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HHS: ND insurance must include contraception

Ruling requires religiously affiliated institutions to provide women's preventative services; University to 'evaluate' options

By SARAH MERVOSH
Managing Editor

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced Friday that religiously affiliated institutions, such as Notre Dame, will not be exempt from a new law that requires employers to provide contraceptive services as part of their minimum health insurance packages.

The decision comes after an interim ruling in August, follow-

ing which University President Fr. John Jenkins wrote to HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius asking that Notre Dame be exempt from the requirement on the basis that it violates the University's conscience clause.



Jenkins

Jenkins' request was not

granted, and under the new law, Notre Dame will be required to cover the full range of recommended women's preventative services, including all FDA approved forms of birth control, in its health insurance package.

However, in a concession, Sebelius said religious affiliated non-profits will have an additional year — until August 2013 — to comply with the law.

"I am deeply disappointed in a decision by the administration that will place many religious

organizations of all faiths in an untenable position," Jenkins said in a statement. "This unnecessary intervention by the government into religion disregards our nation's commitment to the rights of conscience and the longstanding work of religious groups to help build a more compassionate society and vibrant democracy."

The new law will likely force Notre Dame to choose between its social and moral teachings. In Jenkins' letter to Sebelius,

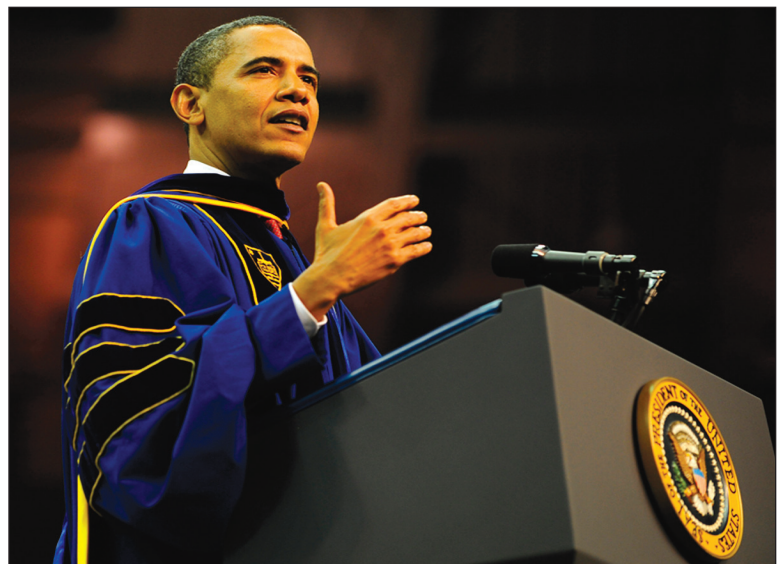
which he sent in September, he described the "impossible" position the law would create for the University.

"This would compel Notre Dame to either pay for contraception and sterilization in violation of the Church's moral teaching, or to discontinue our employee and student health care plans in violation of the Church's social teaching," he wrote.

University Spokesman Dennis

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Professors analyze defense plan response



Observer File Photo

President Obama, the 2009 Notre Dame commencement speaker, recently announced a new national defense strategy.

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

In light of President Obama's recent announcement of a new national defense strategy, Notre Dame political science professors said Republicans will attack the president's decision because it is an election year — even if some arguments lack validity.

At the beginning of the month, Obama announced a new national defense strategy that will focus on the creation of agile military units in Asia, the Pacific and the Middle East.

In a statement released by the White House, Obama said the reduction in the Pentagon budget stemmed from a combination of the end of a decade

of war in Iraq and Afghanistan, the American fiscal crisis and a growing threat from China and Iran.

"Yes, our military will be leaner, but the world must know the United States is going to maintain our military superiority with armed forces that are agile, flexible and ready for the full range of contingencies and threats," Obama said.

Political Science Professor Michael Desch said although Republican candidates will try to use the budget cuts as evidence that Obama is "soft" on defense, their case lacks substance.

"This Democratic president hardly seems skittish about using force," he said.

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Former ND administrator dies at 81

Observer Staff Report

Sr. Jean Lenz, former assistant vice president for student affairs, died Saturday at a retirement home in Joliet, Ill., after a long illness. She was 81.

An alumna of Notre Dame, Lenz worked as an administrator, rector and adjunct professor for the University.

University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh described Lenz as a "friend, selor

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Students storm court after win over Syracuse

By SAM STRYKER
News Editor

The Notre Dame men's basketball team shocked top-ranked Syracuse 67-58 Saturday night at the Purcell Pavilion, causing the student section to storm the court and creating lasting memories for those in attendance.

Senior Christina Kuklinski said winning against the previously undefeated Orange at home was a sports moment she was excited to have witnessed.

"It was the defining moment of sports in my four years at Notre Dame," she said. "I have been a student season ticket holder for the last four years, and I have never seen anything like that."

The victory marked the sixth home victory for the Irish over

a No. 1-ranked team in the program's history, and junior Roscoe Anderson said he appreciated the historical significance of cheering on the Irish as they defeated another powerhouse team.

"It was really exciting," he said. "I had a blast to be there for such a huge event and to be part of the history of defeating number ones in the Joyce Center. It was a big deal."

Anderson said the highly charged game atmosphere was building up even before the Irish tipped off with the Orange.

"My friends and I got there an hour before the game to get seats," he said. "Everyone was really excited. To beat them without ever having given up the lead was

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SPIN-A-THON FOR BREAST CANCER



TOM YOUNG / The Observer

Members of the South Bend, Granger and Notre Dame community participated in a 24-hour spin-a-thon Saturday to bring support and awareness to breast cancer at Knollwood Country Club.

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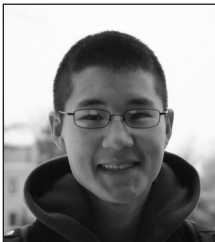


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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE WINTER ACTIVITY?

					
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<i>sophomore Stanford</i>	<i>sophomore Lyons</i>	<i>freshman Howard</i>	<i>junior Keough</i>	<i>freshman Walsh</i>	<i>freshman Lyons</i>
<i>"Playing football in the snow."</i>	<i>"Pretending I'm in a prairie on the quad like Laura Ingalls Wilder."</i>	<i>"Sledding and making snowmen."</i>	<i>"Walking in the woods."</i>	<i>"I don't have one — I'm from South Carolina!"</i>	<i>"Staying inside and keeping warm."</i>

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Junior sprinter Brendan Dougherty competes in the men's 400-meter dash at the Notre Dame invitational on Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center. He finished second with a time of 48.43 seconds.

OFFBEAT

Utah school rejects using 'cougars' as mascot

SALT LAKE CITY — A Utah school district has decided against using "Cougars" as a mascot for a new high school in part because of the negative connotation of the word in popular culture.

Canyons School District Superintendent David S. Doty says the selection of "Chargers" as mascot was driven by the desire for originality, despite a poll of some future students that showed 26 percent in favor of using the cougar.

At least three Utah schools, including Brigham Young University, use cougar as a mascot.

Doty says public comments reflect a desire to be different, but he also notes that some see the word cougar as carrying a "negative double entendre."

The term cougar in popular culture can refer to women in their 40s who have sex with younger men.

Mexico City man rode skateboard to rob banks

MEXICO CITY — Mexico City police say they have arrested a would-be bandit who rode his skateboard to bank robbery attempts.

Police say Sergio Ledesma and his skateboard have been turned over to prosecutors after he al-

legedly attempted to rob two banks by whispering threats to tellers.

Police say the teller at the first bank simply acted as if he hadn't heard Ledesma, who then skated off to a second bank.

The second teller told police Ledesma appeared to whisper a threat. So the teller set off a silent alarm, and counted out the money while the would-be robber waited patiently.

Police said Friday Ledesma was still waiting when they arrived and arrested him.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Auditions to read for Junior Parents Weekend will be held today in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 4 p.m.

The Notre Dame Alumni Association will host a Sanctity for Life Prayer tonight at 4 p.m. in the Log Chapel as a way of being in solidarity with members of the ND community attending the 39th annual March for Life in Washington D.C. A simple prayer at the Log Chapel will be followed by a walk to the Grotto to pray the prayers for life submitted by the extended ND family.

Women's Basketball will host Tennessee tonight at 7 p.m. in the Purcell Pavillion at the Joyce Center.







There will be a Mass for students returning from abroad at 9 p.m. tonight in the Coleman-Morse Chapel. The Mass will be followed by desserts.

Tomorrow is the last day to register for all classes.

A workshop titled "Using Mendeley" will be held at 4 p.m. tomorrow in Room 247 of the Hesburgh Library. The workshop will teach how to use Mendeley to organize and generate bibliographies. Refreshments will be provided.

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Circle K hosts extravaganza



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Circle K president Alyssa Casill speaks to students at the Circle K extravaganza in LaFortune Student Center Sunday. Students participated in multiple service projects to kick off the semester.

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

Notre Dame students gathered to learn about service opportunities and to kick back as they kick started the new semester with the Notre Dame Circle K's Service Extravaganza in the LaFortune Student Center ballroom Sunday.

The group started with full force as students wrote letters to soldiers, tied the remaining blankets from the Aidan Project in December, crafted dog toys for the Humane Society and made hats for the Center for the Homeless and local hospitals.

Senior Jessica Choi, publicity officer for Notre Dame Circle K, said the Service Extravaganza is a way to spread the word about Circle K.

"We hope to expand our membership and show everyone the joys of doing service," Choi said.

The president of Notre Dame Circle K, Alyssa

Casill, said approximately 100 students serve in the club each year. The group is part of Circle K International and organizes 12 weekly projects as well as others throughout the semester.

"We do pretty much any kind of service you can think of," Casill said. "[The projects] range from going to Saint Mary's Convent to the Humane Society."

This semester, Notre Dame Circle K will begin cooking and serving dinner at

the South Bend Catholic Worker, a homeless shelter and drop-in center.

"The other new project that we're doing is

with Corvillia, which is a home in South Bend for people with disabilities," Casill said. "That's going to be more of a monthly project. They have different events for people living in the homes there. In two weeks, they're doing a snowball softball tournament, so we're going to go there and

help out with that."

Since one of Circle K International's main tenants is fellowship, Casill said Notre Dame Circle K will host more events that allow members to get to know each other this semester.

"We just want to get as many people involved in as much service as possible," she said.

Sophomore Andy McAsey said he participates in the Logan Center Bowling project through Notre Dame Circle K.

"We have fun bowling with people with different disabilities," McAsey said.

Sophomore Caitlin O'Connell said she attended the Service Extravaganza to learn how to become involved in Notre Dame Circle K's service projects.

"I've been to the Center for the Homeless one time, and I really liked it," she said. "And I had a little extra time this semester."

Students interested in becoming involved with Notre Dame Circle K can attend meetings Sundays at 7 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room in LaFortune.

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DILLON WEISNER/The Observer

Junior foward Jack Cooley scores over Syracuse center Baye Moussa Keita during Notre Dame's upset win on Saturday.

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huge."

The basketball team's tradition of knocking off No. 1 teams is a testament to the loud game atmosphere courtesy of the Purcell Pavilion fans, Anderson said.

"I think we bring a strong home court advantage," he said. "It was really loud. Coach [Mike] Brey said it was as good an atmosphere as he'd seen in his years at Notre Dame. A lot of credit goes to the players, but I think [the fans] helped contribute."

Kuklinski agreed and said it seemed like the players on the court thrived on the fans' passion.

"I don't know what it was like being on the court, but I would have to imagine that having thousands of people screaming so intently has got to be beneficial to the athletes," she said.

Anderson said storming the

court following the victory was one of the most memorable moments he has experienced as a Notre Dame student.

"It was really amazing, one of those priceless moments," he said. "It was really crazy and hectic, but really exciting at the same time."

Junior Margaret Bellon said even though she was sitting in the upper part of the student section, she felt the energy.

"Even in the last row, you couldn't hear the person next to you talking because everyone was cheering so loud," she said.

Bellon said the atmosphere peaked right as the Irish were about to close out the victory and fans prepared to storm.

"Two minutes before the game ended, people came up to us and said we're going to storm the court and we should move down," she said. "Everyone was getting really excited and the energy was building up."

While she was excited to attend the game, Bellon was skeptical that the Irish could pull off the win.

"I watched a couple of [Notre Dame's] games over break and they played well in a few, but in a couple of games, they played horribly," she said. "I remember talking with someone before the game and saying I wasn't sure I should go because I thought it was going to be a blowout."

But Bellon said this win held her attention throughout the entire game, unlike her experiences during Notre Dame football season.

"Sometimes there are boring drives [in football], so [the game] is usually exciting for just a little bit," she said. "[But the basketball game] was exciting the entire time because it was moving so fast and Notre Dame was playing really well."

Of all the games she has attended as a student, Bellon said this was the one she will remember most.

"I never have been to a game that was as big of an upset as this one," she said. "It was really cool. Being there made me proud to be a Notre Dame fan."

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Brown said the University has not made a decision on how it will move forward in terms of complying with the law.

"We're going to evaluate," Brown said. "We're going to review our options."

If Notre Dame continues to provide health insurance but does not comply with the law when it takes effect in August 2013, the University would be fined \$100 a day per person per infraction, law professor Carter Snead told The Observer in September. The University's current health insurance plan does not cover oral contraceptives or contraceptive devices unless a physician requests them based on medical needs or for purposes other than contraception, according to its 2011 Medical, Dental and Vision Plan.

The new law will not require Notre Dame to provide con-

traceptives on campus as part of its health services at Saint Liam Hall.

Sebelius said the decision came after careful consideration.

"I believe this proposal strikes the appropriate balance between respecting religious freedom and increasing access to important preventive services," she said in a press release. "The [Obama] administration remains fully committed to its partnerships with faith-based organizations, which promote healthy communities and serve the common good."

Jenkins said the University will strive for national dialogue on the issue.

"We call for a national dialogue among religious groups, government and the American people to reaffirm our country's historic respect for freedom of conscience and defense of religious liberty," he said.

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Lenz

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and almost-confessor."

"The time students spend with her exposes them to goodness, fun and deep beauty," he said. "Her teaching brings them face to face with the Christ in whom she deeply believes."

A Chicago native and a Franciscan sister of the Congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, Lenz earned her master's degree from Notre Dame in 1967.

Obama

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Desch cited the way Obama waged the drone war against al-Qaeda with vigor, doubled-down the U.S. commitment in Afghanistan and backed NATO's air support for the successful anti-Qaddafi uprising in Libya.

"Most importantly, he put the big coon-skin on the side of the barn that Washington failed to do with the daring Navy SEAL strike against Osama bin Ladin in Pakistan," he said.

These security credentials made it difficult for Republican opponents to challenge Obama on these grounds, Desch said.

Political Science Professor Peri Arnold said Republican candidates will vehemently oppose any action Obama takes

She was one of the first women rectors to serve on campus following the University's transition to coeducation in 1972.

Lenz served as rector of Farley Hall from 1973 to 1983, when she was appointed rector and chaplain of the London Program. In 1984, she was appointed vice president for student affairs and served intermittently as an adjunct professor of theology.

In 1998, she received an honorary degree from the University of Portland for her service as a mentor to students. She published an anecdotal account of

her life of service, "Loyal Daughters and Sons," in 2002. In 2007, her name was added to the Wall of Honor in Notre Dame's Main Building.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 2 to 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Angels Retirement Home in Joliet, Ill., followed by a funeral Mass at 7 p.m. Burial will be Thursday at 9 a.m. in Resurrection Cemetery in Romeoville, Ill.

University President Fr. John Jenkins will preside over a Mass of Remembrance for Lenz, which will be held Feb. 6 at 5:15 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

because it is an election year, even if some decisions are the result of a Republican-majority Congress.

"Keep in mind that the current level of cuts, just under five billion dollars, come from a congressional legislation. In other words, Congress voted on this. [There are] members who vote, but then during the campaign year, scream," Arnold said. "[Obama] could stand in and double the defense budget. Republicans would attack that too."

If the Obama administration presented the defense strategy aggressively, it would win the symbolic tug of war. Still, while the military budget reduction raised an important argument, ultimately voters will choose based on improvement in the economy, Arnold said.

"I'm not so sure how impor-

tant defense will be in the election. In public opinion, based on polling, the thing on the mind of most Americans is the economy," Arnold said. "If he can gain support on those grounds, the defense issue will fade into the background."

Although Obama has the incumbent advantage and an effective campaign team, Arnold said the focus of Obama's platform would have to address the economy and unemployment rates.

"It's not that the economy is a dummy variable that is good or bad, but it's improvement that helps the incumbent," he said. "If over the next seven or eight months [the unemployment rate] goes below eight percent, that will help a lot."

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Gingrich claims win in South Carolina

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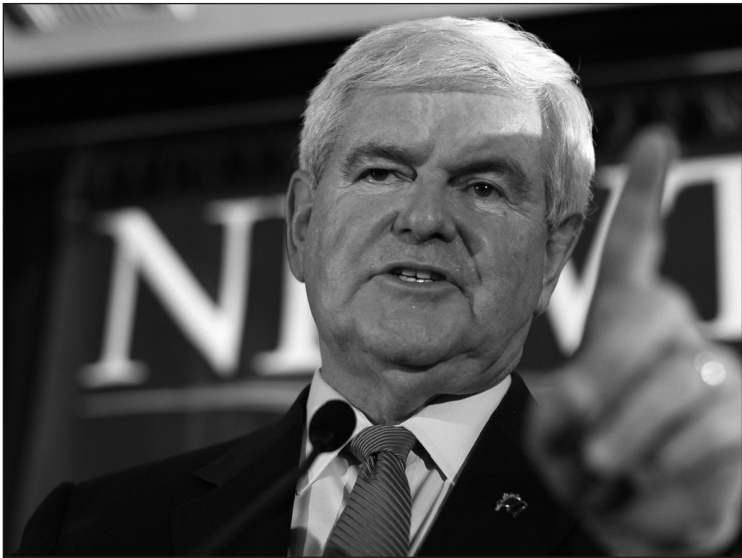
WASHINGTON — Newt Gingrich worked to capitalize Sunday on his upset victory in South Carolina’s Republican presidential primary, while Mitt Romney moved quickly to cut his losses before the next contest with a promise to release his income tax returns within 48 hours.

Gingrich said in a round of television interviews that his win, both unexpected and unexpectedly large, showed he was the Republican best able to go toe to toe with President Barack Obama in the fall. “I think virtually everybody who looks at the campaign knows I represent the largest amount of change of any candidate, and I think that’s why they see me as representing their interest and their concerns, not representing Wall Street or representing the politicians of Washington,” he said.

Romney argued that point, but not another, agreeing in a television interview that he had made a mistake by refusing to release his tax returns before the South Carolina vote. “If it was a distraction, we want to get back to the real issues in the campaign -- leadership, character and vision for America, how to get jobs in America, and how to rein in the excessive scale of the federal government,” he said.

The former Massachusetts governor, who made millions in business, said he will make his 2010 return and an estimate for 2011 available online on Tuesday.

The decision marked a concession, as if one were needed, that Romney had stumbled on his way through South Caro-



AP

Republican presidential nominee Newt Gingrich speaks at a rally after the South Carolina Republican primary Jan. 21.

lina, a state where he led hand-somely in the polls several days before the primary.

Florida votes next, on Jan. 31, a 50-delegate contest in one of the most expensive campaign states in the country, and one that Romney can ill afford to lose.

The former governor was an easy winner in the New Hampshire primary earlier in the month. Before that, he was a close runner-up behind former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum in Iowa caucuses where the vote count was so confused that he was originally announced the victor.

Despite his loss on Saturday, Romney remains the contender with the largest and best-funded organization. “Three states in now, we got 47 more to go,” he said, adding he was looking forward to the rest.

For all the political momentum gained in South Carolina,

Gingrich made it immediately obvious that he is short on funds. He urged supporters via Tweet Saturday night to donate money, and then announced the name of his campaign website while making a nationally televised victory speech.

With their comments, both Romney and Gingrich indicated the race was a two-way competition, likely to go into the spring if not longer.

Santorum had other ideas.

“We’re going to Florida and beyond,” he said. As he did in a pair of debates in South Carolina, he criticized both Gingrich — calling him a “very high-risk candidate” — and Romney, whom he called a moderate ill-suited to appeal to conservative voters.

Texas Rep. Ron Paul, the fourth contender, has already said he will skip Florida and focus on Nevada and other caucus states.

Rep. Giffords resigns Congressional seat

Associated Press

PHOENIX — In part, the short video has the feel of a campaign ad: the strains of soft music, the iconic snapshots of rugged Arizona desert, the candidate earnestly engaged with her constituents.

Interspersed with the slick montage of photos and sound, though, is a video close-up of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords gazing directly at the camera, offering not a campaign promise but a goodbye, a thank-you message to her supporters in a voice that is both firm and halting.

“I have more work to do on my recovery,” the congresswoman says at the end of the two-minute-long “A Message from Gabby,” appearing to strain with all of her will to communicate. “So to do what’s best for Arizona, I will step down this week.”

Arizonans had to know in their hearts that this day was coming.

A bullet to the brain, from point-blank range, is a nearly impossible obstacle to overcome, even for a congresswoman known for pluckiness and fight. Giffords seemed to accept that reality in the video announcing her resignation from Congress, which also included a promise to return one day to her mission to help Arizonans.

The clip, posted to YouTube and on her Facebook page, pastes together 13 sentences into a fluid announcement. Giffords wears a bright red jacket eerily similar to the one she was wearing a year ago when she was nearly assassinated. She looks straight into the camera, almost begging the viewer to listen.

But the video also includes images of the 41-year-old struggling at rehab and walking along a leafy street with husband Mark Kelly with an obvious limp. And Giffords acknowledges that, at least for now, she isn’t up to taking on a re-election challenge.

The announcement comes just over a year after a gunman opened fire at Jan. 8, 2011,

meeting with constituents in front of a Tucson grocery store. Six people were killed, and Giffords and 12 others wounded.

At the time, the Democrat had just eked out a razor-thin victory against a tea party candidate in her conservative-leaning district. She won a third term with less than 1 percent margin.

Many in Arizona believed she would be handed an easy victory if she chose to seek another term this year. Giffords elected not to try.

“A lot has happened over the past year. We cannot change that,” she said.

For days after the shooting, it was touch and go. A huge memorial grew in front of the Tucson hospital where she was fighting for her life.

Then, almost miraculously, just two weeks after she was shot, she was whisked off in a jet to a rehabilitation hospital in her astronaut husband’s hometown of Houston.

Months of rehab began, with Giffords struggling to learn how to walk and talk again. Just over four months after she was shot, she flew to Florida to watch Kelly, an astronaut, pilot the nation’s next-to-last space shuttle mission.

But she remained out of view.

Slowly, in carefully choreographed bits, she began to emerge. The first photos in June. Her surprise August appearance in Congress to vote to raise the federal debt limit. The first halting TV shots, just a few words at a time, then a more complex recording released in November.

Sunday’s recording was slightly more elaborate, but it was not a campaign Q&A or an appearance before a tough interviewer.

She’s clearly not yet ready for another run for Congress. But she said in Sunday’s video that she’s not done yet.

“I’m getting better. Every day my spirit is high. I will return, and we will work together for Arizona and this great country,” she said.

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Midwest states suffer through winter storms

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Freezing drizzle and rain made roads slick Sunday as a winter weather system moved across portions of the Upper Midwest, and the precipitation was expected to begin changing over into snow that could continue into Monday.

The National Weather Service issued warnings about freezing drizzle and rain for parts of Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota and Wisconsin on Sunday, and a fog advisory was out in south-central Wisconsin.

The advisories could be expanded later Sunday, the weather service said. The precipitation was coming from a low pressure system expected to track east across Nebraska and Iowa and

deepen as it moved northeast across Wisconsin, it said.

Snow was expected Sunday in Nebraska and the Dakotas with a few inches falling in parts before midnight, the weather service said.

In other states, the change-over from rain to snow was expected to start Sunday evening and move from west to east, continuing into Monday morning. One to two inches of snow were possible by Monday in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota and parts of central Wisconsin, the weather service said.

In southeastern Minnesota, Rochester police responded to more than 70 crashes on slick roadways Sunday morning, Lt. Mike Sadauskis said.



There are students who go through an unplanned pregnancy. While it presents a huge challenge, be confident that your friends and the Notre Dame family will offer all the support you need. I'm absolutely thrilled with how the **University** helped me to be a loving parent and a **successful student.**

– Chris Urban, 2011

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Radical Islamists attack Nigerian cities

Associated Press

KANO, Nigeria — People in this north Nigeria city once wore surgical masks to block the dust swirling through its sprawling neighborhoods, but swarming children hawked the masks for pennies apiece Sunday to block the stench of death at a hospital overflowing with the dead following a coordinated attack by a radical Islamist sect.

The Nigerian Red Cross now estimates more than 150 people died in Friday's attack in Kano, which saw at least two suicide bombers from the sect known as Boko Haram detonate explosive-laden cars. The scope of the attack, apparently planned to free sect members held by authorities here, left even President Goodluck Jonathan speechless as he toured what remained of a regional police headquarters Sunday.

"The federal government will not rest until we arrest the perpetrators of this act," Jonathan said earlier. "They are not spirits, they are not ghosts."

However, unrest continued across Nigeria as unknown assailants in the northern state of Bauchi killed at least 11 people overnight Saturday in attacks that saw at least two churches bombed, a sign how far insecurity has penetrated Africa's most populous nation.

Friday's attacks by Boko Haram hit police stations, immigration offices and the local headquarters of Nigeria's secret police in Kano, a city of more than 9 million people that remains an important political and religious center in the country's Muslim north. The assault left corpses lying in the streets across the city, many wearing police or other security agency uniforms.

On Sunday, soldiers wearing bulky bulletproof vests stood guard at intersections



Police officers stand outside police headquarters in Kano, Nigeria, where more than 150 people were killed in a suicide bombing Friday. The attack was attributed to radical Islamists.

and roundabouts, with bayoneted Kalashnikov rifles at the ready. Some made those disobeying traffic directions do sit-ups or in one case, repeatedly raise a bicycle over their head.

Signs of the carnage still remained. Police officers wearing surgical masks escorted a corpse wrapped in a white burial shroud out of Murtala Muhammed Specialist Hospital, the city's biggest. Hospital officials there declined to comment Sunday, but the smell of the overflowing mortuary hung in the air.

An internal Red Cross report seen Sunday by an Associated Press reporter said that hospital alone has accepted more than 150 dead bodies from the attacks. That death toll could rise further as officials continue to collect bodies.

At least four foreigners were wounded in the attack, the report showed. Among the dead was Indian citizen Kevalkumar Rajput, 23, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

Jonathan arrived to the city late Sunday afternoon, traveling quickly by a motorcade to meet with the state governor and the Emir of Kano, an important Islamic figure in the country. His motorcade later rushed to what used to be the regional command headquarters for the Nigeria police, with an armed personnel carrier trailing behind, a soldier manning the heavy machine gun atop it.

The Christian president, wearing a Muslim prayer cap and a black kaftan, looked stunned as he stood near where the suicide car bomber detonated his explosives. Officers there said guards on duty shot the tires of the speeding car, forcing it to stop before it reached the lobby of the headquarters.

However, it didn't matter in the end as the powerful explosives in the car shredded the cement building, tore away its roof and blew out its windows. Blood stained the yellow paint near a second-story window, just underneath a 10-foot (3-meter)-tall

tree uprooted and tossed atop the building by the blast.

"Whether you are a policeman or not a policeman, when you see this kind of thing, definitely you'll be worried," said Aminu Ringim, a senior police officer. "You'll be touched."

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon also condemned the multiple attacks Sunday.

"The secretary-general is appalled at the frequency and intensity of recent attacks in Nigeria, which demonstrate a wanton and unacceptable disregard for human life," a statement from his office read. He also expressed "his hope for swift and transparent investigations into these incidents that lead to bringing the perpetrators to justice."

A Boko Haram spokesman using the nom de guerre Abul-Qaqa claimed responsibility for the attacks in a message to journalists Friday. He said the attack came because the state government refused to release Boko Haram members held by the police.

U.S. begins talks with insurgents

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Anxious to accelerate peace moves, top-level U.S. officials have held talks with a representative of an insurgent movement led by a former Afghan prime minister who has been branded a terrorist by Washington, a relative of the rebel leader says.

Dr. Ghairat Baheer, a representative and son-in-law of longtime Afghan warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar (Gul-bu-DEEN HEK-mah-tyar), told The Associated Press this week that he had met separately with David Petraeus, former commander of NATO forces in Afghanistan who is now CIA director, and had face-to-face discussions earlier this month with U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker and U.S. Marine Gen. John Allen, currently the top commander in the country.

Baheer, who was released in 2008 after six years in U.S. detention at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan, described his talks with U.S. officials as nascent and exploratory. Yet, Baheer says the discussions show that the U.S. knows that in addition to getting the blessing of Taliban chief Mullah Mohammad Omar — a bitter rival of Hekmatyar even though both are fighting international troops — any peace deal would have to be supported by Hekmatyar, who has thousands of fighters and followers primarily in the north and east.

Hizb-i-Islami, which means Islamic party, has had ties to al-Qaida but in 2010 floated a 15-point peace plan during informal meetings with the Afghan government in Kabul. At the time, however, U.S. officials refused to see the party's delegation.

"Hizb-i-Islami is a reality that no one can ignore," Baheer said during an interview last week at his spacious home in a posh suburb of Pakistan's capital, Islamabad. "For a while, the United States and the Kabul government tried not to give so much importance to Hizb-i-Islami, but now they have come to the conclusion that they cannot make it without Hizb-i-Islami."

In Washington, National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden would not confirm that such meetings took place but said the U.S. was maintaining "a range of contacts in support of an Afghan-led reconciliation process."

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the high-level meetings, said Petraeus last met with Baheer in July 2011 when he was still commanding NATO forces in Afghanistan. Petraeus took over as CIA director in September.

On Saturday, Afghan President Hamid Karzai said he also had met recently with Hizb-i-Islami representatives. Baheer said he attended those meetings but added that the party considers the Afghan government corrupt and lacking legitimacy.

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INSIDE COLUMN

What's in a name?

What's in a name? Well, in essence, everything.

In my efforts to find an interesting read over break, I stumbled upon Dale Carnegie's 1936 hit, "How to Win Friends and Influence People," and it has become my ultimate communication studies geek book.

One of Carnegie's "rules for how to make people like you," is still stuck in my head — "Remember that a man's name is to him the sweetest and most important sound in any language."

It's so true. A name is such a powerful thing.

It is our most personal possession, and it could possibly be our oldest possession. It was given to us at birth, and it becomes a part of our personality.

It's so powerful that our friends may even say, "You look like a Pat," or "You're such a Courtney." And, it's so personal that if someone calls us the wrong name, we're caught off guard, or even offended (depending on the situation).

A name has the power to instantly turn any situation into a serious one. Just think about growing up. You knew things were serious when your name was tacked on the end of a command. Suddenly a simple, "Clean your room" (which could have been a general comment to all siblings) turns into a personalized message. "Clean your room, Caitlin" — there's no getting out of that one.

In relationships, using a name can also show someone you care. It's easy to just fall into a groove of saying or sending generic messages. But, using a name shows the other that they deserve more than a generic message. Saying, "thank you" becomes something completely different when you say, "Thank you, Ross."

Names are also the ultimate ice-breaker. When you meet a person for the first time, what's the first thing you do? You introduce yourself, and you expect the other to tell you his name.

Regardless of whether you have anything in common with the other, you know you can always rely on your name to start the conversation. And, for some, a name is the coveted key to finding someone on Facebook.

Yet, I feel as though names aren't given enough credit. I understand, we all have them, so why bother giving them the time of day? But, it is such a simple way to show someone respect and honor. It's a great way to make a first impression at a job interview, and it could even spread some smiles.

I love hearing my name. I even secretly love when my first name is used in textbooks or articles. Don't lie ... I know there are readers out there who smiled because I used their names in this article, regardless of whether I know them or not.

Names are so cool, so let's take the time to really learn them.

Hi. I'm Caitlin.

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Caitlin Housley

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Old electronics contribute to city toxicity

Welcome back! Another semester means it's time for the GreenMan to "spring" some new sustainability issues and initiatives into light.

I am sure many Domers were on Santa's nice list this year, and I have no doubt many of us are back at school with new iPhones, iPads, laptops, Kindles, PlayStations and the like, leaving our old gadgets in a world that's a twisted version of Toy Story 3 — on a truck or a ship to an unknown place.

But just because these items are no longer directly impacting our own lives does not mean they are not having a negative effect on other people's lives and, like the "System of a Down" song, are contributing to the toxicity of cities around the world.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), electronic waste, or e-waste, is the fastest-growing section of the municipal waste stream. Technology upgrades, everchanging media formats, declining prices and planned obsolescence are the driving forces contributing to this problem.

More often than not these outdated, barely operational, electronic products are exported to developing countries like India, Pakistan, Nigeria and parts of China, where people here use unsafe methods to take them apart to harvest and resell the metal pieces.

But why is this a problem, you say? Well, components like microchips, circuit boards, disk drives, CRT monitors and TVs contain toxins like brominated flame-retardants, and heavy metals such as lead, mercury and cadmium, all of which are known to cause serious health issues.

Circuit boards and covered wires are often burned over open flame to melt away plastic coatings and gain access to the valuable copper underneath, but doing so releases poisonous fumes. Big screen televisions can

contain anywhere from four to eight pounds of lead, and when humans are exposed to even minute concentrations of lead, it can have disastrous effects on the heart, kidneys, bones, brain, reproductive and nervous systems.

And the majority of people affected are children and young adults, laboring in an effort to contribute to family funds.

So we know how components of our antiquated electronics can be harmful, but what is the magnitude of scale on which these events occur? Is it really a big deal? The U.S. discards between 300 and 400 million electronic items every year, and guess what?

Only 15 percent of these items are recycled. We're only talking about the U.S. here, so think about how this number skyrockets when other developed nations are included and you'll see it's not a big deal — it's a huge deal.

Although e-waste comprises only 2 percent of what is taken to landfills, it equates to 70 percent of overall toxic waste, which not only harms people, but does major damage on the environment as well. Guiyu, China is known as the e-waste capital of the world and receives approximately one million tons of discarded electronics annually.

Here, the landscape is an electronic graveyard consisting of mountains of burnt circuit boards, piles of ash, plastics and rivers polluted with acids and other chemicals. How much do these components really effect the environment, you ask?

One study found the dust located adjacent to e-waste sites contained 371 times more lead and 155 times more copper than dust collected from non e-waste sites located only 18.6 miles away.

So how can we prevent our dinosaur-tech toys from contributing to our own extinction? For starters, be sure that you properly recycle your old electronic devices.

On campus, there are battery buckets located in every dorm, usually next to the recycling bins, for you to place

old batteries or cell phones. Special bins also exist for CFL light bulbs, which should be disposed of properly since they contain toxic mercury and phosphor.

In addition, plastic mailer envelopes for empty toner and ink cartridges are in the dorms — just slip the envelope in campus mail and they'll recycle it for you!

For colleges and departments, the NDSurplus program is designed to reduce waste and reallocate technological assets no longer being used by a particular department on campus. University cell phones, PDAs, computers and other items are eligible. More information can be found at surplus.nd.edu

Outside of the ND hubbly, many manufacturers, like Apple and Dell, and distributors such as Office Depot have recycling programs in place for products like ink cartridges, cell phones and computers. Websites like gazelle.com will pay the shipping costs for you to send them your old electronics.

The company first tries to reuse your old gadgets, and those that cannot be reused are responsibly recycled. A quick security tip: be sure to wipe all of your personal data from these devices prior to recycling. Before your semester gets too hectic, make a "Spring Semester Resolution" to properly discard and recycle your unused electronics.

The dangers are apparent, and you're now aware of the resources available to you to limit these dangers, so take advantages of the opportunities you have to make a difference.

Email your predicaments to The GreenMan at askthegreenman@gmail.com and let him answer you with a sustainable twist. The GreenMan will be here every other week to provide you with insights you never knew you were missing out on until now.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The wrong website

This is in response to "Mathieson must go #1" by Peter Vogel (Jan. 20). He cited a few dating services as evidence to people finding good matches successfully. However, I'm pretty sure Ashley Madison is a website for people who are in a relationship already and are looking to cheat. So if your article was satire, bravo, it was hilarious.

Also, it is awesome you all are talking about marriage and not married. I'm not discounting your view, but I'm interested to see how it changes when/if you do get married.

Robert McKeon

Class of 2010

Ambridge, PA

Jan. 22

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Always be nice to those younger than you, because they are the ones who will be writing about you."

Cyril Connolly
English literary critic and writer

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WEEKLY POLL

Where will you watch
Super Bowl 2012?

With my roommates
O'Rourke's
Brothers
Indianapolis

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Spiritual coasting

We have all experienced spiritual highs, times when we feel so close to God and are confident in his love and plan for us, and spiritual lows, when we experience doubt, frustration and even anger when we don't understand God's ways.

Some people are fair-weather Christians.

Some are, what I like to call, storm-weather Christian. Many Christians find it easy to love God, praise him and be thankful when everything is going well in their lives. However, when they encounter hardship or injustice, it becomes difficult to love God. Other Christians love God most in their suffering, leaning on God for support during their pain. Then, when things clear up, they push God aside and focus their energy on friends, family, work and so forth.

I believe I belong to this latter group.

Dee Tian
*Confessions
of a Christian
Party Girl*

When all's well, I pray, go to Church, and read my Bible. But there's no desperate need for God in my life. I don't frantically crave His love or cling to him for support. To me, this is a problem. I want to insanely love God whether I'm on top of the world or when I've hit rock bottom.

The best weekend I have had at Notre Dame (including my 21st birthday and all home football games) was when I attended the Notre Dame Encounter retreat. NDE's theme of "Making God Known, Loved and Served" really hit close to home for me.

It was a chance to speak with fellow students who struggled with similar issues, hear inspiring stories of students overcoming challenges and suffering and really examine my faith and relationship with God.

I left the retreat with a sense of calm, feeling at peace with myself and the world. Yet, I also left with this incredible high, a bliss in feeling so close to God.

Unfortunately, I think I've been spir-

itually coasting for a while now, cruising at a "spiritual middle" altitude, a sort of complacency that's difficult to escape from.

I ask myself, how do I reach a spiritual high again? I mean, I follow most of the rules good Christians should (Of course, as a college student, it's difficult to stay away from the sins of excessive consumption of fatty food, cheap alcohol and the danger of extremes).

However, following rules may lead to religion, but not to faith. As one of my favorite songs by Jason Gray goes: "It's gotta be more like falling in love, than something to believe in; more like losing my heart, than giving my allegiance."

Many of us were raised thinking that if we believed in God, and lived more or less moral lives, we would be okay. But shouldn't we ask more of ourselves? Many of us want to have a personal, close relationship with God. But we don't know how to do this. Our Heavenly Father must be a priority in

our lives. If we examine our to-do lists and planners, we often see what our priorities are: study for an exam, work on this paper, go to the gym, have dinner with friends, spend time with the boyfriend. Where is God in all of this?

In order for God to be omnipresent in our lives, we have to make room for him. But this may require a complete shift in paradigm and lifestyle. How can I love God when I'm taking shots at Fever? How can I love God if I skip Mass because I have too much homework?

I should be willing and ready to give up excessive drinking and partying in order to live a more holy, Christian life. But I don't think I am. And that speaks volumes. Are you?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Follow Leprechaun Legion, unify "The Shirt" color

What a sight at the basketball game on Saturday, as a national television audience watched as our sea of green shirts helped cheer on the Irish basketball team to an amazing victory against No. 1 ranked Syracuse, and then rushed the court at game's end!

For years I have failed in my efforts to have the administration "listen to the lead of the Leprechaun Legion," and make the color of "The Shirt" a permanent Kelly green.

I travel to many of the road football games (two years ago I attended all 12 regular season games), and on virtually every occasion all fans in the opposing team's stadium wear a uniform team primary color. Never is this more obvious than at a football game in Ann Arbor.

Yet at Notre Dame home football games, primarily because we change the color of "The Shirt" every season, fans can be seen wearing navy blue, powder blue, dark green, Kelly green, gold, yellow (intended to be gold) and even a shade of tan (also no doubt intended to be gold)!

We refuse to follow the lead of the Leprechaun Legion, and stick with Kelly green T-shirts every year, so that the "non-student" fans can figure out what color to wear to home games.

As a primary result of this "annual color change" policy of The Shirt, fans have absolutely no idea what color Notre Dame jackets, sweatshirts, coats and shirts to wear from year to year. Other than by looking towards the student section, it is virtually impossible looking into the stands to tell that one is even at a Notre Dame game.

No doubt this makes Notre Dame Stadium a less intimidating place to play for the opposition, which also no doubt has at least partially contributed to the team's mediocre home record over the past 15 seasons, since Coach Holtz resigned.

There was an outstanding blog on the herloyalsons.com website over the weekend, wherein the author articulated all of the reasons favoring a consistent and

uniform shirt color at home football games. Those who are interested in learning more can check out this website.

The author of the blog succinctly points out that, although helping the less fortunate is definitely a noble goal of The Shirt Committee, the problem is that it has seemingly become The Shirt Committee's sole goal. The apparent view is that "we need to change the color of the Shirt every year, so that more people will purchase it."

The problem with this narrowly-focused reasoning is that it fails to recognize that a primary purpose of The Shirt should also be to support the football team, as the Leprechaun Legion does for the Notre Dame basketball team, by keeping the color of the shirt Kelly green, season after season.

The moderators of The Shirt Committee must recognize that, if the University can take the lead by having the students wear a consistent shade of green at home football games, alumni and fans will eventually follow this lead, and purchase green shirts, sweatshirts, jackets and coats to wear also, resulting in a "sea of green" in the stands, even for the colder October and November games.

If the moderators sincerely feel they need to keep their income level the same, here is an idea: place the same "Shirt" lettering and design on green sweatshirts, jackets and coats, which they can then sell to students, fans and alumni to wear at the colder weather games.

Who knows, The Shirt Committee may even end up netting more money if they proceed down this path, thus killing two birds (and maybe even a wolverine or Trojan) with one stone.

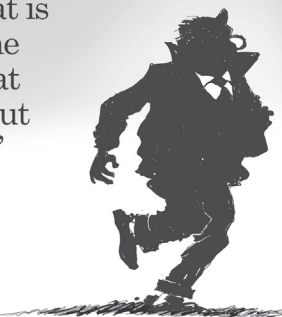
Thank you.


Jim Blase
Class of 1981
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EDITORIAL CARTOON

"A hard-fought, well-fought, hairline-close game is as classical in sports as tragedy in theater. A tragedy usually ends with the stage strewn with bodies from both sides of a struggle, and you can't tell who won and who lost. Victory is contained within defeat, and defeat is contained within victory. That's the way it is in the best of games. What counts in sports is not the victory but the magnificence of the struggle."

Joe Paterno
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Midseason Television

SCENE STAFF REPORT

It's been a long winter, and while spring isn't peeking around the corner just yet, your days will look a little brighter thanks to the return of your favorite TV shows. From new shows to returning favorites, January and February spell a whole new television landscape. Check out Scene's guide to what's worth watching when the snow starts falling and you just can't bear to leave your room.



Once Upon a Time

Of the several fairy tale-inspired television shows that have sprung up this season, "Once Upon a Time" is the most creative. The writers, who previously worked for a little show called "Lost," intertwine old tales and give them new life with detailed backstories, making the fairy tale world far more interesting than its real world parallel. With a stand out performance by Robert Carlyle as the ever-creepy Mr. Gold/Rumplestiltskin, "Once Upon a Time" is something unique, something entertaining and something more worthy of your time than anything else in the Sunday night line up.

The Vampire Diaries

If you still consider "The Vampire Diaries" in the same league as Twilight, stop it. Now. In its 3rd season, the CW's Vampire Diaries has had an incredible season of twists and turns and fantastic story lines that have made almost every episode seem like it should be the season finale. "The Vampire Diaries" has a soap opera's ability to bring people back from the dead and just enough teen-aged sass to remind you that you are, after all, watching a show on the CW. It's got something for everyone, even if you don't like vampire stories. If that's the case, you can always mute the TV and just stare at Ian Somerhalder for 42 minutes. You'll thank us.

Pretty Little Liars

The Pretty Little Liars are back! ABC Family's hit drama made its winter premiere on Jan. 2, to a fan base eagerly anticipating the Season 2 reveal of A's

identity. "Pretty Little Liars" is based on Sara Shepard's book series, which details the unusual harassment of four teenage girls following the murder of their best friend. Throughout the series, the identity of the seemingly omniscient "A" has been a central mystery — one that ABC Family promises to solve before the season is over.

Smash

One of the most anticipated shows to air this year, "Smash" follows the production of a new Broadway musical, and with creator/writer/ND alumna Theresa Rebeck's Broadway experiences informing her script, it is also one of the best. American Idol runner-up Katharine McPhee and

Broadway star Megan Hilty play starry-eyed hopefuls vying for the role of Marilyn Monroe in a show written by a popular Broadway writer played by Debra Messing. "Smash" combines all of the things that made "Glee" popular when it first premiered, but with a grown-up edge.



Broadway-caliber original songs and the mega-watt star power that makes this show shine above the rest.

Parks and Recreation

Everyone's favorite parks department is back! Leslie Knope is in the midst of her run for city councilman and after some lackluster attempts to gain support from her constituents, she seems on the right track thanks to the aid of her ex-politician boyfriend and now campaign manager, Ben. Ron Swanson, Tom, Andy, April and the whole Pawnee Parks Department crew are as lively as ever and 2012 has already started a string of great cameos thanks to a star turn by Paul Rudd.

Downton Abbey

This British sensation, which became a surprise hit on this side of the Atlantic when PBS aired the first series last year, is back with a dramatic second series. World War I has broken out and everyone at Downton Abbey, from the aristocratic family who call it home to the maids and servants who wait on them, are feeling the major war brings. Expect even more drama, from the will-they-won't-they



Matthew and Mary to the power struggles between Lady Grantham and Mrs. Crawley, set against the backdrop of war.

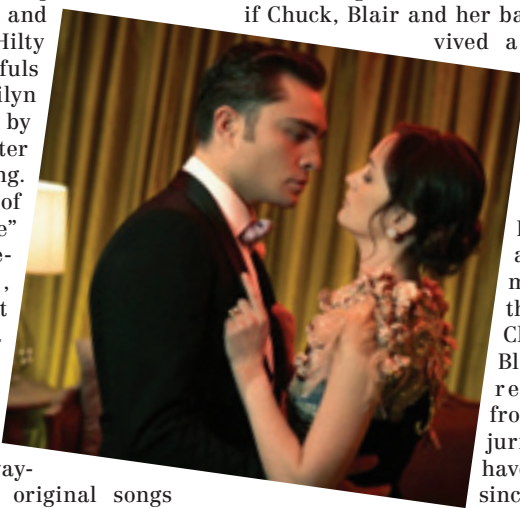
Parenthood

"Parenthood" is the best little show on TV that no one seems to be watching. The second half of its third season is as heartwarming, hilarious, poignant and charming as ever. New jobs, new relationships and new possibilities on the horizon all spell major changes for the Braveman claim, who seem poised as ever to take them on as a family.



Gossip Girl

After leaving us shocked and wondering if Chuck, Blair and her baby had survived a mysterious



car accident, Gossip Girl is back with a whole lot of drama. It has been a couple of months after the accident. Chuck and Blair are fully recuperated from their injuries but they haven't spoken since. So, why is she now determined to marry Prince Louis having previously confessed her love to Chuck? Blair did not want to lose the person she loves the most and made a vow to marry Louis in exchange for Chuck's health and recuperation. Will Chuck fight for Blair and convince her not to marry Louis? We'll have to keep watching...

Revenge

This riveting drama on ABC still has lots of twists left in its first season. The show follows Amanda Clarke, who has switched identities with her friend Emily Thorne, in order to exact revenge on the people who wrongly accused her father and put him in jail years ago, especially the queen of the Hamptons Victoria Grayson. Her plans are ruthless and unremorseful, including dating Victoria's son Daniel to get to her. Emily almost had a change of heart when she realized how many other innocent people she could hurt, but her plans are back on track. Do not miss a minute of the rest of this season.



Modern Family

The zany sitcom about the Pritchett and Dunphy families is back with all the laughs of the first half of the season. After the dude ranch, punkin chunkin and express

Christmas festivities of the early episodes, the series returned with the controversial episode, "Little Bo Bleep," involving adorable Lilly (Aubry Anderson-Emmons) swearing

like a sailor. But "Modern Family" still shone, even through the controversy. The second half of the seasons promises to bring more laughs at the expense of the highly competitive, almost dysfunctional families.

Psych

The fall season ended with quite a cliffhanger. Shawn bought an engagement ring for his girlfriend Juliet, and though he didn't pop the question, Gus discovered the hidden ring. When the show returns Feb. 29, will the commitment-phobic Shawn take their relationship to the next level? Either way, "Psych" will still bring back all the laughs when it returns with new guest stars like The Miz and Wayne Brady, and the return of William Shatner as Juliet's father. Just remember to keep looking for the pineapples.

Archer

The funniest animated show on television today, "Archer," returned Jan. 19 for its third season. Described by its creator as "James Bond meets 'Arrested Development,'" the show revolves around Sterling Archer, a spy and womanizer, and his dysfunctional cast of coworkers. The show airs Thursday nights on FX at 11 p.m. Don't watch it with your parents.

Justified

Timothy Olyphant returned Jan. 19 as Deputy U.S. Marshall Rayland Givens in one of television's most underrated shows, "Justified." Deputy Givens delivers justice in the style of a 19th century gunman, because in Hickville, USA, where the show is set (actually Lexington, KY., and surrounding areas), that seems to be about where the general development of the society seems to have progressed. "Justified" airs Tuesday nights on FX at 10 p.m.

30 Rock

30 Rock is back. After a long hiatus, due to creator/star Tina Fey's pregnancy, the show returns in NBC's Thursday night lineup at 8 p.m. Rejoin the zany world of Liz Lemon's show-within-a-show, and get ready for a season that deals with Kim Jong-Il's death, star Tracy Morgan's real life rants and a new boyfriend for Liz.

Unsupervised

Unsupervised is a new animated series on Thursdays at 10:30 p.m. on FX, following Archer. Masterminded by David Hornsby, who is best known for the role of Cricket on It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia, the show follows two adolescents run amok. Featuring the vocals talents of Justin Long and Kristen Bell, this show has great potential.

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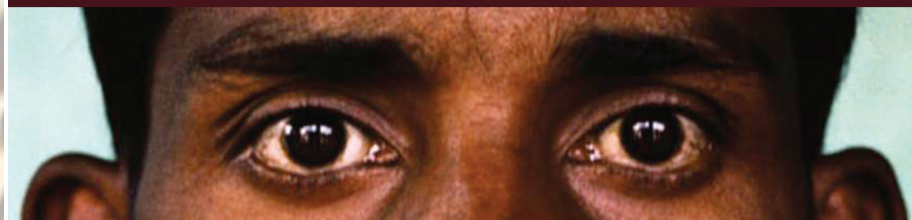
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Camel and brown tones are so in right now and Valerie combines them perfectly in this casual chic look. Her fur vest and brown moccasins are comfortable and warm for these cold winter days, yet very fashionable. Valerie also chose simple and matching accessories to complete her outfit. Her light brown belt and gold watch are key to this relaxed ensemble.

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ART



IN THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY

BRIGID MANGANO

Scene Writer

Most art exhibitions tell a story of some kind, whether or not viewers are aware of it. Sometimes the organizers concentrate on the stylistic evolution of a single artist, while other times they draw connections between multiple artists working at a particular historical moment. DIGNITY, an exhibition of 52 photographs that recently opened at the Snite Museum of Art, tells a chilling story of human rights violations and extreme poverty.

The photos were taken by five different photojournalists who traveled to Mexico, India, Egypt, Nigeria and Macedonia, respectively, to capture scenes of daily life for a larger exhibition commissioned by Amnesty International France. The exhibition was adapted for an English audience and brought to Notre Dame thanks to the efforts of Julia Douthwaite, a professor in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures.

One of the first images that visitors see upon entering the gallery is a large-scale photograph by Guillaume Herbaut of a man with his fingers interlocked and his hands behind his neck. He stands alone in a bare room, with his eyes downcast. Without reading the accompanying label, one might think that the man is fatigued from a hard day's labor, but he is actually demonstrating the position that Mexican soldiers forced him to maintain before beating him in 2003. According to the exhibition catalogue, the man was a human rights defender in the El Charco community, and was found dead in 2009.

Johann Rousselot's photographs of Eastern India focus on the forced evictions of indigenous populations in mineral-rich areas and the struggles of neighboring villages to maintain control of their lands. In one photograph, a woman wearing only a skirt and a shawl around her shoulders balances several pots and pans atop her head, making her body seem unusually elongated. Her stride is undeniably graceful, and the dirt path where she walks barefoot is clean and free of garbage, in stark contrast to many of the other photos in the exhibition. However, the caption for the photograph is ominous. The young woman is a resident of Kucheipadar, a village engaged in an ongoing battle over proposed mining projects that threaten the livelihoods of its inhabitants.

The lack of trash in Rousselot's photo is all the more blatant when compared to Philippe Brault's snapshot of the shantytown Ezbet El-Haggana, in Northern Egypt. High-voltage cables tower over a cluster of brick buildings situated so closely together that it appears as though one could walk from roof to roof — that is, if they were not covered with clothes, crates, chairs, tires and other debris. Despite the power lines

that dominate the landscape, none of these homes have electricity, making it nearly impossible to find one's way through the slum at night.

Piles of rubbish are also a recurring theme in Michaël Zumstein's photographs of Lagos, Nigeria. The caption for one photograph — "Laundry on a clothesline at a home in Jakonde" — belies the scene of utter devastation and filth it depicts. The tiny hut is built on a raised platform, presumably to avoid traipsing through the dirty water and bags of trash floating below. Two women stand behind a blanket hung to dry, and one cannot help but wonder how they got there in the first place, since neither steps nor ladders are visible.

The final series of photographs in the exhibition are black-and-white portraits of the Roma, a minority group in Macedonia that faces discrimination and lower living standards than the rest of society. One of the most striking images is of a kneeling 17-year old boy named Subihan Nazirov, whose short-sleeve T-shirt ironically reads "RESPECT" in capital letters. Subihan was beaten for 24 hours straight by policemen because he was not carrying identification papers at a checkpoint. Perhaps this is how he acquired the scar above his left eyebrow.

All of the photographs speak of a life of incredible hardship. Christie McDonald, a professor of French and Comparative Literature at Harvard University who delivered a lecture about Jean-Jacques Rousseau's legacy prior to the opening reception of DIGNITY, acknowledged that we sometimes experience "a sense of helplessness" and "a desire to look away from harsh realities" when faced with testimonies like those in DIGNITY. She posed difficult questions, such as: "If human rights are self-evident, how is it that not everyone recognizes them?"

Although there is certainly no easy answer, DIGNITY helps raise awareness about the plight of the poor around the globe, and it tells the stories of people who have been silenced. Students and faculty alike should make a point to go see this tremendous exhibition, which will be on display through March 11.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Death of Joe Paterno brings mixed emotions

“RIP, Joe Pa. Your legacy will never be forgotten,” one tweet said.

“In case anyone forgot: Paterno harbored a predator. Remember the victims today,” read a Facebook status.

“You don’t have to speak ill of the dead. But you don’t necessarily have to speak nicely of them, either,” another tweet said in an attempt to strike a middle ground.



Allan Joseph
Sports Editor

While social media rarely provides us with an opportunity for serious reflection, the Internet’s reaction to the news of former Penn State coach Joe Paterno’s death on Sunday struck at a difficult conflict: how to best celebrate, mourn and remember a man who for decades was seen as a paragon of moral conduct in a difficult world — until he was unceremoniously fired in the midst of the worst scandal in the history of college athletics.

Many will choose to remember Paterno for the years of service he gave the Penn State community. The Brooklyn native spent 62 consecutive years at Penn State, 46 of which as head coach. In that time, Paterno single-handedly built the Nittany Lions’ proud football tradition, overseeing Beaver Stadium’s growth from a 46,000-seat to a 106,000-seat behemoth and collecting more wins than any other coach in history in the process.

Off the field, though, Paterno was a father figure in the State College community, donating huge sums of money to Penn State and serving as a role model and mentor to hundreds of players along the way. Penn State was long admired for “winning the right way,” and many cited Paterno as the driving force behind that ethos.

To those, Paterno will be

a legendary figure whose career was far bigger than the incident that brought it to an end.

Others will not be able to see past the ignominious end to Paterno’s career. While we will never know what exactly Paterno knew and what he was told, many will see his actions as inexcusable, for he certainly did not aggressively investigate Jerry Sandusky when the assistant coach was accused of systematically molesting young boys. Paterno’s image of old-fashioned, clean-cut values seems nothing more than a cruel facade, a veneer over a man who was too caught up in his own cult of personality to think he could do any wrong. To these, Paterno’s name will forever be linked with a horrifying series of events that far outweigh any of his accomplishments on or off the football field.

Both of these viewpoints are too extreme. The one is too generous to Paterno, viewing the Sandusky scandal as nothing more than a speed bump; the other is too harsh, discarding decades of Paterno’s good deeds on account of one event. We should not forget the impact Paterno had on Penn State, as it’s pretty clear that he was a longtime force for good in State College. The fiery coach served as an ambassador for the

university as a whole and in many ways was responsible for a large part of Penn State’s growth as a university over six decades.

It is precisely because of all of his good work,

however, that Paterno’s downfall is so painful. It reminds us that even the best of us make mistakes, and that sometimes those mistakes can be just as painful and horrible as they were honest.

So as we mourn Joe Paterno, yes, we celebrate his legacy. Yes, we remember the victims of the sexual-abuse crisis. But most of all, we mourn the mistakes he made.

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MEN’S TENNIS

Irish split contests over weekend



Junior Blas Moros hits a backhand during the Napa Valley USTA/ITA Invitational in St. Helena, Calif., on Sept. 24. Moros defeated Illinois freshman Ross Guignon 6-1, 6-3 Sunday.

By WALKER CAREY
Sports Writer

The Irish split its pair of matches over the weekend, sweeping William and Mary 7-0 Friday night before falling to Illinois on Sunday in Champaign, Ill. Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said he was pleased with his squad’s performance in Friday’s victory.

“Friday night, our guys went out and got the job done,” Bayliss said. “It was pleasing to see that we did not take William and Mary for granted. Our singles play was solid and our doubles play was strong against a team that is known for pretty strong doubles play.”

Notre Dame’s trip to Illinois on Sunday represented the squad’s first road match of the year. The Irish had a chance for an upset over No. 17 Illinois, but failed to take advantage of

the opportunity.

“Losing the early doubles point was crucial,” Bayliss said. “Losing at No. 2 doubles is pretty much what put the match in the advantage of [Illinois]. We failed to take advantage of the opportunity there and it cost us dearly. We needed to be aggressive there and it just did not happen.”

While the Irish were sharp in their victory over William and Mary, Bayliss said his squad’s quality of play fell significantly on Sunday.

“We made a lot of mistakes all afternoon,” Bayliss said. “There were some areas where we need to make some adjustments and improvements. We were not too great fundamentally and it’s hard to win when the fundamentals are not there.” Despite losing to Illinois, there were a few Irish players who turned in outstanding performances. Sophomore Greg Andrews upset senior Roy Kalmanovich, the 24th ranked player

nationally, at second singles, 6-2, 6-3.

“It was a great win for him,” Bayliss said. “I was very impressed with the performance he turned in. He played a great match.”

Bayliss also commended junior Blas Moros and sophomore Billy Pecor. “Moros was able to give us a strong victory at No. 6 singles,” Bayliss said. “He played well and had control the entire match. Pecor beat Stephen Hoh at No. 3 singles, which was quite impressive, as Hoh is a really good player who has beat us before. It was a great win for Pecor and it is definitely something he should be able to build on.” The Irish will look to get back on the winning track this coming weekend when they travel to Columbus, Ohio to take on Indiana on Friday and either Ohio State or Cornell on Saturday.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish dominate across the board against Big East rivals

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

The Irish marked their return home with a strong showing, winning six events at the Notre Dame Invitational on Saturday.

Notre Dame faced tough competition in the home meet, featuring Big East opponents South Florida and DePaul as well as local competitors Michigan State and Western Michigan.

In a day filled with top finishes by Irish competitors, freshman Chris Geisting's performance stood out, as the sprinter turned in a record-breaking performance in the 500-meter to add another accolade to his stellar season. Competing in the 500-meter event for the first time in his career, Geisting finished the race with a time of 1:01.89, breaking both the school record and the Meyo Track record in the event.

In addition to Geisting's victory, the men's team also took first place in three other

events on the day. Junior middle-distance runner Jeremy Rae, competing in his first race of the season, placed first in the 1000-meter event. Junior middle-distance runner J.P. Malette won the 3000-meter event, while the team of junior sprinter Brendan Dougherty, senior sprinter Mitch Lorenz, sophomore sprinter Patrick Feeny and Geisting earned the top spot in the 4x400-meter relay.

On the women's side, the Irish notched two first-place finishes. Sophomore middle-distance runner Kelly Curran took first in the 1000-meter, while sophomore jumper Kelly Burke finished first in the pole vault.

Irish coach Joe Piane also cited strong performances from freshman Kaila Barber, who placed second in the 60-meter hurdles, senior Maddie Buttinger, who claimed third in the high jump and sophomore middle-distance runner Alexa Aragon, who placed second and achieved a personal record in the mile

event. In addition, the 4x400 meter relay team of senior Natalie Geiger, sophomore Michelle Brown, Buttinger and Barber turned in a second place performance.

"On the whole, I thought we had a pretty successful meet," Piane said. "Everything that we do now is in preparation for the Big East Championships, and I would say that we're right on pace to have some good performances there."

The meet proved to be beneficial to Irish runners with aspirations of the Big East Championships, as the team added to its list of Big East qualifying performances. Thirty of the performances from the meet hit Big East qualifying standards, adding to the 60 qualifying performances already met by the team in prior meets.

Piane now looks to the Irish's competition in Bloomington Relays this weekend. He said the relays will be a tough proving ground for Irish runners looking to be competitive in the Big East.



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Freshman pole vaulter David Shipper clears the pole at the Notre Dame invitational on Saturday.

"It will be one of those meets where we will place people in a position that will help them get to the Big East and run well there," Piane said. "I expect that we will have great performances, as we normally do."

"It's a very nice facility down

there and there's always some good competition."

Notre Dame will travel to Bloomington, Ind. on Friday to compete in the Bloomington Relays.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's secures second season victory over Scots

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

Utilizing a fast start and a strong finish, the Belles defeated Alma 69-61 Saturday night to earn their second MIAA conference road victory of the season.

Even after making the roughly three and a half hour trip to Art Smith Arena, the Belles (8-10, 4-5 MIAA) came out hot against the Scots (4-14, 2-7), scoring the first four field goals of the game.

The Scots rebounded quickly, however, and with the 9:40 left

in the first half they took their first lead of the game. Yet with eight points from senior forward Jessica Centa in the last nine minutes of the first half, it was the Belles who held the 34-29 advantage at halftime.

The second half mirrored the

first as the Belles started the half on a 6-0 run. But also like the first half, the Scots reduced the Belles' lead to one point by the 11:35 mark. In the end, an 11-0 run by the Belles in the last five minutes put the game away and moved Saint Mary's one win closer to reaching .500 in conference play.

Even though Alma outshot Saint Mary's from the field — 39 percent compared to 36.1 percent — free throws ultimately proved to be the difference as the Belles' scored 13 more points from the line. In fact, seven of the Belles' 11 points to end the second half came off free throws.

Senior forward Kelley Murphy led the Belles with 18 points while sophomore guard Shanlynn Bias added a career high 15 points and four steals.

Unlike their first matchup, in which Saint Mary's won 72-50 and did not trail once, the second contest proved to be much more competitive with six ties

and six lead changes in the game.


Belles coach Jenn Henley said her team recognized how important this second round of conference games is for their postseason hopes, especially given the new playoff format.

"The MIAA has gone to a four-team playoff system instead of where the top eight teams get in," Henley said. "Now it's only the top four that get into the conference tournament so we definitely need to align ourselves in terms of our standings to be one of those top four teams to make the tournament. That's certainly on the minds of everyone on this team."

With only seven conference games to play, the Belles' 4-5 MIAA record puts them in sole possession of fourth place.

Saint Mary's will face off against Trine at home Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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We've been trying to do that every game this year, and we finally got it, so we were all pretty excited about that," Peters said. "After that, everyone was excited and ready for the game.

"I'm just looking for the ball a lot more, and post up a lot more. I'm really posting up, and they're giving me the ball."

While the Wildcats (12-7, 2-4) hardly posed a challenge during the contest, the game did prevent the Irish from preparing for its second top-10 opponent in three weeks: No. 9 Tennessee.

Led by the all-time winningest coach in NCAA basketball history, Pat Summitt, the Volunteers (14-4, 5-1 SEC) hold a lead on the all-

time season series 20-1.

"This game was hard to play before Tennessee," McGraw said. "We learned nothing; we're not going to use anything we did today against Tennessee, and certainly offensively it's going to be a lot different look. It really was a bad game to have two days before Tennessee.

We're going to have to switch gears."

Despite the overwhelming disparity in favor of Tennessee in wins and championships, Notre Dame earned its first ever win over the Lady Volunteers in the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament last

season. Irish junior guard Skylar Diggins scored a game-high 24 points, leading the Irish to the Final Four in the 73-59 victory.

"We understand that they're going to be after us," Diggins said. "I think that loss is in the front of their

"I think that loss is in the front of their minds, and the win is in the front of ours. We've got to prepare for them like every other team and not make it too special, but understand that they are a good team that is capable of beating us."

Skylar Diggins
junior guard



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Junior guard Skylar Diggins looks for the ball during Notre Dame's 76-43 victory over Villanova on Saturday. The Irish will face tougher competition Monday when they face No. 9 Tennessee.

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that they are a good team that is capable of beating us."

Notre Dame takes the court against Tennessee to-

night at 7 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion.

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FENCING

Irish struggle at St. Johns and NYU, claim few victories

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

The No. 4 Irish men and No. 3 women hit an early season bump as they emerged with just 12 total wins from both the St. John's Dual and NYU Du-

als. On Saturday at the St. John's Dual, both the men and women came out 2-3. The men beat No. 3 Harvard and No. 6 St. John's, but fell to No. 1 Penn State, No. 5 Ohio State and Columbia. The women claimed victories against No. 7 Harvard and Columbia, but fell to No. 1 Penn State, No. 5 Ohio State and No. 6 St. John's.

Sunday brought much of the same for the men, as they beat NYU, Yale and North Carolina but lost to Columbia, Ohio State and St. John's. The women fared better, with wins over NYU, St. John's, Yale, Northwestern and Ohio State, and just one loss to Columbia.

Junior epee James Kaull said the weekend was tough, but not a complete disappointment.

"We always expect to win everything," Kaull said. "There's been a big fight from some of the other teams. We kind of had to grind out a lot of our victories."

Last season, the Irish coasted through the regular season en route to a national championship, so the struggles are a bit unfamiliar for the Irish, Kaull said.

"It's a big contrast from last year when we just kind of rolled through," Kaull said. "[The weekend's results were] a bit low, but it's not discouraging."

Last week in practice, Irish coach Janusz Bednarski noted great cooperation between the veteran members of the squad and the younger fencers. With four of those veterans not in action for Notre Dame at the beginning of the season —

they were qualifying for the 2012 London Summer Olym-

pics — some of the younger fencers were forced to prove their mettle early on, a challenge they seemed prepared for, Kaull said.

"A lot of people have had to step up naturally," Kaull said. "We did do a good job making sure [the younger fencers] were ready and mentally prepared for the stresses of college fencing. It's a lot different."

As opposed to fencing individually in competitions before the collegiate level, fencing in the NCAA is much more

team-oriented, Kaull said. A fencer's results not only im-

pact his own performance and standings, but contribute to whether or not the team wins the match. For the underclassmen, though, it's all about effort.

"As long as you go out and fight and put forth an effort, no one can ask anything more of you," Kaull said. "We made our effort and we just hope that they can learn from this experi-

ence."

Next weekend, the Irish will stay on campus as they host the Notre Dame Duals. The women will compete Saturday and the men will compete Sunday.

This week, the focus will be on mental preparation and adjustments, Kaull said.

"I think that we just kind of want to fine tune more of the mental things. You can't really change a lot physically in one week," Kaull said. "So you just kind of want to focus on the things you can control on the spot, like being more aggressive in this situation and being less aggressive in this situation. You just hope that you can go out there and execute."

Notre Dame will be back in action Saturday at home in the Notre Dame Duals.

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SMC SWIMMING AND DIVING

Belles suffer pair of losses despite good performances

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

The Belles came away empty-handed from Grand Rapids, Mich., where they swam in a dual meet against Alma College and Calvin College.

Saint Mary's lost to Calvin by a score of 121-84, and lost to Alma 129-107.

Despite the tallies in the loss column, Belles coach Mark Benishek said he was satisfied with some solid individual performances from his swimmers.

"We had some great times across the board from the entire team," Benishek said. "There were a lot of time drops and some big swims."

Senior Audrey Dalrymple had some of those big swims, as she continued her strong swimming by earning two first-place finishes. Dalrymple won the 200-yard individual medley in 2:15.97 and the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:10.43. In both events, Dalrymple shaved seconds off her time from Tuesday's meet against Olivet College.

Benishek commended Dalrymple's individual efforts, noting her natural talent and leadership.

"She's definitely one of the stronger pillars on the team," Benishek said. "When it comes down to holding some of the top times, she's very steady. She has lots of natural talent and leadership skills as well. For the individual medley, she's talented in that she has mastered all four strokes."

Senior Megan Price, who turned in a pair of second place finishes, also led the Belles. Price finished the 1,000-yard freestyle in 11:07.41, an improvement of over 20 seconds. Price's other second place performance came in the 500 free, which she finished in 5:27.36.

Between Dalrymple and Price, along with fellow senior Katie Donovan, the Belles have a reliable core of upperclassmen leaders. Donovan recorded a third place finish in the 200-yard freestyle and a fifth place finish in the 100-yard backstroke. Together, the trio of Donovan, Dalrymple and Price forms the backbone of

the team, Benishek said.

"[Dalrymple and Price] are definitely two of the leaders of the team and Katie Donovan is as well," Benishek said. "For all three of the seniors, they definitely show a lot of leadership in the pool and out of the pool as well and set a great example for the rest of the team."

Benishek said he was also impressed with junior Kristyn Gerbeth's performance, as she finished second for the Belles in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:03.71.

"[Gerbeth] did great in the butterfly," Benishek said. "She hasn't gone that fast since maybe the first or second week of the season. It's great to see some of those times come down after the training trip we went on a few weeks ago."

The Belles traveled to Arizona over winter break for a training trip, and are reaping the benefits of their hard work, Benishek said.

"We've really put ourselves in a great position," Benishek said. "On the training trip, we truly had a great trip strength-wise. We had double practices or some-



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Sophomore Sarah Thompson competes against Defiance on Nov. 11. Saint Mary's won the meet 152-50.

times even triple practices [in a day]. We've seen a lot of gains in the swimmers and their

bodies are gaining more strength from that training. That's how we build towards the end of the season."

Just one meet remains before Saint Mary's heads to Holland, Mich., for the MIAA Championships, which begin Feb. 15. The Belles, who face Albion College

on Feb. 4 in the last home meet of the season, are hoping to finish the season with a strong effort.

"We're looking for our swimmers to swim up to their potential," Benishek said. "This is our first time seeing Albion and we always want to finish on a high note. Hopefully we can finish with a win, especially with it being Senior Night."

The Belles are back in the water Feb. 4 to close out the regular season against Albion College at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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Brandon Keelcan

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strong to start the second half, but the Irish withstood their 13-3 run that spanned halftime, responding with seven unanswered points of their own.

"I was a little concerned about our psyche [at halftime], " Brey said. "[Syracuse sophomore guard Dion] Waiters hit the two threes and they sped us up a little bit. We didn't get a good shot at the end of half. There was a calmness about us."

The Irish, whose offense calls for a slower tempo, controlled the pace of the game and allowed just 18 points in the paint to the Orange.

"I thought our poise was great, even when they put some pressure on us and we made some mistakes," Brey said. "We really controlled the tempo, which was a key.

To see them in the 50s scoring wise was great to see."

Cooley benefitted from the slower pace and Syracuse's less physical zone defense to record his fifth double-double of the year in 35 minutes of play.

"[Cooley] was just a beast on the front line, which he's done before," Brey said.

"Some of those plays where he ripped out loose balls and got second shots made his teammates believe even more. Our crowd loved it; it got our crowd juiced."

The Orange took the court without sophomore center Fab Melo, who did not travel with the team due to academic reasons. The Irish held Syracuse under 60 points for the first time this season, with the Orange shooting 34 percent for the game.

Syracuse senior forward Kris Joseph led the Orange with 12 points. Senior guard Scoop Jardine has held to just two points on 0-for-5 shooting.

The Irish, meanwhile, shot

50 percent from both the field and three-point range during the game. Notre Dame entered the game shooting 43 percent and 32 percent, respectively, in those categories.

"I felt that we're a better shooting team than what our numbers said," Brey said. "When you're making some shots like that, it gets you believing a little bit more."

The Irish survived a span of 7:18 in the second half in which they failed to score. Syracuse used a 9-0 run to cut the Notre Dame lead to 8, capped by a bizarre play in which Irish sophomore guard Jerian Grant scored in the wrong basket. The Orange never got closer than seven points the rest of the way, and they never led in the game.

After the game, Notre Dame's packed student section rushed the court to celebrate the upset win. Minutes before the game ended, the aisles in the Leprechaun Legion were filled with students waiting to run onto the court.

"I thought all the work was over, and then they rushed the court," Cooley said. "That was more tiring than half the game. The fans were phenomenal."

A night prior to the game, Brey and the Irish coaching staff showed a video of the



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Junior forward Jack Cooley battles Syracuse freshman Raaken Christmas for a rebound Saturday. Cooley earned 17 points and 10 rebounds.

past Irish upsets over No. 1 squads to the current team. The win marked the sixth straight win over a No. 1 team at Purcell Pavilion.

"To be part of that history of beating [No. 1 teams], I'm very, very proud of that," Brey said. "But I'm more proud of our guys. This is a great

memory for them. But getting 10 league wins and an NCAA bid is a better memory."

Notre Dame returns to action Wednesday when it travels to Seton Hall for a matchup with the Pirates at 8 p.m.

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ND Women's Swimming and Diving

Irish sweep Michigan State for conference victory

By ANDREW CARDOZA
Sports Writer

The Irish started the second half of their season off with a bang Saturday, winning all 16 events en route to a 218-82 victory over Michigan State.

Sophomore swimmer Kelly Ryan turned in a stand-out performance for the Irish (4-5), placing first in three events — the 50-yard freestyle (23.64), 100-yard backstroke (56.08) and 200-yard backstroke (2:02:60). Ryan jumped out to an early lead in the 200-yard backstroke and paced herself to earn the first place finish. The sophomore also helped lead the 400-yard freestyle relay team to victory by swimming the final leg.

Notre Dame's 16th and final victory came from the diving team. Junior Jenny Chiang continued her strong season by winning the 3-meter diving event with a tally of 342.83 and placing second in the 1-meter diving event with 287.40

points.

"We got a lot of big performances from our underclassmen," Chiang said. "They were very confident and it brings a lot of confidence to the younger part of the team. They overcame the pressure and had one of the best meets of the season."

Several underclassmen stood out, particularly freshman Emma Reaney, who had another stellar meet for the Irish. Reaney took first in the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly, and contributed to a victory in the 400-yard freestyle relay. She has been a key asset for the Irish this year, as she was named Big East

Swimming and Diving Athlete of the Week three times this season — a conference record. Chiang said this meet will be a major building block for the second half of the season, especially with the team entering conference play next

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junior diver

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"This meet brings a lot of momentum," Chiang said. "We now know we can beat great teams like Michigan State. We competed at a very high level and it gives us a big boost going into Big East play within the next couple of weeks."

With Big East play fast ap-

proaching, the team will draw on its experience during training trips in Hawaii and Puerto Rico over winter break, which Chiang said brought the Irish together.

"The training trip made the whole team closer," Chiang said. "Even though diving is an individual sport, knowing that you have the support

of your teammates is big for confidence. We have gotten closer with team chemistry."

Notre Dame continues its home stand this weekend when it hosts the Shamrock Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

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“It’s fun playing with T.J. Tynan,” Calabrese said. “I saw him with the puck and I saw my winger sleeping a bit there. I got behind him and T.J. put it in a perfect spot. I just had to send it towards the net and luckily it went in.”

Calabrese and Tynan both added to their point totals on Notre Dame’s second goal with 9:41 remaining in the second period. Once again, a crashing defenseman — this time senior captain Sean Lorenz — put a goal on the board.

The Wolverines pulled within one 4:30 into the third period when freshman forward Alex Guptill deflected a slapshot by senior defenseman Greg Pateryn past Irish sophomore netminder Steven Summerhays. But that was as close as Michigan would get as Irish senior captain and right wing Billy Maday iced the game with an empty-net goal with 25 seconds remaining.

Summerhays was the star of the game for Notre Dame, finishing with 30 saves on 31 shots. Though the sophomore played well individually, he gave much credit to his defenders.

“The guys did a good job blocking shots and letting me receive pucks and it makes my job a lot easier,” Summerhays said. “It wasn’t the easiest game

to get into a flow. Games like that can be a lot harder. You’ve got to stay mentally engaged.”

Irish coach Jeff Jackson was proud not just of the victory, but of the performance as well.

“It’s an important win as far as our team goes, let alone the hype and rivalry stuff,” Jackson said. “It’s more important we play well and I thought we played well for most of the game.”

Summerhays was awarded the start in Saturday’s contest after his standout performance Friday. While he once again played strongly, he was only the second-best goaltender in the rematch.

Hunwick stopped 38 shots for the Wolverines on Saturday, including 16 saves in the second period. Despite numerous chances, the Irish could sneak just one by him, when freshman

right wing Austin Wurthrich converted a one-timer off a cross-ice pass from sophomore forward Anders Lee early in the second period.

“[Hunwick] saw the puck well this weekend,” Lee said. “We tried to get in his face and we probably didn’t do a good enough job of that. But he’s a good goaltender and he was able to see around our screens and find it.”

The Wolverines raced out to a 2-0 lead with two first period power play goals. Michigan’s first goal bore a striking resemblance to its only goal on Friday, as Guptill again deflected a Pa-



ALEX PARTAK/The Observer

Junior defenseman Sam Calabrese shoves a Western Michigan player aside in pursuit of the puck Saturday. The Wolverine’s 2-1 victory over the Irish marked Notre Dame’s fourth loss of the season.

tery slapshot into the net. With just 23 seconds remaining in the period, Michigan junior forward A.J. Treais scored on a wrist shot from the faceoff circle past Summerhays. The two goals would be all the Wolverines would need.

The Irish were notably without one of their top penalty killers Saturday in junior center Riley Sheahan. Sheahan was controversially suspended for one game by the CCHA for what the league deemed an “illegal

hit” Jan. 13 against Western Michigan. The Irish appealed the suspension, allowing Sheahan to play Friday night. But the decision was upheld, forcing Sheahan out of Saturday’s game, to Jackson’s distaste.

“It was more about the process. It wasn’t so much about the call,” Jackson said. “A 20-year old kid — I hope they take a hard look at the official that was involved and give him the same kind of a suspension.” The Saturday loss dropped

the Irish to sixth in the CCHA standings at 30 points. However, Notre Dame is only five points behind conference-leader Ohio State in the standings and has played two fewer games. Michigan State, No. 8 in the conference, trails the Buckeyes by just six points.

“It will go to the last night and you may have four teams competing for first place and four teams competing for fifth place,” Jackson said. “That’s the way our league is right now. You’ve got eight teams in the top-20 in the country. Things don’t get easy around here.”

The Irish now travel across the continent for a crucial CCHA series at Alaska on Friday and Saturday.

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Defining

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Absolutely not.

Irish coach Mike Brey made smart moves, starting freshman guard Pat Connaughton and preparing his team to break Syracuse’s press. But does it mean the Irish are

good enough to beat any team on any given night? Of course not.

Notre Dame had one chance to beat Syracuse last night — every bounce had to go its way. And on this particular Saturday night, every bounce did.

Even at their worst, when sophomore guard Jerian Grant’s inbound pass hit

off the rim and in, scoring a basket for Syracuse, fortunes quickly turned back in favor of the Irish. Junior forward Jack Cooley took a fast break pass and threw down a two-handed dunk that landed him on SportsCenter’s top plays.

When Notre Dame was about to be called for a shot-clock violation, it drew a foul. Missed shots were goaltender

and scores from Syracuse were called off for offensive fouls. Every break fell Notre Dame’s way, and that is why they were able to knock off such an impressive foe.

The win over Syracuse is good for Notre Dame’s resume moving forward, and if they end up 9-9 in the conference it could propel the team into the NCAA tournament. But

anyone who thinks this victory means Notre Dame is a good basketball team is way off base.

The Irish can win at home, and on some nights they can beat good teams. They utilize the burn quite well, which is a testament to how well Brey gets the most out of his players in down years. And the team certainly shows signs of promise for the future. But a win over Syracuse does not mean this will be a successful year.

The Irish have a long way to go. They are not a good shooting team, despite their performance against Syracuse. They have improved on defense, but good offensive teams will get to them eventually. And worst of all, their scoring options are limited, which was painfully obvious in their loss to Connecticut.

It was a great night, but it was not a defining night. Notre Dame is on the right track, but it is certainly not there yet. The Irish show signs of future success, but are not ready to make a run in the Big East, let alone in the NCAA tournament.

The win over Syracuse will help the Irish earn a bid in March, but they still have a long way to go.

Saturday’s game is a good representative of this season as a whole — always in doubt.

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ND Women’s Tennis

Senior captains lead young team to three-victory weekend

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame enjoyed a nearly perfect opening weekend, sweeping Cincinnati and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) 7-0 and earning a 6-1 win over Missouri in a span of 30 hours.

“The girls played really well this weekend. It was great — everyone got to play doubles or singles yesterday and today and everyone played really well,” Irish assistant coach Kelcy Tefft said. “I liked the intensity and I’m excited for a good season.”

The No. 20 Irish (3-0) began their Saturday afternoon sweep of the Bearcats (0-2) by winning each of the three doubles slots, earning the point awarded to the team that wins the majority of doubles match-ups.

Seniors Kristy Frilling and Shannon Mathews, the fifth-ranked pairing nationally, seemed in control against junior Jasmine Lee and sophomore Ashleigh Witte, racking up a 7-1 lead, but lost the next two games before winning the third to claim an 8-3 victory.

Irish sophomore Britney Sanders and freshman Katherine White, ranked 25th nationally, easily dispatched senior Safiyya Ismail and

sophomore Sierra Sullivan with an 8-1 win. Sophomores Julie Sabacinski and JoHanna Manningham appeared to be on the same path, as they won their first six games. But the Bearcats — now playing for pride as the other two Irish pairs had already secured the point from the doubles slots — rallied, winning four of the next five games in their most impressive display of the afternoon before the Irish took the next game and the victory.

Notre Dame did not drop a set in any of the six singles matches against Cincinnati. Frilling defeated Lee, Cincinnati’s top player 6-0, 6-2, and three of the Irish lost just one game: Sanders and McGaffigan defeated Ismail and Sullivan, respectively, both with a score of 6-0, 6-1, while White took down sophomore Carly Wilson 6-1, 6-0. Sophomore Jennifer Kellner beat Bearcat sophomore Ashleigh Witte 6-2, 6-3, and although Mathews trailed 2-3 in the first set against freshman Kristina Georgieva, she won 10 straight games on her way to a 6-3, 6-0 victory.

The dual match wins were firsts for both White and Sanders.

“It was great to see Katherine, our freshman, and Britney, since this is her first dual season out in action,” Tefft said. “They both

played really well this year and I think they’re going to help us out a lot.”

The Irish continued their doubles dominance against Missouri on Sunday morning. Frilling and Mathews beat senior Nina Pantic and sophomore Rachel Stuhlmann 8-1, while both Sanders and White and Kellner and McGaffigan beat their opponents (senior Jamie Mera and freshman Alex Clark and juniors Maria Christensen and Annemijn Koenen, respectively) 8-1.

Although Frilling fell to Pantic (6-3, 6-1) in the only Irish loss of the weekend, Mathews and Kellner dispatched their opponents easily. Sabacinski needed a tie-breaker, but defeated Koenen 6-4, 7-6 (7-5). McGaffigan beat Mera 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 and Sanders overcame Stuhlmann 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 in two of the closest matches of the weekend.

The Irish showed no sign of fatigue in their final matches as they quickly buried the Mastodons. Sanders and White beat senior Alex Forsyth and junior Anita Henestrosa 8-1, Kellner and McGaffigan defeated seniors Raquel Vescovi and Frederique Sunstrum 8-0, and Manningham and Sabacinski sent sophomore Alyssa Tucker and freshman Marcy Huck



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Freshman Katherine White prepares to return a serve Sunday against Cincinnati. The Irish swept the Bearcats 7-0.

home with an 8-2 loss.

The Irish won each of their six singles matches without giving up a set; Sabacinski lost just one game to Sunstum while Frilling and Manningham did not drop a single game.

Tefft attributed the team’s success to hard work between the fall and spring seasons.

“Three matches in two days is always difficult, just because you’re

playing doubles and singles, but the girls did well with their conditioning over Christmas break and over the last two weeks,” Tefft said. “I think they’re in pretty good shape.”

The Irish will return to action at Yale at 2 p.m. Saturday as part of National Team Indoor Regional Qualifying.

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Men’s Swimming and Diving

Irish defeat MSU for second straight win against Big Ten opponents

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame was victorious in this weekend’s dual meet against Michigan State, granting the Irish their second consecutive win against a Big Ten team. Notre Dame easily took down the Spartans, 174-121, at the Rolfs Aquatic Center on Saturday to improve its overall record to 6-3.

Despite six individual wins for Notre Dame in its last meeting with the Spartans in 2011, Michigan State took the edge with a 155.5-144.5 win. This time, the Irish came out with both more individual wins and the overall victory.

“It was great to come out with this much energy after a difficult training trip,” junior Chris Johnson said. “We have a bit of history with MSU so to come out and control the meet as well as we did only indicates good things to come at Big East.”

The afternoon kicked off with a lead in the 200-yard medley relay, in which senior Petar Petrovic, freshman Cameron Miller, sophomore Frank Dyer and junior Kevin Overholt won the event in 1:31.04. Strong finishes like this one continued throughout the day.

Individual first place finishes on the swimming side included freshman Jimmy

McEldrew in the 1,650-yard freestyle with a time of 15:44.39, Overholt in the 200-yard freestyle in 1:40.90 and the 100-yard freestyle in 45.95, Miller in the 100-yard breaststroke in 56.82 and the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:01.10, Dyer in the 50-yard freestyle in 20.69 and freshman Matthew DeBlasio in the 500-yard freestyle in 4:36.09.

Diving saw a successful day as well with sweeps on both the 1-meter and 3-meter events. Freshman Nick Nemetz took first place on both the 1-meter board, with a score of 353.85, and the 3-meter board, with a score of 354.23. In both events freshman Michael Kreft, freshman Ted Wagner and senior Sean Rademaker rounded out the Irish effort with second, third and fourth place finishes.

It was not only the first-place finishes, but also the ones that followed seconds behind to edge out Spartan swimmers that sealed the win for the Irish. In the 50-yard freestyle, the Irish took first, second and third place when Johnson and freshman Zach Stephens touched in right after Dyer at 21.18 and 21.36 seconds, respectively.

“Going 1-2-3 in some events was awesome to see,” Johnson said. “Even though some people were swimming

atypical events, to be able to sweep the top three spots in multiple events shows us how deep we really are.”

The Irish will look to carry this victory to next weekend, when they will play host for the Shamrock Invitational on

Friday and Saturday.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Orange crushed



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Irish freshman guard Pat Connaughton celebrates Notre Dame's 67-58 defeat over No. 1 Syracuse on Saturday. Directly following the game, Irish fans rushed the court and lifted Connaughton on their shoulders. Connaughton aided in the victory with 7 points and 7 rebounds.

Notre Dame shocks fans and experts alike with a 67-58 victory over No. 1 Syracuse

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

Call Kelly Tripucka. Call Adrian Dantley. Call Digger Phelps.

The echoes have awoken. Behind junior forward Jack Cooley's 17 points and 10 rebounds, Notre Dame topped No. 1 Syracuse 67-58 Saturday night, its first win over the highest ranked team in the land since 1987.

"It's a great win. We're good enough to beat the No. 1 team in the country," Cooley said. "We just have to play like it the rest of the season."

Notre Dame (12-8, 4-3 Big East) connected on eight of 16 attempts from three-point range in the game, neutralizing Syracuse's trademark 2-3 zone defense. The Irish also outrebounded the Orange (20-1, 7-1) 38 to 25,

assisted by freshman guard Pat Connaughton's seven boards.

"I'm really proud of our group on the backboard," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We had our guards rebounding tonight. They did not help us on the boards at Rutgers and we really addressed that over the last couple days of practice."

Notre Dame opened the game by hitting its first four

shots en route to 12-3 spurt over the span of 10 minutes. The Irish shot 54 percent from the field in the first half, allowing them to eventually open up an 18-point lead. The hot shooting, coupled with Syracuse's poor start, helped the Irish jump out to a 35-23 lead at halftime.

The Orange came out

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One great game does not a season make

It was never in any doubt, but it was always in doubt.

When Notre Dame started the game on an 11-2 run over Syracuse, the game was in doubt.

When the Irish took a 35-23 lead into halftime and had dominated Syracuse in every aspect of the game, there was doubt.

Even as Notre Dame clung to a nine-point lead with 65 seconds remaining in the game, doubt held on as well.

Saturday's 67-58 win over No. 1 Syracuse, Notre Dame's first win over a top-ranked opponent since 1987, was a great win. But it was not a team-defining win.

The Irish shot 50 percent from three-point range against Syracuse, 17 percent higher than their season average.

They have, on average, been outrebounded this season, but had 13 more rebounds than the No. 1 team in the country.

The win over Syracuse was a great memory for the seniors, both on the team and off. It was exciting for the fans who rushed the court, and it gave Notre Dame a featured place on SportsCenter. But does it mean the Irish will win the rest of their games?



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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Peters takes the lead in a crushing Wildcat defeat

By CHRIS MASOUD
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No. 2 Notre Dame poured it on early (four seconds into the game) and often (26 field goals throughout the contest), cruising to a 76-43 home victory over Villanova two days before a critical matchup against Tennessee.

Irish senior forward Devereaux Peters tallied 19 points — 17 of which came in the first half — and six rebounds, as four Notre Dame players finished in double-digit scoring.

"I was so pleased with Devereaux Peters tonight," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "What a game. She got out of the gate and really did everything we hoped she would do, and then some."

She was able to exploit the mismatch inside, use her athletic ability to out-jump people. She has phenomenal athletic ability, and when you play a team like this she can exploit some things."

That athletic ability was on full display from the first play of the contest.

Peters won the tip, sprinted into the frontcourt and caught a pass on the run before laying it in the hoop and picking up a foul, all in four seconds. She hit the free throw to complete the traditional three-point play and give the Irish (19-1, 7-0 Big East) a lead they maintained for the remaining 39 minutes and 56 seconds.

"The tip play was huge."

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HOCKEY

Irish split against tough rivals

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

A pair of evenly-matched teams in front of two hot goaltenders played to a split this weekend as No. 6 Notre Dame defeated No. 10 Michigan 3-1 on Friday before falling to the Wolverines 2-1 Saturday.

The Irish (14-9-4, 9-6-3-0 CCHA) got off to a quick start against the Wolverines (15-9-4, 9-7-4-1) in the first game when junior defenseman Sam Calabrese opened the scoring at the 15:39 mark of the first period. Calabrese pinched in toward the net from near the blueline and received a pass from behind the net from sophomore center T.J. Tynan before putting the puck past Michigan senior goaltender Shawn Hunwick.



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Sophomore center Anders Lee battles for possession during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Michigan on Friday.

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