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ND presents int'l development award

Partners In Health receives award for efforts in improving global healthcare standards

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

A surge in global solidarity has served as a catalyst for raising health standards in the third world, cofounder of Partners In Health (PIH) Ophelia Dahl said Wednesday at a recognition ceremony in the Hesburgh Library. PIH was recently named the recipient of the 2011 Notre Dame Award for International Human Development and Solidarity.

"The challenge is to corral this solidarity and make it meaningful," she said in a panel discussion at Washington Hall. "We

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Panel speakers Fr. Robert Dowd, Professor Paul Farmer and Ophelia Dahl pose alongside University President Fr. John Jenkins at Wednesday's award ceremony at Hesburgh Library.

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Alleged sexual battery reported

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is investigating a sexual battery reported to campus police Wednesday, according to an email sent to students early Thursday morning.

A Saint Mary's student was reportedly sexually assaulted at approximately 9:50 p.m. Wednesday evening, according to the College's Director of Security David Gariepy.

The victim reported to police the crime occurred along a path beside Saint Mary's Lake between Holy Cross Hill and Holy Cross Drive, according to the email.

Police reported the suspects were two white males approximately 5'10" who were wearing dark clothing. The suspects approached the victim and pulled her off the path before assaulting her. One assailant reportedly carried a knife.

The suspects fled on foot toward State Road 933, according to NDSP. Saint Mary's students received an email from College security alerting them to the reported assault at approximately 11:40 p.m.

"Please use extreme caution when traveling to and from the University of Notre Dame as suspects have not been apprehended," the email stated.

Walsh Rector wins on TV game show

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Walsh Hall rector Annie Selak, decked out in a cupcake costume, managed to be selected from the audience as a contestant on the CBS game show "Let's Make a Deal" during a January taping. Selak won a prize package valued at more than \$6,000 in an episode that aired Wednesday.

"Let's Make A Deal" is a game show hosted by Wayne Brady, who picks people out of the audience to participate in games for a variety of prize winnings.

"Winning is surreal," Selak said. "I never thought I'd be

on a game show. Seeing it on TV made it even more surreal."

Selak's mom urged her to attend the filming while she was away on Winter Break with her parents in Los Angeles, near where she grew up.

Audience members are encouraged to wear elaborate costumes, so Selak dressed herself in the cupcake costume she originally wore for Halloween on campus.

Selak said her assigned seating in the audience was ironic given her profession.

"The producers assign you your seat," she said. "They placed me between a beer

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Walsh Hall rector Annie Selak, dressed as a cupcake, was selected to participate on CBS's "Let's Make a Deal."

Photo courtesy of Annie Selak

4.0 GPA seniors vie for valedictorian, Larkin selected

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

As the Commencement Ceremony approaches each spring semester, the University is faced with the difficult task of selecting a valedictorian from among the top students of the graduating class.

This year, Edward Larkin, a biological sciences major from East Lansing, Mich., was awarded the honor. However, Larkin was not the only graduating senior from the class of 2011 with a 4.0 GPA.

Because a number of graduating seniors boast 4.0s, the selection process for singling out a valedictorian requires looking beyond the numbers.

Vice President and Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs heads the selection committee that chooses the valedictorian. Jacobs said the committee solicits speech submissions from all potential valedictorians.

"The selection committee is comprised of faculty, staff and students and invites the top students from each college to

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Valedictorian candidates by college:

Arts & Letters: 3

Business: 3

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Valedictorian: Edward Larkin

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: AS A CHILD, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?



Ben Eichler
freshman
St. Edward's

"Darth Vader."



Greg Allare
sophomore
Zahm

"A skateboarding, rock-star scientist."



Katie O'Rourke
junior
Pasquerilla East

"It was a tie between a farmer and an astronaut."



Ryan Quillard
junior
Dillon

"Pro basketball player, until I stopped growing at 5'8."



Phil Diamond
junior
off campus

"Trophy husband."

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



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Breen-Phillips residents Rosemary Joseph, Sarah Lovejoy, Norah Quinn and Antoinette Pusateri give out free ice-cream sandwiches Wednesday outside their residence hall. They passed out the treats in celebration of SUB's AnTostal Week.

OFFBEAT

New Jersey town establishes parietals for chickens

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, N.J. — A New Jersey town has adopted an ordinance that regulates when chickens and roosters can hook up in backyard henhouses. Roosters must show they're disease-free and they better not crow about their conquests.

Hopewell Township residents can have up to a half-dozen hens on half-acre lots. Roosters would be allowed only 10 days a year for fertilization purposes. Mature roosters are not allowed because they're too noisy. Any roosters that crow too long can be banned from the property for two years. Mayor Jim Burd told the Times of Trenton the ordinance is a compromise between today's lifestyle and the township's agricultural history.

Police tell Buffalo media outlets that 58-year-old John Caesar of Buffalo was taken into custody Tuesday for questioning in connection with the theft of money from the Anchor Bar, the restaurant known for inventing the city's famous chicken wings.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Suspect handcuffed to chair escapes police
BUFFALO, N.Y. — If you're in Buffalo and see a man handcuffed to a chair, call police. They'd like the chair back, along with the guy shackled to it.

Man acquitted of hot dog theft in Washington

CHENEY, Wash. — A man has been cleared of a theft charge after a bemused jury in Washington state found him not guilty of stealing a 99-cent hot dog.

It took jurors about five minutes to reach their verdict in the February trial. Juror Patrick Reeves tells The Spokesman-Review someone would "have to be an idiot" not to realize Richardson simply forgot to pay. Store officials declined to comment.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

There will be a showing of the documentary film "Marwencol" in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight. The film is Jeff Malmberg's documentary portrait of the imaginative artist Mark Hogancamp. The cost is \$3 for students and \$6 regular admission.

The Gender Relations Center will host a Take Back the Night event at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes from 7 to 10:30 p.m. tonight.

The Notre Dame band chamber ensembles will give a free concert in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center from 7 to 8 p.m. tonight.

Tonight at 7:30 p.m. the Pasquerilla East Musical Company presents "Bring Me a Dream ... a musical revue" at Washington Hall. The cost is \$3.

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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STUDENT SENATE

Group dissolves Business Board, discusses safety

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Student Senate approved an amendment to dissolve the Student Business Board and discussed educating freshmen on safety in the South Bend community at its meeting Wednesday.

The Financial Management Board (FMB) supervises the Student Business Board, which oversees the two student businesses on campus, Irish Gardens and AdWorks. The amendment would eliminate the Student Business Board and make student businesses directly accountable to FMB.

“Student Business Board has lost its purpose in the past few years,” Student Union treasurer Eric Biro said. “There used to be four businesses and it used to be a valuable resource to get the businesses together and talk about plans, but now there are

only two.”

Biro said the Student Business Board rarely meets and does not provide the oversight it was designed to supply. As a result, Biro said FMB already effectively manages the student businesses and the amendment is only streamlining the process.

If the amendment is approved, the two student business managers will report to FMB’s monthly meetings as non-voting members.

“Without a Student Business Board general manager to go through, the student business managers can go directly to FMB or to their advisor,” Biro said. “It’s one less layer for them and

for [FMB] when looking at the student businesses.”

Biro said the amendment would work toward solving the many ongoing troubles with the student businesses. For example, the Student Business Board general manager did not make the required monthly reports on the businesses to FMB, leading to communication problems.

Biro highlighted the problem of the student businesses repeatedly ending the fiscal year in debt. He hopes the increased accountability to FMB will help the businesses to become profitable in the future.

“It’s a position that can easily

“Please be good neighbors, please be respectful of adults and authority. These are the things we want to start conveying to freshmen.”

Claire Sokas
chief of staff

be eliminated and the action is supported by those most closely involved,” Biro said.

After the group unanimously passed the resolution, it discussed possible tactics for introducing freshmen to South Bend and informing them about safety issues.

Campus Technology chair Yiting Zheng said both her Freshman Orientation leader and her Resident Assistant spoke to her about off-campus safety, but she felt more inclined to listen to her Frosh-O leader than her RA.

Welsh Family senator Marcy Kreimier said her hall recognized the freshmen were more likely to converse freely with their Frosh-O staff than their Hall Staff.

“During my Frosh-O there was a time when the RAs and rectors left and [the Frosh-O staff] said you can ask anything you want since we’re your peers,” she

said.

In terms of the information that should be distributed, Cavanaugh senator Gaby Nunez said freshmen should recognize Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) as an asset and encourage a positive relationship between NDSP and incoming students.

“Cavanaugh has a really good relationship with the officers who walk through our dorms,” she said. “I think that really helps with our opinions of them.”

Chief of staff Claire Sokas said the most important thing to remember when dealing with NDSP is to grant them the respect they deserve.

“Please be good neighbors, please be respectful of adults and authority,” Sokas said. “These are the things we want to start conveying to freshmen.”

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Band bids farewell to assistant director

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

The recent Blue-Gold Game marked the last time Assistant Band Director Emmett O’Leary would lead the Marching Band in the “greatest of all University fight songs,” the “Notre Dame Victory March.”

On March 15, O’Leary announced he will take leave at the end of the spring 2011 semester to pursue a Ph.D. in music education at Arizona State University after seven years in his position at Notre Dame.

“The highlight [of my time here] has just been being able to be a part of this place, this University. We all talk about what a privilege it is to be a student or a member of the faculty here, and it’s totally true,” he said. “It’s been the privilege of my life to be able to serve on staff here.”

Rene Rosas will replace O’Leary as the assistant band director for the 2011-2012 school year.

O’Leary said the best part of his job was the excitement surrounding the first game day each year when the band ushered in the new football season.

“Probably the biggest rush for me every time is the first game of the year when you hear the fight song, the victory march, when we do our first game-time march,” he said.

O’Leary, a graduate of the University of Idaho, said working with the band gave him the opportunity to be a part of the Notre Dame tradition, even though he did not attend the University as a student.

“There’s a time when we’re in the practice field and you hear the band and look back and see the Stadium with the Dome and Basilica in the background, and it’s one of those ‘I’m really here’ moments,” he said. “That’s always really special.”

As Assistant Band Director, O’Leary served as a co-director for the University Band,

Symphonic Winds, Brass Ensemble and Varsity Band, and was the director for the Tuba-Euphonium Choir.

Band members were informed of Rosas’ appointment via email Thursday. A graduate of the University of Texas and the University of Illinois, Rosas led marching bands at the University of Florida and Illinois State University, according to an email sent to band members.

The email stated Rosas has already begun working with the flute and horn choirs at Notre Dame. O’Leary said he felt Rosas would succeed as assistant director once he officially begins work with the band after the spring semester.

“I’m completely confident he’s going to do a great job. He’s extraordinarily qualified and a great person,” O’Leary said. “He’ll be a great addition.”

Band president Michael Schwind said the band was ready to welcome Rosas to the mix but would find it difficult to see O’Leary go.

“I’m sure we’ll do fine. I think Mr. Rosas is a good fit for the band,” Schwind said. “But it definitely won’t be the same.”

Band members were hit hard by O’Leary’s announcement, Schwind said.

“When [O’Leary] sent out the email saying he was taking his leave, everyone I talked to was really upset,” Schwind said. “We all love him a lot.”

O’Leary was well liked and went out of his way to ensure each member of the band enjoyed his or her experience, Schwind said.

“[O’Leary] always saw himself as the one who cracked down, who laid down the law, but we all saw him as the fun-loving guy who cares so much for the band,” Schwind said. “He put in the extra time and effort to make sure everyone enjoyed band ... he really cared about the students and how they were enjoying the band experience.”

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Award

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need to address how we can use our privileges and influence to the best of our abilities to stand in solidarity with the poor.”

Dahl, who serves as president and executive director of PIH, founded the nonprofit organization with cofounder and Harvard University professor Paul Farmer in rural Haiti in 1987 with the goal of providing a preferential option for the poor. Today, the organization directly involves more than 12,000 people at more than 60 hospitals and health centers in 12 countries to provide quality healthcare for the poor.

In a private award ceremony, University president Fr. John Jenkins said PIH exemplifies the principle of solidarity in its work, aligning it closely with the service-oriented Notre Dame community.

“I think [PIH] represents in their work the work of Christ, which is why we feel such an affinity for Partners In Health and why our students feel connected to their work,” he said.

Fr. Robert Dowd, director of the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity, said the award recognizes people who make substantial contributions to international human development through research, practice, public service and philanthropy.

The Ford Program chose to recognize PIH for its commitment to solidarity in providing holistic, community-based health care methods for the poor, Dowd said.

“Partners In Health exemplifies what it is to come close to those in need by promoting healing and peace among them and understanding the relationship between social and economic contexts and health problems,” Dowd said. “They epitomize the values at the core of the Notre Dame mission by integrating the head and the heart to help the poor.”

Steve Reifenberg, executive director of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, said the unique community-based structure of PIH makes it a model for charity organizations around the world.

“Partners in Health helped reconceptualize the notion of a charity organization by connecting service, teaching and research,” he said. “This model for institutional innovation connects with the University and the Ford Program, and it focuses on charity in connection with solidarity.”

During the panel discussion, Dowd asked Dahl and Farmer about the relationship between the principles of Catholic social teaching and the overall mission of PIH.

“I think Catholic social teaching has had a very deep impact on our work, but others who don’t share that background have been very involved in our work in equally meaningful ways,” Farmer said. “There are many complementary paradigms we can draw on.”

Dahl said that although worries about the scope and effectiveness of PIH’s work presents a challenge to the organization, she and Farmer emphasized the importance of optimism in furthering the mission of the organization.

“To even consider losing hope in the face of all this is a luxury many others can’t afford,” Dahl said. “We saw hope in the young workforce of Silicon Valley, where people are optimistic about solving health problems with technology.”

Farmer echoed that view, praising the youth at Notre Dame for their potential to service the world.

“This auditorium full of people at Notre Dame, the people we teach around the world, our patients ... that’s a lot of affirming, life-giving hope,” Farmer said.

When asked about the relationship between poverty, violence and health care, Farmer said violence makes it difficult, but not impossible, to provide services for the poor.

“Structural and acute violence are invariably connected in that social disparities become entrenched and episodic violence happens in response,” he said. “It’s very difficult to deliver public health services in places with conflict, but it’s always possible. We rely on community health workers to do our best to deliver public health.”

Farmer said this community-based approach to health care helps PIH provide more holistic care for the poor while allowing the organization to consider the larger structural issues that contribute to poverty and illness.

“What we really want is to address the root causes of violence and poverty,” he said.

“Your generation is learning how to think by looking at the local and the large scale at the same time, which has been very helpful to our organization. We must pay close attention to the illness in front of us while understanding the large-scale social forces that put patients at risk.”

Dahl said this assessment of the base causes of poverty and illness translates directly to advocacy for improved conditions in poor countries.

“As we studied health, we realized we couldn’t do our work without investigating these root causes and advocating for better conditions,” she said. “We are making sure we constantly assess how best to advocate for the poor, and we continue to partner with people who can advocate well.”

Farmer said the first step in assessing the needs of a particular place is to find the health issues that are most prevalent in that area.

“We first look at the burden of disease of a place by asking people what the most common health problems are for the local population. Then we look at what’s being neglected,” he said. “Some diseases deemed rare and neglected aren’t rare at all, they



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Partners in Health co-founders Professor Paul Farmer and Ophelia Dahl discuss global health at a panel Wednesday.

just afflict the poor. All poor people’s health problems are neglected, so we have a lot of work to do.”

Although these problems appear daunting, Farmer expressed confidence in the ability of the next generation of medical professionals to solve global health issues.

“Young doctors and clinicians

are facing a series of seemingly intractable problems, but they’re really not intractable,” he said. “You need to take on those problems and stick to them over time because we’re counting on you to improve them, and I’m confident that you will.”

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Group discusses future of dorm printer initiative

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

At its final meeting of the semester, the Saint Mary's College Student Government Association (SGA) discussed the progress of the dorm printer initiative that began under Chesley-Smith administration. The initiative's future is unclear following its problematic first weeks.

The students who tend Holy Cross Hall's front desk and monitor printer usage have reported several issues since the installation of the printer two weeks ago. The problems are attributed to miscommunications about procedures for printer support and the printer's unforeseen popularity among students.

The Holy Cross printer was an experimental initiative undertaken by the Chesley-Smith administration to evaluate the possibility of installing printers in dorms throughout campus. The Information Technology department was not involved in the initiative. Instead, the printer's maintenance is solely SGA's responsibility.

One issue raised during the meeting was the confusion over the printer maintenance procedure caused by student government turnover.

"A lot of the things that were established with the printer were not our doing and now we're just making it work," student body president Nicole Gans said. "We didn't set up any procedures, it was really only to sustain until the end of the school year."

The previous administration set aside a budget and supplies based on a cost estimate of printer usage

on campus from Coordinator of Student Computing Kathy Hausmann. The paper usage since the printer's installation, however, has already surpassed the estimated amount.

Gans suggested discontinuing the dorm printer initiative for the coming school year in consideration of unexpected costs.

"This is something that we will really focus on next year," Gans said. "If [the projected cost] is surpassed, it would be very difficult to fit that flexibility into our budget next year. Our job is to respond to student needs, but I personally think that it would be a difficult expectation of SGA and an unrealistic use of money to spend it on ink and paper for printers in every dorm."

Chief of staff Emily Skirtich noted the popularity of the printer among students as a sign of the need for printers in the dorms.

"Since the need is so great, it may not be our responsibility to put printers in all of the dorms, but our job is to be the advocate for the student body, and this is something that students want," Skirtich said.

Gans and student body vice president Jacquelyn Zupanic will meet with Hausmann next semester to discuss matters of technology.

"[Vice President for Student Affairs] Karen Johnson told us not to meet with Kathy until next year. They will be going over technology this summer and things are going to change," Gans said. "When we meet in the fall, we'll know what we need to do and they will be able to give us better answers."

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SMC student club shows LGBTQ Pride

By MEGAN REECE
News Writer

Saint Mary's kicked off its first annual Pride Week hosted by the College's Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) Tuesday.

The week began with a keynote address by Ryan Everett, a transgender member of the community. In his speech, "Living Life in Two Worlds," Everett encouraged listeners to live their lives in a fulfilling way.

"You really need to be who you are to be happy," Everett said. "I'm finally living the authentic life I'd only dreamed of before."

Pride Week continued Wednesday evening with an LGBTQ Fair in the Student Center lobby, where organizations

from around the community offered students internships, jobs and volunteer opportunities.

"We want students to know that there is a supportive community in South Bend and they have the

ability to expand it," SAGA president Karen Borja said.

SAGA will present the "LGBTQ Falling Stars" workshop from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. today in the Warren Conference Room. According to Borja, the workshop will help participants reach a better understanding of the emotional challenges of the coming out process.

Pride Week concludes Friday with a campus-wide effort to

show pride and acceptance, as students are encouraged to wear LGBTQ-related shirts. Borja said visible support on campus is important for promoting a safe and accepting atmosphere conducive to learning.

"We're here to promote a safe environment for students on campus by making them feel free," Borja said. "It's unjust for people to have to hide who they are."

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Richard Doerflinger, Associate Director of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, has championed the pro-life cause for the past thirty years. He has played a pivotal role in the crafting and implementation of policy and legislation across the spectrum of life issues including embryo research, abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and euthanasia on Capitol Hill and beyond. Because of Mr. Doerflinger's unwavering commitment and heroic witness to life, the Notre Dame Fund to Protect Human Life is honored to award him the inaugural Notre Dame *Evangelium Vitae* Medal.



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compose a valedictory address which would be given at the Commencement Ceremony," Jacobs said. "We then record them reading their address and create an audio file of each speech."

Jacobs said all five colleges were represented in the candidate pool.

"This year, we invited three students from the Colleges of Arts and Letters, Business, Engineering and Science and one student from the College of Architecture."

Some candidates have declined to submit speeches in the past, Jacobs said.

"Not all of the students actually choose to write an address for multiple reasons — among others, the apprehension to deliver a speech in front of thousands of people at Commencement," Jacobs said. "Of [this year's candidates], all chose to actually write a sample address."

After listening to all of the candidates' submissions, the selection committee narrows their options down to a small-

er group of especially compelling addresses.

"We then proceed to look at the résumés and letters of recommendation for these students to get to know them as a person," Jacobs said. "From this, we pick a smaller group to interview face-to-face."

After these final interviews — and much anticipation amongst the interviewees — the valedictorian is selected.

The initial candidates are also given the opportunity to compose an invocation, the opening prayer delivered at the beginning of the Commencement Ceremony. The candidate chosen to give the invocation is recognized in addition to the selected valedictorian.

"The 4.0 GPA candidates can choose which address they would like to write," Jacobs said. "Both the valedictorian and the invocation addresser are announced together."

This year, Michelle Maurin, a mathematics major from Houston, will deliver the invocation at Commencement on May 22.

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Game

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bottle and a beer pong cup, which I thought was an ironic spot for a rector."

The selection process is held before the show films, Selak said. The producers ask the contestants a number of questions before determining the seating.

"They didn't ask me many questions," she said. "I didn't think I would get selected. They asked my parents a lot of questions."

Selak's parents were also dressed in costume, her father as a golfer and her mother as Raggedy Ann.

"You line up outside the studio," she said. "There's this line of people at 10 a.m. in Hollywood in strange costumes."

Selak was selected early in the show, and Brady had Selak pick between two prizes with the hint words 'dinner' and 'limo.' Selak picked the latter, winning a Beverly Hills shopping spree

complete with limo, personal shopper, Chloe handbag and Christian Louboutin shoes. Selak opted for a cash prize over the limo and personal shopper.

"I'm very happy with the choice I made," she said. "I tend to be a very practical person — I don't like name brands. ... It's a fun treat, a fun surprise."

Since the filming three months ago, Selak said she was required to keep silent about being on the show. After a press release was sent out earlier this week, she was allowed to confirm she was on the show but not if she had won anything.

"It's been very difficult to keep quiet," she said.

Selak said people stopped by her room in Walsh all day asking whether she won on the show, but they were left in suspense until the episode aired. A group of rectors watched it with Selak later in the day and Walsh Hall had an episode viewing as well.

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Wave of storms cause deadly tornados in South

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — A wave of tornado-spawning storms strafed the South on Wednesday, splintering buildings across hard-hit Alabama and killing at least 77 people in four states.

Some 61 people died in Alabama alone, including 15 in Tuscaloosa when a massive tornado barreled through the area. Sections of the city that's home to the University of Alabama have been destroyed, the mayor said, and the city's infrastructure was devastated.

Farther north, a nuclear power plant west of Huntsville lost power and was operating on diesel generators. In Mississippi, 11 deaths were reported, four people were killed in Georgia

and one in Tennessee.

In Tuscaloosa, news footage showed paramedics lifting a child out of a flattened home, with many neighboring buildings in the city of more than 83,000 also reduced to rubble. A hospital there said its emergency room had admitted about 100 people, but had treated some 400. Charts weren't even started for many patients because so many people were coming in at once. By midnight, only staff and patients were allowed inside.

"What we faced today was massive damage on a scale we have not seen in Tuscaloosa in quite some time," Mayor Walter Maddox told reporters, adding that he expected his city's death toll to rise.



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INSIDE COLUMN

Talking about my generation

It was 6 a.m. after two weeks in the wilderness on an Outward Bound trip and three days before my 19th birthday when my parents told me I was going to have a little brother.

So much for the empty nest, I guess.

Jack Yusko

*Sports
Production Editor*

At first I didn't believe

them. Then I

thought we were adopting. Finally, despite being diagnosed with secondary infertility right after I was born, my parents were going to have another kid.

I tried to wrap my head around the fact that it was no longer going to be just my sister and I. 21, 19 and 0. Graduating from college, beginning college, being born.

No longer would I be the pampered youngest child, but forced to assume the role of neglected, angry middle child.

After spending the fall semester planning how to most effectively grab attention through rebellion, I came home for winter break to find my mother very obviously expecting. This was a completely unsettling experience for me, as until this point I could pretend this was all imaginary or an elaborate practical joke. As break progressed, her due date kept moving earlier and earlier.

I was presented with the idea that the munchkin might actually be born while I was home, and I would have to look the little newcomer in the eye and accept that he was real.

January 7 came around and I got a text from my dad saying that he was taking my mom to the hospital, that it was time.

I rushed home and stayed up all night with my sister, getting updates on the progress via texts and rushed phone calls. Finally, a little after the sun came up, William George was born.

My sister and I drove to the hospital after a few hours of sleep to meet the newest member of the family. I walked into the room to see my mom holding this tiny, sleeping bundle and heard her say, "He looks just like you," before shedding tears of joy.

I spent the rest of the last week of break playing and coming to terms with my new brother. It still seemed surreal that I would be telling people that I have two siblings or that I would get to watch him grow up.

Over Spring and Easter break, he just kept getting bigger and more active, smiling, laughing and learning to roll over.

Having a 3-month-old back home has really put time in perspective for me: when I'm graduating from college, he's going to be 3. When I turn 30, he'll be in middle school. I'm starting to see how much time we have beyond our four years at Notre Dame.

I guess we never realize what we're missing out on until it comes into our lives.

I think we don't fully appreciate things until we encounter them ourselves.

Whatever the lesson is, I'm glad to be related to the first member of the class of 2033.

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U.S. Interventionism

Is it just me or is this "war" in Libya really dumb? The hawks and the pacifists are all unhappy with what Obama has gotten us and our allies into over there. It has been weeks and Gaddafi is not only still in power, but also

seems to be winning in a campaign against NATO-backed rebels. The stupidest thing is that the Marines could take Tripoli (Barbary wars, redux?) and have Gaddafi dead or alive in 48 hours if we let them. If we decide to kill people in the name of freedom, we should do so decisively. Obama has been far from decisive on this conflict, not a good characteristic of an American president.

Every time a new crisis erupts in the world it makes you think about the great power the U.S. holds in creating change. Take Libya as an example. You feel for rebel forces, forced to live under Gaddafi's oppressive rule for years. Coming from a rebellious tradition ourselves, it is easy to empathize with those who seek self-determination. But who holds the real cards? Despite the rebels' relatively impressive motivation and military capability early in the conflict, Gadhafi loyalists are using their superior weapons, organization and greater money supply to pound the opposition into compliance. Not the story book ending we all want.

We could finish this war in less than a week if we really tried, but we are fighting with both hands tied behind our back, our foot in our mouth and our head in the sand. Yet, if we exercise our power to help the rebels, we are seen as imperialists and meddlers. This story can be said for Iran, North Korea, Darfur, Israel, Bosnia, World War II, World War I, Iraq, Afghanistan and all situations that we choose to get

involved with or ignore. Where does the ideology of spreading freedom end and the cost in blood and treasure begin?

Throughout human history, the great world powers end up dictating the politics of their neighbors because global security and prosperity is dependent on a stable environment. The U.S. has been the big player in the world for the last hundred years and the lone superpower for the last twenty. Trade is necessary for prosperity and inevitably trade leads to invested interest in the economy and politics of a region. When a region becomes volatile, you can either leave and forget all the progress you have made there, or you can try to fix it. Even in cases where the U.S. doesn't have direct interest, if our allies or trading partners can be significantly affected, then intervention can be warranted for the greater good.

There are bigger issues at stake. There is a school of thought that the U.S. should not only show restraint in international intervention, but pull out of all the places we are in now and return to an isolationist foreign policy. Essentially we should ignore the outside world. While this may improve our short-term fiscal situation, it is also a pretty shortsighted philosophy. The fact is our ideology and way of life is a model that can lead to global prosperity and peace.

Many countries are poor due to the fact that they are ruled by greedy and oppressive dictators. The system is against the people. If we want to make a dent in world poverty levels, there has to be an institutional change that supports free market capitalism and democratic government. Most of the time (pretty much every time), to get a fundamental change in a society requires military action. The indigenous population usually cannot produce the means necessary to complete a successful revolution on their own (cough, cough, Libya), so outside help is needed to accomplish the goal.

The fact is that if America doesn't lead the way, other countries are too weak and

apathetic to solve the problems that arise. Britain and France, while powerful on paper, are too small to fully commit their forces to winning the war in Libya and initiating regime change. Libya isn't even a big fish. German Nazism would have succeeded in taking over Britain had the U.S. not stepped in. The USSR would have just bullied its way through Europe had the U.S. not had the resolve to halt the militaristic advance of authoritarian communism. No one would have attacked Afghanistan for us if we didn't do it ourselves in the aftermath of 9/11.

Yes, America looks out for herself, but she also aids all free people. Who is going to stand up to the Soviet Union when they shut off all the energy resources to Europe? Who is going to stand up to China when it cracks down on its people and manipulates the global economy? Who is going to stand up to North Korea when it threatens its neighbors? Who will keep the peace when the forces of darkness rattle the cages in the Middle East? America will. We are morally obligated to fight for what is right and to stand for those that aren't strong enough to stand on their own. Yes it's a burden, but it is a necessary one if we really believe in the greatness that free people can achieve.

Even if we buy into my argument above, if we don't execute it fully we will create a bigger mess than when we started: the Vietnam War, the Korean War, Bosnia, the Bay of Pigs, the Gulf War — the list goes on. America's greatest mistakes are based on compromising our moral righteousness in defending and extending liberty. I pray this won't happen with Libya or any other country this president decides to bomb. Maybe that Hope and Change will show up eventually ...

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Mark Easley

Elephant in the Room

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Legislation for marriage wastes time

America crossed a threshold in 2011. For the first time, according to a CNN/Opinion Research survey, a majority of us approved of gay marriage. It was a slim majority (51 percent), but that number is sure to grow because 60 percent of those polled who are under 50 years old said they approve.

This should come as no surprise since the number of people who are okay with gays getting married has slowly but surely been increasing. Why? Because the middle of America is filled with people who are actually fair and open minded. And it is the middle of America that decides how this country will deal with social issues. The fringes of this country are just that — fringes — and eventually they are outnumbered.

Of course there is more to this slow change in America. It started when gays who had gone public urged others who were afraid to do the same. Then something happened. Many of us discovered that it was not that rare to have a gay family member or a friend who had a child that was gay or a neighbor who is gay. My two best lifelong friends both have sons who are gay. And, guess what, they are still my best friends and their sons are my friends too.

That is why the proposed amendment in the Indiana legislature to ban gay marriage, which has language that could even ban gay unions, is a ridiculous waste of time. I am not saying Indiana should become a haven for gay marriage, but banning it, and possibly gay unions, is nothing but political pandering.

What are some people afraid of? One of the old horse arguments is that we must protect the sanctity of marriage. Really? So if two gay people live together down the block from you, is that somehow going to strain your marriage? Anyone who thinks so should really spend more time working on his or her lawn or maybe his or her own marriage. The lowest figure I could find on divorce in America currently is 41 percent. So how sanctified is that?

Isn't it time we just let people alone in their own houses and bedrooms. Live and let live.

Michael Collins
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Apr. 27

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If there are no stupid questions, then what kind of questions do stupid people ask? Do they get smart just in time to ask questions?"

Scott Adams
U.S. comic creator and author

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We hate some persons because we do not know them; and we will not know them because we hate them."

Charles Caleb Colton
English cleric and writer

The first loves of Easter

The names are what first catch my attention. As we exult in these Easter days (as best we can with finals hovering over us), we immerse ourselves in the Gospel stories of the Resurrection. For all the spiritual fireworks that are about to erupt with the revelation of Jesus' rising from the dead, these well-known stories of our faith all begin with simple, single, precisely identified names — of a few women.

Fr. Lou DeFra

Faithpoint

They come, not to get front-row seats for the fireworks, about which they know nothing, but in fear and love to pack Jesus' dead body with burial spices. The story of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ begins with simple names — people approaching a tomb tentatively, in darkness and fear.

The evangelist Mark begins, "When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought spices so that they might anoint him."

Buried within this simple statement of fact are numerous, profoundly interesting questions. Given the violent revile with which the Jerusalem crowd had killed Jesus the day before, at what risk did these women expose themselves as his followers by bringing spices that morning? After the gathering of fellowship at the Thursday Passover meal, so filled with intimate exchanges of friendship and camaraderie, where were the 11 remaining apostles? With guards alerted that

Jesus' body might be stolen by his disciples so as to claim a resurrection, what opposition must these women have faced, surely from armed guards, as they made their way alone and unarmed to Jesus' tomb that morning? What courage stirred in their hearts and moved their feet toward the tomb, while others ran away in fear?

Matthew: "After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb." What was it like for two women to make their way through the streets, unaccompanied in the dark hours of the morning, almost begging to be identified as sympathizers for a publically executed criminal? Indeed, they would be identified as sympathizers at best, co-conspirators more likely. And so, worthy too of execution or at least imprisonment and other tactics of intimidation.

Luke: "When Jesus' body was taken down from the cross, the women who had come from Galilee with him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils — Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary the mother of James." Luke says they followed Jesus' expired body from the time it was taken down from the cross, directly to his burial place. Moments before, authorities and the crowd taunted Jesus, daring him to fulfill his claims that he was the Son of God by coming down from the cross. Perhaps it is not hard to

imagine what this same crowd asked of these women in the minutes after Jesus refused to come down, on their way to bury their failed Messiah. Luke does not record the taunts and curses that surely were thrown their way, like stones at a discovered adulteress. Luke, however, is clear about one detail: they followed, to see where their friend — failed Messiah though he may have been — was to be buried, that they might return and take care of him.

These are the beginnings of each of the Resurrection stories. Love. Human love. Love for a friend. Unconditional love, for — as far as they knew — their beloved's mission had utterly failed. Yet, at least for these disciples, they were not following an abstract mission. They were following a person, a person whom they loved and who had revealed Love to them. And so they kept following, with no apparent hesitation to face jeering crowds, armed guards, dark streets, the tomb of a publically humiliated criminal.

The heart of the Resurrection is the love of God for his Son Jesus, and through Jesus, for all of us. It is a love that is revealed on this Easter morning to be the strongest force in the universe — stronger even than the most inescapable power we know, the power of death. The Resurrection is, ultimately, about the love of God.

But isn't it noteworthy that the stories of the Resurrection all begin with human

love? To whom would the Resurrection have been revealed, if no one had loved enough to go to the tomb? To make the intimidating, failure-confirming, dark journey to the grave? He loved us — yes, this would be confirmed in the fireworks that awaited at the rolled-away stone. This, surely, is our salvation. And yet, something else important, perhaps essential, is revealed to us at the Resurrection through these women who approach the tomb.

We love him.

Not an abstract love. A love for a real person we have come to know and believe in. Who has stared into our eyes and enkindled our hearts. Who has engendered in us ... love.

John: "Mary of Magdala stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb." Who bends over into death? One in whom the love for the person of Christ has been deeply planted, and who has the freedom and courage to let it direct one's actions. It is from this reality — that we love him — that the glory of the Resurrection rushes upon us and renews the face of the earth.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The point of diversity

I completely agree with Ms. Lujan's April 27 letter ("A different way to be Latino") where she says, "Our identity is marred by placing ourselves in an exclusive, single-minded group."

Although I was born in Dallas, Texas, my mother and father grew up in El Salvador and Argentina, respectively. We spoke Spanish at home, and I only learned English when I started preschool. We often visited family in El Salvador, Costa Rica and Argentina. We moved to South Florida when I was six years old and most of our family friends there are from Venezuela, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico and more. Latin American culture has permeated almost every aspect of my life, from language to food to holidays to prayer.

And yet, I spoke English at school, read books in English, watched American TV and read American magazines. While I felt completely comfortable with my Latin American family, I always felt isolated from the Latino kids I grew up around, most of whom were born in their country of origin. From the way they treated me, it felt as though I was never "Latino enough" for them, that they saw me as "too Americanized." On the other hand, I always felt more comfortable with my American classmates, who thought it was "really cool" that I spoke Spanish and were always very interested in my background.

But why was there such a divide between the two camps? As Ms. Lujan stated, "We should have a more utilitarian and progressive approach to being Latino that does not create barriers with those around us or view them as hostile buffoons we need to fight." I do not oppose Latino student groups in any way; in fact, I applaud the initiative to keep the different aspects of Latin American culture alive in the United States. However, this should not lead to an "us versus them" approach. We

must all recognize that all cultures are important, and that preserving our own should not lead to shutting out others who are different from us.

As Ms. Lujan also stated, groups like MEChA are not the only way to share our culture. When I arrived at Notre Dame in 2006, I had no idea who my friends would be. Four years later, I left Notre Dame with a B.A. in English and friends with a myriad of backgrounds. I taught my roommate phrases in Spanish and she taught us Irish drinking songs. My Ukrainian-American friend shared stories of Ukie school, camps, balls and weddings, all entrenched in their own unique culture. I met up with a friend for pizza while we were both visiting family in Costa Rica. My Vietnamese friends introduced me to pho before it ever arrived at North Dining Hall. We went to the Hawaii Club Lu'au every year to support multiple friends during their performances. Situations like these and more not only made me appreciate the cultures of my friends, but also to appreciate my own as I, in turn, shared it with them.

My experience is only one perspective. I know that not all Latino kids are like the ones I grew up around, and I am sure that my experience does not mirror that of all Latino students at Notre Dame. However, I believe that isolation is never the answer, and that respect will come where respect is given. Isn't the point of diversity to expose ourselves to people different from us, allowing for a mutual sharing of cultures? If we, as Latinos, open ourselves to others, we cannot say we will never receive openness in return.

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Hopelessly devoted

As a Mets fan since my birth in 1991 in Bergen County, N.J., I'm quite familiar with their routine futility. I find myself in agreement with Laura Coletti's remark that Mets-fanhood is a metaphor for life — with a minor rephrasing. Rooting for the Mets, I've noticed, is just like life. Although at times it can be promising and inspiring, in reality it is hopeless. No matter how many times you win, you will ultimately lose. And the world will laugh at your feeble, meaningless attempts.

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The student-run musical theater company is putting on their Revue this year, called "Bring Me a Dream..." The show will feature talented performers from PEMCo's past plays and the night promises spectacular performances. All proceeds from the event go to Hannah and Friends, a nonprofit organization for children and young adults affected by autism.



Battle of the Bands

Where: Legends
When: 9 p.m. to midnight
How Much: Free with ND/SMC/HCC ID

An impressive ten band lineup squares off this year in the 2011 Battle of the Bands. The bands have been practicing all year — some even performing at Legends throughout the semester — to prepare for this event. Follow the guitar riffs and original songs to this unique event and hear some great local bands.



Augustana

Where: Legends
When: 10 p.m.
How Much: Free with ND/SMC/HCC ID

SUB is bringing the band best known for its popular song "Boston" to Legends for their last concert of the year. Although most only know Augustana for their 2005 hit, the band just released their fourth album, "Augustana." Their concert will no doubt showcase their beautiful voices and thoughtful, captivating music.



Keenan Hall's Muddy Sunday

Where: Holy Cross Fields
When: 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
How Much: \$8 per team member, online registration

Find your inner child this weekend at Keenan Hall's signature event, Muddy Sunday. Sign up with seven of your friends to play volleyball in the mud to support the Notre Dame Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The messy event takes place between the lakes, and though you may leave in need of a shower, you will not leave in need of a good time.

MICHAEL SCOTT'S School of Management

By ANKUR CHAWLA
Scene Writer

An era will end this Thursday when Michael Scott (Steve Carell) leaves "The Office." Always an incredible motivator, hard worker and leader, Michael taught his dedicated fans not only how to be the world's best boss, but also practical lessons in management that our top ranked business program could add to its syllabus. Here's a brief rundown of Michael Scott's Top Ten Keys to Success in Business.

10. "You have to play to win, but you have to win to play"

Michael Scott after attending a Tony Robbins lecture ... well actually a lecture about buying his tapes.

9. Celebrate everything

It's important to boost morale with surprises and parties, especially when the devil from HR is leaving forever.

8. An office is a family

Michael genuinely loved all of his workers, sometimes too much. In his 9,876,000 minutes at Dunder Mifflin, he unified his workers in marriage, on the basketball court and elsewhere.

7. Safety First

Don't start a fire with your cheesy-pita.

6. Control the story before the story owns you

Otherwise the Scranton Times gets its hands on it, then Newsweek and YouTube.



5. Don't be an idiot

Looking at you, Dwight.

4. "Adapt, react, readapt, act"

On going outside after the fire alarm goes off

3. "Don't ever, for any reason, do anything to anyone, for any reason, ever no matter what, no matter where or who or who you are with, or where you are going, or where you've been ... Ever for any reason whatsoever."

Michael Scott, explaining to CFO David Wallace why his branch is succeeding while the rest of the company is going bankrupt.

2. The Bob Hope Factor

A solid sense of humor is key to being a good leader.

...and I will give the rest to you after lunch!

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It's true. Love really does conquer all. It is taking Michael Scott (Steve Carell), Scranton regional manager of Dunder Mifflin, Inc. Paper Company, a Division of Sabre, and self-proclaimed "World's Best Boss," away from the employees he loves to Colorado. To his match made in twerp heaven.

Though unexpected, Holly Flax (Amy Ryan) completes Michael in ways no one expected. Michael's childish — and at times annoying — humor has captivated audiences and kept them in stitches. But it has also hindered Michael's search for love. That is, until Holly came along. And despite our joy at seeing him finally head over heels in love, his departure leaves a question burning in our hearts — how will this change "The Office?"

Honestly, I am not sure if the beloved TV show can stay afloat or remain as popular after Michael departs. While Steve Carell did not carry the show alone by any means, he characterized it. Other cast members depended on him for many of their laughs or defined their character based on their role in Michael's life. While Andy Bernard (Ed Helms) can suck up to anyone, Dwight (Rainn Wilson) is Michael's perfect puppy dog. His personality would clash with many others.

Also, though I hate to admit it, Jim (John Krasinski) and Pam (Jenna Fischer) just aren't as funny and cute married as they were when they were dancing around each other. It's almost as if the show lost something at their wedding, though it was the right move for their relationship. It was downright adorable, no question. But a dynamic has changed.

I guess that is my biggest fear with Michael leaving. I am ter-



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rified that more dynamics are going to change. I was ecstatic when Andy and Angela (Angela Kinsey) broke up — Andy could do so much better. I weathered the buyout by Sabre — Gabe (Zach Woods) holds a special place in my heart now. I cheered when Darryl (Craig Robinson) moved out of the warehouse — though I still am not really sure what exactly he does. But I can't see Will Ferrell entering the cast. And I can't see anyone replacing Michael. Not without "The Office" changing drastically.

I have devoted the past seven years to falling in love — and sometimes out of love — with "The Office" and its quirky characters. I tuned in every Thursday to see what new adventures they got themselves into. And I will probably continue to watch after Michael leaves, if only because it is such a large part of my life. But, after tonight, "The Office" won't be the show I care so much about. It will be different — almost a spin-off, but under the same name.

So when I tune in tonight for the special 50-minute goodbye episode, I'll be saying goodbye to more than just Michael and Holly. I'll be saying goodbye to Thursday night between 9 and 9:30 p.m. as I have known it. Maybe "The Office" post-Michael will be better. Maybe it will be worse. But it definitely will not be the same.

And my vote for Michael's replacement? Darryl, hands down. I may not know what he does in his office, but then again I never fully understood what Michael did, other than pull pranks and plan parties. Darryl would be a great fit and he brings a big enough personality to the table that he could challenge his employees in a humorous way. If only NBC had asked me.

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Best Moments: MICHAEL SCOTT



By COURTNEY COX
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As Steve Carell finishes his tenure as beloved boss Michael Scott, fans of "The Office" are forced to cope with a future in which the title "Regional Manager" will no longer apply to the most comical man in the Dunder Mifflin family. "The Office" is nothing short of a family and with Michael leaving, there will surely be many tears as viewers recall the laughs they've had over the past seven years. Here's a look at Michael Scott's best moments.



Michael Scott is without question a hopeless romantic. When he meets Katy in the episode entitled "Hot Girl," he is immediately enamored and offers her a ride home, which he hopes will turn into going out for coffee, then dinner, etc. It is in this episode that we discover the depth of Michael Scott's sad life. As Michael cleans out his car with the help of Ryan the temp, the contents of his Sebring indicate how truly lonely he must be. He has multiple Filet-O-Fish containers, a bottle of "Blue Blast" power drink and Rite-Aid "Night Swept," which he claims is a perfect Drakkar Noir smell-alike.



In the lead up to Phyllis' wedding to Bob Vance, Michael plans a bachelor party in the warehouse. The party lasts a whopping 45 minutes and consists of steaks grilled on the very same grill that burnt Michael's foot a year earlier, along with an exotic dancer who is forced to answer calls in the office. For the women's bachelorette party he orders a Ben Franklin impersonator as the entertainment.



Michael allows his staff to roast him, but it turns out he is not as capable of handling criticism as he originally thought. This prompts him to enter into depression only to re-enter the office and attempt to insult everyone who offended him. It is the moment that "Boom. Roasted." entered irreversibly into the cultural lexicon.



Season seven has been full of great Michael Scott moments, but there is none more special than his proposal to Holly Flax. It is so typical of Michael to attempt something grand, only for it to fail miserably. This, however, was not one of those times. He was incredibly sweet in guiding Holly around the office recalling some of their greatest moments, only to finish their tour at Holly's desk surrounded by hundreds of candles and a touching proposition of marriage.



In Season two, Michael undergoes a very serious injury. He burns his foot on a George Foreman Grill. He prefers to wake up to the smell of bacon, so every morning he wakes up, plugs in his grill, slaps some bacon on it and returns to his sleep, only to wake again when the scent reaches his nose. This particular morning, however, his ritual did not go so smoothly. In order to speed his healing he asks Pam to rub Country Crock butter on his foot, attempts to have Ryan help him out of the restroom and requests interesting foods like canned yams.

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MLB

Phillies' bats wake up and avoid sweep by Diamondbacks

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Philadelphia had the pitching, not the hitting in the opener. Second game, they had hitting, no pitching.

Facing their first sweep in the desert in nearly four years, the Phillies got the hitting and the pitching to inch closer toward their winningest opening month ever.

Cole Hamels pitched seven solid innings after being padded to an early lead and the Phillies kept swinging on their way to an 8-4 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday.

"Anytime you hit, you feel good about yourself," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.

Philadelphia didn't do it in the opener, shut out to spoil Cliff Lee's solid start. The Phillies banged out five runs the second game, but still lost because Roy Oswalt wasn't quite right.

In the series finale, Jimmy Rollins keyed a big first inning with an RBI double and Ben Francisco knocked in two more with another double. Rollins later hit a two-run homer, and Shane Victorino and Ryan Howard also hit solo shots.

Placido Polanco continued his torrid start to the season, getting four of Philadelphia's 12 hits and scoring three runs to extend his hitting streak to

eight games.

That was more than enough for Hamels (3-1), who pitched the Phillies to their 16th win in April, one short of the team record set in 1993.

"Coming away with a win for us today was good, just for the fact that we came out of the gate quick," Hamels said.

Hamels and the hard-hitting Phillies never gave the Diamondbacks much of a chance at the sweep.

Philadelphia roughed up starter Joe Saunders (0-3) early and tagged Arizona's bullpen, providing enough cushion to absorb Chris Young's two-run homer in the sixth inning off Hamels and solo shot off Antonio Bastardo in the eighth that cut Philadelphia's lead to 7-4.

Howard pushed the lead back to four with a towering leadoff homer in the ninth to center field off J.J. Putz.

"You are not going to pitch good in every game," Arizona manager Kirk Gibson said. "Give them some credit. They put some good swings on us and hit good pitches as well. We kept fighting and had opportunities, but they shut us down when it counted."

Philadelphia came into the series on a five-game winning streak and looked to extend it with Lee and Oswalt lined up to face the struggling

Diamondbacks.

Those two couldn't get it done, leaving it up to Hamels to avoid the sweep.

The left-hander wasn't quite as dominant as his shutout against the Mets on Friday, but was good enough against the Diamondbacks.

Hamels gave up an RBI double to Melvin Mora after a leadoff walk in the second inning, then retired the next 10 batters before pinch hitter Juan Miranda led off the sixth with a triple. Young hit the next pitch out to left for a two-run homer, cutting Philadelphia's lead to 6-3.

Hamels came back out to finish off the seventh after allowing three runs on four hits, picking up the win Philadelphia hoped to get from Lee and Oswalt.

"I don't necessarily think it was a pick up," said Hamels, who threw 100 pitches for the fourth straight start. "You're not going to have good games all the time, but just knowing these are some of the best pitchers in the game and you have to go out and pick up your end of the bargain."

The Diamondbacks won the series' first two games behind solid outings from Ian Kennedy and Daniel Hudson, and were hoping for another from Saunders, who allowed a run on two hits in six innings of a



Philadelphia Phillies' shortstop Jimmy Rollins crosses home plate after a two-run home run in Wednesday's win over Arizona.

no-decision against the Mets on Friday.

They didn't get it.

Hit hard almost from his first pitch, Saunders gave up three straight hits to open the game and three runs in the inning, on a run-scoring double by Rollins and Francisco's two-run, ground-rule double.

Victorino hit a two-out solo homer in the second and Rollins lifted his first homer to left off Saunders in the fifth, a two-run shot that put the

Phillies up 6-1.

Saunders lasted 5 2-3 innings, giving up six runs on 10 hits.

"You have to keep your head up, turn the page and get ready for next time because I don't think I am pitching that bad," said Saunders, who has lost his last four decisions, dating to last season. "It is just the results aren't there yet. I am going to go home, sacrifice a live chicken and turn this thing around."

NBA

Smart out after one year as Warriors head coach

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — This was one shot Keith Smart couldn't make.

Maybe nobody could.

The Golden State Warriors parted ways with their head coach Wednesday, the first major fallout this offseason from a new ownership group that has promised sweeping changes to the perennial underachieving franchise.

Smart, the Indiana guard best known for hitting "The Shot" against Syracuse that won the Hoosiers the 1987 NCAA title, spent seven years as an assistant with Golden State before he replaced Don Nelson just before training camp. The Warriors went 36-46 under Smart, a 10-game improvement from the previous season but clearly not enough to appease owners Joe Lacob and

Peter Guber.

Only a rare playoff appearance was likely to save Smart's job.

"I wouldn't say it was impossible," Warriors general manager Larry Riley said of Smart's challenge. "But it was difficult. We all know that."

The new brass managed to hastily put Smart in place even before the NBA officially approved the sale of the Warriors last year for a record \$450 million from longtime owner Chris Cohan. Smart was only given a one-year contract with a team option for next season, and he was often labeled a fill-in candidate charged with overseeing the transition.

The coach met with Lacob and the basketball operations staff in the morning and was told he wouldn't be retained.

"It's a very complex decision and not an easy thing to do. No

one likes to make changes that affect someone's life," Lacob said a few hours later, speaking before the unveiling of a refurbished court bearing his name at Haight Elementary School in nearby Alameda. "It's something we felt that we really had to do. We really want to strive to be a great team and we felt that we could improve ourselves."

The new owners have vowed to restore the franchise to past glory with splashy signings and playoff performances. The Warriors have made the postseason just once since 1994; yet fans in the basketball-crazy Bay Area remain some of the most loyal and vocal in a market saturated with sports teams.

Golden State already had decided to keep Riley as GM. The team also hired longtime NBA agent Bob Myers a few weeks ago to be

the assistant general manager and Riley's eventual successor. The new coach will decide whether to keep the assistants on staff.

Lacob said Riley and his staff will make the choice on a new coach, with his input. While Lacob would prefer someone with previous NBA head coaching experience, that won't be a requirement. He declined to say whether the Warriors are interested in former Utah Jazz coach Jerry Sloan or NBA analyst and former Knicks and Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy — two names who have surfaced already.

Others sure to receive attention include former Cleveland Cavaliers coach Mike Brown and Lawrence Frank, the one-time New Jersey Nets coach who's now the top assistant with the Boston Celtics — where Lacob previously

held a small stake in the team.

Lacob would like to move swiftly in finding a new coach and acknowledged the front office has a short list of potential candidates.

"We're going to look for someone with, certainly, experience, someone with a lot of great ability to relate to players," Lacob said. "We're going to look at a number of people and try to make the best choice we can to be the best we can."

Smart had little time to deliver them a winner.

He declared from the moment he began that he would put his own stamp on the bench no matter how long his tenure lasted. He walked around the locker room before training camp asking for a handshake from each player, signaling a pact that they would allow Smart to coach them and be involved in their lives.

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MLB

Gallardo struggles in loss

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Ryan Braun, Prince Fielder and Casey McGehee have all gotten off to sizzling starts for the Brewers. All three went quiet against Aroldis Chapman and the Reds.

The middle of Milwaukee's order finished 0 for 12 and ace Yovani Gallardo gave up six runs in the Brewers' 7-6 loss in 10 innings to Cincinnati on Wednesday.

"It's just the way it is. Our swings were good. That's baseball, unfortunately. You can't average four hits a game," Fielder said. "It's not basketball. It's not going to be a high scoring percentage every day."

Drew Stubbs hit a solo homer in the 10th inning off Sergio Mitre (0-1) that was the difference after Milwaukee had rallied to tie from deficits of 4-0 and 6-4.

"Baseball is crazy. Like today, we lost the game by one run. The big guys today in the lineup didn't do too good," center fielder Carlos Gomez said.

The Brewers would've settled for one timely hit in the eighth when Chapman (2-0) got out of a bases-loaded jam using 101 mph fastballs.

After Chapman hit Rickie Weeks to load the bases, he struck out Gomez and forced Braun to weakly ground out on a 101 mph offering.

"It's tough. You just know you put it in play and anything can happen. Obviously that's why they brought him in because they needed strikeouts at the time," Brewers manager Ron Roenicke said. "Once he hit Rickie, I felt pretty good.



Reds first baseman Joey Votto connects on a three-run home run in the first inning of Cincinnati's 7-6 win over Milwaukee Wednesday.

And then all of a sudden he was throwing strikes."

Francisco Cordero pitched a perfect 10th for his fourth save in as many chances.

After throwing a two-hitter in a 1-0 win over Atlanta on April 5, Gallardo has given up at least four runs in his last four starts as his ERA has ballooned from 1.20 to 5.69.

He gave up three straight hits to start the game and Joey Votto hit a 3-1 fastball over the Brewers' bullpen in left-center field to make it 3-0. Paul Janish's sacrifice fly made it 4-0.

"I feel fine. I think it's just a matter of finding a rhythm I guess. I felt a lot better as the game went on," Gallardo said. "I just got to keep moving forward. I know you guys keep

hearing the same thing from me but I can't go back and chance anything.

Gomez's two-run single in the third, Lucroy's grounder in the fourth and a throwing error by Janish, the shortstop, allowed a run tied it.

Braun set a franchise record for reaching base safely in consecutive games to start a season at 24 when he was hit by a pitch in the fifth to top Robin Yount's mark that stood 28 years, but both Braun and McGehee saw 11-game hitting streaks snapped.

"They took good at-bats, but no results," Gomez said. "Sometimes you feel good, you do good and you don't get any results. Sometimes you feel worse and you get a lot of base hits."

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NBA

Miami closes out Philadelphia, Boston next



Miami's LeBron James and Mario Chalmers defend Philadelphia's Lou Williams during the Heat's 97-91 win Wednesday.

Associated Press

MIAMI — Not easy. But over. For the first time since 2006, the Miami Heat have won a playoff series — and, finally, can start thinking in earnest about another showdown with the Boston Celtics.

Dwyane Wade scored 26 points, Chris Bosh added 22 points and 11 rebounds, and the Heat advanced to the Eastern Conference semifinals by topping Philadelphia 97-91 on Wednesday night and ousting the 76ers in five games.

Mario Chalmers scored 20 points off the bench and LeBron James finished with 16 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists for Miami. Joel Anthony made a pair of free throws with 16.8 seconds left for the Heat, who will face Boston starting Sunday afternoon in Miami.

It's the first series win for the Heat since the 2006 NBA finals.

"We're going to be ready," Wade said. "Philly got us ready."

Andre Iguodala and Elton Brand each scored 22 points for Philadelphia, which got 13 from Thaddeus Young, 12 from Jodie Meeks and 10 from Jrue Holiday.

And like four of the other five games in this series, it wasn't easy for the Heat, who saw a double-digit lead cut to one in the final minute before hanging on to advance.

Philadelphia had a chance to tie with 1:10 left, but Evan Turner's baseline jumper bounced off the rim and James grabbed his 10th rebound — marking the first time the Heat had three double-digit rebounders in the same playoff game since the title-clinching Game 6 of the 2006 NBA finals at Dallas.

Wade made a 3-pointer with 8:34 left, pumped his fist on his way up the sideline, and Miami was up 81-71. He

crossed Iguodala over twice for baskets later in the period, each of those giving the Heat eight-point leads.

Philadelphia simply would not go away. The Sixers got within two on three occasions and — helped by a technical foul assessed by Steve Javie against Wade with 51 seconds left, cut Miami's lead to one point at 90-89 and again at 92-91.

Anthony swished a pair of free throws with 16.8 seconds left, restoring the three-point edge. Iguodala missed on Philadelphia's next possession, and Miami finally escaped.

"We fought to the finish," Philadelphia coach Doug Collins said, "as we said we were going to do."

Wade capped it with a dunk with a half-second left, as white seat covers got tossed around the arena triumphantly by the sellout crowd. Collins and Heat coach Erik Spoelstra shared a warm handshake moments later, most of the two rosters exchanged quick hugs, and then Miami retreated back to its locker room for what was surely a quick celebration.

After all, Boston awaits. "Looking forward to it," James said.

Collins said "it'll be interesting" to see what Spoelstra does in the next round when it comes to Miami's lineup. Mike Bibby and Zydrunas Ilgauskas only played 4:27 apiece, benched the rest of the way after another slow start, and Chalmers and Anthony started the second half.

Collins also acknowledged being emotional in Philadelphia's postgame locker room.

"I've enjoyed the ride all year," said Collins, who insisted he plans to return if the Sixers want him.

James created a bit of a stir before the game — by, of all things, quoting rapper Jay-Z.

Asked after Miami's morning shootaround practice about the need to finish Philadelphia off on Wednesday to allow time to finally start preparing for Boston, James said the Heat were focusing on, "just finishing our breakfast," the lyric Jay-Z used.

Collins shrugged it off as "an analogy." But some Sixers seemed to take offense at the comment — Lou Williams was giving teammates various breakfast-item nicknames before the game, saying some were fruit salad, others flapjacks.

Maybe it was no coincidence that James was nearly held to another breakfast food — a bagel, otherwise known as 0 points — in the first half. He had only three points at intermission, matching his playoff career low, and the stage was set for another down-to-the-wire night.

Much of Miami's emphasis on Tuesday and before the game Wednesday was on starting more quickly. Still, for the fourth time in five games, Philadelphia had Miami in a double-digit hole in the opening quarter.

The Sixers made nine of their first 11 shots, running out to leads of 16-5 and 20-10 — before, as was the case throughout the series, the first substitutions for Miami started paying dividends.

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Belles cancel pair of games against Albion

By **JOSEPH MONARDO**
Sports Writer

The Belles were forced to cancel a scheduled doubleheader once again Wednesday due to inclement weather, this time against conference opponent Albion.

Bad weather has hounded Saint Mary's (14-11, 3-5 MIAA) all season, leading to two cancelled doubleheaders and the postponement of several other games. The most recent rainout left Saint Mary's and Albion (16-14, 6-6 MIAA) with a conference matchup to reschedule before the MIAA tournament, which begins May 5. The Belles have only played one doubleheader in the last 16 days, during which stretch games have been postponed a total of five times. Even taking into account the perennial bad weather of the region, this season has been especially impeded by postponements.

"We are always prepared for rainouts and rescheduled games but the amount we have had this season by far exceeds any of my previous seasons," senior outfielder Hayley Bojorquez said.

After having their Tuesday and Wednesday

matchups for the week rained out, the Belles are ready to get back on the field to face Hope (22-11-1, 9-1 MIAA) this afternoon. The matchup against Hope, which was originally scheduled for April 19, has been postponed a total of three times leading up to today.

The Saint Mary's players were thoroughly frustrated by the multiple delays and are eager to retake the field, Bojorquez said.

"At this point, we wouldn't care if we had to play in the rain," she said. "Rain or shine, we want to be on our field playing our game."

In addition to the still unscheduled matchup against Albion, the Belles have their senior day game against Olivet and an away game at Calvin on the schedule after they face Hope. Currently sitting at sixth place in the MIAA standings, the

Belles will have to perform especially well against conference foes Hope, Olivet and Albion to keep their postseason hopes alive.

Weather permitting, the first pitch will be thrown against Hope at 3:30 p.m. at the Saint Mary's softball fields.

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BASEBALL

Butler game postponed

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame's non-conference home game against Butler scheduled for Wednesday evening was postponed due to a heavy rainstorm that set off a flash flood advisory in the area.

The announcement to postpone Notre Dame's 5:35 p.m. contest against the Bulldogs (15-19, 4-8 Horizon) came Wednesday afternoon after the storm flooded the

field and conditions were deemed unsuitable to play in. The game will be rescheduled.

The rainout is the fifth postponement of the year due to darkness or weather for the Irish (14-20-1, 5-9 Big East). Their March 22 home opener against Oakland was postponed, as was their Saturday series finale in New York against St. John's, leading to an eight-day gap between games.

The Irish last played in a dou-

bleheader April 21 against the Red Storm, 21-13 and 10-4, Notre Dame dropped both games, including a loss highlighted by a 15-strikeout shutout from Red Storm sophomore right-hander Kyle Hansen.

The Irish will return to action and host Big East foe Seton Hall this weekend for a three-game series starting Friday at 6:35 p.m. and concluding Sunday at 11:05 a.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

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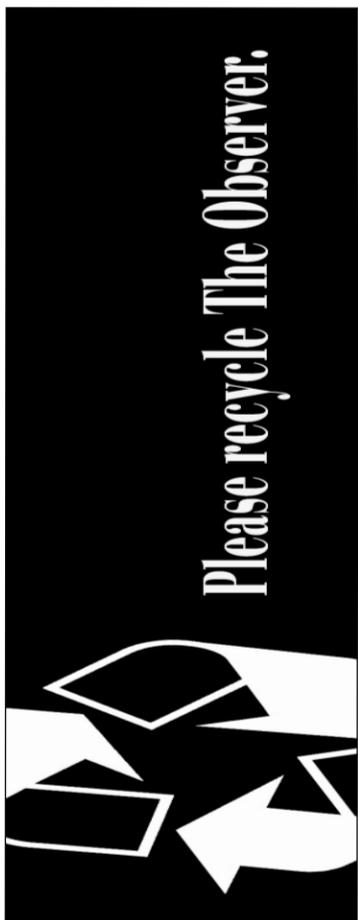
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Winter

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would get a no-hitter my first year out," Winter said. "I really had only planned on doing my job when I was needed and doing that to the best of my abilities. I knew that I had the chance to be successful because I have such a strong team to support me and they helped out a lot today."

All season Winter has proved herself a tremendous addition to Notre Dame's already accomplished pitching staff.

"It is rare for a freshman to come in and have such an impact pitching," senior catcher Lex Clay said. "Most go through a learning curve their freshman year and then are more seasoned for big game pitching, but Laura is holding her own. She has a lot of movement, a lot of pitches, and great composure."

Winter's no-hitter was particularly timely against the Bulls (32-17, 12-3 Big East), as Winter and the Irish faced off with another top notch freshman in USF's Nevins, who owns a 0.31 conference ERA. But Nevins' impressive record was not a concern for the Irish freshman on the opposite mound.

"I really don't worry about who is out on the mound for the other teams," Winter said. "I just always strive to be the pitcher that game to come out on top."

Though Nevins retired 12 batters in the first four innings of game one, Winter fired back, punching out nine Bulls as 51 of her 77 pitches went for strikes. Thanks to Winter, the only offense the Irish needed to claim the 1-0 victory in the opener was a two-out double by senior Erin Marrone

to score freshman pinch runner Monica Torres in the fifth inning. The loss christened Nevins with her first earned run in 46.0 innings, along with her first Big East loss.

In game two Notre Dame (35-8, 11-1) kicked its offense into gear as Clay got the ball rolling with a quick first inning single.

"The second game, they started their ace [Nevins] again, and we hit her much better the second game," Clay said. "We had a lot more hits from a lot of places in the lineup."

While sophomore hurler Brittany O'Donnell took a no-hitter into the sixth inning of the second game, the Irish offense found its legs in juniors Dani Miller and Alexa Maldonado and seniors Brianna Jorgensborg, Sadie Pitzenberger and Marrone, all of whom contributed hits in the 5-0 victory. Notre Dame displayed why it owns the best batting average in the Big East at .375 as five different players accounted for the team's five runs. The 12-hit effort marks the seventh time Notre Dame has accumulated double-digit hit totals in 11 league games.

Winter said the team is feeling confident as the post-season draws closer.

"I have always had confidence that the team would be strong in the post season but like every team, there are nerves that come with it," Winter said. "The team that can take those nerves and turn them into a positive when the time comes will always prevail."

The Irish now return to South Bend for a six-game home stand that kicks off Friday against St. John's.

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NHL

Lightning beat Penguins

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Dwayne Roloson made 36 saves for his second NHL playoff shutout. Sean Bergenheim scored, and the Tampa Bay Lightning completed a big series comeback and eliminated the Pittsburgh Penguins with a 1-0 win in Game 7 on Wednesday night.

Roloson became the second goalie to go 6-0 in elimination games. He allowed only four goals in winning the final three games as Tampa Bay erased a 3-1 series deficit. That matched his feat in 2003 when he led the Minnesota Wild to a comeback against the Vancouver Canucks in the second round.

The No. 5 seed Lightning will now face the top-seeded Washington Capitals in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Penguins lost their second consecutive Game 7 and fell to 2-6 in such deciding games at home.

Bergenheim's goal 5:41 into the second period was his third in the final four games of the series. Tampa Bay hadn't advanced in the playoffs since winning the Stanley Cup in 2004.

Despite a 36-23 edge in shots, the Sidney Crosby-less Penguins lost three consecutive games for the first time since Dec. 27, 2009-Jan. 3, 2010 — a span of 141 games.

Playing their first Game 7 on the road, the Lightning were the



Lightning players celebrate their 1-0 win over Pittsburgh Wednesday, advancing Tampa Bay to the second round.

first this year to win a series after trailing 3-1. Tampa Bay is 3-0 in Game 7s.

The Lightning killed a slashing penalty given to Nate Thompson with 1:33 left that gave the Penguins a 6-on-4 skating advantage after goalie Marc-Andre Fleury was pulled.

That was the fifth unsuccessful power play of the game for Pittsburgh, which was 1-for-35 for the series and had no power-play goals in 25 chances at

home.

After the Penguins took 17 of the first 24 shots, Bergenheim scored on a familiar play set up by a blind backhand pass by Dominic Moore. Moore skated behind the net toward the left-wing side and got the puck to Bergenheim, who was standing alone below the right circle.

Fleury hadn't even turned his head back toward Bergenheim's side of the ice as the puck was heading into the net.



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depth in its lineup this season, as some of its key starters, including junior Sam Keeton, are injured.

The Kansas City native has been out of the lineup for most of this season after having a big impact last year.

"Sam Keeton has a chance to be really good next year," Bayliss said. "He needs to embrace the concept of holding serve-developing patterns to go with varying serving targets. His convincing straight-set win over Louisville's Alejandro Calligari came after a six-week layoff and was remarkable."

With the plethora of injuries suffered by his squad this season, Bayliss has narrowed his roster down to eight players and has started a total of nine off-and-on throughout the year. It is possible that Notre Dame will have one roster for this weekend, and a different one in two weeks when they head to the NCAAs.

Boasting a talented group of seniors and a strong core returning from last year's squad, the Irish are poised to make a deep run in both competitions. Bayliss said a number of his players are playing good tennis.

"[Senior] Dan Stahl has become a very good upper-lineup player," Bayliss said. "[Senior]



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Irish senior Stephen Havens serves during Notre Dame's 6-1 win over Northwestern March 6.

Stephen Havens demonstrated real greatness at times and became a much tougher competitor. [Senior] Tyler Davis gave us solid contributions in singles and doubles as well as being a two-time captain."

Under Bayliss, the Irish have

claimed the Big East title 14 times in 22 seasons. Notre Dame will open the Big East tournament against Georgetown at 9 a.m. Friday.

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his leg on the relay," Rae said.

This pair of meets marks the last tune-up for the Irish before the Big East championships May 6. With the upcoming meet in the back of their minds, the focus is still on doing well this weekend.

"We placed a close second in

the mile relay last year, so going back and getting the win this year is really important for us," Rae said.

For the women, sophomore Rebecca Tracy has proven herself as a standout performer, taking second place in both the 1,500-meter and 800-meter at the Mt. SAC Relays and Long Beach State Invitational two weeks ago. Additionally, the women need strong performances from senior thrower Rudy

Atang, who took third place at the Long Beach State Invitational and junior Maddie Buttinger, who took first place in the heptathlon at the Polyan Invitational Saturday.

The Irish begin competition at the Drake Relays Thursday and at the Gina Relays Friday. Both events will continue through Saturday.

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Firm

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continued to hustle, coming up just short in The Firm's 21-15 victory.

The Firm opened the game with a 10-2 run, as sophomore Will Reising and junior Mike Renner led the team with solid defense and sophomore Gary Hunt directed the team's fast-paced offense.

It was Charlie Keller's duo of assistant rector Ryan Raybould and staff member Lenny DeLorenzo who shut down The Firm's offense late in the second half, igniting a 5-1 run to close out the half down 11-7.

One particular fan in attendance, Irish basketball coach Mike Brey, described the matchup as "intense." He said he knew all along that Charlie Keller was bringing resilient competition to the court because he stumbled upon captain Fr. Pete McCormick, Keough's rector and chaplain to the Irish basketball team, earlier in the day.

"I saw his game face, and I was afraid to talk to him," Brey said.

Sophomore Matt Huber's frustration showed in the middle of the second half, when The Firm struggled to make a shot. McCormick led Charlie Keller offensively, and staff member Tim Novak added several fast-break points, hustling past The Firm's defense and bringing the score within two, 17-15.

"It's fun to come out and play. As a team, it's fun to come out and see how far you can go in the tournament," McCormick said. "Those guys have a great team — great shooters, great inside game, and they play well together."

Charlie Keller's rally was stifled by The Firm's endurance and speed. Down 20-15, Charlie Keller senior Jim Maslar suffered an ankle injury, deflating all hope of a miraculous comeback.

"We manned up, and we played a really firm game," The Firm sophomore Steve Conway said. "We played [Charlie Keller] last year, and this year they came back and battled, and it was a really good game."

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pete and giving every match their all," Frilling said.

The Irish are especially eager to potentially face USF, who defeated Notre Dame 5-2 in February.

"I think we're all excited to get some revenge, and getting it in the conference tournament will make it much more rewarding," Frilling said.

Frilling thinks her team has an excellent chance in both tournaments.

"Winning the Big East would be very important for us," Frilling said. "It will give us an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament and it especially will give us confidence leading into the NCAA tournament."

The team has consistently

improved throughout the season. The Irish rebounded from a sub-par March in which they went 2-4 by reeling off four wins in their last five matches. The run culminated in back-to-back

6-1 victories over Marquette and DePaul. Frilling cites teamwork as a large factor in her team's success.

"I think our team has great chemistry and we all care about how we do and about each other," Frilling said. "Little things like that really help, even when you don't think it matters."

The tournament will begin Friday at 9 a.m. when the Irish take on Georgetown at the Courtney Tennis Center. Matches continue Saturday and the Big East champion will be crowned

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ND SOFTBALL

Harsh Winter

No-hitter first by Irish freshman in 10 years

By KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

In a matchup of freshman pitching standouts between Notre Dame's Laura Winter and South Florida's Sara Nevins, it was Winter who stole the show with a masterful performance on the mound. Winter threw a no-hitter against the conference-leading Bulls to spark the Irish to a sweep of a doubleheader in Tampa by scores of 1-0 and 5-0.

Winter's achievement comes at the end of a stellar debut season for the right-handed hurler from San Diego. Named Big East Pitcher of the Week two weeks ago, the freshman lengthened her list of accomplishments yesterday by becoming the first Irish freshman to throw a no-hitter since Kristin Schmidt in 2001. The last Irish player to accomplish the feat was senior Jody Valdivia in 2010.

"I had never thought that I

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Irish freshman pitcher Laura Winter delivers a pitch during Notre Dame's 8-0 win over Loyola Apr. 13. Winter threw the first no-hitter by an Irish freshman in 10 years in a 1-0 win over South Florida.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

ND aims for fourth straight title

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

With the momentum of four wins in five matches on its side, No. 24 Notre Dame will begin play in the Big East championships Friday, attempting to win its fourth straight conference title.

"We're finally getting into the last stretch of the year leading up to NCAAs," junior captain Kristy Frilling said. "Now is the time for us to step it up."

The Irish will have the home court advantage in the tournament. A win would give them a boost of confidence for the upcoming NCAA tournament, where the Irish have high hopes this year.

"As we get closer to NCAAs we want everyone to be playing their best, being excited to com-

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Size helps Texas Roadhouse defeat Old School to advance

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

Texas Roadhouse used experience and height to tower over Old School, as athleticism proved victorious over Old School's older but well-conditioned squad in a 21-16 Texas Roadhouse win.

Staff member Matt McCubbins and graduate student Luke Chicoine kept Old School in the game all night long, playing scrappy defense

in the post against Texas Roadhouse junior Taylor Williams. Texas Roadhouse junior point guard JT Breveard ran up and down the court tirelessly during the entire game, adding energy at the point guard position.

"It's a tough matchup for us because they had both height and a quick guard out there," Old School coach Todd Hill said. "They started draining outside jumpers there, and we had a letdown."

Texas Roadhouse struggled

to pull away, as Old School was almost always within two or three points. Offensively, Old School continued to fight back with the help of staff members Joel Dosmann, Matthew Blazewski and Mark Bennett. Texas Roadhouse took an 11-8 lead into halftime.

Old School's average age of 34 presented a challenge against a college-aged Texas Roadhouse team.

"We had a comeback, but I think it was a little bit too late there; we couldn't finish," Hill

said. "Given we're double their age, I think it's pretty impressive what we've done. We know athletic-wise, we're not going to match up with these guys."

Texas Roadhouse senior Adam Dobrzykowski's height on defense ultimately served as the difference in the game, however, as he held an advantage against all of Old School's guards.

"Going into these games, we expect to win as the fifth seed," Roadhouse freshman

Pat Derksen said. "We're pretty confident going in, and we just try and work the ball around, get good shots, box out, grab the rebound and just run — run those guys off the court."

No. 8 The Firm 21- No. 9 Charlie Keller 15

The match-up between athletes and sharpshooters originally appeared to be a lopsided affair, but Charlie Keller

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish host Big East tourney

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

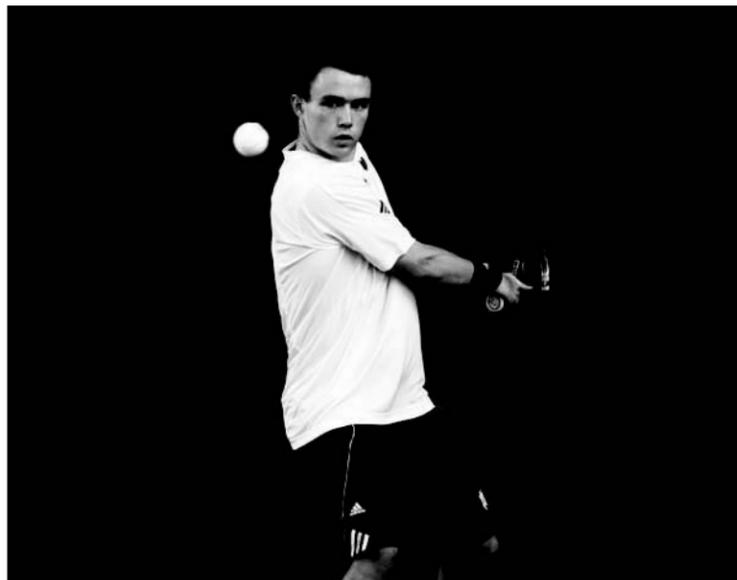
The No. 28 Irish will host the Big East tournament beginning Friday at the Eck Tennis Center with one goal in mind: to rebound from last season's Big East title-match loss to Louisville.

"Obviously our hope is to win the championship, but we can't get too caught up in anything now except for Georgetown, our first opponent," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "If we advance, we know that [South Florida] can be very good, as they beat a strong Florida State team this year and split matches with us last year."

The Irish fell in the finals of last year's tournament, also held in South Bend, to Louisville.

Notre Dame has relied on the

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Irish freshman Greg Andrews returns a shot during Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Dayton March 27.

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Team travels to Iowa, Michigan for meets

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

After a break from competition over the long Easter weekend, the Irish will return to action traveling to two separate meets Thursday and Friday. The squad will divide as some athletes head to Des Moines, Iowa for the Drake Relays while others go to Hillsdale, Mich. for the Gina Relays.

The majority of the team will compete at the Gina Relays. The Drake Relays will feature 12 Irish runners, a pole-vaulter and a thrower.

The Irish continue to look for leadership from a few key members who have distin-

guished themselves during the season.

On the track, the men seek direction from the indoor season's four all-Americans, who will compete in relays at Drake. Graduate student Jack Howard will anchor the 4x800-meter race, freshman Patrick Feeney will anchor the 4x400-meter, junior Johnathan Shawel and sophomore Jeremy Rae will join together in the 4x1600-meter.

"Shawel has been having great workouts for the past couple weeks, and set a personal best out in California two weekends ago, so we're really looking for him to run well on

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