

Notre Dame applicant pool expands

Number of applicants rises despite switch to restrictive early action, decline in early applications

By LESLEY STEVENSON
News Editor

The total number of applicants to Notre Dame rose this year as early action numbers dipped, and the overall quality of the field improved, changes Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Enrollment Don Bishop attributed largely to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions' switch from early action to restrictive early action. "There's one restriction: you cannot apply early here if you're applying to a binding early decision program," Bishop said. "...We believe as many as 200 to 300 students that were admitted last year in early action were obligated to turn down their offer of admission at Notre Dame to honor an early decision commitment elsewhere."

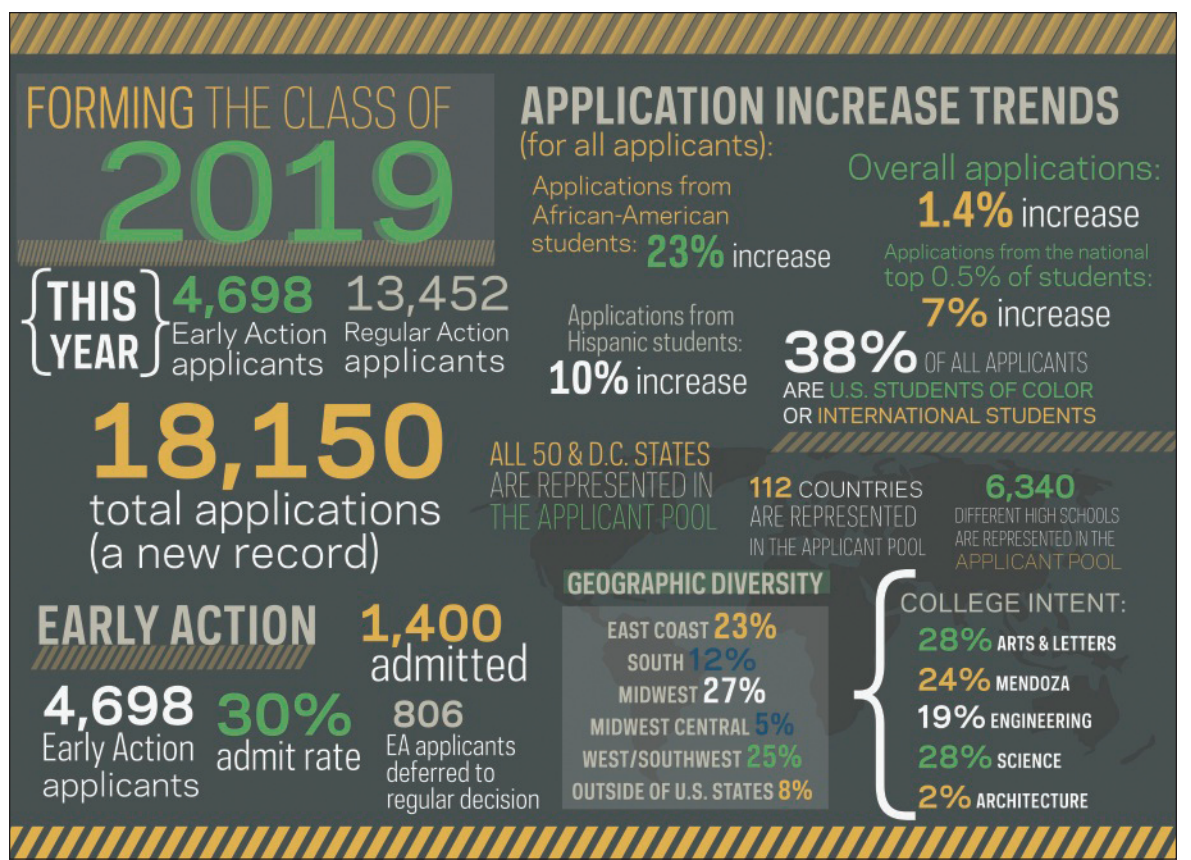
Early action policies typically allow students to apply in mid-fall, before the regular deadline,

and receive a decision between late December and mid-January. Regular applicants submit their materials in December and can receive decisions as late as April 1.

Director of Admissions Bob Mundy said the newly-implemented restriction offers a better chance of admission to students for whom the University is a top choice, ruling out any candidates who would already be committed to attending another college or university by the time they hear a decision from Notre Dame.

"The two biggies [in early application policies] are early action and early decision, and obviously, if a student is applying early decision someplace else and is admitted, they're bound there," Mundy said. "So we merely asked them to wait for that to run its course and we

see ADMISSIONS PAGE 7



Mental health expert dispels misconceptions about OCD

By MATTHEW MCKENNA
News Writer

The Notre Dame chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill hosted obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) expert Christopher Bedosky on Thursday evening in the Montgomery Auditorium for a talk titled

"Do I Have OCD? What Can Be Done?"

Bedosky addressed misconceptions about OCD and effective methods for treating it.

Bedosky, a psychologist at University Hospitals of Cleveland and an assistant professor of psychiatry at Case Western Reserve

University Medical School, said he has been helping treat patients with OCD for a long time, and he gets a lot of satisfaction and joy from helping those with the illness.

"OCD is a condition that people only know through

see OCD PAGE 6

Saint Mary's IT department releases app

BelleMobile

- Press releases
- Events calendar
- Interactive campus map
- Courses, schedules, assignments, grades
- Bookstore
- Dining services
- Student organizations
- Library
- Laundry room status
- Online directory
- Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
- ResNet problem report forms for students
- Computer availability
- Available for iOS and Android

Source: Saint Mary's College

ERIN RICE | The Observer

Students debate U.S. immigration policy

By MARGARET HYNDS
Associate News Editor

As part of this year's Immigration Week, the Student Coalition for Immigration Advocacy (SCIA) hosted a debate between the College Republicans and College

Democrats on Thursday night to discuss illegal immigration, particularly in light of President Barack Obama's executive actions taken in November.

Sophomore Hannah Legatzke and freshman Roxana Rodriguez Garcia, who moderated the debate,

began with a brief explanation of the executive orders the president issued earlier this year.

"In 2012, there were approximately 11.2 million undocumented immigrants living in the U.S., and the

see DEBATE PAGE 5

By HALEIGH EHMSSEN
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

The Department of Information Technology (IT) released BelleMobile today as part of Saint Mary's first ever Social Media Week.

Chief Information Officer Michael Boehm said

BelleMobile allows students to check information on their phone which in the past, they might have had to find on the Saint Mary's website or through a visit with someone on campus.

"Now [students] have the

see APP PAGE 6



NEWS PAGE 4



VIEWPOINT PAGE 8



SCENE PAGE 11



MEN'S BASKETBALL PAGE 20



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PAGE 20

THE OBSERVER

ndsmcobserver.com

P.O. Box 779, Notre Dame, IN 46556
024 South Dining Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556

Editor-in-Chief

Ann Marie Jakubowski

Managing Editor

Brian Hartnett

Business Manager

Alex Jirschele

Asst. Managing Editor: Isaac Lorton

Asst. Managing Editor: Kevin Song

Asst. Managing Editor: Samantha Zuba

News Editor: Lesley Stevenson

Viewpoint Editor: Gabriela Leskur

Sports Editor: Mary Green

Scene Editor: Allie Tollaksen

Saint Mary's Editor: Kelly Konya

Photo Editor: Wei Lin

Graphics Editor: Keri O'Mara

Multimedia Editor: Brian Lach

Advertising Manager: Elaine Yu

Ad Design Manager: Jasmine Park

Controller: Cristina Gutierrez

Office Manager & General Info

Ph: (574) 631-7471

Fax: (574) 631-6927

Advertising

(574) 631-6900 ads@ndsmcobserver.com

Editor-in-Chief

(574) 631-4542 ajakubo1@nd.edu

Managing Editor

(574) 631-4542 bhartnet@nd.edu

Assistant Managing Editors

(574) 631-4541 ilorton@nd.edu

ksong@nd.edu, szuba@nd.edu

Business Office

(574) 631-5313

News Desk

(574) 631-5323 news@ndsmcobserver.com

Viewpoint Desk

(574) 631-5303 viewpoint@ndsmcobserver.com

Sports Desk

(574) 631-4543 sports@ndsmcobserver.com

Scene Desk

(574) 631-4540 scene@ndsmcobserver.com

Saint Mary's Desk

kkonya01@saintmarys.edu

Photo Desk

(574) 631-8767 photo@ndsmcobserver.com

Systems & Web Administrators

(574) 631-8839

Policies

The Observer is the independent, daily newspaper published in print and online by the students of the University of Notre Dame du Lac and Saint Mary's College. Editorial content, including advertisements, is not governed by policies of the administration of either institution. The Observer reserves the right to refuse advertisements based on content.

The news is reported as accurately and objectively as possible. Unsigned editorials represent the opinion of the majority of the Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor, Assistant Managing Editors and department editors. Commentaries, letters and columns present the views of the authors and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Viewpoint space is available to all readers. The free expression of all opinions through letters is encouraged. Letters to the Editor must be signed and must include contact information.

Questions regarding Observer policies should be directed to Editor-in-Chief Ann Marie Jakubowski.

Post Office Information

The Observer (USPS 599 2-4000) is published Monday through Friday except during exam and vacation periods.

A subscription to The Observer is \$130 for one academic year; \$75 for one semester.

The Observer is published at:

024 South Dining Hall

Notre Dame, IN 46556-0779

Periodical postage paid at Notre Dame and additional mailing offices

POSTMASTER

Send address corrections to:

The Observer

P.O. Box 779

024 South Dining Hall

Notre Dame, IN 46556-0779

The Observer is a member of the Associated Press.

All reproduction rights are reserved.

QUESTION OF THE DAY:

How cold are you right now?

Have a question you want answered?

Email photo@ndsmcobserver.com



Alexander Warren

freshman
Duncan Hall

"Too cold."



Cayla Andrews

freshman
McGlinn Hall

"On a scale of one to cold, I'm freezing."



Jas Smith

junior
Welsh Family Hall

"Cold enough to transfer."



Francesca Simon

junior
Pangborn Hall

"I don't even remember what warmth is."



Nicole Calderon

freshman
Pangborn Hall

"From zero to 10? Negative eight."



Stephen Seitz

junior
Fisher Hall

"Super duper cold."



MICHAEL YU | The Observer

A solitary rose adorns the base of the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue, where snow is piled several inches high. The statue, which is situated on God Quad facing the Golden Dome, greets students, faculty and visitors alike with the inscription, "Come to me all."

Today's Staff

News

Emily McConville
Madison Jaros
Clare Kossler

Sports

Zach Klonsinski
Alex Carson
Gabriela Malespin

Graphics

Erin Rice

Scene

Miko Malabute

Photo

Michael Yu

Viewpoint

Mary Kate Luft

Corrections

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at (574) 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Want your event included here?

Email news@ndsmcobserver.com

Friday

Concert

Ricci Band Rehearsal
Hall
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Performance by Notre
Dame's Concert Bands.

Film: "Force Majeure"

DeBartolo Performing
Arts Center
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Rated R, 118 minutes.

Saturday

Third Coast Percussion

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

"Shrek" Saturday

LaFortune Student
Center
9 p.m. - 12 a.m.
"Shrek" double feature
and free food.

Sunday

Film: "Pierrot Lunaire"

DeBartolo Performing
Arts Center
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Free admission.

"Cloud Tectonics"

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

Monday

An Evening of Irish Traditional Music

Legends of Notre
Dame
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Free live music.

Basketball Game

Purcell Pavilion
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Women's basketball
takes on Louisville.

Tuesday

Men's Boxing

Joyce Center
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
85th Annual Bengal
Bouts Semifinals.

Basketball Game

Purcell Pavilion
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Men's basketball takes
on Syracuse.

SMC students examine modern discrimination

By KELLY KONYA
Saint Mary's Editor

As listeners and attendees of many lectures, students continually face the question of "Now what?" once each discussion has ended. With this in mind, Saint Mary's is working to encourage open-ended discussions after the orations end.

Most recently, a community-wide book discussion group on "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander has been formed for Saint Mary's faculty, staff and students to continue the dialogue prompted by Alexander's talk at the College on Feb. 7.

The book addresses racial

discrimination and mass incarceration in the American justice system, applying the term "The New Jim Crow" to the current situation of many African Americans in the U.S.

Associate professor of psychology Catherine Pittman said groups of faculty members read the book last semester. Following the talk on campus, it was clear the student body wanted to engage in ongoing conversations in a collective setting, she said.

"When faculty and students are exposed to the compelling information shared by Alexander, they want to discuss the information," Pittman said. "The fact that so many people in American culture are being stopped by the police, often mistreated and [are] imprisoned [for] long periods for minor crimes is very distressing to those who hear the statistics.

"Often students want to understand how this can happen, and taking some time to read the book can help answer their questions."

Pittman said in essence, this particular book helps people to actively recognize issues that may be overlooked in daily scenarios.

"Part of college life should

be about recognizing what is happening in American culture," she said. "Right now, protests are happening in response to police actions, and Alexander explains what has been happening over the past 25 years that has led to the frustration that fuels these protests.

"So many people think the biggest problem that African Americans have faced was slavery, and that ended years ago. But the problem is not that slavery occurred; the problem is that our country accepted the notion that some human lives were worth less than others, and that notion has never been successfully eliminated."

Pittman said the book and the ongoing book discussion help people recognize that the U.S. continues to behave in a way revealing that some lives are devalued.

"Alexander helps us to see that pattern clearly in mod-

"...the problem is not that slavery occurred; the problem is that our country accepted the notion that some human lives were worth less than others, and that notion has never been successfully eliminated."

Catherine Pittman
associate professor of
psychology

"[Students] have wondered why in some states marijuana is legal, and in other states, people are imprisoned for a dozen years for [possession] of some," Pittman said. "They want to know why so many more African Americans are imprisoned for drug offenses, when we know that more white people than African Americans use and sell drugs.

"They have asked why would police plant drugs on a person?" she said. "They want to understand what rights people have. They ask about people in prison and wonder about how they are treated."

Pittman said this range of questions can be answered by reading books like Alexander's and discussing them.

Director of Multicultural Services and group member Gloria Jenkins said one of the best and most effective parts of hosting such discussion groups is the range of voices it invites. With a combination of students and faculty, the conversation can flow between fields of study, contemporary issues and varying interests.

"It's an opportunity to hear things that you don't normally think of yourself," Jenkins said. "We are in our own worlds and we sometimes don't see what's around us. By bringing these different people on campus together to address different topics ... it gives us an extra awareness."

Jenkins said she hopes this will be the first of many book group discussions for students and faculty to react together to the visiting speakers brought to campus.

Groups like these fit perfectly within the Saint Mary's mission, she said.

"When you look at the values of this institution, it's all about building young women to be leaders and to commit to social change," Jenkins said. "I firmly believe in this goal, and it's great to be around women who want to do just that.

"If this book or other lectures and discussions open our eyes to these opportunities to produce change, then I think we've done a good job."

All members of the tri-campus community are invited to join the book discussion group in the Office of Multicultural Services and Student Programs, located in 214 Student Center, for the second gathering Friday, and for the third and final gathering Feb. 27.

Contact Kelly Konya at
kkonya01@saintmarys.edu

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Pacific Coast Concerts
Proudly Presents in South Bend, Indiana

JAY LENO

LIVE IN CONCERT


ON SALE February 27!

Thursday April 16, 2015 • 7:30PM
Morris Performing Arts Center
South Bend, Indiana

Tickets on sale Friday February 27 at 10 am at the Morris Performing Arts Center Box Office, Orbit Music/Mishawaka, Audio Specialists/SR 933-South Bend, Karma Records/Plymouth & Warsaw, Wooden Nickel Records/Fort Wayne, La Porte Civic Auditorium Box Office, charge by phone 574/235-9190 or www.morriscenter.org

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Elegance. Glamour. Charm.



A ballroom like no other, the Palais Royale is your ideal wedding reception venue. Historic charm. Modern elegance. A perfect combination of old and new await you.

Making fairy tales come true since 1922

Palais Royale
South Bend's
Premier Event Facility

574-235-5612 www.PalaisRoyale.org

SMC marks Chinese New Year

By ERIN FLANAGAN
News Writer

This Saturday, Saint Mary's will celebrate the Chinese New Year in O'Laughlin Auditorium from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

China Night is hosted by the Chinese Cultural Club and the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL). Yaqi Song, the president of the Chinese Cultural Club, is the director of the event.

The event is open to all students at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame as well as the general public, said Alice Siqin Yang, CWIL's assistant director for global education.

"It is important to provide this opportunity of learning and understanding of Chinese culture throughout the South Bend community," Yang said.

At the event, members of the community, including students from Notre Dame and Indiana University South Bend and Chinese exchange students at Saint Mary's College will perform traditional Chinese music and dancing, Yang said. Students and faculty who have studied abroad in China, as well as Chinese Fulbright students, will talk about the festival and their experiences with Chinese culture.

Yang said the Chinese New Year, a time for families to reunite and share in their cultural traditions, is one of the most important festivals in the Chinese-speaking world.

"The Chinese celebrate the transition to spring over the span of 15 days, which was based on the importance of the agricultural society ... and now is an opportunity to look forward to a new year," she said.

Yang said each year is assigned a zodiac animal, which characterizes the year and those born within it. This year is the year of the sheep or the goat.

The event will be reflective of a Chinese celebration that will not only expose the South Bend community to Chinese culture, but also allow Chinese guests to feel closer to home, Yang said. She said the gala-like event is similar to Chinese events that share stories of culture and tradition.

Yang said Saint Mary's has hosted a Chinese New Year event each year since 2008. The events provide an opportunity for Chinese members of the community to connect with their traditions and allow Americans to learn about Chinese culture, she said.

"Even if people have different values, recognize that all people have their own way of living, and it is important to be able to respect these traditions of other cultures," Yang said. "... It is nice to celebrate these joyous moments and add warmth to our lives during this cold winter."

Contact Erin Flanagan at
eflana01@saintmarys.edu

JUNIOR PARENTS WEEKEND

JUNIOR PARENTS WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Source: JPW.nd.edu

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Opening Gala — Joyce Center

SATURDAY, FEB. 21

College of Science Collegiate Workshop — Jordan Hall of Science

9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Health professions applications meeting — Rooms 101 and 105

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Transformative science at a premier Catholic university — Room 101

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Museum of Biodiversity open house

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Broad use of DVT for higher education — Room 100

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Labs — Rooms 205 and 225

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. TED talk presentations — Room 101

College of Arts and Letters Collegiate Workshop — Hesburgh Library

9:30 a.m. Presentation by Arts and Letters faculty — Carey Auditorium

11 a.m. Post-presentation reception

College of Engineering Collegiate Workshop - Stinson-Remick and DeBartolo Halls

9:40 a.m. Presentation to students and parents — Stinson-Remick atrium

10 a.m. Department presentations

10:45 a.m. - 11 a.m. Introduction of ND Energy — 108 Stinson-Remick

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Energy laboratory tours

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. TED talk presentations — Room 101

Mendoza College of Business Collegiate Workshop — Mendoza College of Business

9:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Department and faculty receptions — Giovanni Commons A, B, C

9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Mendoza College of Business presentations — Jordan Auditorium

12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. Residence hall luncheons

2 p.m. JPW band concert — Ricci Band Rehearsal Hall

5:30 p.m. JPW Mass — Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center

7 p.m. President's Dinner — Joyce Center fieldhouse

SUNDAY, FEB. 22

10 a.m. Closing brunch — Joyce Center fieldhouse

ERIN RICE | The Observer

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

**IRISH
FLATS**
APARTMENTS



**LIMITED 2-BEDROOM GRAD BUILDING UNITS
UNDERGRAD SOLD OUT FOR 2015-2016**

NOW ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS FOR 2016-17

While our undergrad buildings are SOLD OUT for the 2015-16 school year, we have a limited number of two-bedroom units remaining in our Grad Student Only building.

We are now accepting reservations for 1, 2 & 3 bedroom units in all buildings for the 2016-17 school year.

Irish Flats is the closest undergrad community to Notre Dame. It also has a new, expanded fitness center, as well as a community park area with sand volleyball, grills and picnic tables. Other Irish Flats features include:

- One-key building, apartment & bedroom access
- Video-assisted guest access
- Upscale kitchen with bar stools and stainless appliances
- A parking spot for each bedroom, plus guest parking
- 1, 2, & 3 bedroom units (for 2016-17)
- Private, full bath with each bedroom
- FREE WIFI, cable TV, water, sewer & trash
- Full-sized, stacked washer & dryer in each unit
- FREE Fitness Center, Tanning & Lounge
- Bedrooms furnished with full-sized bed, dresser, desk & chair
- Living Rooms furnished with sofa, coffee table, entertainment center, & 50" flatscreen TV
- Grad Student Only building



JUST EAST OF CAMPUS.

Walk to campus, restaurants, athletic fields, the grocery, pubs, Rolf's Rec Center... anywhere you need to be... from your Irish Flats apartment at the corner of Burdette St. and Dunn Rd.

Come visit us. Or contact Samantha Shiers for reservations at samantha@IrishFlatsND.com or 574.246.0999.

f FB.COM/IRISHFLATSND @IRISHFLATS HIGHLINE.us

18370 Dunn Rd. South Bend, IN 46637 IRISHFLATSND.COM

Debate

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

majority of them are from Mexico — about 53 percent,” Rodriguez Garcia said. “In 2012, about 10 percent of students from K through 12 had a parent who was an unauthorized immigrant.”

One of the executive orders expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), a program that allows certain undocumented immigrants who are younger than 31 but entered the country before they turned 16 and who have lived in the U.S. since 2007 to be eligible to receive a

renewable two-year work permit and exemption from deportation.

Under the executive order, the 2007 deadline would be pushed to 2010, the requirement that immigrants be younger than 31 would be removed and the renewable work permit and deportation exemption would be increased from two to three years.

Legatzke noted that 26 states have joined a lawsuit started by Texas governor Greg Abbot against the executive actions, questioning their constitutionality. On Tuesday, a district court judge in Texas struck down the executive action.

“This is also becoming really relevant now because funding for Homeland Security is tied up in this lawsuit,” Legatzke said. “Congress won’t authorize the funding for Homeland Security unless the executive action doesn’t go through, which is increasingly relevant now, because the Department of Homeland Security is set to run out of money on February 27.”

The first panelist to speak was the director of political affairs for the College Republicans, sophomore and Junior Class Council vice presidential candidate Louis Bertolotti, who stressed the importance of border security and legal avenues of immigration.

“The Republicans want to say first of all and before anything else that we support legal immigration,” Bertolotti said. “I think that’s something that’s often overlooked.

I’m going to read to you from the Statue of Liberty, which says, ‘Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to break free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore, send those, the homeless, tempest-tost to me.’”

Bertolotti said although Republicans support legal immigration, they also view illegal immigration as a “very serious problem.”

“The reason for this is, first of all, we’d like to point out that more illegal immigrants enter the country than legal ones,” he said. “And this is a very dangerous thing for two reasons; now there’s physical reasons and economic reasons. The physical reasons for this are because of the actual fact that they cross the border. Now if it’s that easy to get a person across the border of

the United States of America, what’s to stop drugs from getting across the border? What’s to stop weapons from getting across the border? This is a very contentious issue because of our security.

“On top of that, there’s an economic side to it as well. The New York Times has said that illegal immigration has lowered the incomes of Americans without a high school diploma by 7.4 percent. That’s 25 million Americans. Now this is a problem because these are hard-working Americans, and we are in an economic crisis. Illegal immigration has only hurt our economy and actually will only continue to hurt our economy in the future.”

Seniors Sean Paulsen and Justin Dancu represented the College Democrats in the debate, arguing that the executive order issued by President Obama was in fact constitutional, that immigration is an issue of human dignity and that policy must be enacted to deal with the nearly 12 million undocumented immigrants currently living in the U.S.

Dancu’s remarks focused largely on the idea of human dignity and how that concept plays into the immigration debate. He said a primary target of mass deportation “doesn’t seem to fit well with our human nature” because it removes people from their communities and their families

“This is actually a salient point, and one that struck a cord with Ronald Reagan and President George Bush, senior,” Dancu said. “This is why, when they enacted immigration reform in the eighties, they took it a step further and used their prosecutorial discretion in 1990 and extended this deferred

action, essentially a stay on deportation, to family members of these original legal immigrants who were allowed to stay for a period of time.”

Countering Bertolotti’s assertion that border security should be a primary priority, Paulsen expressed frustration that the Republican position did not, in his opinion, adequately address immigrants currently in the country.

“I think what you’re going to notice in the Republican response and in Republican lawmaking as a whole is that all their responses are seriously absent of any real substantive response to the policy-making decisions with regards to the illegal aliens who are currently here now. Every question you can direct to a Republican congressman or senator is going to be responded to with negative responses by what is being done by Democrats now.

If you ask what we should be doing about illegal aliens here, you will get a response, which is, ‘We should secure the border, and also what Obama is doing is illegal.’ And what you notice there is that there’s no plan.”

Senior Mark Gianfalla, who was not a part of the panel but currently serves as the president of the College Republicans, noted from the audience that although there is no party-wide stance on how to handle the issue of illegal immigrants currently in the United States, candidates have offered their own ideas about how to proceed.

“So part of the Republican platform is border security,” Gianfalla said. “There is no specific Republican idea in the platform of what to do with the illegal immigrants who are here illegally. But every presidential candidate that has run in the Republican Party has had a stance, and that stance is different.

“Also, it has been suggested that immigrants prove that they can facilitate positive economic influx to the economy, so having a job, paying taxes and so forth and maintaining a job and deporting those who can’t. Additionally, some candidates have suggested military service as an option for citizenship.”

Contact Margaret Hynds at mhynds@nd.edu

PAID ADVERTISEMENT



UNIVERSITY OF
NOTRE DAME
College of Arts and Letters

NOMINATIONS FOR THE SHEEDY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Students and Faculty are invited to
submit nomination letters to:

JoAnn DellaNeve
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies
104 O’Shaughnessy Hall

This award honors one member of the Arts
and Letters teaching and research faculty for
outstanding teaching.

Deadline:
Monday, February 23, 2015

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

★ ★ THE NANOVIC INSTITUTE EUROPEAN FILM SERIES ★ ★



FORCE MAJEURE
Friday, February 20 at 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 21 at 3:30, 6:30, & 9:30 p.m.
Browning Cinema, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Tickets \$4-7 | 574-631-2800 | performingarts.nd.edu | nanovic.nd.edu/film
A limited number of free tickets are available at the Nanovic Institute (211 Brownson Hall).

Johannes Göransson, Assistant Professor of English and expert in Swedish and American poetry,
will introduce the 6:30 p.m. screening on February 20th.



Please recycle
The Observer.



OCD

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Monk or Sheldon Cooper from *The Big Bang Theory*, and the people who I see are not those people," Bedosky said. "The people who I see, I see because they are not functioning. Or if they are functioning, they are only doing so under great stress and anxiety.

"Mental health disorders are defined by the impairment of functioning, and my job, and the job of any mental health professional, is to get that individual to the point where they can function."

Bedosky said there are many misconceptions in the public sphere regarding obsessions and compulsions and their effects on an individual.

"What is an obsession? Obsessions are persistent thoughts, images or urges that come into your head," Bedosky said. "They are intrusive. You don't want to think about it and then, bang, there's the thought.

"Obsessions are unwanted. No one with OCD sighs and regrets not pondering their compulsion in a while. Obsessions are what cause the stress and anxiety for the individual and can lead to compulsive behavior."

Obsessions and compulsive behavior both play a major role in the unhealthy behavior of the individual suffering from OCD, Bedosky said. Although obsessions are the unhealthy thoughts themselves, compulsions are behaviors individuals use to try to relieve the anxiety they feel as a result of unhealthy thoughts.

"Compulsions are mostly repetitive behaviors like hand washing, putting things in order or checking things," Bedosky said. "They can even be mental acts such as counting to yourself, or having to say a prayer over and over because you're worried you had the wrong intention and having to start over."

Bedosky said avoidance compulsions are becoming more of a focus in research and treatment of OCD.

"Many people say they don't have any compulsive behaviors, but when you ask them about their fear of hospitals, they respond that they don't go near them," he said. "It's almost like a post-traumatic stress disorder. They're avoiding the cues that are going to increase the arousal and anxiety."

Bedosky said some of the biggest obstacles to proper treatment are misdiagnosis and incorrect treatment.

"The average time between the onset of symptoms and receiving the correct treatment is 14 to 17

years," Bedosky said. "These individuals will have gone to see people who say they treat OCD, but they just suggest meeting in an anxiety group or drawing pictures.

"Sometimes I feel like I have to apologize for my profession, but there are those of us out there who know what we're doing."

Bedosky said the most effective form of treatment combines exposure and response therapy and cognitive behavior therapy.

"Cognitive behavior therapy is mainly about education," Bedosky said. "We help the person to understand what's going on and what can be treated and why we think it happens. It also includes some cognitive restructuring, which is changing the way that the patients look at things.

"One of the great things about cognitive behavior therapy is that you're teaching the patient to be their own therapist. By the time we're finished, someone with OCD should be able to recognize obsessions when they come up and handle them effectively."

Exposure and response prevention is pure behavioral science that yields major positive improvements for patients, Bedosky said.

"The model for OCD from a cognitive behavioral standpoint is that there is some stimulus in the environment that leads to the obsessive thought," Bedosky said. "It can be something as little as a look that can trigger great anxiety in an individual.

"First, you expose the individual to the stimulus that's going to provoke the anxiety. When the individual begins to resort to the compulsive behavior, you keep them from carrying it out and track their anxiety over time. If everything else is normal, the anxiety should return to normal on its own."

Bedosky said exposure and response therapy is similar to becoming accustomed to cold temperatures in a pool.

"Every time you jump back into the pool, the water is cold," Bedosky said. "But if you stay in the pool, a natural habituation occurs and you get used to it. OCD works in the same way."

Bedosky said medicine plays a supplementary role in treatment of OCD and makes therapy more effective.

"I tell my people that psychotherapy is like karate," he said. "Martial arts always works better after you've hit your opponent with a brick. Sometimes for psychotherapy, medications are our bricks."

Contact Matthew McKenna at mmcken12@nd.edu

App

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ability to search number of things related to campus activity through their phones, whether it's their course schedule or the master calendar," he said.

The app allows students to check their grades, a calendar of campus events, available computers on campus and even the lunch menu and laundry availability, Boehm said.

"BelleMobile, as with most apps, is a matter of convenience," Boehm said. "It provides information at your fingertips."

Boehm said IT worked with a vendor called Dublabs that has created apps for over 200 schools.

"We got a lot of knowledge from [Dublabs] about what functionalities work and don't work in their experience working with other institutions," he said.

Boehm said in addition to Dublabs, Saint Mary's associate director of technology integration and software development Steve Hideg did a lot of the work behind the scenes in order for the app to release this week.

Another feature of the app is a map, which can give the user directions to academic buildings on campus, Boehm said.

"It will be very helpful for new students when they are

trying to figure out where their classes are," he said. "The maps feature is also a huge benefit when parents are coming for the weekend, trying to figure out where various meeting places are around campus. They can use the app to give them directions."

Boehm said another benefit of the app for Saint Mary's is that the College can send push notifications to the users of the app as often as necessary.

"If there was a big function, like reunion weekend, we can put the list of activities on the app and push it to the users," he said.

In the case of emergencies or important school-wide updates, the app will serve as another avenue to reach users and notify them with an urgent message, Boehm said.

Boehm said BelleMobile also brings all the information that is available through other avenues into one place, including links to the Notre Dame athletics calendar and *The Observer*.

The most valuable feature of the app will depend on the preference of the user, Boehm said.

"There are some users who will find the connection to BlackBoard and checking their grades as the best feature of the app, but there are other students who might appreciate the interaction with social media," he said.

Boehm said BelleMobile is

an evolving tool that IT will periodically update, incorporating user feedback as users download the app.

"The nice thing about mobile app technology is that we can continue to evolve and update the mobile app based on our user needs," he said. "The primary audience is our students, so if after a period of time the consensus is to add new functionality, we will update to support user requests and needs."

Boehm said he hopes students find the information BelleMobile provides valuable and convenient.

"The whole idea of a mobile app is to make life more convenient, to provide information to our students that is timely and effective," he said.

Users can download BelleMobile at <http://www.saintmarys.edu/~bellemobile>. The app is also available on the App Store and Google Play.

Contact Haleigh Ehmsen at hehmse01@saintmarys.edu

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

ERASMUS BOOKS

- Used Books bought and sold
- 25 Categories of Books
- 25,000 Hardback and Paperback books in stock
- Out-of-Print search service
- Appraisals large and small

OPEN noon to six
Tuesday through Sunday
1027 E. Wayne
South Bend, IN 46617
232-8444

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

ARCHITECTURE, ART,
and LITURGICAL SPACE
in POST-WAR AMERICA

Gretchen Buggeln, Ph.D. February 23, 2015 | 5 p.m.
Phyllis and Richard Duesenberg Chair
in Christianity and the Arts
140 DeBartolo Hall
Valparaiso University

cushwa.nd.edu/events

Notre Dame
Center for Liturgy

CUSHWA CENTER
for the Study of American Catholicism

University of Notre Dame
School of Architecture

Edward Sovik. St. Paul Lutheran Church, La Crosse, Wisconsin; reredos by Arnold Flaten

Admissions

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

merely asked them to wait for that to run its course and then apply to us in regular action. We expected that our [early] applicant pool would be smaller because of that ... [and] that is what happened."

Bishop said an increase in regular applications offset the decline in early applications, leading to a larger applicant pool overall. He estimated Admissions received 18,150 total applications, as compared to 17,901 last year.

"My guess is we probably dropped out of the system about 800 to 1,000 apps [in the early action period], and then we replaced them with around 1,200 other apps [in the regular cycle], so our net gain was favorable," Bishop said. "We also noticed that the very top of the pool did not decline. Seven percent increase in that top half of [the top] one percent in the nation, which means usually 1550 or higher on the SAT and 35 [or] 36 on the ACT, so the very top of the pool's gotten bigger and better."

Bishop said the Admissions staff decided to implement the early application restriction after examining various policies at other colleges and universities and determining

which would best preserve Notre Dame's mission and the applicants' freedom while still valuing the application readers' time and energy. The staff examined three main options, including early decision — which Bishop said about half of the top 15 schools in the nation use.

"We continue to believe that's not the right choice for us, given our philosophy of trying to provide students with the most choice," Bishop said.

Top-tier universities often use early decision to improve their yield rate, which measures how many admitted students actually enroll in the university, Bishop said. Because all accepted students are bound to attend, the yield rate for early decision is 100 percent, a figure that impacts overall yield rate and helps with recruitment and fundraising.

"Our yield rate would be even higher if we had early decision, but we've decided that's not in the best interest of the students," Bishop said. "We continue to try to make admissions policies that benefit the students more than the private agenda of a university. We view early action as a friendlier opportunity to applicants, and Notre Dame's philosophy just as an institution is more aligned with early action."

Bishop said Notre Dame's

current yield rate reflects a high level of commitment from the applicants considering the University as a top priority.

"One of the reasons why we don't do early decision is we already enjoy a very high conversion rate — we're in the top eight in the country, and if you look at the top eight, probably half of them have single choice and half of them have early decision," Bishop said. "We're probably the only one of the eight that doesn't have one or the other that improves yield rate."

"We're lucky that students really view Notre Dame as not just a generic top-10 university, but they view it as their No. 1 choice," he said. "Once they decide that their value system aligns with Notre Dame, we get them. Often the students we lose get in to other top 15 schools, but they ultimately don't have the same value system. Something else is valued more than our value system here, and therefore that causes them to choose another institution, and we think that's perfectly fine."

After deciding against early decision, Bishop said the Admissions office evaluated alternative early action plans, including single-choice early action, which is not binding but prohibits applicants from applying early to any other institutions. Most of the top five

universities, including Harvard, use this method, Bishop said.

"Our view was that there were a couple other schools that had this restrictive early action, not single-choice," he said. "And we thought that was the best choice for us, and the reason why we wanted to make a choice and not just leave it open ended is that it was a one-sided relationship. The applicant had complete freedom to do whatever they wanted, and expected from us a certain loyalty of letting them know early and committing to them early."

"I feel it should be a two-sided relationship, in that if a student truly has a preference for another university, I don't think it's fair to the rest of our applicants — who are extraordinary applicants — for that spot to be taken by a student that's not committed at this point, that has by definition committed themselves to another institution's identity."

"If a student prefers to commit their allegiance to another school, they should be allowed to do that without taking a spot away from a student at Notre Dame until they know one way or the other," Bishop said.

Students who apply elsewhere through early decision or single-choice early action will still have the option of applying to Notre Dame through regular action, Bishop said.

"It is a minimal condition, just one single restriction," he said. "If you're ready to prefer somewhere else, go after that first. If you don't get that, feel free to apply regular."

And the good news is, we don't over-admit early, so you have the same chance for selection in regular as if you'd applied early. There's no penalty for applying regular."

Mundy said the restriction helps identify students who are serious about attending the University and prioritize it before single-choice and early-decision schools.

"We're trying to identify those students who are most serious about Notre Dame, without requiring them to make the ultimate serious choice," he said.

Bishop said the Admissions team uses numbers and test scores less in the overall process and instead places extra emphasis on the applicant's aspirations and values.

"The bottom line is ... are they going to take the best advantage of what Notre Dame is trying to provide them, or not?" he said. "I think we are recognizing more now what are the elements that make a unique and successful Notre Dame student and alum."

Contact Lesley Stevenson at lsteven1@nd.edu

PAID ADVERTISEMENT



Come Follow Me

It was the Lord Jesus calling us.

The Congregation of Holy Cross founded the University of Notre Dame in 1844. Currently, we have over 56 men in formation. Are you called to join them? To learn more about what religious life has to offer, talk to Fr. Jim Gallagher, C.S.C., Fr. Jarrod Waugh, C.S.C. or any Holy Cross priest or brother on campus. Or, visit us online at:

holycrossvocations.org



CONGREGATION OF
HOLY CROSS
EDUCATION • PARISH • MISSION

INSIDE COLUMN

Taste the blast



Greg Hadley
Associate Sports Editor

In ancient times, the Greeks believed the Olympian gods imbibed nectar and ate ambrosia. If any human being were to taste this divine food, they would immediately become immortal and gods themselves.

In the 16th century, Spanish conquistadors tore apart the Caribbean and Florida searching for the Fountain of Youth, desperate to drink from its depths.

And yet none of these poor souls tasted the fruits of their labors. Misguided and sorely addled, they passed on, unaware that the greatest of all foods was still to come.

Then, in the 1970s, a wonderful man by the name of Louis Shalhoub came up with an invention that was to change the course of culinary history. Using sugar and dried apricots, he produced the first ever fruit snack, and nothing was ever the same again.

Few foods are as versatile as the fruit snack. Both delicious and nutritious, it is the perfect snack food for almost any occasion.

They are filling, but not dense. You can consume as many as you want and still feel great.

They are convenient. They last practically forever and retain their freshness, but are not dry and tasteless like so many other non-perishable foods.

They don't need to be refrigerated, and they won't melt in the sun, provided it is not 140 degrees outside, which isn't likely any time soon.

They are, at least nominally, healthy. I mean, the word "fruit" is in the name. You'll definitely get all the vitamin C you need.

That being said, they're not too healthy. They still taste fantastic, mostly because they are almost completely 100 percent sugar.

Their texture is fantastic — gooey and sticky and delicious. There's a reason they make vitamins for kids in gummy form and that reason is because everyone likes gummies.

My personal favorite fruit snacks are Fruit Gushers, made by Betty Crocker. I have been unable to find who invented these little miracles, despite hours of research. Whoever it was, they most assuredly have a high place of honor in heaven reserved for them.

Some may find my obsession with fruit snacks odd. They may express distaste for their taste, their texture or the way that they tend to get stuck in the crevices of your teeth. To these poor souls, I can only extend my deepest sympathy, for you are truly missing out.

I believe that scientists of the future will look back at this age, seeking to discover how we survived in the face of so many problems — global warming, war, economic distress and pollution. And when they do, they will find the truth startling.

"Fruit snacks?" they'll ask. "Really?"

Really.

Contact Greg Hadley at ghadley@nd.edu

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

A truly 'catholic' identity

THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

During Monday's Town Hall Meeting with University President Fr. John Jenkins, students learned about a number of changes Notre Dame will see in upcoming years. With Campus Crossroads underway and a review of the core curriculum beginning, many members of the Notre Dame community have expressed concern about what these changes to our campus, classrooms and curriculum mean to our identity as a Catholic institution.

It is still too early in the process to know exactly what changes lie ahead for theology requirements or academic buildings, but additional announcements during the Town Hall Meeting, such as initiatives to increase diversity and inclusion as well as the formation of the Keough School for Global Affairs show that the University is transforming in other ways.

Notre Dame undoubtedly values and emphasizes tradition, including the religious traditions inherent in being a school that is Catholic with a capital "C." However, we must recognize such a Catholic identity isn't necessarily antithetical to change and growth. It is the spirit of inclusion that led this University to enroll women more than 40 years ago. And after all, the word "catholic" first means "universal."

The unique identities of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's show that Catholic identity does not necessarily look the same at every point in time and in every place but instead can be an identity manifests itself differently in different places in society. The College not only dedicates itself to education through the Holy Cross order but also encourages women to participate as leaders in the Church and as members of a Catholic, universal community.

For example, female members of Campus Ministry at Saint Mary's led this week's Ash Wednesday services, with Holy Cross priest Fr. John Pearson in attendance but taking a less active role in the gathering.

Saint Mary's has maintained a strong Catholic

identity while still making diversity a crucial priority for its faculty, students and curriculum, which includes religious studies courses recognizing several different faiths and exploring the concept of conversion.

Nonetheless, just as members of the Notre Dame community at times feel uncertain about Notre Dame's relationship with its Catholic tradition, so too do members of the Saint Mary's community question the essence of its religious identity.

Ultimately, the Catholic identity of an institution cannot be reduced to numbers only or strict rules alone — to think of it as such denies the complexity and profundity of the identity. Catholicism is a universal faith found around the world, and the spirit of inclusion and goal of diversity reflect what we should study and celebrate as a Catholic institution.

When Fr. Basil Moreau founded the Congregation of Holy Cross and the school Our Lady of the Holy Cross in Le Mans, France, it was to meet the needs of the community around him. Education for all was essential to the mission of Holy Cross as it began to grow around the world, including the foundation of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. This universal education is still key today.

Changing and growing as a university does not categorically compromise our Catholic identity, and creating a spirit of inclusion is not only possible but actually essential to our school's faith. While some students may not identify as Catholic, Fr. Jenkins rightfully pointed out that increased diversity of all kinds allows us to teach and learn from each other.

We commend both Saint Mary's for its commitment to diversity and Notre Dame's initiatives for inclusion. Though we still don't know what changes are to come, we can see in both schools' unique histories as Catholic institutions that change and integration do not contradict or compromise Catholic identity. Inviting more students into our communities and inspiring openness will only strengthen our bond as brother-sister institutions and as agencies for spirituality.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



My 'Brian Williams' moment

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

This is a full disclosure correction and mea culpa apology in answer to a reader's inquiry regarding content in the fourth and fifth paragraphs published in this column Feb. 6 (Birthday myths create Ronald Reagan's 'liberal' legacy). In short, during my research I mistakenly credited Illinois Rep. Mike Quigley's July 19, 2011 Congressional Record statement with comments actually published on ThinkProgress.org by Zaid Jilani on Feb. 25, 2011 in an article entitled, "FLASHBACK: Ronald Reagan Called Union Membership 'One Of The Most Elemental Human Rights.'"

I then lumped the misattributed and paraphrased Jilani language with other Congressional Record content in my first draft that went nearly 200 words beyond my limit. Finally, pressed for time to submit the column by 6 p.m. but also catch a plane to South America a bit after midnight, I carelessly chopped the paragraphs apart in my final version. Jilani's paraphrased material was left naked without attribution when I submitted the column, barely beating my deadline by 15 minutes.

My hasty sloppiness is no excuse, merely an explanation. Viewpoint deserves not only a diversity of opinions, but also the best-possibly written opinion pieces that are clear, correct and educational. We have all heard the old rhyming adage that haste makes waste, which according to "The American Heritage® Dictionary of Idioms," dates back to 1575. John Ray's 1678 proverb collection contains the entire phrase, "Haste makes waste, and waste makes want, and want makes strife between the good man and his wife."

By rushing and presenting my imperfect submission, I tarnish many countless others whose dedication and time-consuming work contribute to our good wife, The Observer. A well-written 850-word op-ed piece usually demands approximately six hours to complete from the research phase to final submission. As a stickler for writing columns containing correct

grammar and proper wording, such as "believe" rather than "feel" and "more than" instead of "over," I should have caught my error not once, but twice. I should have color-coded the attributable text to prevent confusion. I should have proofread more carefully. That type of dual opportunity doubly upsets a writing perfectionist like me.

Factual purity is an essential element of opinionated journalism, especially with regards to politics or religion. Consequently, the most mundane political commentary can elicit passionate responses without over-shocking our political sensibilities like the vitriol conservative commentator Ann Coulter oftentimes prefers. On Halloween, this column began with what I thought was clever imagery of a frightened White House on guard the weekend before the midterm elections against what it perceived were GOP ghouls circling above. An irate Republican reader interpreted it to mean that I was calling the GOP a bunch of ghouls. Rather than express his position for publication in the letters section, he advocated silencing the Capitol Comments column. In this case, even perfect writing was not perfectly read.

More than a week before my deadline, I began an outline that Reagan raised taxes nearly a dozen times and held sympathies for unions. For four hours the evening before the deadline, I skimmed the Congressional Record (112th Congress 2011-2012), particularly tributes in February 2011 that commemorated Reagan's 100th birthday. Ironically, I noted that nearly all of the GOP's current "anti-Obama" stands and rhetorical language could apply as anti-Reagan in light of today's Fox News spin-zone benchmarks. Reagan's record never did always perfectly align with today's far right movement.

Predictably, most GOP members mentioned Reagan's mythical anti-taxing stand — Reps. Lungren (Notre Dame Class of 1963 and a close personal friend of mine), Herger, Rohrabacher, Dreier, Wilson, Poe, Burgess, Matsui, Gallegly, Chambliss, Runyan, Wolf, Mack, Royce, Gingrey, Pence, Schock, Stearns, Smith and Sen. Kyle. Conversely, two Democrats challenged that Reagan revisionist legacy — Rep. Mike Quigley's

statement entitled, "The Reagan Myth," and Sen. Harry Reid. Reid's Feb. 7 statement on Page S581 juxtaposed Reagan's inconsistencies, concluding that Reagan "was more beholden to simple pragmatism than stubborn principle."

Beyond the Congressional Record, my research began with the Feb. 26, 2011 FreakOutNation.com's "Ronald Reagan: Being In A Union Is A Basic Right." I then read Randy Patrick's March 14, 2011 column in TheNewerWorld.com entitled, "Reagan: pro-union Republican," followed by ShoqValue.com's "Ronald Reagan: 'Where Collective Bargaining Is Forbidden, Freedom Is Lost,'" posted March 12, 2011 and briefly describing Reagan's support of a Polish Communist labor union. Most importantly, it contained the link that brought me to ThinkProgress.org and Jilani's stunning juxtaposition of Reagan's anti-Communist priority over his anti-union sentiment, to the point that he embraced the far-left socialistic Polish union, Solidarity. I mistakenly attributed this interesting and unique description of Solidarity's social control of the food supply to ensure that the masses would be fed, workers deciding their own holidays and other economic policies that are the antithesis of Reagan's GOP-inspired legacy.

Without seeing the email to the editor, I hope it came from a scholar who recognized the Solidarity description rather than from someone whose political wrath subscribes my email address to conservative causes without my permission. A line from Reagan's Iran Arms and Contra Aid Controversy speech, given March 4, 1987, best describes my citation intent: "My heart and my best intentions still tell me that's true, but the facts and the evidence tell me it is not."

Gary J. Caruso, Notre Dame '73, serves in the Department of Homeland Security and was a legislative and public affairs director at the U.S. House of Representatives and in President Clinton's administration. His column appears every other Friday. Contact him at GaryJCaruso@alumni.nd.edu

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Misassumptions of an American tragedy

I wanted to respond to the Feb. 18 letter entitled "Justice for Muslims" that reacts to the recent murder of three Muslim students in North Carolina. The authors describe the killing as "a disgusting reminder of the hatred towards Islam which we unfortunately see living among us in America."

The writers' characterization of the killer's motivation is at best, deeply irresponsible. According to the Chapel Hill Police Department, the "preliminary investigation indicates that the crime was motivated by an ongoing neighbor dispute over parking." Despite acknowledging that "all the details are not yet accessible to the public," the writers claim that "these students lost their lives

on the basis of faith" and that the violence was "an act of terrorism" and a "hate crime" without providing a shred of evidence to support these statements. While Craig Hicks, who was indicted in the murders, had posted anti-Muslim material on his Facebook page, the "New York Times" reported, "his anger appeared to be aimed primarily at Christians." In the wake of Michael Brown, Henry Louis Gates and Duke lacrosse, where early cries of "racism" proved to be unfounded, it would seem wise to wait for all the facts to come in before making such damning accusations.

Drawing attention to injustice is a noble cause. But it is clear that the writers attached themselves to

a theory of this heinous crime, which the facts have not yet borne out. It may later be found that these students were murdered because of their religion, but the authors' knee-jerk reaction of "terrorism" will only widen the racial "schism" in our society that they claim they want to solve. The writers were correct that "this tragedy can and will be spun in many ways." It is unfortunate they chose to do so in a way that spreads potential misinformation and discord in an effort to make a political statement.

Erik Adams
second-year law student
Feb. 19

viewpoint
noun

- 1) position of observation
- 2) an attitude of mind

Join the Discussion
Have an opinion? Let us hear it.

Send a letter to the Editor at
viewpoint@ndsmcobserver.com

FIFTY SHADES OF CONTROVERSY

By **KATHRYN MINKO**
Scene Writer

Four years after the release of E.L. James's best-selling novel "Fifty Shades of Grey," Hollywood has finally publicized the narrative into its featured-film doppelgänger. Ranked number one in box office sales since its premiere last weekend, "Fifty Shades of Grey" has raked in an astounding \$98 million, according to "Box Office Mojo." The movie has exceeded "Twilight" by an average of \$3,000 per week. Millions of people — notably women — have gathered to view this utterly intriguing yet highly disputed film in hopes of fulfilling their questions regarding pornographic relevance and — most notably — misogynistic manifestations.

The movie begins by introducing the meek, pure and somewhat awkward Anastasia "Ana" Steele (Dakota Johnson). In lieu of her ill roommate, Ana agrees to interview the renowned CEO billionaire Christian Grey (Jamie Dornan) for his contributions to her and her roommate's university. Clumsy sparks fly between the rich older man and the modest younger woman — if you can call seductively chewing on an unsharpened "Grey" pencil romantic — and the hunt for

sexual conquest begins.

Despite Ana's feelings for Christian, she decidedly stifles any source of interest away ... or so we think. A short while later, Christian makes a not-so-subtle appearance at the hardware store where Ana works, only to purchase rope, duct tape and zip ties (which comes in handy for the "Do-It-Yourself" kind of man that is Christian Grey). Deciding to maintain a platonic relationship, Christian and Ana civilly part ways. Later on, however, a drunken Ana — arguably the best acting throughout the movie — reaches out to Christian, who brings her back to his hotel room. Waking up dazed and confused, Ana realizes Christian has cleaned her vomit and changed her clothes ... herein lies the beginning of the pair's kinky yet captivating relationship.

Subsequently, Ana accompanies Christian on a stereotypical first-date helicopter ride, only to end up in his beautiful penthouse apartment. At this point, the movie introduces its audience to a primal form of feminist controversy: the written contract Christian requires Ana to sign before entering his "playroom." One's trite perceptions of romance drastically change as Christian conveys his preference to simply sleep with

her rather than make love to her. Ana's deference to sexual curiosity without actually succumbing to the role of Christian's "subordinate" sparks an interesting question of feministic action. Does Ana's refusal to sign the dominant-subordinate contract — a decidedly chauvinistic form of control — support the concept of a woman's strength? Or does the slightest pique of interest in the relationship convey a "weakness" women have so stereotypically possessed throughout history?

In retrospect, both the film and the book portray Ana as a clichéd, introverted virgin with a rough parent situation and little self-confidence. The wealthy Grey, therefore, serves as her "knight in shining armor," only to twist the conventional concepts of romance into something much less "chivalrous." Thus, the audience — specifically the females — experiences a conflicted view of sympathy and apathy for Ana. Should they empathize with her curiosity considering her meek demeanor? Rather, many women believe Ana should channel her inner strength by refusing Christian from the get-go.

Throughout the rest of the film, Ana engages in a moral conflict questioning her relationship's stability. Constantly wondering

why Christian has become so romantically stoic and sexually ferocious, Ana finally implores him to punish her in the worst possible way. Christian reluctantly obliges, engaging in explicit, deviant behavior. Ana, mortified by this experience, forbids Christian from ever touching her again, and the movie comes to a quick, suspenseful end — Christian begs for forgiveness yet refuses to change his ways. Ladies, if you learn anything from this story, it's that you can't alter a person into becoming who you want them to be.

All in all, the surprisingly low amount of sex scenes certainly undermines the film's hype. Rather, the audience enwraps itself in an unconventional, offensive "love" story, which brings to life many questions of gender roles and eroticism. Christian's mysteriously kinky desires and Ana's indecision spark an aura of contention for fans and haters alike. Through dramatic "Twilight"-esque acting, Johnson — a slightly less stiff version of Kristen Stewart — and Dornan perform to their best abilities, pulling off a film provoking 50 shades of controversy.

Contact Kathryn Minko at kminko@nd.edu



By **ONYINYECHUKWU IGBOANUGO**
Scene Writer

Lent is upon us once again, my friends. This season is popularly seen as the season of abstinence — a surprising misconception. Maybe giving up things like candy and meat was intended to be temporary. For vices, however, the real idea is to give them up forever. So here are some fashion-related things to add to your fasting list and give up forever. These aren't things to cling to; au contraire, they are rules to drop and myths to debunk in order to be a style guru.

Buck equals bang

For some people, it's about the name. For others, it's about the look. Whether or not you care about name brands, you should never compromise on quality. Sadly, price isn't always necessarily an indicator of quality. Stores don't charge you what clothes are worth; they charge you what they think you are willing to pay for them. As college students, funds might be a major concern. However, it pays in the long run to own clothes that last through rain, snow and sunshine. If you want items that look, feel and actually are quality, you need to have a good eye and a good knowledge of clothing construction. This take some practice and experience. It's a good thing I'm here

ERIN RICE | The Observer

to guide you through this in my future posts.

Expensive shoes over expensive bags

Who doesn't love Carrie Bradshaw from «Sex and the City?» At some point, you probably wanted to be her (sans the occasional financial irresponsibility). While it is not a crime to love expensive high-quality shoes, the mistake that women make is to put the expensive shoe over the expensive bag. How is this a mistake? Shoes are like cars. From the moment you try them on, they start to wear and tear. Wearing a killer pair of shoes and carrying a killer purse make you feel equally powerful. But with shoes, you run a higher risk of them getting ruined. This doesn't mean you shouldn't buy the shoes you love. Just don't neglect the bags.

Body type restrictions

"I can't wear this and that because that's only for tall, slender people." Put that mentality away. The same goes for the people who think some items are only for curvy people. It's all about the fit. If the item doesn't look good on you, it might have more to do with the fit than with your body type. If you really like it, consider tailoring it to yourself. Clothes sold in retail are standardized; hence, they might not hug and hang for you the way they should. Take a look at the two outfits below

— same outfit, different body types. Focus on the fit.

Don't go chasing waterfalls (or trends)

Personally, I don't chase trends. Not because someone told me not to, but because I like to wear whatever, whenever. But it is a myth that you have to invest in timeless pieces as opposed to trends. The truth is invest in what you actually wear. Yes, it is nice to have those timeless staples in your wardrobe, but do you wear them often? If you like to be a trendy girl/guy, go for it. You want clothes you can actually wear. That's what you should spend your money on.

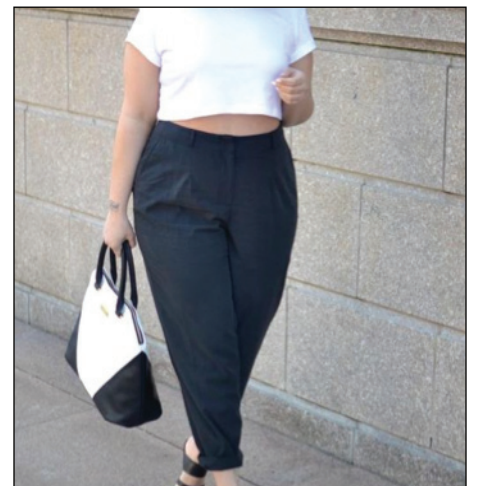
Statement Piece — Centerpiece

The popular saying goes, "Less is more." Yes, this can be true if less is packed with a punch. But this notion has made everyone toss out the concept of more. For fear of not doing too much, people tend to keep it simple and then jazz it up with one fancy item like a necklace or a pair of shoes. Granted it takes some skill, but you can put an outfit together with several statement pieces. Style icons like Yasmin Sewell and Solange Knowles do it all the time.

Contact Onyinyechukwu Igboanugo at oigboanu@nd.edu



Courtesy of "Styleite"



Courtesy of "Glam Radar"

ACADEMY AWARDS BETTING GUIDES



Miko Malabute
Scene Writer

This Sunday, the 87th Academy Awards will reveal the year's most brilliant pictures, celebrate the most heart-warming soundtracks and scores, commend the best directors, actors and actresses and coronate every other superlative in the movie business for their work and talent. Naturally, I looked to see what the "odds" (or "bets," as presented by Las Vegas) are for each nominee in each category. Time to put my money where my mouth is because it's almost showtime.

Best Picture

"Saving the best for first," as Andy Bernard would say. Really, it's no secret that this year's Academy Awards is headlined by the two premiere nominations, "Birdman" (at 1/2 odds) and "Boyhood" (7/5 odds). Honestly, one has to feel terrible for "Boyhood" because any other year, there would be no question that this movie would win. One of the most beautifully directed (by Richard Linklater) feel-good, tear-inducing, call-your-parents-to-say-you-love-them movies, it is quite plain to see that any other year this would be a lock to win "Best Picture." However, as I learned in boyhood, life isn't fair, especially when there's a big, bad bully in the way — "Birdman." Starring big-time names such as Michael Keaton, Emma Stone and Zach Galifianakis, all three of whom deliver absolutely standout performances in this satirical "showbiz" film. At 1/2 odds, it really can't

get much better. My money's on "Birdman," sorry "Boyhood." You'll understand when you're older.

Best Director

Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu (-225), director of "Birdman," is the relatively slight favorite over Richard Linklater (+125) and "Boyhood." Again, these are the only two nominations that I'm even considering for this category, as the "Best Picture" winner usually goes hand-in-hand with this category — usually. For the past two Academy Awards, the "other" nominee (read: runner-up) for "Best Picture" won "Best Director." In 2013, "Argo" won "Best Picture," but "Life of Pi" director Ang Lee won "Best Director;" in 2014, "12 Years a Slave" won "Best Picture," but Alfonso Cuarón and "Gravity" won "Best Director." However, the pattern resumes, and third time's the charm to break the cold streak: my money's on Inarritu and "Birdman."

Best Actor

Eddie Redmayne (-400), who beautifully plays the role of Stephen Hawking in "The Theory of Everything," is the safest bet there is in the field of nominees for this category. The subtleties of his non-verbal communication (ranging from his facial expressions to his speech to his posture) emulated Hawking to the point of perfection, internalizing Hawking's mannerisms as his own and truly portraying amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in a painfully beautiful manner. Michael Keaton (+250) shows the full range of emotions and utilizes his entire skill set in "Birdman" as the slightly crazed

but likable washed-up actor. Bradley Cooper (+1200) in "American Sniper" was great, but just is not in the same tier as Redmayne and Keaton — the Southern drawl is charming, but Cooper overdid it with one too many uses of "baby" throughout the film. Benedict Cumberbatch (+2800) in "The Imitation Game" put on a valiant effort in the film but was just too much too often, and Steve Carrell (+5000) in "Foxcatcher" offered a nice, refreshing reprieve from his typical role as funny man, but was just outclassed in this field of actors and suffered from a good but not great movie.

The favorite is Redmayne, but this year's Academy Awards voters will absolutely love "Birdman." We call this a three-peat: money's on Keaton and "Birdman."

Best Actress

Julianne Moore (-5000) of "Still Alice" offers one of the most heart-wrenching performances of the year as Dr. Alice Howland, professor, mother and (unfortunately) early-onset Alzheimer's disease patient. She stars along fellow big names Alec Baldwin, Kristen Stewart, Kate Bosworth and Hunter Parrish, but manages to outshine all of them. The field offers other big names and outstanding performances, such as Reese Witherspoon (+1200) in "Wild," Rosamund Pike (+2500) in "Gone Girl," Felicity Jones (+4000) in "The Theory of Everything," and Marion Cotillard (+5000) in "Two Days One Night." However, the numbers just don't lie, and if there was ever a safe bet, it's this: Moore will win "Best Actress."

Best Supporting Actor

Money's on J.K. Simmons (-5000) in "Whiplash." At this point, you just have to go with the numbers. Granted, I haven't seen "Whiplash," and in my opinion, Edward Norton (+1200) in "Birdman" and Ethan Hawke (+3300) in "Boyhood" were phenomenal. But you have to trust the numbers; J.K. Simmons is as safe of a pick as it can get.

Best Supporting Actress

Same argument as above, with Patricia Arquette (-5000) in "Boyhood" practically running away with the award. The odds prove that Arquette is essentially a lock for the award, but this time I can fervently agree and support it (as if she needed it): the ups and downs she goes through as a mother in the film made me want to call my own mom. Love you mom.

Best Original Song

"Glory" (-500) from the movie "Selma" is the favorite, despite so many other "Selma" snubs this Oscars season. John Legend and Common connect again for another truly emotional, beautiful and powerful song. Glory, glory, hallelujah, this song will win, and it shouldn't even be close, as the next-favored song "Everything is Awesome" (+400) from "The Lego Movie" is absolutely awful. Listened to it, and my head still feels like it's racing 100 mph.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Contact Miko Malabute at mmalabut@nd.edu

SPORTSAUTHORITY

It's time for free agency in MLS

Daniel O'Boyle
Sports Writer

The mainstream sports media in the United States devotes little attention to its own soccer league. Major League Soccer (MLS) is at best fifth in the ranks of American professional sports leagues, behind the NFL, MLB, NBA and NHL.

Many soccer fans in the United States probably couldn't tell you much about the current state of the MLS. But with barely over two weeks until the league starts, it faces a potential crisis as a player strike looks increasingly likely, and it's time it got the nation's attention.

The MLS's structure sets it apart from just about every other soccer league in the world. An MLS franchise can't face promotion, another promotion, relegation, a third promotion and a second relegation all within 15 years like my former hometown club, Reading FC of the English Football League Championship, has. If soccer's supposed "next big thing", Martin Odegaard, had been born in North Carolina instead of Norway, he would have been drafted by the MLS team with the worst record last year, not bought by European champions Real Madrid. And — currently the source of the players' dispute with the league — players have no freedom to move to the franchises they wish to join as free agents.

If you're a fan of pro baseball, football, basketball or hockey, a lack of free agency should sound just as foreign to you as it does to me and other fans of European soccer. Free agency is a crucial part of all sports leagues. Nearly 10 million people tuned in to watch LeBron James's famous "Decision" in 2010 to take his talents to South Beach. But if he had chosen soccer, James would simply have been drafted to a new team if he had tried to move.

It's not the big names of the MLS who are demanding change, though. For players like Robbie Keane, David Villa and future arrival Steven Gerrard, the league is competing with teams in Europe and will make sure to pay whatever it takes to attract some of the game's stars. But for the average player, there's no competition, players don't get to test the market and the gap it's creating between the big and

small names of the MLS is sure to hurt American soccer's hopes of long-term growth.

While aging foreign players in America earn millions of dollars every year — former Brazil international Kaka earns over \$7 million — the vast majority of the league's players are lucky to see much more than \$100,000 per year. The international stars often aren't even much better than their lower-paid counterparts: Tim Cahill's \$3.6 million contract wasn't enough to ensure he kept his starting spot towards the end of last season. The big names attract attention, for sure — I first tuned in to the MLS when David Beckham arrived in 2007 — but what the league needs now isn't more big names, it's a nurturing of its homegrown players.

If soccer in the U.S. hopes to continue to grow in popularity, it will be through the national team. That means the MLS needs to start thinking about how to give American players opportunities to shine in their own league, and that means offering them the freedom international stars get in regard to choosing clubs. The United States' World Cup success came in part due to the surprising success of MLS All-Star defenders Matt Besler and Omar Gonzalez. These players might not be superstars, but they are the type of players who are needed if soccer in the United States is ever going to reach the levels it occupies in Europe.

The MLS claims its restrictions are in place to prevent the league from collapsing like the North American Soccer League (NASL) did in 1984. The fear is that free agency will lead to teams overspending on players and going bankrupt. But it was spending on big international names that caused the NASL's collapse. What the players' union wants is a change that will allow ordinary American players to rise to the top, and that's exactly what U.S. soccer needs.

So as the start of the MLS season looms with little attention, let's hope we can see MLS players earn the right to move, and maybe soon ESPN will have to talk about soccer.

Contact Daniel O'Boyle at doboyle1@nd.edu

The views expressed in this Sports Authority are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | TENNESSEE 77, ALABAMA 56

No. 6 Lady Vols stay unbeaten in SEC play

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tennessee — Ariel Massengale scored 17 points and shot 5 of 11 from 3-point range Thursday as No. 6 Tennessee trounced Alabama 77-56 to continue its domination of this series.

The Lady Vols (23-3, 13-0 SEC) were playing their first game since center Isabelle Harrison tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee, sidelining Tennessee's leading scorer and rebounder for the season.

Tennessee fared just fine without Harrison in beating Alabama (13-15, 2-11) for the 41st straight time. Alabama hasn't beaten Tennessee since the 1984 Southeastern Conference tournament and has never defeated the Lady Vols in Knoxville.

A much tougher test awaits the Lady Vols on Monday when they visit No. 2 South Carolina.

Harrison, who tore her ACL on Sunday, watched from the bench as Tennessee earned its 19th straight home win and 20th consecutive SEC triumph. Harrison, a first-team all-SEC selection and the SEC tournament MVP last season, was averaging 12.8 points and 9.1 rebounds per game this season.

Tennessee's Cierra Burdick had 16 points and nine rebounds. Bashaara Graves added 14 points. Nia Moore had six points, seven rebounds and six blocks. The Lady Vols were a perfect 18 of 18 from the free throw line and led by as many as 36 points.

Ashley Williams had 18 points, Hannah Cook scored

11 and Quanetria Bolton added 10 for Alabama, which has lost six of seven games and 11 of its last 13.

Tennessee shuffled its lineup by having Massengale, Moore and Jaime Nared join usual starters Andraya Carter and Burdick. Nared was making her first start since Nov. 21 and Moore was starting for the first time since Dec. 7. Although Harrison's injury has left Massengale as Tennessee's top remaining scorer, the senior guard was making just her third start of the season.

That new lineup helped Tennessee race to a 16-2 lead as Alabama missed 12 of its first 13 shots. Alabama regrouped well enough to get within 11 points early in the second half, but Tennessee went on a 20-2 run to put the game away.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL | PURDUE 67, INDIANA 63

Purdue gets first win at Indiana in four years

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A.J. Hammons and Isaac Haas combined for 32 points and 13 rebounds Thursday night, leading Purdue to a 67-63 victory against Indiana.

Rapheal Davis gave Purdue the lead for keeps at 64-61 with back-to-back driving layups at the 1:21 mark and again with 36 seconds to play.

Hammons added two free throws to cap the scoring with 4.3 seconds left after Indiana's Yogi Ferrell missed a potential game-winning 3-pointer with five seconds to go.

Davis finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds, and Hammons added 20 points. Haas added 12 points and nine rebounds as Purdue won in Bloomington for the first time since a 72-61 triumph on Feb. 23, 2011.

Hammons' layup with

12:11 left in the game gave Purdue a 48-41 lead and capped a 21-12 burst to begin the second half.

Purdue led 55-47 with 7:25 to play, but Indiana rallied to take the lead at 61-60 on Ferrell's 3-pointer with 1:44 left.

Ferrell led Indiana (18-9, 8-6) with 21 points. Troy Williams and James Blackmon, Jr. each added 14 for Indiana, which made only five 3-pointers after sinking 18 on Sunday against Minnesota.

Purdue, which has beaten the Hoosiers three consecutive times, outrebounded Indiana 38-21.

Ferrell's driving layup just ahead of the buzzer gave Indiana a 29-27 halftime lead, although the Hoosiers scored only nine points during the first half's final 10:37.

Indiana used a 9-0 burst that included a 3-pointer and two free throws from

Ferrell to seize a 20-12 lead with 10:38 to go in the first 20 minutes.

But with Isaac Haas contributing six points and Jon Octeus five, the Boilermakers mounted a 15-7 run to tie it at 27 before Ferrell's buzzer-beater.

Indiana made eight of its first 11 field goal attempts.

TIP-INS

Purdue: The Boilermakers entered 9-31 all-time in Indiana's Assembly Hall. ... Before facing the Hoosiers, Purdue had won six of its most recent seven games. range, third best in the nation. ... The Hoosiers have six victories against teams in the RPI Top 50, best in the Big Ten.

STAT LINES

Purdue centers Hammons and Haas were a combined 10 of 11 from the free-throw line, helping Purdue shoot a collective 81 percent on 17 of 21.

CLASSIFIEDS

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 024 South Dining Hall. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 5 cents per character per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

FOR RENT

Nice house for rent. 905 Stanfield. 3 beds, 2 baths. Sun porch, rec room. Available now. 608-658-6910

Yes it's me again/ And I'm back/ Oh I oh I oh I yeah/ Oh I oh I oh I baby/ Oh I oh I oh I yeah/ The 22nd of loneliness and we've/ Been through so many thangs/ I love my man with all honesty But I know he's cheatin' on

me/ I look him in his eyes but all he/ Tells me is lies to keep me near / I'll never leave him down though/ I might mess around it's only/ 'Cause I need some affection oh/ So I creep yeah/ Just keep it on the down low

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL | SMU 67, TEMPLE 58

Moore, SMU rally to top Temple

Associated Press

DALLAS — With Moody Coliseum mostly empty because of an early start and SMU trailing Temple in the first half, Ryan Manuel flashed back to the losing seasons from early in his career.

The senior guard played a big role in a rally that was more like today's versions of the Mustangs — after most of the fans had finally shown up.

Nic Moore scored 18 points, Manuel hit two critical 3-pointers and No. 21 SMU rallied from 10 points down in the second half to beat Temple 67-58 Thursday night, snapping the Owls' seven-game winning streak.

Cannen Cunningham

started a 7-0 run that snapped a 52-all tie with a basket inside and Moore hit a high-arching layup on a drive. Manuel finished the spurt with his second corner 3 in the last 4 minutes, celebrating in front of his bench while the crowd screamed.

"Me and Cannen were just talking about how it felt like we were playing in the old Moody for a little bit," Manuel said of the first half, when the Mustangs never led. "And the second half, we played one of the most energized halves that we've played since I've been here."

Will Cummings had 14 points to lead Temple (19-8, 10-4 American Athletic Conference), which was

outscored 15-6 down the stretch and shot 35 percent in the second half. Cummings had seven assists at halftime, and none in the second. He also had a career-high seven steals.

"We couldn't go by them like we did in the first half a few times," said Temple coach Fran Dunphy, whose team gave up a 13-point lead in the second half of a 60-55 loss to SMU at home last month. "We needed to get more drives and kicks."

The conference-leading Mustangs (22-5, 13-2) were down 39-29 in the second half when they got the late-arriving fans going and started the push to their 20th win in 22 games.

Moore hit a jumper and stole the ball from Jesse Morgan

near midcourt, feeding Sterling Brown to get the Mustangs within 39-36. After Moore's free throw pulled SMU even, the junior guard ended up with the ball at the 3-point line after a near-turnover deflected off the hands of Temple's Josh Brown. Moore hit the shot for SMU's first lead at 46-43.

Not long after the game-deciding run late, a student section that was half-empty when the game started was chanting "Moody Madness" with the outcome settled in the final minute.

"I was a little bit disappointed early that we didn't have a lot of people there," Hall of Fame coach Larry Brown said. "And then all of a sudden the crowd just picked us up."

NHL | CAPITALS 5, JETS 1

Capitals thrash Jets

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Washington Capitals know center Nicklas Backstrom isn't going to beat his own drum.

They're more than happy to do it for him.

Backstrom scored two second-period goals and added an assist, Alex Ovechkin got his league-leading 38th goal and an assist and the Capitals defeated the Winnipeg Jets 5-1 on Thursday night.

"He's as complete a player as you're going to find in this league," Washington coach Barry Trotz said of Backstrom. "I'm astonished that he doesn't get a lot more recognition, and if you ask him he'll say 'I'm just doing my job.'"

Backstrom, who has 16 assists in his past 16 games, moved into a tie with Chicago's Patrick Kane atop the NHL scoring list with 63 points.

"To be honest with you, I don't think about it too much," Backstrom said of his points total. "The most important thing is we get points as a team and that's what we're doing right now. I get a lot of ice time, so I should produce for the team, so just doing my job."

But teammate Braden Holtby called Backstrom "the heartbeat of our team," and Karl Alzner said: "There needs to be an iso-cam on him at all times because he does things that kind of make us shake our head on the bench."

Troy Brouwer added an empty-net goal and an assist, John Carlson scored, and Marcus Johansson added two assists for Washington, which has won four of five.

Ovechkin, celebrating his bobblehead night, extended his points streak to six games, and Holtby stopped 19 shots.

Toby Enstrom scored for Winnipeg, which had won four of five, and Ondrej Pavelec made 28 saves.

The Capitals, beneficiaries of six Jets penalties, scored three power-play goals and have eight in their past six games.

"We just let their power play have way too many opportunities," Jets forward Andrew Ladd said. "Every time we got something going we ended up in the box."

Trailing 2-0 after one period, the Jets pulled within one when Enstrom's shot from the point ricocheted off the stick and skate of Alzner before eluding Holtby.

Just 15 seconds later, however, Winnipeg's Blake Wheeler was called for tripping, the first of four Jets penalties over the next 4:15.

Backstrom converted on two of them.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT



Office of Undergraduate Admissions

We will soon be accepting applications for the position of Admissions Counselor

As part of the Undergraduate Admissions staff, the Admissions Counselor is expected to make an important contribution to the recruitment and selection of the first-year class by managing relations with prospective applicants, their parents, high school personnel, and alumni in an assigned geographic territory.

Responsibilities include extensive planning, travel and communication within the geographic territory, assessment and evaluation of applications, and conducting group and individual information sessions. Additional responsibilities will be assigned by the Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Enrollment and the Director of Admissions.

Candidates should possess a Bachelor's degree and strong familiarity with all aspects of academic and student life at Notre Dame. Essential qualities include strong communication and organizational skills, enthusiasm, diplomacy, and the willingness to work long hours, including numerous evenings and weekends.

INFO SESSION:

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 25
5-6 P.M.
ROOM 200
MAIN BUILDING

Please join us for an information session to learn more about the position and application process. Current Admissions Counselors will be available to discuss their experiences!

THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME IS COMMITTED TO DIVERSITY IN ITS STAFF, FACULTY, AND STUDENT BODY. AS SUCH, WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE APPLICATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF MINORITY GROUPS, VETERANS, INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, AND OTHERS WHO WILL ENHANCE OUR COMMUNITY. VISIT DIVERSITY.ND.EDU



@NDadmissions
admissions.nd.edu

ND SOFTBALL | TENNESSEE 10, ND 4; ND 8, MARYLAND 6

Irish split pair at Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic

Observer Staff Report

On day one in Cathedral City, California, for the Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic at the Big Dreams Sports Complex, No.23 Notre Dame split a pair of games, falling to No. 10 Tennessee, 10-4, and defeating Maryland, 8-6, on Thursday.

The Irish (6-5) quickly put themselves on the scoreboard against Tennessee in the first inning. Junior All-American infielder Micaela Arizmendi hit a single to center field with the bases loaded to bring in sophomore All-American outfielder Karley Wester for the first score of the game. Tennessee (10-0) went on to outscore the Irish 8-3 the rest of the game.

Through the first three innings, sophomore pitcher Rachel Nasland held off the Volunteers, finishing with a game-high 10 strikeouts, but she was touched for six hits, four runs, two home runs and a walk. Trailing 8-1 in the sixth inning, junior catcher/outfielder

Casey Africano ripped an RBI single, and two time All-American senior outfielder Emilee Koerner and Wester scored in the seventh to add three more runs for the Irish, but the game was already well in hand for the Volunteers.

Notre Dame turned their struggles around in the second game of the tournament against Maryland (6-5). For the first time all season, all nine starters for the Irish came away with a hit. Notre Dame out-hit the Terrapins, 13-6, led by Wester, who went three for four to go along with two runs. Freshman infielder Morgan Reed and senior infielder Katey Haus led the Irish in RBIs tallying two each.

The Irish struggled early, giving up two runs in the top of the first inning, but junior pitcher Allie Rhodes struck out the last batter of the inning to stop the bleeding. In the bottom half of the inning, Notre Dame responded with their own offensive burst by scoring five runs. Wester got the Irish

going with a single and then a steal which put her in scoring position. Senior co-captain and infielder Jenna Simon singled and after a throwing error, Wester was able to score from second. A bunt from Koerner and a single from senior Cassidy Whidden brought the game to a tie at two runs apiece. Later in the inning, Reed and Arizmendi chipped in three RBIs between them to increase the lead to five to two.

On the day, Notre Dame outscored both of its opponents 21-15. Wester led the Irish in both games with five hits in six plate appearances and two walks pushed her on base percentage up to 87.5 percent on the day.

Now 6-5 on the season, Notre Dame has started slower compared to this point last season when the Irish were 9-2 through their first 11 games.

The Irish will hit the field again for a single match-up today against UNLV at 4 p.m. in Cathedral City, California.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

ND hits links for spring debut

Observer Staff Report

No. 32 Notre Dame will travel southwest this weekend to Peoria, Arizona, to compete in the Westbrook Spring Invitational. The invitational will take place Sunday and Monday and will be played on the Westbrook Village Golf Course.

For the Irish, the invitational will be their first event of the spring season and mark the first time they have taken the course since late October.

The Westbrook Spring Invitational will be hosted by No. 43 Wisconsin and the field will include 15 teams in addition to Notre Dame: College of Charleston, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, No. 46 Kansas State, Nebraska, defending tournament champion No. 37 Ohio State, Oklahoma, No. 41 Oregon, Oregon State, No. 12 Tennessee, Tulsa and Washington State.

Though the field is deep, Notre Dame is no stranger to tough competition. The Irish bested eight top-25 teams in October at the Landfall Tradition in Wilmington, North Carolina, their last

time on the links.

At the Westbrook Invitational, the Irish will be led by senior captain and two-time Academic All-American Ashley Armstrong. Armstrong finished her fall season at the Landfall with a career-best score of 215 over 54 holes.

Notre Dame has also been led by strong performances by sophomore Jordan Ferreira, senior Kelli Oride and junior Talia Campbell, who placed 16th, 24th and 41st, respectively, at the Landfall.

The Irish will tee it up Sunday and Monday at the Westbrook Spring Invitational at the Westbrook Village Golf Club in Peoria, Arizona. Play will begin Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with a shotgun format in place for the teams to play 36 holes. On Monday, the golfers will be paired up according to their scores from the previous day and play the final 18 holes of the tournament. Each team's score will be determined by the lowest four 54-hole scores of its competitors.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles end season campaign with trip to Olivet

By DAISY COSTELLO

Sports Writer

Saint Mary's, which has struggled to find its rhythm in conference play this year, will tip off against Olivet in its final game of the season Saturday in Olivet, Michigan, after falling to Albion on the road Thursday, 69-61.

Although the Belles (3-21, 1-14 MIAA) have hit some roadblocks this year and currently sit in last place in the MIAA, Saint Mary's coach Jennifer Henley said she still has a positive outlook on the season.

"We have had some really good moments of basketball," Henley said.

The Belles, who have been led by senior guard Ariana Paul all season on offense, hope to rally around her this week as she suits up for her final game in a Saint Mary's uniform.

"[Paul] has had a solid four years in our program," Henley said. "Our team is trying to make her last week even more memorable."

Paul, who averages 14.8 points per game, is nearing another milestone in her career: 1,000 career points. She needs 10 points to reach the

mark.

Olivet (13-11, 8-7) is led by the senior front-court duo of Stefanie Lang and Carli Reid and averages 68.7 points per game. Lang, a 6-foot-4 center, is the top offensive threat on the Comets roster, averaging a double-double of 18.3 points and 12.5 rebounds per game. Reid, a 6-foot-1 forward, adds 10.9 points and 6.1 rebounds per game, second on the team in both categories.

Paul and 5-foot-10 junior forward Krista Knapke have the task of battling Lang on the boards and keeping the rebounding gap close. The Belles average 40.2 rebounds per game, only a few shy of the Comets, who collect 43.5 boards per contest. Size could be an issue, however, as the Belles' tallest forwards — junior Eleni Shea, sophomore Kelsey Ronan and freshmen Megan Shea and Gabby Diamond, all 6-feet, stand four inches shorter than Lang.

The Belles have not won since Dec. 3, against Alma, but Henley said she is optimistic about the team going forward. Of the 14 players listed on the 2014-15 Belles roster, nine are underclassmen.



CAITLYN JORDAN | The Observer

Saint Mary's junior guard Sarah Macius drives during the Belles' 70-58 loss against Trine on Jan. 28 at Angela Athletic Facility. The Belles end their season Saturday at Olivet.

"Our younger players have gained valuable experience we can build on," Henley said.

The Belles take the court one last time this season Saturday afternoon. Tip-off is scheduled for 3 p.m. in

Olivet, Michigan.

Contact Daisy Costello at mcostel4@nd.edu

MEN'S TENNIS

Monaghan puts winning streak on line in Columbus

By RYAN KLAUS
Sports Writer

After a decisive victory at Michigan last week, No. 17 Notre Dame will return to action Saturday, taking on No. 9 Ohio State in another road contest. The match against the Buckeyes (10-3) will be the third straight Big Ten opponent for the Irish. Notre Dame (6-1) will conclude a string of four straight Big Ten matches next Friday with a rescheduled match against Illinois.

Notre Dame comes into the match on a four-match winning streak and are unbeaten in February. The Irish have not lost since they dropped a 4-2 match to Columbia on Jan. 25.

"We've been playing well," said Irish coach Ryan Sachire. "It's always great to win a ton of matches, and we've had that fortune over the last few weeks, so we're hoping to carry that momentum into Saturday. Any time you've been winning a fair amount, you feel pretty good about your game, so we have a lot of confidence going into Saturday."

Specifically, Notre Dame has gotten very consistent production from junior Quentin Monaghan, who is ranked

29th nationally. Playing in the No. 1 singles spot for the Irish, Monaghan has not lost a singles match for Notre Dame since a three-set defeat Jan. 24 against Oklahoma State.

"Quentin has been a stud for us this year," Sachire said. "He's done a great job playing against some really good competition. Every match out there when you play number one is a battle. Quentin has taken on the challenge of playing every team's best guy, and he's done an amazing job of competing and playing really well. He's had a great year to this point."

A win against Ohio State might be harder to come by than the rest of the recent matches for the Irish. With each of their past four wins coming against unranked opponents, Notre Dame's match against Ohio State will be its first match against a ranked opponent in the month of February.

In recent history, the Buckeyes have proven to be nearly impossible to beat at home. Including wins in each of their nine home matches this season, the Buckeyes currently are in the midst of an NCAA-record 200-game home winning streak. The last time Ohio State lost on its home courts was April 5, 2003,

when the Buckeyes dropped a 5-2 decision to Illinois.

"We've been excited for a lot of matches this year," Sachire said. "When you have an opportunity to play a top-10 team, and you feel like you're at that same level, you know it's going to be competitive. But we also know it's just one match on our schedule. Whether we win or lose, we're going to treat it as such and not get too high or too low afterward."

Despite a high ranking and an undefeated home record, the Buckeyes come into Saturday's matchup losers of two straight. Ohio State ended its visit to the NCAA Indoor Championships last weekend in Chicago with losses to Illinois and USC. Overall, Ohio State has lost three of its last four.

The match against Notre Dame will be the first of two matches for Ohio State on Saturday. Following their match against the Irish, the Buckeyes are scheduled to take on Dayton later in the day.

Notre Dame and Ohio State are set to match up beginning Saturday at 12 p.m. in Columbus, Ohio.

Contact Ryan Klaus at
rklaus1@nd.edu

MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish, Wolverines to meet for first time



EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

Irish freshman attack Mikey Wynne searches for an opening during Notre Dame's 14-12 win over Georgetown on Saturday.

By BRIAN PLAMONDON
Sports Writer

Who said the Notre Dame-Michigan rivalry was over?

The No. 2 Irish and Wolverines will clash for the first time ever on the lacrosse field Saturday in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Michigan (2-0) is in the midst of its fourth full season as an NCAA Division I member in lacrosse. Over that span, the Wolverines are 0-16 against ranked opponents.

Despite Michigan's struggles to adapt to the highest level of college lacrosse, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said the Irish will not look past the Wolverines.

"We don't know as much about Michigan ... [but] they have very high expectations for this year," Corrigan said. "They're off to a good start, have scored a lot of goals their first two games. I think they're going to be a very dangerous team."

Despite the lack of familiarity with the Wolverines, the Irish need to focus on their own game first and foremost, Corrigan said.

"We're really excited to focus on ourselves as much as possible," Corrigan said. "It's early in the year, and you don't want to get too focused on your opponents before you really have enough information to know them well."

Notre Dame (1-0) enters the tilt coming off a season-opening 14-12 victory over Georgetown last Saturday. In that win, freshman attack Mikey Wynne burst onto the scene with six goals to lead the Irish.

"It doesn't surprise me that he had a big game early," Corrigan said of Wynne. "He's playing with a senior [attack Conor Doyle] and a junior [attack Matt Kavanagh] that everybody in the country knows about. So [Georgetown] came into the game preparing for those two guys, not for Mikey Wynne, and that gives Mikey Wynne an opportunity."

Notre Dame will look to Kavanagh to play an expanded role against Michigan, Corrigan said. Kavanagh, who was named a preseason All-American this year after setting a Notre Dame record with 75 points last season, was nursing an injury that forced him to miss practices leading up to the Georgetown game.

"He'll continue to get stronger and better," Corrigan said of Kavanagh. "It's hard to take off the better part of two weeks from practice and come back and be at your best."

On the other end of the field, Corrigan is still deciding whether to start senior Conor Kelly or sophomore Shane Doss in goal. Kelly played the first 36 minutes against Georgetown but was pulled in favor of Doss. Corrigan said he has confidence in both players and will not hesitate to make a switch if the starter is not on his game.

"Consistently good goaltending is a pretty essential part of a team — and particularly a team that builds itself the way we do," Corrigan said.

No matter who starts Saturday, he will have to face Wolverines sophomore attack Ian King, who scored six goals and added two assists in a win against Detroit last weekend. King was voted the Inside Lacrosse Player of the Week on Tuesday.

Even if King or any other Wolverines player starts to take control of the game, Corrigan said he will not be worried about his team's response.

"We've got a high, competitive motor on our team, and our guys don't waste a lot of time worrying about the [previous] play," Corrigan said.

Notre Dame and Michigan face off this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Oosterbaan Field House in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Contact Brian Plamondon at
bplamond@nd.edu

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Welcome Junior Parents



Family-Style Take Out

Perfect for Any Occasion

Contact a manager to place your order. Delivery available.



Papa Vinos
ITALIAN KITCHEN

5110 Edison Lakes Parkway
Mishawaka, IN 46545
574.271.1692

PapaVinosItalianKitchen.com

M Basketball

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 20

second-half performance in the prior meeting between the teams has ensured that Notre Dame stays focused entering this weekend's matchup, Brey said.

"There's no question, they got our attention," he said of the Eagles. "They do have guys who can make shots, if they're having one of those days they can make double-digit 3-[pointers]."

One major part of Boston College's late run against Notre Dame earlier this month was Eagles junior guard Olivier Hanlan. Hanlan, who leads the Eagles in scoring with 18.6 points per game, scored 28 points, making six 3-pointers, against the Irish. In Boston College's four games since playing Notre Dame, Hanlan has scored 30 or more points three times, pouring in 32 points in each of the Eagles' last two games.

"They have a guy who can get 30 [points per game]," Brey said. "They made a run on us, and I think [Hanlan] scored 14 straight [points], so I think awareness of him [is important]."

The Irish will enter the game at full strength, as senior guard/forward and Arlington, Massachusetts, native Pat Connaughton is "full speed ahead" for Saturday's game near his hometown, according to Brey. Connaughton was sidelined with a stomach virus early in the week, but still played in Notre Dame's 88-75 win over Wake Forest on Tuesday, recording 13 points and four rebounds in 30 minutes of action.

"I think he'll be fully recovered," Brey said of Connaughton. "He lost a little weight; hopefully we can get a little bit back more on him. [Wednesday] was our off day, and I know he was able to get some rest."

The Irish will also look to keep an eight-man rotation for Saturday's game, Brey said. Sophomore forward Austin Torres scored five points and pulled in six rebounds in 13

minutes against the Demon Deacons, and Brey said he expects to get Torres some significant playing time on the road.

"You're always night-to-night and foul trouble kind of presented that a little more quickly and directly [Tuesday] against Wake, but I'd like to get Torres in the game," Brey said. "There's energy there, and he certainly has brought it here, but I think he's at the point now where he can bring it for us on the road too. These next two days of practice, he's going to be in a white shirt more than he's been in maybe lately."

As the Irish prepare for another conference road game, they have been keeping their eyes on becoming the first of Brey's teams to win six conference road games.

"I've gotten away from the special tag — maybe I'll throw that out there a little later — but certainly to get to six road wins is a powerful thing," Brey said. "We've been to five a couple of times."

Brey said Notre Dame also has a bigger goal on its mind — the ACC regular season championship. With four conference games left to play, the Irish currently sit second in the league, 1.5 games behind No. 2 Virginia.

"It's kept us in the moment, and it keeps you looking up," Brey said of the regular-season crown. "I told this group the other night after the Wake game, I said, 'Let's keep the heat on the guys above us. Let's just keep the heat on them and see what happens.'"

"... That would be an unbelievable achievement in our program's history. It would be as good as any achievement we've ever had in our program's history if we did that."

Notre Dame will continue its pursuit of the ACC regular-season title when the Irish meet Boston College on Saturday at 4 p.m. at Conte Forum in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.

Contact Brian Hartnett at bhartnet@nd.edu

ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Sullivan anchors Irish heading into rivalry game

By ZACH KLONSINSKI
Sports Writer

Looking to continue building upon its early-season momentum, No. 8 Notre Dame makes a swing to the warmer West Coast this weekend for games against No. 18 Stanford and California.

The Irish (2-0) opened their season last weekend by defeating Cincinnati, 14-5, on the road and Detroit, 17-5, at Loftus Sports Center. While Notre Dame's first two opponents were overmatched against a talented Irish squad, senior defender Barbara Sullivan said that would not be the case out on the shores of the Pacific against the Cardinal (1-0) and the Golden Bears (0-0).

"Stanford is always so fun to play against just because we're always neck and neck with them; it's always a fight," Sullivan said. "Cal, we've never played before, but it's always exciting to play a new team, and they've always been good."

The Irish are particularly looking forward to the matchup with Stanford, a team that has beaten them in the teams' last two meetings. Last season, Notre Dame was edged by the Cardinal, 11-10, at home, and the year before, lost 8-7 to them in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"We're just two very similar schools, great athletes and super competitive," Sullivan said. "I think every time I've played them, it's been within a point or two. Last year, we lost to them in a really close game, and my sophomore year, they were the ones who kicked us out of the NCAA tournament."

"So it's definitely a rivalry, not a game you just show up to. It's marked on the calendar, and we want to beat them. They always just leave a bad taste on your mouth that you want to get some revenge for."

The Irish started slowly in their first two games of the season, something Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said could be attributed to the team still trying to feel out the new pieces of this year's lineup in the opening weekend. However, Halfpenny was adamant that her team could not afford another lackluster start in either game this weekend.

"We have to come out a lot quicker," Halfpenny said following the Detroit game Sunday. "We can't wait to get adjusted, so we'll address that."

The Irish were led offensively last weekend by two sophomores, attack Grace



AMY ACKERMAN | The Observer

Irish sophomore attack/midfielder Cortney Fortunato pursues a ground ball during Notre Dame's 17-5 win over Detroit on Sunday.

Muller and attack/midfielder Cortney Fortunato. Muller tallied seven goals in the two games last weekend, including a first-half hat trick Sunday, after registering 10 goals in 18 appearances last season. Fortunato matched Muller's goal production while also chipping in five assists to kick off her season.

Despite the increased level of competition and the rivalry game atmosphere, Sullivan said the Irish were going to try to prepare as they always have.

"We try to approach every game the same, where it's just another day," Sullivan said. "If you ask any athlete, we have those games marked on the schedule that you've got to win. Just with our history with Stanford, we're all going to be really, really hyped for that one."

"Not that we weren't for our previous two, but with teams like Stanford, where there's such a history, we want to win badly."

Sullivan also said she was not concerned about the three-hour time difference between campus and the West Coast.

"The majority of us are used to [traveling]," the senior said. "Yes, there is a time difference, but our coaches will prepare for it. We love traveling together."

Notre Dame and Stanford are set to square off tonight at 10:30 p.m. at Cagan Stadium in Palo Alto, California, and then the Irish and Golden Bears will take to the field Sunday at 2 p.m. at California Memorial Stadium in Berkeley, California.

Contact Zach Klonsinski at zklonsin@nd.edu

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

PAPA JOE'S casa DE PASTA

Italian Restaurant — Established since 1972

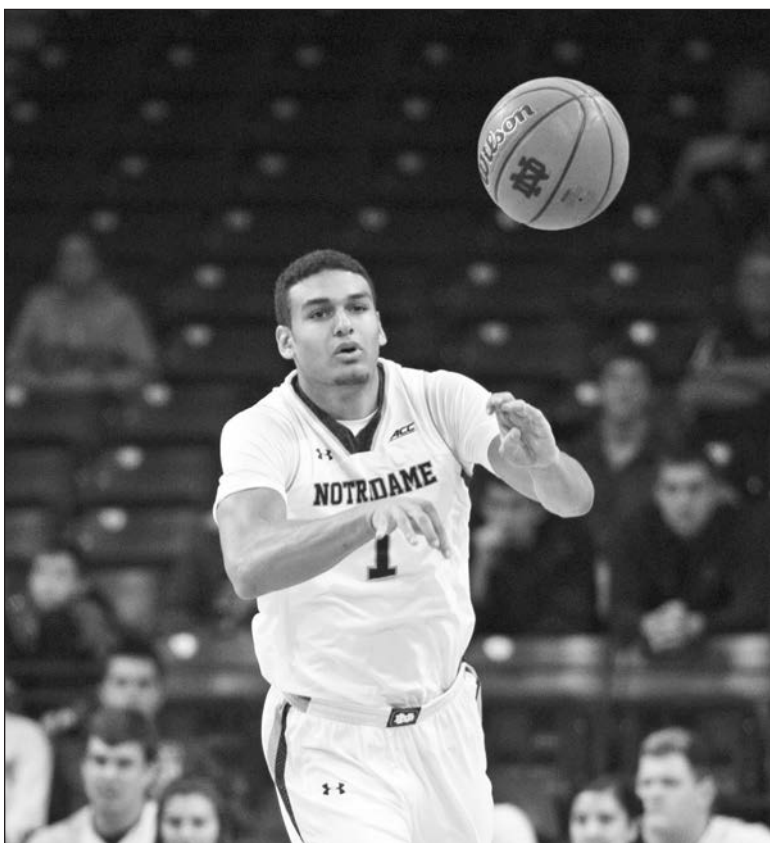
Authentic Italian Cuisine
An Experience to Remember

Complementary Spinach Appetizer or P.J.'s Ice Cream Cake Dessert with this Ad with purchase of two adult dinners

Expires March 31, 2015
(Valentine's Day weekend excluded from promotion)

Open Fridays and Saturdays 4pm until 10 pm!

1209 South Union Street - Mishawaka, IN 46544
574-255-0890



MICHAEL YU | The Observer

Irish sophomore forward Austin Torres passes downcourt during Notre Dame's 81-54 win over Grambling State on Nov. 26.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT



NOW OPEN

JUST EAST OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Within the **Overlook at Notre Dame** Professional Student/Faculty & Staff Apartment Community

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! The New Café at the Overlook at Notre Dame is a casually-eclectic and cozy café with a fresh, trendy menu.

The Café's inventive and flavorful dishes include daily specials and carry-out, with daily Quick Grabs ToGo that are extra fast take-out dishes.

Whether you stop by the Café for a full meal, a snack and study, or for Quick Grabs ToGo, we think you'll find our atmosphere, cuisine and people refreshing.

We also offer Café Gift Cards.



HOURS

MON-SAT: 7 am - 7 pm
SUN: 8 am - 6 pm

LOCATION

54721 Burdette St.
South Bend, IN 46637
574.271.3727
Near the Hawk's crosswalk

Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for daily specials and news.

Hockey

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 20

never really know what he's gonna do," Johnson said. "He's really shifty and creative [with the puck], and I think that'll help us prepare for a guy like Jack Eichel. We know he's going to do shifty stuff, but we've seen that type of stuff all year, so I think we're prepared defensively to sustain them."

Jackson said when facing an offense as prolific as that of Boston University, it is not a matter of slowing the Terriers down but instead avoiding surrendering opportunities on which they can capitalize.

"If you turn pucks over, if you take penalties, if you're constantly chasing on face-offs, then you put yourself at a disadvantage and that's when you let them play into their strengths," Jackson said.

Jackson said goaltending will be key this weekend and that Irish freshman goaltender Cal Petersen has shown more consistency in the past few weeks.

Petersen was named Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week for the second straight week Monday, marking the third time he was won that award this season.

In Notre Dame's past four contests, Petersen has stopped 113 of 117 shots, including a 38-save shutout against Providence this past Friday, and accumulated a .966 save percentage.

While Petersen has been solid the past two weekends, the Irish will need even more consistency out of their freshman to have success in postseason play, Jackson said.

"In the past few weeks, we've seen some consistency, but consistency is having a rough game one out of 10 games, not one out of five," Jackson said.

Jackson said he is confident in his team's ability to play in difficult road venues. He said he has seen his team mature over the course of the season, comparing the way the Irish played in November against Minnesota, when they lost both games, to how his squad played against Maine two weekends ago, when it earned three points.

Notre Dame will play No. 3 Boston University on Friday and Saturday nights at Agganis Arena in Boston, with the puck dropping at 7:30 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday.

Contact Benjamin Horvath at bhorvat1@nd.edu

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Second City



Co-sponsored by the
Students for Classical Architecture

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20
9 PM at WASHINGTON HALL

/saoND @saoND @sao_ND

ND/SMC/HCC Students Only

STUDENT ACTIVITIES
SAO
SAO.ND.EDU

Please recycle
The Observer.



W Basketball

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 20

The Irish pulled away to a 67-60 lead with a minute left en route to the win.

Notre Dame and Georgia Tech traded points and small leads until late in the game. The Irish struggled on offense overall, shooting 44.4 percent and totaling 16 offensive rebounds.

"I thought we came out a little flat," McGraw said. "I thought we were sloppy, missed some shots and didn't do a great job on the offensive boards. I thought [junior guard] Jewell [Loyd] was good. ... [Senior guard] Madison [Cable] shot it well, but other than that, we didn't really do well."

Loyd injected some energy into her team when she deflected a shot and drove down the court to score a fadeaway jumper and give the Irish a 51-47 lead. But with just over 10 minutes remaining in the game, the Yellow Jackets tied the game at 51.

Although the Irish rarely held the lead in the first half, it looked like Notre Dame might head to the locker room ahead after they went up 33-31 as the half entered its final minute. A pair of freshmen forwards gave the Irish the

lead, as Kathryn Westbeld netted her first points of the game on a pass from Brianna Turner.

Georgia Tech sophomore forward Katarina Vuckovic dropped in a 3-pointer with seconds left to secure the one-point halftime advantage for the Yellow Jackets, however.

Loyd paced Notre Dame with 31 points, five rebounds and two assists. Cable tallied a team-high 11 rebounds and scored nine points.

"It is her toughness," McGraw said of Cable's rebounding performance. "That is all it is. She just out-works people."

Rounding out the Irish leaders were Turner and sophomore forward Taya Reimer, who each scored eight points. Turner grabbed 10 rebounds, and Reimer secured seven to help Notre Dame out-rebound Georgia Tech, 44-35.

"I thought Taya Reimer played well, and Jewell Loyd was phenomenal," McGraw said. "... Madison Cable, great minutes off the bench, 11 rebounds, just did a great job."

Next up, the Irish will return to Purcell Pavilion on Monday for a 7 p.m. ACC matchup with Pittsburgh.

Contact Samantha Zuba at szuba@nd.edu

Baseball

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 20

second-inning double from junior shortstop Lane Richards.

Sixteen players made plate appearances for the Irish, and every starter recorded at least one hit or RBI.

"I thought our approach at the plate was really good," Irish coach Mik Aoki said. "I think all of our kids had good at-bats, competitive at-bats. I thought we did a really good job making UIW work for every one of the outs they got. ... We didn't really expand the [strike] zone very much at all, and I thought we showed a good, disciplined approach this evening."

The Irish tacked on three more scores in the sixth inning, two in the seventh and one in the eighth to rock seven Cardinals pitchers for 14 runs.

Kutsulis led the offensive onslaught with four singles, four runs and one RBI in four at-bats, along with a steal. Last night was the junior's third four-hit game in an Irish uniform, with the other two coming last season against Santa Clara and Michigan.

"He hit the ball hard a few times; he went out there and did a great job competing with two strikes in a couple of those at-bats," Aoki said. "Zak had a

good night. That's good for us — I really believe that we're a much better team when Zak is in our lineup and having good at-bats like that."

Despite the big output at the plate, Notre Dame still struggled in a few areas Thursday. The team stranded 16 runners on the bases and recorded one error, which brings its five-game season total to 13.

"I'm not really concerned about it," Aoki said of the stranded runners. "We scored 14 runs, so in order to score 14 runs, you're going to get a lot of people on base, so you end up stranding some of them. It's just a by-product of the fact that you have a lot of people on base, which is always a good thing."

Junior left-hander Michael Hearne earned the win, giving up the Cardinals' lone run in the top of the third off an RBI groundout from sophomore center fielder Michael Whitehead. Incarnate Word sophomore right-hander Cody Richey took the loss, charged with two earned runs on five hits through 1 2/3 innings.

Notre Dame's starter threw six innings while giving up just one extra-base hit and walking three batters.

His one-run outing could have gone a much different way in the third inning, however. After Whitehead's

RBI left one runner on base, Hearne walked two consecutive Incarnate Word batters to load the bases with two outs.

Cardinals junior right fielder Austin Hoffman, representing the go-ahead run, fouled out in the next at-bat, and Hearne escaped the jam, tagged with the lone score.

"I think it's pretty typical of Michael," Aoki said. "He does a really good job of just working out of some of the messes that he finds himself in. ... He never seems to let the moment get away from him, and I think we all felt really confident that he was going to be able to get out of that situation."

Notre Dame will send senior right-hander Scott Kerrigan to the mound tomorrow at 3:35 p.m. to face Villanova sophomore left-hander Hunter Schryver.

Irish freshman right-hander Brandon Bielak will then take on Northwestern junior left-hander Matt Portland on Saturday at 2:05 p.m., while junior right-hander Nick McCarty's opponent Sunday will depend on how Notre Dame fares in its next two games.

All games will take place at Nelson Wolff Stadium in San Antonio.

Contact Mary Green at mgreen8@nd.edu

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

The ESTEEM Program

Now accepting applications from

Arts & Letters

Come to our **Information Session** to learn more about this exciting opportunity for **Arts & Letters majors!**

Applications accepted until April 10th.

Where Bright Ideas Meet
EXECUTED

Tuesday, February 24th
O'Shaughnessy Hall,
The Great Hall
5:00-6:30 PM

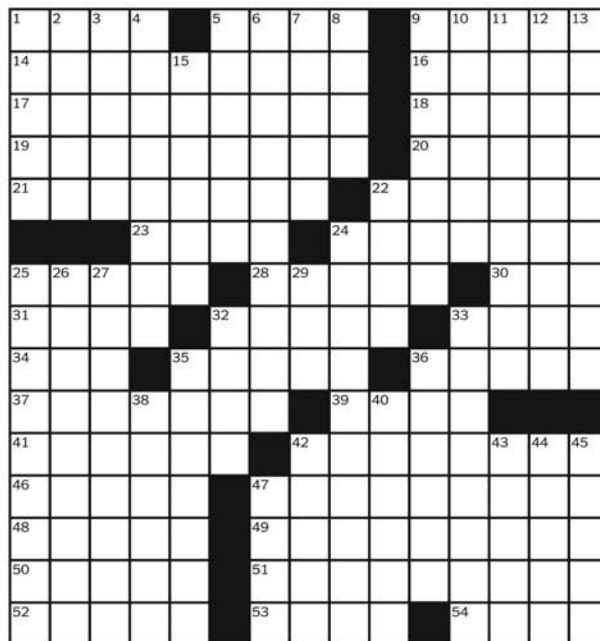


UNIVERSITY OF
NOTRE DAME

A fire dinner will be served.
RSVPs are requested at: esteem@nd.edu

CROSSWORD | WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Thunderstruck
 - 5 Loophole-exploiting casino site, say
 - 9 London carriages
 - 14 Resembling
 - 16 "Walk Away ____" (1966 #5 hit)
 - 17 Impetus to review safety procedures
 - 18 Sliwiska of "Dancing With the Stars"
 - 19 Like many gazebos
 - 20 They don't have class
 - 21 What married women in India traditionally wear
 - 22 "Weekend Update" anchor between Miller and Macdonald
 - 23 Symbol of Lutheranism
 - 24 Worthless inheritance?
 - 25 Dish cover, possibly
 - 28 Lightheaded?
 - 30 Oriental vessel
 - 31 One of Heinrich Schliemann's excavations
 - 32 Gets ready for a snap
 - 33 Advanced
 - 34 Before now
 - 35 Hard to control
 - 36 "I remember now"
 - 37 What invalid card readers might read
 - 39 Small concession
 - 41 San Fernando Valley city
 - 42 Oriental vessel
 - 46 Defensive effort
 - 47 Head honcho
 - 48 Its role is pivotal
 - 49 Surrounding with a glow
 - 50 Sign in a booth
 - 51 Not flowing freely
 - 52 Lashes leave them
 - 53 Press for a hit?
 - 54 Discerned
- DOWN**
- 1 Beau Brummell's accessory
 - 2 Radio reply
 - 3 Do one's part poorly?
 - 4 Confusion
 - 5 ____ Rebellion (1676 Jamestown uprising)
 - 6 Game played since 1935
 - 7 One presenting the earth as flat?
 - 8 Commuter's expense
 - 9 Stipend paid by a cathedral to a clergyman
 - 10 State tree of New Jersey
 - 11 In no particular order
 - 12 Time keeper
 - 13 Eel lookalikes



Puzzle by Patrick Berry

- 15 Army division
- 22 They're in a particular order
- 24 Longest-living member of the Rat Pack
- 25 Play, for instance
- 26 Resident of the largest Spanish-speaking nation
- 27 Drilling-and-filling job
- 29 Hits from the 1960s?
- 32 Sport that requires helmets
- 33 Bands with bends
- 35 Hands down
- 36 Merkel of German politics
- 38 Ignore the plan
- 40 How depositions might be recorded
- 42 Like many toothpastes
- 43 Live with
- 44 Burn lightly
- 45 Urge
- 47 It's full of holes

For answers, call 1-900-285-5656, \$1.49 a minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-814-5554. Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS. AT&T users: Text NYTX to 386 to download puzzles, or visit nytimes.com/mobilexword for more information. Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 2,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year). Share tips: nytimes.com/wordplay. Crosswords for young solvers: nytimes.com/learning/xwords.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Note: Each of the four black circles represents a MOON in the Down answer obscuring a SUN reading across.

HIGHLY PUNLIKELY | CHRISTOPHER BRUCKER



HOME NUTS | ALEXANDRIA WELLMAN

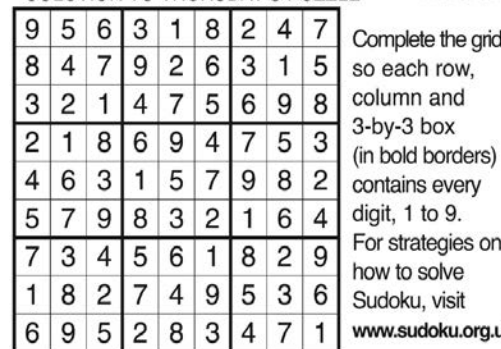


SUDOKU | THE MEPHAM GROUP

Level: 1 2 3 4



SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE 11/23/12



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

© 2012 The Mepham Group. Distributed by Tribune Media Services. All rights reserved.

HOROSCOPE | EUGENIA LAST

Happy Birthday: Be careful how you handle others. This will be a year that will require serious thought before you take action. The choices you make will have long-term effects on where you reside and your relationships with others. Let your intuition guide you and your intelligence override your need to be impulsive. One step at a time will ensure forward motion. Your numbers are 4, 7, 10, 21, 32, 37, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Save up for something you want. A networking event will present an opportunity that you cannot refuse. Don't let a responsibility you feel stand in your way. Find a way to honor your commitment and take advantage of what's being offered. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Ask for favors, but be prepared to give an in-depth analysis and a well-thought-out plan of compensation. Contribute something worthwhile to a cause you believe in, and you will impress the people you want to conduct business with. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a break. Regain your strength and protect against an emotional situation that will leave you upset and non-productive. Do whatever it takes to avoid letting your personal life interfere with your professional decisions. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Venture in new directions. Familiarize yourself with different cultures and ways of doing things, and you will discover options you never knew existed. Educational activities will give you a new slant on the way you do things. Romance is highlighted. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Think before taking action. Don't believe everything you hear, especially if it has to do with risky joint money ventures. Get back on track and make the personal changes that will ensure better health, wealth and state of mind. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Partnerships will be tense if you let your emotions take over. Honesty and sincerity will be your best approach when dealing with others. Don't feel the need to pay for someone else's mistake. Use logic and reasonable alternatives to reach your objective. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make an effort to take care of business. Leaving unfinished business for someone else to deal with will cause a rift in your relationship. Use your personal skills, knowledge and physical abilities to get things done on time and without leaning on others. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A mental health day, working on creative endeavors or spending time with someone you love will help ease your mind and help you find a solution to a situation that's bothering you. A conversation with someone could change your life. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will face disillusionment regarding someone you thought you could trust. Make the necessary changes to protect your physical and emotional well-being. Money and possessions should be safely tucked away to avoid loss. An investment you make will grow in value. ★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your friendships will be valued and the suggestions you make taken seriously. Reconnecting with someone you used to know will open your eyes to what you want. Preparation will lead to success, not impulsiveness. ★★★★★

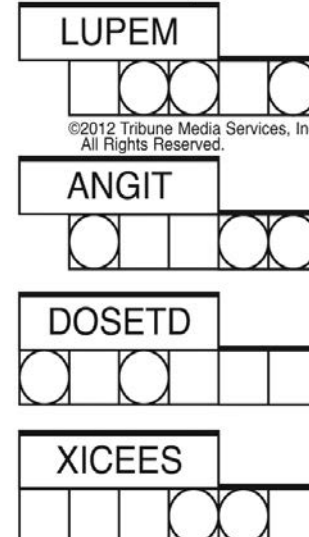
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Focus on material gains and job opportunities. Search online job posts and check out changes going on in whatever industry you belong to. You can make a move if you are quick to respond. A partnership will lead to a positive alternative. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Motions will be hard to suppress. Don't allow a colleague to mislead, misinterpret or take advantage of you. Research and get your facts straight before you enter discussions with a potential rival. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are a team player. You are compromising and insightful.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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



Answer: [Circled letters from the jumbles]

(Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's Jumbles: KAZOO ADOPT TATTLE BUSILY
Answer: Even though he didn't think he'd be good at spearfishing, he — TOOK A STAB AT IT

WORK AREA



THE OBSERVER

Published Monday through Friday, The Observer is a vital source of information on people and events in the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Community.

Join the more than 13,000 readers who have found The Observer an indispensable link to the two campuses. Please complete the accompanying form and mail it today to receive The Observer in your home.

Make checks payable to and mail to:

The Observer
P.O. Box 779
Notre Dame, IN 46556

- Enclosed is \$130 for one academic year
- Enclosed is \$75 for one semester

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 71, GEORGIA TECH 61

Loyd's big night leads Irish to win

By SAMANTHA ZUBA
Assistant Managing Editor

Georgia Tech again gave No. 4 Notre Dame all it could handle Thursday night.

The Irish (25-2, 12-1 ACC) pulled out the 71-61 win at McCamish Pavilion in Atlanta, but they didn't enjoy a large lead until the end of the game.

The last time Notre Dame played Georgia Tech (14-13, 4-9), an 89-76 win for the Irish, they led by seven points at half-time, a small margin by their standards. Thursday night, the Yellow Jackets nabbed a 34-33 lead heading into the half, and Irish coach Muffet McGraw said Georgia Tech played even better Thursday than it did during the last meeting.

"It was really, really a tough game for us," McGraw said. "And I thought their inside players played really well. Their post players really just kind of dominated us for a while."

Freshman forward Zaire O'Neil led the Yellow Jackets with 20 points, and junior forward Roddrecka Rogers grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds to go with 12 points.

McGraw gave the Irish



SARAH OLSON | The Observer

Irish junior guard Jewell Loyd fights for the ball during Notre Dame's 63-50 win over Duke at Purcell Pavilion on Monday. Loyd led all scorers with 31 points in Thursday's win over Georgia Tech.

defense a mixed review afterwards.

"They only scored 61; I think they were in the 70s at our place, but I was disappointed in the way we guarded the inside," McGraw said.

Notre Dame built a 63-56 lead with just under four minutes remaining in the game.

That lead, like many of the others the Irish held, didn't last long. Yellow Jackets sophomore guard Kaela Davis sank

two free throws to cut the Irish advantage to 63-60. Davis finished with 19 points, the second-most for Georgia Tech on the night.

see W BASKETBALL PAGE 18

BASEBALL | ND 14, UIW 1

ND tops UIW in rout

By MARY GREEN
Sports Editor

Notre Dame crossed the plate early and often Thursday to secure a 14-1 win against Incarnate Word at the Irish Alamo Invitational at Nelson Wolff Stadium in San Antonio.

The Irish (4-1) lit up the scoreboard in the first inning to take a lead they would never relinquish over the Cardinals (2-3). Senior designated hitter Blaise Lezynski rocketed an RBI single to right field to bring home sophomore third baseman Kyle Fiala and move sophomore second baseman Cavan Biggio to third. Biggio scored two at-bats later off another RBI single from junior first baseman Zak Kutsulis to make it 2-0 after the first.

Notre Dame followed this trend of scoring two runs in each inning through the first four frames. However, it produced only one extra-base hit, a

see BASEBALL PAGE 18

HOCKEY

ND heads east to face Eichel, BU

By BENJAMIN HORVATH
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will travel to Boston this weekend to square off against conference foe and No. 3 Boston University.

The Terriers (19-5-4, 13-3-2 Hockey East) currently stand atop the conference standings, leading fifth-place Notre Dame (13-15-4, 8-6-4) by eight points with just four games remaining in the regular season for the Irish.

Notre Dame is coming off a two-point performance against No. 12 Providence, splitting the two-game series with the Friars this past weekend at Compton Family Ice Arena.

Irish sophomore center Vince Hinostroza, the team's points leader, said the squad has shown more consistency recently, but has yet to play a full 120 minutes over the course of a weekend.

"We've had some good weekends [recently], and we've come away with points in the past three weekends, but we just

want to come together and play a full weekend," Hinostroza said.

Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson echoed Hinostroza's emphasis on the team's consistency and said the Irish still need to improve at managing the speed of other teams.

The Terriers are outscoring their opponents by 1.6 goals per game (3.8 to 2.2) and boast the nation's top two point scorers in freshman forward Jack Eichel and senior forward Evan Rodrigues.

Eichel comes into this weekend's series with a total of 47 points (16 goals and 31 assists), averaging 1.74 points per game.

Notre Dame senior defenseman Eric Johnson said he believes the Irish back line is up for the challenge of playing against Eichel and the Terriers' offense. Practicing against teammates like Hinostroza that mirror Eichel's style of play helps the team prepare, he said.

"[Vinnie] is a guy that you

see HOCKEY PAGE 17

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish travel to BC with eye toward conference title

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Managing Editor

On paper, No. 10 Notre Dame is slated to play the team with the worst record in the ACC when it travels to Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, to meet Boston College on Saturday.

Yet Irish coach Mike Brey said the matchup will be anything but easy for his team.

"I expect a really hard [game] because it could make their season," he said of the Eagles (9-16, 1-12 ACC). "ND-BC, we know the rivalry. It could be the kind of game that would make their season."

Notre Dame (23-4, 11-3) and Boston College met at Purcell Pavilion on Feb. 4, and the Irish came away with a 71-63 victory. Notre Dame jumped out to a 25-point lead in the first half of that game, but Boston College made several second-half runs to cut the Irish lead to six before ultimately losing by eight.

Boston College's strong

see M BASKETBALL PAGE 16



KAT ROBINSON | The Observer

Irish senior guard/forward Pat Connaughton surveys the court during Notre Dame's 88-75 win over Wake Forest on Tuesday.