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Irish senior forward Devereaux Peters walks off the court following Notre Dame's 76-70 loss to Texas A&M Tuesday in the national championship game. Peters finished the game with 21 points and 11 rebounds. The Irish finish the season with a 31-8 record, including a 13-3 Big East tally.

By LAURA MYERS
Senior Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — With less than a minute to go in the national championship game, Notre Dame's star was at the free throw line to shoot two.

Skylar Diggins hit both free throws, her team's final points.

This time, the shots did not give the Irish the lead, but rather made the score 73-70 in favor of Texas A&M.

2001, this was not.

Notre Dame fought back from multiple deficits but ultimately couldn't catch up as Texas A&M won its first national championship in school history Tuesday 76-70.

A minute before Diggins stepped to the line, Aggies guard Tyra White stepped to the arc with two seconds left on the shot clock and hit a 3-pointer to put her team up 73-68.

"That was a knife right in my heart. That was the game," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "... It was an unbelievable shot."

Diggins finished the game

with a team-high 23 points, but didn't score her first two until the 7:47 mark in the first half.

That the game came down to a late 3-pointer was a testament to a Notre Dame team that was down 29-16 after 12 minutes of play. Texas A&M went on an early 8-0 run to make the score 12-4 and continued to build its lead.

"We were very nervous. I thought we were flustered offensively and just completely out of sync," McGraw said.

Layups by junior guard Natalie Novosel and Diggins began an 8-0 run for Notre Dame, which brought the score to 29-24.

"It's a group of fighters," McGraw said. "I knew they weren't going to give up, and they didn't disappoint me."

Three minutes later Diggins scored four straight and senior Becca Bruszewski hit a layup to tie the score at 33-33. Diggins scored one more layup to cap an 8-0 run that ended the half with Notre Dame in

the lead.

"Made me want to come out in the second half and work hard for them, make the right reads and make the right passes and everything like that,"

"We wanted this bad ... and we fought hard, but we couldn't come out with a win."

Brittany Mallory
Irish senior guard

Aggies coach Gary Blair said. "Just make better decisions and be solid on defense."

The Irish continued the run after halftime and led by as many as seven.

Then Danielle Adams took over.

The Texas A&M guard scored 22 points in the second half and finished with 30 on the night. She also led her team with nine rebounds, five of

which she grabbed in the second half.

"We did not find an answer for her," McGraw said. "She's just a great player. She's got a big body, we couldn't get around her."

Adams used that body to draw fouls inside from freshman forward Natalie Achonwa and senior forward Devereaux Peters. Achonwa fouled out with 4:10 left. Peters, who committed her fourth personal with 4:52 to play, had to re-join the game but was limited by the risk of being disqualified as well.

Adams scored four straight points to give the Aggies back the lead at 50-48 with 13:39 left in the second half. The lead changed four more times after that, and no team led by more than five until Adams' last free throw with two seconds to go.

"We got back on our heels a little bit, got in foul trouble," Novosel said. "And I think they just kept pounding it into the post and we didn't have an answer."

Peters finished the game with 21 points on 8-of-10 shooting and 11 rebounds, and Novosel scored 14 points.

Diggins and Peters were both named to the all-tournament team following the game, along with White and Connecticut's Maya Moore. Adams was named most outstanding player for the tournament.

"[Skylar] really stepped up her game, especially in the NCAA tournament," McGraw said. "She really gave herself a big shot of credibility going into next year as one of the best players in the Big East and one of the top players in the country."

Senior captain Becca Bruszewski is the only player who will not return for the Irish in the 2011-2012 season.

"Becca is a great leader for us. We're going to miss her, the intangible part of her game," McGraw said. "She really got things going. Set the tone. So it will be tough to replace her, but we have some good players coming back."

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Irish senior forward Becca Bruszewski boxes out Aggies guard Tyra White Tuesday. Bruszewski is the only Irish player who will not be returning next year for Notre Dame's attempt at another trip to the Final Four.

Irish will reload in 2011-2012

INDIANAPOLIS — When the final seconds ticked off the clock in Notre Dame's 76-70 loss in the championship game, green, blue and yellow confetti streamed down from the rafters in a moment of celebration for Texas A&M — the first championship in school history.

But it was the Irish who were pursuing destiny — they were supposed to win, right? After all, it was the 10-year anniversary of the program's only title, the Final Four was held in Indiana, and Notre Dame's sensational point guard eerily resembled her mentor and current assistant coach in a dynamic postseason run. It only seemed right that Notre Dame would send its iconic coach into the Hall of Fame this summer fresh off a national championship. They even exorcised demons of the past in the three games leading up to the championship game. But, in the end, it was not the perfect storybook ending that the Irish were looking for. Even the confetti refused to believe Notre Dame had lost.

Once the dust — and confetti — settles, the Irish will look back on this magical run and realize what an achievement it was. They defeated Oklahoma, a team that had haunted them in recent tournaments, knocked off No. 1-seeded Tennessee, a program they had never beaten (0-20 coming into the game), and saw it all culminate by handing Connecticut, the top overall seed, only

its second loss in 115 games.

This all transpired in what was supposed to be a transition year. After losing guards Ashley Barlow, Melissa Lechlitner and Lindsay Schrader to graduation, the team lost a combined 30.6 points per game of offensive production. Skylar Diggins was asked to move to the point guard position after bursting onto the scene in a successful freshman year. Senior forward Devereaux Peters was a large question mark heading into the season with knee problems. The bench situation was even more difficult to get a grasp on heading into the season. But these questions were all answered as the season progressed.

Diggins embraced her new role and responsibilities and blossomed into one of college basketball's most dynamic players and interesting personalities. She spearheaded the deep tournament run and was named a member of the All-Tournament team and the most valuable player of the Dayton Regional.

"She really stepped up her game, I thought, in the NCAA tournament, particularly as the games went on," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said after the loss.

It was not just Diggins' coach who took notice — the whole nation did, as the sophomore became a Twitter phenomenon in the later stages of the tournament.

Peters' knee turned out to be a non-factor, as she played in every game this season, was named the Big East Defensive Player of the Year and, along with Diggins, was a member of the All-Tournament team. She averaged 12.9 points and 7.9 rebounds as the anchor of the Notre Dame frontcourt.

The bench was also an important factor in the tournament run. Even without

freshman guard Kayla McBride, who left the team for personal reasons in January, the Irish bench provided key minutes throughout the season. Freshman forward Natalie Achonwa transformed into a key contributor and especially turned her game up a notch once the Big East tournament started. Junior guard Fraderica Miller and sophomore guard Kalia Turner gave valuable minutes and played strong defense against some of the nation's top guards.

The scary thing is that this team should be even better next year. Forward Becca Bruszewski graduates, but she is the only player not returning for the 2011-12 season. McBride is expected to be back with the team in the fall. Diggins will be near the top of everyone's preseason awards lists, and another year of experience will only strengthen her leadership and determination to earn the program another national championship.

While Bruszewski's leadership will be greatly missed, Achonwa is ready to step in and match her production on the court. If Peters can stay healthy, the Irish will have one of the top frontcourt duos in the Big East.

The maturation of senior guard Brittany Mallory and junior guard Natalie Novosel was very apparent, and they will continue to grow in McGraw's system.

Next April, it should not surprise anyone if the Irish are cutting down the nets in Denver. Only this time, the confetti will match the colors of the championship team.

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

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Mass to remember Valero

Observer Staff report

A Mass of Remembrance for sophomore Sean Valero will be held Thursday at 10 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart for the entire University community.

Valero, a native of Niskayuna, N.Y. and a resident of Keenan Hall, died last week.

University president Fr. John Jenkins asked members of the Notre Dame community to keep Valero and his family in their thoughts and prayers in a Friday statement.

"On behalf of the Notre Dame community, my deepest condolences go out to Sean's family and friends," Jenkins said. "My prayers are with them during this difficult time."

Fr. Joseph Carey, interim director of campus ministry, will preside over the ceremony. Fr. Tom Doyle, vice president of Student Affairs, will deliver the homily.

A visitation in Valero's memory will be held today at the Daly Funeral Home, located at 242 McClellan Street in Schenectady, N.Y., from 4 to 7 p.m.

A Funeral Mass will be held Thursday at 9 a.m. at St. Helen's Catholic Church in Schenectady on 2216 Rosa Road.

Traveling hordes leave disappointed



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

A mass of Irish fans donned green to support the Notre Dame women's basketball team as they faced the Texas A&M Aggies in the NCAA championship game Tuesday evening in Indianapolis.

By SAM STRYKER
News Editor

A green mob of Notre Dame fans descended upon Consecration Fieldhouse in Indianapolis Tuesday night in hopes of witnessing the women's basketball team capture its second national title.

Fans rode waves of emotion as the score remained close throughout the game, but the thrilling game ended in defeat for the Irish. Texas A&M secured

the national championship for the first time with a 76-70 victory over the Irish.

Sophomore Katherine Damo traveled to Indianapolis to be a part of the student section. She said watching the national championship game in person was an intense experience as the lead changed frequently.

"I would say it was a really exciting game to watch," she said. "They put on a really good show for us. It was really exciting to the last minute. The whole game was nerve-wracking. We

really wanted to win."

Though star sophomore guard Skylar Diggins led the Fighting Irish with 23 points, Aggies center Danielle Adams countered with 30 and drove the Texas A&M win.

Freshman Aaron Zeese said the Aggies simply played stronger on the national stage than Notre Dame.

"They were pretty solid. They executed better than we did," he said. "They just did better tonight. [Adams] played a heck of a game."

Though Texas A&M led by 13 points at one point in the first half, Notre Dame held a 35-33 lead entering halftime. Zeese said he was confident in an Irish victory when the team entered the break.

"It was really devastating and heartbreaking," he said. "The way the girls were playing at halftime, it seemed like they were going to win, but it just didn't end up that way."

Damo said she and her friends

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Badin Hall named Hall of the Year



SOFIA ITURBE | The Observer

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

The Badin Hall Bullfrogs played leapfrog over the 28 other dorms on campus to win Hall of the Year for the 2010-2011 academic year, the Hall Presidents Council announced Tuesday evening.

Keenan Hall and Walsh Hall

received the awards for Men's Hall of the Year and Women's Hall of the Year, respectively.

Badin is the first residence hall to receive the honor for two consecutive years. Hall President's Council co-chair Alexa Doyle said the distinction was duly earned.

"We stand by our decision," Doyle said. "The applications

from all dorms were especially strong this year, but Badin had a little something extra."

Badin president Lauren Baldwin said the environment within the dorm separated her hall from the others.

"Getting Hall of the Year again wasn't our goal," Baldwin said. "Our goal this year was to be the best community on campus."

Badin Hall vice president Margaret Bellon offered an explanation for how, as dorm leaders, they maintained such a strong sense of community.

"Lauren and I are both sophomores, so we only knew last year's Hall of the Year Badin Hall," Bellon said. "We won again because we didn't know how to live in a dorm that isn't as united as Badin."

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THE BALD AND THE BEAUTIFUL



TOM YOUNG/The Observer

Juniors Michelle Grady and Liz Palwlak shaved Professor David Veselik's head Tuesday for the upcoming fundraiser.

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CORRECTIONS

An April 5 article, "Members plan awareness film," identified the Badin Hall rector as Denise McCosker. The rector of Badin Hall is Denise Lyon, and Denise McCosker is the rector of Lyons Hall. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE LAST THING YOU PURCHASED?



Aubrey Zielinski
freshman Cavannaugh

"Two pizzas at Reckers ... better than the detergent before that."



Bill Lee
freshman Knott

"Water, soup, and bread ... all of the basics!"



Britt Mawby
senior off campus

"My O.A.R. ticket!"



Katie Nunn
freshman McGlenn

"I just got a Diet Coke."



Trisha Harte
sophomore McGlenn

"I bought an iced tea this morning."



Will Beverly
freshman Knott

"Tickets to a Mozart Opera."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Notre Dame fans watch as the women's basketball team plays for the national title Tuesday night at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. The Irish lost to Texas A&M 76-70.

OFFBEAT

FBI in Vegas touting Internet bank robber gallery

LAS VEGAS – The FBI in Las Vegas is touting an Internet gallery that posts images of Nevada bank robbery suspects in hopes of drawing tips and solving cases.

FBI Las Vegas Special Agent in Charge Kevin Favreau says the site is similar to ones in cities including Los Angeles and Baltimore.

It's got the faces of suspects and dates, but doesn't provide details about the banks or robberies. It also features a solved cases gallery.

Right now, the site lists

six unsolved and five solved cases from 2011, and 31 unsolved and 26 solved cases from 2010.

The site also has links to Las Vegas and Henderson police, and a link to let people email tips

Cops: Ohio man charged after barking at police dog

MASON, Ohio – Police say an Ohio man has been charged with a misdemeanor for barking at a police dog.

A police report says 25-year-old Ryan James Stephens was charged with teasing a police dog in the Cincinnati suburb of Mason.

Officer Bradley Walker wrote that he heard the K9 dog barking uncontrollably inside his patrol car while he was investigating a car crash at a pub early Sunday morning. Walker says Stephens was making barking noises and hissing at the animal.

Walker reported that Stephens said "the dog started it" when asked why he was harassing the animal. The officer said Stephens appeared highly intoxicated.

There was no answer to calls to Stephens' home in Mason. He is to appear April 21 in municipal court.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the International Tax Assitant Program will prepare federal and state income tax returns for its clientele including faculty, visiting scholars, researchers and students in LaFortune Student Center, Sorin Annex (Room 108). Available through appointment only. Contact ISSA Office, 574-631-3825.

North Carolina State University Chemical and Biomedical Engineering professor Carol K. Hall is holding a discussion on the design of smart materials using computer simulation. The lecture today, titled "Self-assembly of Dipolar Particles: Designing Smart Materials Using Computer Simulation," is this afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in 131 DeBartolo Hall.

Professor of English, University of Auckland (New Zealand) Brian Boyd, is giving a lecture titled, "Story of Mind" in 210 McKenna Hall from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Professor Terry Eagleton is a British literary theorist widely regarded as Britain's most influential living literary critic. His lecture, "What is Literature?" is this evening from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the lower level of McKenna Hall. A reception will follow.

"The Two Gentlemen of Verona" continues tonight at 7:30 p.m. at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets can either be purchased at the door or online.

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began anticipating a national championship after the team's hot finish to the first 20 minutes.

"At halftime, we were really confident Notre Dame could win. It was really exciting seeing them come back and get the lead at halftime," she said. "Coming back from the deficit was memorable. It was really scary in the first half. It was particularly exciting to see."

Sophomore Michael Nelligan said the rally leading into the break was unforgettable.

"I thought the comeback at the first half was memorable, to see them fight back and come from behind," he said.

Notre Dame had an overwhelming fan turnout, Damo said. She said a noticeable sea of green filled the stands.

"You could definitely see it throughout every single section," she said. "It might have been three-quarters Notre Dame fans."

Damo said Fighting Irish fans made their presence known vocally throughout the game. Despite the loss, she said the sense of school pride was memorable.

"I could hear the Notre Dame fans over the A&M fans all the time," Damo said. "I was just really excited to be a Notre Dame fan, no matter the score."

The immense attendance of Irish fans contributed to a memo-



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Irish fans crowded the stands in Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis as the Notre Dame women's basketball team faced the Texas A&M Aggies in the NCAA championship game Tuesday evening.

orable event, Zeese said.

"It was a great experience and opportunity," he said. "It was awesome to see so much of the Notre Dame student body at the game."

Zeese said attending the title game was unlike any Notre Dame athletic experience he had ever witnessed.

"Being at a national championship, the atmosphere is pretty intense," he said. "It was a great thrill ride, a great experience."

Nelligan said despite the loss, Notre Dame fought hard. He said he was glad to attend the national championship.

"They played really well, especially Skylar," Nelligan said. "Just a few plays down the stretch didn't go their way and went to Texas A&M, but it was good to be here."

With a strong showing in the tournament, including several upset wins, Nelligan said Notre Dame should be excited for its

next season.

"I feel proud of the team for making it this far to the national championship with huge wins over UConn and Tennessee," he said. "I think the team has huge promise, especially with Skylar. I would say things are looking up."

Zeese said he hopes the basketball team's low profile on campus rises with its strong play this spring.

"They deserve a lot more respect than they're given," he

said. "I hope a lot more students, including myself, go to their home games next season."

Though the final buzzer just rang for the 2011 championship, Zeese said he is already anticipating next year's team.

"The team had a heck of a season. They should not get down on this loss," he said. "I hope they keep it up going into next winter."

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DR. BERNARD NATHANSON WAS AN ABORTIONIST TURNED PRO-LIFE CHAMPION. AN OBSTETRICIAN WHO OVERSAW NEARLY 70,000 ABORTIONS, PERFORMING NEARLY 5,000 HIMSELF, DR. NATHANSON WAS THE CO-FOUNDER OF NARAL (ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS THE THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE REPEAL OF ABORTION LAWS). RENOUNCING HIS PRO-ABORTION POSITION, DR. NATHANSON BECAME PRO-LIFE IN 1979. AMONG HIS MORE NOTABLE PRO-LIFE WORK IS THE FILM, SILENT SCREAM, WHICH SHOWED THE POWERFUL ULTRASOUND IMAGE OF A UNBORN CHILD SHRINKING FROM AN ABORTIONIST'S INSTRUMENTS. IN A 2009 INTERVIEW WITH THE WASHINGTON TIMES, DR. NATHANSON REMARKED:



“My switch to pro-life had nothing to do with religion . . . I changed my mind, based on fetoscopies and ultrasound studies. Once we had ultrasound in place, we could study the fetus and see it was a member of our community. If you don't do that, you're just a creature of political ideology. In 1970, there were approximately 1,100 articles on the functioning of the fetus. By 1990, there were 22,000. The data piled up swiftly and opened a window into the womb. **”**

Please join us for the monthly Respect Life Mass on Thursday, April 7th at 5:15 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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Results of campus-wide cereal poll revealed

By EMMA RUSS
News Writer

Breakfast lovers across campus expressed mixed reactions to the upcoming dining hall cereal selection changes that will be implemented next fall. Notre Dame Food Services revealed the long-awaited results of the annual cereal survey conducted March 24.

South Dining Hall will add Cheerios, Rice Chex, Trix and Captain Crunch to its selection.

Raisin Bran Crunch, Captain Crunchberries, Fruity Pebbles and Cookie Crisp will be eliminated from South.

New to North Dining Hall will be Cheerios, Blueberry Morning, Raisin Bran Crunch, Roasted Nut and Honey, Cookie Crisp, Cocoa Krispies and Fruit Loops.

North will lose Kashi Heart-to-Heart, Low-Fat Granola with Raisins, Banana Nut Crunch, Raisin Bran, Golden Grahams, Captain Crunch and

Trix.

Not everyone responded positively to the survey's results and the upcoming changes.

"Any statistician would agree that the cereal survey is poorly conducted," junior Kyle Smith said. "Not enough people were able to participate in the survey for it to be an accurate measure of student opinion."

South Dining Hall manager Marc Poklinkowski said 1,100 students, roughly one-eighth of all undergraduates, responded to the cereal survey.

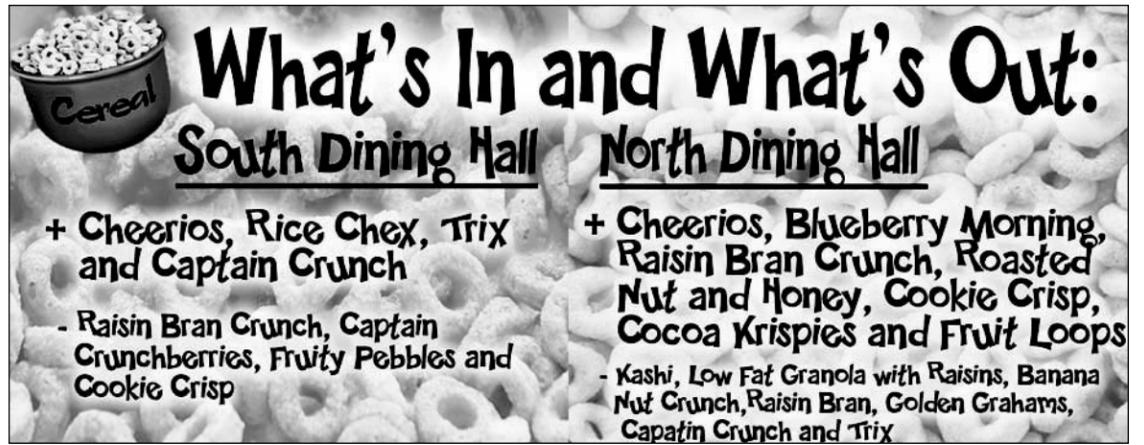
The survey was conducted during lunch hours at the dining halls. Some students said they were not in the dining hall during the survey.

"It is patently outrageous that the survey happens only one day of the year for one lunch period," sophomore Alex Andre said. "Some people don't even eat lunch."

Andre said an online survey might increase participation in years to come.

"Not enough people were able to participate in the survey for it to be an accurate measure of student opinion."

Kyle Smith
junior



SOFIA ITURBE | Graphics

Other students expressed frustration about the survey itself, which allowed students to pick their top three cereals from a list of 60.

"I like to eat a different cereal every day," senior Molly Casanova said. "That could be anywhere from five to seven different cereals per week, depending on how many times I eat breakfast. It doesn't make sense that we only get to pick our top three cereals."

The day before the survey, General Mills and Kellogg's

sent sales representatives dressed as Tony the Tiger and the Trix Rabbit to stimulate interest in their products and attract people to the survey.

"The people dressed up in the cereal suits were an ineffective method of attracting students to the cereal survey," Smith said.

Despite the criticism, many students were happy with the outcome of the survey.

"I was very pleased to see the results of the cereal sur-

"I was very pleased to see the results of the cereal survey."

Kelly Dewese
sophomore

vey," sophomore Kelly Dewese. "I noticed last year that many of the healthy cereals disappeared from the menu and were replaced with sugary cereals. This year South Dining Hall will again have Rice Chex and Cheerios."

Because students tend to form individual preferences for a particular dining hall, food administrators provide a separate survey for each one.

"It gives the student another possible location to find their favorite cereal if it isn't in their usual dining hall," Poklinkowski said.

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Notre Dame graduates make a living and a difference

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

Bill and Nancy Jordan, co-founders of the Let's Share the Sun Foundation, discussed how

they strike a balance between their for-profit work and charitable work in solar energy Tuesday.

Their lecture, titled "Making a Living Making a Difference," recounted the couple's journey to their current work with sustainability.

The Let's Share the Sun

Foundation works in conjunction with the Jordans' for-profit business, Jordan Energy and Food Services, to harness the power of the sun for poor people around the world.

The Jordans began their lecture with a prayer.

"Lord, inspire us here tonight to create sustainability in a world of energy and food poverty," Nancy Jordan said.

Nancy Jordan said she and her husband, both 1985 Notre Dame graduates, met through the Center for Social Concerns during their time as students.

After graduation, they both worked as Holy Cross lay missionaries in Chile, Nancy Jordan said.

While in Chile, Bill Jordan said University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh gave him advice that shaped his career.

When Hesburgh and other priests from Notre Dame came to visit the volunteers, Bill Jordan asked him about the dichotomy between the powerful representatives from Notre Dame and the poor farmers in Chile.

"He replied, 'We want you to have this experience, and I know that service has taken Notre Dame students

to the far corners of the world, much more isolated than Chile. But develop talents. Get graduate degrees. You will do more good if you learn about solar [power] and help bring it to people than if you just work

with that small group of campesino farmers your whole life," Bill Jordan said.

Since they left Chile, the Jordans said they have done what they can to change the lives of the 1.7 billion people, or 24 percent of the global population, living without electricity worldwide, while still maintaining their for-profit business.

Bill Jordan said as the global supply of oil depletes, the future of energy is in solar

"This is going to be a more dramatic change in our lifetime than the Internet revolution was."

Bill Jordan
Let's Share the Sun
Foundation

"I said to myself, 'This is where Notre Dame needs to be, here amongst the poor, here amongst the rubble, here making a difference and here being a sign of hope.'"

Nancy Jordan
Let's Share the Sun
Foundation



MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observer

Bill and Nancy Jordan spoke to students Tuesday about how they manage both for-profit and charitable work.

energy. The solar industry already grosses \$6 trillion per year.

Bill Jordan said the amount of sunlight that hits the earth in an hour could power it for a year, making solar energy a key to sustainability in coming years.

"This is going to be a more dramatic change in our lifetime than the Internet revolution was," Bill Jordan said.

The materials to harness solar energy are also inexpensive, making it a low cost alternative, Bill Jordan said.

Bill Jordan acknowledged the role young people play in the future of solar energy.

"We want to have a connection with academia," he said. "This change in society is not going to be led by white haired guys like me at my age. This change [like that of technology]

will be led by people who are the age of Steve Jobs and Bill Gates."

Students contributed to the foundation last weekend through a fundraiser hosted by the International Development branch of the Entrepreneurship Society. The Jordans were presented with a check for \$1,222 that was raised through a dance held Saturday.

From an economic perspective, Bill Jordan said companies should focus on sharing energy instead of fighting for control of resources.

"We have a huge opportunity as you enter the professional world, maybe the biggest in our lives, to think about the world in terms of sharing in abundance as opposed to competing for scarcity," Bill Jordan said.

The Jordans said their charitable work through the Let's Share the Sun Foundation helps maintain this focus.

Nancy Jordan said she and her husband allot 10 percent of their assets to the Let's Share the Sun Foundation. The foundation made great strides in bringing solar energy to Haiti, in particular when it partnered with the Notre Dame Haiti Program.

When Nancy Jordan visited the University's facility in Haiti, she said she felt confident in their work.

"I said to myself, 'This is where Notre Dame needs to be, here amongst the poor, here amongst the rubble, here making a difference and here being a sign of hope.'"

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Girls from Badin Hall represent the Bullfrogs at a pep rally with green suits and colorful accessories.

Badin

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Baldwin said Badin collaborated with other dorm events on campus and hosted Acousticafe on the dorm porch, which contributed to the dorm's success.

Badin's school spirit and hall spirit was a big part of the Hall Presidents Council's decision, according to Hall Presidents Council executive co-chair Mike Oliver.

"Badin stood out compared to every other dorm," Oliver said.

Keenan Hall worked hard to earn the distinction of Men's Hall of the Year, Keenan president Raymond Gallagher said.

"[Hall of the Year] was a goal that we had going into this year," Gallagher said. "The effort was a collaboration of different groups and classes in the dorm."

Instead of adding many events to the dorm portfolio, Keenan worked to make their signature events bigger and placed a large emphasis on the Keenan Revue, Gallagher said.

Keenan vice president Dennis Smith will serve as hall president next year. He said he hopes Keenan can continue its success.

"It is going to be a hard act to follow next year," Smith said.

According to Walsh Hall president Julie Zorb, the Wild Women of Walsh were honored to earn Women's Hall of the Year.

"It's great to get recognition for the amazing community we had this year," Zorb said.

Walsh worked to improve past events and create new traditions under strong senior leadership and an entirely new hall staff, she said.

This year, Walsh founded a local chapter of a national organization called Girls on the Run, Zorb said. The organization works with elementary school girls and teaches them about body image and exercise as they prepare to run a 5k.

The dorm's work with the charity was a large part of their success, Zorb said.

Doyle and Oliver said Hall Presidents Council determines the award recipients based on monthly Rockne portfolio submissions and the dorm's overall contribution to campus life. The Rockne submissions keep the Hall Presidents Council updated on each dorm's activities as they promote the academic,

athletic, liturgical, environmental, social and multicultural aspects of dorm life.

"We take a step back and look at who enriched campus life the most through their residence hall," Oliver said.

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'Dis-Oriented' confronts stereotypes

By KATIE CARLISLE
News Writer

Three Middle Eastern and Asian-American women will perform their piece "Dis-Oriented" at Saint Mary's Thursday to challenge ethnic stereotypes, following last week's Diverse Students' Leadership Conference (DSLCL).

Stephanie Bridges, director of multicultural services and student programs, discovered "Dis-Oriented" as she searched for acts related to May's Asian Pacific American Heritage month.

"It will allow [the audience] to look at Asian heritage from multiple perspectives and gives everyone an opportunity to look at the impact stereotypes have," Bridges said.

The most prevalent stereotype is that Asian culture is synonymous with Chinese, Bridges said, which is precisely what these women intend to disprove.

Performers Coke Nakamoto, Zahra Noorbakhsh and Thao Nguyen drew from their own life experiences to write skits about the struggles they face as Asian-American women. The women are Japanese, Iranian and Vietnamese, respectively.

The women will combine theatre and education in their three-skit show. In "Dis-Oriented," each woman presents her own unique story and perspective on Asian stereotypes.

"This should be a great opportunity to take a look at a different cultural experience through theatre, but also an educative experience about the transitions other cultures make in America," said Bridges.

The event is sponsored by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL).

CWIL director Elaine Meyer-Lee said the event celebrates unique aspects of Asian culture.

"We believe that it is important to recognize and value the rich tradition within every ethnic group, and to question stereotypes such as that of Asian-American women as some kind of 'model minority,'" Meyer-Lee said.

Meyer-Lee said she hopes "Dis-Oriented" will impact the College. Everyone can take something away from this event, whether it be critically examining personal beliefs or simply enjoying the comedic performances.

"We look forward to this performance as an engaging and powerful intercultural experience for our whole community," she said.

The show will open with a performance at noon Thursday in the Student Center Lounge. A second performance will be held at 7 p.m. in the Moreau Little Theatre.

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DANTE'S DIVINE COMEDY: THE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSE AS POETRY

Professor Zygmunt Baranski
Notre Dame Professor of Dante and Italian Studies
Fall of 2011 (TR from 2:00-3:15pm)
(LLRO 40114-01; MI 40565; ROIT 40114)



Dante is the greatest religious poet of Western culture, and his great epic poem, the *Divine Comedy*, offers a remarkable and original synthesis of his view of the fundamental relationship between God and humanity. The course offers an introduction to Dante's *Commedia* (the title of the poem is *Comedy* and not *Divine Comedy* as is commonly believed) by focusing on the first of its three parts, *Inferno*, while also paying significant attention to its other two parts, *Purgatorio* and *Paradiso*. Classes will principally concentrate on providing readings of individual cantos. (The course will be divided into 4 introductory lectures, 12 classes on *Inferno*, 7 on *Purgatory*, and 6 on *Paradiso*.) At the same time, broader issues central to Dante's masterpiece will be discussed. In particular, attention will be paid to Dante's ties to classical and Christian culture, his political views, his ideas on language, his involvement in contemporary intellectual debates, his efforts to use poetry for ethical and religious ends, and his literary experimentation (including his perplexing choice of title for his masterpiece). The course is open to all second-, third-, and fourth-year students, and will be taught in English. Dante's poem, too, will be read in English translation, though students with a reading knowledge of Italian are encouraged to read it in both languages. The translation is that found in the annotated bilingual edition by Robert and Jean Hollander (Doubleday). [This is a one-semester lecture course on the entire *Comedy*, distinct from ROIT40115-40116, Dante I and Dante II.]

SMC to institute new minor

By OLIVIA BRACH
News Writer

Saint Mary's students who want to go green with their degree will get the chance this fall when the Environmental Studies department offers a minor in their program for the first time.

Christopher Cobb, assistant professor of English, will direct the new minor.

"[Environmental studies] brings together natural science, social science, the humanities, and [professional life] to understand and solve environmental problems," Cobb

said.

Current and prospective students expressed interest in environmental studies as the discipline increases in popularity at liberal arts colleges, Cobb said.

"[The new minor arose from] ongoing interest in environmental issues on behalf of the students," Cobb said. "The actual development of the program was initiated by faculty interest."

Initial efforts for a minor in environmental studies began four years ago. Cobb said the plans came to fruition when he teamed with Dr. Cassie Majetic, professor of biology at the College.

"Our goal is to incorporate not just the scientific disciplines but to help students understand how many perspectives and disciplines contribute to understanding and solving environmental problems," Majetic said.

Cobb said formal approval of the minor occurred in three steps. First, Majetic and Cobb comprised a "prospectus" that demonstrated the need and value for the minor, Cobb said. Faculty Dean Patricia Fleming then approved the plan.

Once the prospectus was approved, the duo created a formal proposal that included a full design of the minor, required courses and objectives. The proposal was then presented to the curriculum committee. After the formal proposal was approved, academic affairs, the ultimate decision making body, gave final approval.

Cobb said the interdisciplinary minor, which consists of sixteen total credit hours, will draw from courses in English, humanistic studies, political science, nursing and justice education.

Students in the minor will also take three courses directly related to environmental studies, Cobb said.

Cobb and Majetic said they have high hopes for those students who choose to pursue the new minor.

"I hope that the students will gain the knowledge and skill to make a difference in the world, as our society struggles to make our way of life sustainable," Cobb said. "[I hope students] develop an awareness of their relationship to nature in a way that will be enriching to their lives".

Majetic said she hopes students will learn to engage others in dialogue about environmental concerns and advocate for environmental change.

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Obama urges parties to compromise on cuts



President Obama addresses members of the press at the White House regarding the possibility of a government shutdown Friday.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Prodded by an insistent President Barack Obama, Congress' top two lawmakers sought to reinvigorate compromise talks Tuesday aimed at cutting tens of billions in federal spending and averting a partial government shutdown Friday at midnight.

There was at least a hint of flexibility, accompanied by sharply partisan attacks and an outburst of shutdown brinksmanship.

According to Democrats, House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, suggested at a White House meeting that fellow Republicans might be able to accept a deal with \$40 billion in cuts. That's more than negotiators had been eyeing but less than the House seeks.

The speaker's office declined comment, and Boehner issued a statement saying, "We can still avoid a shutdown, but Democrats are going to need to get serious about cutting spending — and soon."

For his part, Senate Majority leader Harry Reid sounded an accusatory note. "I hope the Republicans do what the country needs, not what they believe the tea party wants," he said at the Capitol.

"I mean, it seems that every step we take, it's something just to poke us in the eye," he said.

Boehner and Reid met privately later in the day. While there was no indication of substantive progress, there was a marked change in tone afterwards.

Spokesmen for the two issued identical statements, shorn of partisan bickering, saying the two leaders "had a productive discussion. They agreed to continue working on a budget solution."

Obama stepped forcefully into the dispute, at times sounding like an exasperated parent.

He convened a meeting at the White House with the chief congressional antagonists, rejected a Republican proposal for an interim bill with sharp cuts and then announced Boehner and Reid would meet

later in the day.

If they can't sort out their differences, he said, "I want them back here tomorrow."

And if that doesn't work, he added, "we'll invite them again the day after that. And I will have my entire team available to work through the details of getting a deal done."

Obama, eager to regain the confidence of independent voters as he seeks a new term, said the American public expects that its leaders "act like grown-ups, and when we are in negotiations like this, that everybody gives a little bit, compromises a little bit in order to do the people's business."

At issue is legislation needed to keep the government running through the Sept. 30 end of the budget year, and a desire by all sides to avoid being blamed politically if there is a shutdown.

Twin closures in the mid-1990s boomeranged on Republicans when Newt Gingrich was speaker, helping Bill Clinton win re-election in 1996.

This year, both the White House and lawmakers have used the threat of a shutdown to seek leverage in the talks.

Republicans issued a 13-page pamphlet during the day providing guidance to congressional offices on operations during a shutdown. Boehner's office said Monday night the document had been prepared "in the event Senate Democrats shut down the government."

Reid's spokesman, Jon Summers, likened the maneuver to a "dress rehearsal for a shutdown that the tea party so desires."

But one Republican official said it was a response to a memo on Monday distributed by Jeffrey Zients, deputy director of Obama's Office of Management and Budget.

Zients wrote that all parties wish to avoid a shutdown but, "given the realities of the calendar, good management requires that we continue contingency planning for an orderly shutdown should the negotiations not be completed by ... this coming Friday."

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Disappointing finish

Monday's NCAA men's basketball championship provided a significant, if sloppy, conclusion to the 2010-2011 season. The uncommonly low final score of Connecticut's 53-41 win over Butler leads me

Joseph Monardo

Sports Wire Editor

to ask only one question: When do they play the second half? The dearth of scoring in Monday's title game is just one of a number of reasons why the game was a disappointment to fans (myself included). Not that I need high-paced, light up the scoreboard, burn the nets down action to entertain me, but when a team shoots 18.8 percent from the field for the entire game (in the national championship, for Pete's sake!), I can't help but want to turn away. Butler's shooting in the second half would have drawn ridicule from even the most polite group of bystanders at the Bookstore Tournament, so I for one am grateful that I avoided Charles Barkley's postgame analysis.

That the Bulldogs had garnered nationwide support for its improbable run to the final game of the 2010, I mean, 2011 tournament makes their showing even more disappointing. Time and time again, Matt Howard and Shelvin Mack had led the Bulldogs against more imposing opponents, surmounting the seemingly insurmountable. Butler had proven all of us haters wrong so many times (I'm not the only one that had them losing to Old Dominion) that we had finally come to expect them to pull off stunning victory after stunning victory. But, as they have made a habit of doing, the boys from Indianapolis proved us wrong once again, this time by coming up short.

It is truly unfortunate for the Butler players and coaches, the NCAA and fans of the game that the Bulldogs turned in such a futile offensive performance. For Butler, the game serves as a blemish on a remarkable couple of years, threatening their legitimacy as a power on the court.

For the NCAA, it is lamentable that on the game's biggest stage, a product that was anything but ideal was delivered. For the fans, the memory of the tournament darlings' collapse, rather than any number of great moments from the past season, will remain freshest in our minds throughout the long offseason.

Compounding my disappointment in Butler's loss is my disappointment in Connecticut's win. Jim Calhoun is a known violator of NCAA rules, and Notre Dame outmatched the Kemba Walker-led unit twice in the regular season. Enough said.

Still, in spite of my disappointment, I realize that some congratulations are in order. First, congratulations to coach Jim Calhoun and the Connecticut Huskies for winning the national championship. Not many people had you pegged as the next national champions when this season started, and regardless of the circumstances, the feat is worthy of praise.

Second, congratulations to coach Brad Stevens and the Butler Bulldogs for reaching the championship game and for being so darn likeable. Finally, congratulations to men's basketball for putting on such a spectacular season. I can't wait for the madness to begin once again.

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The bright side of education

When we hear about education these days, the typical news is both dire and ominous. One of the most prevalent refrains is that America lags embarrassingly behind other nations in standardized test scores. Another is the inadequacy of our STEM education — science, technology, engineering and math. We are barraged by information about how

American students are in free-fall compared to our ruthlessly ambitious Chinese counterparts, books revealing how our university system fails to develop critical thinking skills, reports on the mess of our public school system. Some debates are bitter and rusted down from years of stagnation (think affirmative action and teachers unions).

Other debates are simply bewildering — we hear contradictory volleys about the political indoctrination of students. One side claims that teachers and academics are far too liberal, while the other bemoans the efficacy of religious fundamentalists in forcing the pseudoscience of intelligent design to be taught as a viable alternative to evolution.

One only need watch the vitriol spewed between New Jersey governor Chris Christie and state teachers to gain an accurate picture of America's collective feelings towards education. Peter Thiel, the famous venture capitalist who invested in Facebook in its earliest days, recently set up an initiative that will pay promising under-20-year-old students \$100,000 to drop out of school. That certainly sounds like a vote of no confidence if I've ever heard one.

Is there any room for optimism against this harsh backdrop of disappointment and fear? Actually, yes. While most of the things we may hear about modern education might make us sincerely worry about both the future of our country and the fitness of

our next generation to inherit the earth, recent developments in technology promise a bright new future in education.

First, there is the rise of open courseware. The idea consists of putting all content and material from university classes online, accessible to everyone in the world.

It promises to unlock the knowledge of our greatest schools and universities and disperse to it to any eager learners in the general public. The most prominent open courseware system was spearheaded ten years ago by Massachusetts Institute of Technology. They now have over 2,000 courses, many complete with video lectures by esteemed MIT professors, class notes, tests, assignments and projects. MIT claims to have over 100 million individual users. Stanford has a similar setup, offered through iTunesU. Notre Dame was also actually a fairly early pioneer of open courseware, and has its own smaller collection of classes available to anyone at ocv.nd.edu. Everyone from intellectually curious highschoolers, to university students who want to expand their knowledge, to older professionals looking for something new to learn, stand to benefit from the development.

Another transformative movement, started recently, is the "Khan Academy." Sal Kahn started recording brief lectures on algebra in 2006, posting them to YouTube. Since, it has blown up in both scale and publicity — there are more than 2,200 free lectures from Kahn on YouTube and iTunes. Bill Gates, the eminent education analyst, has spoken glowingly of the Academy.

Kahn, who holds degrees in mathematics and electrical engineering from MIT and an MBA from Harvard, recently gave a talk at the uber-high profile TED conference about his ideas on education. Google pledged \$2 million to the Academy to translate the videos into ten of the world's major languages.

The larger possibilities of such online learning are very provocative indeed. As computer access becomes ever more available in a variety of formats (laptops, phones, tablets), this online educational system will accordingly

become more accessible. School districts that struggle to find quality teachers or have consistently low results can implement such technology to make sure that children are learning from the very best in the field.

Independent learners can get even further ahead than before. Inner-city schools may at some point in the future need only a network connection to gain access to the greatest teachers and the greatest ideas in the world.

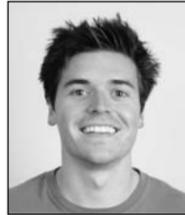
These developments will by no means solve our educational problems. Students still need support networks to make learning a consistent habit. Making online lectures more responsive to individual classrooms with diverse learners synthesizing information at different paces will also need to be implemented. These are only a few of the formidable challenges facing our educational system. But the overall trend is promising — the barriers to entry to elite education are being overcome by advancing technology.

In the meantime, we might temper our own instincts toward pessimism by adopting a more realistic view of America's place in the educational world. First of all, we haven't fallen from the top — we have never led the world in international educational assessments. Second, the specter of Chinese dominance, while theoretically possible, isn't backed up by the evidence. China has never even taken part in an international educational assessment. It's easy to see how the traditional psychological forces shaping human nature — fear for the next generation and wariness of an unknown foreign rival — shape the traditional narrative.

To be certain, this less alarmist outlook on education in America should by no means temper our drive to constantly improve our educational system — quite the contrary. But in the meantime, we might as well do so smiling rather than frowning.

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Edward Larkin

Scientific Notation

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

In response to the light dusting of controversy surrounding the letter "Ladies, be decent" (April 4), I offer the following thoughts:

First of all, whether intended or not, immodesty in both women and men leads to a publicizing of sexuality. We hear from numerous sources that our sexuality is a private matter, and I agree. Public sexuality, then, should not be promoted. One thing that it can do is make a person's sexual expression more general. Which is exactly what the

"hook-up culture" entails. It is an expression of free love that fits very well into public sexualization promoted by intentional or unintentional immodesty.

Second, I try in all my interactions with women to respect them for their entire self, not divide them into "personality," "looks," and "availability." To me, that is a disrespect to the person. Unfortunately, it is my experience that immodest dress tends to emphasize one aspect of self so that my experience of the person is divided. For me, this is

especially in regards to women, however, I know that this can apply to immodesty in men as well.

Third, I am a proponent of dressing well, neatly, and fashionably. However, I cannot endorse a fashion that divides the person and promotes public sexualization.

Nathaniel Gotcher
sophomore
Morrisset Manor
Apr. 5

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A woman is like a tea bag — you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water."

Eleanor Roosevelt
U.S. diplomat and reformer

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I stand in awe of my body."

Henry David Thoreau
U.S. transcendentalist author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hobbes on room picks

In his famous philosophical work "Leviathan," Thomas Hobbes outlines what he calls a "State of nature," an anarchic situation characterized by a war of all against all with each person struggling for survival. Having recently experienced room picks here at Notre Dame, I can't help but feel like Hobbes somehow had the room selection process in mind when came up with this idea.

Room picks are, in essence, a survival of the fittest; some of the country's most intelligent young men and women fighting for the best rooms and best roommates, leaving behind a wake of bruised egos and shattered self-esteem wider than Rush Limbaugh's waistband. In a way, room picks and Chicago politics are eerily similar. One of them is characterized by bribery, intimidation, shady dealings, and a blatant disregard for rules or common human decency, and Chicago politics are pretty bad too. Just last week I overheard two kids discussing how some juniors in their dorm would likely accept their offer of \$800 to pass over the room that they wanted. I can think of a better way that a college student could spend \$800, but maybe it would be

best if I left that topic unaddressed.

Room picks can be particularly brutal for those students who, when everybody seems to have paired up with someone, are left out in the cold. Many of these kids are left with no other choice than to room with other students who find themselves in a similar predicament, leading to one of the biggest pairings of lonely people since the invention of online dating.

I realize that Notre Dame tries to prevent much of this behavior from happening, and for the most part it does a good job, but as long as this University continues to attract the nation's brightest and most competitive students, these students will always find a way to bend the rules, creating a situation that Hobbes, if he were alive today and attending Notre Dame, would proudly call a "State of nature." Too bad nobody would want to room with Hobbes anyway.

Dan Brombach
freshman
Siegfried Hall
Apr. 5

'Bold, risqué, leggings as pants'

Dear Kevin,

You finally noticed me!

Sweater vest after sweater vest, peasant skirt after peasant skirt, for three years I have endeavored to arrest your attention. Knowing you desire a woman with class, I have routinely dined at South on Friday nights wearing an assortment of beige shoulder-padded blazers, hoping to finally meet your gaze from across crowded tables of inappropriately dressed ladies-of-the-night. I wanted you to know I would not be doing anything fun that evening. I was yours: trustworthy and respectful. Alas, even such attempts proved futile. After two and a half years of counseling and taupe wardrobe changes, I can finally cope with the fact that only the real Hillary Clinton can make your fantasies come true.

However, even that epiphany could not deter me from my mission that is your pursuit. In admittedly a desperate act, I wore leggings as pants! After countless balled up pro-con lists accumulated in my bedroom's recycle bin, I finally decided upon the following evening's outfit. Bold. Risqué. Leggings as pants.

Why didn't you see me as a fertile woman with childbearing hips? With a wide-set pelvic structure that could provide you with countless male progeny? For that I blame you! How could you misinterpret my outfit, when every stitch of woolen tan fab-

ric I've worn for you?

No, but really. While I agree that leggings are not pants, it is also true that leggings are not pants just like your reasoning is not reasonable. Your reasoning is that this girl should not have worn leggings as pants because (1) you no longer would consider pursuing her, and (2) because it sends the message that it's okay to disrespect her. You've just made a lot of assumptions there buddy. She's heterosexual. She wants to impress you. Every guy she meets is a potential mate. What she wears reflects her character. If she wears something deemed "risqué" by you, she's got bad self-esteem and lets men disrespect her. Newsflash: She didn't wake up in the morning, ask herself, "What can I wear that says, 'Disrespect me,'" and then threw on some leggings.

The reason I write a response, Kevin, is that your attitude is a dangerous one to have. Sexual assault is a problem. And the fact that you, a self-declared, classy gentlemen, judges the integrity and intent of a woman by what she's wearing, does not bode well for the movement to stop sexual assault. "What was she wearing?" in any case, whether in South Dining Hall or Club Fever, is never reasonable reasoning.

Anne Spont
senior
off campus
Apr. 5

The right conscience

What comes to mind when you hear "HEI"? Most of us would either draw a blank or immediately think about liberals, radicals, or simply orange jumpsuits. This, however, is not a political, radical, or anti-Notre Dame matter; it is purely a matter of fighting an injustice that has manifested itself in our University's endowment in a hotel company that stifles and abuses its workforce.

When a company is under fire for employing business techniques, which cut costs and increase profits, yet harm human beings, it becomes an issue of human rights. It is an issue that anyone with a heart should care about, one that is not exclusive to any kind of political, religious, or social affiliation. This February, after years of student campaigning, Brown University President Ruth Simmons announced that the University would stop investing in HEI hotels. Following close on its heels was the University of Pennsylvania, which after years of students pressuring the university to stop reinvestment, announced in March that it had no plans to make future investments in HEI-sponsored funds. As a Catholic university that seeks to "create a sense of human solidarity and con-

cern for the common good" and one that embraces the call to defend human life and dignity, we should be protecting workers and their rights. We should be setting the example for other universities. In reality, we still have much progress to make but also a cause for hope, hope manifested by our predecessors.

Button-Up Day, as part of National Week of Action, will be this Friday, April 8; all are encouraged to stop by Field House Mall between 2 and 6 PM to show support or learn more. This will be an opportunity to raise awareness, a celebration of the recent victories, and an encouragement for those who aim to achieve the same. The University of Notre Dame, not just as a Catholic community, but also as a humane community must join Brown and UPenn in this fight against human greed and the resulting maltreatment of workers. Our university has the right conscience; it simply has to act on it.

Hien Luu
freshman
Welsh Family Hall
Apr. 5

A community that listens

A member of our community committed suicide last week. I do not know Sean Valero, nor do I know any of the circumstances surrounding his death. What I do know, however, is that suicide is often the end result of untreated or unsuccessfully treated depression, and depression is a serious illness.

An estimated 19 million Americans have major depression, a clinical disorder, and more than 1 in 10 people suffering from depression commit suicide. It's the second leading cause of death amongst college students. It's an all too common problem that is talked about much too little. If you're feeling depressed or suicidal, you're not alone, but you do need to seek help. There are a variety of resources available, both at this university and in the greater community, to effectively treat depression. Make an appointment at the University Counseling Center (574-631-7336), where anything you discuss will remain confidential. If you're suicidal, call 911, or get to the nearest Emergency Room, where you can receive immediate help. You can also call the National Suicide Prevention Line at 1-800-273-8255 to speak with trained personnel at a crisis center.

You don't need to have any experience with depression to be a friend to a person suffering from it. All you need to do is sit and listen. If you think somebody may be depressed, please talk to them. Let them know you care, and encourage them to seek help. Go to the UCC with them or on their behalf. Don't downplay any talk of suicide; if you think a person is a danger to themselves, call 911 or take them to an ER.

I do not know Sean Valero or his family and friends. However, I know his death is a tragedy. In memory of him, let's make Notre Dame a place where mental illness is not stigmatized, but understood. In memory of him, go out of your way to make sure that you're there for anybody who needs somebody to listen. Keep Sean's family and friends in your prayers, and please remember, if you are feeling suicidal, seek help immediately. Please.

Mary Deweese
senior
off campus
Apr. 5

'What she wants'

Dear Mr. Brainard,

As an avid champion of the anti-LAP (Leggings As Pants) crusade, I was initially very excited to read your letter yesterday ("Ladies, be decent," Apr. 5). However, upon finishing the article, I was quite disturbed. Several things bother me. First, I question your definition of "tights." Tights are traditionally sheer, and it is common knowledge among most women that tights are never to be worn as pants. Leggings, however, are often made of a much thicker fabric, and thus provide more coverage. Leggings are generally regarded as infinitely more appropriate for public pant-wear than tights. Was the young woman in question who so greatly offended you wearing tights or leggings? Please clarify.

Second, your rhetoric surrounding this young woman implies two very dangerous things. First, this girl was in all likelihood not attempting to woo you by wearing tights (leggings?) to lunch at South Dining Hall. You state that you cannot respect a woman who doesn't respect herself, nor can you trust her to respect you. In addition to that, you decide you won't be pursuing this young woman or "anyone like that." Problem is, you've based these rather large snap judgments solely on this young woman's choice of leg-wear at the dining hall. Maybe her shirt rode up, and you simply saw her at a bad moment. I myself have suffered from the plague of Rising Shirt Syndrome when bustling about campus. Or maybe she did choose to wear a shorter shirt, for whatever reason. Is it really that indicative of her level of self-respect?

Finally, and most importantly, you make a huge and irrational jump by connecting this particular woman's middle-of-the-day outfit choice to the hook-up culture at Notre Dame. Your closing statement is what really inspired me to write this response: "If you want to meet a true gentleman that will treat you as an upstanding young lady as opposed to just a successful end to a fun night, act like it." She wasn't acting like anything, she was just wearing something with which you personally disagreed. By using this sort of language, you are placing the blame on this young woman, implying that by dressing as such she's "asking for it," that is, asking to be treated disrespectfully by men. While I am hopeful that you do not actually feel this way, it is this sort of mindset, on any level, that fosters an unhealthy sexual assault/rape culture that relies heavily on victim-blaming.

While current society at large would have us believe a woman's appearance is entirely indicative of "what she wants," a smart individual and upstanding Notre Dame gentleman such as yourself must know better. Please, get to know a woman before deciding what her intentions for the day, night or her future are. Thank you!

Catherine Scallen
senior
off campus
Apr. 5

Muffet McGraw: Scoring Fashion Points



By FELICIA CAPONIGRI
Scene Writer

Fashion is never fluff. It's a weapon of communication. An accessory or a complete ensemble can project strength to your opponent, encouragement to your team and unstoppable confidence to all those TV cameras. If you have any doubt, just tune into a Notre Dame women's basketball game, and take a look at Muffet McGraw on the sidelines for proof. Like the armor of an Amazonian woman prepared to do battle, Muffet's outfits fly in the face of expectation and disarm you with their fierceness.

While her team may run in sneakers, she'll remind you of the feminine strength underneath those jerseys by wearing her killer red stilettos. Think she should fade into the background like her male counterparts in a black pantsuit? Not so fast — she's breaking out a leopard-print skirt. In a traditionally masculine sport, Muffet hasn't just shown that she and her team can compete with formidable opponents. She's shown that a killer sense of style isn't a liability — it's that necessary extra spice to an intimidating presence. After all, it's not just important whether you win or lose. It's how you look playing the game that counts.

1/23 vs. St. John's



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Muffet spices up an otherwise casual ensemble with patterned hosiery, black knee-high boots and geometric jewelry. Crouching Style, Hidden Dragon never looked so good.

1/8 vs. UConn



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Muffet puts an exotic spin on a traditional skirt-and-top ensemble, pairing a leopard skirt with red accessories and shoes and doesn't forget to add siren-red nails. Forget the Yankees and their striped uniforms — we can't keep our eyes off those spots.

11/3 vs. Michigan Tech



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Muffet takes us on a trip back to '80s power dressing with a navy suit and a magenta blouse. Tying it all together is the scarf. The key to landing that free throw may lie in an eye for accessories after all.

2/1 vs. Syracuse



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

The key to spicing up an all-black ensemble is texture, and as Muffet shows us, there's no better way to do that than with a pair of black leather pants. Be careful Ref, you don't want to mess with a woman in leather.

2/28 vs. DePaul

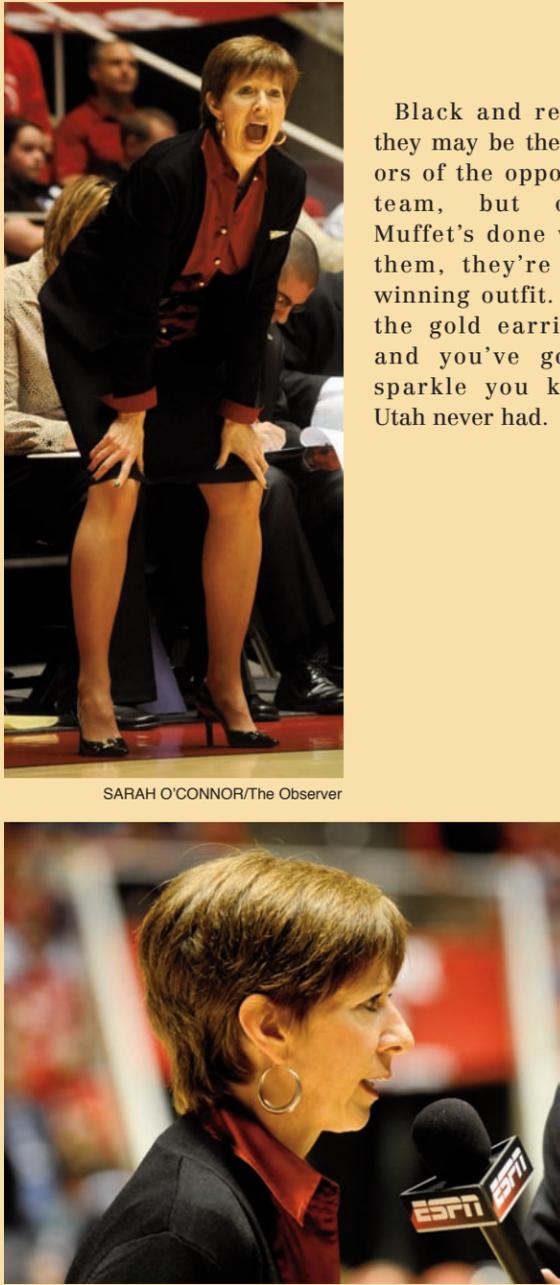


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Muffett takes a cue from abstract artists and goes for a statement jacket, but keeps it classic in black and white. By adding her favorite red accessories, she shows her fashion isn't just the cherry on the sundae — it's the dessert you've been waiting for.

SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

3/19 vs. Utah



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Black and red — they may be the colors of the opposing team, but once Muffett's done with them, they're one winning outfit. Add the gold earrings, and you've got a sparkle you know Utah never had.

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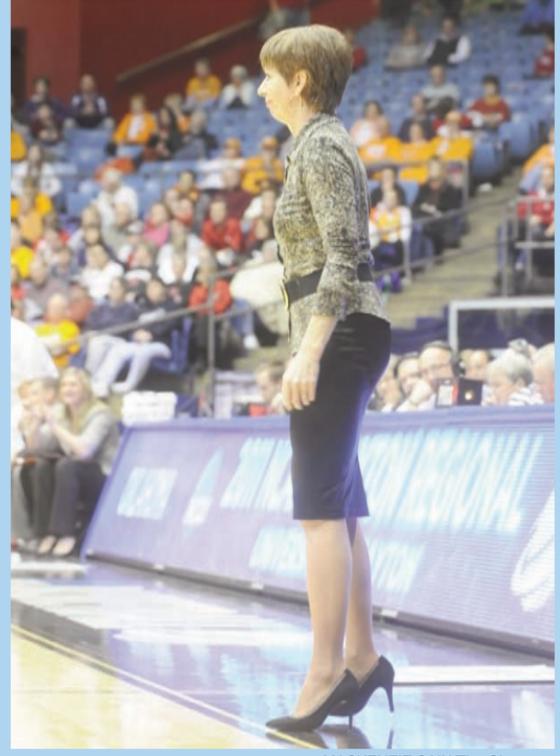
3/21 vs. Temple

Muffett proves she's the mistress of the court with this perfectly tailored gray suit and ruffled blouse. Think she's all about the rules? Take a look at her green nails — trends, team spirit, and tailoring all rolled into one.



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3/26 vs. Oklahoma

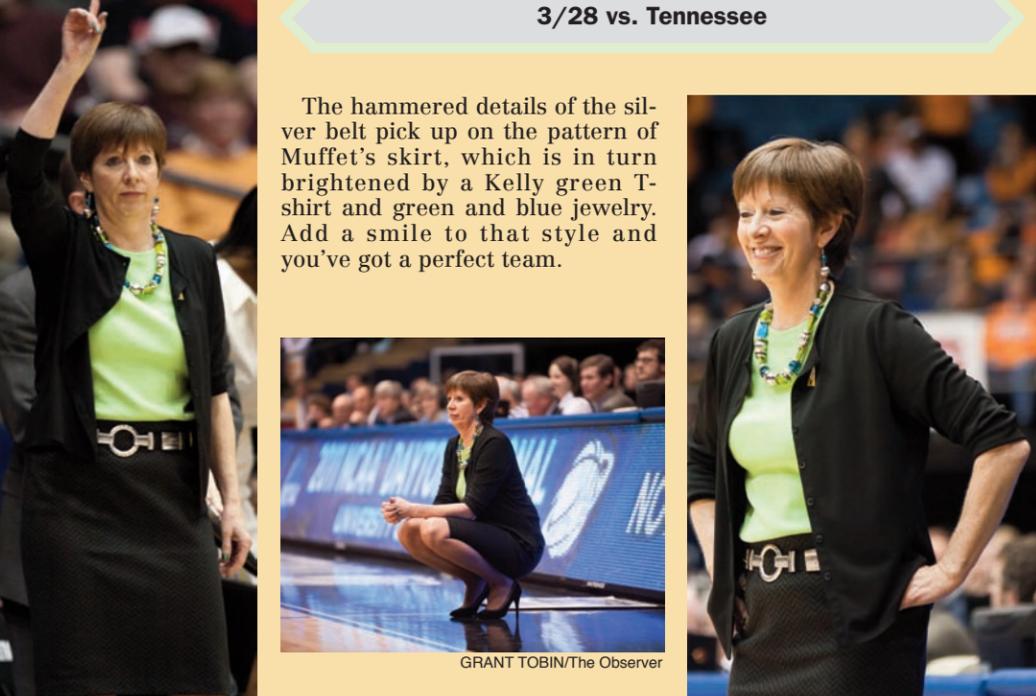


MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observer

Muffett shows us how to emphasize the waist with a cinched belt over a leopard blouse and knee-length skirt. A great figure obviously comes with great strategy.

3/28 vs. Tennessee

The hammered details of the silver belt pick up on the pattern of Muffett's skirt, which is in turn brightened by a Kelly green T-shirt and green and blue jewelry. Add a smile to that style and you've got a perfect team.



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that the tape does not exist.”

Lead Bonds attorney Allen Ruby dismissed the recording as “the miracle tape discovered by Mr. Hoskins.”

“Hoskins now claims that the recording has miraculously surfaced as the government prepares to rest its case” defense lawyers wrote. They also said “Hoskins' conduct in making a secret recording of a private conversation was criminal under both California and federal law” and they asserted “if the recording is indeed of a Hoskins-Ting conversation, it was made in an attempt to extort Mr. Bonds after Bonds fired Hoskins in the spring of 2003.”

Illston also ruled the defense may not challenge Hoskins' credibility based on the lack of a recording.

Bonds is charged with lying when he said he never received steroids from Anderson, never received human growth hormone from Anderson, received only vitamins from Anderson prior to 2003 and allowed himself to be injected only by doctors.

Ruby said a decision whether to have Bonds testify in the flesh was to be made Tuesday night. The other possible defense witnesses he mentioned are former Bonds' trainer Harvey Shields, Bonds' lawyer Laura Enos, FBI agent Heather Young and IRS agent Erwin Rogers. The defense also may recall Hoskins to lay the foundation to introduce a recording he made of a conversation with Enos.



Former MLB star Barry Bonds arrives at his federal perjury trial at a San Francisco court Tuesday.

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It's ok to be cross in your medal pining
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7pm-9pm Geddes Hall

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The Laramie Project (Film) 7pm-9pm
Montgomery Auditorium LaFortune Student Center

APRIL

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FREE Tee Shirt Distribution • 11:30am-1:30pm
Fieldhouse Mall
Sarah Brooks (ND'03) NYC Anti-Violence Project
Counselor & Advocate • 7pm-9pm Andrews Auditorium
Geddes Hall Presentation and student panel discussion

APRIL

14

An Evening with Judy Shepard
7pm-9pm 101 DeBartolo Hall
Judy's son, Matthew Shepard, was murdered in an anti-gay hate crime. A National speaker, Judy Shepard urges an end to anti-gay violence while promoting a greater understanding of gay concerns.

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PGA TOUR

One year later, Woods has yet to break through

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The circus is largely gone and so, mostly, are the questions about his personal life. Tiger Woods returned to the Masters this week without feeling the urge to apologize for anything, even the poor state of his game.

A year ago, the chairman of Augusta National lectured him about his conduct and what it meant to the game of golf. On Tuesday, he was welcomed back to his 17th Masters as a four-time champion who means so much to golf.

A lot has changed for Woods in the year since he emerged from self-imposed exile following his sex scandal. What hasn't changed is that some of his play has been almost as embarrassing as the revelations about his personal life.

The man who once wowed fans with booming drives and precision irons now struggles to keep up with his playing partners. The player who never used to miss a 6-footer now can only shake his head as the putts don't come near the hole.

Woods says it's nothing more than finding his way through a new swing change. Others who know something about human failings believe it may go a lot deeper than fairways and greens.

"He's got experience coming back from technical problems, but he doesn't have experience coming back from shame," said Sharon Chirban, a Harvard sports psychologist who coaches athletes in her private practice. "Until the shame is managed, he will never come back to the level of play he had before."

Just what is going on in Woods' private life is mostly a matter of conjecture, though some things are obviously different since he surprised many by finishing fourth at the Masters last year in his first tournament since the scandal. He's divorced now with two young children and is preparing to move into a new mansion — complete with a short game course — near where his ex-wife recently bought a new home herself.

What is going on in his golf game seems just as murky, though Woods insisted again Tuesday that his only problems are refining his

new swing and figuring out a way to make more putts. It's been his stock answer since he came out of seclusion here last year amid a circus that included planes flying overhead carrying banners taunting him, tabloids stalking him, and so many reporters wanting to ask him questions that tickets had to be issued for his pre-tournament press conference.

Woods resisted efforts to link his personal life with his bad golf, deflecting questions with the ease he used to hit his driver.

Is he in a better place this year?

He said he felt "almost ready to tee it up Thursday."

Has he grown personally even while struggling with family and golf issues?

He barely budged. "As far as being a better person, I try to do that each and every day," Woods said. "That will and always will be the case."

Famously controlling even before the scandal, Woods signaled early in his comeback he has no intention of answering anything that doesn't have to do with golf or the state of his game.

That leaves others to speculate, and there's no lack of theories about what is wrong. Amateur psychologists debating the issue in bars might think it's as simple as a loss of confidence in his swing or the lack of a steady female companion, but the professionals have other ideas.

"This has nothing to do with his swing," Chirban said. "He's an emotional work in progress and the strategies he's used before are not going to fix his failings now. You fix it by continuing to work on understanding what led him to the behavior that caused shame and that's an ongoing process."

Woods spent weeks in a rehab center in Mississippi following the accident that exposed his life of kinky sex with a string of mistresses, ostensibly to deal with issues of sex addiction. But experts say even intensive therapy can't solve deep-rooted emotional issues immediately, and it isn't known whether Woods continues to work with therapists as he continues to work on his game.

"It's an underlying psychological issue and he's trying to find ways to cope with it. It's hard," said

Soroya Bacchus, a Los Angeles psychiatrist who specializes in addiction. "You have somebody who was a sex addict who is trying to stop that behavior and at the same time find ways to learn new behaviors. How do you focus and still try to play?"

Woods faces the added burden of having to do that while on public display, at least for the six hours or so a day he is on the golf course. Fans have for the most part been respectful, though at the U.S. Open last year one yelled at Woods that his private life was the public's business because Woods himself had made it the public's business.

But while Woods tries to rationalize things by focusing on his swing as the root of all his problems, there is no doubt his issues run deep in the game he once dominated.

No. 1 in the world for 90 percent of his career, he's now seventh and fading fast. The Masters starts Thursday and, while he's still one of the betting favorites, those odds are based on memories from another time.

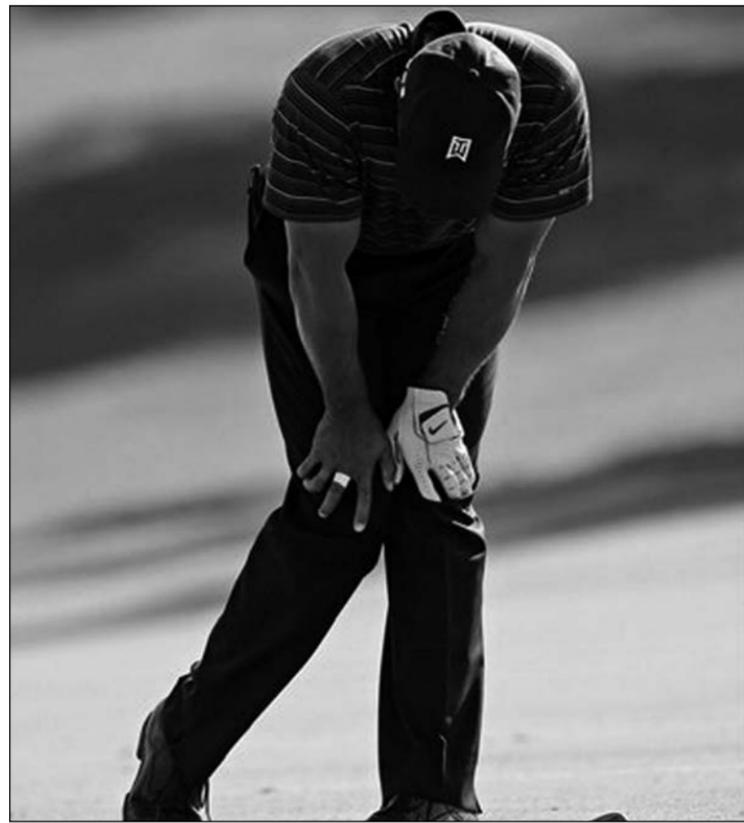
Fellow competitor Ian Poulter said Monday he doubted Woods would be able to finish in the top five this week, much less win, a comment that Woods didn't take particularly well.

"Well, Poulter is always right, isn't he?" Woods said sarcastically.

Still, players who once used to fear him now offer him consoling words as he finishes off another bad round. Fans who once screamed his name and roared at his shots now offer little but sympathetic applause.

He seems confused. He appears lost.

"He fell back to earth and not only do the other players see him as human now, but he sees himself subconsciously as human," said Gregg Steinberg, a professor of sports psychology at Austin Peay State University who has worked with pro golfers. "Before he almost saw himself as superhuman but he's had a lot of emotional distress in his life that has changed that. In a way, he's suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder in the way he can't control his emotions — and he was a genius in controlling his emotions."



Tiger Woods reacts to a poor shot on the 13th hole during the second round of the BMW Championship in Lemont, Ill. Sep. 10, 2010.

Just how much that plays into a wayward drive into the trees or a three-putt at a critical moment only Woods knows — though most experts say he is probably in denial about it. But almost every top player has his own psychologist at tournaments trying to get him to clear his mind and concentrate on the moment, and for Woods that task is magnified by the issues he has faced.

And while there were recent reports — labeled as unfounded by those close to Woods — that he had a new girlfriend, having someone new may not be the path Woods wants to go down right now.

"Being a sex addict means you need to be sober from sex," Bacchus said. "Having a relationship now may not be a good idea."

What would be a good idea for Woods is winning again, and the Masters is a tournament he feels he can win every time he tees it up. He blew away the field winning here by 12 strokes in 1997

for his first major title, and adding another green jacket this week would not only make a statement that he's back but give a badly needed boost to one of the greatest players ever.

The same people who say he has a long recovery ahead also say not to sell him short. This is Tiger Woods, after all, who for years was probably the most mentally focused athlete around.

"Will he come back? Probably, but it takes time from this hugely traumatic situation," Steinberg said. "My guess is that he is going to win some more tournaments, perhaps quite a few more."

Woods himself said Tuesday he believes he will still win at least five more majors to break the record of 18 held by Jack Nicklaus. The world, Woods insisted, has not seen the best of him yet.

Hard to believe, considering how great Woods once was. Then again, it's hard to figure out what to believe about Woods anymore.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Butler's future still bright despite championship loss

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Butler spent a whole year plotting its Hollywood ending.

The Bulldogs expected to play for a national championship. They expected to bring home the trophy that eluded them last season. And they expected to achieve all that despite their midseason stumbles.

Now, after a second straight title game loss, the Bulldogs will have to settle for being the gold standard for the so-called mid-majors.

"(Butler coach) Brad (Stevens) has done an incredible job," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said after winning his third national title Monday night. "Their kids compete. They run their offense full speed. They were a magnificent opponent."

Eleven other tourney foes over the last two seasons know exactly what Calhoun means.

The Bulldogs' list of victims over the past two postseasons includes Florida of the Southeastern Conference, Kansas State of the Big 12, Wisconsin and Michigan State of the Big Ten and Syracuse of Calhoun's own Big East.

But for the second straight April, Butler's players and coaches went home dejected.

The Bulldogs' first loss in two months, ending a 14-game winning streak, puts them on the short list of back-to-back national runner-ups. The others: Ohio State with Jerry Lucas in 1961-62, Houston with Phi Slamma Jamma in 1983-84 and Michigan with the Fab Five in 1992-93.

And while Monday night's title game will go down as one of the ugliest in history because of Butler's record-low field goal percentage (18.8), the team has already won over college basketball fans by proving their run to

the 2010 championship game was no fluke.

Along they way, the Bulldogs staved off elimination in the seemingly impossible situations.

There was Matt Howard's buzzer-beater over Old Dominion and the wacky finish against Pittsburgh. Shelvin Mack and Howard helped the Bulldogs survive Wisconsin's late scoring flurry, and freshmen Kyle Marshall and Crishawn Hopkins delivered the big plays to force overtime against the Gators.

Then came the showdown with Virginia Commonwealth and, finally, the breakdown against UConn.

"It's really hard to put that into words right now 'cause, we wanted a little bit more," Howard, the senior, said after Monday's loss. "Maybe at some point I can look back and be proud of what this group has accomplished."

The greatest tribute to Howard,

one of the best players in school history, would be continuing the success.

Butler will lose five seniors who took the program to unprecedented heights by teaching their teammates how to win — and represent the school — The Butler Way.

"They're just good guys. People at Butler really like 'em, not because they're basketball players, because they're just good guys," said Stevens, the Bulldogs coach.

Don't count out the Bulldogs (28-10) next year, either.

If shooting guard Shelvin Mack returns, as expected, he and 6-foot-11 Andrew Smith will form a strong foundation on which to build. Point guard Ronald Nored, who started in 2009 and 2010, will likely reclaim his starting job. Three-point specialist Chase Stigall also will be back.

The Bulldogs will likely put Marshall and Hopkins in the rota-

tion, too, and Stevens will have more size and more depth with 6-7 Garrett Butcher and 6-9 Erik Fromm.

Perhaps the most important return would be Stevens. He's led the Bulldogs to four straight Horizon League regular-season titles, four straight tourney appearances and consecutive title games. The 34-year-old coach is 11-4 all-time in tourney play, and with his stock rising rapidly, he doesn't appear to be in any hurry to leave.

"You hear people say this all the time, that the grass is greener somewhere else," Stevens said Sunday. "I think we recognize the grass is very green at Butler. I've said this many times. We're happy."

With a deep, experienced core in place, Stevens and a little luck, who knows, maybe they'll get another chance to finally deliver that storybook ending.

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“The tape is highly relevant to Hoskins' credibility and therefore to the question whether the defendant knowingly lied to the grand jury about his use of steroids,” prosecutors said in their motion. “Admission of the tape is also necessary to rectify the jury's misimpression

that the tape does not exist.”

Lead Bonds attorney Allen Ruby dismissed the recording as “the miracle tape discovered by Mr. Hoskins.”

“Hoskins now claims that the recording has miraculously surfaced as the government prepares to rest its case” defense lawyers wrote. They also said “Hoskins' conduct in making a secret recording of a private conversation was criminal under both California and federal law” and they asserted “if the recording is indeed of a Hoskins-Ting conversation, it was made in an attempt to extort Mr. Bonds after Bonds fired Hoskins in the spring of 2003.”

Illston also ruled the defense may not challenge Hoskins' credibility based on the lack of a recording.

Bonds is charged with lying when he said he never received steroids from Anderson, never received human growth hormone from Anderson, received only vitamins from Anderson prior to 2003 and allowed himself to be injected only by doctors.

Ruby said a decision whether to have Bonds testify in the flesh was to be made Tuesday night. The other possible defense witnesses he mentioned are former Bonds' trainer Harvey Shields, Bonds' lawyer Laura Enos, FBI agent Heather Young and IRS agent Erwin Rogers. The defense also may recall Hoskins to lay the foundation to introduce a recording he made of a conversation with Enos.



Former MLB star Barry Bonds arrives at his federal perjury trial at a San Francisco court Tuesday.

Lawyers said Illston had not told the sides whether the jury would deliberate on Fridays, which were off-days during the first two weeks of the trial.

“The tape is highly relevant to [the witness's] credibility and therefore to the question whether the defendant knowingly lied to the grand jury about his use of steroids”

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PGA TOUR

Mickelson emerges as favorite at Augusta

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — He is the talk of the Masters, and for good reason. No other player can top his record at Augusta National over the last decade, with three green jackets, eight finishes in the top five and a signature moment just about every year.

That guy used to be Tiger Woods.

Now it's Phil Mickelson.

It goes beyond Mickelson being the defending champion, listed for the first time as the betting favorite from London to Las Vegas, and at No. 3 in the world being the highest-ranked American for the first time in his career.

Just listen to some of the players.

"It seems that everyone has pretty much got Mickelson in the green jacket Sunday evening and there's not much use in turning up at this point," U.S. Open champion Graeme McDowell said with a small measure of sarcasm. "He's a great player around Augusta, and if you finish ahead of him, you've got a decent chance."

PGA champion Martin Kaymer, ranked No. 1 in the world, was asked who is the more dominant player at the Masters.

"I think Phil," he replied.

And here's what one player had to say about Woods, a four-time Masters champion.

"I don't think he'll finish in the top five," Ian Poulter said. "The shots he was hitting at Doral, they were very inconsistent. You can't hit shots like that on this golf course and get away with it. I don't think you want to rely on your short game that much around this place."

Woods hasn't been chopping it up at Augusta. He also has three wins over the last 10 years, and that doesn't include his record 12-shot victory as a 21-year-old in 1997. He was the runner-up in consecutive years, and his tie for fourth a year ago was impressive considering it was his first competition in five months following a humiliating sex scandal.

What makes Mickelson stand out are the 18 birdies he made on the weekend at the Houston Open to win by three shots, his first victory since the Masters last year.

"I felt like that golf was in me this year, but I haven't been getting it out," Mickelson said. "I haven't had the same type of mental focus throughout the round that I expect. So to be able to have that type of performance heading into here feels very good. Reminds me a lot of 2006, when I was able to put it together the week before and carry the momentum through."

Woods doesn't have any momentum.

He now has gone 17 months since he last won at the

Australian Masters, just 12 days before his car crashed into a fire hydrant and his life unraveled. He really hasn't been close except for the Chevron World Challenge at the end of last year when he blew a four-shot lead in the final round and lost to McDowell in the playoff.

He sounded as confident as ever Tuesday, answering questions about his chances with a pursed smile and "Mmm-hmmm." Asked if fans had seen his best golf, Woods replied, "No."

"I believe in myself," he said. "There's nothing wrong with believing in myself. God, I hope you guys feel the same way about yourselves. That's the whole idea, that you can always become better."

As for the Poulter comments?

"Well, Poulter is always right, isn't he?" Woods said. "My whole idea is to try to win the golf tournament, and that's what I'm trying to do. My whole idea is to prepare. I've prepared all year to peak four times a year, and that has not changed."

There was a real storm that blew through Augusta overnight, toppling trees and power lines across town. The gates to Augusta opened 45 minutes late to give workers a chance to clean the course of debris.

Mickelson worked out on the range with Butch Harmon, then headed home to rest. He skipped



Phil Mickelson practices his swing with coach Butch Harmon in preparation for the Masters at Augusta National Tuesday.

a final practice round, feeling as though the conditions wouldn't help him much. He'll play Wednesday instead.

The wind pushed the clouds away, and sunshine is forecast

the rest of the week. That figures to make Augusta National even faster than usual, putting a special premium on putting. That's where Woods has been struggling most.

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SOCCER

Schalke stuns defending champion Inter Milan

Associated Press

MILAN — Schalke swept to a stunning 5-2 victory over defending champion Inter Milan in the first leg of their Champions League quarterfinal at San Siro on Tuesday.

Dejan Stankovic gave Inter the lead after 29 seconds with an astonishing volley from around the halfway line, but Schalke leveled through Joel Matip. Diego Milito scored his first Champions League goal of the season to put Inter back in front, but Edu scored the first of his brace to bring Schalke level before halftime.

Inter nearly retook the lead soon after the break, but two goals in quick succession from Raul Gonzalez and an own goal from Andrea Ranocchia put the German side in total control.

"We started off wanting to attack and while it meant that Inter was able to create chances, we were also able to create chances ourselves," Schalke coach Ralf Rangnick said. "I never thought we would concede a goal so soon, but I was pleased with the way we responded."

Inter defender Cristian Chivu was sent off in the 62nd and with the home side's defense stretched to its limit, Edu added his second goal in the 75th minute to give Schalke a big step toward the semifinals.

"It was a great night for us as not everyone scores five goals against the defending champion," Raul said. "After a difficult start my team showed its superiority."

"We wanted to get a good result and this victory helps us get a foot into the semifinals, but there's still 90 minutes left and we'll have to play them at the same level. The truth is I'd been here three times before with Madrid and never scored a goal, nor won."

The result was all the more remarkable given that Schalke was without key players Klaas Jan Huntelaar, Christoph Metzelder, Mario Gavranovic and Peer Kluge.

Meanwhile the defensive problems that Inter has displayed since losing Walter Samuel to injury earlier in the season were eagerly seized upon by Schalke's attack. Inter has now conceded eight goals in just two games, having lost the city derby 3-0 to Milan at the weekend—when Chivu was also sent off.

"We started well, but then it all went wrong in the second half," Inter captain Javier Zanetti said. "Now we have to think about the championship and get back our energy and get our heads straight. We have to go forward with our heads held high because you never know."

The game was less than half a minute old when Inter took the lead with a candidate for the competition's goal of the season.

Esteban Cambiasso played a ball over the Schalke defense toward Milito. Manuel Neuer raced out of his area and headed the ball clear, but it fell to Stankovic near the halfway line and the Serbian showed tremendous technique to volley the ball over the stricken goalkeeper and into the net for his second Champions League goal of the season.

Schalke hit straight back though and Raul twice went close with headers.

The equalizer came in the 17th minute when Jefferson Farfan picked out the unmarked Kyriakos Papadopoulos with a corner. Julio Cesar made a desperate low block to stop his header but Matip reacted first to sweep home the loose ball from close range.

Both teams continued to press and Milito had penalty appeals

waved away after he went down in the box, Cesar stopped Jose Manuel Jurado's effort with his feet and Samuel Eto'o had a goal chalked off for offside.

Inter grabbed its second in the 34th when Wesley Sneijder crossed to the unmarked Cambiasso, who headed the ball across the face of goal for his fellow Argentine Milito to volley in from close range.

Again Schalke hit back. Alexander Baumjohann played Edu through on goal, Cesar saved his first shot after it was deflected off Chivu, but the Brazilian reached the rebound first to scramble the ball into the net from a tight angle.

Just before halftime Farfan was booked for pulling back Zanetti and the Peruvian is now suspended for the second leg.

"He will be missed that is clear," Rangnick said. "I wasn't happy with how he played in the first half tonight, but in the second half he was more attacking-minded. We have players who can replace him though, as we saw against St. Pauli and again tonight."

Inter had two early chances at the start of the second half, with Milito shooting wide from Sneijder's pass and shortly after Neuer acrobatically stopping Eto'o's shot.

Farfan then set up former Real Madrid striker Raul to give Schalke the lead. The three-time Champions League winner's touch took him clear of Ranocchia to score his 70th Champions League goal of all time.

Schalke doubled its lead in the 57th shortly afterwards. Jurado raced down the right and tried to pick out Raul with a low cross, but before the Spaniard could strike Ranocchia slid in and deflected the ball past the helpless Cesar.

The night continued to get



Inter forward Diego Milito celebrates his goal in Schalke's 5-2 upset win at San Siro Tuesday.

worse for Inter when Chivu was sent off for a second yellow card.

"I don't think it was anyone else's fault," Leonardo said. "He committed two fouls and deserved to go. The problem though was he was frantic and tired. We needed to stay calm and recoup our energy."

Jurado then came close to making it five for his side when his low shot rebounded back off the post.

Farfan also hit the post after charging through a demoralized Inter defense and when the ball wasn't cleared from the rebound

Edu fired in his second of the night to leave Inter needing four away goals and a clean sheet in the second leg to hang onto its trophy.

"Analyzing this defeat is difficult because it started so well with Stankovic's goal after only a few seconds," Leonardo said. "Schalke created seven or eight chances and scored five goals and punished us. At this crucial moment we are without a number of our best players and that has led to big losses such as this one and the one in the derby."

MLB

Red Sox remain distant fifth behind powerhouse Orioles

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Four games into the season, the team that was supposed to win it all hasn't won at all.

This isn't what the Red Sox expected.

Josh Tomlin outpitched Boston's Josh Beckett, Cleveland came up with just enough timely hits and the Indians kept the Red Sox winless so far this season with a 3-1 victory Tuesday night over the team many predicted would make it to the World Series this season.

"It's not a lot of fun," manager Terry Francona said. "But I don't think anyone is going to feel sorry for us. We've got to play the game right and things will work out."

Tomlin (1-0) allowed one run and three hits in seven innings, taming a star-studded Boston lineup that has yet to find its groove. Francona tried juggling his batting order, moving Carl Crawford into the No. 2 hole, but it had little impact and Boston's team average dropped to .186.

"We need some kind of spark right now," said Crawford, signed as a free agent in December. "It's a little surprising, frustrating. We've got high hopes for this season."

Tony Sipp worked a perfect

eighth before Indians closer Chris Perez made things interesting in the ninth. He gave up a one-out single to Dustin Pedroia and a two-out walk to Kevin Youkilis before retiring David Ortiz on a liner to left for his first save.

Beckett (0-1) couldn't stop the Red Sox from falling to 0-4, their worst start since opening 0-6 in 1996.

Still, the right-hander isn't panicking.

"There's too much history here," he said. "Everyone here knows how to win. We'll figure it out. We know what we've got to do."

Orlando Cabrera, Jack Hannahan and Carlos Santana drove in runs for Cleveland.

Indians manager Manny Acta said before the game that he didn't expect Tomlin, who went 6-4 in 12 starts after being recalled from the minors last July, to be intimidated by Boston's loaded lineup. Tomlin showed steel nerves in handling one of baseball's best 1-through-9 lineups.

"Josh Tomlin was fantastic," Acta said. "He had their lefties off balance and had full control of his four-pitch repertoire. He deserves all the credit."

The crowd of 9,025, many of them Boston fans, was the small-

est to see the Red Sox play since 2000.

Picked by many to win the AL pennant in 2011 after adding All-Stars Crawford and Adrian Gonzalez this winter, they were swept in three straight games to open the season in Texas, where the Rangers clubbed 11 homers and outscored Boston 26-11.

It's still early, but unless Boston gets things turned around soon, it won't be for very long. A trip to Cleveland to face the youthful Indians figured to help, but so far, it's been more of the same.

With a gametime temperature of 42 degrees and dropping and a stiff wind blowing in off Lake Erie, it felt more like the Browns should be hosting the Patriots. Several of the Red Sox snatched up long parkas and oversized mittens from a large duffel bag to combat the elements.

"I'm putting one of these in my locker right now," Crawford said before stashing a coat in his locker.

It may be unseasonably cold here, but the temperature back home is rising.

The beloved "Sawx" are struggling.

Boston fans were counting on Beckett, the one-time ace who struggled last season and again in



Red Sox first baseman David Ortiz swings and misses during the ninth inning of Boston's 3-1 loss to Cleveland.

spring training, to stop the skid.

The right-hander was making his first start in Cleveland since Game 5 of the 2007 ALCS, when he saved Boston's season by holding the Indians to five hits and striking out 11 in eight innings. The Red Sox rallied from a 3-1 deficit and won the series in seven, then added a World Series crown.

The Indians managed just one hit off Beckett for three innings before getting three and scoring two runs in the fourth.

Travis Hafner, showing signs of being able to turn on pitches again, rocketed a double off the right-field wall with one out and scored on Orlando Cabrera's single. Beckett walked Austin Kearns and struck out Matt LaPorta on a nasty changeup before No. 9 hitter Hannahan grounded a run-scoring single to center.

Cleveland made it 3-1 in the fifth when Asdrubal Cabrera doubled, moved up on a groundout and scored on Carlos Santana's sacrifice fly.

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said. "Day two everyone came out and it was our kind of weather and we had to show them how we performed in our weather."

Earlier this season, Boyce set a school record for a single round when she shot a 66 at the George Fox Invitational. Boyce struggled on the first day, but improved her score Tuesday to keep the Belles in the tournament, finishing with a 169 (94-75). Although the team captain did not play her best, her teammates lifted the team up. Matuszak and O'Connor tied for the individual lead in the tournament.

"Natalie played consistently. I know that the second day she was really focused and wanted to put a lower number on the board so we could come away with the win. She

did that, and we were pretty excited," Boyce said. "It's good for Rosie because we know it's been there for a while, and she finally let it come through."

Boyce said that Saint Mary's team cohesion was the biggest factor in the Belles' first place finish.

"I don't think it was more of a physical thing [as much as] it was that everyone was playing as a team. It's something I haven't seen in a long time," Boyce said. "It wasn't about individuals' performances — it was about individuals' performances helping the team win the whole thing. That will help us win it all at the end."

The Belles return to action Thursday, Apr. 14, when they travel to Marshall, Mich., to compete in the MIAA NCAA qualifier.

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Slania

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Adam Norton and freshman right-hander Dan Slania] caught some bad luck," Aoki said. "I don't think they struggled, it was just more of Pittsburgh finding the holes in our defense that came back to get us."

The Irish seem to have a preference for close games, as two runs or fewer have decided their last 10. This could be good news for a struggling Western Michigan squad, currently on a four-game slide. Since sweeping Akron in the final weekend of March, the Broncos (13-15) have only scored four runs in their four losses despite quality starts from their pitching staff — something that lures Aoki to draw comparisons to his

own squad.

"We have to pitch this game really well because they are going to," Aoki said. "This is a matchup of two relatively matching teams. Our strength is pitching, so is theirs, where our weakness thus far has been our hitting. They are the same way."

The Broncos offense is led by their cleanup hitter, junior third baseman Ryan McMillin who is batting .299 with two home runs, 16 RBI and six stolen bases. But pitching is where the Broncos thrive, as each starter has an earned run average below three.

The Irish will face off against Western Michigan tonight at Frank Eck Stadium at 5:35 p.m.

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Senior right fielder Herman Petzold runs to second base in Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Western Michigan Mar. 29.

SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Winter

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innings, notching six strikeouts and allowing only three hits.

The Irish had 10 total hits to the Badgers' three. The Badgers also committed three errors.

"Hitting is definitely our strong point," said Winter. "We took advantage of the Badgers' errors by taking extra bases."

Though they put on a strong showing against Wisconsin, the Irish know they need to keep their focus against more difficult upcoming opponents.

"We always still need to improve," said Clay. "We still can get better at the things we do well and we are really striving to do that."

The Irish are in action next at home Thursday in a double header against Butler. They will play again this weekend at Syracuse for a three-game conference series.

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Irish senior infielder Heather Johnson prepares to swing in Notre Dame's 9-0 victory over Providence Sunday.

SOCCER

Real Madrid defeats Tottenham

Associated Press

MADRID — Emmanuel Adebayor headed a goal in each half as Real Madrid hammered 10-man Tottenham 4-0 in the first leg of their Champions League quarterfinal on Tuesday.

Adebayor beat Jermaine Jenas to the ball after just four minutes at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium to guide a header past goalkeeper Heurleho Gomes and through the legs of Luka Modric on the line.

Tottenham was left with 10 men from the 15th minute when Peter Crouch earned a second booking for a rash tackle.

Adebayor added Madrid's second by guiding Marcelo's cross home in the 57th minute before late goals from Angel Di Maria and Cristiano Ronaldo ensured a comfortable advantage ahead of next week's return leg at White Hart Lane.

"When I play against Spurs I always have a chance to score," said Adebayor, a former Arsenal striker who is on loan from Manchester City and who has scored 10 goals in as many games against Tottenham.

"We just wanted to show that what happened Saturday was an accident," he added, referring to Madrid's 1-0 loss to Sporting Gijon — its first home defeat of the season and coach Jose Mourinho's first loss on home soil in nine years.

While Madrid responded firmly on Tuesday, Mourinho felt "sympathy" for Tottenham after it had to battle back with a disadvantage.

"I have experience of playing with 10 men in the Champions League and how difficult it is. You have to defend. And when you're losing already and you have to attack it's an impossible job,"

said Mourinho, who remained on good course to becoming the first coach to win the European Cup with three different clubs.

Ronaldo, Di Maria and Marcelo were rushed back from injury to start for Madrid, which showed enormous verve as it played in the last eight for the first time in seven years.

"Independent of playing against 10, the team played well," Ronaldo said. "The first half was tough for us but in the second we improved a lot."

William Gallas passed a fitness test to anchor Tottenham's back line with Gareth Bale starting on the left flank after recovering from a hamstring injury. Aaron Lennon was named in the starting 11, but Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp said he felt unwell after warmup and was replaced just before kickoff by Jenas. The speedy England winger's absence was noted as Spurs' attack disappeared behind Madrid's second half barrage.

"To get to halftime like we did, I thought we could hang in there and would have a chance. But then our legs ran out a bit," Redknapp said.

Tottenham's first matchup against Madrid for 26 years started poorly as the north London club watched Ronaldo pepper its goal in the early stages before Di Maria's close shot was deflected for the corner from which Adebayor scored the opening goal.

Crouch was booked twice for a pair of reckless tackles deep inside Madrid's half — the England striker scything into Sergio Ramos in the eighth minute before later taking out Marcelo.

"He shouldn't take that chance that he might get a red card, so I was disappointed," Redknapp said. "It was

an uphill task after that, an impossible task."

Madrid kept up the pressure while Tottenham looked to strike on the break. Rafael Van der Vaart — playing against his former team for the first time — missed a chance from inside the area in the 28th minute before Bale surged past Ramos to reach a long ball, but his shot past Iker Casillas sliced into the side netting.

Pepe took out Bale in the chase for a pass in the 36th minute for a yellow card that will see the Portugal defender miss the return leg. Madrid had four other players within a booking of being sanctioned but Mourinho said that UEFA's decision to suspend him earlier this season kept him from ordering those players to pick up bookings so they could be clean for the semifinals.

"I'm the only coach in the world who has been sanctioned for doing this," Mourinho said. "For that reason, we didn't do it."

Van der Vaart was replaced by striker Jermain Defoe but Spurs never came close to scoring after the restart as Madrid controlled and patiently tried to pick Spurs apart with Adebayor doubling the advantage when left alone inside the box.

Di Maria's individual effort made it 3-0 in the 72nd as the Argentina forward moved clear from Benoit Assou-Ekotto before unleashing a curling shot from outside the area beyond Gomes into the top corner.

Late substitute Kaka, returning from injury to play for the first time since Feb. 26, also made his mark as the Brazil playmaker spotted Ronaldo at the far side with a cross in the 82nd that the Portugal international volleyed low past Gomes inside the near post for his fifth of the competition.

BASEBALL

Offense or bust

Irish hoping to jump-start offense against visiting Broncos

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

Exactly halfway through the season, the Irish should be able to pinpoint which games they could have won — and they would be able to if it weren't for their main culprit, inconsistency.

Hitting has been the main contributor to Notre Dame's (11-14-1) struggles — the squad boasts only two hitters with batting averages above .300. Although the Irish bats are improving, hitting still remains their focus as the team has only scored more than five runs on three occasions this season.

But in a three-game series in Pittsburgh this past weekend, the Irish bats came alive, averaging five runs per game. The offensive improvement was highlighted by an 8-6 comeback victory Sunday, avoiding a sweep against the Panthers (15-10).

Trailing 6-2 in the seventh inning, the Irish posted a six-run outburst led by a three-run home run from freshman first baseman Trey Mancini. After finally seeing the timely hitting he has desired from his team, Irish coach Mik Aoki hopes it will catalyze a timely midseason run.



Notre Dame sophomore catcher Joe Hudson watches his flyball in the Irish's 3-2 win over Central Michigan on Mar. 29.

"Some of the things that had been missing finally came through," Aoki said. "Throughout the course of the weekend at critical junctures, the quality of our at-bats was much better and carried a greater sense of urgency that we had been searching for this year."

Meanwhile, Irish starting pitching has developed into a major strength for the team, led by seniors Brian Dupra (2-2) and Cole Johnson (2-4). The duo gave up only two runs this weekend in 13 innings of combined work. However, due to a lack of offense and a late-inning

rally off of Notre Dame's young relieving corps, neither pitcher earned a decision.

"It was a bit of a mixed bag this weekend because [Dupra and Johnson] pitched so well while [sophomore reliever

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SMC GOLF

Belles win Southwest invitational

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

In the face of adverse weather conditions, the Belles used consistency and teamwork to secure a first place finish in the Southwestern Invitational with a score of 650. Junior Natalie Matuszak and senior Rosie O'Connor tied for medalist in the tournament as they both shot 161 for the two days.

Heading into the match, the Belles knew that they would need strong performances to compete against a talented field.

"They said we had to produce something really good to win, and everyone came in with low numbers," senior Mary Kate Boyce said. "We were pretty excited to do that against a tough field."

The Belles were in first place after day one, despite the windy weather in Georgetown, Texas. When the wind subsided on day two of the tournament, Saint Mary's capitalized on the favorable conditions.

"Monday there was a lot of wind. Basically it was survival, like my coach [Mark Hamilton] said. Even the teams from Texas were saying how windy it was. I struggled a lot," Boyce

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SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary's to face conference foe Olivet

By MATTHEW UNGER
Sports Writer

The Belles will look to extend their winning streak to three games against MIAA conference foe Olivet College at the Saint Mary's tennis courts at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Saint Mary's (7-5, 1-1) is coming off a dominating weekend sweep of Trine College and North Central College, winning by margins of 9-0 and 8-1 respectively.

Meanwhile, Olivet (8-4, 1-2) ended its five match winning streak in a 5-4 loss to Adrian College Sunday.

For the singles' competition, the Belles' number two player, senior Jessica Kosinski, will face the Comets' number two, Giana Guerra, who holds an 8-2 record in singles play.

"[Guerra] is very tricky to play against," Saint Mary's coach Dale Campbell said. "She hits a lot of spin and is a fighter."

Meanwhile, the Belles' number one singles player, senior Jillian Hurley, victorious in six of her last seven matches, will face the Comets' Caitlin LaValley, who holds an 8-4 record.

In doubles play, Saint Mary's vastly improved this weekend, going a perfect 6-0 in matches.

"We played very well [in doubles] and are starting to put some things together," Campbell said. "However, we still want to be much better against some of the stronger foes in our conference."

Campbell was especially impressed with the doubles tandem of freshman Mary Catherine Faller and Kosinski, who went a combined 16-1 in sets in their two weekend victories.

Following the Olivet match, the Belles will leave for three road matches in four days starting Friday.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish rout Wisconsin at home

By KATIE HEIT
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The Irish dominated Wisconsin Tuesday with a 9-1 rout, improving their record to 22-7.

"Wisconsin (17-14) wasn't one of the toughest competitors we've faced," senior catcher Alexia Clay said, "but they came out fighting and did small things well, like base running which kept us on our toes."

Going into the game the Irish were eager to keep their winning streak alive.

"Coming off a few great team wins, we just wanted to keep the momentum going," said junior outfielder Alexa Maldonado, "We came out hitting the ball hard and were able to produce runs."

The game started off with a few slow innings, with Wisconsin scoring first. Senior infielder Heather Johnson hit in the first Irish run in the third inning, adding to her 12-game hitting streak.

"Our hitting definitely put us back in the game and got



Junior infielder Dani Miller prepares to field a ball in the Irish's 9-0 rout of Providence April 3.

the momentum going again," said freshman pitcher Laura Winter.

The Irish stepped it up in the top of the fifth. An infield error by the Badgers allowed an unearned run to score for Notre Dame. Soon after, junior infielder Dani Miller hit a three-run homer, followed by consecutive triples from sen-

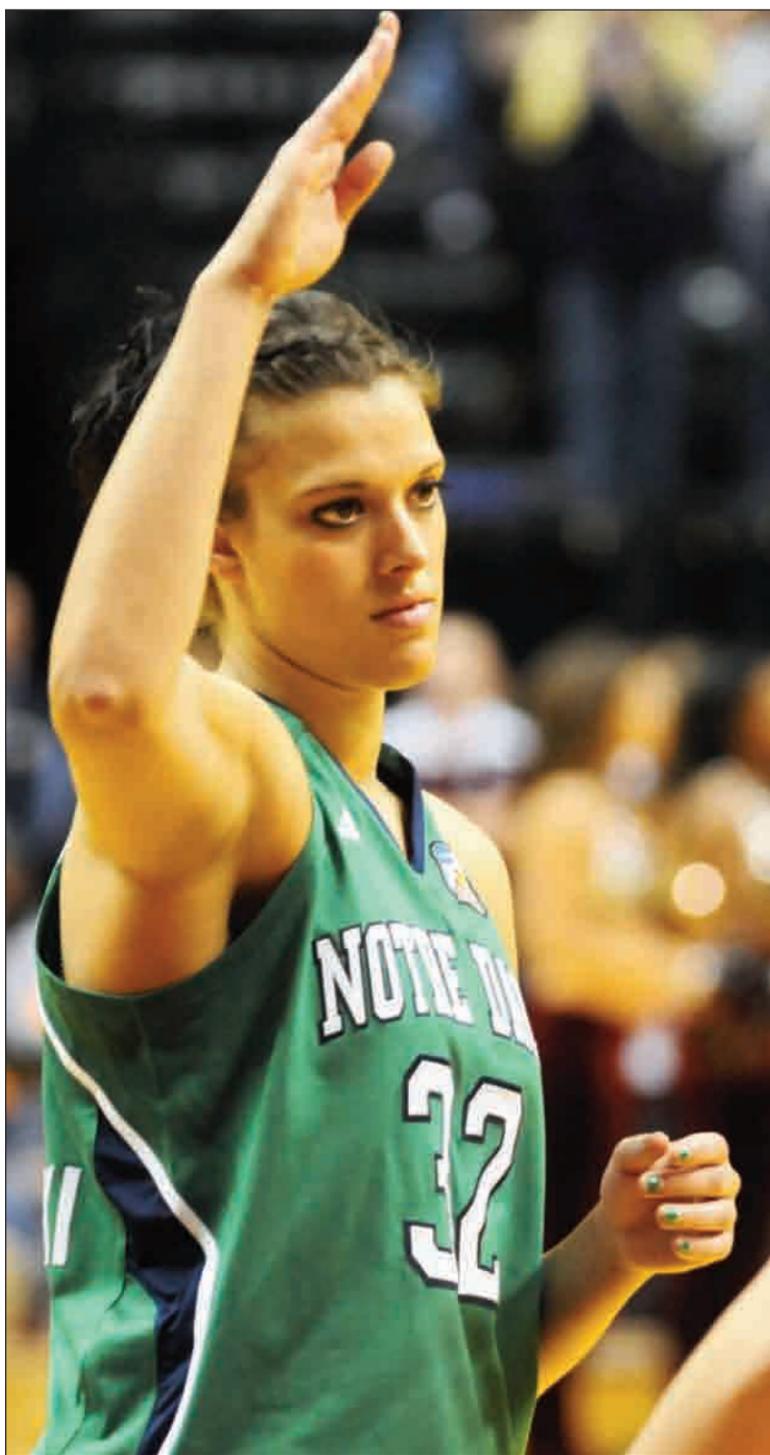
ior infielder Katie Fleury and sophomore catcher Amy Buntin, which made the score 6-1 at the end of the fifth.

Clay hit a sacrifice fly in the sixth to bring the score to 7-1, which was followed by the final two runs of the game.

Winter pitched the first five

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Unsung players develop into vital contributors



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Irish senior forward Becca Bruszewski high-fives a teammate before Notre Dame faced Texas A&M in the national title game Tuesday.

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INDIANAPOLIS — Texas A&M had two players leading their team in the national championship game. The Irish had five.

Five supreme leaders who fought their hearts out for an entire season to get to the final game, and lose. Five leaders who fought the odds and tried to give Irish coach Muffet McGraw another national title. Five leaders who gave it all they had, but it wasn't enough. Five leaders whose numbers don't show how many pieces their hearts broke into.

McGraw said it all in a few simple words as her players wiped at red eyes next to her during the postgame press conference: "What an incredible season."

No one expected the young Notre Dame team to ever make it past the Big East tournament, and not even far in that, either. Some thought sophomore guard Skylar Diggins was a player to watch, but she was still learning to lead a rebuilding squad.

Lost were junior guard Natalie Novosel and senior forward Devereaux Peters, who never had a chance to prove themselves, just like Diggins hadn't had a chance to grow into the leader she would later become. In the fall, McGraw herself never imagined making the trip to Indianapolis in April — that is, until her team came back from a season-ending loss to Oklahoma driven to succeed.

"You lose that last game, and you just get motivated to come back and work a little bit harder and make sure it doesn't happen again," McGraw said.

Most motivated of all was Diggins, the impressive guard who was left alone to lead this point this year. Although she struggled to gain control at times in the beginning and adjust to her teammates look-

ing to her guidance on the court, McGraw and the nation were granted front row seats to the Skylar Diggins Skills Show by the end.

"She really stepped up her game, I thought, in the NCAA tournament, particularly as the games went on," McGraw said. "I think she came into this season as somebody that people were aware of. And I think she really gave herself a big shot of credibility coming into next year as one of the top players in the Big East and one of the top players in the country."

Diggins' leadership shows in her stats, with 28 points in the Final Four win over Connecticut and 23 in the national championship and in the accolades she's earned over the season: being named to the Naismith list, as the MVP of Notre Dame's regional competition and to the All-American team. But stats and awards aren't everything.

Rather than showing on the court, Diggins' most leader-like moment may have been at the end of the game when she walked off the floor at the buzzer to be with her teammates.

"After the buzzer went off, they're celebrating and things like that," Diggins said. "I just wanted to get off for my team and get ready to talk to everybody and finish it out with the huddle."

McGraw saw Diggins' game in a more positive light.

"Just a fabulous end to her season," McGraw said. "I think she really, really figured out how she could score and how she could lead us."

Peters was another Irish leader McGraw never was able to see come into fruition in previous seasons after suffering multiple knee injuries. McGraw certainly could never have predicted that Peters would come out of Tuesday's title game as Notre Dame's stats star with another double-double: 21 points and 11 rebounds.

"I thought she was effective around the basket," McGraw said of Peters' night. "Overall, I thought kind of a nice momentum builder for her going into next year."

Peters entered the season never having had a chance to fully show what she was capable of, but she certainly did in 2010-2011, earning herself a spot on the All-Big East First Team, the Big East Defensive Player of the year award and All-America finalist honors.

If anyone knows where Peters' drive came from, it's Novosel, Peters' partner in growing into essential Irish players this season. Both went from overlooked names on the roster to essential cogs in the machine that started every game.

Novosel scored in double figures a team-high 33 times this year, including 14 points in the title game and a game-high 27 points against Gonzaga Dec. 29.

"Dev and I worked so hard over the summer, and it showed in the fall," Novosel said. "My success this year came from just being aggressive. When coach told me, you know, they can't contain you, they can't contain you, I just need you to take it to the basket. That was my success this year, just creating that."

Although the loss hurts right now and there are a number of broken Irish hearts, Novosel said the loss will only be a motivating factor for next year.

"In a way it does, I think it hurts more right now. I think it's going to be in the back of our minds throughout the entire summer, all preseason, and it's going to be a motivating factor because we were this close to that goal and we fell short," she said. "When it comes down to it, it's all about using this as motivation and progression."

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NOTES

McGraw reaches third Final Four

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INDIANAPOLIS — The 2011 season marked the third time Irish coach Muffet McGraw has coached a Notre Dame team to the Final Four. Only seven coaches have made more appearances in the national semifinals. With the exception of senior forward Becca Bruszewski, Notre Dame returns all of its starters next season in the campaign for a fourth appearance.

"We've got a young team, so we've got a lot of people with a lot of experience coming back," McGraw said. "Becca is a leader for us. We're going to miss her — the intangible part of her game."

Home cooking

Notre Dame is just the third school in NCAA history to play the championship game in its home state. Stanford defeated Western Kentucky 78-62 in 1992, and USC defeated Tennessee 72-61 in their home state of California.

"Thank you to Indianapolis for giving us a show," Aggies coach Gary Blair said. "The hospitality

was great."

Peters shoots lights-out

Capping her first full season in an Irish uniform, senior forward Devereaux Peters finished the game with an 80 percent field goal percentage (8-10). The mark is the third-best field goal percentage in a national title game and is tied for sixth-best in a Final Four game.

McGraw said Peters' effort on the national stage should serve as a springboard heading into next season, her final year of eligibility.

"She really settled into her game, did a nice job on the boards," McGraw said. "I thought she was effective around the basket. She scored well. She rebounded well. She defended pretty well. Overall, I thought [the performance was] kind of a nice momentum builder for her going into next year."

First time's the charm

Earning its first national title in program history in its first appearance in the Final Four, Texas A&M became the seventh No. 2-seed to win the NCAA tour-

nament. The Aggies became the first team since Baylor in 2005 to win the national championship in its first Final Four appearance. The Aggies' 33 wins is the highest mark in program history.

"Aggies all over the nation — I got letters from Afghanistan, Iraq — just telling me how people were getting up at four o'clock in the morning watching," Blair said. "We got soldiers fighting in a lot of different places right now — they are fighting for us to be able to play this little game of basketball ... But women's basketball needed this game perhaps more than Texas A&M or Notre Dame needed it."

Blair's breakthrough

Tuesday's win moved Blair to a 13-5 all-time record in the NCAA tournament, but the victory marked his first national championship as a head coach. Blair served as an assistant coach on national champion Louisiana Tech in 1982, the year of the first NCAA Women's Division I Basketball Championships.

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RECORDS BROKEN

Team single-season records set in 2010-2011

- Total points: 3,034
- Largest average scoring margin: +21.5
- Most free throws made: 667
- Most steals: 495
- Most turnovers forced: 864

- 2nd lowest opponent scoring average: 55.7
- 2nd lowest opponent rebounding average: +21.5
- 2nd largest rebounding margin: 8.5
- 2nd most assists: 669

Individual single-season records set in 2010-2011

- Becca Bruszewski, Natalie Novosel and Devereaux Peters—most games started: 39
- Natalie Novosel—Most free throws made: 183
- Natalie Novosel—2nd most scoring games scoring at least 10 points: 33

Career Records

- Skylar Diggins—most career points for a sophomore: 1,069



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Just short

After taking down perennial powerhouses Tennessee and Connecticut in the Elite Eight and Final Four, respectively, second-seeded Notre Dame fell just short of its national-title dreams when it lost 76-70 to Texas A&M Tuesday in Indianapolis.



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