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Professor addresses turmoil in Libya



An anti-Gadhafi rebel runs away as smoke rises following an air strike by Libyan warplanes near a checkpoint of the anti-Libyan Leader Moammar Gadhafi rebels, in the oil town of Ras Lanouf, eastern Libya, Monday.

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

Working with a speed that defied its traditional "approach with caution" method, the United Nations Security Council imposed sanctions against Libya's Gadhafi regimen Feb. 26.

David Cortright, director of policy studies at the Kroc Institute for International

Peace Studies, said the rapid action was necessary to protect unarmed civilians from being attacked. The Security Council, he said, referred to the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

The ICC called for a report in preparation of legal action, established an arms embargo, banned travel, froze financial assets and created an immediate list of sanctions targets, he

said. These, along with other features, will facilitate future decisions on the occurrence of events rather than the passage of time.

"The Criminal Court is now gathering evidence against Gadhafi for perpetrating mass murder," Cortright said. "The ruling elite has attacked defenseless civilians, though we now see the situation descending into what may possibly be the beginning of a civil

war."

Col. Moammar Gadhafi seized control of Libya in September of 1969 in a bloodless coup, according to The New York Times. Since then, he has built his regime through family and tribal alliances with the support of oil revenues.

According to The New York Times, since then, tension

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Local man acquitted in shooting

Observer Staff Report

A South Bend man was recently found not guilty of criminal recklessness for shooting a Notre Dame student in the arm in 2009.

The man was charged with one count of criminal recklessness, a class D felony, in Feb. 2009, according to court documents. The two-year legal battle ended last week when the man was acquitted on Mar. 1.

The man fired his handgun through the closed front door of his home on Feb. 24, 2009, because he believed someone was breaking into the house. He said he acted in self-defense, according to court documents.

The shot hit a 23-year-old Notre Dame student in the arm as she stood outside the home. Court documents report she was trying to enter the home because she mistakenly believed it to be her own house.

The woman was treated at a local hospital and told police she was intoxicated at the time she was shot.

Morris Inn serves students and public alike

On-campus hotel caters to University events; director discusses challenges of running the 57-year-old inn

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Notre Dame is sometimes referred to as a "Catholic Disney World" and, appropriately, it has its own hotel — the 57-year-old Morris Inn. Director William J. Beirne said the on-campus hotel works differently than others, as it is primarily focused on the guest experience.

"The biggest challenge, I would like to say, is it is more about the hospitality," he said. "It is not as much about the business as some other hotels can be."

Beirne said maintaining a presence in the lodging market is also a challenge for the hotel.

"Trying to maintain your fair share within the marketplace [is crucial]. Guest satisfaction is always high on that," he said. "They kind of intertwine. Guest satisfaction helps your marketing effort and your occupancy."

Beirne, who has served in his position for 13 years, said the hotel serves a variety of guests, ranging from conference attendees and alumni to general visitors and parents of prospective students.

"It's really just a great mix of people from around the world," he said.

At the time the Inn was built, the area was lacking in lodging options, Beirne said. He said the University saw an opportunity to house guests on campus.

"From speaking to [Fr. Theodore Hesburgh], The Morris Inn was the window to the world for the University," Beirne said. "When this hotel was built in 1953, there probably weren't a lot of hotels around, so they probably felt they could control their own destiny. This gave them an opportunity to welcome people from all over the world. Would

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The library at the Morris Inn, Notre Dame's on-campus hotel, is one of many amenities provided for guests who visit campus.

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CORRECTIONS

A March 7 article, "Students dance to raise funds," listed South Bend restaurants that donated food for the dancers, but did not list Fiddler's Hearth, which also donated food. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH EXTINCT ANIMAL WOULD YOU WANT TO BRING BACK TO LIFE?



Andy Foley

junior
O'Neill

"The
longnecks."



Beth Mikolajczyk

junior
Welsh Family

"The wild ass."



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"I want to
cuddle with a
wooly
mammoth."



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junior
Welsh Family

"The dodo
bird."



Joe Cannova

junior
Dillon

"The
velociraptor, for
obvious
reasons."



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junior
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"Saber-toothed
tiger."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com



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Sophomores Brandon Arling, Colin Campbell and Raquel Falk sell donuts to senior John Villecco at 9:30 a.m. outside DeBartolo Hall Monday morning. The sale is part of Donuts for Darfur, an event in which students sell donuts for \$1 to benefit Darfur.

OFFBEAT

Virginia firefighter accused of taking drunken joyride

HAMILTON — Authorities in Virginia say a volunteer firefighter is accused of taking a fire truck on a drunken joyride and nearly smashing into a deputy's patrol car.

The Loudoun County Sheriff's office says in a press release that 27-year-old Sean Richard Swanson, a volunteer firefighter in Hamilton, was speeding down a road early Saturday morning in the fire truck. The sheriff's office says four other volunteer firefighters who also had been drinking were in the truck with Swanson.

The release says a deputy had to veer into a ditch to avoid hitting the truck.

The deputy turned around

and pulled over the truck. Swanson was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

A phone message left at a listing for Swanson was not immediately returned Sunday.

Ferret owners want their pets legalized in California

SACRAMENTO, — California's ferret owners are tired of being criminals.

They live in the only U.S. state besides Hawaii that bans residents from keeping ferrets as pets, forcing an untold number of Californians to keep their beloved weasels hidden from the public.

But these renegade ferret

lovers have no plans to abandon their long, furry friends. Instead, they're ramping up their campaign to persuade lawmakers, wildlife regulators and the public that it's time to overturn a ban that's been in place for nearly 80 years.

"There is no reason the ownership of the domesticated ferret should be illegal in California," said Pat Wright, who heads the Legalize Ferrets campaign, told the California Fish and Game Commission in February. "These guys are part of our family. The pet-human bond is a strong one, and you're stepping on it."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The lecture "Democratic Deepening in Comparative Perspective: Lessons from Brazil, India and South Africa" will be given today at 12:30 p.m. in Room C103 of the Hesburgh Center. Patrick Heller, an associate professor of Sociology at Brown University, will be speaking.

RecSports will host a Stretching and Relaxation Workshop today at 4:30 p.m. Learn techniques to lengthen your muscles, relax your body and get your mind and body ready for spring. The workshop is free and will take place in Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The 2010-2011 Annual Ward-Phillips Lecture Series will begin today with the lecture "Who's Irish: Henry James, Colm Toibin, James Joyce, Gish Jen". Wai Chee Dimock, the William Lampson Professor of English & American Studies at Yale University will be speaking. The lecture will take place at 5 p.m. in the Eck Center Auditorium.

Donuts will be sold tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside DeBartolo Hall and Jordan Hall of Science. Donuts are \$1 and the proceeds benefit Darfur. The event is sponsored by the St. Xavier Club of Notre Dame.

Dhiru Thadani will give the lecture "Urbanism: A Perspective Solution to the Global Crisis" tomorrow at 5 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall. A book signing of Thadani's work The Language of Towns and Cities will follow the lecture in the Bond Hall Gallery.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews.nd@gmail.com

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Landscapers keep winter weather at bay

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Snow is a reality that students at Notre Dame have to live with, but it is one landscaping services actually has to deal with. Manager of landscaping services Pat McCauslin and his team of 33 groundskeepers are responsible for keeping all 1,250 acres of Notre Dame safe and clean during the winter months.

"Starting Dec. 1, we break

into three shifts," McCauslin said. "The first shift works from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the second shift of five guys work from 3:30 to 11 and the final shift of three guys works from 2 a.m. to 10 a.m."

When the weather gets really bad, the groundskeepers work in two 12-hour shifts, from 2 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. They are also all on call 24 hours a day and seven days a week all winter long, McCauslin said.

In keeping campus clean,



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

A bobcat used by landscaping services to clean up South Bend's winter weather sits outside O'Shaughnessy Hall and Riley Hall of Art and Design.

McCauslin and his team utilize different equipment depending on what area they

are removing snow from.

The groundskeepers use two-and-a-half-ton trucks to

plow and spread salt on the large parking lots. They also have four one-ton trucks to clear the smaller parking lots. Four pick-up trucks are in service cleaning off areas too small for the one-ton truck, McCauslin said.

"We have seven bobcats with brooms that sweep walkways, as well as spread salt and liquid ice melter," McCauslin said. "There's also a pickup that spreads [liquid ice melter]."

Along with the equipment, there are two groundskeepers charged with keeping the stairwells and handicapped ramps clean. They do this with manual labor.

Basically the job landscaping services is tasked with is to keep campus open and running as usual, even when the weather gets in the way.

"With the diversity of campus, the people not used to the snow, when we have over one inch we are at full scale operations," McCauslin said. "Our goal is to have everything done at least once before 7 a.m."

The hardest part of landscaping's job is that they have no control over the snow when it's falling. The groundskeepers refer to the snow that stops and then starts again as the "five o'clock curse."

"The most disheartening part of the job is when it snows and snows," groundskeeper Matt Brazo said. "You just can't keep up."

McCauslin said what makes this job worth it is his staff.

"They are dedicated and have a sense of loyalty to their jobs," he said. "Notre Dame takes priority in the winter."

Brazo said the best part of the job for him is the pride in keeping campus up and running, even in bad weather. Groundskeeper Terron Phillips said working with McCauslin makes the job worth it, as well as the recognition the landscaping crew receives.

"The recognition and praise we receive for what we do [is the best part of the job]," Phillips said. "I've been here 16 years, and we've gotten the most [recognition] this year for our work."

When the winter season is done, the landscaping crew is still hard at work. In the spring, especially the month of May, their biggest job is preparing campus for commencement, McCauslin said.

They also mow the grass, trim shrubs and trees and plant flowerbeds at all the new construction projects and dorm renovations.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Doyle discusses split of Office of ResLife



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Student body president Catherine Soler leads discussion at a CLC meeting alongside student body vice president Andrew Bell.

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

Vice president for Student Affairs Fr. Tom Doyle attended Monday's Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting to discuss the forthcoming split of the Office of Residence Life and Housing into two offices, the Office of Residence Life and the Housing Office.

The split, effective June 1, will separate the Division of Student Affairs into five main sections, each headed by a different leader who will be responsible for different aspects of the division, Doyle said.

One subdivision will focus on the University's mission and integration, and its associate vice president will oversee Campus Ministry and the Career Center.

"This has everything to do with integration," Doyle said. "The integration of academic life, of spiritual life and general student life."

The second, under the direction of an associate vice president for Residential Life, will supervise the community of rectors and the Housing Office.

"I think our dorms are the fundamental building blocks of community here," Doyle said. "They are the primary way we deliver our mission, our chief ideas of our operation."

Doyle aims to call greater attention not only to the dorm structures and potential renovations or modifications, but also to those who staff each hall.

"I want to bring both the building and the individuals who lead those buildings into one mind and one heart," he said.

The associate vice president who will head the student development subdivision will direct the facilities and programming aspects of student activities, as well as the Office of Residence Life.

Doyle said the unusual decision to group organizations such as student government

with those students being disciplined by ResLife is prompted by the desire to use the former as a teaching example for the latter.

"One group on the student activities side is motivated in a positive direction, while the others have stumbled along the way," he said. "The question is how do we help reclaim them, how do we use that as a moment of reflection."

The associate vice president who will concentrate on student services will oversee student outreach programs such as alcohol and drug education, the Gender Relations Center, multicultural student programs and services and the University Counseling Center.

"These sections are all related to not only student services, but to students who have special concerns," Doyle said.

Last, the director of Finance & Operations will also be in charge of University Health Services.

"I want someone with a business mind to be thinking about health services and insurance and such," Doyle said.

According to Doyle, integration is the organizing principle around the design and modification of the Division of Student Affairs.

"We need to be sure that your heart and your mind are being engaged simultaneously," he said. "We need to make sure all these parts of you that are essential as human beings have a chance to grow and develop and flourish."

Although the manifestation of any benefits from the reconstruction of Student Affairs will not be seen for many years, Doyle hopes to see a greater retention of both hall rectors and seniors on campus in the future.

"I think you'll find a little more stability in the dorms, hopefully a greater example of collegiality," he said.

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RCLC receives summer grant



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University President Emeritus Fr. Edward Malloy speaks at the RCLC's 10th anniversary celebration. The Center recently received a grant for a six-week summer Shakespeare program.

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

A six-week intensive summer Shakespeare program for inner city youth will be funded by a grant given to the Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC) by Better World Books, a for-profit social venture founded by three Notre Dame graduates.

The Literacy and Education in Action Program (LEAP) grant totaled \$10,000.

"These grants establish our brand promise — that with every book sold at Better World Books, we support literacy both here in the United States and around the world," David Murphy, president and CEO of Better World Books, said. "We wanted to set a program for our major Non-Profit Literacy Partners (NPLP) that was highly targeted."

Murphy said the RCLC had to provide detailed information

about how it was going to spend the money and how it was going to track the progress toward its goals.

"Better World Books has a long history with the Robinson Center. It's local to our warehouse — almost right in our backyard — and they do a lot of great work in the community," Murphy said. "They were the first NPLP that we ever supported and they have a multitude of very good programs."

Jennifer Knapp Beudert, manager of the RCLC, said the summer Shakespeare program will serve 20 to 25 children between the ages of 10 and 17.

"They will receive instruction in the essentials of theatre through a variety of workshops," she said. "Students will spend the morning participating in these workshops and then rehearse for 'Romeo and Juliet,' which is the focal work of the whole program, in the

afternoon."

Knapp Beudert said the student ensemble would lead production of "Romeo and Juliet," including the process of designing posters, set and costumes.

"Through this summer Shakespeare initiative, RCLC is addressing the need for a safe summer and after school environment for youth while recognizing the positive educational assets that are gained by theatre studies," she said.

According to Knapp Beudert, the RCLC has also offered Shakespeare camps during the past two summers.

"With the award of this grant from Better World Books, we will now be able to offer summer Shakespeare for the third year in a row, so that the Robinson Shakespeare Company will remain active year-round," she said.

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College to announce Woman of the Year recipient

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

To recognize and honor the influence and work of a female faculty member, staff member or administrator, Student Academic Council (SAC) will hold a reception and dinner today, Laura Smith, student body president and president of SAC, said.

This is an annual event held by SAC.

"Women Honoring Women is a way for students to recognize any female faculty, staff, or administrator that has made a lasting impact on their experience at Saint Mary's," Smith said. "This year, Student Academic Council will be hosting a reception and dinner to honor all of the women who were nominated by students, as

well announce this year's Woman of the Year."

The Council has been accepting nominations throughout the semester from students, and Smith said this year a very high number of faculty and staff were recommended.

"We received a number of terrific nominations which made it very difficult for the Women Honoring Women Committee to choose the recipient of this year's award, but that is just another testament to the fact that we are blessed to have such a supportive and enriching learning community here at Saint Mary's," Smith said.

According to Smith, SAC sent out forms to all students in January that asked for nominations and details about the member of the College community the student was

promoting.

"The questions included some back story on the nominee as well specifically how this nominee directly affected the experience of the student," Smith said.

SAC then has a committee that reviews all of the nominations in order to choose a recipient for Women of the Year.

"After discussion, a private ballot was cast, and the Woman of the Year was selected," Smith said. "This year, our committee chose to invite all of the individuals who were nominated to attend the dinner as honorees. Each application

was so strong that we felt it was important to recognize each of the individuals." The dinner is held every March as part of Women's History Month, Smith said.

Because Saint Mary's is a women's College, Smith said the award is especially important to this campus.

"One of the key proponents is to empower the minds of the students as individuals, and as women," Smith said. "Therefore, it seems fit that we recognize the very women that we as Saint Mary's students aspire to be. It is

empowering and refreshing to see these women succeed on a daily basis, not only in academics, but in mind and spirit."

Smith also said these women are not just recognized for what they provide for students, but also for their individual accomplishments as well.

"Most importantly, these women are being recognized because they have demonstrated a high degree of dedication to their career at Saint Mary's, and through their actions, have committed themselves to the advancement of women's achievements," Smith said. The dinner and reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.

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Laura Smith
SAC president

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grew until it violently erupted in several Libyan cities in February's "Day of Rage."

"What's happened is not directly connected to what's happened in Egypt, except that initially the people who protested against Gadhafi were inspired by the resisters in Egypt," Cortright said. "A broad wave of nonviolent democratic movement across the region has deteriorated to violence."

Though rebel movements initially formed together as an antigovernment opponent in Benghazi, The New York Times said, unrest has spread uncontrollably and unpredictably. As of now, several rebel groups have taken the eastern half of Libya, leaving refugees to survive or escape to Tunisia.

"More recently we've seen it turn into a civil war. The rebels resisting are arming themselves and the regime is intervening with massive military force and air strikes," Cortright said. "There are reports of many being killed as the Gadhafi forces have retaken one or two towns from the rebels."

The U.S. now faces a difficult choice, he said. U.S. has to

decide whether to intervene on its own account or continue to act with the U.N.

"It's one thing to protect civilians from massacres and another to intervene in a civil war," Cortright said. "We should only act if we have the support of the U.N."

The next step, Cortright said, is to maintain the political legitimacy of the operation.

"We should only move forward with U.N. Security Council approval and if we can, the support of the Arab League. Look at the international security implications," he said. "Whatever happens in Libya will influence how the other democratic rebellions unfold."

The U.S. should not intervene on the ground with troops, he said. Imposing a no-fly zone and aiding refugees with humanitarian efforts are of primary importance.

Cortright said a no-fly zone would communicate to other nations the isolation of the Gadhafi regime.

These sanctions increase motivation for senior commanders and military to join forces with the people of Libya. Ultimately, this would destroy the regime.

Beyond U.N.-supported actions, what happens in Libya will depend on the nature of rebel forces.

"We don't know yet who these rebels are. They need to make clear their intentions," he said. "We need to know if they're fighting for human rights and democracy."

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Members of the Organization for the International Migration call a man from Bangladesh during a repatriation process in a refugee camp at the Tunisia-Libyan border in Ras Ajdir, Tunisia, Monday.



Libyan rebels who are against Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi ride on an armed truck near Ras Lanuf, eastern Libya, Monday.

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the same thing happen today? I'm not quite so sure."

Beirne said Notre Dame controls The Morris Inn.

"I'm an employee of the University, just like anyone else is," he said. "It's a self-operated hotel, so [Notre Dame] has 100 percent control over the hotel."

Like many University employees on campus, Beirne said the warm staff is what separates the hotel from other lodging options in the area.

"It is the hospitality of the

employees themselves [that is special]. That is the key," he said. "People genuinely like working here, and they love being part of Notre Dame. That hospitality comes to every person who walks through the front door."

Beirne said interaction with guests is the most rewarding experience for those Inn employees.

"It really is fun. It is exciting to plan for a big weekend and event, and it is even more fun when everyone leaves, shakes your hand and says they had a good time," he said.

As a hotel director, Beirne said he wears a lot of hats on the job. He said a lot of what makes a hotel employee successful is

training on the job.

"I think it is a great career. There is a lot to learn. As a hotel manager or director as they call it here, you get to use a lot of your skills," Beirne said. "You get to use human resource skills, accounting skills, marketing skills, food and beverage skills."

Beirne said though the hotel does employ some students, their busy schedules often necessitate part-time positions.

"[We don't have] as many as some other places. We use them more in a support role as opposed to a permanent position because with a [student's] schedule, to give us some time is the time we need," he said. "I don't think it would be fair to ask stu-

dents to work every football weekend."

Beirne said the Inn experiences highest occupancies on Commencement and football weekends. At those times, rooms aren't often available to the public, he said.

McKenna Hall, across the street from The Morris Inn, is used as a conference center during football weekends, Beirne said.

"What [a football weekend] brings is the Advisory Councils for all of the different colleges," he said.

Notre Dame students are always welcome in the Inn, Beirne said. He said students often don't know the hotel and its restaurants are open to students

for business.

"We'd like to think students don't feel they can't come through the Inn," Beirne said. "A lot of students walk past the place and wonder what goes on in there."

Beirne said as students don't frequent the Inn, the hotel maintains a sense of mystery, even beyond graduation.

"I think there is a certain mystique about it, and I think it has always been that way. I hear alumni come back and say they didn't even know they could stay there," he said. "It is kind of interesting that way."

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INSIDE COLUMN

We are one

My Contentious Politics course took an unexpected turn last Wednesday afternoon. Instead of meeting, like we regularly do, in Debartolo 214 to discuss current controversial events, we met in a small seminar room at the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies to engage in an informal conversation with an undergraduate Palestinian student, now living in Jordan. "What would I learn from a student my age?" I thought to myself as I walked to the Kroc building. I had never met anyone from Jordan before,



Maria Fernandez

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Scene Editor*

which seemed really interesting, but what else was I to expect from this casual conversation among us students?

To my surprise, this hour-and-a-half long exchange of ideas and experiences did not only show me diverse perspectives on how to approach this contentious conflict, but it most importantly reminded me of something I have always been amazed by and many times tend to forget or take for granted: we are one.

There we were, 14 classmates and I, listening attentively to our guest student. All of us came from different states, nations, cultures and backgrounds; yet, we could understand and relate to each other's opinions and experiences perfectly. In contrast to the Israeli-Palestinian hostility and lack of comprehension between both groups, our college experience is marked by friendly interactions with people from different upbringings and parts of the world. Every day our relationships become more and more diverse and globalized.

However odd this might sound, my iPod is great evidence of my continuous interactions with different groups of people since I came to Notre Dame. Coming from the small Caribbean island of Puerto Rico, my iPod was initially filled with Shakira, Daddy Yankee, Enrique Iglesias and Ricky Martin songs. I was satisfied with my music selections and thought I had more than enough songs to choose from and listen to.

Nevertheless, as my fun and busy college days and months go by, I keep meeting wonderful people from around the world and keep updating my iPod constantly. My playlists are now composed of peculiar but great mixtures of "salsa," "merengue" and "reggaeton" with some European techno, pop, R&B and country rhythms. I share some of my Spanish tunes with my friends from the states and they keep me updated with new Ke\$ha, Drake, John Mayer and Taylor Swift songs. This continuous interaction and sharing of ideas, experiences and, in this case, songs with people from all different types of backgrounds reflect what our college experience is all about. We may sometimes take for granted these amazing opportunities of getting to know others and getting out of our familiar comfort zones. But, it is in occasions like my recent politics class discussion with a Palestinian student that I realize and remember how lucky I am to be in a diverse campus where I can learn so much and create long-lasting friendships with people from varied cultures, nationalities, and religions.

In the end, all of our differences reconcile and we are able to combine our particular cultures and our original thoughts and beliefs with those of our new classmates and friends, just as the varied mix of songs in my iPod reveals.

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Collective bargaining benefits all workers

Article 23 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "Everyone has the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his [or her] interests." In the U.S., we seem to have forgotten that the ability to bargain collectively is an internationally recognized right of all people, rich or poor,

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Guest Columnist

in the public or private sector. While workers depend on employers for wages, employers depend on workers for the labor that produces the goods and services that create profit. The two parties are co-dependent. Therefore, the working class is an indispensable part of our economic system and should have the ability to voice its needs and concerns in the only legal form available: unionization. Collective bargaining allows both workers and employers to have a voice, pursue their interests, and come to a compromise. Sounds like democracy to me.

Unions do not simply seek higher wages and benefits; they give workers a voice in the workplace and a sense of dignity. Having a voice changes the relationship between workers and employers from exploitative to mutually beneficial, where both parties respect each other and are properly represented. Without the ability to bargain collectively, the power to make decisions lies exclusively with the employer. We have allowed the corporate world to dominate the discourse about labor for

so long that it now sounds absurd to claim that workers should have a voice, which, fifty years ago, was a basic element of society.

One of the central arguments in the current labor battle is that public sector union workers make excessive salaries in comparison to private sector workers. The private sector is currently suffering from stagnating wages, decreasing benefits and increasing insurance costs, while the public sector seems to avoid much of this struggle. Private sector taxpayers blame the public sector employees for this discrepancy. They are angry because they are relatively worse off, an understandable emotion.

However, the blame is misplaced. Public sector workers are not the cause of lower wages, fewer benefits, and poor working conditions in the private sector. Taking away public sector benefits and collective bargaining is not going to create better jobs for those in the private sector and is not going to grow the middle class. It will only divide the working class. It will also potentially decrease wage standards for all Americans as a higher percentage of unionization in a city often leads to upward pressure on wages and working conditions for all workers, including non-union. Creating a conflict between workers convinces the working class to vote directly against its economic interests and takes the blame away from the decision makers that create and maintain low-wage jobs.

Both union and non-union workers must come together and send the message that collective bargaining is not only a human right, but is necessary to grow the middle class and create good jobs. Workers have to stop blaming each other for their economic hardships. Weakening collective bargaining rights of the public sector is not the answer; strengthening private sector rights is. Unions are the only legal representation for workers to bargain for their fair share of the wealth, which comes from the profits of the goods and services that they produce. As the percentage of the workforce that is unionized continues to fall, real wages are decreasing, the middle class is shrinking, and the wealth gap continues to expand. Unions are the last group of organized people consistently backing the average person. They are fighting for the rights of the working class, recognizing that workers are not commodities; they are people with voices that should be heard, and they have the right to bargain collectively. As Pope John Paul II wrote in "Laborem Exercens," unions "[A]re indeed a mouthpiece for the struggle for social justice, for the just rights of working people in accordance with their individual professions."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A human right

To the LGBT community,

I support you, not because of what the Bible or religious texts say or don't say, but because you are human beings and should have every right to freedom and love as I do.

"In itself, homosexuality is as limiting as heterosexuality: the ideal should be to be capable of loving a woman or a man; either, a human being, without feeling fear, restraint, or obligation." — Simone de Beauvoir

Sincerely,

Blair Arbuckle

freshman

Cavanaugh

Mar. 7

Credit due

Fiddler's Hearth also donated food to the Dance Marathon this weekend. Terry Meehan, owner of Fiddler's, attended the event, and was very generous by donating sliders and veggie trays for the last meal. I just wanted to make sure they received some recognition. They were missing from the article posted about Dance Marathon this weekend.

Thank you,

Kayleigh Young

senior

Opus Hall

Mar. 7

Super athletes

Maybe the most important sporting event of our generation occurred Sunday, and just about no one noticed. Once in a lifetime the world is graced with the presence of an athlete that shifts the entire sporting landscape. Our world has been graced with two of these athletes. Rachel Alexandra and Curlin dominated the horse racing world like Alexander the Great dominated the known world. What do these two athletes with no equal do when they are retired from the days of competition? They make babies. That's right, soon our world will be blessed with the love-child of these two great race horses. No longer will Earth be called the Home of Humans, but rather Earth will be referred to as Home of Super Curlin Mega-Alexandra, and a couple people. This got us thinking, what if humans were to do this? Imagine the possibilities. Albert Pujols and Jennie Finch? Move over Cy Young and Barry Bonds, we got a new record holder. LeBron James and Lisa Leslie? I'm thinking we have a 40-time consecutive MVP coming. Roger Federer and Serena Williams? Grand Slams would not even begin to describe their dominance. Tiger Woods and Annika Sörenstam? Future average 55 under par on a 70 par course (Yeah, that's 15 strokes on 18 holes). The possibilities are endless. Just think if we can have real Coke taste with zero calories, then why isn't this possible. We're looking at you scientists. Until then I will refuse to watch these so-called greatest athletes in the world struggle with their weak genetic combinations. I want super athletes and I want them now.

Danny Kinasz

sophomore

Keough Hall

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sophomore

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POLL OF THE WEEK

What are your plans for Spring Break?

I'm going home

Somewhere warm and sunny with friends

Going on a service trip

Other

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Ask yourself whether you are happy and you cease to be so."

John Stuart Mill
British philosopher and civil servant

Green madness

Sunday March 13, 7p.m. Where will you be? I for one will be glued to a TV somewhere in SoCal anxiously awaiting the announcement of ND's NCAA tournament seeding. That's right, the GreenMan is obsessed with something other than the environment — college basketball. Since I've been finding myself checking ESPN.com more than my email, I thought an examination of the green aspects of March Madness might be an appropriate topic for this column.

The Greenman

I'd like to start by pointing out that some of the NCAA Selection Committee's bracketing principles are actually inherently green. Specifically, one of the key principles for slotting teams in the bracket is that an effort must be made to place higher-ranked teams in "geographically compatible" locations for the first two rounds of the tournament. This not only makes it easier for high-seeded teams' fans to attend games, but also allows them to reduce their environmental impact because less distance traveled means lower emissions. The committee will also grant geographic preference to a team regardless of seed, by looking at where a team has been placed in the previous five years so trying to avoid

moving a team out of its natural geographic region an inordinate number of times.

Given these two conditions for geographic preference, Notre Dame should without a doubt be placed close to home this year. For one thing, we ought to be very high on the seed list (though several other regional teams are up there with us to compete for the same spots — Ohio State, Pitt and Purdue). Second, let's review ND's first-round sites from the last five years: New Orleans, Denver and who could forget (though we might want to) Spokane. It's high time we were close to home.

Right now Notre Dame looks poised to claim a 2-seed in Chicago, which is where "Bracketology" expert Joe Lunardi currently predicts we'll go. However, it's not outside the realm of possibility that, probably pending a Big East tournament title, we could make a very serious case for earning a 1-seed, which would put us in Cleveland.

All due respect to Cleveland, but I hope we're in Chicago. Why? Two words: mass transit. Those of us coming back to the Bend early from break can hop on the train to Chicago for \$11 each way to see the Irish play on Friday and Sunday. You can't say the same for Cleveland, which is a three

and half hour drive away. This drive is about six times as carbon-intensive as taking the train to Chicago, according to TerraPass's carbon footprint calculator. And then there's also the fact that approximately 75 percent of our student body is from "a suburb of Chicago" (figure unconfirmed), which means we could have a great turnout with people who are already within 40 miles of the arena.

But, regardless of whether we start in Chicago or Cleveland, we'll definitely have to fly to follow the team to Houston for the Final Four. When this happens, as an eco-conscious fan, I will most likely assuage the guilt of my "fanprint" (carbon footprint associated with fandom) by buying carbon offsets for my travel emissions. Carbon offset companies will calculate the carbon emissions of a trip, taking into account distance and mode of transportation, and then allow individuals to compensate for these emissions by donating money to support a carbon-reducing project like a wind farm. There's a wide range of companies out there, so be careful and look for groups who are accredited by the Better Business Bureau, like TerraPass.

A final green thought: much is said each March about the dramatic increase in time-wasting at work, but

what about the dramatic increase in paper-wasting? As someone who typically makes three brackets each year (one to root for, one to be realistic, and one to capitalize on crazy upset scoring rules), I know firsthand how quickly paper waste can accumulate during the few days after Selection Sunday as we try to refine the perfect bracket. However, with so many online bracket competitions available now that allow you to manage your own pool and even tailor the scoring method to your personal tastes, it's hard to see why anyone would want to go to the effort of grading and scoring brackets manually anymore.

Plus, the timing of spring break makes turning in paper brackets to a "bracketmaster" highly unlikely, so I suggest we take all this opportunity to go completely paperless in our bracketing endeavors. And once you go paperless you never go back. Or something like that.

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UWIRE

State governments should support teachers

Like many states in the union, Wisconsin is facing budget issues as a result of the economic recession. To mitigate the budget crisis within his state, Gov. Scott Walker is attempting to pass a budget bill that would

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effectively remove the collective-bargaining rights of public employees. It should be noted that before the bill's proposal, Wisconsin teachers agreed to take pay cuts in light of the state's poor economy as long as they were able to negotiate the cuts as a group.

Public school teachers play a crucial role in American society. Performing noble work for mediocre compensation, they help shape the future. Despite curriculum requirements and a lack of public resources, they still manage to empower and enrich the minds of students. They educate those who cannot afford a private education, and they pave the road for students toward new opportunities to better themselves and their communities. Some of teachers work in dangerous inner-city neighborhoods, and others

deal with special needs students who require a large amount of time and effort. They preserve democracy and prevent our country from becoming a plutocracy. To deny their importance would be unpatriotic in every sense of the word.

Apparently Walker does not agree. Walker has a stark agenda influenced by private donor David Koch, whose advertising campaign centers around the current highest salary of a Wisconsin school teacher — more than \$80,000 — and the economic impacts on the state. The campaign puts a connotation of "sinful" on teachers' nine-month work year, and it depicts their lifestyle as one of luxury on the taxpayer's dime. In addition to the campaign, Wisconsin's capital has been accused of blocking a pro-union website. What's more, members of union movement American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations continue to be labeled as "cop-haters" by conservative pundits.

Though the bill would cut teachers' salaries and their right to negotiate, it would simultaneously allot new funds for transportation services that are

outsourced to private companies. Since the bill's proposal, 14 Democratic senators have left the state in an effort to protest and keep the bill from being passed in the state legislature.

Walker said he would not talk to anyone from the press, but the editor of the online Buffalo Beast made a prank this week that led to new developments in the story.

Pretending to be David Koch and making up a phony story about losing his phone, the editor was granted access to Walker. During the conversation, Walker said he was threatening the 14 senators with direct deposit halts, arrest warrants and worker layoffs. He referred to the one approachable democrat as "not one of us," and openly responded to one of the editor's statements with, "You're not talking to any of these democrat bastards, are you?"

Since the online fiasco, more and more protests have emerged throughout the state of Wisconsin. The Wisconsin police are standing in solidarity with the workers, refusing to obey Walker's order to guard the Capitol building. As a state, they are demonstrating the importance of

unions and collective bargaining rights.

If the protestors' demands are ignored and the 14 missing senators are blackmailed into returning to the state, the bill will likely pass within the Wisconsin Senate, given the Republican majority. This could cause a domino effect of similar legislation throughout the country.

Public schools have faced continuous budget cuts since the turn of the millennium — from elementary schools to universities. If Walker's bill is passed, it will not only hurt Wisconsin teachers, but it will also discourage working for public schools nationwide. While places like India are investing in education, Wisconsin is demonstrating that America has other priorities. For the well-being of the public sector, all measures should be taken to prevent Walker's bill from being passed.

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Scene Picks:

New movie trailers you don't want to miss

‘Arthur’ starring Russel Brand, Helen Mirren and Jennifer Garner; In theaters April 8

By COURTNEY COX
Assistant Scene Editor

Arthur, the remake of the 1980s film of the same name, has big shoes to fill. The trailer gives every impression that this film will be just as successful as the original.

Russell Brand stars as a bizarre heir with childish hobbies (like driving around the Batmobile in a genuine Batman costume). He is offered the decision between marrying a straight-laced American (Jennifer Garner — the epitome of straight-laced typecasting) and losing all of his inheritance.

He originally does not want to marry her because they have nothing in common. But he goes off to New York with her anyway because he realizes he cannot live

without the money.

He ultimately meets a woman who operates on the same spontaneous wavelength that he does and (surprise) they presumably fall in love.

The story is a bit cliché, but the best part of the trailer is Brand's relationship with his butler played by Helen Mirren. The two have a mentoring relationship that seemingly gives the story heart.

The trailer is filled with typical Brand humor, meaning he is really just humorous because he's saying everything in an almost unbelievable British accent. Ultimately the trailer seems to show that the film will be just as lovable as the original.

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‘Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides’ starring Johnny Depp, Penélope Cruz and Ian McShane; In theaters May 20

By CLAIRE STEPHENS
Scene Writer

Long shots of beautiful, dangerous, tropical places flash on the screen back to back. Close-up shots of ships. Medium shots of characters with quizzical or awed expressions on their faces. Voice over narration giving you the newest adventure of always-colorful Jack Sparrow. Captain Jack Sparrow, that is. A predictable next installment or an entirely new “Pirates?” Of course Johnny Depp, an older Geoffrey Rush, the crew and other familiars from past movies of the trilogy are attending. But now with the striking absence of Kiera Knightley or Orlando Bloom, Will and Elizabeth are

replaced with a notorious pirate legend and his daughter, played by Penelope Cruz. (A serious love interest for Jack?) Instead of the Kraken, Davy Jones, the undead fishy crew and the world's end, expect to see Black Beard, seductive mermaids, zombies (really) and the Fountain of Youth. However, there are still the same promises of sword fights, open sea dangers, navigating through island jungles, hilarious and characteristic outbursts from Jack and a hot leading lady. A promising summer movie — after all, who doesn't want to watch a Disney movie about pirates before hitting the beach?

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‘Something Borrowed’ starring Ginnifer Goodwin, Kate Hudson and Colin Egglesfield; In theaters May 6

By ADRIANA PRATT
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It's the most wonderful time of the year: chick-flick season! Catch a last glimpse of hope before finals commence by seeing “Something Borrowed,” a romantic comedy about two frenemies and their intertwining romances. The film, starring Ginnifer Goodwin, Kate Hudson, John Krasinski and Colin Egglesfield, promises to be entertaining, lighthearted and a sweet dose of eye candy — all that's necessary for a quality rom-com.

The trailer highlights the affection and underlying tension between diva Darcy (Hudson) and her bff Rachel (Goodwin). Darcy clearly gets everything she wants, often at the expense of

good-girl Rachel, including the love of Rachel's life, Dex (Egglesfield). Turns out Dex might be just as in love with Rachel, but he's already gone too far with Darcy to turn back — or has he? One night leads to a little too intimate of an encounter between Rachel and Dex and suddenly everything is turned upside down.

Enter Ethan (Krasinski), the cute tells-it-like-it-is confidant who holds Rachel accountable for what she wants. Judging by the trailer, it also looks like he could be the perfect catalyst to bring Darcy back down to earth. Could a possible romantic switch-up be in the works? Hit theatres May 6 to find out.

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'Sucker Punch' starring Emily Browning, Vanessa Hudgens and Abbie Cornish; In theaters March 25

By KEVIN NOONAN
Scene Writer

The trailer for Zack Snyder's latest film, "Sucker Punch," is held up to some high expectations. Ignoring his most recent film, "Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole," because he probably wishes he could, trailers for Snyder's films have been, in a word, awesome. "Dawn of the Dead?" Surprisingly, terrifyingly awesome. "Watchmen?" Depressingly, beautifully awesome. "300?" Freaking awesome.

These trailers implied a plot, gave flashes of intensity but also hints that the characters were more than set pieces in the films, and they used music to illustrate the tone and mood of the movie.

The question then becomes, how does

the trailer for "Sucker Punch" match up to the high level of marketing shown by these previous films? The answer is simple: It doesn't. The imagery is confusing and the plot it tries to present is all over the place and, if it's plainly obvious in the trailer you can't act, it doesn't give much inspiration for the full-length film.

To top it all off, there's Carla Gugino (Ari Gold's female agent nemesis in "Entourage") trying to pull off some sort of Russian accent. And frankly, it just sounds irritating.

Recommendation? Wait for somebody else to see it first and ask them before investing any money in a ticket, because this one just looks dumb.

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'Thor' starring Chris Hemsworth, Anthony Hopkins and Natalie Portman; In theaters May 6

By MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL
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"Thor" does not seem to be doing anything that other super or mythical hero movies have not done before. The monsters appear recycled, the story mundane and much of the acting subpar. In fact, this actually seems like a Norse remake of "Clash of the Titans." It has all the ingredients. The attractive male lead must fight to save mankind. The attractive male lead tries to win the affection of the attractive female lead on his quest. Ultimately, the hero finds himself successful on both counts.

And yet, despite the formulaic nature of the movie and despite its similarities to the epic flop that was

"Clash of the Titans," the trailer draws its viewers in and doesn't let go. Maybe it's the 3-D nature of the film. Maybe it's Natalie Portman's superior acting skills to Gemma Arterton. Maybe it's Chris Hemsworth's silky blond tresses.

Whatever it is, director Kenneth Branagh effectively captures the attention of audiences with his entertaining trailer. He depicts enough action and violence to ensnare the male clientele, while showing off enough of Hemsworth's abs and the growing love story to melt the hearts of females. Thor and his hammer may be formulaic, but they are intoxicating.

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'Water for Elephants' starring Robert Pattinson, Reese Witherspoon and Christoph Waltz; In theaters April 22

By JORDAN GAMBLE
Scene Editor

A love story about the sun-browned Edward Cullen and a Marlene-Dietrich-y Reese Witherspoon, all set in a circus? Sure looks like an intriguing set-up. The trailer for "Water for Elephants" also has period clothing, a tinkly music-box score, foreshadowings of "the worst circus disaster" and an elephant. Those ingredients right there make for a

good preview without spilling out the whole movie, although anyone who has read the book by Sara Guren probably already knows the plot anyway. The final shot of Robert Pattinson, Witherspoon and the elephant in a rocking railroad car has the exact right amount of eye-candy and mystery. Here's to hoping the film lives up to the mood of the previews.

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CLUB SPORTS

Men’s volleyball gains national ranking

Cyclers battle sleet, hail in Ohio State road races; Equestrian team qualifies two riders for regionals,

Special to The Observer

The men’s volleyball team climbed to its highest national ranking in several years with a No. 7 rank in this week’s poll. The Irish recently defeated the past two national champions, including last year’s champion and current No. 1, Ohio State. Led by senior Mark Iandolo, the club is preparing for a run at the national title next month.

Cycling

Ohio State hosted the MWCCA road races Saturday on a rolling 15-mile course. Sophomore Brian Hurley competed first for Notre Dame. In his debut weekend, Hurley rode well and finished mid-pack.

Freshman Josh Corcoran, graduate student Andrew O’Donnell, and sophomore Michael Tonzi represented ND in the Men’s ‘C’ field. Tonzi crossed the line first in his group and fifteenth overall. O’Donnell did not finish far behind while Corcoran also finished in the top half of the field of 60.

Graduate student Douglas Ansel and sophomore Joe Magro rode for the Irish in the Men’s ‘A’ category. Starting towards the rear, Magro passed much of the field on the ascent and crested the hill in the front group. As the temperature dropped into the thirties and driving rain turned to sleet and hail, riders strung out all over the course.

Magro settled into the second group of eight and scored more nationals qualification points with a finish of seventeenth overall. After two weekends he now leads the D-II conference standings by one point over Maxwell Anderson of Wisconsin Platteville.

Equestrian

The Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s equestrian team traveled to Chicago this past weekend to compete in its first show of the semester against UW-Madison, UW-Lacrosse, UW-Milwaukee, Northwestern, Augustana and Iowa State. The team took third place on Saturday with 28 points while Northwestern took second with 33 points and Wisconsin-Lacrosse took the top spot with 38 points. On Sunday, however, Notre Dame/ Saint Mary’s was the high-point team with 38 points and Wisconsin- Madison came in second with 32 points.

Individually, the team excelled on both Saturday and Sunday. The show started with Open Fences. Sophomore Mia Genereux had an excellent performance, coming in second place. Freshman and first-time competitor Stephanie Nearhos took a solid second in Intermediate Fences. Despite the large number of competitors in Novice Fences, freshman Sarah Dalton trotted away in fourth place.

The Irish and Belles held their own in each of the flat classes. Mia Genereux swept the Open class with a first-place finish, also making her high point rider for the day. Junior Victoria Scheid took first place in Intermediate Flat. Whitney Preisser and Amanda Leon delivered a one-two punch by taking first and second respectively, in Novice flat. Senior Nicole Oberschmied got fourth place while also qualifying for regionals. Senior Laura Powell placed third in Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter. To finish up the day, senior Megan Daugherty received a strong second in her Walk-Trot class.

An even better day was to follow on Sunday, as Preisser and Walsh

qualified for regionals — with Walsh qualifying in two events — and Nearhos finished first in two different classes of competition.

Women’s Ice Hockey

This weekend the Notre Dame women’s ice hockey team closed its season with a pair of games at the University of Illinois. In the first game, the Irish played well, but fell to the Illini by a score of 3-0.

In the second game, the Irish fought back from Friday’s defeat and tied Illinois 1-1. The first period ended with no score as the Irish played strong defense, led by senior Amber Rosenberg.

In the second period, the Illini scored on a power play, putting them up by one goal. However, in the third period, the Irish came back with one minute and 41 seconds left on the clock. Junior Lauren Miller scored the goal that tied the game for good.

Ultimate

The Notre Dame women’s ultimate team ventured to St. Louis, Mo., for the Midwest Throwdown, a highly competitive tournament consisting of 32 women’s teams.

The women’s A team first saw action against Colorado College. The team fought hard but eventually fell, 9-2. In the second round of pool play against Washington, the A team traded points throughout the game, battling cold temperatures and heavy winds. The weather proved difficult to overcome, however, as the Irish lost, 9-6.

In their final game of the day, Notre Dame faced rival Ohio State. Both teams attempted to capitalize on strong zone offense, with sophomore Allie Hawkins finding gaps to catch the disk. Notre Dame fell

to Ohio State 7-4, but endured through the entire game, trekking through heavy mud in adverse conditions.

Notre Dame entered bracket play on Sunday against Iowa State. The women came out strong, with long downfield throws from seniors Molly Thompson and Kim Ford and solid long cuts from sophomore Kelly Taylor in an 11-8 loss.

The A team finally claimed victory against the B team of Carleton College, winning 10-6. They advanced in the ninth place bracket to play Minnesota. The women rallied back with three points in a row to tie the game at seven, the final point determining the outcome as the Irish fell 8-7.

In their final match of the weekend, the women easily defeated Truman State with a score of 9-2, ending the tournament as the 11th place finishers. Both freshman Kelsey Fink and junior Vicke Hadlock played strong defense throughout the weekend.

The Notre Dame women’s B team came out in their first official tournament of the season. They started off the day with pool play games against St. Olaf and Wisconsin B, falling 10-1 and 12-2, respectively. Their third game pinned the women against the B team of Carleton College, where they struggled to find cutter flow and lost 10-1.

On Sunday, the women’s B team opened play against Kenyon. Sophomore Kat Wilson made great plays while freshman Taylor Roberts showcased her catching and throwing abilities. The Irish couldn’t quite seal the victory, losing 11-6 and moving on to play Hendrix. Although a close game, the women lost 7-4 and were highly determined to win their

final match of the tournament. The B team did just that, defeating Kansas State 11-4, with strong cuts from sophomore Annie Flood and solid catches from newcomer and sophomore Betty Graham.

The Notre Dame men’s ultimate team competed in the Midwest Throwdown in St. Charles, Mo., this weekend. The A team finished in a somewhat disappointing tie for ninth place in the 25 team tournament, with a 4-3 record for the weekend. The tournament began with a loss to Harding University, but the team rebounded to beat Missouri the following game. A comfortable win over Missouri S&T was followed by a loss to Wisconsin-Whitewater to end Saturday play.

A loss to Grinnell in the pre-quarterfinal round ended Notre Dame’s championship hopes, but the Irish bounced back to beat Truman State in a come-from-behind 16-14 win. The team closed the weekend by defeating Nebraska to finish with an overall winning record.

Freshman Connor Hanney played exceptionally well on Sunday, making big plays on both sides of the disc. Seniors Patrick Kozak, Jon Holland and Justin Browne gave Notre Dane experience on the handler line, limiting turns while finding cutters downfield. On the defensive-Line, juniors Adam Barsella and Thom Kenealy and senior John Miller continuously shut down opposing cutters. Sophomores Colin Mackett, Dan Bolivar and Eric Bens all added contributions with accurate throws, timely cutting and shut down defense. The team will be back in action next weekend in Tennessee, and the following weekend at the College Southerns in Statesboro, Ga.

Hornets’ Chris Paul sits out Bulls game; return unknown

Associated Press

New Orleans star Chris Paul sat out Monday’s game against the Chicago Bulls and is day to day while he recovers from a concussion.

Coach Monty Williams said the four-time All-Star “looked a lot better than he did sitting on that floor” Sunday night in Cleveland, when he collided with Cavaliers guard Ramon Sessions.

They next play Dallas on Wednesday. Paul was at the arena Monday but did not make himself available for comment before the game. Jarrett Jack started in his place.

Paul was injured in the third quarter against the Cavaliers, when he lost the ball driving into the lane and hit his forehead on Sessions’ right shoulder. Paul stayed on the floor as trainers from both teams attended to him.

Paul, who was moving his legs and feet, was placed on a flat board and a brace was put on his neck. He was wheeled to the locker room and gave a thumbs

up to the crowd as he left the court.

The Hornets said Paul was fully conscious and never lost any feeling anywhere. He was taken to the Cleveland Clinic for precautionary tests, then rejoined the Hornets at the arena and accompanied them on their charter flight to Chicago.

“He looked good this morning in the meeting,” Williams said.

“You don’t take a hit like that and not be in some pain, but people don’t realize how tough that kid is.”

Monty Williams
New Orleans coach

“He took that brace off his neck. He was watching film intently, as if he was playing the game. I know he’s in some pain. You don’t take a hit like that and not be in some pain, but people don’t realize how tough that kid is. He takes falls all the time, but last night was a different scenario.”

Williams said he suffered several concussions, but, “that was back before they started saying they were concussions. You had a headache for two, three days, they were like, It’s not something you want to play with.”

These days, head trauma is a hot-button topic in sports, particularly in the NFL, but the

NBA is not immune. In recent weeks, Phoenix’s Vince Carter suffered lingering dizziness after a collision with teammate Channing Frye. Miami’s Mike Miller was seen in a wheelchair after a game against Indiana in which he took a hit to the head.

“You see a lot of things that are going on with concussions, recently with football and all the studies,” New Orleans’ Quincy Pondexter said. “You have to be really cautious when it comes to a concussion. It’s a serious thing. We’re all aware that it’s a case by case situation. I hope he (Paul) gets back as soon as possible, but you need to be careful.”

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Texas Tech coach Knight fired in third season

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Pat Knight sat in the Texas Tech locker room and lauded his bosses for the way they let him go after three disappointing seasons.

It was, after all, different from the way his famous father was ousted at Indiana more than a decade ago.

"It's not an ugly situation," Knight said. "I mean, we left on good terms. I'm glad it ended like that, especially after being part of the deal at Indiana. That was tough. But this is different. It's business."

Texas Tech fired Knight on Monday, ending a disappointing tenure for a coach who failed to lead the Red Raiders to the NCAA tournament after taking over for his father in February 2008. He will coach the Red Raiders at this week's Big 12 tournament and then step down.

Knight said he was glad his dismissal came before the tournament because of all the potentially negative media chatter about a pending firing.

"It's not just negative toward us. It's negative to the university," Knight said. "It's not good, even for the guy that's following ... that's why I just told them, when they told me, 'You're not going to get another year,' let's just get it out there now. It worked out for the best."

Knight is 50-60 in his first

Division I coaching job and his third full year as head coach. He had only one winning season (19-16 in 2009-10) at Texas Tech.

Sitting in the coaches' portion of the Tech locker room, Knight told The Associated Press the situation felt "surreal."

"I would have loved to have another year to prove myself because of recruits we have coming in but I understand it's all based on this year and stuff," he said. "You just got to move on."

Knight seemed to know he might be dismissed in comments about the Red Raiders program following a 71-68 home loss to Colorado on Feb. 23.

"We've lost seven games in the last minute," he said then. "I've proven I can coach. I run a clean program, I don't cheat, my players graduate and we have discipline. So if you don't want me here there's going to be someone else that wants me."

Knight met with Texas Tech president Guy Bailey early Monday and the announcement came a short time later. Bailey said it was time for a change.

"I appreciate everything Pat has done for our university, not only as a head coach, but also throughout his career as an assistant," Bailey said in a prepared statement. "I wish him success and the best moving forward."

Knight played under his father

at Indiana University from 1991-1995 and later worked as a scout for the Phoenix Suns. He was an assistant for the CBA's Connecticut Pride and was a coach in both the International Basketball Association and the U.S. Basketball League.

Pat Knight was also at Indiana and at Akron University before joining his father as an assistant at Texas Tech in 2001.

The elder Knight took the Red Raiders to the NCAA tournament, but the success didn't come as easily for his son.

Knight's team won just three Big 12 regular season games in 2008-09—one was against No. 9 Kansas—and he openly criticized officiating twice in a three-week span. The Big 12 slapped him with a public reprimand and a one-game suspension.

In 2009, Texas Tech took 10 wins into its Big 12 opener. But one of the five losses included a 111-66 rout at Stanford, the third-worst beating in school history.

Last season, the Red Raiders won just four regular-season conference games but got to the quarterfinals of the NIT, losing at Mississippi 90-87 in double overtime. At the beginning of the season, with six seniors on his squad, Knight said he didn't deserve a contract extension if he did not get the team to the NCAA tournament.

Going into the league tournament, Texas Tech is 13-18 over-



After taking over for his father, Pat Knight was 50-60 in his three seasons at the helm of the Red Raiders.

all and 5-11 in the Big 12. Associate head coach Chris Beard said he hasn't had much time to reflect on the firing.

"Right now, we really are just concerned about the players' well being, concerned about our families, make sure everybody's on the same page," he said on the Big 12 coaches' call. "That's all you can do. We're still the coaches here. We've got some guys we owe that to."

The Red Raiders, seeded 11th in the tournament in Kansas

City, Mo., play No. 6 seed Missouri on Wednesday night.

Beard said Knight's possibly firing was never discussed with the players.

"I can honestly tell you there hasn't been a lot of sitting around wondering what's going to happen," Beard said. "Pat has been a great leader since he took over, and especially this year during a tough season. He's been a real backbone through this. It's been business as usual up until 9:25 this morning."

NFL

Edwards prefers to remain in New York

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Braylon Edwards has been a star for the New York Jets, and he wants to keep it that way.

Edwards, a free agent, emphasized Monday that he wants to stay with the team, and he said he believed the interest was mutual.

"If they give me the opportunity, I definitely want to come back," Edwards said as he left a Manhattan courthouse after a brief appearance in a drunken-driving case; he denies the charges. "And, one more time, I love being a Jet."

Edwards had 53 catches for 904 yards and seven touchdowns in his first full season with the Jets after they traded for him in October 2009. He made a key catch to set up the Jets' game-winning field goal over the Indianapolis Colts in the final minute of this year's AFC wild card playoff game.

Free agents have been in limbo this offseason as the NFL and the players' union try to negotiate a new contract. Teams and players are waiting to see what a new agreement might look like.

Edwards, 28, said he'd spoken recently to Jets coach Rex Ryan and general manager Mike Tannenbaum, conversations he described as just catching up.

"The interest is there on

their side. The interest is there on my side," said Edwards, who came to court sporting a dark blue-gray suit with a snappy red shirt, white collar, crimson-and-white striped tie and red-and-white polka-dotted pocket square. "(We'll) see what happens."

Edwards also is waiting to see what happens in his drunken-driving case.

Police said they pulled Edwards over in Manhattan around 5 a.m. Sept. 21 because his luxury SUV's windows were too dark. Officers said his blood-alcohol level was twice the legal limit.

He denies driving drunk. He's challenging the basis for stopping him, the reliability of the test and other aspects of the case. Frankel told a court Monday he planned to file more papers contesting the breath tests.

A judge didn't rule Monday on any of Edwards' arguments. He's due back in court May 16.

Prosecutors say his arrest was lawful, the test was fine and there's enough evidence to support the charges.

The most serious is a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail.

When arrested, Edwards was on probation after pleading no contest to misdemeanor aggravated disorderly conduct in a dust-up outside a Cleveland nightclub.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Huskies advance to finals



Huskies freshman guard Bria Hartley drives by Rutgers sophomore guard Erica Wheeler in UConn's 75-51 semifinals win Monday.

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Coming off one of the worst offensive games of her stellar career, Maya Moore wasn't about to let it happen twice in a row.

Moore scored 22 points and Kelly Faris added 19 to lead top-ranked Connecticut to a 75-51 win over Rutgers on Monday night in the semifinals of the Big East tournament.

"It definitely bothered me," Moore said. "Not just the stats, but the way I played and the way our team played bothers me greatly. I tried not to make it for nothing and am glad we responded the way we did."

UConn (31-1) has won 19 straight games since losing to Stanford on Dec. 30 to snap the Huskies' record 90-game winning streak. It will be the 21st time in the past 23 seasons that they are in the championship game.

Coming off one of the worst offensive games of her career, Moore took only four minutes to eclipse the season-low six points she had against Georgetown.

Rutgers (19-12) had no answer for the three-time All-American. She helped break open a tight game, hitting two 3-pointers during an 11-0 run.

"I wanted to run hard and establish our inside game," Moore said. "That opens up things on the perimeter and gets me to the free throw line and gets me in a rhythm."

The Huskies will play either second-seeded DePaul or third seed Notre Dame in the championship game Tuesday night. UConn is trying to win its fourth straight Big East tournament champi-

onship and 17th overall. It was the Huskies' 80th consecutive victory at home and 68th straight conference win.

Their last loss in the conference was at Rutgers on Feb. 5, 2008. The Scarlet Knights also handed Connecticut its last home loss in the championship game of the 2007 Big East tournament.

Rutgers wasn't able to mount much of a challenge on Monday night because of Moore.

With Connecticut leading 18-14 midway through the first half, Moore sparked an 11-0 run to help UConn take control of the game. Moore started the spurt with a 3-pointer and then hit another after Faris had her own 3.

Moore capped off the burst with two free throws to make it 29-14. She had outscored Rutgers 15-14 at that point.

When she wasn't scoring, she was passing to open teammates for baskets. With 5 seconds left in the half, Moore took the ball from the top of the key and passed to a wide-open Bria Hartley for a 3-pointer as the halftime buzzer sounded. The Huskies led 39-20 at the break.

"When Maya's making shots invariably she's doing 15 other things on the floor," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "You feel like you're being overwhelmed by her. It's a 3, a jump shot, a post up. It looks like there are three or four of her out there."

Unlike in the Georgetown game on Sunday when the Huskies let a 20-point half-time lead slip to 11, they wouldn't allow the Scarlet Knights to rally.

The Scarlet Knights got within 16 on Erica Wheeler's

3-pointer 2 minutes into the second half. UConn promptly answered with 14 of the next 16 points highlighted by a full-court pass from Faris to Moore for a layup and a three-point play by the senior that made it 54-27.

Rutgers didn't get within 19 after that.

"Big time players show up in big time games," Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer said. "We didn't deserve to be on the same floor playing with someone like Connecticut."

Wheeler finished with 17 points to lead the Scarlet Knights.

"It's always tough when you get knocked down, us being a young team we don't understand what it takes to get up and fight," Rutgers forward April Sykes said. "We showed we weren't ready to face someone like UConn tonight. When you're not scoring on offense and giving things on defense you're never going to win."

About the only thing that went wrong for Moore was that she got hit in the face on a 3-pointer in the first half. She sported a bandage on her chin for the second half.

"It's just a little boo-boo," Moore said.

She left the game with over 9 minutes left to a loud ovation.

The Scarlet Knights had won five in a row, including a 68-62 win over Marquette in the quarterfinals. The Scarlet Knights earned the No. 4 seed in the conference and a double bye. Their late season surge that included victories over West Virginia, Syracuse and the Golden Eagles will likely have them in the NCAA tournament for the ninth straight season.

Belles

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No. 2 doubles.

On the singles side, the Belles dominated in the middle of their lineup, as the Cardinals (4-5) won nine combined games in No. 2

through No. 5 singles. Among the strong singles performances were Fallor and senior Kate Grabarek, who both won their matches in 6-0, 6-1 fashion.

The only loss of the day for the Belles was in No. 1 singles, where Hurley lost to St. Mary's (Minn.) Bailey Edwards, one of the best players in the region, 6-3, 7-

6, (7-3).

Looking ahead, the Belles will have another week to tweak parts of their game and keep their momentum before a weeklong spring break trip to Florida, where they will play five matches in six days.

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NBA

Rose leads Chicago to win over Hornets

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Derrick Rose scored 24 points, and the Chicago Bulls beat New Orleans 85-77 on Monday night with Hornets star Chris Paul sidelined by a concussion.

The four-time All-Star watched from the sideline after colliding with Cleveland's Ramon Sessions in Sunday's win and remains day to day. Without him, the Hornets put up a fight against the Central division leaders but were shut out over the final 3:15.

Coming off wins at Orlando and Miami, the Bulls couldn't exhale until Rose hit two free throws with 35 seconds remaining. That made it 83-77 and sent them to their 10th win in 12 games.

Carlos Boozer added 19 points and nine rebounds, and Ronnie Brewer and Luol Deng scored 10.

Jarrett Jack, starting in Paul's place, led the Hornets with 23 points, and Marco Belinelli scored 17. David West had 11 points and 11 rebounds, but New Orleans shot just 36.3 percent.

Alone in second place after a one-point win over Miami

on Sunday that gave them sole possession of second place in the Eastern Conference and a three-game sweep over the Heat, the Bulls had a tough time pulling this one out. They were leading 75-65 early in the fourth after Rose nailed a 3. But the Hornets weren't finished.

They got a jumper by Jack and a pair of baskets by Willie Green after a timeout to pull within four midway through the quarter. Jack tied it at 77 on a layup with 3:15 left, but the Hornets didn't score again.

A driving Rose crashed to the floor as his layup got blocked by West, but Noah got fouled while converting the put-back, pumping his fist after the ball went in to give the Bulls a 79-77 lead with three minutes left. He missed the free throw, but Deng hit two less than a minute later to make it a four-point game.

The teams then kept trading misses before Rose's free throws with 35 seconds made it a six-point game.

Joakim Noah then stole the ball from Jack, leading to two free throws by Kyle Korver with 25 seconds left that made it 85-77.

Newall

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skill-based game," she said of lacrosse in the U.S. "There's a lot more focus on stick work. It took some time to adjust, but I really enjoy the style of play."

Luckily, Newall could rely on her wealth of experience playing a sport that enjoys much popularity in private schools in England.

"I've been playing lacrosse since I was 11 years old,"

Newall said. "It's really big in boarding schools, and I went to an all-girls boarding school."

Newall has used her experience to work her way into the Irish regular rotation, starting all four games for Notre Dame (2-2) while scooping up two ground balls. The team will be back in action Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. in their season debut at Arlotta Stadium versus Ohio State.

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MEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Senior Geary’s leadership shines outside of pool

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

Many important victories in sports today end with a trip to Disney World, but senior diver Nathan Geary’s fantastic career as a student-athlete began with a trip to the Magic Kingdom. This year’s Big East champion

from the 3-meter board, Geary is also the Vice-President of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) and has participated in a number of leadership opportunities during his time at Notre Dame, dating back to his first year of college. “After freshman year, I was selected to go to a leadership camp at Disney,” Geary said,

“and I was the sole athlete selected from Notre Dame to go to this, so after that it was like the fast track to leadership.” Irish Coach Tim Welsh, who nominated Geary as the University’s representative for the forum, says he recognized the leadership in his freshman diver three years ago. “Nathan is a very outgoing,

gregarious person very interested in the University, very interested in the team,” Welsh said. “We thought that he had the personal skills and the interest and the discipline to do a good job with it.” Following his first conference, Geary developed an enthusiasm for leadership and for the cause of the student-athlete. After

being a member of the Rosenthal Leadership Academy at Notre Dame during his sophomore year, Geary joined SAAC as a junior. “I really liked the political side of athletics,” Geary said. “I felt like I was pretty involved in some of the meetings and with some of the issues we were dealing with and I put my name in for vice president.”

Geary was elected by last year’s SAAC officers, and his duties this year have included attending officer meetings, presiding over student-athlete meetings, and working closely with the Student Union Board (SUB) to put together information sessions for the student-athletes.

“The mission [of SAAC] is to make the student athlete’s experience all that it should be,” Geary said. “If there are problems that we see where student athletes are disadvantaged, we want to correct those.”

One of Geary’s main achievements as vice president was coordinating a SUB committee on career initiative that put the student-athletes through a “career boot camp,” which focused on transitioning into life after college and securing a job.

“That was a huge commitment,” Geary said. “It was something where I had to work with the SUB committee, talk about who we wanted to get there, what we wanted to be said — and then featuring the six people [speakers], meeting with the Career Center. It ended up being really successful.”

Geary understands from experience how difficult the life of a student-athlete can be, but he also realizes how rewarding the experience is.

“The time commitment is the most difficult thing [about being a student athlete],” Geary said. “The time demands are brutal, but it is so worth it. I wouldn’t have changed anything I’ve done.”

As he prepares for the upcoming NCAA Zone Diving tournament, Geary knows that he would have to deliver at a career-best performance in order to advance to the NCAA championships. Still, as someone who has experienced success in many different realms of life, Geary said he would be satisfied as long as at least one of his teammates performs well enough to qualify.

“Hopefully we’ll place really well,” Geary said, “But in the chance that I don’t make it, it’s not going to be the end of the world for me.”

It certainly will be no tragedy for Geary if his season does indeed end with the conclusion of the Zone tournament on March 13. A paramount example of success as a student-athlete, Geary has enjoyed a great career and has already been accepted to three law schools. The PLS major awaits decisions from seven other schools. His coach simplified how successful Geary has been in just a short sentence.

“He’s done it all,” he said.

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Johns

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Jackson said Johns has performed just as he was expected to.

“He’s everything we expected him to be, and he’s had his ups and downs at times, but let me tell you what, when he has that physical edge to his game, he definitely keeps everybody’s head up on the opposition,” Jackson said. “People know when he’s on the ice. That’s a nice asset to have, something we really haven’t had since I’ve been here.”

The freshman’s role as the Irish enforcer has not come without growing pains, as he spent a number of minutes in the early going in the penalty box for powerful but undisciplined hits on opposing players. Jackson said making more disciplined hits has been a big improvement in Johns’ game.

“I think a big part of his game is learning to be under more control. He’s got to pick his spots to play physical,” Jackson said. “We’ve talked about where on the ice that’s effective and where it’s not. Big open-ice hits are tough to make for a defenseman, because if you miss, it’s a two-on-one. He has to look at opportunities where he’s got a guy in a position against the wall where he can hit them and use the wall as leverage.”

Johns agreed that he needed to adjust his hitting technique in order to stay on the ice while maintaining the physical nature of his play.

“Beginning of the year was a little rough with all the penalty minutes, lately it’s been a little easier trying to pick my spots,” Johns said. “When I do hit a guy, I stay low and keep my elbows in, which was a problem early in the year. It has a lot to do with momentum, one thing I need to learn is when I can hit and when I can’t.”

Just as the scoring of freshman forwards T.J. Tynan and Anders Lee has attracted the increased attention of defenses,

Johns’ elevated profile as a back-line enforcer has attracted the attention of referees. Jackson said Johns’ reputation as a big hitter might earn him penalty minutes.

“Well, it’s unfortunate, I think sometimes he’s a marked man with officials,” Jackson said. “I think he’s playing physical out there and sometimes there are good hits that are getting called penalties. Because when he hits you, he hits you hard.”

Though his penalty minutes have decreased over the course of the season, Johns has not abandoned his physical style, and his contributions to the back line along with his nine assists earned him an honorable mention to the CCHA All-Rookie team. The freshman said the physical side of hockey has always been natural to him.

“[Physical play] is probably my favorite thing about the game. Ever since I started playing I’ve really liked being physical. I think it’s really helped this team out, if I can give the team a little spark here and there, it’s definitely a good thing for me,” he said. “My dad always told me before I went out to play, ‘Play your game, be physical, have fun and just do your thing’ and that’s what I

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Stephen Johns
Irish defenseman

try to stick to every day. You know, if being physical is what the coaches want me to do, then that’s what I’m going to do to help my team.”

As the Irish (21-10-5) prepare to play for the CCHA Championship with a second-round series against Lake Superior State on the slate this weekend, Jackson said the Irish were better off with Johns’ intimidating presence on the defensive unit.

“His physical presence has certainly made us a better team,” he said.

♦**Note:** Along with Johns’ honorable mention, Lee and Tynan were unanimous selections to the CCHA All-Rookie team, a team comprised of six CCHA first-time players.

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Illini

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matches, all of which went the maximum three sets.

Seniors Stephen Havens and Dan Stahl, freshman Greg Andrews and junior Samuel Keeton all won the first set of their singles match before dropping the last two to give Illinois the victory. The other singles player, junior Casey Watt, came back from a first set loss to win the second. He eventually was defeated in the third set, 6-3.

The match will be the third in five days for the Irish, as they lost 5-2 to No. 18 Texas A&M on Friday before defeating No. 60 Northwestern, 6-1, on Sunday. On the other side,

it will be the fourth match in five days for the Illini, who played a doubleheader Friday, as well as a match Sunday.

“We’re ready to go,” Sachire said when asked about any fatigue his team might be experiencing. “No one is overly tired. It’s the fourth match in five days for Illinois, so it will be just as difficult for them.”

Because this match is in the middle of the spring season, Sachire does not expect fatigue to be a factor.

“Both teams will be fine,” he said. “By this time all the teams are conditioned and ready to go.”

The match between the ranked teams will be played tonight at 5 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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DePaul

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67 victory and the program’s first appearance in the championship game in 10 years.

“I thought last week [Achonwa] really battled defensively,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said about her freshman forward. “Tonight, offensively, she was a completely different player. She was strong with the ball, she was confident and I think the offense helped her defense and vice versa. She played really well at both ends of the floor and that was the huge improvement from where she was.”

With the No. 10 Irish (26-6, 13-3 Big East) up 66-65 and 1:08 remaining in the game, Achonwa snatched a critical rebound after a DePaul missed layup. On the ensuing Notre Dame possession, sophomore Skylar Diggins fed her the ball for a layup to put the team up three with 41 seconds to go.

On the other end, Hampton hit a layup of her own to narrow the deficit to one point. After Diggins split her free throws to give Notre Dame a one-point advantage, it was senior guard Brittany Mallory’s time to shine.

With Blue Demon senior guard Sam Quigley bringing the ball up the court, Mallory recognized the play and went in aggressively for the steal. She jarred the ball loose and it was knocked out of bounds. The referee gave Notre Dame the possession.

“They had been running that same play where they screened down and came up for Hampton to get the ball,” Mallory said. “I just cheated up a little higher than I usual did, and it was a little loopy pass and I just got a hand on it. We dove after it and luckily it hit her out of bounds and we got the ball.”



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Senior forward Becca Bruszewski shoots in Monday night’s 71-67 victory over DePaul.

With 10 seconds remaining, the Irish were able to inbound the pass and erase nearly eight seconds before the Blue Demons fouled. Mallory went to the line, hit both shots and sealed the deal for Notre Dame.

No. 9 DePaul (27-6, 13-3) fell behind 9-0 to start the game, but at that point Hampton sparked their offense. She scored 31 in the game, only a week after netting 17 against the Irish before fouling out.

“But Hampton, wow, she can really play,” McGraw said. “She did an outstanding job — we couldn’t stop her. Luckily we had enough scoring on the other side to win the game.”

Now that the Irish have faced their (Blue) Demons, the next and greatest challenge for this squad is knocking off an arch-rival — No. 1 Connecticut (31-1, 16-0). With their 75-51 semifinal victory over Rutgers, the three-time defending Big East champion Huskies have now won 13 consecutive games in the Big East tournament and 68 consecutive games overall in the conference. Arguably the closest Connecticut has been to losing during that stretch was during a trip to South Bend Jan. 8, a game the Huskies ultimately

won 79-76.

“With the first game we saw we can play with them we can beat them,” Diggins said. “The mistakes that we made were ours.”

During their second matchup of the season Feb. 19, a 78-57 Connecticut blowout, the Huskies were not about to let the Irish threaten their home winning streak, which now stands at a record 80 games.

Tonight’s game, played at the XL Center, is regarded as a home game for Connecticut by the NCAA because they played six regular season games in the arena.

“In the second game we didn’t maintain that focus,” Diggins said. “You need to do that for 40 minutes against a team like that. We watched the film over and over.”

In one of the biggest games in program history, the Irish will look to end those streaks and add an achievement of their own to the record books — the school’s first ever Big East tournament championship. The teams square off Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Hartford, Conn.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Slaying the demons

Irish defeat DePaul to advance to finals

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. — Irish senior Becca Bruszewski fouled out on Feb. 28 with under six minutes to play against DePaul, and freshman Natalie Achonwa stepped in against an imposing Blue Demon frontcourt in junior Keisha Hampton and senior Felicia Chester. The two set the tone down the stretch and knock off Notre Dame, 70-69.

Fast-forward one week: The teams are locked in a close battle once again, this time with a berth in the Big East championship game on the line. Bruszewski was again forced to depart in the final minutes, now with a rib injury. Achonwa stepped into duty in her absence for the second time, but on this occasion she and her teammates avenged last week's defeat with a strong effort down the stretch to capture a 71-

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Sophomore point guard Skylar Diggins drives past a Blue Demons defender in Notre Dame's 71-67 semifinals victory Monday. The Irish will face UConn tonight in the Big East Finals.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles win second in succession

By JACK HEFFERON
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Fresh off their first win of the season at John Carroll last week, the Belles opened their home MIAA schedule with an 8-1 win over St. Mary's (Minn.).

The key for the Belles (2-2) in the battle of the Midwest schools is their newly-improved doubles teamwork, which was a focus for Belles coach Dale Campbell all week in practice. The team won all three doubles matches.

Freshman Mary Catherine Faller and senior Jillian Hurley combined for the Belles' first No. 1 doubles win of the season, prevailing in a tiebreaker 9-8 (7-3). Freshman Margaret Boden and senior Mary Therese Lee had similar success in a late tiebreak, winning 9-8 (7-2) at

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Newall uses experience from across the pond to excel

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

Unlike the rest of her classmates on the lacrosse team, junior Kate Newall took quite a while to decide to play for Notre Dame. Her decision hinged more on geography than anything else.

Once the midfielder from Middlesex, England, finally set foot on campus for an unofficial visit, her choice became clear. Echoing the

sentiments of many an Irish athletic recruit, she says she found Notre Dame irresistible.

"I just fell in love with the place," Newall said. "There was nothing to compare it to back home."

According to Newall, the coaches understood her situation and remained patient throughout her difficult recruiting process.

"It took a lot of decision-making," she said. "I had applied to a lot of schools in

England so going to school overseas wasn't really an option for me at the time. The coaches were really supportive of the fact that it was a tough decision for me. They really let me take my time and I'm very grateful for that."

Newall faced the Irish in the spring of 2007 while on England's Under-19 squad. Notre Dame's defensive coaches liked her competitiveness and decided to offer her a scholarship. Eventually,

Newall said, the coaches encouraged her to come for a visit, since the rest of her class had committed. Newall has no doubt she made the right choice.

"The coaches asked me to come on an unofficial visit, so I went with my dad in February," she said. "I had plans to play lacrosse had I stayed in England for school. It's different though, they don't offer scholarships and the competition is nothing like it is here. The facilities,

the players, the number of teams, it's just on a different level."

Newall says in addition to adjusting to the higher level of competition, she needed to adjust to the difference in games. Women's lacrosse in America differs in style from English lacrosse. Newall says she enjoys the American game.

"The game is played really fast paced, and it's a more

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HOCKEY

Johns brings physicality

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

Throughout the 2010-11 season and a run to a second-place finish in the CCHA, the message to opposing forwards from the Notre Dame blue line has been clear: Stephen Johns is going to hit you, and he's going to hit you hard.

Johns, a freshman defenseman from Wampum, Pa., joined the Irish this off-season as a blue-chip recruit and a second-round pick of the Chicago Blackhawks. As a highly-touted addition, the 6-foot-4 back-line player was expected to bring a physical nature to the Notre Dame defense. Irish coach Jeff

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Freshman defenseman Stephen Johns controls the puck in Notre Dame's 2-0 loss against Western Michigan Feb. 26.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish look for revenge against No. 4 Illinois

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

For No. 24 Notre Dame, tonight's match against No. 4 Illinois provides a critical opportunity to show that it can finish the job against some of the nation's top talent.

The Irish (9-7) have played one of the nation's toughest schedules, but at times have faced difficulty in playing consistently and playing well late to defeat top opponents.

"Winning tennis is made of two parts," Irish associate head coach Ryan Sachire said. "The first part is putting yourself in position and to execute

well, and the second part is to finish the job and close out matches."

If the Irish are to beat the Illini (9-4), they will need to succeed in both areas, something they did not do in a close 4-1 loss to Illinois on Jan. 29.

"The first time we played them, and in last year's match, we were in a position to win," Sachire said. "We have to make sure we close it out this time. If we want to win, we must execute."

In the first contest, played at the Atkins Center in Champaign, Ill., the Irish dropped all five singles

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