical realism. It begins with a pregnant woman standing in the rain in Los Angeles. She is eventually picked up by a passer-by and goes with him to his house. Once there, his clocks literally stop, and the play begins to mess with our assumed truths about time and space.

The play only features three characters. Celestina de la Sol is the name of the woman, and she claims to be 54 years old and to have been pregnant for two years. Anibal de la Luna is the man who picks her up, and Nelson is his brother. The three move about in the same physical setting but different time frames, complicating their relationships as they navigate the events of the past and how much time has passed for each of them.

The play posed particular problems in terms of set design, which were presented to various FTT classes to solve in time for the play's production. The "torrential rainstorm" that begins the play and the floating bed in Anibal's house were particularly challenging for the set designers.

Like many FTT plays, "Cloud Tectonics" asks the audience to leave the theater questioning their own perceptions and assumptions about life. Like "Six Characters in Search of an Author" from the fall, there is no reason to believe that the end of the play will bring any further clarity to what has happened.

Riviera was nominated for a 2005 Academy Award, a BAFTA Award and a Writers Guild of America Award for

his screenplay "The Motorcycle Diaries" and received two OBIE Awards for Playwriting. "Cloud Tectonics" premiered in 1995 at the 19th Annual Humana Festival and was then produced at the La Jolla Playhouse and at Playwrights Horizons in New York City.

The FTT Department has described the play as one that "explores human relationships, the impermanence of time, the possibility of miracles and asks, 'What if there are people born who don't have that inner clock — who don't progress through space and time the same way you do?'" The very question reveals that this is a play with no easy conclusions, though it will certainly instigate some interesting academic pondering.

The first performance of the FTT version of "Cloud Tectonics" is Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The play will run through March 1, with performances at 7:30 p.m. from Friday to Saturday and Feb. 24-28. There will be Sunday matinee performances at 2:30 p.m., Feb. 22 and March 1. Tickets are \$7 for students, \$12 for seniors and \$15 for regular admission.

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SPECULATION FOR ZELDA SERIES



By **KELLY MCGARRY**
Scene Writer

There have been speculations that Netflix is working with Nintendo on a new series based on the seemingly immortal video game series "The Legend of Zelda." Neither has confirmed the series, but there are number of questions that will need to be answered in order to convert this fantasy adventure game into a live-action series.

A similar task has been undertaken before. Though we'd like to forget, The Legend of Zelda was turned into a cartoon comedy series in 1989 featuring an angsty teen Link's frivolous adventures in Hyrule. Netflix appears to be taking a totally different approach. According to rumours, the new Zelda series is aimed at a family-friendly version of Game of Thrones. This seems to suggest a story that is deeply heroic and somewhat dark, with characters strongly developed from the many names throughout the game series.

One issue that immediately comes to mind is Link's speech. In the game, his vocabulary consists of exclamations along the lines of "uh eh ooh!" leading some gamers to believe that Link isn't even able to talk. Nevertheless, I have trouble imagining a Zelda series with a mute protagonist. Though the huge fan base that already exists for the Zelda games will definitely be an advantage for the success of the new series, it might be difficult to write lines for Link that live up to the expectations of his fans. The game series also provides an incredible soundtrack for the Netflix writers to work with. It seems that fans would appreciate an adaptation of classic Zelda songs over an entirely new soundtrack.

The lore of Zelda could provide a complex framework for the show, and it would be a surprise if the plot did not at least attempt to follow it. Even a strict interpretation leaves all the details to be filled in and a lot of freedom to develop the characters. One important question is the time-frame: will the show feature Link as an adult or child, or both? Throughout the game series, things get

complicated. With the family-friendly angle, it seems that the protagonists will be played by young adults. A series with so much anticipation is sure to be filled with fresh faces, but for the main characters some ideas come to mind.

When I think of a real-life version of Link, Jojen Reed from Game of Thrones immediately comes to mind, and that's why Thomas Brodie-Sangster would be the perfect mild-mannered yet intensely heroic character to play Link. Expecting a tough and spunky version of Princess Zelda, there's no one more fit for the role than Chloë Grace Moretz, best known for her role as Hit-Girl in "Kick-Ass" — she's already proven herself a sassy action hero with a very Zelda look.

Whether the Zelda games are a current pastime or a fond childhood memory, we can look forward to the fantasy and adventure of the Legend of Zelda brought to life.

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'LET IT BE:



A CELEBRATION OF THE MUSIC OF THE BEATLES'

By **MADDIE DALY**
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Do you ever feel like you were born in the wrong decade? That perhaps you were meant to be wearing bell-bottoms or hoop skirts instead of leggings and skinny jeans? Maybe you would rather be jamming to The Beatles than TSwift? Well, there still aren't any time machines that I'm aware of, but this Thursday you can transport back to the '60s and experience Beatlemania right here in South Bend.

"LET IT BE: A celebration of the music of The Beatles" will be playing at The Morris Performing Arts Center to bring the music of The Beatles to our country and our generation. Over 800,000 fans have already seen the show worldwide, from venues in the U.K., Japan, Moscow and now the U.S. The show includes over 40 of the most popular songs from The Beatles, including "Help," "Yesterday," "Hey Jude" and, of course, "Let it Be." Even if we weren't alive during their reign, The Beatles are still very much relevant to our generation today.

I had the opportunity to chat with performer Chris McBurney who portrays Ringo Starr, The Beatles' drummer, in the show and is from the original Broadway cast. When describing the structure of the show, McBurney said it goes through the entirety of The Beatles' musical career.

"It's kind of like a retrospective of The Beatles," McBurney said. "It's a culmination of their whole career, mostly music based, and starts chronologically with The Beatles playing in the Cavern Club in Liverpool in 1962, then there's a scene with the Ed Sullivan Show, all the way up until they broke up in 1969."

The show also provides historical context so the audience sees what's going on at the time. In between or during the songs, things like the JFK assassination, Martin Luther King (Jr.) and the Civil Rights Movement, the hippie movement — to give the audience a full experience of the culture and the impact The Beatles had," McBurney said.

"We have three multimedia screens where the audience sees what's going on at the time. In between or during the songs, things like the JFK assassination, Martin Luther King (Jr.) and the Civil Rights Movement, the hippie movement — to give the audience a full experience of the culture and the impact The Beatles had," McBurney said.

When asked about the demographics of the audience, McBurney said that people of all ages come out to the show, enjoying the songs whether or not they are huge Beatles fans.

"The Beatles were a band that pretty much spanned across generations," McBurney said. "Everyone pretty much knows The Beatles, whether or not they listen to them, they usually realize they actually know a lot of the songs. Mostly what we have [at the concert are] Beatle freaks as well as casual listeners. It tends a family affair, so we have grandparents, parents, kids and grandkids — it's a thrill for us to see an eight year old singing along with their grandparents, and that's what's so cool about The Beatles, they span generations."

In order to prepare for the show, McBurney studied Starr through video footage and close listening.

"I started really studying [the songs], like a student might study history or something," McBurney said. "It's not just getting up there and jamming. It's really about the attention to detail — really trying to recreate not only the music but the mannerisms of who I'm portraying. I spent hours and hours watching footage of Ringo. I'm trying to get the essence; he has very specific movements, I had to

change the way I approach drums — he usually tended to sit pretty high. Also listening to isolated tracks, going over them with a fine-toothed comb. It's one of those things that's a never-ending journey."

The fact that this show has been such a success across the world for all different age groups gives testament to the ever-present popularity of The Beatles, McBurney said, and attributing the success to the pure musical talent of the original band members.

"I think first and foremost [The Beatles' popularity] would have to come down to the song writing of [John] Lennon and [Paul] McCartney," McBurney said. "They were really musical geniuses, and I consider them our sort of modern day classical composers...like Mozart, Bach and Beethoven. Also just their creativity, their level of experimentation; they were seekers, trying to change up music and trying to do different things in the studio. They were just very creative influences, and they influenced each other in that way too."

Whether you can name all 40 of The Beatles songs on the concert's set list or you barely recognize "Here Comes the Sun," McBurney is confident you will enjoy the show. He describes it as two hours of rock music, and listeners from all backgrounds will enjoy it in their own way.

The show will take place Thursday Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at The Morris Performing Arts Center, located in downtown South Bend. Tickets can be purchased online at MorrisCenter.org or by calling 800-537-6415. Prices range from \$37.50 to \$60.50, depending on proximity to the stage. Find more information about the show at LetItBeLive.com.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

NHL trade deadline looms

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In just a few weeks one of my favorite sports days of the year will take place: the National Hockey League trade deadline.

Falling on Monday, March 2 this year, the deadline is a fun and exciting day that can make or break your team's season. Unlike the NFL, or even the NBA, the NHL trade deadline is an incredibly busy day (or couple of days leading up to it) — in 2014, there were 30 deals completed in the two days leading up to the deadline.

This year there is no shortage of possible moves. Below you'll find a few of potential trades — most a stretch, but hey, I could look like a genius — that I think would benefit both clubs as I try my luck at armchair GM.

Maple Leafs trade RW Phil Kessel, 4th round pick to Sharks for C Joe Thornton, 1st-round pick

The Leafs are officially in rebuild mode. They are bound to deal Kessel and defenseman Dion Phaneuf, whether it happens now or in the offseason. Kessel, in the midst of his seventh-straight 20-goal season, would immediately become a top-line threat for the Sharks and pair well with center Joe Pavelski. It also allows the Sharks, who have a glut of centers (Logan Couture is only 25), to get rid of one. The Sharks need to make a glitzy move as they fight for a playoff spot. The Leafs also come out happy in this scenario—they free up plenty of cap space for their rebuild, as Kessel was in year one of an eight year, \$64 million pact. They gain an always-valuable first round pick in addition to a proven locker room leader who can mentor their younger guys.

Capitals trade D Mike Green, C Brooks Laich to Bruins for LW Milan Lucic, 2nd-round pick

It's no secret that the Bruins are looking for a defenseman. There were discussions, though, that any move might coincide with the departure of shut-down D-man Zdeno Chara. In this scenario, the B's would hold onto Chara

and add an offensive defenseman in Green, whose contract is up at the end of the year.

They also would get Laich in the deal, a longtime Cap who is not far removed from four consecutive 40-point seasons. Injuries have hindered Laich, who could use a change of scenery.

It's also no secret the Caps are interested in moving Green, already with upwards of \$20 million tied up to defensemen for next year. They would get the power forward Lucic, who has been their worst enemy in the past and could provide the hard-nosed hockey that has eluded the Caps in the playoffs.

Three-team trade: Blackhawks receive D Keith Yandle (from Coyotes); Flames receive LW Patrick Sharp (from Chicago); Coyotes receive C prospect Sam Bennett (from Flames)

What?! The Hawks are getting rid of Sharp? Yup. He's a great hockey player, with 31 points in 43 games, but he has seen his role in the top six diminish to the point that his production could be replaced. It's not the best-case scenario, but the Hawks are competing every year and need help on the back end. Yandle has one more year on his contract, so he's a bit more than a rental — and he's a risk the Hawks are going to have to take if they want to win a second Stanley Cup in three years.

The Flames have plenty of room under the salary cap and get a bona-fide scoring threat. They currently sit 7th in the West, so they need something to secure them a playoff spot and give them a chance to finally compete in the postseason.

Lastly, the Coyotes. They've been an over-performing team for years, and it finally got the best of them. It's time to reload with young prospects and draft picks, as Yandle has no role in Phoenix in the next two years.

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NFL

Technology aids players preparing for Combine

Associated Press

MARTINSVILLE, New Jersey — The big-screen television hanging on the wall at TEST Football Academy has various colors, numbers and other data flashing across the screen, all vital information for the trainers preparing a group of college players for this week's NFL combine.

Science and technology have become a big part of sports in recent years.

One of the latest examples is a heart-rate monitor that TEST Sports Club trainers use to take tracking workouts to another level.

"It's remarkable," said Kevin Dunn, the CEO and owner. "This shows the actual work. Science shows the end result. It tracks every minute of every workout in the facility."

Players wear a strap around their chest and the plastic monitor picks up the impulses from the heart. It measures heart rate, performance percentage, calories burned and more.

As a player's heart rate goes up, the corresponding color tile on the screen changes from yellow to blue to red or whatever. All the information

is stored and sent to trainers and the individual athletes.

"We set goals each day based on how long workouts are, how intense workouts are and we can pinpoint if we need to back down on volume of their workout if they're overworked or sleep deprived," Dunn said.

"We used to guesstimate how many calories they were burning. Now I can run a report on my laptop and list these guys and it will tell me everything."

Four of the 22 players who worked out with Dunn and director Geir Gudmundsen at TEST are in Indianapolis this week. They are: wide receiver Justin Hardy (East Carolina) and offensive linemen Austin Shepherd (Alabama), Laurence Gibson (Virginia Tech) and Mark Glowinski (West Virginia). Other players are preparing for their pro day.

NFL organizations put varying emphasis on a player's combine results depending on a team's draft philosophy and needs. For some players, combine performance is a deal breaker. For others, it opens up new opportunities.

"The heart monitor

definitely helps me out just by looking at the number of calories I burn so I know how much I have to take in to maintain my weight," said Hardy, a walk-on who set the career catches record for bowl subdivision history.

LSU fullback Connor Neighbors wasn't sure what to expect when he first wore a heart monitor.

"I just assumed it monitored your heart rate, but it helps with everything from recovery to diet to how hard you're working and that alone sets the schedule for when you rest," Neighbors said.

Joe Flacco, Patrick Peterson, Demario Davis and other NFL stars have also trained at TEST. Last year, LSU quarterback Zach Mettenberger spent several weeks here following reconstructive left knee surgery.

Trainers helped Mettenberger return to the field for his pro day just four months after repairing his ACL. Mettenberger was drafted by Tennessee in the sixth round and started six games.

"We called him Wolverine because of how fast he recovered," Dunn said. "He was in here every day at 7:30 a.m. and worked hard till 5 p.m."

NFLW

Bradshaw pleads not guilty to possession

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — An Indianapolis Colts running back pleaded not guilty Tuesday to a marijuana possession charge after being stopped this month by state troopers on an interstate highway in western Ohio.

Preble County court officials said a Dayton attorney filed the plea for Ahmad Bradshaw, who also played for the Super Bowl-winning New York Giants. A pretrial hearing is scheduled for Feb. 25.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol said Bradshaw, 28, was stopped for a traffic violation on Interstate 70 on Feb. 5. He was

charged with a misdemeanor count of possession of a small amount of marijuana and with following another vehicle too closely.

Trooper J.A. Barhorst said in a statement that he "smelled the strong odor of raw marijuana" coming from inside the Cadillac driven by Bradshaw after he pulled it over for a traffic violation.

He said both Bradshaw and his passenger denied marijuana was in the vehicle. Barhorst said while patting down Bradshaw, he felt a small container in his pocket. He said Bradshaw agreed to let him remove the container, which the trooper

said contained a brown substance. The trooper said after being read his rights, Bradshaw said he had found the container in the vehicle, which he had borrowed for his trip.

Troopers then searched the vehicle and found in a backpack two medical marijuana containers: one empty and one with about 1.5 grams of marijuana, according to Barhorst's report. He stated that other items including rolling papers and two medicine bottles with unknown liquids were found in two backpacks. Barhorst reported that the items were sent to the highway patrol crime lab for analysis.

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NBA

Trade deadline nears for playoff contenders

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The East was a two-team race at last year's trade deadline, and Larry Bird made the move he thought would win it.

When the Indiana Pacers acquired Evan Turner from rebuilding Philadelphia, they hoped it would provide the scoring punch to beat out Miami and reach the NBA Finals. It didn't, and Turner is now in Boston.

Now the Pacers are trying to get in the postseason, two games out of eighth place and

seeking a spark that could sling-shot them past others down the bottom of the playoff ladder. Bird promises to be as aggressive as when his team on top.

"We're always looking to improve the team and obviously there's a lot of improvement that needs to be done," the Pacers' president said recently. "So we'll look around the league and talk to a lot of different people and see what's out there and hopefully we can do something that makes us better."

If not, he said, he'll wait until the summer.

That's what every NBA team

has to decide in the next couple of days.

The trade deadline is Thursday afternoon, and with many teams in contention, the question is whether that makes them more conservative or cautious.

Help could be found in the hours before the NBA returns from its All-Star break. But some will be hesitant to tinker with so little time left in the season. The Turner deal, in which Indiana traded popular veteran Danny Granger, certainly didn't help its locker room chemistry.

Plus, teams can plug holes by simply opening their wallets, without costing any assets.

Houston signed Josh Smith after he was waived by Detroit, Amare Stoudemire is headed to the Mavericks once he clears waivers, and other veterans could be bought out and become free agents after the deadline.

One of the most intriguing moves could involve Ray Allen, who will have contending suitors if he opts to play after sitting out all season.

The teams most motivated to deal might be the disappointing ones. Brooklyn probably can't find a taker for Deron Williams

with all his injuries and dollars left on the \$98.5 million contract he signed in 2012, but was close to moving Brook Lopez earlier this season. Denver's rocky season should have contenders calling to inquire about Arron Afflalo, Ty Lawson or Wilson Chandler.

The right move can help someone surge through spring. The wrong one could mean an early start on summer.

Don't count on top stars changing teams — none has at the deadline since Utah surprisingly sent Williams to the Nets on the eve of the 2011 one. Teams more likely trade at this point to clear cap space for the summer, which is why the New York Knicks could seek a deal for Jose Calderon after already shipping out guards J.R. Smith and Iman Shumpert.

Cleveland acquired them and, along with getting Timofey Mozgov from Denver in a separate deal, perhaps proved the best moves for this season were already made.

Dallas acted quickly to acquire Rajon Rondo from Boston in December, not long before Memphis capitalized on the Celtics' youth movement to deal for Jeff Green.

For Golden State and Atlanta, the current NBA leaders, their winning moves maybe came long ago.

The Warriors got Andrew Bogut from Milwaukee at the 2012 deadline to provide some muscle in the rugged West. Five months later, the Hawks acquired Kyle Korver from Chicago, and he could be headed for the best perimeter-shooting season in NBA history.

"When I got traded to Atlanta I was coming from Chicago and I wasn't really all that excited about it, to be honest with you. But all the people that Danny Ferry kept on bringing in, they've been not just good basketball people, but good people," Korver said.

"When I was a free agent two summers ago, I chose to come back. We had some opportunities to go to some teams that already were more established and could win, but I just really believed in what Atlanta was building and what they were doing. I could see my role in it and I just wanted to be a part of that. I never thought that it would come together this quickly."


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SMC BASKETBALL | CALVIN 96, SMC 62

SMC falls to unbeaten Calvin



CAITLYN JORDAN | The Observer

Saint Mary's junior guard Sarah Macius pulls in the ball during a 70-58 loss to Trine on Jan. 28, at Angela Athletic Facility.

By MICHAEL IVEY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's lost its final home game of the season to undefeated No. 7 Calvin on Monday night, 96-62, in a game that was supposed to be played on Saturday afternoon but was postponed due to severe weather.

Calvin (23-0, 14-0 MIAA) scored 11 of the game's first 13 points to take an early 11-2 lead. The Belles (3-20, 1-13 MIAA) responded with an 8-2 run to cut the deficit to three with just under 13 minutes left in the first half. After the Knights and the Belles exchanged baskets, the Knights went on a 12-0 run over the next three minutes to take a 27-12 advantage.

The Belles clawed back with a 7-2 run, however, Calvin quickly widened its lead again, as a 9-1 run brought the score to 38-20. The Belles made all five shot attempts they took in the final two-and-a-half minutes of the first half, as five Belle players combined to score 10. At halftime, the score was 44-30 in favor of Calvin.

The Knights scored the first eight points of the second half to extend their lead to 52-30. Saint Mary's made an effort to get back in the game with an 11-6 run to make the score 58-41 with 13 minutes left in the second half. The Belles' renewal of hope was short-lived, though, as the Knights went on a 21-6 run to take control of the game for good.

The Belles had a total field-goal percentage of 40.3 percent in the game, while the

Knights shot 53 percent from the field. Saint Mary's had 40 rebounds to Calvin's 38. The Belles had 18 offensive rebounds and the Knights had 11.

"We out-rebounded a very tough Calvin team," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "I thought we handled their full court press a lot better than the last time we played them. We still had too many turnovers. That needs to change as we prepare to close out the season this week."

Henley said the last-minute schedule change did not change the outcome of the game.

"I don't believe the postponement of this game had an effect on our performance," Henley said. "Now we have three games in one week, so we need to try and save our legs as we hit the road for the last two games."

Senior guard Ariana Paul was the Belles leading scorer with 16 points, one assist and nine rebounds. The Belles' lone senior, Paul is only 30 points away from scoring 1,000 points in her career. Junior forward Krista Knapke was the only other Belle to reach double-digit points with 13, and she added one assist and five rebounds. Junior forward Eleni Shea was the next highest scorer, recording nine points to go along with one assist and four rebounds.

The Belles' next game is a conference game against Albion on the road on Wednesday night at 8 p.m.

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FENCING

Irish prep for ACC tourney after Junior Olympics

By CHRISTINE MAYUGA
Sports Writer

Coming off an eventful run at the Junior Olympics last weekend in which two Notre Dame fencers medaled, the Irish will travel to Chapel Hill this weekend for the ACC Championships, with the men competing Saturday and the women competing Sunday.

Twelve Irish fencers participated in the Junior Olympics in Richmond, Virginia, which lasted from Friday to Monday. Seven of the 12 finished in the top 15 in their respective events, highlighted by a gold-medal win by freshman epee Amanda Sirico and a bronze-medal win by freshman sabre Jonathan Fitzgerald.

With the women's team ranked No. 2 in the CollegeFencing360.com national rankings and the men's team coming in at No. 4, the Irish head into the conference championships as serious contenders. Notre Dame has had a slew of impressive performances this season as the women's team enters the championship season with a 29-2 record, while the men's carry a 23-6 record.

"The entire team's strength

is definitely its cohesiveness," freshman sabre Francesca Russo said. "We all understand each other's weaknesses and strengths and know when to pull someone out and put someone else in. In addition, we have all been working on our cheering and support. We may be the loudest team at ACC championships."

Russo is one of several players who have won accolades in the 2014-2015 season. The Irish swept the ACC Male and Female Fencers of the Week awards three times, with the most recent winners being Fitzgerald and junior foil Lee Kiefer. Senior epee Ashley Severson and freshman sabre Jonah Shainberg took the honors in January while Russo and sophomore foil Hazem Khazbak swept the awards in November.

Russo said the team's packed schedule at the end of the season makes every weekend challenging, as Notre Dame will participate in the US Fencing Association (USFA) National Championship the weekend after the ACC competitions.

"Individually, I am trying to push myself even more every day because we have competitions coming up

every weekend leading up to NCAAs," Russo said. "As a team we are all coming together to keep training hard, fencing-wise and strength and conditioning-wise."

Following Notre Dame's performance at the conference championships and USFA competition, the team will travel to Evanston for the NCAA Midwest Regional Qualifier on March 7, ultimately leading up to the NCAA National Championships on March 20. Performing under pressure will prove crucial for the Irish as they move forward, Russo said.

"Our biggest struggle going into this competition would have to be dealing with the nerves," Russo said. "Personally, I think I am pretty good at staying calm, and my team definitely helps me to stay grounded, but considering the importance of this competition, it could be a bit nerve wracking. I think we will all be fine though."

The Irish will look to come out on top at the ACC Championships in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, starting Saturday.

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Irish senior defender Barbara Sullivan, right, chases after a ground ball during Notre Dame's 17-5 win over Detroit on Sunday at Loftus Sports Center. Sullivan is this year's team captain.

Sullivan

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"Our number one goal is to win a national championship," Sullivan said. "Our team is one of the closest teams I've ever been a part of. I and my fellow seniors want to make it special by winning a championship, and we know we're good enough to do it."

In 2014, the Irish were seeded No. 8 in the NCAA tournament and fell to Duke in the second round. All of Notre Dame's starters this year were on that team, and Sullivan believes the experience will also be key to winning.

"Our entire starting lineup has

all had at least a year together," Sullivan said. "Our defense specifically – [senior defender] Leah Gallagher, [junior defender] Steff Peragallo and I – have all been playing together for years. We all know our roles. Whoever else is back there and our [sophomore] goalie Liz [O'Sullivan], we all have our specific roles and we can communicate with each other well, and that makes it so much easier."

Sullivan recognized the value of new incoming players as well, and said overall team camaraderie is at a high, which bodes well for their ability to play together and win together.

"Having new blood is amazing as well but having people that

you've played with before is definitely more of a comfortable feeling," Sullivan said. "I guess this year three-fourths of the team is the same, but that extra fourth changes things up. I think a lot of people are being themselves. I think we're appreciating each other and bringing out each other's strengths. We just love being around each other, and we love playing lacrosse."

Sullivan and the Irish will travel to California for a game Friday against their first ranked opponent of the season, No. 19 Stanford.

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Lidge

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run I've hit in my career, just to do it for my team is really special."

Lidge's offensive production didn't stop with his dinger Friday night. In three starts over the weekend, he went 5-for-11 with three RBIs and two runs scored, hitting well above the .264 clip at which he hit last season.

Lidge's opening weekend success at the plate resulted largely from the Barrington, Illinois native simplifying his approach, Notre Dame head coach Mik Aoki said.

"I think he's gotten more mature, just from an emotional and mental standpoint, and I don't think he worries as much about where he is in the lineup, or 'Did I get a hit?' or 'I need to do this,' or whatever," Aoki said of Lidge. "I don't think he obsesses about that to the degree that he did last year."

"I think he was able to just go out there and understand that, 'You know what, I'm good enough to play at this level, and I'm good enough to be a really good player at this level.'"

Lidge, who will split time at the catcher position with graduate student Forrest Johnson, credited much of his off-season growth to his experience playing with the Kalamazoo Growlers of the Northwoods League, a wooden bat summer ball league, shortly after last season ended.

"This summer for me was a big learning experience, playing around 70 games," he said. "It teaches you a lot because you're on your own. ... I would say the biggest thing I took from this summer was maturing as a baseball player, knowing it's just a game, and there's a lot of failure in it."

During his stint in Kalamazoo, Lidge was selected to the Northwoods League All-Star Game and named one of Rawlings "Finest in the Field," the league's equivalent of a Golden Glove award. Lidge, who boasted a spotless 1.000 fielding percentage

in 31 games with the Irish last season, recorded a .985 fielding percentage and only committed four errors in 42 games with the Growlers.

Lidge said his defensive success is mainly a byproduct of his comfort behind the plate.

"I'm very confident in the running game; I think I can throw everyone out," Lidge said. "Blocking, framing, whatever it be, I'm just extremely confident."

In addition to his defense, Lidge said a key area of focus for him this season will be working on developing strong relationships with the Irish pitching staff. He said he learned the importance of pitcher-catcher trust from his cousin, Brad Lidge, who pitched at Notre Dame from 1995 to 1998 before embarking on an 11-season major league career as a reliever for the Houston Astros, Philadelphia Phillies and Washington Nationals.

"In 2008, [Brad] had a catcher, Carlos Ruiz, and I remember whenever I'd call [Brad], he would just say he trusted him so much, and he loved throwing to him," Lidge said. "What I took from that was getting the trust of my pitchers, forming relationships with them, really try to get to know who they are outside of baseball, as well as in baseball."

"If you have your pitcher throwing to someone they care about, they know, they trust, it's going to help them much more in game situations, in intense situations."

While the season is only four games old, Lidge said this year is shaping up to be a special one for the Irish, who finished last season with a 22-31 record.

"Most importantly, there's great chemistry, everyone gets along, everyone hangs out with each other," Lidge said of his team. "There's something special brewing here, and it feels really good to be part of. We've just got to trust in our confidence, trust in our process and good things will happen."

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M Bball

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Notre Dame went on to lead for the rest of the game, pushing the lead up to 19 points. Sophomore forward Austin Torres, who contributed five points and six rebounds, lifted the energy level of the crowd and the team when he hit an emphatic dunk in the second half during an 11-2 run.

"Whenever he comes in, he plays with a lot of energy," Grant said. "I know he's always running the floor with his hands ready, so when he's running the floor I know I can give it to him."

Because junior forward Zach Auguste was in foul trouble early on in the game, coach Mike Brey was forced to play freshman forward Bonzie Colson and Torres throughout the game to match up against Wake Forest junior forward Devin Thomas, who scored 26 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

"We threw multiple bodies at him," Grant said. "He's a big body. He gets in there and gets his position, so we had to throw multiple bodies at him."

The difference in the game came from the free-throw line, where the Demon Deacons shot 9-for-9 in the first half but hit just 2-for-6 in the second half. Notre Dame, on the other hand, converted 12 of its 13 free throws and made all 15 of its chances in the second half.

"We have been shooting a lot more free throws in practice," sophomore forward V.J. Beachem, who added 10



KAT ROBINSON | The Observer

Irish sophomore guard Steve Vasturia looks for the open man in Notre Dame's 88-75 victory over Wake Forest on Tuesday at Purcell Pavilion. Vasturia scored 12 points, had one assist and three rebounds in the win.

points for the Irish, said. "I think that's really helping our percentage. Our 3-point shots were falling in the first half. I think that's why guys starting attacking the rim more."

While the team received contributions from several players, most of the praise went to Grant's performance, which earned him the Player of the Game on the night

"Every night you know he's going to score around 20 with 10 assists every game," sophomore guard Steve Vasturia said. "He's a heck of a guard and really fun to play with."

Grant is coming off a 22-point performance against Clemson last Tuesday. Beachem said Grant's presence makes the

whole team better.

"It's a great feeling [to be playing with Grant]," Beachem said. "He makes the game a lot easier for us."

Looking towards the road game against Boston College, Beachem said the team knows it's going to have to be ready to play, since the contest against the Eagles on Feb. 4 was a close one in which the Irish lost a 25-point lead to end up winning by just eight points.

Notre Dame will travel to the Silvio Conte Forum this weekend to play Boston College on Saturday for the second time this season.

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Irish sophomore forward Austin Torres goes up for a shot against Wake Forest on Wednesday night at Purcell Pavilion. Torres had five points and six rebounds in the game.

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

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Happy Birthday: Learn from past experiences and you will reach your goals. Increased discipline will help you overcome any obstacles and guide you to a brighter future. Keep your plans to yourself until you are ready to make a flawless presentation. Don't be fooled by someone offering something different or unfamiliar. Stick to what you know works best for you. Your numbers are 7, 10, 16, 24, 30, 36, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keeping a low profile will make it easier for you to implement the changes you want to make. Reconnecting with someone you have worked with in the past will lead to an interesting opportunity. Don't settle for less than what you are worth. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Problems will result if you let your emotions take over, leading to indulgence and poor financial and emotional choices. You are best to take a conservative approach to both work and partnerships. Safety must be maintained in all aspects of life.★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Share your ideas and plans. Don't just think about what it is you want to do -- take action. Consider a trip if it will help resolve an issue you face or bring you closer to an answer you are searching for.★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Legal, medical and financial matters will surface. Don't be too quick to invest in someone else's venture. Offer advice and your time, not your cash. An idea you have should be developed, put into play and marketed.★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Do your own thing, but don't expect everyone else to pitch in and help. The changes you make may not be welcome by everyone, but those who oppose you will eventually recognize your reasoning.★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Concentrate on your health, diet and monetary gains. A good healthy lifestyle coupled with a less-stressful financial situation will ward off future problems. Don't look for a quick fix when you should be striving for security and greater stability.★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have knowledge and good ideas, but if you become lazy, scattered and confused, you will make little progress. Focus on whatever will bring you the greatest returns. Use your insight and past experience to guide you.★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look in the mirror and size up your situation. Don't let anyone manipulate you by making you feel guilty. It's important to follow your dreams. Re-evaluate a love affair. Don't lead anyone on. Approaching your job differently will pay off.★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be careful what you say and how you react. A misunderstanding of a personal nature will unfold, leaving you with a dispute to deal with. Make positive personal improvements instead of trying to change or criticize someone else.★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Limit what you are willing to spend or do when it comes to joint ventures or endeavors. You have to have a cutoff if you don't want to end up in a compromising position. Don't feel you have to pay someone else's way.★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Ease in to any situation that develops. Listen, observe and consider all options before you make a move. Use your head, collect information and summarize the facts carefully. A false sense of security will lead to overspending or overdoing.★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You have plenty to offer, but you are best to channel your energy into something that will benefit you, not someone else. Working quietly on your own until you have mastered what you want to present will have the biggest impact.★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are ambitious, practical and organized. You are focused and goal-oriented.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
 by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

SMTUY
 (Circles for letter placement)

YXTIS
 (Circles for letter placement)

BNELBI
 (Circles for letter placement)

CAFORT
 (Circles for letter placement)

A: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's | Jumbles: ZESTY NIECE FAMOUS WRENCH
 Answer: His attempt to impersonate Henry Winkler was a — "FONZIE" SCHEME

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 88, WAKE FOREST 75

Grant, Irish take down Deacons

By MANNY De JESUS
Sports Writer

Senior guard Jerian Grant led No. 10 Notre Dame to an 88-75 victory over Wake Forest with his 10th game of at least 20 points this season Tuesday at Purcell Pavilion.

After a six-day break, the Irish (23-4, 11-3 ACC) returned to their home court to take on the Demon Deacons (12-15, 4-10 ACC), who had previously defeated Notre Dame in all three of their meetings. Most recently, the Irish fell 81-69 in the opening round of last season's ACC tournament to Wake Forest.

Things were drastically different this time around. The first half was a back-and-forth battle between the Irish and the Demon Deacons with 15 lead changes, but after Grant converted a layup to end the half, Notre Dame never gave Wake Forest a chance to come back.

"We had some uncharacteristic turnovers [in the first half]," Grant said. "We were upset at ourselves, but we felt like we were going to get it going."

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Irish senior guard Jerian Grant shoots for a layup against Wake Forest on Tuesday at Purcell Pavilion. Grant scored 24 points in the game.

FOOTBALL

Report: Denson new RB coach

Observer Staff Report

Former Irish star running back Autry Denson is expected to be Notre Dame's next running backs coach, a source confirmed to The Observer.

Denson, Notre Dame's all-time leading rusher, spent the 2014 season as the running backs coach at Miami (Ohio) and was hired in January for the same role at South Florida.

Former Irish running backs coach Tony Alford left Notre Dame earlier this month for a position at Ohio State.

From 2011 to 2013, Denson coached running backs at Bethune-Cookman.

Denson piled up an Irish record 4,318 rushing yards from 1995 to 1998, breaking the previous record set by former Irish running back Allen Pinkett. Denson's 43 rushing touchdowns are second in Notre Dame history behind Pinkett's 49.

Multiple reports Tuesday afternoon said Denson is expected to join the Irish staff.

Notre Dame is scheduled to begin spring practice March 2.

ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Sullivan returns healthy as senior

By RENEE GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Team captain Barbara Sullivan entered her junior year in 2014 with high expectations, coming off a sophomore season in which she was the youngest player in school history to be named a first-team All-American. However, she only played in the first six games, as back injuries forced her to watch and lead from the sideline.

Now, the senior defender is back on the field and ready to make a mark in her final year at Notre Dame.

"This season is definitely different for me," Sullivan said. "I only played six games last year, so the rest of the year I sat on the sidelines and watched. I learned a lot, but [an injury] taking away something that you love so much makes you really value and appreciate the opportunity that you have. I wasn't able to do it the way I wanted to last year because of my injury. Anyone coming in as a senior wants to make the last

season the best, so when you add in how I was injured last year, there's a huge motivation that I haven't had before."

Sullivan has been a starter for the No. 12 Irish (2-0) since her freshman year, serving as an anchor on defense and a force at center with 121 draw controls and 69 caused turnovers in 41 games.

After being named to the preseason all-ACC team this year, she has already recorded a career-high six turnovers in Sunday's 17-5 win over Detroit, plus six draw controls.

"I try not to focus on stats while I'm playing," Sullivan said. "Honestly, I'm just trying to get back to where I was after being injured for so long, and I can't do anything without my teammates. I wouldn't be able to get turnovers or anything without my teammates having my back like they do."

Sullivan emphasized the significant role team chemistry plays in the Notre Dame's

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BASEBALL

Lidge starts season strong

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Managing Editor

By the end of Notre Dame's season opener Friday, sophomore catcher Ryan Lidge had already surpassed his total from last season in one statistical category: home runs.

Lidge connected for his first collegiate four-bagger off Southern Illinois-Edwardsville senior right-hander Brett Thomas in Notre Dame's 7-6 victory Friday afternoon.

"I knew it was gone right off the bat," he said. "Right as I hit it, it felt really good. I knew it had the trajectory, and I kind of let it be known that I knew it was gone."

More important, Lidge's two-run home run, hit in the seventh inning with the Irish down 6-5, proved to be the eventual game-winner in the victory over the Cougars, jump starting an opening weekend in which Notre Dame won three of four games.

"Being down by one in the seventh [inning], big situation, and hitting a home run in that situation is pretty cool," Lidge said. "... It's probably the No. 1 home



MICHAEL YU | The Observer

Irish sophomore catcher Ryan Lidge catches behind the plate last season against Clemson on May 9 at Frank Eck Stadium.

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