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University releases report on accident

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Editor

The results of the University's investigation into the death of junior Declan Sullivan show Notre Dame is "collectively responsible" for the October accident, University President Fr. John Jenkins said in a Monday press conference at the Morris Inn.

Sullivan, 20, died Oct. 27 after the scissor lift from which he was filming football practice fell. He was a student videographer for the football team.

"Many individuals and departments share the collective responsibility for the inadequacy of the procedures that led to this tragedy," Jenkins said. "The University then is collectively responsible. Insofar as the president is responsible for the University as a whole, I am the individual who bears the greatest responsibility. I accept that responsibility."

Monday's press conference marked the end of a six-month-long investigation launched immediately following Sullivan's death.

"Each individual based his decisions and actions that day on the best information at the time and in accord with the procedures that



DOUGLAS FARMER/The Observer

University president Fr. John Jenkins discusses the results of the University's investigation into the death of junior Declan Sullivan at a press conference Monday.

were in place," Jenkins said about the events leading to the accident. "The procedures regarding wind safety obviously did not prevent this accident and must be brought up to the more rigorous standards that we have for other weather conditions such as heat, humidity and lightning."

The report gave eight recommendations for future action, all of which Jenkins said Notre Dame will implement.

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves oversaw

the University's investigation. He said the investigation reviewed the decision process and timeline of events on the day of the accident, wind conditions, specific characteristics of the lift and the culture of safety in the Notre Dame football program.

The University will adopt the international maximum wind speed standard of 28 miles per hour to operate any lift on campus, and employees will be given real-time wind information whenever the lifts are in opera-

tion. Affleck-Graves said the University would begin using handheld devices to check wind speed.

Other recommendations included the appointment of safety contacts in each department who would have authority over the safety of all on-field personnel and reviews of the University protocol for lift operation and use.

"Finally, we will develop a national education safety program so that we can

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Students fast in solidarity

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

In a display of solidarity, many Notre Dame students will forego food, cell phones and other items they rely on today for the University's second annual 24 Hour Fast for Haiti.

Sponsored by Friends of the Orphans (FOTO) and the Center for Social Concerns, the event invites students to give up food or objects they depend on from 6 p.m. this evening until 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Seniors Noelle Hilmer and Sam Russ initiated the fast last year after an earthquake struck Haiti in January of 2010. Hilmer said they intended for the fast to display solidarity with the millions of displaced people who had difficulty finding food.

"This year we are not only fasting in solidarity again, but we are hopefully remembering that there is still a long road to recovery for the Haitians and we must not forget them," she said.

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SMC students launch soda in LaFortune



CAITLIN HOUSLEY/The Observer

Saint Mary's students display their soda, Twist O' Luck, Monday. The soda is now available for purchase in the LaFortune Student Center.

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
News Writer

Thanks to several entrepreneurial Saint Mary's students, the Notre Dame campus community can now quench its thirst in a manner befitting its affinity for

the color green.

Twist O'Luck, a soda concocted by senior Jeannie Michael and juniors Hannah Hupp, Lindsey Downs, Hanna Vicary and Loren Sampson as part of a class assignment, went on sale at

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Clubs thrive at Notre Dame

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

With more than 250 clubs on campus to choose from, Notre Dame offers students plenty of outlets for their interests. However, most students don't realize how much "behind the scenes" work it takes to start these clubs and keep them running.

Student Programs Coordinator Mary Kate Havlik said the Student Activities Office (SAO) and the Club Coordination Council (CCC) are responsible for the approval and recognition of all 242 undergraduate and 58 graduate clubs at Notre Dame.

"These groups review the prospective club's mission and determine whether a similar group already exists," she said. "The CCC in particular reviews the club for its organization and sustainability as a club in the future."

Havlik said prospective clubs are only reviewed twice a year by SAO, at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters.

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242 undergrad clubs
58 graduate clubs

Student Clubs at Notre Dame

Prospective clubs should have:

- constitution with groups purpose
- list of officers and faculty advisor
- tentative list of events with budget

SOFIA ITURBE | Observer Graphic

"The approval process can take a while," she said. "Many groups may not be approved the same semester they were proposed."

Havlik said prospective clubs should have a constitution with the group's purpose, a list of offi-

cers and a faculty advisor, a tentative list of events with a budget and, if necessary, departmental consent.

"For instance, if you wanted to

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD YOU PUT IN YOUR TIME CAPSULE?



Dillon Weisner

*freshman
Keenan*

*“My grandma
so she lives
forever.”*



Julie Koh

*freshman
Breen-Phillips*

*“My fresh-
man year of
college.”*



Laura Philipp

*junior
Pasquerilla West*

*“My junior
year.”*



Lily Marino

*freshman
McGlinn*

“French fries.”



Nicole Campion

*sophomore
Welsh Family*

*“Summer
vacation.”*



Emily Holtz

*freshman
Breen-Phillips*

*“A list of all
the majors I’ve
considered.”*

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



JAMES DOAN/The Observer

The Women’s Rugby team poses after their victory in San Diego this past weekend. They advance to the final four, which will be held in Pittsburgh April 30.

OFFBEAT

The appearance of justice

Netherlands — Hair today, gone tomorrow.

A judge has asked lawyers to shed their wigs next time they appear before her at the International Criminal Court.

A handful of attorneys appeared Monday in traditional black gowns and white horsehair wigs for a preliminary hearing in a case dealing with violence after Kenya’s disputed 2007 presidential election.

Justice Ekaterina Trendafilova paused briefly at the end of the hearing to pass a hair-raising judgment.

“This is not the dress

code of this institution,” she said.

“In this quite warm weather maybe it will be more convenient to be without wigs,” she added with a smile.

It is unusual for lawyers to appear at the International Criminal Court in wigs, but not unheard of. At least three lawyers wore wigs during the initial appearance of three Kenyan suspects on April 8, without Justice Trendafilova issuing any dress code guidelines.

Arizona man uses dog-like tactics

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.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Stanford University professor Pete Klenow will be offering a lecture entitled “Beyond GDP? Welfare Across Countries and Time” this afternoon from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center, Room C103.

RecSports is offering free body composition and blood pressure testing this afternoon from 4 to 5 p.m. in the RSRC Wellness Room. Registration is available through RecRegister.

Montana State University professor Mary Cloninger is holding a seminar entitled “Using Glycodeltimers to Arbitrate Galectin Mediated Cancer Cellular Interactions” this afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at 129 DeBartolo Hall.

The Reilly Center and the History of Science Society’s Executive Office are presenting a play titled “Let Newton Be!” The play will feature three actors portraying Isaac Newton during three stages of his life on stage at the same time. Tickets for students are free and are available at the Box Office in the west lobby of LaFortune. The performance will be held this evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at Washington Hall.

There will be a campus-wide Stations of the Cross this evening from 9 to 11 p.m. The procession departs from the Grotto. Opportunity for individual confessions follows Stations in the Basilica at 10:15 p.m.

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

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	LOW 33	LOW 36	LOW 33	LOW 38	LOW 44	LOW 44

Websites implement changes



By TORI ROECK
News Writer

Changes will soon be implemented to the University of Notre Dame home page and insideND to improve structure and navigability, Jane Morrow, enterprise web content specialist for the Office of Public Relations, said.

Improving the login page is a main goal of the changes, Morrow said.

"We're looking to give people additional information on that page to make it a little bit easier for [users] to find resources that they're looking for," she said.

Morrow said information on the website will remain similar, but organization will be adjusted.

"The carousel causes a lot of users difficulty," she said. "We're going to replace that whole area and improve the way the information architecture is delivered so that people can access the information a lot faster, simpler and easier."

Aesthetic changes are also planned, Morrow said.

"The design is going to be adjusted a little bit to

improve the look and feel," Morrow said. "The biggest debate right now is having to do with color. We still haven't gotten a decision on that."

The Office of Public Relations, Agency ND and the Office of Information Technology are gathering feedback from students, faculty and staff regarding changes to insideND through focus groups, Morrow said.

No formal decisions will be made until all feedback has been recorded, but Morrow said she is already noticing trends in responses.

"Students are pretty happy with the content that's [on insideND]," Morrow said. "I think it's going to be reorganized a little bit, and a couple of resources that were not on there are probably going to be added because students requested them."

Morrow said the Office of

Public Relations consulted prospective students, in addition to current students, faculty and staff regarding changes to the University's home page.

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Jane Morrow
enterprise web content specialist

how they are searching for University information," she said. "We're including just about everybody we can think of."

Morrow said she hopes the changes to insideND and the University of Notre Dame home page will be as successful as those made to the Notre Dame Events Calendar website this year.

"Traffic to that site has really increased because the site offers so many calendaring options. It's so much easier for people to use than the old one," she said. "A lot more people are using it and publishing to it."

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Professional boxer speaks at Saint Mary's

By JULIA HARRIS
News Writer

Professional boxer and championship title winner Eva Jones-Young said she wanted a fresh start when she entered the boxing ring at the age of 32 following a successful international martial arts and karate career.

"I needed a new challenge," Jones-Young said, "But as soon as I started boxing, people were saying that women shouldn't be boxers."

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Eva Jones-Young
professional boxer

Jones-Young, who was raised in South Bend, visited Saint Mary's College Monday to speak about her experience as a professional female athlete, mother and small business owner.

The Cross Currents Program, the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership and the Department of Anthropology cosponsored "Inside the Ropes with Eva Jones-Young," which was held in Spes Unica Hall.

Jones-Young said despite the criticism, she was able to win three world championship titles, two within the first six rounds.

"I was told that I would never play in a championship because I wasn't blonde hair, blue eyed," she said. "But I thought to myself, I'm gonna keep fighting until I do."

In addition to a full-time

boxing career requiring five to six hours of daily intensive training, Jones-Young said she was able to spend time with her daughter. She said she also created a small business washing windows for households, grocery stores and buildings in the South Bend area.

"I would be standing on 40 foot ladders with five gallon buckets of water and 140-pound motors," Jones-Young said. "Nobody once told me that women shouldn't be doing that."

Jones-Young, whose fights have been featured on ESPN and pay-per view, brought her three world championship belts and boxing gloves for students to try on. She said competition and practice was something she always enjoyed.

"I trained a lot, and I mean a lot. There were lots of sit-ups, push-ups, running and drills. I never got scared or nervous," Jones-Young said. "I always had fun."

Jones-Young said Saint Mary's students can attain success if they have faith in themselves.

"As women, we can do anything we put our mind to," Jones-Young said, "I'm a firm believer in that."

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Clubs

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start an athletic club, you might need the approval of RecSports," she said.

If an undergraduate group is approved through the prospective club approval process, their first year is probationary, Havlik said.

"During that year, the club must meet certain CCC guidelines in order to receive full recognition by SAO," she said. "They set a minimum number of events for an undergraduate club to accomplish in the probationary year."

Every year, several groups decide they do not have enough interest and choose to become inactive and disband, Havlik said.

Prospective clubs must have at least four officers, but there is no minimum number of members they need to have, Havlik said.

Havlik added that student groups work best when they maintain a strong presence at Notre Dame.

"After that first year, there is no minimum number of events, but all clubs are encouraged to remain active and visible on campus," she said.

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share with others the lessons we have learned from this tragic accident,” Affleck-Graves said. “We will work with others such as [the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Association (IOSHA)], the NCAA and the Collegiate Sports Video Association in this education effort.”

The University installed a remote video system at its football practice fields before spring practice began March 23 and will no longer use scissor lifts to film football practice. Notre Dame will continue to use lifts for other purposes, Affleck-Graves said.

Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick said his department is outlining more detailed practice safety guidelines for each sport and will more thoroughly train its

employees.

“The lessons we learn here go to the whole University, and in my case the entire Athletics Department,” Swarbrick said. “The first part is a clearer delineation of personal responsibility from program to program.”

Affleck-Graves said the investigation included extensive research collected over the months following the October accident.

“This report provides a thorough account of what happened, including details of the tests and analysis performed by the experts, interviews with over 50 individuals, forensic examinations of the computers of personnel in the Athletic Department,” Affleck-Graves said.

The University conducted

the internal review with the help of Jon Peterka, a leading expert on wind-engineering applications and research, and David Merrifield, a safety consultant with expertise on aerial lift platforms.

“The report concludes the following factors led to the accident: a sudden and extraordinary 53 mile-per-hour gust of wind; staff members’ lack of knowledge regarding wind speeds on the field during the practice; the characteristics of Declan’s lift, which was lighter than the other two lifts, making it more susceptible to tipping; and the height of the lift, which at 40 feet made it more susceptible to tipping,” Affleck-Graves said.

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Jack Swarbrick
Director of Athletics

the staff checked the weather online eight times throughout the day, Affleck-Graves said, but the wind speed did not exceed 35 miles per hour at the staff’s last weather update before practice began.

“The report highlights that as the primary weakness in our procedures,” he said. “The lack of wind measuring on the field during the practice and the absence of any single individual with responsibility for monitoring wind.”

Peter Likins, president emeritus of the University of Arizona, conducted an independent review of the investigation. He did not receive compensation for his work.

“I do want to say as clearly as I can that I affirm my belief in the integrity of the process and the quality of the conclusions and the recommendations,” Likins said.

Jenkins said the University would continue its conversations with the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration

(IOSHA) after the state found Notre Dame guilty of six safety violations related to the accident. The fines from the citations total \$77,500.

“What I intend to do is devote all my energy and all my efforts to enhancing the safety on campus, as well as beyond Notre Dame, with regard to aerial lifts,” Jenkins said. “That’s my focus.”

After the state released its report March 15, the University filed a Notice of Contest on April 7 to continue talks with IOSHA.

“Nothing we can do can restore Declan to his family and to his community,” Jenkins said. “But the most important way to memorialize Declan is to do all we can to understand the factors that led to his death and to take steps to prevent such an accident from happening at Notre Dame or anywhere else.”

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A man surveys hundreds of bodies of earthquake victims at a morgue in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, in January.

Haiti

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The fast begins this evening in Geddes Hall Chapel with a 6 p.m. prayer service reflecting on the meaning of fasting. It ends with 5 p.m. Mass tomorrow in Dillon Hall Chapel, followed by an Italian dinner in the Coleman-Morse Center.

“Throughout the 24 hours, participants will receive ‘spiritual meals’ – a midnight snack, morning meal and afternoon food for thought,” Hilmer said. “All are reflections based on quotes, prayers and inspirational excerpts that three different fast participants have been asked to write out.”

In addition to displaying support, participants are encouraged to request donations to benefit the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) orphanage in Haiti. If students choose not to fast, they are encouraged to support their peers with prayers or donations.

FOTO sends students to an NPH orphanage in Honduras over school breaks. Senior Caitlin Nichols traveled to the NPH orphanage in Honduras this

year.

“While I was there I was able to see how donations are used and what a great organization it is,” she said. “By donating to this Fast for Haiti you are guaranteed that your money will be put to good use.”

Hilmer said the event highlights ongoing struggles in Haiti. While people are eager to assist a country immediately after disaster strikes, it is in the coming months when media coverage dies down that the country truly needs aid, she said.

“By fasting, students recognize that there is still much to be done in Haiti and they have not forgotten that,” Hilmer said. “By requesting

support through a donation letter, they are asking others not to forget our Haiti brothers and sisters either.”

Nichols said the fast has special meaning during the week leading up to Easter.

“By spending a day fasting, especially during Holy Week, we are reminded of those who have less than us,” she said. “Living in solidarity with others is a great way to raise awareness about their living circumstances.”

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“By spending a day fasting, especially during Holy Week, we are reminded indeed of those who have less than us.”

Caitlin Nichols
senior

Soda

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the Huddle and Sbarro in the LaFortune Student Center April 12.

The group put a lot of effort into launching the creation and got Northwood Soda in Williamsburg, Mich., to bottle the citrus-flavored beverage, Hupp said. Glass bottles of the drink feature black labels with “Twist O’ Luck” written in green lettering.

“Twist O’ Luck began as a class product for the Business New Venture course,” she said. “We came up with the idea over the summer and spent much of the first semester creating the formula, designing the labels and writing our business plan.”

Michael said marketing to the South Bend community is critical to the beverage’s success. The inventors of the drink attended the South Bend Women’s Expo to promote sales and consistently update the Twist O’ Luck

Facebook page with contests.

The green drink has already gained popularity at Saint Mary’s. Since the soda’s introduction Jan. 26, Hupp said the campus has sold around four cases per week. She said Notre Dame initially bought four cases of the soda and sold out within 24 hours.

“Since we designed the soda to be a novelty for the local community, Notre Dame

was an obvious location that we hoped to be able to sell Twist O’ Luck,” Hupp said.

Hupp said she anticipates the product will be popular at Notre Dame.

“We hope to bring everyone a little ‘twist o’ luck,” she said.

Michael said the group is excited for the long-term future of the product at the University.

“We are excited for all of

the opportunities for students and the community that having Twist O’ Luck at Notre Dame will bring,” she said. “Market research

“We came up with the idea over the summer and spent much of the first semester creating the formula, designing the labels and writing our business plan.”

Hannah Hupp
junior

has shown that kids love Twist O’ Luck. We know that future D o m e r s would enjoy and have fun drinking a Twist O’ Luck at tailgates as they cheer on the Fighting Irish.”

N o t r e Dame sopho-

more Trenton Jackson said Twist O’ Luck is “absolutely delicious.”

“I tried it, then proceeded to buy fifteen of them,” he said. “I believe that supporting local business is very important.”

Junior Alex West said his group of friends was surprised Twist O’ Luck was invented by students.

“We were sitting around drinking [the soda] and wondering how this could have possibly been made by a student,” he said. “It was like if winning could be turned into a beverage...I would definitely buy it again and again.”

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Group discusses green eating

By KATIE CARLISLE
News Writer

A discussion of the benefits of local and organic farming and the impact of food choices on the environment titled "Food Justice and Sustainability Discussion" brought together Saint Mary's faculty, students and local farmers Monday in Spes Unica Hall.

Monica Aguirre, president of Saint Mary's Environmental Action Coalition (SMEAC), said the group sponsored the talk in order to educate the campus about the ecological impact of dining decisions.

"We've been learning a lot about how important our food choices are and how much they affect the environment," she said. "But we're learning that we have control over these decisions as well."

Megan Zwart, professor of philosophy, said she committed to veganism after thinking

about the ethical consequences of what she ate. She said becoming more conscious of what she ate was the first step toward an organic lifestyle.

"I began to think of eating as a moral issue," Zwart said. "I don't want to hurt things, but more than that I need to realize all the ways I'm already hurting things."

Local farmer Mary Kulwicki said she converted to organic eating after discovering the impact of agriculture on the environment.

"Rachel Carson's book 'Silent Spring' had the biggest impact on my decision," she said. "I read it when farming was just another way man could dominate over nature."

Kulwicki, who said she has

worked hard to diversify her crops and free them of chemicals, said her produce is organically certified. She said it is a challenge to do so, as pesticides often contaminate the water supply.

Aguirre said reducing the personal impact on the environment may seem daunting, but it can be achieved with simple, everyday choices.

"Just visiting the [South Bend] Farmers Market and eating organically and locally — it doesn't take a lot and

you can start with small steps," she said.

"Just visiting the [South Bend] Farmer's Market and eating organically and locally — it doesn't take a lot and you can start with small steps."

Monica Aguirre
SMEAC

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Arizona governor vetoes 'birther' bill

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer on Monday vetoed a bill that would have required President Barack Obama and other presidential candidates to prove their U.S. citizenship before their names could appear on the state's ballot.

The bill would have made Arizona the first state to pass such a requirement. Opponents had warned the bill would give another black eye to Arizona after last year's controversy over the state's illegal immigration enforcement law.

Brewer said in her veto letter that she was troubled that the bill empowered Arizona's secretary of state to judge the qualifications of all candidates when they file to run for office.

"I do not support designating one person as the

gatekeeper to the ballot for a candidate, which could lead to arbitrary or politically motivated decisions," said Brewer, who was secretary of state until she became governor in 2009.

"In addition, I never imagined being presented with a bill that could require candidates for president of the greatest and most powerful nation on Earth to submit their 'early baptismal circumcision certificates' among other records to the Arizona secretary of state," she said. "This is a bridge too far."

The certificates were among the documents a candidate could have submitted under the bill in place of a birth certificate.

So-called "birthers" claim there's no proof Obama was born in the United States, and he is therefore ineligible to be president. But Hawaii officials have certified Obama was born in that state.

The U.S. Constitution requires that presidential candidates be "natural-born" U.S. citizens, be at least 35 years old, and be a resident of the United States for at least 14 years. Opponents questioned whether Arizona's bill would have added additional requirements.

The measure would have required that political parties and presidential candidates hand in affidavits stating a candidate's citizenship and age. It also would have required the candidate's birth certificate and a sworn statement saying where the candidate has lived for 14 years.

If candidates didn't have a copy of their birth certificates, they could meet the requirement by providing baptismal or circumcision certificates, hospital birth records and other documents.

If it couldn't be determined whether candidates who provided documents in place of their birth certificates were eligible to appear on the ballot, the secretary of state would have been able to set up a committee to help determine whether the requirements were met. The names of candidates could be kept off the ballot if the secretary of state didn't believe the candidates met the citizenship requirement.

The bill didn't explicitly provide an appeals process for a candidate whose name was kept off the ballot.

The bill's sponsor, Republican Rep. Carl Seel of Phoenix, said he was disappointed by the veto. It would have been reasonable to have the secretary of state — the state's top election officer — decide whether a candidate had adequately documented his or her qualifications, he said.

Because the bill would have required candidates for all offices to submit documentation of their qualifications, he said, "it would have been excellent reform."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Accuweather?

Two years ago, as I began to visit and apply to different universities that could potentially become my second home for the next four years of my life, I did not have any particular preference as to where I truly wanted to go.

However, all of the universities I applied to had to comply with one small condition. Believe it or not, I wanted my dream school to be located somewhere where I could experience the change of seasons throughout the year.

Living in a never-ending and sometimes unbearable humid and hot climate my whole life, I had never experienced a change in seasons. Therefore, I wanted my college years to ideally include 2 or 3 months of warm weather, a period of cool and breezy temperatures where I could see the leaves in the trees change colors, some months of cold and snow and, finally, some months of mild spring weather.

Besides enriching and contributing to my first two college years in many incredible ways, Notre Dame has also fulfilled this particular climate requirement. Nevertheless, this weather prerequisite of mine turned out to be very different from what I had expected and brought along with it a bothersome dependency of which I was at first completely unaware of.

From the moment I arrived at Notre Dame, my wardrobe and mood relied on the daily imprecise and varying information provided by accuweather.com and many other weather forecasting websites. This dependency has drastically increased this spring semester.

Last year, the winter season was relatively good. It began late in October and ended in early March. For someone who had never experienced extremely cold temperatures, it seemed perfect! But this spring semester has been a whole different story, characterized by irregular and unpredictable temperature changes that not even accuweather can predict.

Last week accuweather got it right, indicating that spring had finally arrived with sunny and mild 60 degree temperatures. Consequently, I saw a significant change in my overall mood and clothing selection. I felt happy and wore less layers and a lot of color.

Yet, this past weekend, as I got a glimpse of the weather forecast for the upcoming week, disappointment and frustration quickly kicked in. The website indicated a week of snow, wind and 30 degree temperatures! Could this really be true? Thirty degree weather meant wearing my parka, boots, sweaters and scarves all over again. This would completely alter my previously happy and colorful spring mood.

So, after internalizing this unbelievable April climate, I invite all of you who are dissatisfied with the weather to follow my new plan. I have given up and decided I will not rely on weather forecasting websites anymore, nor will I look outside the window every morning in order to choose what to wear. Weather will not affect my mood from now until the end of the semester. I will wear whatever I feel like wearing, as if I lived in a place with a constant and unchanging climate. Maybe the predictable and unbearable hot Caribbean weather is not that bad after all.

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Scene Writer

How green is your Notre Dame experience?

Inspired by Bradley McDonald's "How interesting is your Notre Dame experience?" (March 25), I have devised my own highly sophisticated scoring mechanism for rating how "green" you've been during your time at Notre Dame thus far.

The GreenMan

From personal experience, I can assure you that it's entirely possible to score well on both of these tests. Hopefully my column on green alcohol proved once and for all that fun and the environment are not mutually exclusive. Since excelling at everything is our lifeblood as Notre Dame students, I challenge you to adopt any of the green behaviors below that you haven't already.

Food:

- ◆ Joined the "clean plate club" during Waste-Free Week/Waste-Free Wednesday [5 points per raffle entry]

- ◆ Eaten vegetarian on a day other than a Lenten Friday [5 points, 15 points if you're a committed vegetarian]

- ◆ Tried Greenfield's new menu [5 points]

- ◆ Been to the South Bend Farmer's Market [5 points per visit]

- ◆ Purchased fresh produce from the Purple Porch Co-op [15 points]

Transportation:

- ◆ Owned a bike [5 points]

- ◆ Had a Zipcar membership [10 points]

- ◆ Taken Transpo to/from a bar [5 points]

- ◆ Taken Transpo anytime other than to/from a bar [10 points]

- ◆ Carpoled home for a break with

someone you'd never met before [5 points]

Water:

- ◆ Owned a water-filtering pitcher [5 points]

- ◆ Regularly used a reusable water bottle [5 points, 10 if you got it from the Office of Sustainability]

- ◆ Combined loads of laundry with a roommate to make a full load [5 points]

- ◆ Used a timer to limit shower time to 4 minutes [10 points]

Energy:

- ◆ Owned Energy Star appliances (TV, mini-fridge, etc) [5 points per appliance]

- ◆ Unplugged all appliances over breaks [15 points]

- ◆ Used only CFL bulbs [10 points]

- ◆ Participated in Earth Hour [5 points, -5 if you don't know what Earth Hour is]

- ◆ Lived in a hall that won the dorm energy competition (Knott, Cavanaugh, Walsh) [5 points]

Waste:

- ◆ Donated to Old 2 Gold [5 points per year]

- ◆ Owned a reusable coffee mug [5 points]

- ◆ Regularly used a reusable grab'n'go bag [10 points]

- ◆ Recycled more than you threw away in your dorm room [10 points]

Miscellaneous:

- ◆ Joined the GreeND listserv [5 points]

- ◆ Actually attended a GreeND or SEA meeting [10 points]

- ◆ Gone on a sustainability-related CSC break trip [10 points]

- ◆ Been to the roof of Stinson-Remick to

see the solar panels [10 points]

- ◆ "Liked" the Office of Sustainability's Facebook page [5 points]

- ◆ Taken a tour of the power plant [10 points]

- ◆ Majored in Environmental Science or Geosciences [20 points]

"Brown" Points:

- ◆ Asked a professor to add money to your print quota [-1 point per dollar added]

- ◆ Always took a brown paper bag from grab'n'go [-5 points]

- ◆ Driven to Eddy Street [-10 points]

- ◆ Participated in Double Impact Week [-25 points]

Fewer than 50 points: Really? Stop killing the planet!

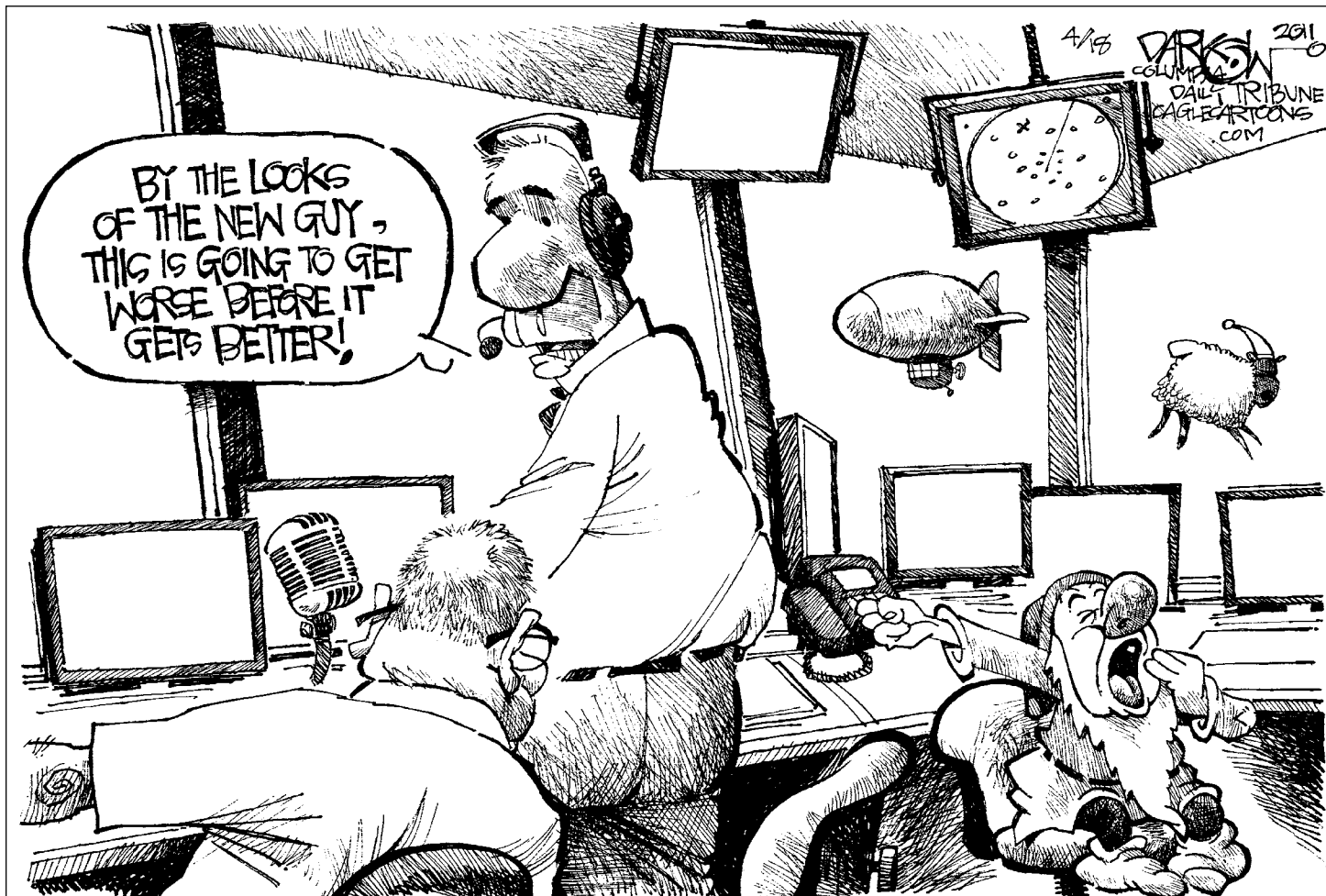
50-150 points: Decent. You're trying, but could make more of an effort to be green. Boost your score by visiting the Farmer's Market or donating your stuff to Old 2 Gold this year.

150-200 points: Awesome! You're rocking some very green choices – keep it up!

250+ points: You are 100% bona-fide hippie. Which really raises one question: why did you come to school here?

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"College isn't the place to go for ideas."

Helen Keller
U.S. blind & deaf educator

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you get into the office."

Robert Frost
U.S. poet

Carbon tax: the reasonable solution

Growing unrest in the Middle East has resulted in a more than 60 cent jump in U.S. fuel prices in a two month time period. Rising fuel prices are threatening recovery from the recession just as job numbers and economic indicators are showing real signs of improvement. Why does the United States continue to tolerate economic reliance on foreign oil from volatile Middle Eastern countries?



Chris Rhodenbaugh

In Pursuit of Social Justice

The answer is fear among legislators that any policy solution responsible for a short-term increase in energy prices will destroy a political career. This political cowardice is already resulting in drastic increases in energy prices by making the well-being of U.S. citizens and the health of the economy liable to foreign governments. Political inaction is resulting in the worst-case scenario. Costs are increasing for non-renewable energy sources while the US is falling behind the rest of the world in developing renewable technology.

A carbon tax is the most transparent, feasible and efficient strategy to make the United States a leader in the international green economy, reduce dependence on

foreign oil and address the crisis of global warming. Even the most ardent free-market proponent would be challenged to argue that the problem of global warming will be solved without some government intervention. Pollution is an economic externality, meaning the entity profiting from the polluting activity is not fully absorbing the external costs of pollution on society in the price of the good or service. Therefore, the key is this: a policy solution to force energy suppliers to internalize pollution costs that have the smallest possible negative impact, while creating the most effective incentive for innovation or behavior change to reduce pollution.

Republicans and conservative business advocates have consistently called for more certainty and simplicity in the U.S. tax code. A carbon tax prices carbon in an exact manner, by levying a fee on carbon emissions per metric ton. In contrast to the open-ended pricing mechanism of a cap-and-trade system, the proposal that failed to pass Congress last year, a carbon tax will provide certainty in the market that will best allow all stakeholders to prepare for additional costs.

Concomitantly, the IRS is equipped to implement the tax, significantly reducing the need for additional bureaucracy to manage a more convoluted federal solution.

The implementation of a carbon tax would ignite a wave of innovation by mak-

ing renewable technology and energy efficient decisions cheaper, or price competitive, to their environmentally unfriendly alternatives. Yet, for the tax to be successful in promoting innovation without inducing economic contraction, a carbon tax must include a variety of stipulations to minimize negative impact on U.S. businesses and low income families. Implementation must occur on a lengthy timeline that includes a two year grace period for companies and families to increase energy efficiency or transition to renewable power sources in advance of increased costs. Also, the tax should be set to increase at defined intervals over a long period of time to account for increasing feasibility of improving energy efficiency as technology develops.

To make the carbon tax politically feasible the implementation should specify unequivocally that all revenues will go towards reducing the U.S. corporate income tax and providing a payroll tax rebate and equivalent social security rebate to help offset the increasing energy costs that will be faced by businesses, low income families and seniors. According to the Cato Institute, the U.S. has the highest corporate income tax in the world at 40 percent. The high tax rate is pushing away investment from the U.S. and is an unreasonable burden on U.S. companies trying to compete in the global economy. A carbon tax, coupled with a significant decrease in the corporate tax rate, would

not only lead to the expansion of the green economy, but drastically stimulate business growth across every sector. If the tax is implemented, inevitably technology will improve, making renewable energy options increasingly affordable. With lower energy costs, payroll tax and social security rebates will become long-term tax relief for low income families and seniors, without affecting the reduction in the corporate income tax.

Current legislative proposals for a carbon tax that vary in the size of the carbon tax, project between \$69 billion and \$126 billion in tax revenues in 2015, and between \$263 billion and \$361 billion revenues in 2030, in 2005 dollars. To put that in perspective, the federal government in 2005 earned \$771 billion in tax revenue from payroll taxes and \$307 billion from corporate income taxes.

A carbon tax, if proposed correctly, can unite interest groups across the political spectrum in support of a major step forward in environmental policy and ending dependence on foreign oil. What are we waiting for?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Taxing the richest

Ryan Williams (April 14, "Who wants to tax a millionaire?") makes a series of undocumented assertions more suited to talk radio than to these pages.

He cites Hauser's "Law" to assert that federal revenues are always about 19.5 percent of GDP, regardless of the top rate of income tax, which is therefore irrelevant to fiscal deficits. The proportion was over 20 percent in 2000. It has been under 15 percent in 2009 and 2010. Five percent of GDP is about \$750 billion.

He denounces the top level of federal income tax, currently at 35 percent, as unfair and asserts that any increase would stifle innovation. At no time between 1932 and 1982 was the top rate below 70 percent. Did that stifle innovation?

He notes that the top 1 percent of earners pay about 25 percent of all federal income tax revenues. He does not note that the income of this 1 percent is over 20 percent of all incomes. The proportion received by the top 1 percent has more than doubled over the last 30 years. That of the bottom 90 percent has declined. That of the bottom 25 percent has declined by over 30 percent.

He also omits to mention the difference between marginal and effective tax rates. According to the IRS, the 400 most affluent households had an average income of \$345 million in 2007. They paid out 17 percent of this in tax.

He insists that it is the rich who create jobs. Despite all the tax cuts, there was less than a tenth of 1 percent of additional jobs created during the eight years of President G. W. Bush. It is not private investment decisions but market conditions that lead to job creation.

Opposition to progressive rates of taxation should be argued honestly, on ideological grounds. Mr Williams cries that the wealthy should not have to support "freeloading Americans." Traditionally used against African-Americans, this argument now targets the millions of unemployed, poor children, the sick and the elderly. Citizenship and mutual support are gutted on behalf of plutocracy.

Why should bankers care about the health, housing and education of the poor? Even if morality is rejected, mere prudence might suggest some answers.

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'Amazon tax' is blatantly unconstitutional

With the highest public debt per capita in the nation, Connecticut's bleak fiscal outlook is causing the legislature to grasp for tax policies that require out-of-state online retailers to collect sales tax on transactions with Connecticut residents. The tax scheme, which potentially affects dozens of online retailers, is better known as the "Amazon tax" after its largest target, Amazon.com. The Amazon tax is blatantly unconstitutional and is bad news for Connecticut's online shoppers, especially students, causing Amazon to decrease its ties with Connecticut contractors.

Thomas Dilling

The Daily Campus

The Amazon tax is pushed under the premise that it will "close a loophole" in Connecticut's tax collection, making it easier for the state to collect sales taxes on online transactions it claims to be entitled to. This argument isn't new to the internet age; it has been argued for decades against mail-order companies who operate out-of-state, but advertise and distribute catalogues to in-state residents. The reason why mail-order companies don't collect sales tax is because forcing them to do so has been decided by the Supreme Court to be unconstitutional in Quill Corp. v. North Dakota. The ruling is intelligible: interstate commerce is a federal matter, not a state matter.

Amazon and other internet retailers like it are the quintessential mail-order companies of our age, and the Constitution equally protects Amazon as it protects traditional mail-order companies. If Connecticut wants to collect taxes from Amazon, it should focus on making its business climate one that attracts Amazon to move in-state.

Proponents of the tax will argue that Amazon's in-state affiliate advertisers, who put Amazon links on their websites in exchange for a fee, create an adequate in-state presence to justify a tax. But these advertisers aren't Amazon employees and aren't participants in Amazon's sales transactions. These advertisers are the equivalent of a newspaper putting an advertisement for a mail-order company in their publication.

Furthermore, if Connecticut enacts this tax, Amazon has threatened to remove these advertisers to prevent having to collect a tax, while detracting from many Connecticut incomes. Therefore, Connecticut won't be able to collect any sales tax from Amazon, while also losing out on income taxes. So, regardless of the Constitutional arguments, it is still clear that this

would lead to negative results for the state.

Suzanne Staubach, manager of the UConn Co-op argues in her testimony to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee that because Amazon doesn't collect taxes on transactions, the Co-op suffers. Thus, requiring Amazon to collect taxes equalizes the competition. This argument is flawed for several reasons.

First off, many items purchased on Amazon are not a transaction with Amazon, but rather transactions with individuals who are selling their new or used merchandise on Amazon's platform. These individuals likely have no authority to collect taxes anywhere, much less in Connecticut. As of 2010, these third-party transactions account for 31 percent of Amazon's sales.

Secondly, as of January, Amazon's ebook sales have outpaced their hardcovers sales by three to one. Amazon's ebooks have even surpassed their paperback sales with 115 ebooks sold for everyone paperback sold. If the Co-op wants to complain about not being able to compete, it isn't because of a 6 percent sales tax, but rather because customers are discovering an alternative to paper books.

Lastly, the greatest reason why the Co-op's criticism is misguided is because the Co-op doesn't collect any sales tax on books purchased by students for classes, which presumably make up the majority of its sales. This is because Connecticut has a tax provision that excludes all books purchased for college classes from sales tax. Under an Amazon tax students would still be eligible for tax-exempt books from Amazon, but the state's tax policy makes it easier and more convenient to receive this tax exemption from college bookstores than from online retailers and smaller in-state book retailers. So, ironically, it is actually the Co-op that has "loopholes" working in its favor.

The justifications for the so-called "Amazon tax" are wrong on both constitutional and policy grounds. While blatantly unconstitutional, the tax is also bad for consumers, especially students, who have less disposable income and are more likely than older generations to shop online. Imposing the tax will cause Amazon to remove ties with in-state services, hurting in-state contractor's incomes and the income taxes the state earns.

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The music festival Coachella took over the valley of Indio, Calif. this past weekend and left behind more than just the memories of amazing shows. Amazing star-studded fashion also took over the scene.

It seems that in the past years, pictures of celebrities at Coachella have popped up all over the place. Many big names, including Jake Gyllenhal, Reese Witherspoon, Drew Barrymore, Justin Long and Kirsten Dunst, have attended the festival and made their presence known. That is what makes Coachella such a magnet for fashion.

It's three short days, but every celebrity who attends knows they will be photographed, so they dress to impress. What these famous faces wear defines what is chic for the following summer. These clips are just a sample of the fashions seen at Coachella this year.

Alexa Chung

Kate Bosworth

Kate Bosworth

Kate Bosworth, pictured left, exudes the hip California vibe Coachella is famous for. She chose to wear a loose-fitting tie-dye halter dress, gladiator sandals and a

Whitney Port

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Another miss this year was Whitney Port. While she does have enough style to land a job at Diane Von Furstenberg, she didn't show it here. Wearing some kind of weird bathing suit top and extremely high waisted silk shorts, she looked like she was trying way too hard. The outfit just didn't make sense, at least not for the venue.

Alexa Chung

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slouchy purse. Her outfit is the perfect blend of practicality and taste necessary for a music festival. Her style can be easily replicated because she hasn't chosen to wear anything outlandish. She picked simple clothes that look good and are comfortable, which is all you can ask for during a scorching hot day in the desert.

Anne Hathaway

Wow. This picture is truly sad- dening. At a festi- val with such a high con- centra- tion of actors and mod- els, why did Anne Hathaway choose this? Why?! Perhaps she was coordinating with Kelly Osborne who showed up looking like she was 80, complete with the blue hair to prove it. This outfit does literally nothing for Hathaway. She chose a dress that cuts her off at the worst part of the leg, making her appear extremely frumpy. To top it off, the dress is in the single worst color for her complexion. Perhaps she'll get it right next time, as long as she remembers she's 28, not 90.

Anne Hathaway

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Good, bad or really ugly, Coachella had plenty to offer this year for the fashion-conscious observer.

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It's so close. Easter is right on our doorstep, even if it is a little late this year. The Easter Bunny is ready, hiding eggs and taking candy orders for his yearly traipses around the world — we still believe in the Easter Bunny, right?

As is true with most holidays, different families have different traditions surrounding this wonderful time of year. Some firmly believe Lent — and the fast that goes with it — ends anywhere from Good Friday at noon to Easter Sunday after Mass. Some families have annual egg hunts, no matter the age of their children. Some stockpile Peeps, choosing to overdose on sugar and marshmallow goodness.

These traditions are fairly standard, but there are some that are just downright strange. A few are worth experiencing, just for the fun of it, but some should be avoided. Check out these customs from around the world and decide which you might give a try.

Finland — Costumes

This tradition sounds a lot like an American Halloween. Children dress up, smear soot on their faces and wander the streets with broomsticks begging. Often, there are even bonfires to ward off witches that come out between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Even witches, apparently, are drawn outside by the advent of spring.



Czech Republic — Whipping Women

This tradition actually takes place across Eastern Europe, but mostly in the Czech Republic. On Easter Monday, husbands use a braided whip decorated with ribbons to whip their wives. Supposedly, the practice ensures that the women will keep their health and beauty for the rest of the year. Personally, I'd rather just get a facial at a spa.

Poland — No Men Allowed

The Polish believe that if the man of the house helps make the traditional Easter bread, his moustache will turn grey and fall off. Therefore, he is given the day off in order to preserve his glorious facial hair. Sometimes it pays to not

be clean-shaven.

France — Giant Omelet

In Haux, France, over 4,500 eggs are used to cook up a giant omelet in the streets. Reportedly, the giant egg concoction can feed up to 1,000 people for lunch. Napoleon is credited with ordering the first giant omelet for his men who were marching through Southern France.

Australia — The Easter Bilby

Aussies are not big fans of rabbits, which have destroyed their land and crops for years, so they choose not to celebrate Easter with the traditional bunny. Rather, they use their native marsupial, the Bilby. It's hard to judge how well these creatures could carry a basket full of eggs, but I fully support the use of local merchants.

England — Egg rolling

This sport is still hugely popular in some parts of England. Participants specially hard-boil their eggs for the occa-

sion before rolling them down large hills. Specific rules vary from town to town, but winning eggs generally either roll the farthest or survive the most competitions.

Medieval Europe — Easter Egg Hunts

While nowadays these hunts are a fun way for kids to run off their excessive energy, during "The Burning Times," authorities used these hunts to find followers of the "Old Religion" — not Christianity. They would bribe children to reveal where they found their eggs so they could then punish the property owners. Kind of puts a damper on the chocolate bunny you just discovered in that cute green egg.



No matter how you celebrate this year, keep in mind these unique traditions and wonder if one day some of yours might make this list. I have already written the Easter Bunny looking for enough sugar to make my dentist cringe, a tradition in my house. But I am very tempted to institute the First Annual O'Donnell Family Egg Rolling Contest down my driveway — too bad the flat plains of northern Indiana prevent such a tradition from developing here.

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LONG-DISTANCE RUNNING

Dutch marathon policy draws criticism for bias

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The Utrecht Marathon has a new payment plan: A winning local Dutch runner can take home 100 times what a foreign winner pockets.

Organizers call it a smart incentive plan to develop Dutch running in a race that has been dominated by Kenyans, winners for the last four years. Critics see it as an ugly display of discrimination and racism.

Some also view it as a metaphor for Dutch society, where rising nationalism and anti-immigrant sentiment have eroded the country's long-held image as a bastion of tolerance.

"The organizers thought up rules to discourage foreign runners," Tim Looten of the Art. 1 Dutch anti-discrimination organization said Monday. "That in fact is discrimination."

Utrecht Marathon organizer Louran van Keulen says he was just trying to encourage local marathoners to excel in his race next Monday.

"There is talk of discrimination, racism, oh, yes," Van Keulen said. "It is too bad about

all the politics."

But, with objections coming from both the Utrecht city council to Nairobi half a world away, the criticism is likely to only get louder ahead of race day.

Van Keulen says he just wanted to boost local sports so Dutch runners can stand up to Africans in a decade or so. By eliminating his budget for international runners and investing it in 23 of the best local runners, he aims to improve the incentives and facilities.

Now, if a Dutch man wins, he gets the euro100 (\$142) that goes to the first runner across the line but also a bonus of up to euro10,000 (\$14,200) "or more" depending on the contract incentives the organizer has with the runner.

"The prize money has gone drastically down because we wanted to put it in the stimulus program" for the local racers, Van Keulen said. Female runners are not covered by the new plan.

Gert-Jan van Wijk, a Dutch businessman working in Nairobi, has already promised to restore Dutch honor in Kenya

after days of intense criticism. He said he would make up the difference between whatever a local racer wins and what any foreigner would take as a winner — or about euro9,900 (\$14,000).

Van Wijk decried "the tendency of Dutch society to look ever more inward."

"It is Dutch society at its smallest," said Van Wijk, owner of The World We Work In company. "As a trading nation, the Dutch always looked at the world at large and were ready to compete. Now they just eliminate competition."

Marathon organizers often spend part of their budgets on travel costs, hotel accommodation and appearance fees to lure top Kenyan runners in the hope of setting a prestigious fast time.

Van Keulen said his overall budget for all international athletes last year was only euro50,000 to euro75,000 (\$71,000 to \$107,000), while the prize money alone for the winner of Sunday's London Marathon was \$55,000.

"Do you want to send subsidies and sponsorship abroad because we want to buy a fast time?" Van Keulen said. "I cannot afford a fast time anyway."

He said the six biggest marathons in the Netherlands over the past five years had produced 28 Kenyan winners out of 30 possible champions and it



Ethiopian long distance runner Haile Gebrselassie crosses the finish line at the Vienna City Half Marathon Sunday.

was time for something else.

For Kenyans, marathon running is often a way to earn a living. And they do it well, winning races around the globe.

"If you are a top-25 finisher in a marathon in Kenya, there is a big chance you can win marathons all over the world and there is nothing wrong with that," Van Wijk said. "The marathon is their biggest export product."

Looten saw irony in the situation.

"It is funny. Normally people are discriminated against because they are not good enough but now it is because they are too good," he said. "I

don't think the organizer has ill intent, but it would become bad if all organizations started acting like this."

In Utrecht, the city council — long a backer of the event — has also been taken aback, and has sent the plan to an equal treatment committee. However, that panel is not expected to rule before the race, according to Utrecht alderwoman Rinda den Besten.

"It is a great event of which we are so proud but now we are very unhappy. It gets a totally different image," Den Besten said. "All the negative reactions, the jokes, the cartoons. It is really bad."

MLB

Cold weather hampers start of MLB season

Associated Press

The Green Monster seats, great view. The concession stands that sell clam chowder and lobster rolls, always popular.

The hot spots at Fenway Park lately are the gift shops behind home plate and out beyond the Pesky Pole. Why? Because they're heated, giving Boston fans a brief respite from the wicked weather.

Makes sense to Red Sox center fielder Mike Cameron.

"Everything's cold out there. You have that wind. My face is freezing," he said.

"It's not so much getting loose," he said, pointing to his eyes, "it's seeing. You've got water running down. It's your extremities. Your eyes, noses, fingers, toes. That's probably the hardest thing. The things you need to play baseball."

Rain, chill and even a snowout

at Coors Field, it's been rugged all across the majors. Nine games already postponed this year; none by the same point last season.

Six teams have drawn record-low crowds at their ballparks — Cleveland, Atlanta, the New York Yankees, Seattle, St. Louis and Minnesota — although poor conditions aren't always to blame.

Overall, attendance is virtually identical to last season, when opening day came several days earlier. Games are averaging 28,620, compared to 28,835 a year ago, STATS LLC said.

"If you are a big leaguer, it is your job and you deal with it," Orioles manager Buck Showalter said. "You strap it on, go and play. The show goes on."

Except when it doesn't.

Baltimore, Washington, Atlanta and the New York Mets have hosted doubleheaders, all caused by

rainouts during an April that's been unseasonably wet and cold in many places, especially along the Eastern seaboard.

At Turner Field, the videoboard showed the weather radar, rather than stats or highlights. At Fenway Park, the protective screen at first blew over twice during batting practice.

At Camden Yards, Ian Kinsler and a half-dozen of Texas teammates took advantage of the showers and went sliding on the tarp. At Yankee Stadium, two nights were so miserable that fans were given free tickets.

The National Weather Service said precipitation in New York is up around 50 percent this April over normal. While the average temperature of about 51 degrees is par for the month, there have been several days much colder.

Yankees star Alex Rodriguez

was out of the lineup Sunday night because of stiffness in his lower back and side. He had trouble getting loose the day before and left early.

"I mean, this weather is not the most conducive that we're playing in," manager Joe Girardi said.

At Progressive Field in Cleveland, Indians third base coach Steve Smith bundled up before Sunday's game against Baltimore.

The hood of his gray sweat shirt pulled over his red Indians cap, Smith quickly left the field after batting practice and found a warm spot on the top step of a flight of stairs leading into the team's dugout.

With the temperature hovering over 40 and winds gusting to 50 mph, this was not baseball weather.

"Look at me," said Smith, who

went to school at Pepperdine and lives in California during the off-season. "I've got five thermals on, I look like a fullback and I'm still cold."

At Fenway, the wind chill temperatures were in the mid-30s on Friday and Saturday.

"It's definitely difficult to get going and to get comfortable at the plate and on defense," said Red Sox first baseman Adrian Gonzalez, who spent the previous five seasons playing in San Diego.

"You come in expecting the worst and getting ready for the worst. It's not surprising," he said. "It's one of things that even those guys that have been here for a number of years don't get used to it."

Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez said he often took the weather into account when he was guiding the Marlins.

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Red Sox begin to heat up after three straight wins

Associated Press

BOSTON — Daisuke Matsuzaka wanted to impress his old pitching coach.

Did he ever.

Matsuzaka pitched one-hit ball for seven innings after one of the worst outings of his career and Boston got an early start on its third straight win, beating the Toronto Blue Jays and new manager John Farrell 9-1 on Monday in the Red Sox traditional morning Patriots Day game.

"Farrell is on the other side so I wanted to show solid pitching in front of him," Matsuzaka said through a translator.

For the past four years Farrell tried, often unsuccessfully, to get Matsuzaka to attack hitters and cut down his pitch count. On Monday, the right-hander threw just 89 pitches against the free-swinging Blue Jays, whose impatience at the plate worked in his favor.

"He threw a very good game," Farrell said. "He's had a lot of success against Toronto in the past and he's used his fastball effectively. He did that today and we weren't able to put good swings on it."

More importantly, Matsuzaka impressed his

own manager, Terry Francona, after entering the game with a 12.86 ERA in two starts. Matsuzaka permitted only two baserunners, matching the fewest he's allowed in his 101 major league starts.

"If I did pitch badly," Matsuzaka said, "I thought there wouldn't be the next chance."

The game began at 11:07 a.m. at Fenway Park. The holiday observed in Massachusetts and Maine marks the anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775. Earlier Monday, the 115th Boston Marathon passed through nearby Kenmore Square.

Matsuzaka (1-2) got plenty of support as Jed Lowrie's four hits led a 13-hit, three-homer attack.

Matsuzaka gave up a clean single to center to Jose Bautista with two outs in the first. He walked Travis Snider with two outs in the second, then set down his final 16 batters to improve to 7-1 against the Blue Jays.

He struck out three and walked one. In his previous start against Tampa Bay, he allowed seven runs in two innings.

Toronto finished with two hits. Yunel Escobar homered off Tim Wakefield in the ninth.

Lowrie hit his second homer, a two-run shot in the fifth off Ricky Romero (1-2) that made it 5-0, and finished with four RBIs. He now has 15 hits in his last 24 at-bats.

At one point, Lowrie's .533 batting average was posted on the scoreboard.

"I understand, but who cares? It's April 18. We've got a long season," he said. "You don't think about it. You just continue to do what you're doing and go out there and just let it happen."

Kevin Youkilis and Jacoby Ellsbury also homered.

The festive day marked another special occasion — a hit by Carl Crawford.

Boston's left fielder, signed to a \$142 million, seven-year contract in the offseason, broke an 0-for-15 slump with an RBI double that made it 8-0 in the sixth. Crawford, booed after his previous at-bat, received a standing ovation as he raised his batting average to .136 (8 for 59).

Francona was "thrilled. Everybody was. I was happy to see the ball hit before (a long out to left) because it was a good approach, but then you certainly want to see somebody rewarded."

Romero allowed five runs in 4 1-3 innings with four strikeouts, eight hits and fine walks.

"I felt great coming into the game," he said. "They have the offense. It's just a matter of them getting back on track."

The Red Sox have appeared to straighten out their sea-



Red Sox shortstop Jed Lowrie drives a two-run single in the first inning against the Blue Jays in Boston Monday.

son since losing their first six games and opening at 2-10, matching their worst 12-game record ever. Then they got three straight outstanding starting performances from Josh Beckett in a 4-1 win on Saturday and Jon Lester in an 8-1 win on Sunday.

"They really kind of baffled us today," Toronto second baseman Aaron Hill said. "It was embarrassing what happened to us the last three days."

Matsuzaka's brilliance was surprising after his bad outing on April 11 in a 16-5 loss to Tampa Bay. His ERA dropped Monday exactly in half, to 6.43. He said he simplified his approach and tried not to think too much about the advice he was getting.

"He threw a lot of strikes,"

Francona said. "There were a couple of points in the game where they got aggressive early in the count."

Matsuzaka left after just 89 pitches, 58 of them strikes. Alfredo Aceves pitched a scoreless eighth and Wakefield followed.

Lowrie, giving Marco Scutaro a run for the starting shortstop job, gave Boston a 2-0 lead with a two-run single in the first. The Red Sox made it 3-0 in the third on a double by Youkilis and a single by David Ortiz.

Ortiz started the fifth with a walk and scored ahead on Lowrie's home run. Youkilis added his second homer, a two-run shot, in the sixth before Crawford drove in his second run of the season. Ellsbury hit his team-leading fourth homer in the seventh.

NHL

Bruins defeat Habs in Montreal behind Krejci

Associated Press

MONTREAL — David Krejci and Nathan Horton scored first-period goals to lead Boston to a 4-2 win over the Montreal Canadiens on Monday night as the Bruins won on the road after dropping the first two games of their first-round series at home.

Tim Thomas stopped 34 shots for Boston and Rich Peverley scored in the second. Chris Kelly scored into an empty net with 25.6 seconds remaining.

Bruins captain Zdeno Chara returned to the lineup after missing Saturday night's 3-2 loss to Montreal after he was hospitalized overnight for dehydration.

Andrei Kostitsyn, who also missed Game 2, scored the Canadiens' first goal with Boston holding a 3-0 lead 7:03 into the middle period. Tomas Plekanec drew Montreal within one early in the third.

Carey Price made 21 saves after stopping 65 of 66 in the Canadiens' two wins at the TD Bank Garden and posting a shutout in Thursday's series opening 2-0 win.

Game 4 is Thursday night.

The Bruins will practice in Lake Placid on Tuesday and Wednesday, the site of the U.S.

hockey team's "Miracle on Ice" in the 1980 Olympics. Coming into the Bell Centre facing a 2-0 series deficit with a streak of six straight playoff losses, it looked as though Boston might need a miracle of its own to solve Price.

Chara, who played his first game in Montreal since his devastating hit on Max Pacioretty, saw his customary boos turn to cheers when the Bruins were called for too many men 1:08 in after the 6-foot-9 Boston captain jumped on the ice with fellow defenseman Dennis Seidenberg.

The sold-out crowd of 21,273 was silenced moments later when Seidenberg drew an assist as Krejci beat Price for his first goal at 3:08.

Chara helped set up Horton's goal at 14:38 as the Bruins stretched their first lead of the series to 2-0.

After playing virtually error-free hockey through the first two games in Boston, the Canadiens lost their composure in the first period and that carried over into the second.

Price's clearing pass struck Bruins winger Mark Recchi's skate and bounded to Peverley, who fired the puck into Montreal's unguarded net 2:02 into the middle period to make it 3-0.

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BOSTON MARATHON

Mutai, Kilel complete Kenyan sweep at Boston Marathon

Associated Press

BOSTON — Kenya’s Geoffrey Mutai ran the fastest 26.2 miles in history to win the Boston Marathon on Monday. Then his claim to a world record was swallowed up by the hills.

Not the inclines of Heartbreak Hill that have doomed so many runners before him.

It was the downhill part of the race that makes his time of 2 hours, 3 minutes, 2 seconds ineligible for an official world record. In short: IAAF rules have deemed the oldest and most prestigious marathon in the world — long considered the one of the most difficult, too — to be too easy.

“You don’t look at world records. You just go,” Mutai said. “If you are strong, you push it. But if you put it in your head, you can’t make it.”

Mutai outsprinted Moses Mosop down Boylston Street to win by four seconds as the two Kenyans both beat Haile Gebrselassie’s sanctioned world record of 2:03:59. Four men, including third-place finisher Gebregziabher Gebremariam of Ethiopia and American Ryan Hall, broke the course record of 2:05:52 set just last year by Robert Kiprono Cheruiyot.

“These guys obviously showed us what’s possible for the marathon,” said Hall, whose 2:04:58 is the fastest ever run by an American. “I was out there running, and I was thinking to myself, ‘I can’t believe this is happening right now. I’m running a 2:04 pace, and I can’t

even see the leaders.’ It was unreal.”

The IAAF must certify a world record, and it is unlikely to approve Mutai’s feat. The international governing body’s Rule 206 requires courses to start and finish near the same point in order to discourage downhill, wind-aided runs and the artificially fast times they can produce. (Boston has a net decline of 459 feet, though the course is dominated by hills going up and down.)

“We had a stunning performance and an immensely fast time here today,” said Tom Grilk, the head of the Boston Athletic Association, after Mutai ran almost a full minute faster than the sanctioned world record. “We in Boston are well-pleased with what has happened, and that’s good unto itself. The definitions of others, I will leave to them.”

IAAF officials did not immediately respond to emails from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Although the organization’s rules clearly disqualify the Boston course from a world record, it does list Cheruiyot’s time in last year’s race among the best times of 2010. Joan Benoit’s 2:22:53 was considered a women’s record in 1983, though that was before the IAAF refined its rules.

Mutai will receive a \$50,000 bonus for the world best and another \$25,000 for the course record to go with the \$150,000 he and women’s winner Caroline Kilel earned for the win. “This gentleman did both things, and we are

honored to have played a part in his doing it,” Grilk said.

Kilel won the women’s race to complete the Kenyan sweep, out-sprinting American Desiree Davila to win by two seconds in 2:22:36. Davila led as late as the final stretch on Boylston Street and ran the fastest time ever for a U.S. woman, five seconds faster than Benoit, who is now known as Joan Samuelson.

Kara Goucher ran a personal best 2:24:52 to add a fifth-place finish to her third in 2009. No American — man or woman — has won Boston since Lisa Larsen-Weidenbach in 1985.

“We’re knocking on the door,” Hall said. “I mean 2:08 last year and 2:04 this year ... It’s going to come; it’s just a matter of time.”

A year after Cheruiyot lowered the course record by more than a minute, almost 27,000 runners lined up in Hopkinton with temperatures in the high 40s and a 21 mph wind at their back — perfect marathoning weather. Kim Smith, a New Zealander who lives in Providence, took off at a record pace and led the women’s race for more than 20 miles.

The men were more steady, and they were the ones to take down the old mark.

Mutai and Mosop ran side-by-side for the final miles before Mutai pulled ahead for good on Boylston Street. The 19th Kenyan winner in the past 21 years, Mutai raised his arms in the air and grinned.

“When I was coming to Boston, I



Geoffrey Mutai of Kenya crosses the finish line first in the 115th Boston Marathon with a record time Monday.

was not trying to break the world record. But I see the gift from God,” Mutai said. “I’m happy. I don’t have more words to add.”

Cheruiyot, who had been recovering from a car accident in Kenya, finished sixth. Defending women’s champion Teyba Erkesso dropped out before reaching the halfway point.

The women’s pack let Smith go, falling almost a minute behind. But 20 miles in, as she ran down Commonwealth Avenue in Newton toward Heartbreak Hill, she began to stutter-step.

Soon, she had stopped completely to rub her right calf. It was only for a few seconds, but when she resumed she had clearly slowed

and the pack was upon her less than a mile later. Among them was Davila.

The American ran with Kenyans Kilel and Sharon Cherop through Chestnut Hill and briefly broke out of her rhythm to wave as the crowd began chanting, “U-S-A!” The three swapped leads down Beacon Street in Brookline, and Davila led even on the final stretch before Kilel out-kicked her.

“It was the most excitement I’ve had in a race ever and just really carried me the last six miles,” Davila said. “I felt that energy, and I felt comfortable at the front and pushing the pace because of that. It really just carried me through to the finish line.”

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SMC TENNIS

Belles defeat Calvin to continue hot streak

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

Another MIAA match, another Belles win. Saint Mary's took a 5-4 decision yesterday against conference foe Calvin to grab sole possession of third place in the MIAA standings.

Since dropping their opening conference match to Albion Mar. 29, the Belles have rebounded to win five of the last six MIAA matches and six of seven overall.

"It's a good time to peak at the end of the season," Belles coach Dale Campbell said. "We've made some adjustments to our play but we still have a big conference match against Kalamazoo."

The top three singles players led the Knights (7-9, 4-3 MIAA) by winning each of their matches in straight sets, losing only eight games in those matches. Reigning MIAA Player of the Year Melissa Oosterhouse defeated Saint Mary's senior Jillian Hurley 6-2, 6-1 in the No. 1 singles match-up.

The Belles rebounded, however, to take the remaining three singles matches — all in straight sets. Senior Franca Peluso easily beat Lauren Schlagenhauf 6-4, 6-0, in the No. 4 singles match-up. Seniors Kate Grabarek and Mary Therese Lee also earned

singles victories, with Lee's win clinching the overall victory for Saint Mary's.

"We knew this team was strong at the top [of singles play] and we thought we could match-up all the way down," Campbell said. "We were down by one and our bottom two pulled it out for us."

In doubles play, the Belles (12-6, 5-2) won two of the three matches, giving them an edge early on. Senior Jessica Kosinski and freshman Mary Katherine Fallner won comfortably 8-5. Peluso and Lee also won their match 8-6 to give the Belles an important lead.

"It's always a point of emphasis for us to win at least two [doubles matches] against strong competition," Campbell said. "It was a difference maker for us [Monday]."

The Belles will venture out of conference today when they play NAIA foe Indiana Wesleyan. The Wildcats carry a daunting 21-1 record in NAIA play.

"They are an excellent team that's usually ranked," Campbell said. "We just want to get some match experience against them."

Weather permitting, the Belles and Wildcats face off today at 4 p.m.

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NHL

Penguins hold off Lightning in Game 3

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Tyler Kennedy put Pittsburgh ahead early in the third period and Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 25 shots Monday night, helping the Penguins hold off the Tampa Bay Lightning 3-2.

Maxime Talbot and Arron Asham also scored for the Penguins, who took a 2-1 lead in their first-round Eastern Conference best-of-seven playoff series and regained home-ice advantage. Game 4 is Wednesday night in Tampa.

Pittsburgh rebounded from a 5-1 home loss in Game 2 despite giving up two more power-play goals to Martin St. Louis. The Lightning star erased a 2-0 deficit by striking late in the opening period, then again early in the third to give Tampa Bay hope of taking control of the series.

But Kennedy answered with the go-ahead goal just 31 seconds later, scoring in heavy traffic from in front of goalie Dwayne Roloson after Pittsburgh won a faceoff in the left circle.

The Penguins have won six consecutive Game 3s and are 10-1 in the third game of playoff series dating to the 2008 postseason. Over the same stretch, Fleury is 12-4 following a playoff loss.

Talbot got the Penguins off to a fast start, scoring just seconds after Tampa Bay's Brian Downie excited a sell-out crowd with a hard hit on Ben Lovejoy, leveling the Pittsburgh defenseman behind the Lightning net — but not before Lovejoy got the puck to Talbot who quickly moved up ice to score at the other end.

Asham made it 2-0 just 45 seconds later, taking a perfect pass from Michael Rupp and tapping the puck into the left side of the net.

After Tampa Bay scored twice on power plays in Game 2, Pittsburgh felt it was essential to stay out of the penalty box to minimize opportunities for the Lightning to make one of the NHL's most effective power plays a factor again.

The Penguins felt they lacked discipline in Game 2, when they thought they allowed Tampa Bay to goad them into several costly penalties and go 2-for-6 on power-play opportunities. The Lightning were 2 of 4 on Monday night, with St. Louis scoring at 15:19 of the first period and again at 2:12 of the third.

Pittsburgh was 0 for 2 on the power play, dropping to 0 for 15 for the series.

NBA

Heat take 2-0 lead with win



Heat forward LeBron James backs down Philadelphia's Evan Turner during Miami's 94-73 win in Game 2 of their playoff series Monday night.

Associated Press

MIAMI — LeBron James outscored Philadelphia's entire starting five in the first half by himself.

So did Chris Bosh.

So did Dwyane Wade.

And that pretty much tells the tale of a night the 76ers would rather forget.

No comeback required for the Miami Heat this time. They went wire-to-wire on the lead, and moved two wins from advancing to the Eastern Conference semifinals.

James scored 29 points, Bosh had his second straight double-double with 21 points and 11 rebounds, and Miami took a 2-0 series lead with a 94-73 victory over the abysmally shooting 76ers — who managed their second-lowest playoff scoring total in the last 56 years — on Monday night.

"It was a really complete game for us at both ends of the floor," James said.

Showing no signs of the migraine that he battled Sunday, Wade scored 14 points for Miami, now 17-3 in its last 20 games and halfway to winning its first playoff series since the 2006 NBA finals.

"I'm feeling a lot better," said Wade, who wasn't able to eat Sunday and was very low-energy at times before Monday's game. "I lost a lot of weight tonight ... but I think I did my job, to come out there and help my team get a win."

Thaddeus Young scored 18 points and Evan Turner added 15 for the 76ers, whose starters were outscored 76-29 by the Heat's first-string. Philadelphia shot 34 percent for the game, and after getting 42 points in the paint in Game 1, were held to 24 in that department Monday.

"We've had good defensive performances," Bosh said, "but I think today was our best of the season."

The 76ers find themselves needing to buck some serious history. Miami has never lost a series after winning the first

two games (6-0), and the Philadelphia franchise is winless in 16 tries after falling into an 0-2 postseason hole. And then there's this — only 14 teams have won after losing the first two games of a best-of-seven NBA series.

"If they're playing great, they're a better team," Sixers coach Doug Collins said. "OK? If they're playing on top of their game, they're a better team. I mean, they won 58, we won 41. That doesn't mean that we aren't going to play and compete and fight. But when they come out tonight and defend the way they did ... it's going to be very difficult for us to beat them."

It was Philadelphia's second-lowest playoff point total since 1955, the only exception coming in a 79-68 loss to Orlando in 1999. And the 76ers won that series.

Philadelphia made 15 of its first 24 shots in Game 1, a 63 percent clip. Since then: 47 of 140, 34 percent.

"You've got to give them credit," said Sixers guard Andre Iguodala, who has nine points on 4-for-15 shooting in the series.

Wade played 34 minutes, despite spending Sunday bedridden in a darkened room fighting off a migraine that he likened to a "nightmare." He had no outward ill effects, shooting 4 for 11 with six rebounds.

Instead, it's the 76ers who spent much of Monday looking pained.

"He controlled the game," James said of Wade. "He had two people on him so he just got off the ball and let other guys make things happen and it's good to have him on the court than in a suit."

Game 3 is Thursday night in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia shot only 26 percent in the first half, a record for a Heat playoff opponent. The 76ers' starters were outscored 41-9 in the opening 24 minutes, and unlike their last two meetings, never put a scare into Miami. Philadelphia had a 16-point

lead in the teams' final regular-season matchup, a 14-point lead in Game 1, but simply couldn't get rolling Monday.

The 76ers didn't even have a starter reach double figures until 3:49 remained in the third quarter, when Jrue Holiday made a 3-pointer to get to 10 points. By then, James had 23, Bosh had 15 and Wade 12 — and the Heat led 68-50.

The margin kept growing from there, all the way to 28 at one point. A clearly frustrated Collins got a technical with 1:56 left and the game decided, the Heat holding a 91-67 lead.

"We just have to continue to fight," Sixers guard Lou Williams said. "Obviously we're dealing with a team that has a lot of guys that can score the basketball. ... They did what they were supposed to do, which was come out and defend the home court for two games and send us back to Philly with a sour taste in our mouths."

It was over fairly early. James said he wanted to be more aggressive in Game 2 than he was in the series opener, and apparently that message got to all corners of the Heat locker room.

Philadelphia was within 28-20 midway through the second quarter, but a 21-11 Heat run to end the half took care of that. James had consecutive baskets, the second of them a highlight-quality one-handed dunk off a high alley-oop lob from Mario Chalmers for a 37-23 lead, and Miami was off and running. That play was started by two blocks by Joel Anthony, who ignited the Heat defense all night.

"He's awesome," Bosh said.

The lead was 49-31 by half-time and 75-52 after the third quarter, in which Philadelphia shot only 33 percent but raised its percentage for the game to 28.

"Our energy tonight was much better," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said, "from beginning to end."

Lynch

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annual Blue-Gold Game Saturday. He added one quarterback hurry, and on a few occasions forced his way past blockers to put freshman quarterback Andrew Hendrix on the ground.

“He’s going to be a great player,” Hendrix said after the game. “I told him in the locker room, ‘I can’t wait to see you do that against other people because I’ve had enough of that.’ [Being rushed by Lynch] got kind of tiring — he put a lick on me a few times, so I guess I’m glad that’s over with.”

Irish coach Brian Kelly suggested fans temper their expectations of the rising freshman, who just turned 18 years old on March 8.

Even Kelly, however, could not help but look ahead to the type of career Lynch is projected to have.

“You saw, we moved him around [Saturday],” Kelly said. “He played inside, he played outside. He’s going to be a great addition.”

Lynch, rated the third-best defensive end in last year’s recruiting class by Rivals.com, was one of the most highly coveted players in the nation. After originally committing to Notre Dame, he changed his pledge to Florida State before eventually deciding to rejoin the Irish recruiting haul. At the National Signing Day press conference, Kelly could

not help but sing Lynch’s praises.

“He’s not even hit where he can be as a defensive lineman,” he said on Feb. 2. “He’s just playing with raw athletic ability, being tenacious all the time, and he’s always getting after it, and we’ll be able to develop him in his skill at that position as well.”

Lynch has already added 15 lbs. of strength to his frame since leaving high school. He will need to continue to bulk up now that he is facing bigger, stronger competition at the collegiate level.

“Here I’m smaller than all the offensive linemen,” Lynch

said during Notre Dame’s spring practice season. “You can’t just use your bull rush. We go over all the techniques and the moves because you have to use those at this

level. You can’t run over someone here.”

Lynch has had the advantage of assimilating into Notre Dame life with four other early enrollees — kicker Kyle Brindza, offensive lineman Brad Carrico, quarterback Everett Golson and fellow defensive standout and close friend Ishaq Williams.

Although Lynch will most likely not start for the Irish defense when Notre Dame faces South Florida in the season opener Sept. 3, his future looks bright as a key component of Kelly’s attempt to bring the program back to an elite level of college football.

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“He played inside, he played outside. He’s going to be a great addition.”

Brian Kelly
Irish coach

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win a series this month.

Irish coach Mik Aoki sees his team’s struggles as a function of multiple lacking areas in his team’s performance.

“I think offensively we have made some progress,” he said. “It is just something that is going to happen and there are stretches where you will struggle with it. It is an ongoing concern of trying to show offensive improvement. But we also need to get back to a mindset of playing defense with a blue-collar mentality of just grinding and getting a job done.”

Throughout the season, the Irish have constantly put themselves in a hole with defensive gaffs. Two crucial errors by sophomore second baseman Frank DeSico and freshman center fielder Eric Jagielo led to a four-run fifth inning that turned a two-run Mountaineer lead into a 6-0 advantage Sunday. In its last four contests Notre Dame has committed eight errors, an area the Irish will need to improve in order to overcome an upstart Toledo (19-17, 8-4 MAC) squad.

The Rockets are led by their talented duo of junior center fielder Ben Hammer and sen-

ior shortstop Chris Dudics, who have carried the MAC squad offensively. In Toledo’s 7-4 win Sunday over Bowling Green, Dudics had a career day, going four for five with two runs and a solo shot. Hammer leads the team with a .368 batting average.

Meanwhile, the Irish have a bright spot of their own in freshman first baseman Trey Mancini, who continued his success at the plate with a solo home run Sunday for Notre Dame’s only run of the game.

The Florida-product leads the Irish in all major offensive categories including batting average (.342), home runs (6) and RBI (23).

“Trey has been great,” Aoki said. “He puts up quality at-bats. He has hit in really big situations and in situations

where the game was out of hand. He is a kid with great offensive ability. His approach at the plate has been outstanding, and he makes some good adjustments. With that approach and his willingness to use the entire field, he really gives himself a good chance every at-bat.”

The Irish welcome Toledo to Frank Eck Stadium tonight at 5:35 p.m. as they look to continue their non-conference success.

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Mik Aoki
Irish coach



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Irish senior Jeff Chen takes a shot during Notre Dame’s victory at the Battle at the Warren Apr. 12. Chen and the Irish have the lead at the Big East championships in Palm Harbor, Fla.

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“He’s playing fantastic, and not just for a freshman.”

Platt’s round left him tied with Irish junior Max Scodro and Louisville’s Karsten Clements for the overall individual lead through two rounds.

Scodro was one of three Notre Dame golfers who posted a score of two above par yesterday, along with sophomore Paul McNamara and senior Connor-Alan Lee. McNamara’s performance was particularly impressive given that he injured his back the day

before and almost didn’t play the round.

“The injury was just to the muscle, so we knew he couldn’t hurt it worse,” Kubinski said. “But he was still playing with a lot of pain.”

McNamara recorded two bogies through his first four holes, but then followed with 14 straight pars in a gritty performance.

Alan-Lee proved remarkably accurate from the fairway, hitting 15 of 18 greens

en route to a two-over-par.

“Alan-Lee just didn’t make a couple putts today,”

Kubinski said. “But when you’re as accurate as he was with your irons, you can afford to make a mistake or two with your short game.”

The Irish return to Innisbrook Resorts’s Copperhead course today for the third and final round of the Big East championships.

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David Kubinski
Irish coach

Sullivan

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played, this is what we are playing for, is to win these. We are kind of in a must-win situation in a way because we are coming back, but we have played the top teams in the conference already. I just told my team, ‘Beat the teams we are supposed to beat,’ and these last few teams are among that group.”

Saint Mary’s has not yet

earned a bid for the postseason MIAA tournament, which places extra importance on the upcoming conference games.

“The next games are mostly all conference games, so we are going in trying to win these next six games,” Fordon said. “In order to get a spot in the conference tournament, we have to do really well these next six games, so it is going to be ideal to win them all.”

Sullivan said it would be important for her players to play with confidence in their

matchup against Hope.

“Confidence in all the past, the hard work they put in [will be key],” she said. “We have had a really good week of hitting, and my pitchers should be well rested, so we just need them to throw good games, take control of each inning, each situation, and we will be winning, finally.”

The Belles take the field for the home doubleheader at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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round score by one stroke Monday to finish at an even-par 72, good enough to move into second place. Rounding out the Irish roster is senior Katie Conway, who ended the second day of play tied for 13th individually.

After two consistent days of golf, Notre Dame is looking to finish strong and bring home the conference title with just one round remaining today.

“We are the best ranked team

in the field and we know it is our tournament to win,” Park said.

Park and fellow senior Conway are particularly motivated to win a championship and end their conference careers with an exclamation point.

“I think our big team goal is to win [the] Big East,” Conway said. “On a personal note, I’d like to finish my career on a high note.”

Lurking in the field behind

Notre Dame and Louisville are third-place Georgetown (307, +47) and fourth-place South

Florida (310, +49).

Individually, Nhim, Park and Huffer will try to catch St. John’s Harin Lee, who shot a 36-hole total of 142 (-2).

The Irish start the final leg of their championship quest Tuesday morning.

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senior golfer

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The comic strip consists of three panels. The first panel on the left shows a character with a speech bubble that says "Watch: Tribesmen inject themselves with venomous frog juice for strength + speed." Below this, the text "human planet" is written. The middle panel shows a character with a speech bubble that says "Guns are awesome." In the center, the words "TOP SHOT" are written, with the "O" in "SHOT" being a target symbol. Below this, the text "What the frick have you done, lately?" is written. The third panel on the right shows a character with a speech bubble that says "Watch stupid people walk." Below this, the text "CASH CAB" is written. At the bottom of the third panel, the text "Feel better about yourself. Go on, you deserve it, sport." is written.

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BASEBALL

Operation offense

Notre Dame to take on non-conference foe Toledo

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

After Notre Dame continued its Big East troubles in a series loss to rival West Virginia Sunday, the Irish will welcome the opportunity to face a non-conference opponent as they take on Toledo this evening.

The Irish (14-18-1, 5-7 Big East) have struggled lately, dropping four of their past six games all at home against Big East opponents. Yet their season-long offensive concerns seemed to vanish as they averaged over six runs per game heading into Sunday's rubber game against the Mountaineers (22-15, 8-4).

But Notre Dame only managed one run on three hits in Sunday afternoon's 8-1 loss, which continued Notre Dame's April slumber, as it has yet to

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Irish freshman first baseman Trey Mancini takes a swing during Notre Dame's 8-1 loss to West Virginia Sunday. Mancini leads the team with six home runs.

JULIE HERDER/The Observer

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish hold top spot at tourney

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

After two rounds of play, the No. 25 Irish remain in first place in the Big East tournament in Palm Harbor, Fla. Notre Dame's cumulative score of 297 (+9) Monday, coupled with a 295 (+7) from the first round was good enough to increase its lead over second-place Louisville to 18 strokes. Notre Dame is 16 over par overall.

Junior Becca Huffer and senior So-Hyun Park are tied for third place individually. Huffer ended day one in first place, but dropped to third after finishing day two four strokes over par.

The Irish have also received solid performances from freshmen Kristina Nhim and Nicole Zhang, who are currently in second and eighth place, respectively. Nhim improved her first-

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles to host conference rival Hope in doubleheader

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

Having managed to persevere through a tough stretch of games, the Belles aim to leave their struggles behind when they host Hope for a conference doubleheader today.

Saint Mary's (12-11, 1-5 MIAA) takes the field for its first game since Tuesday, when the Belles split a pair of games with Franklin. After dropping the first game, the Belles cap-

tured the second decision 11-0, displaying their offensive power.

"Our hitters feel like they finally got back on track the second game on Tuesday," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said.

The Belles will have the advantage of extra rest as they prepare for Hope (17-10-1, 5-1) following the postponement of their doubleheader against Olivet, which had been scheduled for Saturday.

Saint Mary's will be tasked with finding a way to challenge

the Flying Dutch, who Sullivan said consistently offer stiff opposition.

"They always play a really close game, they do not really get slaughtered a lot or slaughter a lot of teams, they just get the job done," she said. "They brought back the same pitchers from last year, so we are not looking for a very different team out of them, just another tough game from them since they tend to play pretty hard every year."

The Hope pitching staff,

which consists of seniors Michelle Marra and Andrea Reinecke, boasts an ERA of 3.17 in 179 innings pitched this season. The Belles have focused especially on preparing to face the seasoned duo of pitchers, but their practice ritual has otherwise remained unchanged.

"It has just been doing the normal stuff," freshman first baseman Chelsea Fordon said. "We have been doing infield and hitting to prepare. We have heard they have a pretty good

[pitching staff], so we have been hitting live off of our pitchers."

Although they have not tinkered extensively with their weekly ritual, the Belles fully appreciate how important the final games on their schedule are, including today's two games.

"It is the most important part of our season," Sullivan said. "It is conference [play]. All those other games that we

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FOOTBALL

Lynch handles new challenges

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

As an early enrollee, Aaron Lynch faced a difficult transition when he entered Notre Dame this spring. With the rest of campus already settled in, the academic, social and athletic pressures might have seemed even more difficult for Lynch to conquer.

However, in his first performance as a collegiate football player, Lynch showed no signs of being overwhelmed by the rigors of adapting to University life.

The 6-foot-6, 260 pounds defensive end out of Cape Coral, Fla., tallied seven tackles, one-and-a-half of which were for a loss in the 82nd

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Irish early enrollee defensive end Aaron Lynch (19) defends a pass in the Blue-Gold game Saturday.

KIRBY MCKENNA/The Observer

MEN'S GOLF

Notre Dame passes Louisville, grabs lead

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

Heading into the second round of the Palm Harbor, Fla., Big East championship game Monday, the Irish were tied with Louisville. Notre Dame seized control of the tournament, though, and finished the day on top after posting a six over par 290.

Notre Dame shot the lowest round of the tournament by any team thus far and now sits seven shots ahead of Louisville going into the final round Tuesday. Hampered by swirling winds, injury and

a tough course, the Irish had to battle through all 18 holes.

"I'm really proud of how the guys performed," Irish coach James Kubinski said. "They posted some really good scores."

The Irish were led by freshman Niall Platt, who carded an even par 71. Platt recorded a pair of birdies to go along with two bogies, and was tied for the best individual score of the day.

"I've just been so impressed with Platt this tournament. This kid has no nerves," Kubinski said.

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