

Oxford chancellor named Commencement speaker

Christopher Patten will receive honorary degree, address class of 2014 graduates on May 18

Observer Staff Report

Christopher Patten, Lord Patten of Barnes, chancellor of the University of Oxford and chair of the BBC Trust, will be the 2014 Commencement speaker, according to a University press release. Patten will speak and receive an honorary degree on May 18 at the University's 169th Commencement.

"Chris Patten's global experiences and expertise — from higher education, to government service to the broadcast media — are remarkable and sure to resonate with our graduates," University President Fr. John Jenkins said. "We have had

the honor of hosting him on our campus in the past, and we are so pleased that he has accepted our invitation to re-

Christopher Patten
University of Oxford



turn and address the class of 2014."

Patten, who was bestowed the title of baron in 2005, was elected chancellor of Oxford in 2003, and previously served as chancellor of Newcastle University. Queen

Elizabeth appointed Patten in 2011 as chair of the BBC Trust, the governing body of the British Broadcasting Corp.

Patten graduated from Balliol College, Oxford, where he studied history. He began his career in the Conservative Party's research department, first as a desk officer and then as director. He was elected as a Member of Parliament for Bath in 1979 and served for 27 years as minister for overseas development in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and in the Cabinet as secretary of state for the environment.

In July 2002, he was named

the 28th and final governor of Hong Kong until its handover to the People's Republic of China in 1997. In 1998 he chaired the Independent Commission on Policing for Northern Ireland for one year, set up under the Good Friday Peace Agreement, and from 1999 to 2004, was one of the United Kingdom's two members to the European Commission.

"One of Britain's and world's preeminent Catholics, Lord Patten was called upon by his government to help resolve some of the most daunting issues on the world stage, including his masterful governance of Hong Kong's transition from British to Chinese rule,

and his groundbreaking reforms of policing in Northern Ireland," Jenkins said. "Many thought impossible the preservation of Hong Kong's prosperity in the face of communism, just as others deemed unattainable police reform in a society so long divided by sectarian prejudice and violence.

"Lord Patten proved the doubters wrong."

In 2010, the prime minister tapped Patten to direct the preparations for Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United Kingdom, the country's first papal visit in almost 20 years. He has been recognized as one of Britain's most influential Catholics.

Our new website



Andrew Gastelum
Editor in Chief

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Contraception now available to ND employees



Emily Hoffmann

By **MARISA IATI**
Assistant Managing Editor

Notre Dame employees may now receive contraceptive coverage through the University's third-party insurance administrator as of Jan. 1, in compliance with a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate.

Nevertheless, the University is continuing its legal action against the

mandate, which is part of the Affordable Care Act, with the hope of ending that coverage.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit denied Notre Dame's third request for relief from the mandate, which required nonprofit religious organizations to start to provide contraceptive services on New Year's Day.

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Former Saint Mary's student dies in accident

By **KELLY KONYA**
Saint Mary's Editor

The death of former first-year Madelyn Stephenson has weighed heavily on the Saint Mary's community in recent weeks. Stephenson is remembered fondly by friends and faculty, and a memorial service for Stephenson will be held Friday at 4 p.m. in Regina Chapel.

Stephenson, 19, died Friday, Jan. 3 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

According to The South Bend Tribune, the Marshall County Sheriff's Department said Stephenson was southbound on U.S. 31 near 7B Road in Plymouth, Ind., just after 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 3. Stephenson's Honda was struck on the driver's side after turning into the path of a semi-tractor.

The investigation is ongoing with assistance from the Indiana State Police, according to the Tribune. Alcohol was not a factor in the incident, the Tribune

Madelyn Stephenson
Former Saint Mary's student



reported.

Though Stephenson was planning to attend Indiana University in Bloomington this spring, she completed her fall semester at Saint Mary's while living off campus in Granger, Ind., her hometown. Fellow first year and friend Elizabeth Renner said she especially enjoyed sitting next to Stephenson

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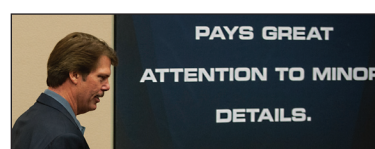
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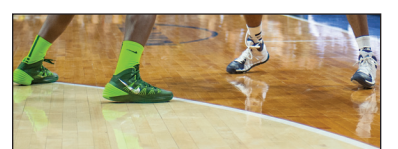
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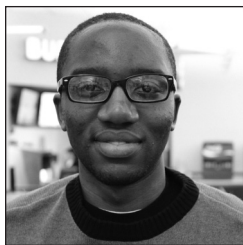
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What is the best part of being back on campus?



Brian Mukhlya

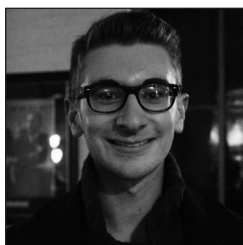
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“My roommate even though he always leaves the room dirty.”



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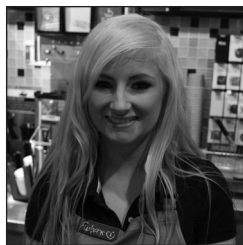
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off campus
“Being in class.”



Zach Wendeln

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“Seeing all my friends and catching up as I was abroad in London this semester.”



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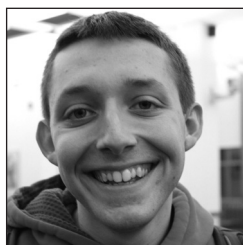
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“Finally having Starbucks again.”



Danica Lapid

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“South Dining Hall.”



Patrick Bottone

junior
Dillon Hall

“All of my friends coming back from abroad.”



AMY ACKERMANN | The Observer

Reunions are happening all over campus as students return from home and abroad. One group Jasmine Miller, Annie Platcha, Rachel Drumm, Kate Disser, Ana Wright, Elizabeth Leader and Katelyn Doering met last night in the LaFortune basement.

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Wednesday

Yoga

Rockne Memorial
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Part of Wellness
Wednesdays.

Film: “The Lodger”

DeBartolo Performing
Arts Center
8 p.m.
Part of the Hitchcock
series.

Thursday

Zen Meditation

Coleman-Morse
Center
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Open to all faiths.

Film: “Fruitvale Station”

DeBartolo Performing
Arts Center
7 p.m.
Award winning film.

Friday

Blood Drive

Hesburgh Library
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Benefits Relay for
Life.

Men’s Hockey

Compton Family Ice
Arena
7:35 p.m. - 9:35 p.m.
The Irish take on Lake
Superior State.

Saturday

Women’s Tennis

Eck Tennis Pavilion
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
The Irish play Western
Michigan.

Vigil Mass

Basilica of the Sacred
Heart
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Music by Women’s
Liturgical Choir.

Sunday

Mass in Spanish

Dillon Hall
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Lunch is provided after
mass.

Men’s Basketball

Purcell Pavilion
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
The Irish play the
Virginia Tech
Hokies.

Student encourages transplant awareness

By **HALEIGH EHMSSEN**
News Writer

Following her uncle's illness and her own experience as a registered donor, Saint Mary's junior Krista Ury is looking to raise awareness about Be the Match.org, an online bone marrow registry.

Ury, a junior nursing major, said she was inspired to join the registry after her uncle, a Notre Dame graduate, received a bone marrow transplant through Be the Match.

The transplant helped lengthen his life, combating his Leukemia, but Ury said her uncle ended up dying of liver complications.

Ury said she joined the registry in June and was matched in September with an 11-year-old boy, who ultimately was paired with another donor, and in November with a 15-year-old boy for whom she was a perfect match.

Ury said she was surprised to be matched with anyone so quickly because her parents have been in the bone marrow registry for 10 years and have never been considered a match for a transplant.

Ury said she is grateful for the opportunity to give back

and feels her uncle with her every step of the way.

"It's just pretty incredible that I joined because of my uncle and I've gotten two calls about two young boys," Ury said. "I swear it's part of him trying to spread the word about [Be the Match] through me."

Ury said she never felt alone throughout the entire process and talked with the coordinator every day before the transplant.

Common notions about bone marrow transplants focus on a particular method that involves drilling into your bones and a fair amount of pain, Ury said. She was scheduled for the more common procedure in which the actual transplant takes about four hours and the patient is conscious.

"The process was not scary whatsoever. It's scary beforehand not knowing what to expect, but a lot of people have this [idea] that they drill into your hip. My process was called a peripheral blood stem cell transplant," Ury said. "So basically my process was injections five days before the transplant.

"It was cool because I'm a

nursing student and I got to give myself three of the injections at school."

The transplant was scheduled for Dec. 23 in Seattle, but Ury said when she landed in her home state of California on Dec. 21, she learned that the boy had slipped in a coma and died suddenly.

She said the procedure she would have undergone involved sifting the necessary cells from her blood.

"If I would have gone to Seattle, which is where the transplant was supposed to be, they would have hooked me up to a machine, an IV in each arm and sift off my stem cells in the machine. It's almost like dialysis. You're blood runs out one arm and back through the other."

Ury said that the whole process is confidential until the transplant, but when the transplant didn't happen she got a different kind of closure when she heard from the boy's family.

"The family reached out to the coordinator and said 'we are so grateful you gave us hope during Christmas. You gave my son happiness and that's a great gift you can give someone,'" she said.

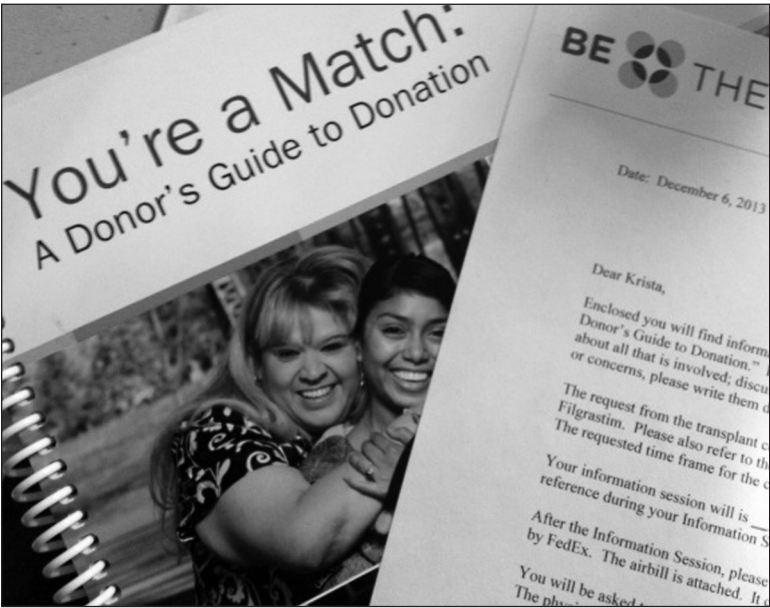


Photo courtesy of Krista Ury

Junior Krista Ury registered as a bone marrow donor on Be the Match.org. Anyone can register on the site, and only a cheek swab is required.

"That's why I really want to let people know about [Be the Match] because, yeah shots are never fun, but when it comes to there's young person and you could save their life, there's no comparison."

Ury said anyone can log on to Be the Match.org and sign up. The site sends a package with a swab included, and only a cheek swab is needed to enter the registry.

"It's very simple to join. I think just a lot of people don't know about it," she said. "I

think if people actually do the research and look into it they'll be really surprised about how easy it is to help someone else."

Be the Match covers all costs before the transplant including medical bills and transportation costs, Ury said.

"The process was painless compared to what [the patients] had to go through," she said.

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Stephenson

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and listening to all the funny jokes she would utter beneath her breath in their Arabic course last fall.

"Madelyn was shy, but once you got to know her, she was someone very special. She was bubbly and had great enthusiasm for the Arabic language," Renner said. "After moving seats towards the end of the semester, I was able to

get to know her better. She was so helpful whenever I did not catch a phrase or if I missed class. She was always ahead of the class and a very smart girl. I wish the rest of the class had a chance to hear her hilarious jokes. She will be missed by our Arabic class so much."

Her teachers from the College remember her as a quiet but friendly student with a passion for the sciences and learning.

Stephenson's advisor and associate professor of biology Ryan Dombkowski said she was passionate about science and had plans to pursue a degree in environmental science.

"Madelyn was a quiet and reserved young woman, yet full of enthusiasm about science, especially with regard to the environment," Dombkowski said. "From the short time I knew her, she was quite pleasant to have in

class. I am sure she brought a lot of joy and happiness to her family, and our thoughts and prayers are certainly with them during this difficult time."

Another of Stephenson's professors, Professor Soraya Wirth, remembers her as passionate about her studies and medicine in Wirth's Arabic course.

"I found her to be very studious, to be a person with a very legitimate passion for

learning ... and to thoroughly enjoy the culture and traditions of Middle-Eastern countries," Wirth said. "Madelyn shared with me and her classmates her dream of becoming a doctor, and she was very excited about it."

Wirth also said Stephenson stood out academically and respected by her classmates.

"She was one of my best students and had not missed any Arabic class throughout the semester. Madelyn was highly respected and regarded by all of her classmates, and she was always in control over any adverse situation," Wirth said. "I am so sad that her journey came to an end with this horrible accident ... she was a truly enjoyable student."

Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney expressed her sympathy to the College's community in a Jan. 7 email.

"On behalf of the entire Saint Mary's College community, I would like to express our heartfelt condolences to Madelyn's family," Mooney said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with them. Death is never easy, especially when it is a young person with so much life ahead of her."

Grief counseling is available to students through Saint Mary's Women's Health Center, Campus Ministry and Residence Life and Community Standards.

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Snow storm shuts down campus over break

By CAROLYN HUTYRA
News Writer

While the Notre Dame community usually braves its fair share of winter weather, a combination of road conditions and frigid temperatures Jan. 6 necessitated closing campus for a day-and-a-half.

Superintendent Pat McCauslin and Assistant Superintendent Tim Dyczko of the Landscape Services Center were on site to manage the snow removal following the storm. Although campus roads and sidewalks were cleared of snow, McCauslin said the storm left the roads in poor condition around Notre Dame.

"[The driving] wasn't difficult on campus because we were pretty much on top of that situation," Dyczko said. "Our campus was fine. It was very possible."

McCauslin said side roads around the county were left unplowed for one to two days. He said campus shut down due both to the poor state of the roads in the South Bend area and the cold temperatures.

"We were [at] minus 15 as an ambient air temperature, [and there were] 25 mile per hour winds so the wind chill temperature was down to minus 45 for a while," he said.

A countywide state of emergency was declared and no traffic was allowed on the streets, McCauslin said.

"When they declare a regular state of emergency they can actually stop and ticket people for being on the streets unless you're emergency personnel," he said. "All the staff in landscape services are considered essential personnel with snow emergency situations like that."

McCauslin said in order to stay ahead of incoming storms and to keep up with general landscape the Department of Landscape

Services has 31 full-time staff members. Although the staff generally rotates through three shifts during the course of a day over the winter months, McCauslin said situations such as the snowstorm require two 12-hour shifts.

"About 4 o'clock in the morning we started New Years Day and worked a full day until 2 a.m. the next day," he said.

The decision to close campus, however, rested with a university committee advised by Landscape Services, NDSP and the Office of Campus Safety. McCauslin said his department advises on weather conditions while NDSP advises on county and city road conditions to determine whether or not to close the campus.

"It's a difficult decision to make, certainly, in that you don't want to put anyone's life at risk," he said.

Not only did this particular storm bring in 12 to 15 inches of snow, it was also a heavy lake snow with a higher water content, Dyczko said.

"It takes us a little longer to get it off the roads," he said. "It's harder to move. Harder on equipment."

McCauslin compared the snow to the consistency of wet sand.

"It can get that heavy," he said. "And just the way it snowed, it was continuous so it's just a matter of keeping at it, not letting it build up."

The snow was accompanied by winds that piled the snow in drifts, McCauslin said.

"We did a lot of work with drifting," he said. "It just slows you down, so it slows the operation down. You get one area cleared and you go back 20 minutes later and it's plugged shut again, so you just keep opening it up and opening it up."

McCauslin also said lake snow is more difficult for meteorologists to precisely



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On Jan. 6, a combination of icy temperatures and poor road conditions led to campus closure for more than one day. A countywide state of emergency was declared for St. Joseph's County.



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Superintendent Pat McCauslin said the storm brought approximately 12 to 15 inches of snow to campus. The ambient air temperature was minus 15 degrees, and the wind chill temperature dropped to minus 45.

forecast. Determining the start and stop times and even predicting potential amounts of snow to be received are more difficult due to a lake

effect.

"I've seen it snowing like hell here and if you went five miles that way it was blue sky," Dyczko said. "And that's

just part of living in South Bend, you just never know."

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Alta Gracia to produce The Shirt for 2014

By CATHERINE OWERS
News Writer

For the third straight year, The Shirt Committee has chosen Alta Gracia as the vendor of The Shirt for the 2014 football season, committee president John Wetzel said.

Wetzel said The Shirt 2014 will mark the 25th anniversary of The Shirt, whose sales raise funds used to help clubs and students in financial need.

The committee began meeting in November last semester to work on The Shirt

for the upcoming football season, Wetzel said.

"Companies send us samples of shirts in different sizes, and then we invite some to come to campus," he said. "They tell us what they can do for us, what the price options are and then a committee of 10 students and a faculty advisor decides."

Alta Gracia produced the shirts in 2012 and 2013, Wetzel said, and the committee decided in December to remain with the company. Alta Gracia's commitment to paying their workers a "living wage," played a large role

in the committee's choice, he said.

"They pay their factory workers in the Dominican Republic a 'living wage,' which is more than minimum wage," Wetzel said. "These workers can afford to send their children to school, or save money to buy a vehicle."

Wetzel said he believes selecting a socially conscious company maintains a commitment to the mission of the University.

"The Shirt Project is the largest student fundraiser, so we want to align with Notre Dame's mission [of social

justice]," he said.

The funds raised by The Shirt Project are distributed to three different causes, Wetzel said, including The Shirt Charity Fund and the Rector Fund.

"The money goes to The Shirt Charity Fund, which supports students with excess medical expenses," he said. "The money also supports the Rector Fund, which supports students who may need financial assistance to purchase tickets to football games or dorm dances."

The funds raised by The Shirt Project supplement the

student activities fee that is included in all students' tuition as well, Wetzel said.

"The student activities fee supports different clubs and organizations on campus," he said. "Most colleges have had to increase this fee in order to support more clubs, but Notre Dame has not had to raise their fee in the past 10 years because of the funds from The Shirt Project."

For more information, follow The Shirt Project on Twitter and Facebook.

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Lawsuit

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Paul Browne, the University's vice president for public affairs and communications, said Jan. 2 that Notre Dame advised its employees that its third-party administrator would cover contraceptives.

"As part of an ongoing legal action, however, the program

"Women deserve better than abortion-inducing drugs and contraception."

Erin Stoyell-Mulholland
Notre Dame Right to Life
president

may be terminated once the University's lawsuit on religious liberty grounds against the HHS mandate has worked its way through the courts," Browne said.

Hours before the mandate was set to take effect, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor temporarily blocked enforcement of the mandate against an order of nuns, the Little Sisters of the Poor, and certain other Catholic nonprofit groups, according to The New York Times.

A substantive ruling on the Little Sisters case is pending, but Browne said without a ruling by the full Supreme

case. If she rules against the Little Sisters, Browne said, Notre Dame will continue its appeal as planned.

Junior Mark Gianfalla, president of Notre Dame College Republicans, said his club supported the University's lawsuit against the HHS mandate.

"The College Republicans believe that Notre Dame's lawsuit had standing and was a valiant effort by the University to thwart an unconstitutional encroachment of government into the arena of religious liberties," Gianfalla said.

The president of Notre Dame Right to Life, junior Erin Stoyell-Mulholland, said

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Mark Gianfalla
Notre Dame College
Republicans
president

her club also stood behind the University's litigation.

"Women deserve better than abortion-inducing drugs and contraception," she said.

Junior Sean Long, co-president of College Democrats of Notre Dame, said formulating an official stance on the HHS mandate is one of his club's priorities this semester.

"We are currently organizing an issue briefing that presents both sides of the argument, and we will hold an inclusive conversation with many Democratic voices at Notre Dame," Long said. "We hope to emerge with a clear articulation of Notre Dame College Democrats' stance on the issue that takes into account the diverse voices of our Democratic community."

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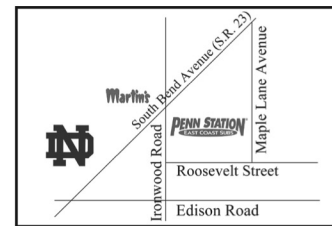
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New Jersey governor apologizes for scandal

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Republican Gov. Chris Christie, faced with a widening political scandal that threatens to undermine his second term and a possible 2016 presidential run, apologized again Tuesday, saying his administration “let down the people we are entrusted to serve” but the issue doesn’t define his team or the state.

On the eve of his second term, he opened his annual State of the State address by touching only briefly on the apparent political payback plot, involving road lane closures that caused major back-ups at the George Washington Bridge, one of the busiest bridges in the country.

“The last week has certainly tested this administration,”

he said. “Mistakes were clearly made. And as a result, we let down the people we are entrusted to serve. I know our citizens deserve better.”

He received tempered applause after he went on, saying, “This administration and this Legislature will not allow the work that needs to be done to improve the people’s lives in Jersey to be delayed.”

Christie’s measured tone was a noticeable contrast from a year ago when a blustery Christie promised to lead New Jersey back from Superstorm Sandy, the costliest natural disaster in state history.

The scandal broke wide open last week with the release of documents showing Christie aides and appointees orchestrated the Fort Lee lane

closings, which delayed emergency vehicles and school buses for hours and infuriated commuters. Democrats believe the scheme was retaliation against the town’s Democratic mayor, who didn’t endorse Christie for re-election.

After addressing the scandal, Christie moved on in his speech to such familiar themes as avoiding tax increases and working with the Democrats who control both chambers of the state Legislature. But he returned to the theme of bipartisanship throughout as he sought to repel doubts about an aggressive brand of politics that propelled him to the forefront of his party but might also be responsible for an apparent petty political vendetta

carried out by members of his inner circle.

“We have succeeded in working together to be an example for the entire country dispirited by partisanship,” Christie said. “Let us not abandon that course.”

Turning to policy matters, Christie stuck mostly to universal goals such as making communities safer without offering much of a blueprint.

Christie kept plans vague for a key initiative, extending the school day and cutting short summer vacation, which was met with skepticism from Wendell Steinhauer, president of New Jersey’s largest and most powerful teachers union and a frequent adversary of Christie.

The union bitterly opposed an overhaul of

public employee retirement benefits by Christie and the Legislature in 2011 and spent millions of dollars on anti-Christie ads during his gubernatorial campaigns.

The governor warned that the state in the coming year must reduce its pension and debt service payments, which are scheduled to rise by a combined total of nearly \$1 billion.

Democrats oppose the prospects of failing to make promised pension contributions or cutting payouts to retirees.

Christie also promised to present choices to overhaul the state’s tax system next month when he presents his budget proposal but did not offer an insight on how he might want to do that. A tax cut he proposed two years ago foundered in the Legislature.

The reception to his ideas from political opponents is likely to unfold as the Legislature gets to work. Democrats may be unwilling to go along with a Republican they sense may have been weakened by the scandal.

As Christie left the chamber after his speech, he tersely shook the hand of the Democrat leading one of several investigations into the scandal, which the governor has denied knowledge of and first apologized for last week. Christie also has fired a close aide, and others on his team have resigned.

Democrats plan to vote Thursday on continuing their investigation.

“Public safety and abuse of power are the No. 1 issues,” Democrat Vincent Prieto, the incoming speaker of the state Assembly, said after the speech. “We have to get to the bottom to make sure it doesn’t happen again.”

Christie’s State of the State address and inauguration, scheduled for next week, were intended to launch a second term that’s considered a key building block for his political future. After his November re-election, his advisers suggested he had just a one-year window to stack up accomplishments as a can-do, bipartisan leader before his lame-duck status — and a prospective White House campaign — start to interfere.

The recent revelations may have slammed that window shut. Though he’s not announced plans to run, Christie is an early front-runner for his party’s presidential nomination who now is working to rebound from the scandal, the most serious threat to his administration and political ambitions so far.

Unlike previous years, Christie had no live radio or television appearances scheduled for the day after the annual address.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Vacation from hell



Meghan Thomassen
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It was the vacation from hell. Literally, everything that could go wrong, did go wrong. So please excuse me while I rant and complain for these next 400-odd words, because frankly, after this ordeal, I deserve it.

Don't get me wrong — I was lucky to be going to London for a week solo, thanks to a generous grant from the Nanovic Institute. I didn't have to pay for housing, since I would be staying in my old apartment from studying abroad last spring.

But when the Perfect Storm rolled into the northeast and dumped snow all over Boston and New York, I should have known I was doomed. I should have just thrown in the towel. My flight was already delayed three days, what more of a sign did I need?

But no, foolish bright-eyed optimist that I am, I just shoved my rose-colored glasses further up my nose and booked a flight for three days later. So my trip was cut virtually in half. So what?

I arrived in London Heathrow in style, having scored a seat in Premium Economy, where they ply you with champagne and ugly purple socks for sleeping. This was the last good thing to happen to me for a week.

My bags were nowhere to be found. They were stuck back in New York. Determined not to let this silly little hiccup ruin my adventure, I struck out to enjoy London as best as I could.

My bag never made it to London. I wore the same clothes for three days straight until the fear of smelling like an insane vagrant compelled me to buy another outfit. I couldn't work on my research report because my computer charger was in my bag. I couldn't take pictures to document my research because, guess what? My camera was in my bag. I couldn't even brush my hair for five days because combs in Britain cost more than a day's worth of food.

Even the best part of my trip was ruined by another act of nature. My daytrip to Oxford's Ashmolean Museum was almost cancelled by massive flooding that covered the train tracks to and from London. What should have been an hour's trip turned into a six-hour tribulation.

Do you pity me yet? No? Ok, let me continue. Three days after I lost all of my personal belongings, I came down with a raging fever. Slammed with a killer headache, obnoxious sniffles and the persistent sensation that I would faint dead away on my feet, I was confined to my little bed for a full day, shivering alone while mourning the museums I could be perusing and the rare London sunshine I could be enjoying.

So pardon me for my unfettered joy when I came back to the good ol' U.S.A. I love free vacations, and I love London, but after roughing it in one of the most expensive cities in the world, I'm going to swear off jet-setting to exotic locations for a long time. I don't think I would survive.

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Changing the economic discussion

Robert Alvarez
Man on a Nag

Not many people see the study of economics as having very dire moral implications. It likes to market itself as a science, like any other science, which merely describes reality, whereas if it had moral implications it would have to make judgements upon the value of different kinds of possible realities. However, this type of economics ignores its origin, an origin very much laden with value judgements, and as a result of this selective memory it has created a system of morality that is now causing the oppression of people across the world.

The term "economics" comes from the Greek word, "oikonomia," which according to Wikipedia translates to, "management of a household, administration." This initial definition has since expanded to revolve around wealth, how to make it, how to keep it and how to use it. Newer definitions also try to construe economics as a hard science, creating theories and rules to predict how a market would behave, an endeavor much like Newtonian physics. However, despite efforts to morph economics into an "objective" science, it has always been plagued by this initial definition as "management of a household". Growing up as a kid, my household was run in a different way than your household because it was run by a different set of parents with a different set of ethics. These ethics are ostensibly subjective, making it hard to create universal laws for the money management of all households. Since this subjectivity has a direct influence on the viability of economic predictions, economics assumes people are "rational actors" in order to obviate this problem.

This idea of "rational actors" states people act according to their own

self-interest. The logic is that a rational person will want to be happy, and therefore will evaluate options insofar as they relate to their own happiness, i.e., be self-centered. Temporarily putting aside the assumption that rational people act selfishly — a rather cynical innuendo with a much more complicated reality — this idea has become less a safe guess made about human nature in order to create predictive models and more a categorical imperative. This means selfishness has become not only acceptable, but good and just. This has created a system of idolatry where the pursuit of wealth is one's moral duty.

Since wealth has been linked with personal happiness, happiness has become understood as a utilitarian calculation of material goods. A while back Bloomberg published a good example of this, an opinion piece entitled, "Who Needs a Raise When You Have TV?" The gist of the article is the increased availability of cheap and quality entertainment should be taken into account when asking the question, "Are you better off than you were 10 years ago?" The assumption made in this argument is that quality of life is a function of material goods. Furthermore, this viewpoint leads to the commodification of everything, people included: either something is valuable to exchange for something else, or something is valuable for consumption. It shouldn't be hard to see how this paradigm effects business approaches to labor markets, creating a dynamic of a race to the bottom rather than an elevation of general living standards.

The imperative of self-interest has also created a new system of Social Darwinism. Whereas old Darwinism equated the value of a person with race, this new Darwinism equates the value of a person with their production. Thus people are valued by their

wealth and have fully earned the wealth they have, nevermind the fact that people face an inequality of opportunity and the commodification of people incentivizes the labor abuse of disadvantaged people.

Thus we are left with an unjust system, endorsed by science and sanctioned by culture. However, the assumption that "rational actors" inherently act out of self-interest is completely wrong. It's a false dichotomy. Granted, it is true if you equate happiness with utilitarian materialism. However, if you think happiness is more than stuff, one cannot assume one's self-interest is one's self-interest. The reality is rather a unity between self-interest and other-interest, not of the breed where two people's immediate material interests happen to align, but rather of the type where the other is our happiness and we are theirs. This is a relational understanding of happiness and one that is blatantly ignored by our economy and culture.

What would economics look like if it no longer assumed people as materialistically self-interested? I have no idea. I don't think it is impossible, though, to have societies that are fundamentally relationally-centered. There are societies and businesses that behave in this way now; we can all play a role no matter our future professions. All that is necessary is for us to have the will to reject the fabricated "reality" of "rational actors" and instead choose to live in a different way. Today might be a good time to start.

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The people you'll meet: Syllabus Week

Matt Miklavic

The Maine Idea

“‘Twas the first week of classes, and everywhere in sight, students full of excitement, smiles, and delight. They do not know what the semester will bring; a job offer maybe, or the famed ring by spring. There will be months to prove you're a smarty and spread some good cheer, but for this week we throw a party, and hey kid, pass the, uh, syllabus.” —Anonymous

I thought about attributing that little ditty to Father Jenkins, but then remembered you're not supposed to lie, especially about a priest, particularly in The Observer. Regardless, syllabus week has once again graced the lives of thousands of college students, and those lucky souls located in the snow globe of South Bend are no different. But before the semester's inaugural weekend, students will make the journey to class for a few handouts, and a chance to see if this semester is finally the one their dining hall crush is in class with them. As you set off for DeBartolo, Jordan, a room in some city around the globe or wherever it is engineers go to class, we present to you a preview of several people you're about to meet.

The Front Row: This consummate professional is ready to tackle not only this second theology requirement, but apparently cure cancer and end global hunger as well. They

did the first week's reading and have color-coded notes. They showed up early, grabbed a seat in the front row and introduced themselves to the professor. Roughly 10 minutes into class, they'll ask for clarification about whether office hours are on for later this afternoon. Hey Hermione, we get it. You're getting an A. Give us a break. Be forewarned: if they get the first B+ of their life on that first test, there may well be enough tears to cry a river and drown the whole world.

The Grouch: Almost always a male professor in his mid-50s to late 60s, he's ready to give our generation a taste of the discipline that “once made this country great.” He relishes making his intolerance for texting in class known almost as much as he enjoys the faces of his students when he announces essays will be written by hand in this class and “not with any of that technology garbage.” He may regale you with a nostalgic tale about the glory years of one Ronald Reagan while silently longing for the days of corporal punishment. His office hours will take place during the convenient hours of four to seven on Friday mornings. And yes, you should absolutely take that as a challenge to go directly from Feve to his office. If there's one thing college has taught us, it's that life's best choices are made in the wee hours of the morning.

The Comedian: The bane of the Grouch's existence, this

self-nominated king of comedy is ready to take the stage. Having honed their jokes on their little brother all of Christmas break, they're ready to take the classroom by storm and establish their reputation as the funny guy. While they'll toss out a few jokes that will be met by confused, awkward silence, they may provide some laughs that mercifully break up the steady stream of balance sheets, physiology lectures and again, whatever engineers do, that stand between now and summer.

The Late Kid: He stumbles in 37 minutes into your 50-minute lecture sporting a neck beard that would put Abe Lincoln to shame. Depending on the previous evening's activities, he may or may not have images of the not-family-friendly variety on his face in Sharpie. He overslept but still managed to make it to class while clinging to that last shred of academic dignity that distinguishes him from the rest of his quad, who are skipping their classes altogether. Sure, he's in the wrong classroom. Still, give him some credit for trying.

The Laptop: They fell behind on Breaking Bad and they'll be damned if they're not going to finish it so they know what the heck everyone is talking about. Braving South Bend's temperature, they trudged to class with their laptop and ear buds, sat down and promptly got to work. You have to have some degree of respect for the kid the professor is literally staring

at them and yet they continue on, their casual apathy at a level usually unseen until midterms. They'll take a Facebook break in between episodes, their squinting at the screen occasionally punctuated only by their laughing at something their friend posted on their wall.

The “Acquaintance”: You, uh, “know” them, but you don't know them. Luckily, they just sat in front of you instead of beside you and ... oh crap, you made eye contact. Were they in your freshman seminar? PE class? Maybe they're in the adjacent dorm? Of course not. Today is Wednesday, and Wednesday is not your day. They're the other half of a dorm party rendezvous from last year. You smile awkwardly before scanning the class in desperate hopes of finding someone else to talk to. You turn to your neighbor. You think you're in the clear. Then the acquaintance's roommate walks in, sees you two and laughs before announcing to the class, “Oh look, it's an ND Makeouts reunion.” #%&^.

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Fort Lee scandal damages Christie's reputation

Chris Piemonte

The Daily Orange

“I am who I am, but I am not a bully.” Those were some of the 19,000 words New Jersey Governor Chris Christie uttered in his 1 hour and 48 minute press conference last Thursday. Using some variation of “apology” 34 times, Christie did everything in his power to convince us all that he was not to blame for the incident now being called ‘Bridgegate.’

Known for his hard-nosed attitude and unapologetic style, Christie immediately fired the people responsible, but still risks looking like a man who goes out of his way to punish anyone who opposes him. The incident was retaliatory in nature and if he did know about it, Christie undoubtedly is the bully he denies to be.

There are two conclusions to be drawn from Christie's defense and neither is particularly attractive: 1.) He knew the entire time and is now lying to cover his tracks, or 2.)

He didn't know and three of his own employees acted against his wishes right under his nose.

If the first conclusion is true, Christie is a bully who will make sure you pay if you stand in his way. If it's the latter, then it seems he had no idea what kind of people he hired. Either way, the incident paints Christie as an inept manager at best or an abuser of power at worst: not exactly presidential qualities. What's more, those sound an awful lot like things Republicans love to criticize President Barack Obama for.

The incident took place on Sept. 9, 2013. Two lanes of the George Washington Bridge, which runs from Fort Lee, N.J. to New York City, were closed for what was said to be a traffic study. While this hardly sounds like the makings of a scandal, the effect of the closure had a much greater magnitude than one might expect.

The George Washington Bridge sees more traffic than almost any other bridge in the country and the closure resulted in extraordinary

gridlock for four straight days. One particularly publicized story details how an elderly woman passed away from cardiac arrest while emergency responders were stuck in traffic.

During Christie's successful reelection campaign last fall, Fort Lee's mayor declined to endorse him. It was recently revealed that after the snub, Christie's deputy chief of staff, Bridget Kelly, sent an email to an official of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (who controls the bridge in question) containing the following message: “Time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee.” The recipient of this email, David Wildstein, was appointed by Christie himself, who Wildstein has known since high school. He simply replied: “Got it.”

Wildstein then ordered the closure, and the aforementioned gridlock ensued. Further emails between Kelly, Wildstein and Christie's campaign manager Bill Stepien displayed unabashed joy from the mess they had caused. Eventually, another Port Authority official discovered Wildstein's order

and reversed it, but the damage was already done. Christie spent weeks denying any political motivation behind the closure, right up until the email threads were exposed.

So where does this leave Christie, who is regarded as one of the strongest Republicans looking to run for president in 2016? Many people say in deep trouble. Coming off a sterling 2013, Christie was poised to solidify himself as a potential champion of the GOP. Instead, he began 2014 by telling everyone again and again that he had no knowledge of his employees' ulterior motives.

Either he manages his staff with complete ineptitude and lack of awareness, or he is a blatant liar. Whichever one is true, neither characteristic seems remotely presidential.

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By CAELIN MILTKO
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Hosted for the second consecutive time by comedians Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, the Golden Globes were full of stunts ranging from the good to the bad to the just plain ugly.

While perhaps not as funny as last year's (possibly an unintended consequence of an obvious attempt to be nicer), Poehler and Fey's monologue was gold — setting up jokes that would be continued throughout the night. From their mispronunciation of "Tam Hunks" to Fey's zinger about George Clooney, they were full of clever one-liners for a certainly star-packed audience.

The speeches started out a bit rough, as the second award winner of the night, Jacqueline Bisset (who won Best Supporting Actress in a Series, Miniseries or Television Movie for her role in "Dancing on the Edge"), began a problem that started to plague the night: long, winding speeches with no apparent purpose. Award speeches are hardly ever good, but these were particularly bad — and Bisset's was the worst of the night.

On the other hand, Robert Downey Jr. shone when he presented the award for Best Actress in a Motion Picture – Comedy or Musical. He listed off all the ways he would win supposing each nominee were to win, saying, "If it's Meryl, I could supplement my income by leasing out a shipping container so she can put it with the 200,000 awards she's already received."

The award went to Amy Adams for her role in "American Hustle" which also took home awards for Best Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture (Jennifer Lawrence) and Best Motion Picture – Comedy or Musical.

"American Hustle" took home the most awards of the night, but going into the awards ceremony was tied for most nominations with "12 Years a Slave" at seven a piece. "12 Years a Slave" took home the award for Best Motion Picture – Drama, though it received no other honors.

As it did at the Emmys, "Breaking Bad" did well in its nominations. The show took home awards for Best Actor in a Television Series – Drama (Bryan Cranston) and Best Television Series – Drama. Cranston said his honor was "a lovely way to say goodbye" to the show.

Two of the big surprises of the night were the winners of

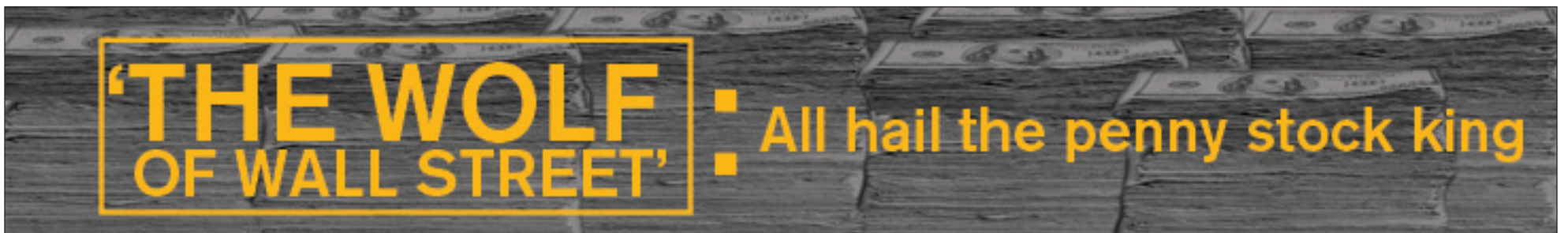
the awards for Best Actor and Best Actress in a Television Series – Comedy or Musical. Andy Samberg won Best Actor for his role in "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" while Amy Poehler won Best Actress for her role in "Parks and Recreation." Both were caught off guard and noticeably flustered in their speech (though Poehler did celebrate her win by making out with Bono).

Woody Allen was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award. He was not present at the Golden Globes, so Diane Keaton made the acceptance speech for him. Her speech was fine, if a bit long, until the end when she began singing a Girl Scouts favorite to commemorate their friendship.

Emma Thompson presented the award for Best Screenplay – Motion Picture, which went to Spike Jonze for "Her," by coming out on stage carrying her Louboutins and her drink.

As a whole, the Golden Globes were full of hilarious moments — even if it is, as most award shows are, best watched an hour behind so those lengthy acceptance speeches can be skipped.

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Every once in a while, a movie will come along that will grab hold of your perception of society's mechanics and challenge the way you look at the world and humanity as a whole. Martin Scorsese's latest directorial entry, "The Wolf of Wall Street," which exaggeratedly reenacts the rise and fall of real-life stockbroker legend Jordan Belfort, is certainly not one of these films. Instead, it's one of the most entertaining and darkly comedic films of the year.

Based on his autobiography, the once-innocent Belfort (Leonardo DiCaprio) becomes consumed by the fast-paced, cocaine-fueled, high-reward world of stock trades, beginning his path to becoming a legend ... a despicable legend. Belfort was just a simple, middle-class kid hoping to make a decent living for him and his wife, but his first day on Wall Street opened his eyes to prospects far beyond his original desires. After an informative discussion with his mentor (Matthew McConaughey), a market crash and the collapse of his firm, Belfort takes his newfound skills from Wall Street to Long Island. There, he learns of the huge profit that comes with selling penny stocks to unsuspecting citizens, from which he can make an astounding 50% commission. To put it simply, he makes a ton of money selling shares of awful companies to suckers.

Joined by newfound partner Donnie Azoff (Jonah Hill), Belfort pursues the penny stock trade and assembles a team of old drug-dealing friends and wannabe brokers for a new firm that will master the art of selling crap for profit. In a short time, the firm expands at an incredible rate, gaining an enormous amount of profit and recognition for Belfort and his employees. Soon, the overwhelming success leads the company into a hedonistic spiral of

in-office drug use and ramped sex. From narcotics and prostitutes to orgies and midget tossing, anything goes behind the doors of Stratton Oakmont. Belfort becomes a pleasure addict and will go to great lengths to ensure that his needs as satisfied, even at the cost of his wife, livelihood and, eventually, freedom. When Belfort does fall at the hands of the FBI ("Was any of this legal? Absolutely not."), he makes sure to live up to his reputation and go out in a blaze of glory (and poor decisions).

Told through the words of Jordan Belfort, this story bares a striking narrative resemblance to Scorsese's earlier masterpiece to appropriately be considered the white collar "Goodfellas." The film is easily Scorsese's funniest film to date, with consistent moments of laugh-out-loud humor. It's also incredibly vulgar, profane and absurd in nearly every scene. Basically, it's easy to see why this film barely escaped an NC-17 rating. I cannot stress this enough when I say this is not a family movie, so try to avoid bringing your parents along. It's three hours (that is not an exaggeration) of utter chaos, but good God is it fun to watch.

Beyond its exceptional direction and pure entertainment value, I urge you to watch this film to see its cast members at the top of their game. Jonah Hill is hilariously splendid as Donnie Azoff, and shares a wonderful brotherly on-screen chemistry with DiCaprio's Belfort. Fellow broker bros played by Jon Bernthal ("Walking Dead"), Ethan Suplee, P.J. Byrne and Kenneth Choi, all have their stand out and outright hysterical moments throughout the film, making "Wolf of Wall Street" a true career booster for the supporting cast. The real surprise comes from the performance of 23 year-old newcomer Margot Robbie playing Belfort's second wife, Naomi. As stunning as she is, her performance elevates her far above the status of eye-candy and shows off both her comedic and dramatic

talent. Matthew McConaughey's role, while significantly short in on-screen time, is incredibly fun as the coked-up executive of Belfort's original Wall Street firm.

While the supporting cast is certainly outstanding, this is by all means DiCaprio's film. His performance is both electric and outrageous, as does a fantastic job balancing the flaws and good-hearted qualities of his character. The film acts as an open door for DiCaprio to show his comedic chops, and he delivers the humor consistently. This is his most impressive role to date and his best shot at finally taking home the gold at the Oscars.

"The Wolf of Wall Street" shows that even at the age of 72, Scorsese can still compete with any filmmaker of today. Even at its excessive run time, there is never a dull moment as the director brings out the best of this story and its actors. The film may be consistently raunchy and over the top, but the lifestyle serves as a cautionary tale rather than a glamorized perspective. "The Wolf of Wall Street" is a true competitor among 2013's best, and shows just how much talent Scorsese and DiCaprio can bring to the screen.

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"The Wolf of Wall Street"

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'Frozen' breaks the ice of tradition

By **ERIN THOMASSEN**
Scene Writer

Even though temperatures were below freezing over break, "Frozen" continued to attract and delight Notre Dame students.

Lauded in a trailer as "the greatest Disney movie since 'The Lion King,'" many students, like sophomore Annemarie Coman, flocked to theatres with a mix of "high expectations and skepticism."

Few were disappointed, however. Junior Ashley Towne said it was her new favorite Disney movie, while junior Rob Callus said it made his "top three." What is it about "Frozen," though, that distinguishes it from other Disney films? If you have not seen "Frozen" yet, don't read further — exit your web browser and sprint to theatres.

In "Frozen," Disney surprises audiences by concealing the villain from them. Normally, a villain is apparent from the beginning: Maleficent curses Sleeping Beauty in the first scene, and Scar is openly evil in "Be Prepared." Consequently, audiences were surprised to learn at the end of the film that Hans only pretended to be Prince Charming to procure the throne for himself. Until the end, most people seemed to assume the Duke of Weselton (aka Weaseltown) was the main villain. Junior Gavin Hsu said he realized Disney used the duke as a decoy to satisfy the audience's need for a scapegoat until Hans proved himself to be the actual antagonist.

Disney continued its trend towards feminism in "Frozen," allowing Ana to save Kristoff when he is

almost eaten by wolves instead of having him save her. Furthermore, the true love that thaws Ana's frozen heart is sisterly love instead of romantic love. Students noticed Disney's trend towards female empowerment in other recent films such as "Brave," a story about the relationship between a mother and daughter instead of the usual prince and princess. However, Disney has not turned completely feminist in the modern sense of the word, since the main female characters in "Frozen" were still built and dressed like Barbies.

Musically, "Frozen" was more mature and complex than previous Disney creations. The film featured layered duets à la Les Mis in "For the First Time in Forever," when Elsa and Ana sing their own verse before singing them at the same time. Sophomore music major Elizabeth Charles said the "Frozen" songs intertwined sung and spoken lyrics in order to push the story along. These songs communicated crucial points in the story, instead of being tangential excuses for song and dance.

Since the directors cast Broadway stars in the leading and supporting roles, all vocals were impressive. Kristoff, who only sang for about a minute in the film, previously starred in "Spring Awakening" with Glee's Lea Michelle. Idina Menzel, the original Elphaba in "Wicked," contributed her powerful voice to Elsa. Disney's leading ladies are normally sweet, soft sopranos with vibrato to spare (think Snow White), so casting Menzel as Elsa was a daring step for Disney.

Some students remarked that her raw voice seemed strange coming out of a lithe blonde, but others did not

care about the apparent incongruity because they were so captivated by Menzel's voice. When musical buffs heard her belt "Let It Go," they were reminded of her rendition of "Defying Gravity," since both songs are about a young woman with dangerous powers who breaks free from society.

Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, the music and lyrics couple who are famous for "The Book of Mormon" and "Avenue Q," brought their fresh sense of humor to the "Frozen" tunes. They made Ana real for young female fans by poking fun at her awkwardness and relatable by having her use words that her fans would use. The idea that comedy can come from a princess' faults started in "Tangled" and was expanded in "Frozen." (Can you imagine Cinderella singing while stuffing chocolates in her face?) The use of "valley girl" language also started with these two films. (Can you picture Snow White calling the evil Queen "totally crazy"?) Much to the chagrin of traditional linguists, the word "like" crept into "Frozen" when Prince Hans used it several times in "Love is an Open Door."

"Frozen" explored new frontiers, but it also stuck with some of Disney's traditional themes. Similar to "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" and "Tangled," the main character sings a song about escaping from imprisonment and interacting with the rest of the world. Similar to "Bambi" and "The Lion King," parents die early in the film. However, Disney switched up many of its usual tactics and was rewarded with an original masterpiece that remains No. 1 in the box office and in many of its viewer's hearts.

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The FUTURISTIC fashion of 'Her'

By **ALLIE TOLLAKSEN**
Scene Writer

Though Spike Jonze's new film, "Her," is undoubtedly a love story, the not-so-distant futuristic tale also has everything to do with the role of technology in our lives. Just as the movie's unconventional romance and impressive gadgets characterize its technological theme, so did the film's carefully designed wardrobe.

With the help of costume designer Casey Storm, Jonze created clothes for a tech-saturated world, complete with large pockets (to fit the characters' personal computer operating systems, of course) and minimalistic, fitted pieces that render belts and ties useless. But while "Her" takes place a little ahead of our time, the film's unique apparel can be purchased today thanks to the "Her" collection by fashion brand Opening Ceremony.

Launched in December, the "Her" collection was created by Opening Ceremony founders Humberto Leon and Carol Lim in collaboration with longtime friend Jonze. Instead of exact replicas of costumes made for the film, the line consists of versatile pieces inspired by Storm's original designs. "Her" by Opening Ceremony makes wearable the collarless shirts, sleek sweatshirts and high-waisted pants seen in the film,

and though we don't quite have our own personal operating systems to fall in love with yet, the distinctive deep pockets are included to comfortably fit an iPhone instead, according to Leon.

Marketed as unisex and described by Storm as "retro-futuristic," the collection incorporates 1920s-style, markedly out-of-fashion elements with the minimalist basics made popular by brands like Uniqlo and Kenzo. In fact, despite high-waisted pants not being considered stylish in decades, the "Her" trousers are flying off shelves. Though the prices may be considered steep (a shirt costs around \$175), the fashion line is seeing considerable success.



Photo courtesy of Opening Ceremony

popular H&M sold out a "Girl With The Dragon Tattoo"-inspired collection in a single day. Opening Ceremony even released a "Spring Breakers" line recently, based on Harmony Korine's acid trip of a film.

This isn't the first time that on-screen style has inspired a clothing line — Opening Ceremony and Jonze actually collaborated only a few years ago on a "Where The Wild Things Are" collection inspired by the 2009 film. Similarly, Brooks Brothers released a "Gatsby" line last year, Banana Republic introduced a "Mad Men" collection and the insanely popular H&M sold out a "Girl With The Dragon Tattoo"-inspired collection in a single day. Opening Ceremony even released a "Spring Breakers" line recently, based on Harmony Korine's acid trip of a film.

Unlike Opening Ceremony for "Spring Breakers," however, with its array of neon tank tops, the "Her" collection has the potential to introduce some new and interesting trends into menswear. If successful, Spike Jonze's jazz-age-meets-high-tech style could start to be seen not just in theaters or for \$200 online, but in everyday apparel. Like "Risky Business" to Ray-Ban sunglasses, items like high-waisted trousers could possibly reenter real-world fashion due to box office success.

This idea of the cinema generating fashion trends certainly isn't new. Legend has it that when men saw Clark Gable without an undershirt in 1934's "It Happened One Night," t-shirt sales dropped dramatically. It wasn't until 1955, when the iconic James Dean starred in "Rebel Without a Cause," that t-shirts fully recovered and sales skyrocketed. Hollywood has always had a hand in what's hot in the fashion world, and "Her" could be the newest example.

It's hard to tell whether Opening Ceremony's success will translate into a larger trend — the Opening Ceremony brand isn't necessarily for everyone, and even Joaquin Phoenix expressed doubts over the costume design. Only time will tell whether the film's "retro-futuristic" look will make its way into our wardrobes this year or if Jonze and Storm are accurately ahead of their time, but "Her" fashion is certainly an interesting addition to the menswear conversation. Now that the fashion is available, all we have left is to wait for a personal operating system to fill our hearts and extra-large pockets.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Bid good riddance to BCS



Jack Hefferon
Sports Writer

Looking back, Jan. 6 will be remembered as Liberation Day for college football.

On the greatest stage in college sports — a national championship at the Rose Bowl — Jimbo Fisher and Florida State toppled a tyrant and signaled the final defeat of a broken system.

The Seminoles manufactured an incredible comeback to best Auburn, 34-31, ending a seven-year run in which the BCS champion emerged from the Southeastern Conference.

That meant, of course, that an SEC team had been named the best team in college football for seven straight years. But it also meant that, for eight straight years, it was determined that one SEC team — if not two — would be part of the National Championship. That determination was made by the BCS: a combination of biased voters, a profits-driven committee and mysterious computers that has thrived under the SEC's reign of terror.

I'd claim that the system was biased towards the South, but clearly that'd just make me a bitter Yankee throwing stones at the Goliath down in Dixie. Since the start of the BCS era in 1998, the SEC has won more bowls, had a better winning percentage in bowl games and won more BCS bowls than any other existing conference. The only real football is played in the SEC. Any other conference champion couldn't go .500 against the gauntlet that is the SEC schedule. Football is religion in the South, and these statements are the preached gospel. (If I recall, Tim Tebow is the patron saint.)

However, the system under the BCS established machinery in which the SEC was set up for glory — and national title berths — every year. Based on the historic trend of SEC success, the preseason top 10 usually contained three or four SEC teams, anticipated to be the next national champion. Sometimes they survived their schedules, other times not. Any losses were written off by the overwhelming “depth” of the conference and catapulted the winning SEC team into the BCS conversation, as well. By the time bowl season rolled around, the SEC continued to keep its three or four best

teams in the top 10, even outranking some undefeated champions from other conferences less favored by God.

The SEC would then tear off success in the bowls, validating the next year's rankings and starting the cycle over again. But the bowls radically favor the SEC. Of the 35 bowl games played this postseason, 19 were located in the SEC's footprint (states with an SEC school).

Sure, the SEC's 7-3 record in bowl games this year was the best of any conference, but only one of its 10 representatives had to travel outside of that conference footprint (Auburn's trip to the Rose Bowl).

Compare that to the Big Ten, which went an inferior 2-5 this bowl season, but played none of its games within the Big Ten's boundaries. Iowa had the shortest trip of any of these seven schools: some 1,200 miles to Tampa (where it lost to an SEC team in SEC territory).

Even the more fair-weathered Pac-12, with plenty of sunny sites available for December and January bowls, played just one-third of its nine bowl games within their footprint.

And of the five BCS bowls, either two or three were played each year in SEC states.

The BCS system was rigged towards the Southeastern squads, but the only thing providing it with widespread credibility was the SEC's run of seven championships, a run as unlikely as it was impressive.

But Florida State's win this year, combined with the end of the BCS system, ends the SEC's stranglehold on title berths. The four-team playoff system instituted next year will probably feature two SEC teams more often than not, but the Seminoles' win punches a hole in the conference's mystique, stealing some momentum from the vicious cycle that ensured an SEC team a place in the championship.

The SEC is, most years, the best conference in college football, and it's not going anywhere. But thanks to Florida State, its stranglehold on the chance at a national championship has been seriously loosened.

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NHL

Maple Leafs defeat Bruins

Associated Press

BOSTON — Tyler Bozak scored twice, Phil Kessel had three assists and the Toronto Maple Leafs held off the Boston Bruins 4-3 on Tuesday night.

Jonathan Bernier made 38 saves for the Maple Leafs, including 15 in the third period as the Bruins tried to rally after allowing three straight goals.

James van Riemsdyk's goal a minute into the third put Toronto up 4-2, and the Maple Leafs held on despite getting outshot 41-26.

Jake Gardiner also scored for Toronto.

Brad Marchand and Patrice Bergeron each had a goal and an assist for Boston. Gregory Campbell pulled the Bruins to 4-3 with 10:25 left in the third period, but Bernier stopped a late flurry of shots after Boston pulled goalie Tuukka Rask for the extra skater.

Boston won the first two meetings this season with the Maple Leafs, who were on the verge of winning their first-round playoff series in Game 7 last spring before the Bruins rallied from a 4-2 deficit late in the third period and won 5-4 in overtime.

Rask made 22 saves in this one for Boston, which lost for the third time in four games. He was booed after van Riemsdyk's wrist shot got past him early in the third, but came up with two big saves later in the period that kept the Bruins in it.

Rask made a sliding pad save on Nazem Kadri as he was being taken down by Zdeno Chara with a hook, then stopped a big shot early in the ensuing power play to keep it 4-3.

Bernier withstood a flurry of shots by the Bruins early in the second, then stopped Boston on a power play to preserve a 2-all tie until Gardiner gave Toronto its

first lead with 12:51 left in the period.

The Maple Leafs were on a power play when Gardiner drifted in from the point to the right circle, where he took a cross-ice pass from Kessel and wristed a shot through Rask.

Bergeron tucked a backhand between Bernier's left pad and the post to put the Bruins up 2-1 with 9:12 left in the first period. The goal stood after a review to make sure the puck didn't slip under the side of the net.

NOTES: Chara played in his 1,100th career game. ... Rask entered with 22 wins, tying his career high set in 2009-10. ... Toronto had not beaten the Bruins since a 2-1 victory in Game 6 of their playoff series last year. After playing three times so far this season, the Original Six rivals have one meeting left. ... Dion Phaneuf's assist in the second period for Toronto snapped a five-game scoreless streak.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL | KANSAS STATE 72, OKLAHOMA 66

K-State upsets Oklahoma

Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Marcus Foster scored 18 points, Nino Williams made four clinching free throws in the closing seconds and Kansas State held on to beat No. 25 Oklahoma 72-66 on Tuesday night.

Shane Southwell added 16 points for the Wildcats (13-4, 3-1 Big 12), who rallied from a 62-56 deficit with just over 5 minutes to play to turn back the streaking Sooners.

Ryan Spangler had a career-high 21 points and 14 rebounds, and Buddy Hield scored 12 points for Oklahoma (13-4, 2-2), but it wasn't enough to offset a lousy night by Cameron Clark.

The Big 12's leading scorer, Clark was held to two points on 1-for-9 shooting. He was stripped of the ball with 24.5 seconds left and the Sooners trailing 67-64.

The turnover forced Oklahoma to foul, and Williams made both free throws. Je'lon Hornbeak

missed a 3-pointer at the other end and the Sooners fouled Williams, and again he knocked down both foul shots to help seal the game.

Wesley Iwundu added 11 points for Kansas State while Williams and Will Spradling finished with 10 points apiece.

The Sooners, the highest scoring team in the Big 12, got the up-and-down game they wanted in the first half. The only problem was that Kansas State, which tends to struggle offensively but is the league's best on defense, was knocking down shots from all over the court.

The Wildcats hit 3-pointers on five straight trips midway through the first half. Foster had the first three, thumping his chest on his way back to the bench after the last of them.

Kansas State eventually pushed its lead to 28-19 on Iwundu's 3-pointer before the Sooners started to find some success in the paint. Isaiah Cousins' driving layup started an 18-5 run over

the next 7 minutes, capped by Hield's basket for a 37-33 lead.

The Wildcats answered with a 3 by Southwell, and Spradling was fouled just before the halftime buzzer and made three free throws to give Kansas State a 39-38 lead.

Oklahoma slowly took control in the second half as the Wildcats cooled off. Spangler's three-point play with 6½ minutes left gave the Sooners a 58-56 lead, and a breezy jumper by Cousins from just inside the 3-point arc extended the lead with about 5 minutes to play.

Once more, Kansas State clawed right back.

Big man Thomas Gipson stuck back a miss by Southwell for his first field goal with 2:59 left in the game to knot it 63-all. Foster then buried a 3-pointer from right in front of Kansas State coach Bruce Weber to give the Wildcats a 66-63 lead.

They managed to hold onto the lead through a tense closing stretch.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING | NORTHWESTERN DUAL MEEET

Irish defeat two of three competitors at dual meet

By **ALEX WILCOX**
Sports Writer

After an intense training and team-bonding trip to the Bahamas, Notre Dame kicked off the spring season, taking two of three in a four-team dual meet on Saturday at Northwestern Aquatic Center.

While 11 days on the beach in the Bahamas over winter break sounds like a dream trip, it certainly was no vacation for the Irish. The team trained long course meters twice daily every day and lifted three days a week.

While the training was tough, junior Emma Reaney said the trip was good to strengthen team chemistry and get away from the windowless pool at Loftus.

"Trips like that have the potential to be bad for team chemistry. Lots of girls who are always with each other

only seeing each other for that amount of time could get bad," Reaney said. "I think instead we used it to our advantage and strengthened our bonds. We played a bunch of stupid but fun games that helped us let loose. Training was pretty hard, but we all knew it was coming so it wasn't too bad."

Reaney said the training left the squad drained and had an effect on the team's performance in Saturday's meet, though.

"[The trip] affected us pretty heavily I'd say," Reaney said. "We were all really tired and it showed. That's a good sign for us though because it means we put the work in that we need to and once we rest, we will be ready to go."

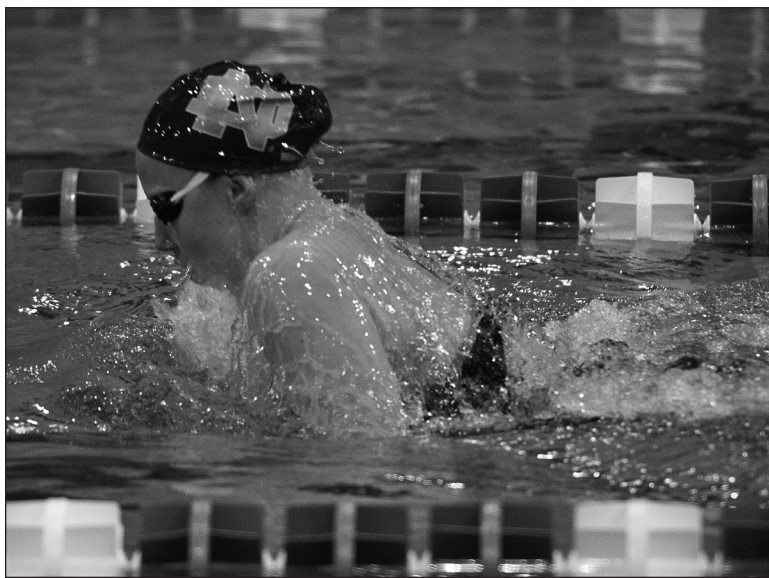
Despite the fatigue, the Irish (6-4) knocked off Rutgers and Northwestern, but fell to Michigan. The team won six individual

events and one relay. Reaney took three of the individual events, which earned her the title of ACC Women's Swimmer of the Week for the fifth time this season.

"I experimented with some different race strategies which I think gives me some really important information going into championship season," she said.

Senior Kelly Ryan and juniors Bridget Casey and Allison Casareto also won individual events, and the team of Ryan, Reaney, sophomore Cat Galletti and freshman Catherine Mulquin took home the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The 100-yard butterfly proved to be Notre Dame's strongest event. The race was one of Reaney's three individual victories, and three of her teammates also finished in the top five, including Galletti, who came in



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Irish junior Emma Reaney competes in the 200m breaststroke on Dec. 8, 2013 at the Hawkeye Invitational.

second.

"We've always been really strong in that event and it's great to know we are keeping that legacy going," Reaney said. "I'm really proud of how we stepped up in that event."

Notre Dame has now won

six of its last seven dual meets. The squad will get the opportunity to add another victory this Saturday when it travels to Louisville.

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SMC BASKETBALL | KALAMAZOO 70, SMC 67

Belles fall to Kalamazoo despite comeback run

By **A.J. GODEAUX**
Sports Writer

Despite a frenetic second-half rally, Saint Mary's ultimately fell

short Saturday in a 70-67 loss to Kalamazoo, dropping the Belles (4-10, 2-3 MIAA) to 2-7 in their past nine games.

"We just ran out of time,"

Belles coach Jenn Henley said. "We played a good game overall, especially toward the end of the second half when we made our run, but just didn't have the

time."

It was a back-and-forth game for much of the opening half, with Saint Mary's holding a narrow lead until a 6-0 Hornets run put Kalamazoo (8-5, 4-1) up 33-31 — its first lead of the game — with just more than two minutes to go in the half. Kalamazoo would hold a 35-34 advantage going into the break.

Belles senior guard Shanlynn Bias connected on five of her nine first-half shots and entered halftime leading all scorers with 10 points.

The second half picked back up where the first half ended, with the teams seemingly trading buckets for the first six minutes of the half. After a baseline jumper tied the game for the seventh time with 13:51 to go, though, the game got away from the Belles as the Hornets embarked on a 12-2 run during which the Belles went cold, going 1-for-11 from the field.

Still, the Belles clawed back into the game, thanks to a 14-5 run of their own. A layup from junior forward Ariana Paul capped the run to bring Saint Mary's within one, 60-59, with 3:13 remaining, but that was the closest the Belles would get.

Kalamazoo extended its lead to 67-61 before a floater in the paint from Belles sophomore forward Krista Knapke cut the lead to four with 1:26 to go. Two free throws from the Hornets extended the lead back to six, but four Belles free throws made it a one-possession game with 26 seconds left.

After the Yellow Jackets missed one of two free throws, Paul had an opportunity to tie the game with a corner three, but her

attempt with 10 seconds to go was off target.

Paul led the Belles with 16 points, while Bias finished with 14 points. Sophomore forward Eleni Shea was the only other Belle in double figures, finishing with 11 points.

The Belles committed 13 turnovers, were outrebounded 47-35 and allowed the Hornets to shoot 46 percent from the field, including 57 percent in the second half — all areas Henley said the Belles have to improve upon moving into their next contest, a home matchup against Calvin on Wednesday.

"We missed some key rebounds down the stretch, and need to do a much better job of boxing out," Henley said. "We also gave up too many points off the drive, allowing them to beat us off the dribble and get in the paint for easy looks. We need to play better one-on-one defense. That, combined with limiting our mistakes on the offensive end."

The Knights (8-5, 3-1) are coming off a conference win over Alma and bring a high-powered offense that has topped 80 points five times already this season.

"Calvin will be a very good test for us," Henley said. "They have some very good shooters and good team speed in the transition game. We'll be alright as long as we contain their guards and pick them up early to slow down that transition game."

The Belles take on the Knights on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Angela Athletic Facility.

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MEN'S SWIMMING | ND 150, NORTHWESTERN 150

Meet versus Northwestern ends in rare tie

By MARY GREEN
Sports Writer

While the majority of the student body rested during winter break, Irish swimmers and divers were still hard at work, tying Northwestern, 150-150, on Saturday at the Norris Aquatic Center in Evanston, Ill.

No. 20 Notre Dame (4-4-1) trailed at the beginning of the meet, bounced back and fell behind the Wildcats (5-3-1) again. The Irish claimed the lead after junior Zach Stephens, senior Colin Babcock, freshman Tom Anderson and junior Matthew DeBlasio swept second through fifth places in the penultimate event, the 200-yard individual medley, before two Northwestern squads beat out the Notre Dame teams in the final 400-yard freestyle relay to seal the tie.

"It was very competitive," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "Those were all hard-fought races. With two events to go, the meet was tied. ... The second-to-last event, we went up by 13, and the last event, [Northwestern] went up by 13 — tie. But there was good

racing all around."

The tie is the second in school history, with the first coming against Chicago, 43-43, in the program's first-ever dual meet on Dec. 6, 1958.

"I've only been in one other tie in my life," Welsh said. "It's very hard to tie a meet."

Michigan also competed in the meet against Northwestern, but the Irish and the Wolverines did not score against each other because they faced off in a dual meet Oct. 12, a 201-99 Michigan win.

Freshman diver Joe Coumos picked up Notre Dame's two individual wins in the 1-meter and 3-meter events, with a score of 311.80 in the first and 339.50 in the second. Stephens and junior John Williamson each took home two second-place finishes, with Stephens's coming in the 200 IM and 200-yard breaststroke and Williamson's in the 100- and 200-yard butterfly events. Junior Cameron Miller added a fifth Irish silver in the 100-yard breaststroke.

"I thought we raced well," Welsh said. "I thought we competed well. We had been

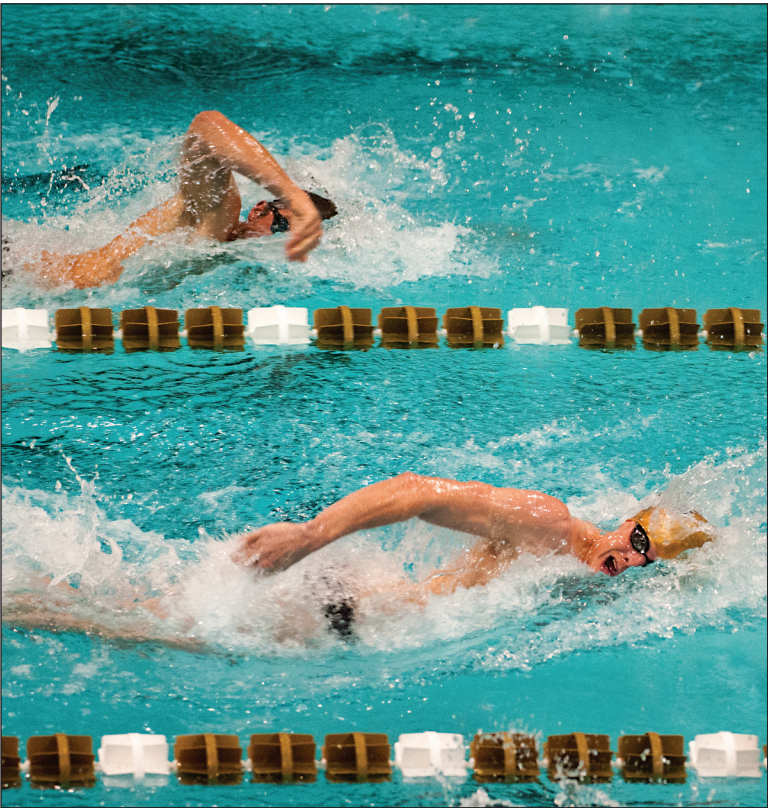
on the road since the 28th of December, so it was a long time on the road, and we trained hard every day.

"And yet when you look at the numbers to see how well we swam, we swam great. Better than that, we swam with spirit and we swam competitively. I was very pleased with it."

The meet against the Wildcats came on the heels of Notre Dame's annual winter training trip to Puerto Rico.

While on the Isle of Enchantment, the Irish practiced each morning in a long-course pool, lifted weights or had a dry-land training session afterwards and practiced again at night. However, they also found time to hit the beach and compete against other American and Puerto Rican schools in the Copa Coqui meet in Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico.

"It's a little more festive than a meet we would have here, in a very positive way," Welsh said. "Once the race starts, they play music while people are racing back and forth. There's a band that comes in and goes around and plays in each team's tented



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Irish sophomore Michael Hudspith (near lane) competes in the 200m freestyle against Michigan State on Nov. 15, 2013.

area. ... It's just a spirited affair, and we've enjoyed it, so it's a nice break in the middle of the trip."

The Irish return to the pool for more training before they

take on former conference rival Louisville on Jan. 24 in Louisville, Ky.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | GEORGIA TECH 74, ND 69

Irish fall to Georgia Tech in first ACC road test



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Irish senior point guard Eric Atkins, pictured during Notre Dame's 73-69 loss to North Dakota State on Dec. 11 at Purcell Pavilion, led Notre Dame with 20 points on Saturday as the Irish fell to Georgia Tech, 74-69, at McCamish Pavilion in Atlanta. The Irish dropped to 10-6 overall and 1-2 in the ACC.

By **JOSEPH MONARDO**
Associate Sports Editor

ATLANTA – In their first road ACC matchup, the Irish were on the wrong side of things for very nearly the entire contest as their most recent comeback attempt came up just short. Notre Dame fell 74-69 to Georgia Tech on the hardwood of McCamish Pavilion.

After working out from under its deficit and into a tie at 66 with

roughly two minutes to play, Notre Dame (10-6, 1-2 ACC) took a 68-67 lead over Georgia Tech (10-6, 1-2) with a layup by graduate student Garrick Sherman. The Yellow Jackets answered with a 3-pointer from senior guard Trae Golden with 45 seconds remaining and would not relinquish their lead from there.

“He is a tough one to handle. When he took it, I’m thinking, ‘I wish he wasn’t taking this for them,’” Irish coach Mike Brey

said.

“We just couldn’t get a key stop at a key time, either out of a zone or man-to-man,” Brey added. “So, disappointing for us, but again, I’m proud of our group because we were searching for 30 minutes on who we were, how to play. We kind of found it the last 10 minutes and you thought it was going to be enough. Georgia Tech made really big shots and key free throws to win the game.”

A three-point attempt by Irish senior guard Eric Atkins, who released a lobbed runner from deep in an attempt to draw foul shots, missed the mark in the final ten seconds with the Irish down three.

“I saw their coach say, ‘foul him when he’s coming up the court,’” Atkins said. “So I knew they weren’t going to let me get to the three-point line. As soon as he put two hands on me I shot it. But they didn’t call it so it’s not a foul.”

The Irish struggled in the opening minutes, missing their first six attempts from the field and falling behind 6-0. Georgia Tech maintained control throughout most of the first half, building a lead as large as 13 points in the first period while hitting four of its first six 3-point attempts.

Notre Dame fought back to narrow the lead to two with eight minutes remaining in the opening half after a layup from freshman guard Demetrius Jackson followed a Georgia Tech turnover and brought the score

to 25-23. Notre Dame had 11 points off six Yellow Jacket turnovers in the first half while giving the ball away only twice.

Georgia Tech quickly pulled away from Notre Dame, though, scoring eight straight points to extend its advantage to 33-23. Notre Dame used another run to enter the break trailing 39-35.

Atkins led the way for the visiting team throughout the half, scoring 12 points on 4-for-7 shooting. Junior guard/forward Pat Connaughton added eight points, four rebounds and three assists. Sherman came up empty in the points column, missing all eight of his shots from the field in the first half while bringing down a team-leading six rebounds.

“They really have a powerful, athletic front line and we just couldn’t get him going,” Brey said of Sherman. “In the second half he got into a better rhythm and that really helped us. But not only [Yellow Jackets center Daniel] Miller, but the other guys coming over. I think Miller initially is a big, physical presence. He’s a heck of a college basketball player.”

Georgia Tech came out strong to begin the second period, using an 8-1 run to extend its lead to 11. The Jackets worked their way to a 15-point advantage with 13:59 remaining in the game before Sherman and Irish sophomore forward Zach Auguste deposited back-to-back buckets to end a Notre Dame dry spell.

Those scores began a 13-0

Irish run, powered largely by Auguste and Sherman down low. After missing his first nine attempts from the field, Sherman drilled four consecutive shots to bring the Irish within two (54-52) with 9:09 remaining. A three-point play by Atkins tied the game at 57 with 6:48 to go, but Georgia Tech embarked on a short five-point run to regain the lead. Notre Dame answered right back and, after a three by Atkins and consecutive jumpers by sophomore forward Austin Burgett and Connaughton, took the lead for the first time at 64-62 with 3:56 left to play.

“It’s pretty remarkable the holes we’ve fought out of, but you put yourselves in those holes and you are not always going to come out of them,” Connaughton said. “So we need to start games like we finish games.”

Connaughton and Sherman both recorded double-doubles in the game, with 10 points and 10 rebounds and 13 points and 12 rebounds, respectively.

Notre Dame will resume action with another road game Wednesday at Maryland after getting a first look at being the away team in its new conference.

“That was a great atmosphere,” Brey said. “Playing on the road, and today was the ultimate. Their fans were great and their fans gave them probably the confidence to win the basketball game.”

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McGraw said she would like to see more balanced scoring than the Irish exhibited against the Cavaliers, but appreciated the efforts of several players, particularly the upperclassmen.

"I'm really pleased with Achonwa and McBride ... they're playing like seniors," McGraw said. "We can count on them to show their poise in adverse situations. I would like to see a little more balance — that would be better — but as it turned out, it was good to have three people in double figures."

Cavaliers sophomore guard Faith Randolph came off the bench and led Virginia with 23 points, while junior forward Sarah Imovbioh scored 18 points, but they could not keep the Cavaliers from suffering their second narrow loss in three ACC matchups. Virginia sandwiched a 67-60 victory over Virginia Tech between a four-point loss to Pittsburgh on Jan. 5 and Sunday's loss to Notre Dame.

The Irish, on the other hand, have been perfect in the ACC so far this season

and remain one of two undefeated teams in the country. No. 1 Connecticut is also unbeaten with an 18-0 overall record, but will not play Notre Dame this season after years of rivalry in the Big East.

The Irish will face other challenges, however, including No. 3 Duke on the road in a high-powered ACC matchup Feb. 2.

Notre Dame and Virginia drew 4,451 fans Sunday, and the Irish can expect noisy road crowds in the future, especially for the marquee matchup with the Blue Devils (16-1, 3-0). Being undefeated can cause distractions, but McGraw said Notre Dame has used its perfect record to its advantage.

"I think we're playing with a lot of confidence," McGraw said. "We expect to win, we try not to be influenced by the crowd, we concentrate [on ourselves]."

The Irish continue their ACC campaign Thursday against Pittsburgh at the Petersen Events Center in Pittsburgh. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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Irish sophomore guard Jewell Loyd defends UNC Wilmington freshman guard Brie Mobley during Notre Dame's 99-50 exhibition victory over the Seahawks on Nov. 9, 2013 at Purcell Pavilion.

Hockey

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Guerriero after starting freshman Matt Larose on Friday, Notre Dame didn't have difficulty finding the net. The Irish started quickly, with sophomore forward Sam Herr opening the scoring four minutes into the game off assists by Rust and Tynan. Just two minutes later, freshman center Vince Hinostroza scored his second goal of the weekend off a pretty spin pass from junior right wing Peter Schneider. Senior forward and captain Jeff Costello added his sixth and seventh goals of the season to make the margin 4-0 Irish.

"It's always nice to contribute offensively like that," Costello said. "I think, so far this season, I'm not up to my own expectations to how I should be producing and scoring."

The final goal was scored midway through the second period, a backhand by Rust — his eighth of the season and fourth of the weekend — off assists from Tynan and junior defenseman Robbie Russo.

Russo opened the scoring Friday just 38 seconds into the game with a wrist shot past Larose. Rust gave the Irish a 2-0 lead at 10:53 with his first goal of the night. Tynan added an assist on the goal and then another just two minutes later when he found Herr from behind the net for Notre Dame's third



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Senior left wing Jeff Costello provides an assist during Notre Dame's 4-0 victory over Merrimack on Nov. 15, 2013.

goal of the night and Herr's ninth of the season.

Rust and Tynan followed their first period success with a pair of goals in the middle period. Rust put home a backhand shot to make it 4-0 before Tynan scored his fifth of the season on a deflection off a Russo slap shot. The Irish made it 6-0 in the final minute before intermission when Hinostroza put back the rebound of sophomore left wing Mario Lucia's attempt.

Overshadowed by the Irish offensive explosion was a 16-save performance by Irish freshman goalie Chad Katunar in his third career start. He stopped all but one of the Chargers' shot attempts, only losing his shut-out when freshman forward Matt Salhany scored early in the third period for Alabama-Huntsville. Senior Joe Rogers replaced Katunar in goal in the game's final minutes and made one save.

Rust put an exclamation point on his stellar performance at 6:25 of the third period with his seventh goal of the season, again assisted by Tynan, beating Larose glove side to earn his first career hat trick.

Irish coach Jeff Jackson said after Saturday's game the weekend provided the Irish a chance to gain some comfort with their new plan for the remainder of the season.

"The best thing about it for us was just to get some line combinations to get some chemistry," Jackson said. "I think that's probably the most important thing. Plus, we implemented a few things about how we want to play in the second half here."

Notre Dame returns to action Friday against Lake Superior State at Compton Family Ice Arena.

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Football

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as a coach,” VanGorder said. In the first step of developing his players, VanGorder said he is still in the early stages of evaluating his defensive contingent. While he does that, VanGorder said he will consider the team’s strengths and, then, determine the type of defense he intends to run. “No matter what you run

schematically, the idea of our players’ enthusiasm for what they’re doing and their standards and expectations are relative to whatever we do, whether it’s 4-3, 3-4, all those kinds of things that we like to talk about,” he said. In surveying Notre Dame’s defense, VanGorder said he has liked what he has seen thus far. “When I put the film on, I like our players’ intensity,” VanGorder said. “You can see

their body language and enthusiasm. They’re all in, and so that’s the most important thing is you build scheme and all those things moving forward. But that’s what I like. I like their enthusiasm and their commitment to excellence and they represent Notre Dame, so that’s the way it should be.” Before entering the coaching ranks, VanGorder was a four-year letterman at Wayne State, where he ranks seventh in school history with 335

career tackles. In February, VanGorder was inducted into the Wayne State University Hall of Fame. At Wayne State, VanGorder was coached by Dick Lowry, a fellow University Hall of Famer who spent six seasons at the helm of the Tartars. VanGorder mentioned Lowry as one of his primary coaching influences. After coaching his three seasons at Grand Valley State, VanGorder left to take the head-coaching job at his alma

mater in 1992. He spent time visiting Michigan and learned from then-Wolverine coaches Cam Cameron and Les Miles. Roughly 10 years and four coaching stops later, VanGorder made the jump to the NFL with the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2005, and he noted the experience of learning under then-Jaguars coaches Jack Del Rio and Mike Smith. **Contact Mike Monaco at jmonaco@nd.edu**

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percentage (.377).

Maryland junior guard/forward Dez Wells leads the team in scoring at 14.4 points, while also averaging five rebounds per game. The 6-foot-5, 215-pounder Wells is almost exactly the same size as Connaughton, who will take the lead in defending Maryland's leading scorer. On top of his defensive duties, Connaughton is averaging 13.3 points and 7.3 rebounds per game for the Irish and is coming off a double-double against the Yellow Jackets.

"We ask him to do a lot," Brey said of the junior captain. "He may be our point guard. He may be guarding a four man. We want him to shoot it. We want him to drive it. We want him to rebound it."

"We've had him as the defensive stopper at times. Obviously he's got to deal with Dez Wells a lot Wednesday night. That's nothing new for him. We've asked him to make big shots. He's gone and gotten double-digit rebounds. He makes free throws."

Sharing the backcourt with Connaughton at times, senior guard Eric Atkins will look to continue his recent hot streak. Since the suspension of senior guard Jerian Grant for an academic matter after Notre Dame's 64-61 loss to Ohio State on Dec. 21, Atkins has averaged 20.8 points per game, bringing his season average up to 14.0.

Despite what have been at times stellar individual performances from Connaughton, Atkins and Sherman, the Irish have been deficient in several areas, Brey said.

"Our shot selection needs to be better and we need to be more patient," he said. "If we don't have it in transition, I don't know that we need to shoot it 15 seconds into the shot clock. We've been pretty good in long possessions in the clock, historically, where we move a team around a little bit. I think at times Atkins, Connaughton and Sherman feel they need to jump-start us individually. It's a fine line because we want them to be aggressive, but we want them to take a great shot. And if that takes a little longer in the shot clock, we'll live with that."

Brey also said his team will need to play strong defense late in the game at Maryland and moving forward.

"We got key stops in the Duke game the last 10 minutes, and we have not been able to do that the last two games, especially Saturday in Atlanta," he said. "We take the lead, have a chance to get a stop and go up two possessions on the road, which you have to do to win a road game. And whether we were in our zone or our man, we just couldn't get a stop. And I think we have to be better there collectively, digging in and not reacting."

The Irish square off with the Terrapins on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in College Park, Md., at the Comcast Center.

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Irish junior guard/forward Pat Connaughton drives during Notre Dame's 80-75 win over Delaware on Dec. 7, 2013 at Purcell Pavilion. Connaughton scored 21 points in that game and averages 13.3 points per game.

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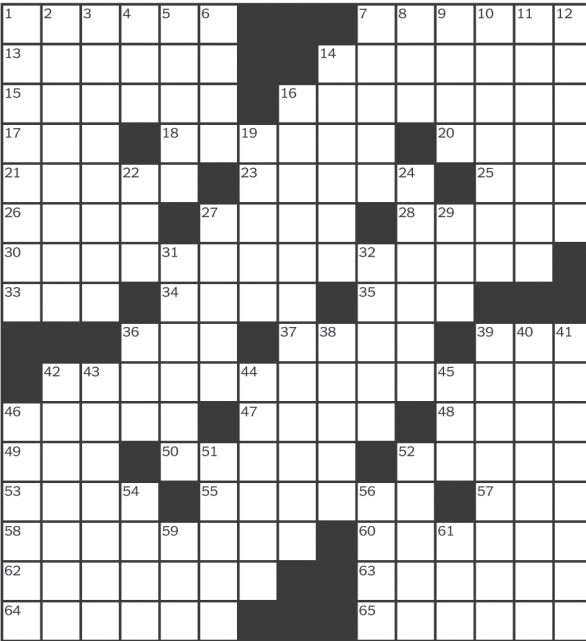
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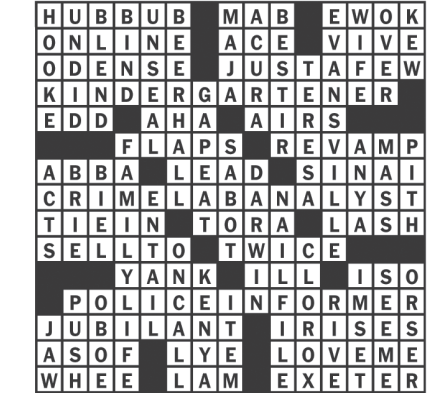
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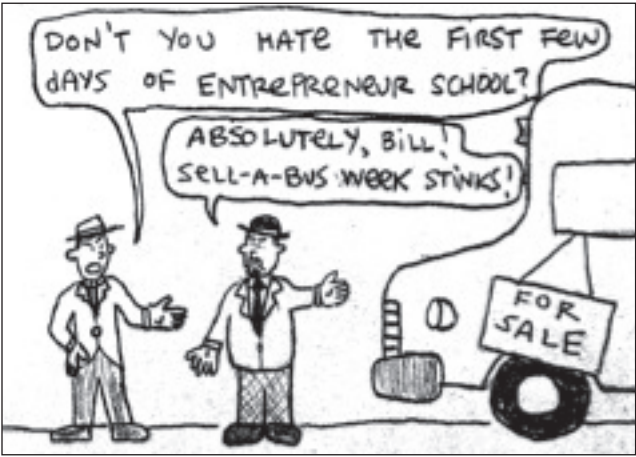
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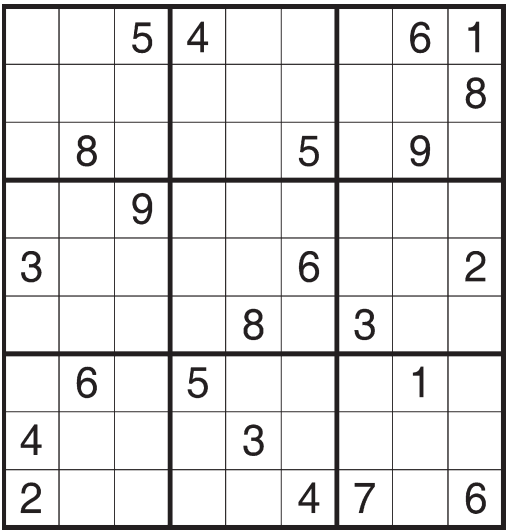


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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Finish what you start or take a pass. Avoid meddling and confrontations. Stick to your priorities, not what someone else wants you to do. Use your quick wit and intelligence to make improvements and help you build stronger ties. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll learn a lot if you establish your position within your community. Participating in events that involve your friends, family or cultural background will open doors of communication that will help you make decisions that can improve your life. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Face emotional issues and deal with matters that have been holding you back or keeping you from doing what you know in your heart is the best thing for you. Clear up the past and make a point to secure what you want. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Frustration and anger will lead to setbacks. Think your strategy through and make your decision based on what you know is true and how you want to handle any consequences or turmoil that arise. Staying calm and being understanding will help. ★★★★★

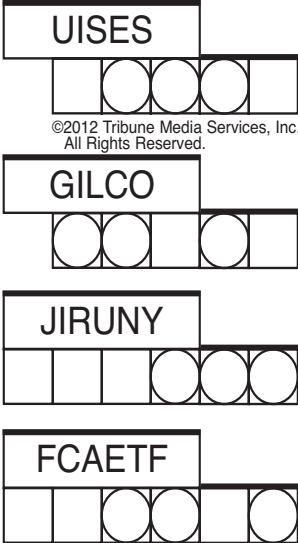
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FOOTBALL

Kelly introduces VanGorder

By **MIKE MONACO**
Sports Editor

Irish coach Brian Kelly officially introduced new defensive coordinator Brian VanGorder on Tuesday afternoon.

VanGorder, who originally worked with Kelly at Grand Valley State for three seasons beginning in 1989, served as the linebackers coach of the New York Jets in 2013, his 25th consecutive season coaching in the collegiate or professional ranks.

Between all the years and all the stops VanGorder has made, Kelly said one factor set the new defensive coordinator apart from other potential candidates.

"The first thing I wanted in this position is a great teacher," Kelly said. "I think first and foremost when you're talking about the ability to bring together our defensive players, you need the ability to communicate and to teach, and Brian is one of the very best teachers, if not the best teacher, that I've ever been around, and I go way back with Brian."

VanGorder was the defensive coordinator at Auburn in



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New Irish defensive coordinator Brian VanGorder speaks at a press conference Tuesday at Guglielmo Athletics Complex.

2012, following five seasons with the Atlanta Falcons, the last four as the defensive coordinator. He replaces Bob Diaco as Notre Dame's defensive coordinator after Diaco left earlier in December to become the head coach at Connecticut. Irish cornerbacks coach Kerry Cooks had been serving as the interim

defensive coordinator.

In hiring VanGorder, Kelly said other major factors were the new hire's experience and understanding of the importance of player development.

"The idea of development, which favors the college player, has always been my desire

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Brey rallies squad after losses

By **JOSEPH MONARDO**
Associate Sports Editor

Less than two weeks after beginning ACC play with a marquee win over perennial powerhouse Duke, Notre Dame enters today's matchup with Maryland reeling from consecutive defeats.

The Irish (10-6, 1-2 ACC) dropped a home game to North Carolina State on Jan. 7 before losing a close one on the road to Georgia Tech on Saturday. The matchup with Maryland (10-7, 2-2) offers a chance for Irish coach Mike Brey's squad to get back on track with 15 conference games remaining.

"Well we're pretty darn resilient," Brey said. "We've had our chances. Obviously we won our first one and had our chances in the other two. And I love my group. I love our team. I'm still learning about them. I think we still have a chance to get better because of the new faces we are plugging in with [senior center Garrick] Sherman, [senior guard Eric] Atkins and [junior guard/forward Pat] Connaughton."

The Terrapins enter the game off back-to-back losses in

conference play, as well. Maryland lost to Pittsburgh, 79-59, on Jan. 6 and to Florida State, 85-61, on Sunday. Both losses came on the road, where Maryland has compiled a record of 1-3, compared to its home and neutral-site records, 6-2 and 3-2, respectively. In its only home ACC game this season, Maryland defeated Georgia Tech, 77-61, on Jan. 4.

Maryland is at or below the middle of the conference in most key statistics, with two notable exceptions. The Terrapins' 3-point field goal percentage of .360 is good enough for fourth in the ACC, as is their rebounding margin of six per game. Notre Dame has shown itself to be vulnerable in each category, ranking second-to-last in 3-point field goal defense — allowing opponents to shoot .375 from long range — and ninth in rebounding margin with a per-game advantage of 4.6 in the category. Both teams seem set to have success shooting the long ball tonight, as Maryland's league-worst 3-point field goal defense (.381) will go against Notre Dame's third-ranked 3-point field goal

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 79, VIRGINIA 72

Notre Dame holds off Virginia

By **SAMANTHA ZUBA**
Sports Writer

Virginia kept the contest close Sunday, but the No. 2 Irish walked away from the John Paul Jones Arena in Charlottesville, Va., with a 79-72 win to stay unbeaten through their first 15 games.

Notre Dame (15-0, 3-0 ACC) won by only single digits for the first time this season, despite having a 51-38 lead early in the second half. The Cavaliers (8-8, 1-2) outscored the Irish 42-38 in the paint, and Virginia's bench provided 31 points compared to seven from Notre Dame's reserves, but the Irish fought off an 11-4 second-half run by the Cavaliers and held on for the victory.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said the tough road matchup illustrated the challenges of playing in the talented ACC.

"I think the ACC is such a tough conference defensively; [it has] good rebounding, good coaching,"

McGraw said. "It's important to [keep playing the way we have been.] We're going to be challenged every night, especially on the road."

Senior forward Natalie Achonwa (26 points), senior guard Kayla McBride (23) and sophomore guard Jewell Loyd (17) provided most of the scoring for Notre Dame.

The other two Irish starters, senior forward Ariel Braker and freshman guard Lindsay Allen, added six points total.

Although Achonwa, McBride and Loyd — the only Irish players averaging double-digit points per game this season — tend to be the biggest scorers for Notre Dame, more players usually contribute. Notre Dame has enjoyed regular scoring from Allen, as well as from sophomore guard Michaela Mabrey and freshman forward Taya Reimer off the bench.

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HOCKEY | ND 7, ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE 1; ND 5, ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE 0

Irish secure sweep

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Thanks to an offensive explosion at Compton Family Ice Arena, led by senior right wing Bryan Rust and senior center T.J. Tynan, No. 15 Notre Dame outscored Alabama-Huntsville 7-1 Friday night and 5-0 Saturday for its first series sweep since October.

The Irish (12-8-1, 3-5-1 Hockey East) now have three victories against the Chargers (1-23-0, 1-13-0 WCHA) this season, with the previous win on Nov. 29 during the Shillelagh Tournament. Notre Dame's offense shone in the matchups, notching at least five goals in each contest. Friday's total of seven tied its highest output of the season as Rust notched Notre Dame's first hat trick of the season.

Saturday's loss was the eighth in a row for the Chargers as Irish senior goalie Steven Summerhays returned to goal for the Irish after sitting the previous



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Irish senior goaltender Steven Summerhays blocks a shot during Notre Dame's 5-2 exhibition win over Guelph on Oct. 6, 2013.

night. Summerhays proceeded to blank the Chargers, stopping 13 shots en route to his fourth shut-out of the season.

Despite Alabama-Huntsville switching to freshman goalie Carmine

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