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Special Olympics comes to ND

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

The weekend's rain paused long enough Sunday for Special Olympics ND to host its first soccer competition in a Blue versus Gold game at Alumni Field. Co-presidents and seniors Soeren Palumbo and Christopher Rhodenbaugh said the match was the culmination of a three-year process.

After Palumbo and Rhodenbaugh applied for club sta-

tus in the fall of 2008 and were denied club status, their goal of creating a Special Olympics club at Notre Dame was finally achieved last August.

"It's one of the first official university Special Olympics clubs in the United States," Rhodenbaugh said.

The match demonstrated the cumulative effort of Palumbo, Rhodenbaugh and Jenna Newcomb, who graduated before the club became official. Bringing together University students and

Special Olympics athletes, Rhodenbaugh said the game showed how Special Olympics grew on campus.

"It hit off unbelievably," he said. "Once we recruited people they got their friends to come to the meetings. We've maintained our volunteers and hope there will be more."

Rhodenbaugh said Sunday's game was one of the first events in the United States to include college

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Photo courtesy of Special Olympics ND

Special Olympics ND members and athletes cheer teammates on at Sunday afternoon's Blue versus Gold soccer game.

THE SHIRT 2011: SEEING BLUE



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Irish coach Brian Kelly reveals The Shirt Friday afternoon at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Revenue from sales goes to The Shirt Charity Fund, student clubs, organizations and residence halls.

Blue and Gold Game gives preview to fans

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

As quarterbacks Tommy Rees and Andrew Hendrix led the Gold team to a 17-14 victory over the Blue team at the Blue-Gold game Saturday, Irish fans were left feeling uncertain, but optimistic about the upcoming season.

"I think it's going to be good," senior Jerry Parshall said. "It seems like we have a really good recruiting class, [and] we did really well at the end of the season, so it seems like there's some good positive momentum for next year. I've only heard good things about what's happening."

Sophomore Catherine Gillespie said despite some sloppiness on offense, she was glad to see the team playing again.

"I was really excited to see all the different quarterbacks play and different people on offense," Gillespie said. "It made me hope-

ful that maybe during the regular season [Irish coach] Brian Kelly will be more comfortable playing different offensive players — kind of switching things up."

Some students said they are looking forward to finding out who next season's starting quarterback will be.

"It will be really interesting to see what happens with the quarterback situation," senior Kate Weber said. "Once we know that, we'll know more about what will happen with the team overall."

Parshall said he thinks there is good competition among the potential quarterbacks but predicts Kelly will choose senior Dayne Crist to start.

"He's the most experienced even though he's been pretty banged up injury-wise," Parshall said. "I think next year he'll put us in the best position to win."

Freshman Caleb Cobbin said

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Students save dog from drain

By ANDREW OWENS
News Writer

Carroll Hall residents and Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) averted a near-disaster Thursday when they rescued a dog from a drainage hole outside the dorm.

The dog, 'Skippy,' was briefly released from his leash while on a walk around campus before he ran into a small drainage tunnel near the D6 parking lot. The tunnel extended approximately 30 yards and opened at the opposite end in another

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JACK HEFFERON/The Observer

Sophomores Keith Marrero, middle, and Michael Weiss, right, helped retrieve a local dog, Skippy, from a drainage tunnel Thursday.

Russell appointed to associate vice president

Observer Staff Report

Heather Rakoczy Russell was appointed associate vice president for residential life in the Division of Student Affairs, effective today, according to a University press release.

Russell most recently served as the director of the Gender Relations Center.

"Heather is a talented leader who brings to this role an abiding and well-articulated sense of mission, proven leadership at the University and professional

experience within our unique residential systems," Vice President

for Student Affairs Fr. Tom Doyle said.

"Notre Dame residence hall communities are an anchor for Catholic education in the Holy Cross tra-



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Question: If you could wear one shirt for the rest of your life, what would it be?
Blake: My UT shirt that just has "TEXAS" across the front.

Q: If you were asking the Question of the Day, what would you ask?
Blake: Heck if I know — that's not my job!

Q: If you lived in the Middle Ages, what would your job be?
Blake: The King.

Q: What would you name the child of Rebecca Black and Justin Bieber?

Blake: Rebeiber Beiber

Q: If you had to flee the country, where would you go?
Blake: Italy, then Ireland for the Emerald Isle game.

Q: What is one thing you wish you would have done last year?
Blake: Gone to the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

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Monday Meltdown



Blake Weaver

*freshman
Morrissey*

Know someone chill for Monday's Icebreaker? Email obsphoto@gmail.com



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Irish leprechaun Mike George pumps up the crowd despite the wind and rain at The Shirt Unveiling. The 22nd Shirt was revealed in front of students, fans and alumni at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore Friday.

OFFBEAT

Robber bit by police dog sues cops after biting back
PHOENIX – A 33-year-old man who bit back after he was caught by a Phoenix police dog is suing police.

Erin Sullivan alleges the dog violated his civil rights and used excessive force to capture him after he ran from officers in Glendale during a burglary investigation last year.

Police say Sullivan bit the dog back, injuring it.

The lawsuit names the cities of Phoenix and Glendale and four officers.

Precursor filings to the lawsuit sought \$200,000 from Glendale and \$250,000 from Phoenix.

Officials in Glendale and Phoenix have declined

comment.

Sullivan also alleges Glendale police refused to give him insulin to treat his diabetes. Sullivan's attorney, Keith Knowlton, has said his client suffered a diabetic seizure in a Glendale cell.

Sullivan is serving eight years for convictions in the Glendale burglary.

Flower that smells like human flesh set to bloom

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Spring is in the air, and that means an unpleasant smell for one greenhouse at Ohio State University.

An 8-foot-tall rain forest plant that's known as a "corpse flower" because it smells like rotting flesh is get-

ting ready to bloom.

The Columbus Dispatch reports greenhouse coordinator Joan Leonard has been growing the flowers since 2001, and this would be the first of five to bloom.

Leonard says smelling the *Amorphophallus titanum* for the first time will be the culmination of a decade of work. But it will be a quick experience because the flower withers after a day or two.

She expects the bloom to open in May, revealing its umbrella-sized "petals." When that happens, the university will have visiting hours to give people a peek at the rare plant.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF







The Henkels Lecture Series presents the lecture "Hispanics and Educational Inequality in the U.S." today in Geddes Hall at 3 p.m. Dr. Ruth Lopez Turley of Rice University will speak about her research in educational inequality.

The Department of Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics and the Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Biocomplexity are sponsoring the colloquium titled "A Model of Threshold Behavior Reveals Rescue Mechanisms of Bystander Proteins in Conformational Diseases" today in 129 Hayes-Healy Center at 4 p.m.

Pete Klenow, Ralph Landau Professor in Economic Policy at Stanford University, will be giving a talk tomorrow called "Beyond GDP? Welfare Across Countries and Time," sponsored by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Room C103 at 12:30 p.m.

Francis Deng, Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities, will be giving a lecture tomorrow titled "The Paradox of National Protection in Divided Nations" as a part of the 17th Annual Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C. Lectures in Ethics and Public Policy. The talk will take place at 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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Walk raises funds for autism

By CECILIA GLOVER
News Writer

"Walk Now for Autism Speaks," organized by the Autism Speaks U Club at Saint Mary's College, raised awareness for autism and promoted the new club Sunday.

Many students, community members and families affected by autism attended the event.

"The cause and cure for autism is unknown. It is important that we get the funding to do research and find a cure for autism," event coordinator Katrina Mesina said. "This event is also a great way to get people together on campus and promote the Autism Speaks U club."

Autism Speaks U is a program intended for college students to support their local autism communities and raise awareness and funding for Autism Speaks. Autism Speaks is the nation's largest advocacy organization for autism. The organization is devoted to fund-

ing research for the causes, prevention, treatments and cure for autism.

The day began with registration and breakfast sponsored by Studebagels and Sodexo at 10 a.m. Autism Speaks U merchandise, such as t-shirts and sunglasses, were available to be purchased at the event. Families and students enjoyed face painting, inflatables, an Irish Dance Team performance and many more activities before the walk took place.

Dan Ryan, director of the Autism Center at LOGAN and Matt Coleman, an autistic resident of Hannah and Friends, spoke at the event.

"We need to spread awareness for autism everywhere," Coleman said. "It is important

that we raise awareness, not just in America, but Europe, Asia, Africa — everywhere."

There was also a resource fair consisting of local organizations such as Reins of Life, Inc., Hannah and Friends and the Sonya Ansari Center for Autism at LOGAN.

"This event is more for the families than for the students," Kerri Doherty, director of advertising for the event, said. "It is great that this event allows college students to become advocates for autism, however, the reason we planned this event is for the families who are affected by autism."

The three-mile walk began on Dalloway's Green outside the clubhouse and circled around Saint Mary's campus. The club raised more than \$400 in donations on Sunday alone. The club raised more than \$5,000 in all of its fundraising efforts, which will go towards Autism Speaks.

"It is great that Saint Mary's College was able to become a part of Autism Speaks and plan this event to raise awareness," Deanna Finrock, mother of autistic son, Nolan Finrock, said. "It is always a great idea to get college students involved and plan these fundraisers. Nolan and our family had a great time today."

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"It is important that we raise awareness, not just in America, but Europe, Asia, Africa — everywhere."

Matt Coleman
Hannah and Friends resident



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drainage hole.

When the owners were unable to lure Skippy from the hole, they called NDSP for assistance.

Several Carroll Hall residents stopped to help the owners when they witnessed the crisis on their walk to dinner. Carroll Hall resident assistant Rob Wilson took charge of the situation.

"This man was just laying next to the sewer cap, yelling," Wilson said. "I thought he was hurt. Once I realized his dog was underground, I figured that we should just do whatever we could do to help."

Wilson yelled to Skippy from the opposite end of the tunnel.

"I shined a flashlight in there, and you could see his little green eyes," Wilson said. "We tried throwing some cheese and a raw burger in there, but it wouldn't take."

The dog ran from one end of the tunnel and back and was not trapped, but he was reluctant to leave the tunnel itself. The crowd drew him out after about a half-hour.

"We had people on both sides of the tunnel making noises, and all [of a] sudden I heard a jubilant celebration on the other end, and we saw this little furry dog running around," Wilson said. "He was the happiest thing in the world."

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The Office of Undergraduate Admissions welcomes the following **80** Reilly Weekend students to campus.

Jake Bebar	Crest Hill, IL	David Lenz	Evanston, IL
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Beatrice Brenner	Bloomfield Hills, MI	Ethan Liwanag	Burbank, CA
Anna-Catherine Brigida	Dorchester, MA	William Loftus	Amherst, VA
Graciela Burroughs	Kenosha, WI	Ray Lu	Missouri City, TX
Mitchell Cavanaugh	Grand Rapids, MI	Sam Maroste	Houghton, MI
Alex Cave	Glastonbury, CT	Robert Marshall	Cincinnati, OH
Erin Celeste	Syracuse, NY	Matthew Mattera	Farmington Hills, MI
Marie Cole	Sycamore, IL	Laura Mayhall	Hoover, AL
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James Hwang	Plainview, NY	Megan Sullivan	St. Louis, MO
Carla Javier	Knoxville, TN	Inder Takhar	Potomac, MD
Amanda Jeske	Roselle, IL	Charles Tang	Plano, TX
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Michael Kress	Mequon, WI	Ryan Williams	Scottsdale, AZ
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Nick LaRosa	Crystal Lake, IL	Dennis Zhan	Naperville, IL

They come from **29** different states, with interest in at least **24** different majors. They have about a **million** college options and have to narrow it down to **1** in the next **13** days. We hope they choose Notre Dame.

Russell

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dition. Heather will head and help chart the course for these communities as Notre Dame prepares for its third century of Holy Cross education that seeks to integrate the mind and heart.”

Russell will continue in her role as director of the Gender Relations Center until a search has been completed for her successor. The Office of Residence Life and Housing will become two separate offices effective June 1, as previously announced in a reorganization of Student Affairs. Russell will work closely with the office until that date before it becomes part of her formal responsibilities.

Russell graduated from Notre Dame with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and theology and then received a master of divinity degree from Vanderbilt University Divinity School. She served as the rector of Pangborn Hall from 1998 to 2005 and began her position as the inaugural director of the Gender Relations Center in 2004, the

press release stated. She also served as a spiritual director in Campus Ministry for undergraduate interns and was a supervisor to master of divinity students.

While at Notre Dame, Russell also taught several theology classes and served on several campus committees, including the Advisory Committee on Academics and Student Life; the University Committee for Women Faculty and Students; the Core Council for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students; the Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention; and the President’s Ad Hoc Committee on Women.

Before she returned to Notre Dame in 1998, Russell worked in the domestic violence movement with both victims and batterers. According to the press release, she served with the Project to End Abuse through Counseling and Education (PEACE Inc.) and worked as a court liaison for the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter in Nashville, Tenn. She also spent time as a lay pastor of an inner-city church, a hospital chaplain and a community service coordinator on the board of directors for the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Nashville.

Robots face off in football

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

The third annual Blue-Gold Mechatronic Football game featured an exciting, though somewhat one-sided game of good old eight-on-eight robot football. The competition was held in a leaky Stepan Center, but the stands were still packed with spectators who had braved the rainy weather.

The competition was founded three years ago by three alumni from the class of 1970: Bill Hederman, Vince Cushing and Skip Horvath. It was founded in memory of Hedermam’s son, Brian, who died during his freshman year at Notre Dame in 1995.

The inspiration for the competition came from a drawing of a robotic football player found in Brian Henderman’s room after his death.

Mechanical engineering professors Jim Schmiedeler and Michael Staniscic were in charge of the project, which is the capstone of a design course for seniors in the mechanical engineering department.

Seniors Eric Leis and Tom Banasiak, two of the designers behind the blue team’s kicker, enjoyed the project and were pleased with their efforts.

“It was a good bonding experience working on a team with the other students,” Banasiak said.

Their robot, The Death Star, went on to score 12 points in the

game.

“It was the culmination of four years of hard work and sweat, and it’s been a lot of fun putting it together,” Leis said.

Three of the blue team’s robots were operated by nine students from Ohio Northern University. According to Staniscic the ultimate goal is to build an intercollegiate competition.

All of the robotic players were controlled by wireless hand-held controllers operating on a local area network (LAN), Staniscic said. Students had to properly program each robot to respond properly to the controllers.

Each robot is equipped with a “knockdown sensor” to make tackling possible, according to Staniscic. The sensor normally displays a green light, but when struck the light will change to blue to indicate a tackle or a knockdown if the player is not carrying the ball. The light also signals “pain” by flashing red.

The sensor only malfunctioned on one tackle and the gold team was appropriately penalized.

For this year’s game an emphasis was placed on passing. The teams were encouraged to develop the technology to pass by the modified scoring system, which awarded points simply for completing a pass.

Longer passes received more points than shorter passes. The blue team attempted several passes, including a few deep throws, but was unable to complete any of them. The gold team succeeded in

completing one screen pass (3 points) and one short pass (7 points). However, blue defense-men also intercepted the gold team twice (3 points each).

In practices the players were able to complete passes of up to 40 feet, but during the game neither team could pass well consistently.

The gold team won the game by a score of 41 to 13 and was presented with the Brian Hederman Memorial Robotic Competition Award.

Upon receiving the award, gold team coach senior Bobby Powers spoke on behalf of his team and thanked everyone who attended for supporting the student engineers’ work.

After the game, both coaches were pleased with their team’s efforts.

“I am proud of my team,” blue team coach senior Steve Bonomo said. “We did a lot of good maintenance work on the fly.”

Powers said the gold team was happy to come away with the win.

“There were a lot of control problems during the game and I am proud of the way we reacted,” he said.


Gold team robot Zippy received Most Valuable Robot honors for his performance on offense, defense and special teams. Zippy was responsible for 14 points on two offensive touchdowns and a safety, while also recovering an onside kick.

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students and Special Olympics athletes on the same team. Remarkably, 13 of the 14 athletes on the teams were new recruits, he said.

“They’ve never participated in Special Olympics before,” he said. “That’s what we want to do — reach new people in our community.”

The effort and time the club members put into Sunday’s game and every month leading up to it brought hope, Palumbo said. Inspired by his younger sister Olivia Palumbo, Palumbo said he speaks from personal experience.

“As someone with a sibling with an intellectual disability, it’s a comfort that there are this many people who want to make the world a better place, to make sport and even fun more inclusive,” he said. “It just gives me a lot of hope.”

Palumbo added that on a global scale, Notre Dame’s Special Olympics event verified the effect young people can have on a community.

“The game showed the energy

young people can infuse, and it demonstrated that Special Olympics is interested in empowering them to be leaders of today,” Palumbo said. “It’s not made in an office. It was inspired and planned by college students.”

Tim Shriver, co-founder of the Special Olympic College Outreach Program and grandson of Special Olympic founder Eunice Shriver, presented the award to the Blue team on the field early Sunday afternoon.

“This is the long-awaited start of a program at Notre Dame. Three years ago the Special Olympic College Outreach Program encouraged the creation of clubs like this,” Shriver said. “This is hopefully the first of many competitions.”

Shriver said this event stressed an inclusive community many Special Olympics athletes lack due to a societal norm of exclusion towards those with disabilities. This inclusion, acceptance and respect, he said, caused those differences to disappear.

“It’s a chance to escape the overwhelming stigma they experience so heavily in everyday life,” Shriver said. “For everyone who gets involved, there’s one more person

who changes their attitude.”

Beyond Sunday’s event, Palumbo would like to develop intercollegiate athletic events between teams composed of athletes with and without intellectual disabilities.

“We’d like to see Notre Dame play Purdue or Northwestern,” he said. “On a grander scale, we’d like to see college students and Special Olympics athletes be engaged equally and recognized as teammates. We’d love the rivalries of UCLA and USC, of Harvard and Yale, and the fervor that goes with those [to] materialize.”

But the ultimate goal, Rodenbaugh said, is to have people advocate the spirit of inclusion in everyday life. Something about sports and its process of learning encourages friendship and inspires others.

“There’s the fraternity that comes out of it, as with any team,” Palumbo said. “Sports strips away those barriers we use to keep each other apart. That experience is a self-affirming one and gives anyone confidence in Notre Dame, college students and the human race in general.”

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he thinks Crist will most likely be the starting quarterback because he’s the strongest and most naturally talented of the current options. He also said he thinks freshman Tommy Rees would be a good backup for Crist.

Others said the student body has become more hopeful about the football team’s prospects since Kelly became head coach in December 2009.

“Notre Dame football has always been a huge part of everyone here, but I think people have started to be a little more

encouraged about it than the last few years,” sophomore and Notre Dame Marching Band member Eric Dowdey said.

Gillespie said the changes Kelly has made to the team’s performance on the field as well as the team’s public image will take full effect in the future.

“I know that [Kelly] said that he was going to try to have more focus on the way that football affects the community,” Gillespie said. “I think he’s been doing a pretty good job so far, but I don’t think the student body is aware of all the changes he has made.”

Cobbin said Kelly has made noticeable improvements to the team in the past year.

“I feel like the team is more

disciplined,” Cobbin said. “[Former Irish coach Charlie] Weis was more offense-heavy, whereas I feel like Kelly recruits defensive players more, which is helpful for our game. I just feel like they’re more clean and disciplined.”

Cobbin also said he looks forward to seeing what other improvements Kelly makes.

“Whenever there’s a new coach, there’s going to be a different feel,” Cobbin said. “Brian Kelly made mistakes last year, but I think it was a good start. If he keeps improving, it should be great.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

Haters gonna hate

I represent a persecuted minority at Notre Dame, a group subjected to malicious verbal abuse, endless unflattering parodies and immediate harsh judgment from fellow peers — Jersey kids.

Those unfamiliar with the redeeming qualities of the Garden State refer to it as “Dirty Jerz” or the “Armpit” of America, among other derisive sobriquets.

The blog “Things Notre Dame Students Like” even cites “Feeling Strongly about New Jersey” as a popular campus pastime.

Yes, I do feel strongly about my beloved home state.

My town is located within 45 minutes of the best city in the world, New York City, and 30 minutes from the Atlantic Ocean. I feel lucky to have been brought up in an area with so much to offer.

The ocean region of New Jersey is the target of the most unwarranted ridicule because of MTV’s “reality” series Jersey Shore.

Snooki, Pauly D, the Situation and crew wreak havoc on Seaside Heights (called Sleaside Heights by many New Jersey residents because of its sleazy nature) every summer, drunkenly fist-pumping their way through night-clubs Karma and Bamboo (located across the street from each other) and “working” at the Shore Store t-shirt shop on the boardwalk (which patrons must sign waivers and wait hours to enter during filming).

Sleaside Heights is a Shore anomaly. Towns such as Spring Lake, Lavalette and Long Beach Island are fashionable beach destinations.

Ocean Avenue in Spring Lake, also called the “Irish Riviera,” is lined with Notre Dame flags while Oprah has a house in Lavalette.

Not to mention the countless talented celebrities who trace their roots to the Garden State. Frank Sinatra may sing about “New York, New York,” but he was born and raised in Hoboken, N.J., where the main street on the water is now called Frank Sinatra Drive.

Jack Nicholson, the most nominated male actor in Academy Awards history, is from Manasquan, a town down the shore to boot.

Meryl Streep, who holds the most Academy Awards nominations of any actor, is from Summit.

It is unfortunate that the media puts forth such one-sided portrayals of New Jersey through shows such as Jersey Shore, The Real Housewives of New Jersey and The Sopranos.

My fondest memories of home are of afternoons in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, day trips to the beach and long drives through the more rural towns, not Ed Hardy shopping sprees, Surf Club at Sleaside or interactions with the mob.

I’m tired of the pervading New Jersey stereotypes that seduce even the cream-of-the-crop students who attend Our Lady’s University.

The sage Teresa Giudice of table flipping fame once said, “Everyone makes fun of Jersey girls, but I think they’re just jealous.”

That’s right, Teresa. Haters gonna hate.

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Objectivity (continued)

It is not, of course, just exhaustion that inhibits reflection: While I am not really comfortable unless it is over ninety degrees outside, my mother cannot function in anything over room temperature.

But all of this serves only to emphasize Blackburn’s point that, “While we characterize ourselves and others as courageous, modest, prudent, sympathetic and so on, it turns out that we are much more fragmented and contextually variable than these terms suggest.”

With sufficient rest, diet and exercise, I have wisdom, compassion and courage in abundance; without sufficient rest, diet and exercise, I have nothing, and I suspect that many of you, were you to look into your hearts, would say the same of yourselves. “Much work in social psychology,” echoes Blackburn, “suggests that people act more from moods and forces that are themselves set by situations rather than from settled dispositions such as prudence, kindness and the rest.” Morality has everything to do, it seems, with luck — or, at any rate, with sleep and temperature — not with virtue.

Actually, Blackburn argues, it gets worse: One might have hoped that if no one is utterly immune to circumstance and mood, at least some are more resistant to them than others — that is, one might have hoped that some have second-order dispositions to be virtuous at least most of the time. But, in fact, no one seems to be significantly more resistant to circumstance and mood than anyone else. It “turns out that people do not differ very markedly in these dispositions and our common belief that they do is simply an illusion.” He concludes that the truly virtuous person — the sage who, indifferent to fortune and misfortune, walks through life as the only freedman among slaves — is an absurd fantasy. “This god-like nature belongs to nobody, and represents an ideal to which nobody can approximate.”

It is true that I, certainly, do not approximate it. And it is true that I have met few who do. But I would have thought that this

was unsurprising: People are not utterly immune to circumstance and mood because virtue is, well, hard, and furthermore, people do not show improvement in their resistance to circumstance and mood because our culture is dedicated to the goods of efficiency, not of excellence, and thus systematically prevents us from living virtuous lives. Polemic aside, however, there is a deeper problem with Blackburn’s skepticism about virtue: Whatever he claims, his account is based upon virtue — although not, perhaps, virtue of a distinctively moral kind.

“Some philosophers,” notes Blackburn, “suggest that we should not even separate input from output. Their idea is that all we should find is the one unified mental act: judging a situation in moral terms, or seeing the situation as demanding in some specific ways. Such philosophers like to think in terms of a unitary, ‘thick’ rule or concept, a single principle of organization that in one movement determines both how we see the situation and, seamlessly included in that, determines our reaction to it.” This is to react as I reacted in medical school, accepting my initial reaction of the mural — as a skeleton, not a skeletal system, and therefore something to be feared. It is, in other words, to live in the world as a child — and, thus, it is to be avoided. “Refusing to ‘split’ begins to sound like a refusal to think, perhaps symptomatic of a complacent belief that the emotional and moral lenses through which we see deserve no critical attention themselves.” To understand the world is to know it as it is, not as it seems — and thus to be its master, not its slave. It is to reflect upon our reactions to the world and thus bring them, through this distinctive sort of introspection, under our control. It is, in other words, to judge an action based not on how we happen to feel about it but rather on what effect it will actually have — that is, consequentially.

Such a process of reflection is possible, of course: It is what has made possible our scientific understanding of the world — what has made possible, one might whisper in a hyperbolic moment, civilization itself. But it is hard, exceedingly hard — so hard, in fact, that they painted testaments to it in my mother’s medical school. The ability to see the world from the third-person perspective, to divide our thick concepts into thin concepts as Blackburn

demands, is itself a virtue — one that is, like all virtues, exceedingly fragile, but nonetheless real for that. It takes tremendous discipline, exercised continuously over an entire lifetime, to see the facts as they are, not as they first seem to be. As Ludwig Wittgenstein asserted, “If good or bad willing changes the word, it can only change the limits of the word, not the facts; not the things that can be expressed in language. In brief, the world must thereby become quite another. It must so to speak wax or wane as a whole. The world of the happy is quite another than that of the unhappy.” That unhappiness or exhaustion make this kind of good willing impossible does not make objectivity any less of a virtue — does not, that is, make it any less necessary for our flourishing. Without the virtue of objectivity, Blackburn’s consequentialist project cannot even begin.

This is not to say, of course, that said project fails, for the virtue of objectivity does, in fact, allow us to divide actions from their consequences. And, indeed, it is only because of this consequence — because of our ability to reflectively understand and thus control our world and ourselves — that the virtue of objectivity is justified in the first place. There is in this a circularity — while the virtue of objectivity is justified consequentially, that process of justification can only be carried out by means of that virtue — though it is, I take it, a virtuous circularity. To whatever extent rule-circularity is virtuous, anyway.

One wonders, however, about the future of this virtue: If it is true that, as Blackburn insists, virtue is not to be found in our culture, then our ability to critically reflect upon our reactions to the world must also have collapsed. And, to whatever extent that ability has indeed collapsed, then both our science and our ethics are mere remnants, hollow shells of traditions once rich but now incapable of further insight.

It does not stretch the imagination to think that, in this, Blackburn is right.

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Dan Sportiello

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Just think of the tragedy of teaching children not to doubt.”

Clarence Darrow
U.S. lawyer

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I cannot think well of a man who sports with any woman’s feelings; and there may often be a great deal more suffered than a stander-by can judge of.”

Jane Austen
English novelist

Yo. You. Right There. Don't Even Think About Skipping My Final Column!

So here it is — the final time you will ever have to read my rants and raves about the University of Notre Dame and its oh-so-interesting students (once you get your tears under control, please proceed with caution). Then again, I could be that alumnus in the Viewpoint section. On more than one occasion. As for those who still have to hear my rants until I actually do depart from here, I do not apologize.



Kevin Kimberly

Bursting the Bubble

As I have mentioned in previous columns, I first applied to be a political columnist. My clever title was going to be “Obama Oversight” and I was going to attempt being humorous while covering all of the major political issues of the year. Then I took a walk around campus. And then I realized I did not need to go to D.C. to find a relevant topic to be humorous about. At that moment I switched to the even more clever column name, “Bursting the Bubble.”

So it began. Topic to topic and group of people to group of people, I did my best to cover the Notre Dame culture, the Notre Dame Bubble if you will. And here is where I get to brag and make crazy causal assumptions to convince you that my columns were a success.

Your takeaway points:

Column #1: Dear Freshman — Freshmen look ridiculous wearing lanyards and walking around with huge maps on campus, are dumb for doing the first-down chop and talking about their high school days and really should steer clear of dating someone they just met a day ago.

Column #2: Navigating the Dining Hall — Get your food and get out of my way. Have a plan upon arriving at the dining hall, save the socializing for the eating area and by all means, never same side it.

Column #3: To Cheer or Not to Cheer — When you go to football games, go to actually watch the game. Have reasonable expectations about the team and be mad when those expectations are not fulfilled.

Column #4: The Saints Among Us — There are plenty of everyday saints who never get the recognition they deserve, and there are plenty of them on this very campus. Look around!

Column #5: There Are Things to Cheer For — Football is not the only sport around here and certainly is not the most successful. Other sports and athletes deserve as much respect and attention.

Column #6: Braving the Winter Wonderland — You heard it here back in November first, not from the recent copycat Viewpoint War. Leggings are unacceptable not because they say anything about the person wearing them but simply because they are ridiculous and are not pants. Add Uggs

boots and North Face jackets to the ridiculous, overrated list as well.

Column #7: My Pick for My Commencement Speaker — Seniors should get some sort of say in who speaks at their commencement. If any Notre Dame class ever gets Ellen DeGeneres (that will be the day), I expect a ticket and a flight to see it.

Column #8: Your College = Your Personality — The name says it all. Your major and your college at good ol' Notre Dame allow me to know more about you than you think!

Column #9: The Notre Dame Need to Belong — The only way for Notre Dame to become the diverse place it actually is at its core is for people to actually be who they are at their core. The obsessive need to fit in is what deprives us of true diversity and true identity.

Column #10: The Topic of All Topics — Gender relations at Notre Dame will forever live on as one of the most interesting things I have ever experienced in my life, prompting my call to replace Contemporary Topics with a semester-long course on Gender Relations and Social Awkwardness. But really, all I can say is may the Lord be with you in this endeavor here.

Column #11: Just Live Your Life — Death should give even more meaning to life. Sometimes it is the tough moments that allow us to realize we need to take advantage of the gift we have been given; sometimes, we need to just live our lives.

Many columnists in their final col-

umn of the year will talk about their purpose in writing and why they write. Many say they just want to touch one person, and if that is the case, they consider their job a success. I say screw that. I had one purpose — to offend more than one person. Sure, I wrote on a truly serious issue here and there, but overall, if you were not offended, I did not do my job or you did not read my eleven columns. And in the process of offending you, I hope you laughed in realizing what I wrote just might be true. Heck, I hope my goal of offending you offends you.

When I land in my new place of purpose in Memphis, Tenn., next year, I will miss this opportunity to compose a 600-800 word column about such a topic. Even more so, for some weird reason, I have a feeling that at times I will even miss those things that I sought to eradicate. Perhaps I will throw on a lanyard for old time's sake or maybe I will act obsessively awkward to that cute coworker of mine. Who knows? What I do know is all that included, I will miss the University of Notre Dame.

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Kevin Kimberly graduates in 34 days. He sincerely appreciates you reading his column this year and is always open to thoughts about his articles and continued ideas and slogans for his potential 2024 presidential run at kkimberl@nd.edu

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Anchors away

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my honor to cordially invite you to be my date for this year's St. Edward's Hall Yacht Dance on the 4th evening of May during the year of Our Lord Two-Thousand and Eleven. Yes, that's right. You have an opportunity to be a part of the most legendary night on campus.

For those of you who don't remember, the St. Edward's Hall Yacht Dance was a shoe-in for the best SYR according to the Scholastic at the beginning of the year. What does that mean? That means feasting in Chicago, cruising around Lake Michigan on the Mystic Blue and dancing the night away in the shadow of the Chicago skyline (yes Duncan, we can actually see the entire skyline.)

To ensure you that I am not some creepy kid who spends half the day talking to his invisible girlfriend, Melinda, and the other half trying to find a pet Petite Lap Giraffe, here is my match.com blurb: I am a junior from Sandy Springs, Ga. I am the outgoing president of St. Edward's Hall and I have chosen to carry on this long-stranding and prestigious presidential tradition. I have blue eyes and dirty blonde hair. My hobbies include triathlons, boating, anything football and attending country music concerts. I enjoy a great toothpick, thunderstorms, banana Powerbars and an ice cold Arnold Palmer. My favorite book is The Great Gatsby. My favorite flavor of ice cream is Greater's Raspberry Chocolate Chip. Last, but far from least, I have a beautiful girlfriend who goes to BC and is currently in Australia. Fortunately for all of my suitors, she has given her blessing upon the date of my choice.

So now that you know a little about me, you're probably wondering how do you get the honor of being my date? Here are three easy ways:

1. Go online. The direct link to the survey is: http://mendoza.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3g7Dk0gIexjbXrC The link would be easy to use off The Observer's website: www.ndsmcobserver.com (Editors, you're welcome for the shameless plug).

2. Attend the Facebook Event: Jay's Yacht Dance Date. The application link is provided.

3. Viewpoints.

Lastly, I encourage everyone to apply. For those of you who have recently applied for an internship/job, you have had to fill out an equal opportunity survey. Well, I am truly an equal opportunity dater. I am looking for the best date no matter your gender, race, size, hair color or physical location. As long as you promise to have a blast as my date, you can be a Notre Dame student, a townie, an alum, a professor or currently in Mumbai, it does not matter. I would like to thank you for your time and for allowing me to chum the waters. I look forward to meeting you, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to Facebook/email me.

Remember: I'm on a boat, and you could be too.

Jay Mathes
junior
St. Edward's Hall
April 14

Off-campus crime

To students considering off-campus housing,

Living off campus is an exciting evolution in the lives of many Notre Dame students. The idea of living without parietals, meal plans and substandard housing (cough cough Morrissey Manor) is tantalizing for many upperclassmen. As an off-campus junior I can absolutely and strongly attest to the benefits of “living off.” However, as a resident of Clover Ridge I vehemently advise students interested in moving to an apartment to look elsewhere. On Thursday, April 14, my two roommates left to participate in the Thursday ritual of college night at Club Fever. A few minutes later I heard somebody at the door. I rationally assumed that the person was one of my roommates returning for a set of forgotten keys. Upon opening the door, I witnessed a young male tearing the screen off our window and breaking into our apartment. It can not be understated how lucky it was that someone was at our apartment and that the intruder decided to leave immediately.

In retrospect, this event was a microcosm of the animosity that exists between the South Bend community and the Notre Dame off-campus community. One of our neighbors has been the victim of breaking and entering crimes resulting in theft twice. Tales of students being jumped, girls being shot and the “trunkings” at Notre Dame Apartments remain fresh in every sophomore-through-senior's mind. It's an embarrassment to Clover Ridge that the complex is clearly an unsupervised and targeted area, and it's an embarrassment to our law enforcement that the “major bust” of 2011 is a football player's DUI. How many students have been ticketed by excise or NDSP this year? Is there better advice that visiting officers can give than “put a broomstick in your windows?” South Bend law enforcement can pat themselves on the back all they want for ticketing college students in order to prevent alcohol and drug “abuse,” but too often more serious crimes have remained unpunished and underreported. Off-campus living shouldn't be a safety gamble for students, and South Bend police should redirect their efforts from persecuting students towards protecting them.

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April 15

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D-SEASON:

MAKING HITS FROM FOOTBALL TO HIP-HOP



By MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL
Interim Scene Editor

Football season might not be in full swing yet, but former Irish tailback Armando Allen and senior safety Jamoris Slaughter have found a way to keep themselves busy in the off season. The two talented football players got together to form the rap group D-Season.

Slaughter and Allen started rapping together in 2008, according to Slaughter. "At first, we were just making music because we had talent," he said.

Now, D-Season has attracted the attention of big names like Snoop Dogg and some record labels.

The name, originally created by Allen, stands for Dinosaur Season. Slaughter said the name means that it's time to eat, time to make it in the rap business and make money. It is a reflection on their goals as they move forward with their group.

D-Season has a unique sound and style. Slaughter says they have made over 100 songs, though only 25 are released on their website. Inspiration for the songs comes from a variety of places.

"We'll hear a beat," Slaughter said, "and depending on how the beat sounds, [the song] flows from there. We try not to have the words before we find the beat."

The themes of their songs range widely. From the trials of life to football to music, Slaughter and Allen do not restrict themselves to easy or simple top-

ics. They also like to support their fellow Notre Dame athletes. Throwing their support behind Skylar Diggins, they released "Skylar Diggins (Final 4)," which caught the attention of many students.

Slaughter says they have collaborated with other members of the Irish football team to add some depth and flavor to their music, including an appearance by sophomore running back Cierre Wood.

The duo had hoped to get a concert here at Notre Dame, but Slaughter said that plan unfortunately fell through. Right now, they are concentrating on talking to labels and getting hype nationwide.

When Snoop Dogg was in town earlier this semester for his concert at Club Fever, Slaughter and Allen made sure to get him one of their CDs to check out. That move paid off. Snoop really enjoyed their CD. According to Slaughter, he asked for their mix tape and helped connect them with Alwaysz Therro magazine. Slaughter hopes to get a spread in the magazine that features upcoming artists.

That spread, along with promotion through a record label, should help push the group onto the national stage. You can check out these rising Notre Dame stars on their website, <http://www.reverbnation.com/dseason1>, and discover hip hop's next big thing.

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what's your favorite

SCARY MOVIE?



By SAM STRYKER
Scene Writer

To be honest, I'm not much of a fan of horror movies. I have the constitution of a 12-year-old girl and scary movies tend to, well, scare me too much. Having said that, I was excited to see "Scream 4," the most recent installment of the popular horror franchise.

"Scream 4," brings the "rules" of horror movies into the twenty-first century, providing scares, laughs and a clever take on the often-tired genre.

Throughout the film, my reaction tended to be laughter, punctuated by sudden jolts as the body count racked up. Characters often provided witty commentary on the grisly slaying spree of Ghostface, the signature masked-murderer of the series. "Scream 4" provided enough scares to keep my hands close enough to cover my eyes when necessary for most of the film.

"Scream 4" stars several returning actors from the previous films, along with a new generation of potential victims. Neve Campbell plays Sidney Prescott, survivor of the original Woodsboro Murders of the first three

films. Courteney Cox and David Arquette return as reporter Gail Weathers and Sheriff Dewey Riley.

As Sidney returns to Woodsboro to promote her new book, local students start dying in a fashion mirroring Sidney's past. Sidney's cousin Jill (Emma Roberts) is a prime target of the killer, along with friends Kirby (Hayden Panettiere) and Olivia (Marielle Jaffe).

As Dewey and Gail both race to solve the series of murders, Sidney must deal with Ghostface's signature taunting calls as friends and family fall to the masked murderer in increasingly gruesome ways.

"Scream 4" is two hours of fun at the movies. Unlike recent horror films that tend to focus on gore, this film is all about suspense, not shock value. Director Wes Craven and producer Kevin Williamson are masters of the genre, and their mastery of horror allows them to get clever with the subject matter.

While "Scream 4" — and all the other "Scream" movies for that matter — is certainly scary, its wit makes it stand out in a crowded horror genre. "Scream 4" is self-aware, or "meta," as characters in the movie say. For instance, two cops comment

on the not so stellar track record of policemen surviving in horror films. Additionally, "Scream 4" continues the franchise's tradition of having a film within a film providing much of the movie's wit. Cox, pitch-perfect as nasty Gail, and Panettiere, a spunky Kirby, are particularly effective at delivering the biting intellect of Craven's latest "Scream" installment.

Part of the film's success is also a result of a who's-who list of television and movie stars acting in supporting roles throughout the film, as Anna Paquin, Kristen Bell and Adam Brody all make appearances.

At times, "Scream 4" gets bogged down between the new cast members and the seasoned veterans. While characters in the film comment on horror films "relaunching" or "reinventing" themselves, "Scream 4" works best when the new and old characters interact together on screen rather than switching back and forth.

Additionally, while the movie certainly makes the valid argument of horror films changing within the last decade as a result of advances in technology, it can get somewhat preachy about digital voyeurism. After all, the purpose of the film is to

provide some fresh commentary (along with some scares) on a cinematic genre, not making grand claims about society's problems.

Overall, while "Scream 4" may not win any Oscars, it is solid, clever, escapist fun. As macabre as cinematic murder may be, Craven and Williamson mock conventions of the genre while maintaining suspense. The film's tagline "New Decade. New Rules." may as well read "New Scares. New Laughs."

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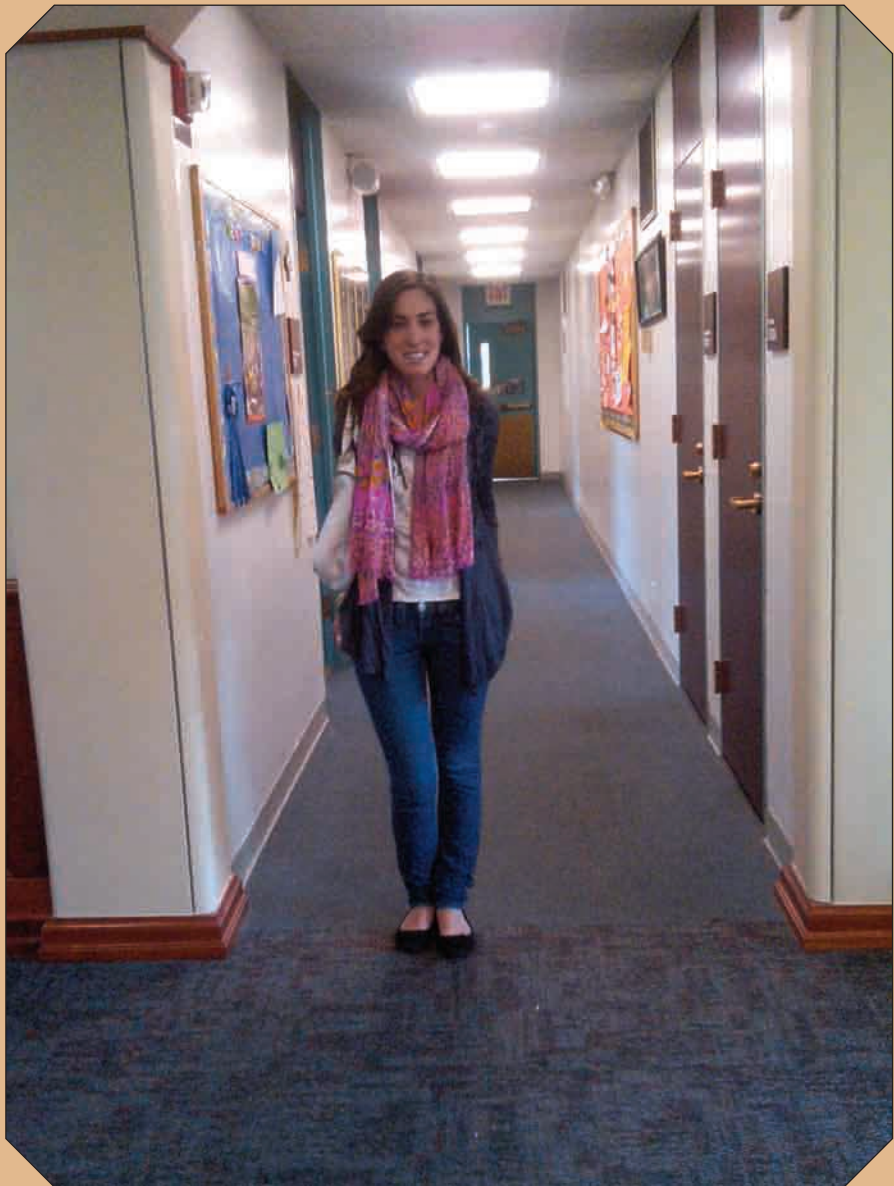
Scream 4 Dimension Films

Director: Wes Craven
Starring: Courteney Cox, Neve Campbell, David Arquette, Hayden Panettiere and Emma Roberts



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By MARIA FERNANDEZ
Scene Writer

Name: Ana Marcos
Spotted: Lewis Hall

Ana definitely knows how to layer chic and colorful pieces to create her stylish ensemble. She mixed and matched her comfortable skinny jeans and black ballerina flats with a white top and a relaxed purple cardigan. Her pink printed scarf and white leather purse complete this effortless look. Ana is embracing spring with this fun outfit.

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Country Lovin'



by Mary Claire O'Donnell

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The sun is finally out on campus, sending students outside in droves to frolic on the quads or in backyards with their friends. And nothing goes better with throwing the football around or a friendly barbeque than a good playlist of country jams. Although the country genre is not the most popular north of the Mason-Dixon line, it's a hidden gem. So try and kick back this week and mix up your usual musical selection – these artists won't let you down.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish win two, stay in first

By JACK YUSKO
Sports Writer

The Irish won their three-game weekend series with Louisville despite taking their first Big East loss in the series finale Sunday afternoon. Notre Dame notched 8-5 and 4-3 victories in the first two games before falling by a 9-6 score in the finale.

The No. 24 Irish (31-8, 7-1 Big East) secured their first win in the rain Saturday with a walk-off three-run homerun by freshman outfielder Lauren Stuhr. With the score tied at 5 heading into the bottom of the seventh inning, Stuhr made good use of her only at-bat to hit her second career homerun and win the game with one swing.

Freshman pitcher Laura Winters threw 23 strikes with her first 24 pitches and senior captain Heather Johnson hit a team-best eighth home run to extend her hitting streak to 19 games.

“Our offense was great in all three games,” junior outfielder Alexa Maldonado said. “We came through with big hits and scored runs when we needed to.”

The Irish came from behind in the second game to win 4-3 behind the excellent pitching of sophomore pitcher Brittany O’Donnell. O’Donnell relieved senior starter Jody Valdivia in the third inning and proceeded to shut out Louisville (32-13, 10-4) for the remainder of the game.

In the third game of the series, the Irish held a six-run lead until the Cardinals rallied in the sixth inning. The Cardinal offense exploded, posting nine runs off nine hits to end Notre Dame’s 14-game winning streak and hand



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Senior infielder Katie Fleury makes contact during Notre Dame’s 4-3 victory over Louisville Sunday afternoon.

the squad its first conference loss in the process.

“In the third game our pitching fell apart and the [Cardinals] strung a lot of hits together,” Maldonado said.

Though they saw a long winning streak come to an end on the weekend, the Irish remained positive in the wake of a series win against the team chasing them in the conference standings.

“We are the best team in the Big East and should win it all,” Maldonado said. “We just need to continue playing how we have been.”

Maldonado said the team is focusing ahead on an upcoming series with Villanova.

“We’re just going to continue moving forward,” Maldonado said. “We will work hard this week at practice and will bring our best game to Villanova.”

The Irish travel Thursday to play Villanova in another Big East series with a doubleheader starting at noon and 2 p.m. Thursday and a finale beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday.

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PGA TOUR

Rookie Steele takes title in San Antonio

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Rookie Brendan Steele shot a 1-under 71 on Sunday, overcoming relentless wind and fellow first-year PGA Tour player Kevin Chappell to win the Texas Open by a stroke.

The leader by one heading into the final round, the 28-year-old Steele stayed steady throughout the day, and finished at 8-under. He gave a small fist pump, then thrust his arm downward and smiled broadly to celebrate his first Tour victory after holing out on 18.

“I was a lot more calm today,” Steele said. “When you’ve got the one shot lead it’s not even your tournament. There’s so many guys that could still win with a good round, without you even doing anything wrong, that I didn’t feel as much pressure.”

The tournament featured the Tour’s highest scoring average, 73.665, so far this year and Steele’s 280 overall was the highest winning score at the Texas Open since a 283 won the 1934 edition.

Steele birdied the par-5 second hole, dropping his approach from a bunker to within 10 feet of the pin, then bogeyed the par-4 No. 5, leaving a 12-foot putt from the fringe short. But Steele put his tee shot within three feet of the hole on par-3 No.

7 to move back to 8 under.

That’s where he finished. Steele, whose previous best-finish was tied for 17th at the Farmers Insurance Open in San Diego in January, could have padded his lead on No. 9 but left a 17-foot putt short. He then missed a couple of other makeable birdie putts on the back nine, including one that was 6-inches off on the par-3 16th.

Instead, he settled for 12 straight pars and it was enough to hold off Chappell, who had two birdies on the front nine, then put his second shot to within seven feet on par-4 No. 10 to grab a share of the lead.

Chappell, 24, then stayed tied with Steele through seven holes, but hit his 2nd shot on the par-4 17th well right of the hole and then couldn’t make a 10-foot put to save par.

“I’ll be honest, I think I just fell asleep,” said Chappell, who led UCLA to a national championship in 2008. “I felt the wind was dead into me ... I should have known it was a little left to right.”

It was the first time since the 2006 Phoenix Open that two Tour rookies finished 1-2 at a tournament. Another rookie, Charl Schwartzel, won last week at the Masters, making this the first time rookies have won back-to-back on Tour since 2002.

SMC TENNIS

Lineup changes help Belles defeat Bulldogs

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

As the season winds down, each match for Saint Mary’s takes on increasing importance. Its win on Saturday against Adrian was a boost for the Belles in the conference standings, and tonight’s match at Calvin College will be another late-season MIAA test.

On Saturday, the Belles (11-6, 4-2 MIAA) took down the visiting Bulldogs (5-10, 2-5) by a score of 7-2. The win came with a new look in the doubles department, as Belles coach Dale Campbell juggled the pairings by swapping freshman Mary Catherine Faller

and senior Jessica Kosinski, normally the No. 3 team, into the No. 2 spot.

“Our No. 3 has been winning pretty handily lately, and our No. 2 team of [freshman] Mary Therese Lee and [senior captain] Franca Peluso has struggled with some close losses, so we made the switch,” Campbell said. “Faller and Kosinski have played so well, we wanted to give them a shot against some better competition.”

Both teams adjusted on the fly to their new roles. Faller and Kosinski proved they could play at a higher level despite a closely fought 8-6 loss, and Peluso and Lee found their winning ways

again by cruising to an 8-3 win.

“Those two played very well at No. 3 doubles,” Campbell said.

Looking forward now, the Belles will face a very able conference opponent in tonight’s matchup with Calvin. The Knights (6-8, 4-2) have the same record in conference as Saint Mary’s and are arguably its closest MIAA competition. With only two conference matches left for each team, the winner of tonight’s showdown could grab the edge in the conference standings and the all-important tournament seeding.

“It’s going to be a great match,” Campbell said. “They’re a very good team and they are especially

strong at the top of their lineup.”

The very top of the Knights’ lineup is loaded with talent, as the squad features a number of strong players including senior Melissa Oosterhouse playing at No.1 singles and doubles. Oosterhouse is the reigning MIAA Most Valuable Player and has won her last 11 singles matches and her last eight doubles matches.

Saint Mary’s senior captain Jillian Hurley will be tasked with taking on Oosterhouse in singles and doubles, but Campbell believes Hurley is capable of pulling off the upset.

“She has played [Oosterhouse] very close in the past, losing 7-5 in

the second set last year,” Campbell said. “She’ll have to be patient and she’ll have to keep her unforced errors down, but she should have a great chance of winning.”

In the end, every match should be hotly contested, and the final result may come down to the last match.

“We’re expecting to play a very close match,” Campbell said. “Hopefully, we’ll be able to get the edge tomorrow, and I think we’ll be able to.”

The match will begin tonight at 4 p.m. in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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SMC GOLF

Saint Mary’s finishes sixth versus top teams

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

No. 12 Saint Mary’s faced some of the best competition in the country at the Illinois Wesleyan Spring Fling on Sunday, but did not back down en route to a 334-stroke day and a sixth-place finish.

The Belles traveled to Ironwood Golf Club in Normal, Ill., Saturday, ready to come out and score well from the first tee. Their excitement was dampened by rain, as tweather ended all hopes of playing Saturday, and the 36-hole tournament had to be cut to one round Sunday.

“We hung out all day at the hotel together,” Belles’ senior captain Mary Kate Boyce said. “We had to do our laundry since all our equipment was drenched from playing 8 holes in the rain.”

Sunday came, and the Belles were able to finally take to the course as one of nine national top-25 teams in competition.

“As a team I think we did pretty good,” Boyce said. “Yes, I would have liked to win the whole thing but we performed well in the conditions.”

Saint Mary’s final score placed it in elite company. Its team score of plus-46 was

better than several national powerhouses, among them No. 7 Centre, No. 17 Wisconsin-Whitewater, and the host, No. 8 Illinois Wesleyan. Boyce led the Belles in that effort with a seven-over 81 that placed her in the top 16 of more than 100 golfers.

“Individually, I was content with my round,” Boyce said. “I struggled early but I was able to make a couple putts down the stretch that helped me stay in the round mentally, and was able to hang on and finish with a decent score.”

Looking ahead now, Saint Mary’s will have almost two weeks to prepare for the second and third rounds of the MIAA tournament. The Belles won the tournament last year, and it sprung them to a fourth-place finish at the NCAA tournament. This year, they sit eight strokes behind rival No. 18 Olivet after the first round last week. Saint Mary’s will host the final two rounds April 29-30.

“We have 11 days to prepare,” Boyce said. “They will be filled with lots of practice both physically and mentally. For me, my focus was not as sharp this weekend as it needs to be so I will definitely be working on that.”

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WOMEN’S ROWING

ND takes second in West

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

As cold and rain descended upon South Bend this weekend, a trip to the warm, sunny west coast ended up paying dividends for the Irish rowers.

Notre Dame finished second in group B at this weekend’s Lake Natoma Invitational on Lake Natoma near Sacramento, Calif. The Irish were placed in that group Sunday based on Saturday’s race results.

The Irish earned their lone victory of the weekend in Saturday afternoon’s varsity four race when coxswain Christina Dines helped lead the team to a victory in 7:27.00, four seconds ahead of second place Stanford.

That result, along with those in Saturday’s varsity eight and second varsity eight races, placed Notre Dame in group B Sunday against Wisconsin and Tennessee. The Volunteers, the Irish and the Badgers all ended Sunday tied with 12 points, but Tennessee took first based on its 6:31.10 win in the varsity eight race. Notre Dame finished at 6:33.00 and Wisconsin clocked in at 6:34.00.

Notre Dame coach Martin Stone was pleased with the weekend’s results.

“I think that [the Invitational] went well,” Stone said. “The [varsity eight] today had a great race in beating Wisconsin and came



TOM YOUNG/The Observer
The Irish eight-boat practices in the fall 2010. Notre Dame finished in second at Lake Natoma this weekend.

up just a couple seconds short of Tennessee. So I think [it went] fairly successful. We finished against some very, very fast teams.”

While it was important to race well on the water, there were additional rewards to heading out west. The Invitational provided some great experience, with the Irish competing against Stanford, California and Brown, who have combined for six of the past seven national championships. Facing the tough squads could also prove beneficial when it comes time for selections to be made for the NCAA championships in late May.

“We want to race the best,” Stone said. “In our sport, you have to race very fast teams to get faster. And when the committee starts to look at

who they think should go to the NCAA, they look and see if you went out and took a risk and raced somebody [good].”

With the Big East championships coming up in just two weeks, Stone is still looking for improvement. However, he is impressed with the team’s overall direction.

“Being strong individually within each race from each boat, there’s [still] some things to work on. But, generally, I think we’re just moving along, following the plan.”

The Irish will be in action next May 1 at the Big East championships in West Windsor, N.J., where they hope to secure their eighth consecutive conference crown.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Resilient Irish bring home first place honors

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

With the Big East and NCAA championships fast approaching and a number of athletes trying to cut down on finish times and qualify for championships, there are very few light weeks in April for Notre Dame.

But even with all those goals, there still are not many stretches of days that are quite as busy as this past weekend, either. The Irish competed in four different events over three days this weekend, with the squad scattered across two different

states.

Notre Dame’s weekend officially got underway Thursday as senior distance runner Daniel Jackson raced in the 10,000-meter race at the Mt. SAC Relays in Walnut, Calif. Jackson completed the contest in 29:28.61, fast enough to earn fifth place.

Action continued Friday as Notre Dame’s throwers competed in the Azusa Pacific Invitational in Los Angeles. Sophomore Madeline Casanova finished ninth in the second flight of the hammer throw on the women’s side, with a distance of 45.80 meters. For the

men’s team, senior Denes Veres came in first in the second flight at 54.08 meters, while senior Greg Davis’ 56.24 meter effort was strong enough to earn him fourth in the third flight.

The bulk of the meets took place Saturday in action split between Indiana and California.

Despite poor weather conditions, the Irish were able to take home seven first-place finishes from the Dave Rankin Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind.

For the women’s squad, freshman sprinters Michelle Brown and Ajiah Urssery each notched a victory. Brown won the 400-

meter dash with a time of 55.93 and Urssery finished first in the 200-meter dash at 26.19. Freshman Alexa Aragon and fifth-year student Lindsey Ferguson were also victorious in their respective races.

On the men’s side, seniors Paul Springer and Thomas Noel each won events, with Springer coming in first in the 5,000-meter race at 15:09.99 and Noel winning the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 9:41.19. Patrick Feeney’s 22.67 time in the 200-meter dash earned him first as well.

Also on Saturday, back in California, Irish athletes com-

peted in the Long Beach State Invitational. Senior Rudy Atang came in third in the shotput at 15.10 meters and sophomore Rebecca Tracy came in second in the 800-meters with a time of 2:07.21. Veres had his second strong day at Long Beach, coming in fifth place in the shotput at 17.30 meters.

After a demanding weekend, the Irish get a much deserved week off, before again hitting the track April 28-30 for the Drake Relays and Hillsdale Gina Relays.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary’s cancels doubleheader, will reschedule

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

The Belles’ home doubleheader was cancelled this weekend due to rain. The matchup against conference opponent Olivet, which was scheduled for Saturday, has been postponed indefinitely.

The postponement is the third doubleheader on Saint

Mary’s schedule to be cancelled due to rain. The first two, a March 23 matchup against Goshen and a March 26 matchup against North Park, have yet to be made up, and this third postponement presents even more scheduling difficulties for Saint Mary’s.

“We are having a tough scheduling time until then because they [Olivet] have three games next week and

then we have Easter ... so we might actually play it in May ... but I am not sure yet,” Belles coach Erin Sullivan said.

All three of the cancelled doubleheaders were Saint Mary’s home games. The fact that the games against Olivet (10-14, 0-6 MIAA) represent MIAA matchups makes it imperative that the teams make up the contests before the conference tournament,

which begins on May 5.

The Belles (12-11, 1-5 MIAA) have struggled lately, having won only two of their last 10, but hope to finish strong and salvage their season. Sullivan said that the postponement was beneficial to her team, as it provides some key players with more rest as they prepare for the season’s final stretch.

“It is actually a good thing,” she said. “A couple of my kids

are coming back from injury over the last week, so it will be a good thing that we have a little bit more time off. There are a couple of starters that just need a little more time off.”

Saint Mary’s will return to action Tuesday when it hosts MIAA foe Hope in a doubleheader.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Irish step up in clutch to handle Marquette

By MATTHEW ROBISON
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The No. 22 Irish took down Marquette by a tally of 6-1 in Milwaukee Sunday behind a sweep in the singles portion of the matchup. Juniors Kristy Frilling and Shannon Mathews, freshman Jennifer Kellner, senior Kristen Rafael, sophomore Chrissie McGaffigan and freshman Julie Sabacinski took the six singles matches without anyone dropping a set. Frilling and Mathews took the No. 1 doubles matchup earlier in the day.

“We definitely needed to win this match, especially since Marquette is in the Big East and we are getting ready for the conference tournament,” Frilling said.

McGaffigan said the team struggled in doubles despite the

singles domination.

“We were pretty solid in our singles matches,” McGaffigan said “But we need to pick it up in doubles.”

Frilling, the No. 4 ranked player in the country, moved to 16-2 in the dual season and claimed her 82nd career win. Mathews moved to 15-3, Kellner went to 17-3 after winning her sixth straight match, and Rafael won her fourth straight match.

Heading into singles, Notre Dame (12-9) trailed as Marquette (17-9) took the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles matchups. McGaffigan and Rafael fell 8-6 and Kellner and Sabacinski dropped their match 8-5. But after the singles sweep, the Irish came out with a decisive victory.

“It is always exciting to get a win against a conference opponent,” McGaffigan said. “We are

hoping that our momentum from this match will carry through next week against DePaul.”

Sunday was the first time Notre Dame dropped the doubles point all season. In their previous 20 matchups, the Irish dominated in doubles and always gave themselves a lead heading into singles.

After the victory, the Irish have one more regular season matchup, against DePaul Saturday at home at 1 p.m.

“We will keep working hard on playing aggressive but consistent tennis,” McGaffigan said. “[Marquette and DePaul] are great preparation for the Big East tournament.”

The conference tournament runs from April 28 to May 1 at the Eck Tennis Center.

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GRANT TOBIN/The Observer
Freshman Julie Sabacinski competes in a 4-3 Irish loss to Baylor March 6.

BASEBALL

Irish fall in series against WVU

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The Irish pitching staff went head-to-head with the top offense in the Big East this weekend as Notre Dame dropped two of three in a weekend series with West Virginia. Notre Dame dropped Sunday's finale 8-1 after splitting a day-night doubleheader Friday.

Due to the threat of bad weather Saturday, the first two games of the weekend

series were played Friday in a day-night doubleheader. The schedule change did little to avoid the harsh weather in South Bend, as torrential rain and wind gusts topping 50 miles per hour turned Friday afternoon's opener into a sloppy affair. A pair of unearned runs in the 10th inning staked West Virginia (22-15, 8-4) to a 6-4 victory in a wild game. After rallying back from a 3-0 first-inning deficit, the Irish (15-18-1, 6-7) forced extra

innings. In the Mountaineer half of the 10th, with the game tied at 4-4, errors from senior third baseman Greg Sherry and freshman relief pitcher Sean Fitzgerald allowed West Virginia to push across two runs and earn the 6-4 win.

Notre Dame fought back to earn a win in the nightcap, as senior right-hander Cole Johnson tossed 6.1 innings of one-run ball and junior left fielder Alex Robinson led the offense

with a 2-for-3 night, including an RBI double as the Irish won 5-2. Irish coach Mik Aoki had mixed feelings on the Friday split.

“[In the opener] we had more opportunities to win the game offensively, but we gifted them with the win,” he said. “There was plenty of blame to have gone around but defensively we fell short. But we grinded it out in the second game [of the doubleheader].”

The Mountaineer bats showed up in Sunday's rubber game, as senior short-stop Grant

Buckner paced the West Virginia attack with a two-run homerun and three RBIs in an 8-1 win. West Virginia pitcher Andy Berry squashed any hope of an Irish comeback with a standout complete game three-hitter on the mound, allowing only a solo homerun to Mancini.

“The mix Berry had with his fastball and his changeup was the difference-maker,” Aoki said. “It is not like he was throwing in the upper 80's; he was just able to dictate our rhythm and offense.”

Irish senior starting pitcher Todd Miller dropped to 3-3 on the year after allowing eight runs in five innings of work on the day. Two Irish errors led to five unearned runs in the West Virginia fifth inning and blew the lead open for the Mountaineers. Aoki said he was displeased with the team defense in the series.

“Really I was disappointed with the defense that put us in a hole regardless of the number of hits that made it extremely difficult for us to do anything,” he

said. “The errors gave them the runs and we put Todd in a really difficult position. That was pretty disappointing. The series was ultimately decided by the fact that we made more mistakes than they did.”

The Irish play a mid-week non-conference game Tuesday night against Toledo at Frank Eck Stadium.

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freshman attack Colin Keegan recorded two goals in the quarter, completing a hat trick in just the first half and leading St. John's to a 4-0 advantage in the second quarter.

"We were awful in the first half," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "They played really well. They played inspired, very smart and good with the ball. They made us pay for our mistakes, and they kept the ball away from us, [which] kept us from making any plays to get any momentum. Great first half by them, lousy by us."

Heavy rain and even snow caused the Irish to slip on the turf in a few key situations and the ball could not find its way into their sticks, as they had trouble maintaining solid possessions throughout the second quarter.

Corrigan took advantage of halftime to let the team thaw out and slow down its game.

"I just said, 'We need goals, we haven't been scoring. We've got time to make the plays we need

to make, and we have to be aggressive about making them,'" Corrigan said.

Irish sophomore attack Ryan Foley fired back less than two minutes into the second half and three different Irish players followed with goals in the quarter. Senior midfielder David Earl scored in the clutch, as the Irish were a man-up when his first goal went in the net, giving the Irish a 7-6 lead.

"We wanted to come out in a 10-man ride, but we ended up not having to do it because we jumped out in the first couple possessions and scored. So we didn't do it, but I think we got into a more aggressive mentality, and it allowed us to make some plays," Corrigan said.

St. John's was not done fighting, and Keegan added his fourth goal of the day to keep the Red Storm in the game.

"[Keegan] was a good inside guy. I think he had a couple [scores] right on the doorstep and one a man-up," senior defenseman Kevin Ridgway said. "It was hard to try and find where he was all night."

The resilient Irish fans that remained through the first 45

minutes were up on their feet for the majority of the fourth quarter, as the Irish looked to break a 7-7 tie. Earl stepped up again, adding two goals in the final quarter, and sophomore midfielder Steve Murphy also pitched in a goal to cap off a 10-7 Irish victory.

The Irish collected more shots on goal in the second half, shooting 25 compared to St. John's 13. Seven players scored for the Irish, including two goals from senior midfielder Zach Brenneman and a hat trick from Earl.

"I thought I played well," Earl said. "Luckily, today I got a lot of good opportunities to score, and I was able to put a few of those away. A lot of guys have been scoring for us this year. I think we have 10 or 13 guys who have put up numbers for us, so it makes it hard for other teams to play against us on defense."

Corrigan said he is excited for his 15 seniors who have contributed to a memorable four years at Notre Dame.

"[They are] a terrific group of kids," he said. "I mean, 'what can you say about a group?' They've had a pretty good run here the last four years, but I hope they're



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Irish junior midfielder Max Pfeifer carries the ball in Notre Dame's 4-2 win against Villanova Apr. 2.

not done yet. There's still a lot of lacrosse left to play, and we found out tonight there's nobody out there that can't beat you if you don't come to play."

No. 1 Syracuse lost earlier in the week, which means that the Irish will undoubtedly take over the number one ranking with a 9-0 record.

"It's a wonderful thing for these guys," Corrigan said. "It doesn't change anything about what we're going to do on Monday, but

it's a wonderful thing for our guys. "I'm proud of them. It's a great accomplishment to be the last undefeated team left in the country. I'm excited for them, but we've got to get back to work on Monday because this was not a great performance by us."

The Irish return to action Wednesday against Providence at noon.

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Kahn was held pointless for the first time in her career.

"They weren't expecting our defensive strategy and we did a good job disrupting some of the stuff they were doing," Coyne said. "We played well as a unit."

During a nearly 20-minute stretch spanning both halves, the Irish scored seven consecutive goals, including the first five in the second half. Blaney scored three of her four goals dur-

ing this run.

With the win, Notre Dame remains in contention for one of the four Big East tournament spots. The Irish are currently tied in fourth place with Louisville.

"The atmosphere on campus was great and we played the best that we've played in a while," Coyne said. "I hope we can get a streak going."

The Irish look to continue their winning ways when they take on Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn., Wednesday.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Huffer, Irish in control of first

By VICKY JACOBSEN
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The Irish began their hunt for a fourth Big East title with a strong opening round of the Big East championship Sunday, finishing the day atop the eight-team field. Notre Dame, the second-seeded squad, completed the first 18 holes in 295

strokes (seven over par), 12 strokes ahead of second-place Georgetown.

The No. 25 Irish also dominated the individual leaderboard. Junior Becca Huffer currently leads the field of 40 competitors with a stroke total of 72 (even), and freshman Kristina Nhim and senior So-Hyun Park are both one stroke behind at 73 (plus-one).

Freshman Nicole Zhang, ranked No. 40 in the nation, currently sits tied for 12th place after a round of 77 (plus-five), and senior captain Katie Conway is one stroke behind in 17th place.

Nhim said the team was generally pleased with its performance.

"I know that Becca [Huffer] had a lot of pars, and So-Hyun [Park] played lights out and had a bunch of birdies. We all played a little more consistently, but we still left a lot of shots out there," Nhim said. "Personally, I started hitting many more greens and putting well, and I think placing your ball well and putting are key to playing well."

The Irish enjoyed the atmosphere and conditions at the Island Course at the Innisbrook Resort in Palm Harbor, Fla., which is hosting the Big East championship for the second time.

"Big East feels a little different just because of our rival Louisville, but other

than that we treat it as a regular tournament," Nhim said. "Conditions were great, the weather was really nice and not so hot and humid."

One difference between the conference championship and a typical weekend tournament was the off-course experience. On Saturday night, all of the competing men's and women's squads were invited to an event highlighted by a speech from former PGA Tour competitor Olin Browne.

"Olin Browne's speech was really cool; he talked about how golf is really a journey and that you have to keep plugging away at it and keep trying," Nhim said.

Despite the early lead, Notre Dame will have to "keep plugging away" over the last two rounds in order to take home the Big East title. Irish rival No. 36 Louisville is in third place with a score of 308 (plus-20) and host South Florida is fourth at 310 (plus-22). Rutgers (plus-24), St. Johns (plus-31), Cincinnati (plus-32) and Seton Hall (plus-64) finish out the eight-team field.

The Irish head back to the links for the second round of the Big East championship at 8 a.m. Monday morning.

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Kristina Nhim
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All members of the university are invited to attend, and the event is open to the public. Presentation times and titles will be available at http://business.nd.edu/Marketing/Marketing_and_the_Common_Good_Symposium/, and will be posted on flyers around campus. The Symposium is staged under the umbrella of the Notre Dame Forum, and funded by the Mendoza College of Business.

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in which the Irish lack depth, namely running back and corner-back. Irish fans were given their first glance at some of the young players that will take on a more prominent role on the squad next season or, in a few cases, have already made the jump from high school to college as early enrollees and could appear on the Notre Dame depth chart once fall rolls around. Defensive end Aaron Lynch showed off the skills that made him a coveted five-star recruit by top programs across the country. The early enrollee notched seven tackles on the afternoon, including one-and-a-half for loss. Freshman tight end Alex Welch was the leading receiver for the Blue team, reeling in four passes for 34 yards. Kelly said the Cincinnati, Ohio, native was one

of the players who helped himself the most with his spring performance. Despite recording just two tackles, freshman defensive tackle Louis Nix showed how large of a physical presence he could be over the next few years for the Irish, beginning this fall. Much of his impact depends on his willingness to get in game-shape and keep his weight under control. While the 27,863 fans in attendance were finally rewarded by the highly anticipated first looks at freshman quarterback Andrew Hendrix and early enrollee Everett Golson, the coaches did not learn much they did not already know about their young signal callers, or the other two quarterbacks in the competition for that matter. Junior Dayne Crist, the man who was handed the job last spring after the departure of Jimmy Clausen, looked rusty in his performance and consistently missed his targets. That, however, should be no surprise considering it was

the first game action he has seen since rupturing the patellar tendon in his left knee Oct. 30 against Tulsa. Freshman Tommy Rees made some strong throws and was mostly solid on the afternoon. While he and Crist did not receive as much playing time as the younger two, Rees, who led the Irish to a 4-0 finish in 2010, did not hurt his chances at earning the starting nod for Notre Dame's Sept. 3 matchup against South Florida. Hendrix and Golson exhibited flashes of brilliance, but also reminded everyone that they have a combined zero snaps in regular season action at the collegiate level. While it will be an uphill battle for each of the two to earn the starting job in fall camp, either could be a nice change-of-pace at the quarterback position to the less mobile Crist and Rees. In the end, however, it will be difficult for Kelly to overlook the experience and skills that Crist can offer. If you take away the

Tulsa game and the first half of the Michigan game, the two contests in which he was injured, Crist threw for over 2,000 yards and 15 touchdowns in less than eight games. His leadership skills and the talent that made him a five-star recruit give Notre Dame the best chance to pursue a Bowl Championship Series bid in 2011. Kelly acknowledged in the postgame press conference that a decision on the starting signal caller will be made early in fall camp. The last time Notre Dame entered the fall with a quarterback controversy, then-head coach Charlie Weis decided to enter the season opener without an announced starter at the position in 2007. The opponent, Georgia Tech, did not know, the

fans did not know, but most importantly, neither did any of the Notre Dame players, including the three quarterbacks. The decision was disastrous, and was one of the contributing factors in the nightmarish 0-5 start. Kelly won't make that same mistake. So, while the Blue-Gold exhibition does not earn Notre Dame a win in the standings, it gives the team a bright finish to spring practices and some excitement heading into fall camp and the 2011 season.

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Walker

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recovering to finish the front nine at one-over-par. However, he bogeyed three of the final four holes and finished with a five-over-par 76. Kubinski said Walker should be ready on Monday after identifying a problem in his swing. "Chris played really well for a while but those last four holes he just hit the ball poorly," he said.

"He never really hit that well all day. He's a good ball striker and ordinarily he'll hit 12-14 greens, but today he only hit five or six." Sunday's weather and course conditions made the going difficult for all competitors. The Copperhead Course hosted the PGA's Transitions Championship from March 17-20. The course must be adjusted for professional golfers and changed back to its normal layout after hosting the Transitions. Kubinski said this change made for some difficult

greens that, in addition to swirling wind, challenged his team. "They did some adjustment to the greens which created some really tough areas," he said. "Plus the wind was difficult. If wind stays steady, we have no problem with it, even if its 15 to 20 miles per hour." Notre Dame returns to action today for the second round of the Big East championships.

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Golson

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While Golson handled the majority of the snaps for the Blue, the versatile Hendrix did not disappoint in a similar role for the Gold. Hendrix finished with 150 yards of total offense, including 113 yards through the air, to go along with a game-high two rushing scores. Saturday's scrimmage marked Hendrix' first live-action snaps in Notre Dame Stadium. "It felt awesome," he said. "Knowing that I was on the bench the entire last year, to get out there and actually play, in a stadium that was half full but felt like it was full, it was a really special experience." While far from a perfect game simulation, Kelly said Saturday's scrimmage gave the coaching staff a better idea of the strengths and weaknesses of his young quarterbacks, in addition to valuable live snaps. "I thought it was a great, great opportunity for [Golson and Hendrix] in a game-like atmosphere," Kelly said. "We had a nice crowd early on when they got in there before the rains really hit, and I think they got that sense of playing in a big time atmosphere." Quarterback Dayne Crist may be accustomed to the atmosphere of the stadium, but the junior had not experienced live action since injuring his knee Oct. 30 during Notre Dame's 28-27 loss to Tulsa. Wearing a non-contact red jersey, Crist showed signs of a quarterback who missed the last four games of the season, finishing with 34 yards on 5-of-11 passing for Blue. "It was sloppy," Crist said. "It's tough when you split up a team close and have the scrimmage and stuff like that. But you know you do some things

well, and obviously didn't do [others] as well. But I think it was a good ending." Rees, Crist's replacement in 2010, finished with 61 yards on 7-of-14 passing for Gold while also wearing a non-contact jersey. While neither signal caller found the end zone, Kelly said Rees lived up to his reputation as an accurate passer. "[Rees] can see the field," Kelly said. "He had three legitimate drops out there today where he put the ball right on. I think in terms of accuracy today, and again I'll go back and watch the film, but I think Tommy was the most accurate in throwing the football." Kelly emphasized that the scrimmage will do little to determine which quarterback starts the first game of the season behind center, but added that it could help determine which receives the most reps when fall practices begin. On the defensive side, a number of players made their case for increased reps when practice resumes. Sophomore outside linebacker Dan Fox tallied seven tackles while freshman linebacker Prince Shembo added six of his own. Early enrollee Aaron Lynch may have made the strongest impression in the coaching staff's eyes. Lynch tallied seven tackles and penetrated the Gold pocket on a number of occasions. "I told him after the game that I can't wait to see him do that to other quarterbacks," Hendrix said. "It was pretty painful." Despite Lynch's impact Saturday, Kelly reaffirmed that Lynch's transition onto the field in the fall will be a complete process and will not be rushed. "He's a good football player," Kelly said. "You know, we've got to go slow with him. The one thing that he did today is he went against our first offensive

linemen. He went against [junior] Trevor Robinson and [senior] Taylor Dever. But it's going to be a process with him." Contact Chris Masoud at cmasoud@nd.edu

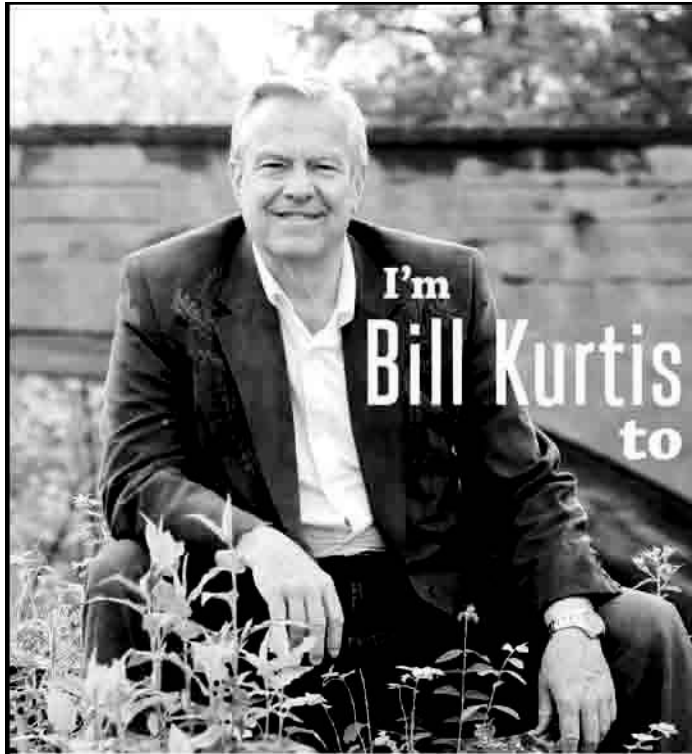
"They ask of him only that they not be oppressed:" Hume's Philosophy for the Vulgar

Professor Danford will argue that teachers of political theory ignore the thinkers of the Scottish Enlightenment because what they offer is philosophy for the vulgar. Through a discussion of what Hume has to say about leisure, commerce and the political class, with reference to Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels, among other works, Professor John Danford aims to challenge the current boundaries of political science.

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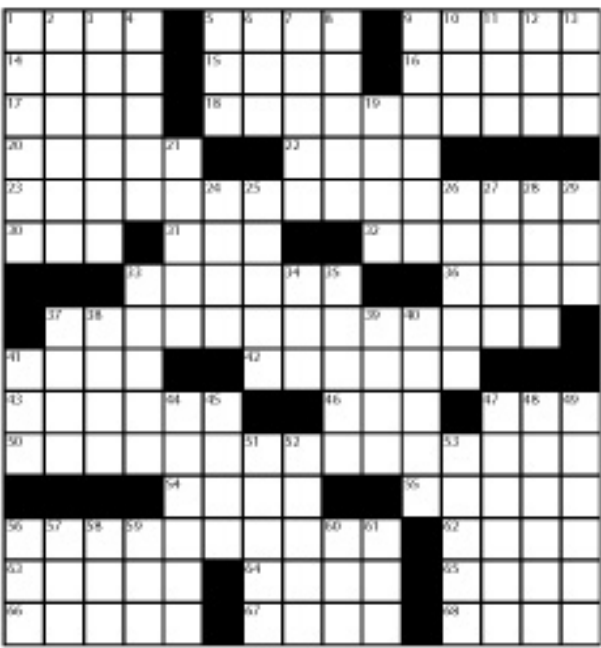
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Victoria Beckham, 37; Jennifer Garner, 39; Liz Phair, 44; Sean Bean, 52

Happy Birthday: Take control of your life. Don't wait to see what others are doing or saying. Strive for perfection and improve your skills and your presentation. Don't let other people cause you to second-guess your objectives. Stick to your game plan and don't stop until you reach your goal. Your numbers are 2, 14, 19, 23, 29, 33, 49

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be in a good position when dealing with personal and domestic situations requiring mental and physical skill. Your energy and ability to pull things together and get everyone on the same page will make you a hero. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Work on a project that can help you improve your efficiency at work and home. You can learn a lot by watching what others do wrong and not making the same mistakes. Keep anyone who is too domineering at a distance. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Getting involved in your community or fundraiser will lead to a worthwhile introduction. You are heading in the right direction with regard to friendships and potential partnerships. Be prudent and responsible financially. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't push your plans, ideas or projects on someone who isn't interested. You are better off going it alone. Added responsibilities are likely to be dumped in your lap by those dependent on your kindness and generosity. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You've got what it takes to be in control and to lead the pack. Your strength, courage, determination and high energy will be impossible to beat. This can turn into an invigorating and successful day if you put your best foot forward. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Not everyone will see things your way but, if you follow your own path, you will accomplish your goals and receive the recognition and the praise you deserve. Investing in your home, family or a project can help you raise your income. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll feel torn between what you want to do and what someone else is asking you to do. Sometimes you have to be selfish in order to boost your confidence and attitude. Offer suggestions and solutions but let others fend for themselves. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A romantic evening should be planned whether you are single or in a relationship. Socialize with friends or network with people who work in the same field. It will help you personally and professionally. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Honesty can get you off the hook with a relationship that you don't want to spend time nurturing anymore. Once you clear the air, you can move on freely. There appears to be a great deal of activity going on at your place. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If someone is asking too much of you, back away. This is not the time to argue but rather to protect your image, reputation and family from anyone who is too pushy or argumentative. Travel will not go according to plan. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It is apparent that work-related issues can be resolved if you combine a host of different skills you have. An old friend will help you realize your full potential and encourage you to make changes that will improve your life. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Spend some money to update your look or to make you feel good about yourself. Make new friends. Get involved in an event or activity that interests you and it will lead you to someone with whom you can work in the future. Love is in the stars. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are expressive, with a keen sense of what you can achieve. You are strong-willed and unafraid to take action.

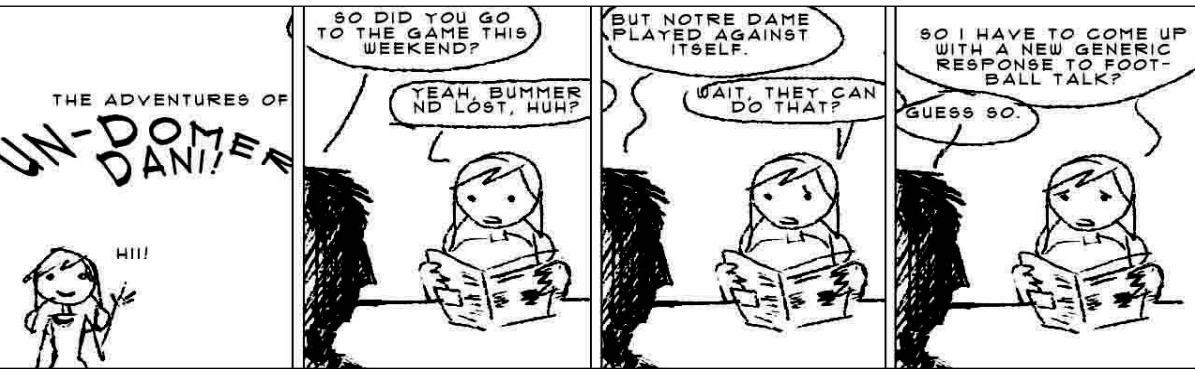
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FOOTBALL

Four quarterbacks

Hendrix, Golson showcase athleticism

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

The numbers are almost identical: the Gold squad finished with 266 yards of total offense compared to the Blue squad's 262, each converted 16 first downs and neither team scored a touchdown until the second half. But led by freshmen quarterbacks Tommy Rees and Andrew Hendrix, Gold earned a 17-14 victory over Blue on a wet Saturday afternoon.

Blue quarterback and early enrollee Everett Golson led all quarterbacks with 153 yards of total offense, including a game-high 62 yards on the ground. Golson also accounted for the only touchdown pass of the game, a 15-yard strike to junior wide receiver John Goodman to pull Blue within three in the fourth quarter.

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KIRBY MCKENNA/The Observer

Early-enrollee quarterback Everett Golson carries the ball during the Blue-Gold game Saturday. Golson finished with 62 rushing yards and 91 passing yards.

Young talent impresses Kelly, Irish faithful

Notre Dame had a winning outcome Saturday — not just because it was playing itself, but also because all three objectives outlined by Irish coach Brian Kelly were met. He and the coaching staff wanted to avoid injuries, provide some playing time for the younger players and, more specifically, get an extended look at the two inexperienced quarterbacks competing for the starting job.

Outside of a couple minor bumps and bruises, Notre Dame completed the 82nd Blue-Gold Game unscathed. This is especially important at the positions



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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Tamasitis earns mark in record books; Irish top UConn

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

Nothing could stop Irish junior attack Maggie Tamasitis — not the wind, not the rain, and certainly not the Connecticut defense. Tamasitis turned in an impressive performance, as the attack dished out six assists in Notre Dame's 15-5 win over the Huskies

Saturday.

Tamasitis tied a school record for assists in a game while also extending her points streak to 31 games, the fourth longest stretch in Irish history. In 2009, Notre Dame attack Gina Scioscia handed out six assists and Kerry Callahan accomplished the same feat in 1999.

"Anytime you have an athlete that ties a long-standing record, they're in the zone

that day," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "Assists are hard to get, but she was seeing things very well."

Senior midfielder Kailene Abt and senior attack Ansley Stewart each provided three goals of their own to pace the Irish offensive outburst.

Not to be overshadowed by Tamasitis' big day was senior midfielder Shaylyn Blaney. Blaney filled up the stat sheet, tallying four goals, one assist,

five ground balls, three draw controls and five caused turnovers.

"This was a complete game for her and she hasn't had one of those in a while," Coyne said.

Notre Dame (6-7, 3-2 Big East) peppered the Husky defense with 37 shots in the game, nearly doubling the number by Connecticut (6-6, 0-4). Irish sophomore goalie Ellie Hilling followed up a

career performance by making seven saves. Of the five goals allowed, three of them came from free-position shots.

With a combined 68 goals coming into the game, Connecticut's M.E. Lapham and Lauren Kahn posed a tough challenge for the Irish, who passed the test with flying colors. Lapham scored a team-high three goals and

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish rally, stun Red Storm

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

Fans were on the edge of their seats Saturday as the No. 2 Irish fought back from a three-point deficit to seal a 10-7 victory over Big East foe St. John's on senior day.

Irish senior long-stick midfielder Andrew Irving opened the match with a goal to put the Irish (9-0, 4-0 Big East) up 1-0. Just three minutes later, the Red Storm (4-7, 2-2) responded and exchanged a pair of goals with the Irish, as Notre Dame took a 2-1 lead into the second quarter.

The Irish have outscored their opponents in the second quarter this season, but they could not catch a break during those 15 minutes Saturday. Red Storm

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JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Irish junior midfielder Eric Keppeler recorded one goal in Notre Dame's 12-8 win over Villanova Apr. 2.

MEN'S GOLF

ND tied for first at Big East championship

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame entered the Big East championship Sunday as the top seed, and after one round of play has lived up to expectations, finishing in a tie for first with Louisville.

Irish coach Jim Kubinski said his team did exactly what he wanted on the first day in Palm Harbor, Fla., on the Innisbrook Resort's Copperhead course.

"The guys did a good job," he said. "On the first day you just want to play solid and stay within contact. They accomplished the mission today."

Junior Max Scodro led the Irish with a one-under-par 70 to finish the day tied for third in the

individual standings. Freshman Niall Platt also played well in his first Big East championships action, carding a one-over-par 72 to finish in a tie for sixth individually.

Kubinski praised Scodro's efforts, but said he missed on a few opportunities.

"Max shot it best," Kubinski said. "He had a few chips where if he hit it like he normally does he could easily have ended up with a 66 or 67."

Overall the Irish finished with a nine-over-par 293 for the day. The team score would have improved markedly without junior Chris Walker's uncharacteristic struggles. Walker opened the day with a double bogey,

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