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ND amends harassment protocol

Administration combines former policies on sexual, discriminatory provocation

By MARISA IATI

Assistant Managing Editor

In an attempt to streamline treatment of sexual and discriminatory harassment, the Office of Institutional Equity published revisions to the University's "Policy on Sexual and Discriminatory Harassment" in late December.

"This is an overarching policy that applies to everyone at the University that says we have no tolerance for instances of sexual or discriminatory harassment," Sarah Wake, director of the Office of Institutional Equity, said. "It is also a general policy statement about what the University expects of every member of this community."

The policy applies to students, faculty and staff members, but the "du Lac" student handbook, and not the "Policy on Sexual and Discriminatory Harassment," governs studenton-student sexual harassment.

The revised policy combines two previous policies: one on POLICY ON SEXUAL AND DISCRIMINATORY **HARASSMENT** ZERO TOLERANCE FORMAL INVESTIGATIONS CONFIDENTIALITY REPORT CHANNELS LISTED AT EQUITY.ND.EDU

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sexual harassment and one on discriminatory harassment, Wake said. She said the sexual harassment policy largely mirrored the student-on-student sexual harassment policy in "du Lac," whereas the discriminatory harassment policy contained some different procedures.

"There wasn't as specific of a time frame, it wasn't as clear I think who to contact and what the process was," Wake said. "By condensing the two policies ... we have the same policy and procedure governing both sets of conduct.

"It also shows that we take discriminatory harassment just as seriously as we take sexual harassment. They're treated the same way, they're investigated in the same way, they have the same time frames involved. It shows to me that they're treated on equal footing here and that we're committed

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Former sociology professor dies

Observer Staff Report

Former Notre Dame sociology professor Maureen Hallinan died Jan. 28 in South Bend at the age of 73 after an illness,



according to a University news release.

Hallinan, the William P. and Hazel B. White Professor of Sociology Emeritus at Notre Dame joined the College of Arts

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Exxon Mobil rep discusses the future of energy

By JESSICA MERDES

News Writer

Vice president and treasurer of Exxon Mobil Corp. Robert Schleckser spoke at the Mendoza College of Business on Friday as the human population growth, first of seven lecturers for the one-credit course "Notre Dame Ten Years Hence Speaker Series: The Future of Energy."

The series aims to "explore issues, ideas and trends likely to affect business and society over the next decade," according to Mendoza's website.

Schleckser, a Notre Dame graduate who earned a degree in chemical engineering,

said investments his oil company makes will cause effects well beyond the year 2040. Gas companies are looking and planning ahead in a world suffering from an energy crisis and unprecedented he said.

"There is no purpose in us to be self-serving ... because we look at the prospect of getting a good return over time," Schleckser said.

Schleckser said Exxon believes in "letting market force dictate the solution" to the environmental issues. Since "global progress drives demand," he said he considers

let's talk about

diversification

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SMC kicks off Heritage Week, honors Sr. Madeleva

By KELLY KONYA Saint Mary's Editor

Editor's note: This is the first *installment in a three-part* series exploring the unique characteristics of the Saint Mary's alumnae, leaders and places on campus in honor of the College's annual Heritage

This week marks Saint Mary's annual celebration of Heritage Week, a time for students to reflect on the rich tradition of the College.

One of the most important figures in the College's history is Sr. Madeleva Wolff, a woman who embodied the College's four core values of spirituality, learning, community and justice, junior Grace McSorley said.

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Sr. Madeleva Wolff was president of Saint Mary's College from 1934 to 1961 and is responsible for much of the College's core values.



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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What is your favorite Super Bowl snack?



Sean Himel sophomore Duncan Hall "Potato pancakes."



Austin Burgett sophomore Duncan Hall "Girl Scout cookies."



Jake Castellini sophomore Alumni Hall "Skyline Chili dip."



James Harkins sophomore Duncan "Celery."

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Kerry McCartan sophomore Howard Hall "Guac."



Danny Shawhan sophomore Duncan Hall "Diced pineapples."



Students watch from the LaFortune Student Center as the Seattle Seahawks battle the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XLVIII. The Broncos bested the Seahawks, 43-8, in a lopsided contest.

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Monday

ACMS colloquium

Hayes-Healy Center 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. With Bledar Konomi of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

"Vincent Who?"

LaFortune Student Center 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. On the Asian American

Civil Rights movement.

Tuesday

Human rights lecture

Hesburgh Center for International Studies 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. With Dr. Christopher McCrudden.

Lecture: Don Drakeman

Innovation Park 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. On new medicines and biotech companies.

Wednesday

Career and internship fair

Joyce Center 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Professional dress recommended.

"As You Like It"

Washington Hall 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Shakespeare's famous comedy with London Stage actors.

Thursday

Love Languages Coleman-Morse

Center 12 p.m. - 1 p.m, Which of five love langauges fits you?

Concert: Piano

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Bach, Schubert with Daniel Schlosberg.

Friday

Hospitality lunch Geddes Hall

11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$5 donation benefits St. Margaret's House.

Meyo Invitational

Loftus Sports Center, Meyo Field 4 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Track and Field, continues on Saturday.

Professor discusses global impact of Irish literature

By JACK ROONEY News Writer

Friday, Dr. Kasia Bartoszyska, a professor at Bilkent University in Turkey, presented a lecture titled "Ireland Among Others," as part of the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies' Lectures and Public Talk Series.

Bartoszyska, who received her Ph. D. in Comparative Literature from the University of Chicago in 2011, spoke on the significance of Irish literature in a global and transnational

Irish Studies typically draws comparisons to its west-European neighbors, Bartoszyska said, but a better understanding comes from comparing Ireland to countries with similar features.

"Irish Studies has long had an implicitly comparative dimension, often seeing its cultural output in relation to, and in turn set by, that of its nearest neighbor, Great Britain," Bartoszyska said. "Recent years have seen an increase in different forms of comparison.

"In examining Irish writing alongside that of other cultures, be that of other colonies, other islands or other predominantly Catholic nations, new geographical coordinates, it is suggested, have the potential to highlight aspects of the tradition that have heretofore received less attention, giving us a new perspective on Irish literature."

Bartoszyska said she based her lecture on a comparison between two novels, one Irish and one Polish. Bartoszy ska focused on "Melmoth the Wanderer," written by Irish author Charles Maturin and "The Manuscript Found in Saragossa," written by Polish author Jan Potocki.

"Focusing on these concrete examples gives us a pathway to the bigger questions by seeing how some of the theoretical paradigms play out in practice," she said. "They were written around the same time, in the late 18th and early 19th century, and they're oddly similar to each other in many ways, except that one has a Polish author and the other, an Anglo-Irish one. They are not exactly worldfamous classics, but neither are they completely unknown."

The novels share a similar style of seemingly unrelated characters telling interconnected stories, Bartoszyska said.

"What 'Melmoth Wanderer' and 'Manuscript Found in Saragossa' share is a highly interconnected character structure, where people who have seemingly nothing to do with each other are shown as related in various ways," she

Bartoszyska said it is common for scholars to attribute similarities like these to the similar cultural and socio-political factors present in both Ireland and Poland.

"After all, weren't both Poland and Ireland countries with extremely powerful neighbors, places that had to struggle to keep their cultures alive in the face of constant threat or even a total loss of sovereignty," she said. "Didn't both have a lasting, deep connection to the Catholic Church?"

The connection runs much deeper than superficial characterization, Bartoszyska said.

"As a starting point, we can say that when we compare Polish and Irish literature, we learn that neither is the anomaly it often imagines itself to be," she said. "In both Polish and Irish Studies, references abound to the uniqueness of each as a dominated region within Europe."

Bartoszyska said comparative study of such literature helps develop an overall better understanding of world literature.

"Examining the way these two texts create fictional worlds and articulate the relationship between those worlds, and the world, we can begin to consider the question of how they fit in to a more global understanding of literature," she said.

Studies like hers may ultimately lead to a better conception of literature overall, Bartoszyska said.

"So comparing Irish literature to other traditions, paradoxically, may help us move beyond such narrow comparisons, and to contextualize Irish writing within a more transnational frame," she said.

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Academic fraternities foster scholastic excellence

By JACK ROONEY

News Writer

Contrary to popular belief, Greek life does exist on Notre Dame's campus. Although the University does not sanction any social fraternities or sororities, a number of academic fraternities provide students with unique scholastic and professional opportunities and networks.

According to the Student Activities Office (SAO) website, nine undergraduate student clubs, in fields ranging from accounting to political science and engineering, are part of national academic organizations that use Greek letters as identifiers.

Senior Dominic Romeo, the co-president of Notre Dame's chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, a political science honor society, said the organization provides its members with excellent scholarship opportunities as well as a valuable network.

"There are some scholarships through the national organization that students can apply for," Romeo said. "They can also get grant funding through the national organization, too. Pi Sigma Alpha also puts you into a global network of people who have excelled in political science."

Ashlee Hunt, a first year student in Notre Dame's Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) program serves as president of Notre Dame's chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting honor society. She said Beta Alpha Psi hosts a variety of events for its members to network and perform service.

"We have professional events when someone from a company like Deloitte comes in and gives a presentation," Hunt said. "We also have service out and volunteer at places like the Robinson Community Learning Center.

"We also do interactive service activities with companies. KPMG is coming on Feb. 26 and we are making shoebox school supply kits for elementary school students."

As honor societies, these organizations often require members to maintain outstanding grades and display strong leadership characteristics. Hunt said along with a rigorous GPA requirement, Beta Alpha Psi requires students to perform service and attend events sponsored by the organization.

"Members inducted

during their junior year and then they are required to complete six service hours and six professional hours per semester to remain members," she

Senior Jane McGuinness, president of Notre Dame's chapter of Tau Beta Pi, an engineering honor society, said her organization chooses members based on "character, service, leadership and scholarship."

"Tau Beta Pi has a selective process of initiating people," McGuinness, an electrical engineering major, said. "They invite the top eighth of the junior engineering class and top fifth of the senior engineering class to apply."

McGuinness said Tau Beta Pi also runs tutoring sessions as part of its academic and service mission on Notre Dame's

"The main way we give back to the school is our tutoring programs," McGuinness said. "We have nightly sessions for upper level engineering classes in all of the different engineering fields."

Senior Taryn Green, a member of Upsilon Pi Epsilon (UPE), a computer science honor society, said students could also receive significant scholarships for their work.

"Because we are an honor society, we mostly just exist on this campus to recognize student's academic achievement and provide them an additional scholarship route through the national Upsilon Pi Epsilon organization," Green said. "Members can apply for a scholarship through the executive UPE council. Scholarships range between \$750 to \$1500."

Romeo said members of Pi Sigma Alpha are eligible for scholarships and grants and gain access to an expansive events where students will go professional and academic network.

> "There are some scholarships through the national organization that students can apply for," Romeo said. "They can also get grant funding through the national organization, too. It also puts you into a global network of people who have excelled in political science."

> Notre Dame also has chapters of Pi Tau Sigma (engineering), Psi Chi (psychology), Chi Epsilon (civil engineering), Eta Kappa Nu (computer and electrical engineering) and Lambda Alpha (anthropology).

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SMC connects with summer program in Utah

By CHELSEY FATTAL News Writer

Saint Mary's students interested in summer service may want to consider applying for the Holy Cross Ministries Utah Summer Program in Salt Lake City.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross in Utah are looking for enthusiastic, service-minded students to help with a summer education program for elementary school-aged children.

"It's something we have been doing for quite some time," Sr. Mary Ann Pajakowski, director of education for Holy Cross Ministries, said. "The summer service program

gives students the opportunity to engage in more outreach projects."

Office of Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) representative Erika Buhring said the Sisters run the program for approximately 200 elementary school children in first through fifth grade during the summer months.

The Utah Summer Program is the College's largest summer service program. While other summer opportunities generally allow students to spend a couple weeks doing service, this opportunity spans a period of eight weeks.

The Utah Program currently offers students numerous opportunities for education

experience, including working with children on mathematics, creating fun activities and going to the pool.

Junior Meaghan Garofalo said her favorite experience involved taking the students to the pool and helping them learn how to swim. She also said she enjoyed working with the Sisters of the Holy Cross and spending time with them and her fellow peers in the program.

"It's hard to choose one favorite activity," Garofalo said.
"The entire Utah program was just amazing."

According to the OCSE application, college participants are provided housing through Saint Mary's and

Notre Dame alumni who live in the area. Host families provide interns with both housing and meals.

Garofalo said she was placed with a graduate of Saint Mary's and appreciated the opportunity to connect with an SMC alumna.

The experience was humbling, Garofalo said.

"Many of the children that I worked with were in hard situations, but they highly valued obtaining their education," she said.

According to the OCSE application, the population of the area is largely Latino, and knowledge of Spanish is helpful

"The students we worked

with were adorable and incredible," Garofalo said. "So many of them were bilingual [in English and Spanish], but continually, they were working their hardest to improve their language skills."

Buhring said interns are expected to manage a group of about 12 kids, plan the programs and provide a different theme every week.

Despite the large number of applicants, OCSE only selects two Saint Mary's students to participate in the program. The deadline for applying to the Utah Summer Service Program is March 7, 2014.

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Students weigh in on all-school formal



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Left to right, Molly Pax, Gabriella Coronado, Catherine Miller, Madeline Rafferty, Caitlin McGarry and Hannah Britton pose barefoot.

By ALAINA ANDERSON News Writer

Saint Mary's students and their guests relived their high school dances when Saint Mary's Residence Hall Association (RHA) hosted the all-school, prom-themed formal on Friday at the Hilton Garden Inn.

RHA president Kaitlyn Baker said the event was a huge success and received positive feedback from students in attendance all night.

Eight hundred tickets went up for sale to support RHA. Baker said she was pleased with the number of students that bought tickets.

"We sold at least 780 tickets, so we are pretty happy about that," Baker said.

The theme for the formal this year was "prom" and included the crowning of a prom queen for the upperclassmen and a prom princess for the lowerclassmen.

"This year we have a very large freshman class," Baker said. "We thought it was pretty practical so most of the girls could wear their prom dresses again. That's what drew us towards the prom theme."

First-year student Ali Mahoney was excited about the prom theme and was pleased with her first college formal at Saint Mary's.

"I think it's really fun to dress up and get ready for a dance again like we did in high school but to do it in college with all our friends," she said.

Before the formal, the organizers of Dance Marathon, a charity event meant to raise money for the Riley Hospital for Children, provided hair and nail services in the Reignbeaux lounge in Le Mans from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.. Salon Rouge was painting nails for \$5, curling and braiding hair for \$2, doing makeup for \$2 and applying hair extensions for \$7. All the money went to support Dance Marathon.

First-year student Catherine Miller had her nails painted in Le Mans before the formal. Miller said she thought it was such a fun idea for Dance Marathon to offer these services for girls.

"My nails looked so great for formal and you couldn't beat those prices," Miller said. "I'm so happy Dance Marathon did this because doing my own nails is always a struggle and it feels great being pampered once in a while."

First-year student Madeline Rafferty said although she had a great time at the formal, she was upset the dance was held on Friday instead of Saturday.

"My boyfriend goes to University of Wisconsin Madison so he would have had to skip his classes on Friday to make it in time to formal." Rafferty said. "A lot of other girls have significant others

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Annie McGlone sophomore

that don't go to Notre Dame or Holy Cross so it would have been nice if formal was on Saturday."

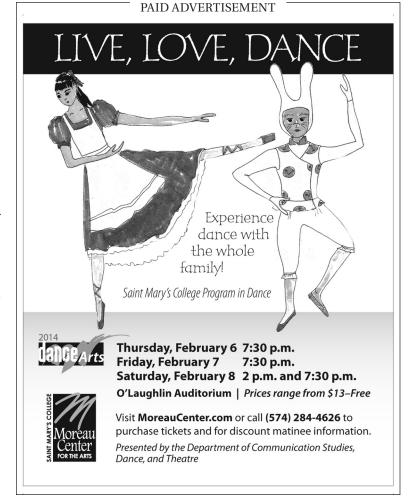
Sophomore Annie McGlone said she had a great time dancing with her friends and really enjoyed the prom aspect of formal.

"Formal has been a lot of fun. We just came with our friends and no dates, which can be even better," McGlone said. "We're just having a lot of fun on the dance floor."

First-year student Yosline Camacho said she never attended prom in high school and was happy to share this experience with her best friends.

"Saint Mary's did such a good job with formal this year and I was so excited it was prom themed. There are always so many dances at Notre Dame and we never have dances here, so when we do it's a great way for the community to come together, get dressed up, and have a blast," Camacho said. "I can't wait for next year's formal."

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Policy

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to having a zero tolerance policy for both types of harassment."

The revised sexual and discriminatory harassment policy eliminates the option of proceeding informally to attempt to resolve a case. Wake said under the previous policies, a department of the University could conduct its own investigation about an instance of alleged harassment. She said this informal procedure was troublesome because different departments used distinct processes and sometimes reached different outcomes.

"We want these to be treated consistently ... across campus, so we want to know that all of our students, all of our faculty and all of our staff who are ever making a complaint, that they know that they can trust in the process and that they'll get a consistent result any time that they come forward," Wake said. The revised policy provides

students with two options to make complaints: communicating directly with the alleged defender or undergoing the University resolution process. Wake said this new set of options provides consistency among cases of alleged harassment.

"It allows us to track what's going on on campus," she said. "Before, if things were handled informally, we might not ever know, someone at the University might not ever know, that in a given department there was whatever complaint. ... Now, with this process, ... we're going to have an accurate picture of where potential problems might be and where we might need to do more, to conduct additional training or make people more aware of a policy and of what the University expects."

The "Policy on Sexual and Discriminatory Harassment" also states that the University aims to complete investigations of complaints within 60 calendar days of the initial report, as opposed to the 60 business days mentioned in the previous, separate policies.

A provision of the revised policy ensures the confidentiality of people who report instances

"We want people to come forward, and we want people to feel comfortable, not only with the process, but with people here at the University who are designed simply to help deal with situations like this."

Sarah Wake director Office of Institutional Equity

of harassment. A separate provision protects them against retaliation.

"When [University President Fr. John Jenkins] speaks about

these issues, he says that it never serves Notre Dame to keep issues like this quiet," Wake said. "We want people to come forward, and we want people to feel comfortable, not only with the process, but with people here at the University who are designed simply to help deal with situations like this."

Wake said her office recently redesigned its website, equity. nd.edu, to make clearer the avenues through which people can report harassment. She said policies regarding sexual and discriminatory harassment also have become more integrated into faculty and staff orientation programs.

Additionally, Wake said so far in the 2013-14 academic year, her office has received four times as many complaints of sexual or discriminatory harassment involving a staff member as it did in the entire 2012 calendar year.

"I just think there's been a huge renewed commitment to making sure people are aware of and understand these issues,"

Although the student-on-student sexual harassment policy outlined in "du Lac" is not currently up for revision, Wake said the University is conducting focus groups with students and is open to considering improvements that could be made to the "du Lac" policy in the future.

Wake said she hopes the revisions to the "Policy on Sexual and Discriminatory Harassment" help people to understand the avenues through which students, faculty and staff can report issues or receive guidance.

"I hope that people also gain confidence in the process, that if I come forward, I'm always going to be treated with respect," Wake said. "I'm going to have a fair process, it's going to be a prompt process, it's going to be a thorough process, and at the end of the day, that they feel the resolution is fair."

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Hallinan

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and Letters in 1984, the release stated. She was the second woman at the University appointed to an endowed chair and the founding director of the Institute for Educational Initiatives and the Center for Research on Educational Opportunity.

"It is impossible to think about Notre Dame sociology without thinking of Maureen Hallinan," department chair Rory McVeigh said in the release. "Her extraordinary research accomplishments and her high visibility in sociology, and in education research more generally, put a spotlight on our department in a way that benefitted her colleagues and attracted strong faculty members and graduate students to Notre Dame."

Hallinan authored or edited nine books and more than 120 peer-reviewed articles in scholarly journals. Her research in the field of sociology of education included work on the effects of school characteristics on student achievement and social development, the formation of in- Alliance for Catholic terracial friendships in middle Education.

and secondary schools and achievement gaps between races. She was renowned for her research on academic tracking and children's responses to being tracked above or below their capabilities, the release stated.

During her 28-year tenat the University, Hallinan received Dame's Presidential Award Citation in 1997, the Research Achievement in 2003, the Faculty Award in 2006 and the Excellence in Research on Catholic Education Award in 2007. Beyond her work at Notre Dame, Hallinan served as president of the American Sociological Association in 1996 and president of Sociological Research Association in 2000.

A visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Kaniewski Funeral Home, 3545 N. Bendix Drive, South Bend. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, followed by interment in Notre Dame's Cedar Grove Cemetery.

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the world's expected population growth.

There are approximately 7 billion people in the world right now, but by the year 2040, the world population is expected to be 9 billion, Schleckser said. Energy consumption is also expected to change due to global urbanization and the growth of major cities.

The energy consumption for a person living in an urban area is about three times as high as it is for someone living in a rural area, Schleckser said. As the world continues to become more urban, Schleckser said energy use is expected to increase.

"[The goal is] to grow the economy without changing the amount of energy used," he said. "[Because] as much energy as the world uses today in total ... the largest source of new energy is saving the energy that we are using today."

Schleckser said this goal is achievable by making the process of transmitting energy more efficient and by increasing the percentage of energy that comes from cleaner sources. He said vehicle efficiency is expected to increase to 45 miles per gallon by 2040.

Projections that extend to 2040 show that energy demands will increase along with population growth and urbanization, Schleckser said, but saving energy and increasing the efficiency of technology are important to creating a sustainable future.

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Mass mobs fill pews, lift prayers

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Playing off the idea of using social media to summon crowds for parties or mischief, mobs of Buffalo-area Roman Catholics have been filling pews and lifting spirits at some of the city's original, now often sparsely attended, churches.

It works this way: On a given Sunday, participants attend Mass en masse at a church they've picked in an online vote and promoted through Facebook and Twitter. Visitors experience the architecture, heritage and spirit of the aging houses of worship and the churches once again see the numbers they were built for, along with a helpful bump in donations when the collection baskets are passed.

"I call these churches faith enhancers. You can't help but walk in and feel closer to a higher power," said Christopher Byrd, who hatched the idea in Buffalo last fall and has organized two Mass mobs so far, both of which drew hundreds. He's heard from other cities about starting their own.

The aim, he said, is to reignite interest, support and perhaps even membership in older churches that "kind of fall off the radar screen of people."

One such church is Our Lady of Perpetual Help in a neighborhood settled by Irish immigrants along the Buffalo River. The church once brimmed with 800 families when it was dedicated in 1900. Today, fewer than 50 worshippers typically amble into the Gothic-style sanctuary for Sunday Mass.

It's a familiar story among city churches that were built for

waves of Polish, German, Irish and Italian immigrants but whose congregations have dwindled with the city's population decline and suburban sprawl. Buffalo's population is less than half what it was in 1950, when it peaked at 580,000.

"We're still here," said the Rev. Donald Lutz, who welcomed a crowd of more than 300 on a recent Sunday after Our Lady of Perpetual Help, known to locals as "Pets," was selected for the Mass mob.

Organizers sought nominations from the public for churches on the Mass mob website and put the top three up for a vote. Online voting begins this week for the next mob, planned for March 23.

"It's wonderful," said Lutz, who learned his church had been chosen two weeks before. "It just shows that we are not just one parish, that it's the whole family of the diocese. We take care of

"And," he added, "if it helps us pay a few more bills ..."

With every pew occupied, later-arriving worshippers stood against the back wall, reminding 88-year-old parishioner Elizabeth Barrett of the way it used to be in the church she has attended since birth, a block from her lifelong home.

"You had to get here very early when I was young, it was so crowded," she said. "And now there are just a handful. It's hard to accept, but you have to."

During the sign of peace, Lutz spent several minutes breezing up and down aisles, smiling and shaking hands. He invited all to a nearby community center for a pastry and coffee after the service.



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said.

McSorley, who has studied Wolff ever since she learned of her many contributions to Saint Mary's, said she thinks all students should know her story.

"She is truly fascinating to me," she said. "She was educated at Notre Dame, [the University of California] Berkeley, Oxford. She ran with an impressive literary circle, with friends like Edith Wharton and C.S. Lewis, and she published over 20 books in her

During her tenure as the third Saint Mary's president beginning in 1934, Wolff headed the English department and introduced many distinguished programs, McSorely said.

"She formed a school of theology here that made Saint Mary's one of the only colleges at the time offering graduate degrees in theology to women, and she also ordered the construction of the Moreau Center for the Arts, which was one of the first buildings in the nation to have galleries, theaters and classrooms for the pursuit of art," she said.

"One of my favorite facts about her, though, is her role in establishing the nursing program. As a nursing major, I don't know where I would be without Sr. Madeleva and her accomplishments while president. She truly molded Saint Mary's into the great place it is

event in the Student Center Lounge to celebrate her poetry and life.

English professor Sr. Eva Hooker selected and read nine poems from one of Wolff's collections, including famous poems "Apology for Youth" and "Song of Bedlam Inn."

"These nine poems in some way read Sr. Madeleva as I knew her through the years both as a student and as a young sister," Hooker said. "She was president when I came here as a firstyear student in 1958, and she retired from the College not too long after that. She would come over on Sunday afternoons and read poetry to us, and I got the privilege of walking her back and forth between one side of the campus and the other.

"She was always the person who best represented Saint Mary's."

After the reading, College archivist John Kovach shared a variety of memorabilia belonging to Wolff, including her college scrapbook, old photographs and many of her letters, McSorley said.

"John also played a recording of Sr. Madeleva reading her own poetry, which I really enjoyed," McSorley said. "It was great to be able to hear her poems spoken by her own voice. I have always been a fan of her poetry, and I was glad other students could hear it, too."

Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney said Wolff is still widely studied, read and even quoted today.

"She is truly legendary," Sunday, the College held an Mooney said. "She was an internationally acclaimed poet and brought a great deal of recognition to Saint Mary's through her connections around the world. Many refer to those as the 'golden years.'

"I was an English major during my years as a student and of course, I have read all of her books and biographies. I admire her work ethic and love for Saint Mary's very much."

Wolff set Saint Mary's course as the leading Catholic women's college in the country, and she truly cared about the students, Mooney said.

"In fact, she ate dinner with them in Reignbeaux Lounge regularly," she said. "She is also rumored to have stood on her balcony (her bedroom was in the southeast corner of LeMans) to watch the young women coming home from their dates.

"She also was responsible for much of the beauty of our campus, working with the head gardener at the time to bring as many species of plants and trees to campus as possible. She was a believer in the presence of God in nature."

Vice President of the Division for Mission Sr. Veronique Wiedower said Wolff is also responsible for inspiring students to expand their worldviews while remaining firmly rooted in the Catholic and Holy Cross heritage.

"Sr. Madeleva was, as she says of herself, a person who dreamed and then worked hard to make her dreams come to fruition," Wiedower said. "She believed that women needed to be immersed in a global reality and worked hard to bring the world to Saint Mary's.

"Her promise to the students of her day was one of discovering the universe and one's place in it. That is still true for the College today."

Wolff's legacy can still be seen throughout the College, Wiedower said.

"[It's in] the beauty of the campus, in the curriculum that embraces the liberal arts and professional arts, and in the excellence of our faculty; in our dedication to study abroad and global studies and environmental studies," she said.

Wiedower said she hopes she can be equally committed to her ministry and find the time to nourish both her own religious life and love for music.

"The thing I personally find most inspiring about Sr. Madeleva was her ability to stay true to herself in whatever circumstances she found herself.

"She would have loved to focus solely on the artistic and aesthetic aspects of her life her poetry, her love of nature, her delight in travel, her love of religious life — and yet she gave over 30 years to administration because she believed in the mission of education."

Student body president Kat Sullivan said the students today acknowledge Wolff's motivational legacy in many of the College's courses and in daily

"I was a teaching assistant for an English class of mostly freshmen with Professor Laura Haigwood last year called 'Saint Mary's Women," Sullivan said. "We studied Sr. Madeleva's biography and analyzed her poetry, and it was interesting to see how different she was from the other sisters of her time. She's still very much a part of our curriculum and inspires our students to follow their beliefs, despite what anyone else says."

For Sullivan, the greatest way to honor Wolff as a Saint Mary's woman is to try to make a difference in the world.

"I think each student should model what they do on the mission statement.," she said. "It's no secret that Saint Mary's women are prepared to make a difference in the world, and that's an exact reflection of what Sr. Madeleva embodied.

"I think modeling yourself after the Saint Mary's mission while also creating your own mission is what each student can do to honor Sr. Madeleva."

Since 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of Wolff's death, Saint Mary's professors Susan Baxter and Haigwood are currently working on a play showcasing her life and legacy, set to be released in March, McSorley

"In the words of Sr. Madeleva, 'We [at Saint Mary's] promise you discovery: the discovery of yourselves, the discovery of the universe, and your place in it." McSorely said. "Because of Sr. Madeleva, there is no place else in the world I'd rather discover myself."

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Immigrant reform raises price of citizenship

Associated Press

EDINBURG, Texas — Hilda Vasquez squirreled away the money for her U.S. citizenship application by selling batches of homemade tamales at South Texas offices. Carmen Zalazar picked up extra babysitting jobs at night after caring for kids all day in Houston.

The women scrimped and saved for months to pay for the \$680 application, but for other applicants in the future, it might not be enough.

As President Barack Obama renews his quest for immigration reform, some proposals would impose fines of \$2,000 on top of application fees, making the financial hurdles much taller for people who are here illegally.

"You have more rights when you are a citizen, like to vote," said Zalazar, a legal resident. As soon as she started a citizenship class, "I started to save because I knew otherwise it won't be possible."

The struggle is familiar to millions of immigrants. A 2012 survey by the Pew Hispanic Center showed that only 46 percent of Hispanic immigrants eligible to become citizens had

done so. The top two reasons were lack of English skills and lack of money to pay for the application.

Manuel Enrique Angel made learning English his first priority upon arriving in Houston from his native El Salvador two years ago. He now speaks English clearly and deliberately and plans to apply for citizenship as soon as he becomes eligible later this year.

Trained as a lawyer in El Salvador, the 28-year-old works as a cook in a Houston burger joint. His wife, an American citizen, is a hair stylist. He estimates it will take him up to eight months to save the money for the citizenship application.

"It's really hard when you have to pay rent around \$600, when you have car notes for \$300 and \$500," Angel said.

Republican supporters of the proposed fines say penalties are necessary to defend against any appearance that creating a pathway to citizenship amounts to amnesty.

Mark Krikorian, tive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, a Washington-based think tank that supports tighter immigration controls, said if immigrants

who are in the country illegally are allowed to seek citizenship, they should have to pay the costs, which will increase if millions of applications need to be processed.

However, he said, the costs should not be so high that people can't afford them.

"It's stupid to price people out of the market," Krikorian said.w

Angel plans to take advantage of a program at a Houston credit union that offers small low-interest loans specifically to help clients become citizens. The Promise Credit Union partners with Neighborhood Centers Inc., a nonprofit network of community centers in the Houston area that cater to immigrants.

Credit union President Randy Martinez said the program began as a pilot in 2012 and only officially started last fall.

"We don't want that to become an obstacle for them not to become citizens, just because they don't have the entire fee to pay," he said.

The credit union's \$455 loans include \$380 toward the citizenship process plus a \$75 processing fee for the loan application. They carry a fixed 5 percent interest rate for a

12-month term, so the monthly payments work out to about \$38.

Applicants must contribute \$300 of their own money. They are all pre-screened by the Neighborhood Centers legal team to make sure they qualify for citizenship and have all the necessary documentation.

The credit union has already discussed expanding the loans if Congress approves a reform package that offers people in the country illegally a costlier path to citizenship, Martinez said.

An immigration reform bill passed by the Senate in June did not set the costs of the proposed 13-year path to citizenship. Lawmakers left that up to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, with the idea that fees would make the system self-sustaining.

While the fees remain unspecified, the Senate bill lays out penalties totaling \$2,000 to be paid at various steps along the way. The legislation would create a new status called "registered provisional immigrant" and require anyone with that status to pay taxes.

During the 13-year wait, immigrants would be "working on the books, and you will hopefully be able to make a better income and be progressing in your life," said Ellen Battistelli, a policy analyst with the National Immigration Law Center, who has argued against making the process too costly.

"There are so many requirements and financial burdens, this is a very rigorous path to go," especially for low-wage workers, Battistelli said.

On Thursday, the House released its immigration-reform principles, which included no special path to citizenship for the 11 million people already in the U.S. illegally but would make those here illegally "pay significant fines and back taxes" to gain legal status.

In an interview with CNN broadcast Friday, the president signaled that he may consider legislation that does not offer a path to citizenship — a noticeable shift from his previous position, which was that it "doesn't make sense" to leave that aspect of immigration unresolved.

On Friday, Obama reiterated his preference for a concrete route to citizenship but said he doesn't want to "prejudge" what might land on his desk.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Counterterrorism law alarms activists

Associated Press

DUBAI — Saudi Arabia put into effect a sweeping new counterterrorism law Sunday that human rights activists say allows the kingdom to prosecute as a terrorist anyone who demands reform, exposes corruption or otherwise engages in dissent.

The law states that any act that "undermines" the state or society, including calls for regime change in Saudi Arabia, can be tried as an act of terrorism. It also grants security services broad powers to raid homes and track phone calls and Internet activity.

Human rights activists were alarmed by the law and said it is clearly aimed at keeping the kingdom's ruling Al Saud family firmly in control amid the demands for democratic reform that have grown louder since the Arab Spring protests that shook the region in 2011 and toppled longtime autocrats.

Saudi activist Abdulaziz al-Shubaily described the law as a "catastrophe." And Human Rights Watch researcher Adam Coogle warned: "The new law is draconian in spirit and letter, and there is every reason to fear that the authorities will easily and eagerly use it against peaceful dissidents."

The measure was approved by the Cabinet on Dec. 16 and ratified by King Abdullah. It was published in its entirety for the first time on Friday in the government's official gazette Um Al-Qura.

In defense of the law, the Saudi minister of culture and information, Abdel Aziz Khoja, was quoted in December as

saying that the legislation strikes a balance between prevention of crimes and protection of human rights according to Islamic law.

Saudi Arabia is one of the world's last absolute monarchies. All decisions are centered in the hands of 89-year-old King Abdullah. There is no parliament. There is little written law, and judges — implementing the country's strict Wahhabi interpretation of Islam — have broad leeway to impose verdicts and sentences.

An attempt to pass a similar counterterrorism law in 2011 was shelved after rights groups in Saudi Arabia and abroad leaked a copy online.

Since then, dozens of activists have been detained, a prominent rights organization was shut down, and authorities more aggressively monitor social media websites like Facebook and Twitter, where jokes about the aging monarchy are rife and anger over corruption, poverty and unemployment is palpable.

The new law defines terrorism as any criminal act that "destabilizes the society's security or the state's stability or exposes its national unity to harm." It also states that terrorist acts include disabling the ruling system or "offending the nation's reputation or its position."

Activists said that simply exposing corruption could be seen as a violation of the law. Some also warned that Saudi women who get behind the wheel of a car in violation of the ban on female drivers could be tried under the new anti-terror law.

The law also gives the interior minister the power to end sentences and drop charges. It says only the interior minister can order the release of a person on trial. Judges would have no

Other worrying aspects, activists said, include an article that says police can raid homes and offices on suspicion of antigovernment activity without prior approval from a judge or even a superior. Suspects can also be held incommunicado for 90 days, and lawyers are not required to be present during the initial interrogation.

Lori Plotkin Boghardt of The Washington Institute for Near East Policy said the new law will not likely have a huge impact on the way in which the Saudis fight militants. She said the law provides technical cover for many of the measures the authorities were employing.

Coogle of Human Rights Watch said the law "enshrines some of the unlawful practices that Saudi authorities were already committing," such as detention of suspects for many years without trial. He said it also does not specify the punishment for crimes committed under the new law.

However, he said the measure does not include some of the most controversial language of the 2011 draft, which went further by criminalizing insults against Islam and protests as acts of terrorism.

Al-Shubaily is among 12 activists in the country who founded the Saudi Association for Civil and Political Rights, known in Arabic by its acronym HASEM. The group was shut down, eight of its founding members were imprisoned, and he is facing

BEIRUT

Syrian air raids kill at least 36

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian government helicopters and warplanes unleashed a wave of airstrikes on more than a dozen oppositionheld neighborhoods in the northern city of Aleppo on Sunday, firing missiles and dropping crude barrel bombs in a ferocious attack that killed at least 36 people, including 17 children, activists said.

Aleppo has been a key battleground in Syria's civil war since rebels swept into the city in mid-2012 and wrested most of the eastern and southern neighborhoods from the government. Since then, the fighting has settled into a bloody grind, with neither side capable of mounting an offensive that would expel its opponents from the city.

But over the past two months, President Bashar Assad's air force has ramped up its aerial campaign on rebel-held areas of Aleppo, pounding them with barrel bombs — containers packed with explosives, fuel and scraps of metal — that cause massive damage on impact.

On Sunday alone, Syrian military aircraft targeted 15 opposition-controlled neighborhoods, said an activist who goes by the name of Abu al-Hassan Marea.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group said the Tariq al-Bab district on the eastern edge of the city was the hardest-hit, with at least eight barrel bombs raining down on it Sunday. Marea said one of the air raids in the neighborhood struck a vegetable market and another landed near

The Aleppo Media Center activist group said the strike near the Abdullah bin Masoud Mosque killed more than 10 people.

The Observatory put the day's death toll in the air raids at 36, including 17 children. Marea said that more than 50 people were killed in the airstrikes, although he did not have an exact count.

An amateur video posted online showed a helicopter circling in the blue sky, and then a barrel plummeting from the aircraft until it slams into buildings on the horizon, sending a pillar of smoke and dust into the air. The video appeared genuine and corresponded to other Associated Press reporting of the events depicted.

This is not the first time that Assad's air force has waged an intense campaign over Aleppo. In December, military helicopters pounded rebel-held districts of the city with barrel bombs, leveling buildings, burying people under the rubble and killing more than 500 people over a two-week stretch.

The misery in Aleppo was then compounded in early January by an outburst of rebel-on-rebel fighting, which has weakened the opposition's grip on parts of the

Over the past two weeks, Assad's forces have slowly chipped away at the rebels' hold on neighborhoods in southeastern Aleppo. While the advances have been small, they still mark the most significant government gains in the divided city since opposition fighters seized the areas in mid-2012.

As intense as the airstrikes have been, the rebels' position in the city and across northern Syria has been undermined to a greater degree by the bloody bout of infighting that pits the al-Qaida-linked Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant against an array of ultraconservative brigades and more moderate factions.

The rebel clashes have killed more than 1,400 people since they began a month ago, and the fighting shows little sign of coming to an immediate close.

On Saturday, a twin suicide bombing killed 26 people, including a senior military commander of the Tawhid Brigade, a prominent rebel group opposed to the Islamic State.

The attack, widely blamed by both pro- and anti-al-Qaida activists on the Islamic State, targeted the base of its rivals in the Tawhid Brigade and killed senior leader Adnan Bakkour, said Observatory director Rami Abdurrahman.

The Islamic State also killed another prominent commander, Abu Hussein al-Dik of Sugour al-Sham, on Saturday near the central city of Hama, the Observatory said. Abdurrahman said al-Dik was killed in an ambush outside of Hama, where he was traveling to try to help rebels encircled by Islamic State fighters.

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INSIDE COLUMN

'Flappy Bird' frustration



Miko Malabute

This past Saturday night, I made a grave mistake. One of those mistakes that you know you will instantly regret the minute you fall into the trap, but proceed to give into the temptation regardless.

The mistake? I downloaded the app "Flappy Bird." A simple, eight-bit-themed mild-mannered action game that provides a bit of a cheap thrill and a lot of frustration.

There really isn't much to the game. Just tap the game to get your Flappy Bird to stay afloat in mid-air, but don't lead it to make any kind of contact with the pipes that treacherously jut out from the top and bottom sides of the screen. Easy, right?

It is an extremely easy concept, yet with exponentially frustrating execution. If you haven't made the mistake of downloading the app, allow me to paint a picture for you of what happens within the first hour of falling into the bittersweet temptation. You may get past the first set of pipes, but then you come crashing down quickly after. However, you get how to play now and you're convinced that you can get the timing and execution down next time. So you go again. And again. And, yes, again.

It's not a coincidence that this game has been invading my Twitter timeline, as it's the latest thing everyone seems to be talking about. Really, we've seen this type of behavior before, with people seemingly obsessed with something so simple despite losing time after time (see: "Candy Crush Saga").

It seems to me at first glance that we are addicted to losing, that we are infatuated with failure. Yet clearly this is not the case. We are not obsessed with the process, but with the end result.

We want to succeed, to supersede what has already been accomplished and achieve despite the odds. I am of the belief that this is just humanity's nature and what may seem like an unhealthy relationship with losing is really a journey towards success (despite the countless roadblocks in-between). We can see this attitude applied to many facets of life, whether it be in the classroom, out on the hardwood, on the gridiron, in the office or truly in almost any situation. People just strive for more. They work to be better. The numerous encounters with failure only seem to add fuel to the fire within each of us, and with each reminder that we did not achieve what we set out for, we grow increasingly obsessed with succeeding next time.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to try to beat my own score of 15.

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Let's talk about diversification

Christian Nofziger

Ask the Greenman

Retirement is a concept that probably never crosses the mind of the normal Notre Dame student. We haven't even begun our careers yet, so why should we be planning for the golden years on the golf course? Well, the fact of the matter is that the moment we all put pen to paper and sign our first job contract (before graduation obviously), we will start hearing things like 401-K, diversification and nest egg. Since my time to spout green propaga ... er, I mean "advice," is limited to your years in college, allow me to talk to you about

I love finance. However, sometimes the media portrays Wall Street's objectives as opposed to those of tree huggers like me. They are not. Over the past few years, the boom of new green businesses, along with the greater emphasis placed on social responsibility by investors, has given rise to new investing strategies for people who want to do more with their money. Naturally, green investors can buy the stock of green companies. In fact, if you had bought a share of First Solar a year ago today, you would have almost doubled your money by now. However, as I found out during the whole Enron

scandal, investing in single stocks is a risky business. Investors like to diversify.

Diversification is a word that every finance major on Notre Dame's campus, including myself, use on a daily basis to sound smart. However, we never actually explain why it is so important. It is essentially a magical way to reduce the risk of investing and is actually very simple. Diversifying your portfolio is the act of buying stocks in companies that operate in a different industry than the other stocks you own. If you own Microsoft and Apple, buying Ford would be a step towards diversifying your portfolio. This helps because it reduces the effects of firm specific risks. Remember the Enron example? Imagine what happened to my holdings when they came out and said, "Remember all that money we said we made last year? We didn't actually earn any of that per se." Now imagine if I put my money evenly into 50 companies. Sure, the collapse of Enron wouldn't have made me happy, but I definitely wouldn't have been forced to sell my LEED Platinum house.

Diversification and sustainability have traditionally been hard to merge, but thanks to several new mutual funds, life is easy. Mutual funds have managers that select stocks and diversify for you. You

give them money and they invest it for you (sustainably in this case). There are several sustainable mutual funds provided by Calvert, Domini and even Vanguard. These funds take into account not only the profitability of a firm and the prospects of growth, but also the way that corporations invest in sustainable infrastructure and how they make efforts to green their operations. The number of these socially responsible mutual funds has jumped from 173 in 2007 to 250 in 2010. These funds also often screen for other social concerns depending on what issues (other than sustainability, which is obviously your top concern) you care about.

Investing is an exciting tool that will be a necessity for all of us after graduation. It is a tool used by most to secure financial security for the years to come. However, I hope that Notre Dame graduates can also use it as a tool for good.

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

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Examining the 77-cent myth

Conor Durkin

Thinking Differently

For every dollar men make, women only make 77 cents. It's one of the best-known and most repeated statistics I know of, and last week we heard it again in the middle of President Obama's annual State of the Union Address as he reiterated his support for equal pay for equal work. It's a statistic meant to outline the extent of gender discrimination in the workplace today. There's just one problem. It's an outrageously misleading comparison, almost to the point of being untrue.

First, the actual fact. Yes, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the 2012 ratio of median earnings between full-time working women and men was roughly 77 percent. But what does this actually tell us? A lot less than you'd expect. This compares the salaries that all women receive to the salaries that all men receive, with no consideration at all of an individual's education, work experience, occupation, hours worked or basically anything else. That makes a big difference.

Let's start with hours worked per week. The Department of Labor defines full-time work as more than 35 hours per week, but there's a lot of variation among full-time workers, and women are more likely to work fewer hours (or work part-time). Restricting a comparison of men and women to those working forty hours a week is enough to reduce the gap to 87 cents (incidentally, women working part-time made 110 percent of what men did).

But this still doesn't give you an apples-toapples comparison. To do that, you need to control for those other factors that affect salary, including education, work experience, firm tenure, industry and occupation. Women are more likely to leave the workforce for extended periods of time (often to start a family) and also tend to choose entrance into lower-paying fields — ignoring this biases your conclusions. Former Congressional Budget Office Director and Baruch College economist June O'Neill did just that in one of the best-known studies on the gap, and she found that women actually make between 91 and 98 cents for every dollar men do.

A similar study from economists at Stanford found similar results. Some work has even suggested that some of this two-to-nine cent gap isn't the work of discrimination. Rather, it's a result of things like women being more risk-averse and less aggressive in asking for raises or bargaining over salary.

To be clear, I'm not saying discrimination doesn't exist, or that women making two percent less then men somehow means we don't still have a problem. But for me, the really important thing is this: focusing on the 77 cent figure instead of looking at the underlying analysis of this topic hides the actual issues we should be concerned about with respect to gender equality and the workplace.

For instance, women tend to enter into lower-paying occupations, as I mentioned. High-paying industries like finance and engineering tend to be male-dominated, while workers in sectors such as education or nursing are disproportionately female. Some of this probably has to do with personal preference, but some is likely not. Are there barriers of entry into these fields for women? Are our government's child-care and family leave policies inadequate for encouraging women to enter into higher-paying fields instead of those offering more flexibility? And why are women more risk-averse than men in the workplace? These are all key questions in

considering the gender pay gap, but they're also the questions that get ignored when we focus on the 77-cent number and the topic of equal pay for equal work.

One of the most interesting studies about gender relations I have read comes from behavioral economists Uri Gneezy and John List in their new book "The Why Axis." The two ran a set of experiments to study differences between men and women in several diverse cultures with differing attitudes on gender. They discovered that much of the difference between men and women with respect to competitiveness or risk aversion is a result of cultural upbringing, not innate difference. Given that, one of the keys to erasing the gender gap rests not with the government, but with the family. Fostering self-confidence and exposure to competitive environments at a young age is crucial in bringing about professional success later in life. Moreover, rather than crafting yet another law prohibiting legal discrimination, government resources would be far more effective if devoted to programs that boost such efforts for girls of a young age. Of course, if you'd rather, we could just keep talking about how women only make 77 cents.

In the age of Twitter and the 24-hour news cycle, it's become the norm to distill all of our ideas and beliefs into as few words as possible. But the world we live in is complex, and so are the issues we're facing. To have any hope of focusing on real problems, we need to think beyond the first 10 words of any issue and get at the deeper analysis. The 77-cent statistic is a perfect example why.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Want to serve the poor? Get to know them first

I am writing to clarify a few things in Bianca Almada's latest Viewpoint article "Catholic Social Ignorance" from Jan. 30. To start with, I agree with Bianca on a number of points. I agree that "there is more to Catholic thought than abortion, gay marriage and premarital sex" and that one aspect of their faith that "Catholics are continually unfamiliar [with] is that of Catholic Social Teaching."

However, I disagree with Bianca that a "vast amount of Catholic Social Teaching leans toward the left." At first glance the Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable can sound a lot like the left agenda. This principle follows from Mathew 25: 31-46 when Jesus says, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." As Catholics (honestly, as human beings) we have an obligation to the poor, to protect them and take care of them.

Some people will look at this and say that in order to fulfill this principle we must extend jobless benefits, increase funding for social

programs, etc. But I think that this is one of the shallowest things that you can do for the poor. Yes, the poor need food, shelter and clothing, but simply throwing money at them accomplishes little, and honestly is quite demeaning. Instead of simply checking a box next to a political candidate that says they are committed to helping the poor, why don't you help them yourself?

Last summer, I participated in the Summer Service Learning Project through the Center for Social Concerns, and one of the most important things I learned is that service is not about serving others. Service is about letting them serve you. You cannot let a homeless man serve you until you get to know him personally. Extending jobless benefits will undoubtedly help a lot of people, but it will not make them feel loved. Simply paying your taxes to support the less fortunate does not fulfill your obligation to the poor and vulnerable. Instead you must commit yourself to the common good and genuinely sacrifice your time, energy and often money to help

others

The plural of anecdote is not data. But in my experience, private philanthropic institutions (like Catholic charities) do more good, change more lives and save more souls than government programs and benefits.

Bianca concludes her piece by pointing out, "If people are attempting to follow these Catholic principles, then it may require a shift in their views." I think she is implying a shift in political views, and I disagree. Attempting to follow these Catholic principles requires a shift in your heart.

The moral test of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable members. The most vulnerable members of our society are undoubtedly the unborn. They have no voice and they are too weak to fight for themselves.

Joshua O'Brien sophomore Dillon Hall Jan. 31

SCENE



By KEVIN NOONAN

Scene Editor

I sat next to an enthused little girl for Saturday night's presentation of "The Intergalactic Nemesis Book Two: Robot Planet Rising." She wanted to talk about the play as soon as she sat down in the seat to my right. Had I seen the first play? Yes, I had. Did I like it? Yes, I did. This play, Book Two, was the second performance of the day from the Intergalactic Nemesis team (they'd done Book One, "Target Earth" earlier in the day). I'd seen the first installment when it played at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center two years ago, but this little girl had been to the show earlier that day — and she was back for the sequel.

I didn't really need to ask whether or not she liked it. Her grandmother had already told me that she'd been called on duty to chaperone because the little girl's parents were busy but the girl had been insistent on making it to the sequel. This was past her bedtime, no doubt, but the T-shirt she was wearing — "Intergalactic Nemesis"

themed with signatures from the entire cast and crew — hinted that trying to make this little girl go to bed without seeing this play would've been a losing battle. So even though I was fairly confident I knew how she'd reply, I asked her anyways. Did you like the play?

"Oh yeah. I liked it. A LOT."

And that's the appeal of "The Intergalactic Nemesis" series — it's fun. In an innocent, non-cynical and easily approachable way, it's a whole lot of fun. The second installment in the series, "Robot Planet Rising," keeps up the spirit of the first. It can be pulpy, cheesy and corny at times, but it embraces those qualities and executes them in the most entertaining ways possible.

The performance, which the actors described in an introduction before the show began as a live-action graphic novel, is what drew me to the original show two years ago in the first place. A mix of graphic novel panels on a screen behind the stage, three voice actors performing all the speaking parts, a foley artist center stage creating sound effects to match the

action and a pianist improvising the score as the show went on, the whole thing is a whir of energy and constant movement on stage. Going into the sequel, I didn't know if the concept would hold up a second time, since the idea no longer had the novelty of the first time around.

As is probably obvious by this point, I had no need for concern — if anything, the second time around was even better than the first. With an idea of how the show would look and an understanding of how to watch it, I was able to take in even more of the fun.

I especially noticed the score, something I didn't even remember from the first time I saw the show, performed by Kenneth Redding, Jr. In the introduction, the emcee (Christopher Lee Gibson, one of the spectacular voice actors) explained that the score would be improvised, leaving Mr. Redding some freedom to play it how he felt it. He couldn't have done any better. The score drove the action of the play, pounding and hot at times, slow and haunting at others.

The storyline almost doesn't even

matter in a show like this, but for what it's worth, it's good. It's not "Citizen Kane," and it doesn't quite hold up to muster with the film that the show's creator and director Jason Neulander said inspired it, "The Empire Strikes Back," but for an intergalactic mystery with intertwining storylines and characters full of reveals and double crosses, it shines.

Neulander and company are currently at work on the third and final piece in the series, due to premiere this fall. If the first two are any indication, start marking your calendars now and plan on catching the show when it (hopefully) comes to Notre Dame, because otherwise you'll have to wait to catch it on Broadway or, more likely, when the film version hits the big screens at a movie theater near you.

And if you need any more evidence for the entertainment value of "Robot Planet Rising," take it from the little girl who sat next to me — "Oh yeah, that was REALLY good."

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EISENBERG TO PLAY LEX LUTHOR

Will Neal

Just when you think 2015's "Batman vs. Superman" couldn't spark anymore needless debate and controversy, director Zack Snyder throws another curveball to the field: Jesse Eisenberg will be playing super villain, Lex Luthor. Following his past (consistently awkward) roles of an Internet icon, an endangered tropical bird and a criminal magician with the personality of a bag of rice, Eisenberg will now be embodying Superman's most notorious adversary. Considering that actors Bryan Cranston (the one who knocks), Joaquin Phoenix (the one who falls in love with his OS) were rumored to be taking on the role of a villain in the film, the news of Eisenberg comes off as even more of a shock. As strange as the announcement is, it's not receiving nearly as much backlash as the film's earlier announcements.

Shortly after the Zack Snyder announced Batman and Superman's first joint film at San Diego Comic Con, fans went crazy in figuring out who would follow Christian Bale to take on the cowl of the beloved Dark Knight. It would later be announced that Boston's favorite comeback kid, Ben Affleck, had been offered — and accepted — the role. And the world responded with the same maturity level as a 5 year-old boy whose Batman

action-figure had been tossed into a wood-chipper. In time, the hatred of the fans would turn into a waitand-see attitude towards Affleck, but three3 months later another piece of casting news would rock the nerd community. Despite the film's unofficial "Batman vs. Superman" title, Snyder dropped another bomb by announcing that the iconic Wonder Woman would be making her onscreen debut and would be played by the relatively unknown (minus "Fast and Furious" fans) Gal Gadot. Once again, comic book fans across the country held their pitchforks and torches high as they headed to the online message boards for metaphorical witch burning of the talented and beautifully innocent actress. This was the 2013 epitome of body bashing as every inch of Gadot's figure, when compared to Wonder Woman, was scrutinized by the public. When DC diehards made the joint realization that the human body has the capability to gain muscle, they turned their attention breast size ... because that's what puts the "Wonder" in Wonder Woman, right? Needless to say, this discussion went in an entirely unnecessary direction of self-image territory in a debate that once began with, "Oh, I don't think she's right for the part." As with Affleck, however, most of the public is saving their criticisms for the film ... or at least first trailer.

And now we get to Eisenberg. Surprisingly, I think the fan community is worn out after debating the last

two casting choices, but there's still a lot of hate floating around. Personally, I commend Zack Snyder for making such a bold move in his casting here, and the same goes for his last two choices. Superman has always been symbol of strength, and while adaptations of Lex Luthor over the years have turned him into a force that can physically go toe-to-toe with the Man of Steel, that's not what he's about. Superman fights with his might while Luthor fights with his mind. Eisenberg's weaker stature and history of playing intellects makes this casting choice seem like perfect sense. Jesse Eisenberg has shown the world that he can play and intellectual villain (of sorts), and he's certainly a talented actor (have YOU been nominated for an Oscar?). Oh what, he's not bald? Too bad there's no device on earth that can rid someone of his hair. I'm not saying that any of these casting choices are going to shine, but we have to put faith in the director and believe that he chose these actors for a specific reason. Until we see Eisenberg take on Superman, we can only hope that Snyder made the right call. I believe he did. Oh, and Jeremy Irons will be playing Batman's butler Alfred ... but that piece of news doesn't seem to be getting too much attention.

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By ALLIE TOLLAKSEN

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"This is about you, you yuppie nerds!"

Garrity McOsker yells into the microphone, pointing to the pumped-up crowd at Legends last Thursday. McOsker's punk band, Sober Sinners, played an impressive hour-long set at the club's "Student Band Night." Fans and friends came out for the show to hear the student group's original music, and McOsker's exclamation, said (mostly) in jest, provided the perfect snapshot of Sober Sinners — a smart punk band at Notre Dame with lyrics that may not always jive with the larger student body but a sound and sense of humor that could get any audience going.

While it may seem from Sober Sinners' hilarious mid-set jab or musical genre that the band isn't interested in their Notre Dame home base, the opposite couldn't be truer. In fact, McOsker, lead singer and band founder, has been trying to get other on-campus musicians to start their own bands and write their own music.

"I try to get people to start bands all the time. I let them use my equipment ... We support on-campus musicians and go to their shows too. I want to encourage more people to do that," he said.

Sober Sinners certainly know a thing or two about the process of writing original content. Among a group of on-campus musicians who mostly perform covers and play occasional live sets, Sober Sinners stands out by putting an immense amount of time into writing, recording and touring.

"We get together, practice all the time, write our own music and record. We are super active, and it takes a lot of work ... I know a lot of student musicians have had their frustrations, but I decided a long time ago to stop talking about those frustrations about the music scene and go ahead and do something about it," he said.

With a now-untitled album on the way, Sober Sinners was able to perform nine original songs from their upcoming album on Thursday. The band also completed a Midwest tour last year and plans to continue to tour this semester.

"We did a tour in the fall, and we're trying to go to Boston and out east this semester, meeting new bands and making connections," McOsker said.

Started by McOsker, now a junior, during his freshman year, the band has seen many changes along the way. Thursday's Legends set featured a lineup of McOsker singing lead vocals, Alex McDermott on guitar, Patrick Samuels on drums and Brennan Jacobson on bass.

One important resource the band found during its formation and subsequent changes was the South Bend punk scene. Though Sober Sinners has seen frustrations and speed bumps during their career at Notre Dame, the local punk scene has been supportive of the group, providing venues, recording space and guidance along the way.

"I've really been interested in the South Bend punk scene for a while. They get good bands to come through here. I've become good friends with guys from shows, and it's just turned into sort of, a friendship with these guys in town. They've shown us the ropes, gave us recording time and it's been good. It's all about building those connections," he said.

While McOsker and the rest of Sober Sinners may have found the music connection between Notre Dame and South Bend early on during their years of hard work, they're also participating in a new project at Notre Dame, called the Bridge Project, focused on building more connections between Notre Dame and South Bend.

The Bridge Project was started by a group of students and is aimed at fostering a connection between the arts in South Bend and Notre Dame. One of the project's first events featured another impressive performance by Sober Sinners, as well as several other student musicians, at an off-campus venue called The Pool last Friday. There, a diverse group of Notre Dame musicians met a South Bend audience in

an intimate showcase, and The Bridge Project's vision began to come to life

Along with Sober Sinners, student artists Bandajour, John Schommer and the Cute Townies, Hill & Murray and Rednight all took the stage Friday night. They were also joined by South Bend group Anival Fousto Band, which undoubtedly left with a group of Notre Dame fans after a wonderful performance.

Will Murray, a musician himself (making up one half of Hill & Murray) and one of the founders of The Bridge Project, spoke about what else he envisions for the Notre Dame and South Bend communities, describing the disconnect between students on campus and the growing art scene in South Bend.

"There's a huge crowd at Notre Dame who are either underage or dissatisfied with the dorm party scene, and this is a way to set them up with an easy way to explore the talent that South Bend has to offer that no one really knows about," Murray said.

The project hopes to help "bridge the gap" between the two communities by facilitating attendance of live music in the city and helping establish connections between like-minded students and South Bend residents.

"Music is a great force for unity. But eventually, we want this to expand into a full-on connection between the city and campus," Will said

The show at The Pool on Friday was one of many South Bend live music performances, and The Bridge Project's mission is to open up Notre Dame students and South Bend residents to these kinds of performances. Students heading the project hope to do this by using skills from their majors and on-campus resources and collaborating with friends in South Bend. Sean Fitzgerald, a computer engineering major, is working on creating an app that will help Notre Dame students and South Bend residents take advantage of the bus system to connect them to local music venues. Another version would help coordinate carpools to events in South Bend.

"I'm writing an app for South Bend and Notre Dame, a collaboration. One of the things I love about this is that in order to get people together, you need public transportation ... The app will have a cultural aspect to it. In order to get times of a stop, you tap the stop, and it will have a tab that will include venues on stop and upcoming [shows]," Fitzgerald

Whether it's The Bridge Project aiming to connect Notre Dame students to the arts and music South Bend has to offer or musicians like Sober Sinners working hard to put out new music at Notre Dame, exciting things are happening with Notre Dame's music scene. Events both out in South Bend and on campus and groups like Sober Sinners and The Bridge Project show that there's an interest from both sides.

"We're trying to establish an interpersonal connection between the communities," Dan Courtney, another musician and Bridge Project member, explained. "We're working on bringing South Bend bands to campus and having people from South Bend and students meet on campus. It's very much bidirectional."

It's clear that both South Bend and Notre Dame are involved in these changing tides, and it's up to the student body to take advantage of the talent our school and city have to offer.

"The thing about this is that literally anyone can help," Murray said, "All you have to do is go on the calendar and share an event. You can go to an event, take a picture and share it with your friends, and it's just going to spread like wildfire."

So start a band, see a show or just help out by supporting your local musicians, on and off campus.

"I'm very enthusiastic about The Bridge Project," McOsker added. "Now we need to make the music."

SPORTS AUTHORITY

Bigger dome tops cozy Cameron



Mary Green

In case you missed it, the biggest game of the year took place this weekend.

No, I am not talking about the Super Bowl. Sure, that was a good one that certainly receives a lot of fanfare and draws in a good-sized crowd each year.

But the game to which I referred actually broke a record for its magnitude.

Still guessing? You should ask one of the 35,446 fans who packed into the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y., to watch Saturday's tilt between No. 2 Syracuse and No. 17 Duke, and he or she could probably help you out with the answer.

The contest set a new mark for the largest attendance for a college basketball game at an on-campus site. Not surprisingly, the Carrier Dome, which also hosts football games for the Orange, held the previous record, set when Syracuse beat Georgetown in 2013 to close out one of the nation's best rivalries.

The clash between the Orange and the Blue Devils matched up two historic programs, two of the country's top freshmen in Tyler Ennis and Jabari Parker and the winningest two coaches of all-time in men's college basketball, as Jim Boeheim and Mike Krzyzewski brought in a combined 1,914 victories.

Despite so many similarities, the two squads also represented a stark contrast in two different, but no less famous, home courts.

Syracuse boasts the massive Carrier Dome, while Duke takes on opponents in the much more intimate Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, N.C., where the schools will meet Feb. 22 for chapter two of this blossoming rivalry.

So when it comes down to looking at these notable but dissimilar venues, which one is tops?

In my opinion, bigger is

While playing in Cameron Indoor, where it seems all 9,314 fans are piled on top of each other and breathing down the backs of visiting players on the court, can be daunting, the Carrier Dome brings no less of an intimidation factor with its overwhelming size compared to most collegiate facilities.

That size can be a benefit

for a team like Syracuse come March, when it will play in more spacious arenas during the NCAA tournament, with the sites only getting bigger as the team makes a deeper run towards its one shining moment.

While the sheer enormity of a venue like the 80,000-seat AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, host to this year's Final Four, might be imposing to any basketball team, it would probably have the smallest effect on a squad like the Orange, who are used to playing in front of a large crowd and under a shot-altering high ceiling.

Plus, the sound levels at the Carrier Dome about match the ones at Cameron Indoor, with both registering around 120 decibels, so close confines do not necessarily make for a more reverberating experience.

Home-team help: advantage, expansive arenas.

Now, look at the comparison from the perspective of

Though the showdown between the Orange and the Blue Devils nonetheless sold out in a matter of minutes, it would have been a lot easier to find an available ticket in the Dome than in Cameron Indoor.

As a student, camping out for a seat in the dead of winter would have more of an appeal knowing that you would be sitting in a larger student section and would have a better chance of claiming an available spot.

It would also be more fun to watch the game with 35,446 of your closest friends than with only 9,314 — the more, the merrier.

Fan experience: advantage, vast halls of basketball.

Finally, what would the schools rather have — under 10,000 tickets to sell or over

University profit: advantage, cavernous sites.

So there you have it, the reasons why the spacious Carrier Dome and arenas like it delivers an overall better experience than cozier settings like Cameron Indoor.

But if someone wants to offer me a ticket to the Feb. 22 rematch at Duke, I certainly would not pass that

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NCAA MENS BASKETBALL

Syracuse stays perfect, beats Duke in OT thriller

Associated Press

Coach K said he hoped this game would live up to its billing. It did, and then some.

Jerami Grant scored eight points in overtime to finish with a career-high 24 and Jim Boeheim's No. 2 Syracuse stayed unbeaten, topping Mike Krzyzewski's No. 17 Duke 91-89 on Saturday in a matchup of the two winningest coaches in Division I history.

The Orange withstood a tying 3-pointer in regulation and won before a Carrier Dome record crowd of 35,446.

"It was just a great game," Boeheim said after career victory No. 941. "I don't think I've ever been involved in a better game in here where both teams played at such a high level. Both teams just went after it. We've had a lot of games that have been here that are great. There's never been one as good as this one."

C.J. Fair scored a career-best 28 points as Syracuse (21-0, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) set a school record for consecutive wins to start a season. The Orange remained one of two undefeated teams in the nation, along with No. 4 Wichita State.

Top-ranked Arizona was handed its first loss of the season late Saturday night at California, putting Syracuse in position to take over the No. 1 ranking on Monday.

"I knew for us to win I would have to contribute offensively," said Fair, who shot 12 of 20. "I was able to not force things once I got going. I felt I was the hot hand and my teammates kept giving me the ball."

Grant took over in the extra period, slamming home three dunks as Duke was forced to downsize after Jabari Parker

and Amile Jefferson fouled out in the final two minutes of regulation.

"They were playing small. We knew we had a lot of mismatches around the court," Grant said. "After I got the first dunk, they just kept feeding me."

Duke's Rasheed Sulaimon beat the buzzer in regulation with an off-balance 3-pointer that tied it at 78. The Blue Devils led 87-84 with 80 seconds left in overtime before Syracuse rallied.

"Both teams played with so much heart," Krzyzewski said. "We were scrambling a lot because of our foul trouble and our kids scrambled well. They scrambled well enough to put us in a position to win ... Just a tough loss."

Syracuse students camped out in the bitter cold for nearly two weeks and were part of a crowd that was charged up from the start for the first ACC meeting between these longtime powers. It was Duke's first game against the Orange in the Carrier Dome.

Parker had 15 points and nine rebounds for Duke (17-5, 6-3). The Blue Devils, who had won five in a row, get their chance to avenge the loss in three weeks when the teams meet again at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

"We just needed one more play, whether it was a rebound or a shot going in," said Andre Dawkins, who scored five points in overtime before fouling out in the final minute. "We just needed one play."

From the moment Boeheim and Krzyzewski walked onto Jim Boeheim Court to a deafening roar and hugged at midcourt surrounded by a sea of orange, the atmosphere was electric. Singing and acting star Vanessa Williams, a Syracuse alum and former Miss America,

performed anthem.

The game was chock full of story lines, well before the

Two Hall of Fame coaches and good friends with a combined 1,914 wins who had only met twice before on opposing benches, each winning once. Boeheim's signature 2-3 zone defense vs. Krzyzewski's intense man-to-man.

Fair, Syracuse's leading scorer, vs. Dawkins, a fifth-year senior who leads the ACC in 3-point shooting. Parker vs. Syracuse point guard Tyler Ennis, two of the most accomplished freshmen in the country.

The game was tied at 78 after regulation, and there were two more ties in the extra session. Grant had three straight slams for the Orange, while Dawkins hit a follow and a 3 from the top of the key as Duke took a threepoint lead with 1:20 left.

Two free throws by Ennis got Syracuse within one and two more by Grant put the Orange up 88-87 with 39 seconds left.

Duke's Rodney Hood missed a dunk attempt against Rakeem Christmas with 12.2 seconds remaining — Hood wanted a foul but nothing was called. Two more free throws by Ennis as Jefferson fouled out made it 90-87.

Sulaimon sank a pair of free throws for Duke to make it a one-point game with 9.4 seconds left. Fair made one of two from the foul line with 5.5 seconds to go.

Duke scrambled to get off a last shot and Quinn Cook missed a rushed fling from the right wing at the buzzer as Syracuse escaped.

Grant had 12 rebounds. Trevor Cooney and Ennis each scored 14 points for the Orange.

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Super Bowl Prop Bets

Over/Under for number of times Peyton Manning says "Omaha" during the game: 27.5 times

23 percent chance Michael Crabtree mentions Richard Sherman in a tweet during the game (Yes +300 | No -500)

26 percent chance Knowshon Moreno cries during National Anthem (Yes +250 | No -400)

31 percent chance it will snow during the game (Yes +200 | No -300)

31 percent chance Erin Andrews will interview Richard Sherman live after the game (Yes +200 | No -300)

54 percent chance lowest temperature anytime during game is OVER 28 degrees (Yes -140 | +100)

percent chance temperature at kickoff OVER 32 degrees (Yes -150 | No +110)

Over/Under for number of people who will view the game: 112 million

Will the power go out in the stadium during the game: 20/1 against

First Bruno Mars song . . . Locked out of Heaven: -125

Treasure: Just the Way You Are: NCAA BASKETBALL | INDIANA 63, MICHIGAN 52

Indiana pulls off upset of Michigan at home

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Yogi Ferrell scored 27 points, hitting seven 3-pointers in eight tries, to lead unranked Indiana to a 63-52 upset of No. 10 Michigan on Sunday.

Indiana (14-8, 4-5 Big Ten) had lost three of four but led most of the way in improving to 12-2 at Assembly Hall. Noah Vonleh added 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Hoosiers, who shot 54 percent to the Wolverines' 40 percent.

Michigan (16-5, 8-1) produced a season-low point total as a 10-game winning streak came to an end.

Derrick Walton Jr. scored 13 points and Caris LeVert had 12. They were the only Wolverines in double figures, as leading scorer Nik Stauskas was held to six

Ferrell, a point guard, was the primary defender on Michigan's small forward, and Stauskas missed five of six attempts, failing for the third time this season to score in double figures.

The Hoosiers may have reinvigorated their hopes for an at-large berth to the NCAA tournament by securing their second victory over a top-10 opponent.

The Wolverines are no

strangers to coming up short in this series.

Dating to last season's run to the national title game, the Wolverines are 27-12 in their last 39 games — with three of those losses to the Hoosiers, who are now 24-8 against Michigan over the last 18 seasons.

The Wolverines' prolific offense was off from the start. Michigan had more turnovers (eight) than baskets (seven) in the first half and scored just six points on its final 11 possessions to trail 25-22 at intermission.

It took a few breaks to stay that close. Walton Jr. was fouled twice in the half shooting behind the arc and converted all six free throws. The Wolverines also pushed the ball effectively for transition opportunities, scoring eight fast-break points.

After Indiana's defense was slow to get back and allowed Zak Irvin a layup, Indiana coach Tom Crean used a timeout with 10:08 left in the half. Out of the stoppage, the Hoosiers scored on five of their next six possessions to grab a 22-

Facing their fourth halftime deficit since November, the Wolverines never got over the hump.

Three free throws from

Austin Etherington and a fast-break layup by Evan Gordon gave Indiana a 49-41 lead with 7:41 to play, causing John Beilein to call time

After Stauskas' free throws cut the deficit to 53-49 with 4:04 to play, the Hoosiers clamped down, getting two stops before another basket by Gordon pushed the lead to six. The Wolverines came up empty on their next two trips before Etherington's free throw made it a sevenpoint game.

Michigan rebounded 31-22 and shot just 3-of-13 from behind the

NCAA WOMEN'S | VANDERBILT 71, TEXAS A&M 69

Vanderbilt tops Texas A&M in final seconds

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Morgan Batey made two free throws with 2.2 seconds to go to lift No. 16 Vanderbilt to a 71-69 victory Sunday against No. 17 Texas A&M.

Batey drove from the right wing to draw the foul on A&M's Tori Scott for the game-winning free throws.

Karla Gilbert had just pulled Texas A&M even on a three-point play with 10.2 seconds left. The Aggies had previously pulled to within one point three times in the final 2:25.

Batey finished with 17 points and scored nine of Vanderbilt's last 11 points. Christina Foggie added 14 points and Jasmine Lister (17-5, 6-3 SEC).

Gilbert had 26 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Aggies (17-6, 7-2), and Scott-Williams Tavarsha scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

Texas A&M took its first lead at 40-39 on Gilbert's layup with 12:38 left and played back-and-forth the rest of the way.

Miami 83, North Carolina 80

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Adrienne Motley scored a career-high 27 points as Miami upset No. 6 North Carolina 83-80 on Sunday.

Keyona Hayes added 14 points, including a crucial second-chance layup with a minute to go, for

had 11 for the Commodores the Hurricanes (12-10, 4-5 Atlantic Coast Conference), who snapped a three-game losing streak.

> Xylina McDaniel and Diamond DeShields had 18 points each for the Tar Heels (17-5, 5-3), who fell behind by 19 in the first half after a 22-4 run by Miami. UNC managed just one field goal in seven minutes during that stretch.

While the Hurricanes allowed UNC to go on a 15-2 run to close the first half and briefly fell behind early in the second, their 57 percent shooting ensured the

North Carolina honored its 1994 national championship team at halftime to celebrate the 20th anniversary

of the program's only title. Head coach Sylvia Hatchell, who has missed the entire season while being treated for leukemia, joined her team for the ceremony.

Penn State 79, Purdue 68

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — D.J. Newbill, Tim Frazier and Brandon Taylor combined for 52 points as Penn State defeated Purdue 79-68 on Sunday for its third straight victory.

The Nittany Lions (12-10, 3-6 Big Ten) got 19 points from Newbill, 18 from Frazier and 15 from Taylor.

Taylor scored nine points down the stretch, enough to keep Purdue at arm's

Despite committing some

late turnovers that allowed the Boilermakers to remain in the hunt, Penn State went 11 for 12 from the free-throw line in the final 1:07. The Boilermakers missed shots underneath the basket and were forced to foul.

Purdue (13-9, 3-6), which has lost four straight games since defeating Penn State 65-64 on Jan. 18, was paced by 18 points from A.J. Hammons and 12 from Ronnie Johnson.

Penn State, which started conference play with a six-game losing streak, recorded its first three-game conference winning streak since the 2008-09 season.

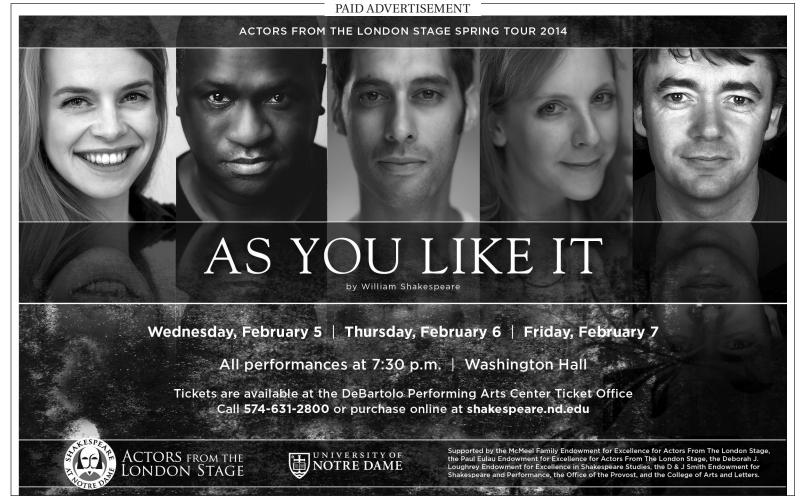
Taylor also pulled down eight rebounds for the Lions and Frazier had seven as Penn State controlled the boards by a 40-36 count.

The Boilermakers pulled to within 34-29 at the half, then started the second half by drawing the third foul each of Penn State's Frazier, Taylor and Donovon Jack.

But the Lions' balanced scoring continued as John Johnson sank a pair of free throws, Taylor popped a long 3-pointer and Frazier completed a coast-to-coast drive for a 10-point advantage at 51-41.

Purdue's Hammons and Errick Peck answered with eight straight points to pull within two, but Penn State recovered when Frazier sank two foul shots, Newbill drove uncontested for a layup and Johnson scored on a nifty reverse layup to build back to an eight-point lead.

Penn State used a 21-4 run in the first half to rally from a 14-7 deficit to a 28-18 lead.



MEN'S LACROSSE | ND 12, BELLARMINE 5; ND 22, DETROIT 7

Notre Dame rolls through exhibition contests

By GREG HADLEY Sports Writer

The offense was out in full force over the weekend for No. 4 Notre Dame, who started off its season on a high note inside the Loftus Center, sweeping through the exhibition schedule with wins over Bellarmine and Detroit, by scores of 12-5 and 22-7, respectively.

In both games, the Irish attack started off slow before exploding in the second half. Against Bellarmine on Saturday, the Irish went down 5-1 midway through the second quarter before reeling off 11 unanswered goals for the win. Sunday against Detroit, the two squads entered halftime locked in a 5-5 tie before the Irish scored eight consecutive goals to take a lead they would never relinquish. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he was particularly pleased with the depth his squad showed.

"We got a lot of guys who can score," Corrigan said. "I'd be hard pressed to single out just one of them that was that much better. A lot of people played well today. They were within themselves, but played well."

Leading the way for the offense was senior attack Ryan Mix and freshman midfielder Sergio Perkovic. Perkovic scored three early goals against Bellarmine

to keep the Irish close, while Mix netted four goals against Detroit.

On defense, Notre Dame struggled early but came on strong to allow just two second-half goals in both games combined. Corrigan credited the turnaround to several midgame adjustments.

"Scrimmages are a different animal from practices," Corrigan said. "We were adjusting on the fly this weekend. In practice, we know what we're going up against so we spend most of the time working nuance into our system, especially defensively. But for these games, we didn't scout them or anything, so we had to adjust in the game. It was great for us to develop."

Early foul trouble against Detroit did not make defense any easier for the Irish. Five of the Titans' seven goals came on man-up opportunities, as the Irish spent most of the first quarter down a player.

"We're not a team that usually fouls a lot," Corrigan said. "So if we can figure that out [we'll be fine]. If we're not man-down, I would say that we're playing pretty good defense right now."

With the loss of all-American goalie John Kemp to graduation, Corrigan started junior Conor Kelly in both matchups, but also



Freshman midfielder Sergio Perkovic watches game action against Detroit on Sunday at the Loftus Center.

gave substantial playing time to freshman Shane Doss.

The Notre Dame offense also had trouble producing in the first quarter, but picked up steam as each game went on. At the start of the second half against Detroit, the Irish scored five times in two and a half minutes to pull away. Corrigan said the offensive firepower was a result of better execution.

"I'd love to take credit for the adjustments we made," Corrigan said. "But that was just our guys making plays, honestly. We were getting to the right spots and everyone was making good, smart, hard plays with the ball. As a team we can score a lot, especially when we play that unselfishly."

Perkovic scored three goals against Bellarmine in a contest the day before, a 12-5 Notre Dame win.

Saturday's game was the first matchup between Bellarmine and Notre Dame since 2009, but Detroit nearly knocked the Irish out in the first round of the NCAA tournament at the end of last season. The Irish eventually prevailed over the Titans, 9-7.

The Irish begin their regular season on Feb. 16 against Jacksonville, in Jacksonville, Fla.

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TRACKAND FIELD

Irish split squad for N.M., Indiana meets



ZACHARY LLORENS | The Observer

Junior Kaila Barber races at the Notre Dame Invitational on Jan. 25 in the Loftus Center. Barber nabbed a second-place finish in the 60-meter hurdles at the New Mexico Invitational on Saturday.

By MATTHEW GARCIA Sports Writer

This weekend Notre Dame sent half its track and field team to the New Mexico Invitational, while the rest of the team stayed close to home for the Indiana Relays in Bloomington, Ind.. Miles away from home and their teammates, the Irish placed highly in a nine-team field in New

Mexico and continued their strong annual presence at the Indiana Relays.

The men finished in third at the New Mexico Invitational, falling behind only Nebraska and LSU. The women placed fourth, with LSU, Nebraska and New Mexico taking the top three. Irish coach Joe Piane was with the team in New Mexico and said he was excited about the results.

"We beat UCLA, beat Arizona State, beat New Mexico, beat TCU, beat Air Force. It was a very successful meet," Piane

The Barber sisters were at it again this weekend for the Irish, accumulating six topthree finishes between juniors Kaila and Jade, including a win by Jade in the 60-meter hurdles.

Barber "Jade ran outstanding 60-meter hurdle," Piane said. "That should be fast enough to get her in [to the NCAA championships]."

graduate student Jeremy Rae also continued his dominant season, winning the men's one-mile run by almost four seconds with a time of 4:02.62. After setting the school record for men's 1,000-meter run last week at home, Rae has not stopped moving up in the national ranks, moving all the way up to second in the mile run.

"Not only is he a good runand everybody on the team knows that," Piane said of Rae. "If you want to emulate somebody, he is the guy to emulate."

Piane said a host of other Irish runners performed well over the weekend, as well, including a pair in the 3,000-meter run.

"Another guy that ran well is [graduate student] Nick Happe. He won the 3,000-meter and is ranked about 10th in the country," Piane said. "[Senior] Alexa Aragon won the 3,000-meter and did a great job."

Happe turned in a time of 8:15.25 and claimed the victory by over 11 seconds, with Irish junior Jake Kildoo coming in behind him, while the

senior Aragon sealed the win by over 30 seconds with a finish of 9:46.08. A pair of sprinters earned victories for the Irish when junior Josh Atkinson took home the win in the 60-meter dash B section by turning in a time of 6.84 and senior Patrick Feeney won the 400-meter dash with a time of 46.53.

Back in Indiana, the Irish took on a familiar venue in the Indiana Relays. Notre Dame collected 15 top-five finishes, including a victory in the men's 400-meter run by sophoner, but he trains really hard more Aaron Dunn, who turned in a time of 50.03. Connor Stapleton finished right behind him, grabbing the silver in 50.34. In the men's 800-meter, freshman Grant Koch, senior Eddy Gibbons and freshman Adam Turner all turned in topfive performances. Koch finished second in the event with a time of 1:51.54, slightly ahead of Gibbons and Turner, who took third in 1:51.64 and fifth in 1:54.78, respectively.

> The Irish will look to continue their strong performances this weekend, when they host the Meyo Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

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FENCING

Shorthanded ND earns seven wins

By ANDREW ROBINSON Sports Writer

Squaring off against some of the nation's top teams Saturday in the Northwestern Duals, the young Notre Dame fencing squad - missing some of its key members — finished the day with seven team wins and six losses. The women ended with four team wins and three losses, while the men split their six matchups.

The women's team started off strong with a 20-7 first-round win over Stanford. The foilists, sophomores Nicole McKee and Sarah Followill and senior Adriana Camacho, posted a 9-0 record in the matchup.

The men's squad was not as successful to start the day, falling 19-8 to Penn in its first bout. However, the men were able to bounce back and pulled out a 15-12 victory against the defending national champion, Princeton. The foilists finished 6-3, despite missing senior captain and the world's top-ranked foilist Gerek Meinhardt, who was out with a minor injury on the same knee he had surgery on in 2011.

"We thought it would be better not to risk any further injuries at the beginning of the season," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "He had leg surgery in the past and it was a bit swollen, so we were very careful."

As the day continued, the women pulled off a 16-11 win against Duke before dropping three in a row to Princeton, Penn and Temple. Women's foil was missing its two key members, sophomore 2013 national champion Lee Kiefer and junior Madison Zeiss. Both were recently called to compete for the United States

in the World Cup in Poland.

"You have to make sacrifices," Bednarski said. "It was difficult for the young fencers to step in and take the places of the big fencers."

The men's squad began to wear down as well, losing 15-12 to Stanford. Bednarski cited inexperience and inconsistency as tough hurdles for the Irish squads.

"We have to be stable, not win against the best and then lose against teams who are supposed to lose to us," he said.

The women regained energy and bounced back to win 16-11 over North Carolina and 22-5 over UC San Diego. The men lost 14-13 to Duke but won decisively 24-3 in their final bout against Lawrence, including a 9-0 victory for the epeeists.

Although a few of the losses were disappointing to the Irish coach, Bednarski said a few young fencers performed very well relative to their experience, including freshman foilist Kristjan Archer. He also remained hopeful for the team moving forward.

"We lost a couple of matches, but we also had some good rounds and gained experience, giving hope that we will be strong in the future," Bednarski said.

"Now in the qualification path in the NCAA we want to be in the top group, so we'll get back to work and prepare for the upcoming tournaments."

The Irish will be back in action next weekend when they host the DeCicco Duals at the Castellan Family Fencing Center.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING | ND 263, IOWA 106

Notre Dame celebrates seniors, sets new records



Junior Emma Reaney swims the freestyle segment of the 200-yard individual medley at the Shamrock Invitational against Iowa on Friday. Reaney broke a Rolfs Aquatic Center record in that swim.

By KATIE HEIT Sports Writer

The Irish came to win on senior day, taking the gold in 16 out of 20 events at the Shamrock Invitational against Iowa this weekend and outscoring their opponent 263-106.

Irish junior Emma Reaney said the large margin of victory was a good testament relay. The team of Reaney, to the senior class.

"We always like to protect our house," Reaney said. "To be able to do it by so much and on our senior night was great."

Reaney said the use of a new, faster swimsuit by the Irish gave them a leg up on their competition.

"We wore fast suits and the other teams didn't," Reaney said. "It was definitely an advantage. We wanted to get a feel for the suits before conference to get prepared."

The biggest victory of the weekend came when the Irish broke the pool record in the 800-yard freestyle senior Kelly Ryan, junior Bridget Casey and freshman Katie Miller finished with a time of 7:22.65, defeated the previous record set by Ohio State in 2011 by .20 seconds.

Reaney also broke a pool record in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of

1:58.42. Reaney won four individual events, with NCAA B cut times in each event, and participated in three relay gold finishes.

Ryan took first in three individual events, qualifying for the NCAA B cuts in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke with respective times of 54.42 and 1:57.57.

Miller also made a name for herself this weekend, taking first in the 400-yard individual medley and qualifying for the NCAA B cuts in the 200- and 400-yard individual medleys with times of 2:00.99 and 4:17.62, respectively. Miller also earned an NCAAB cut in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:58.55. Finally, Casey rounded out the 10 NCAA B Cuts for the Irish with her 1:59.30 finish in the 200-yard butterfly, good for a first-place finish.

The meet also took a few minutes to honor Ryan and her fellow seniors: Sarah Dotzel, Mikelle Masciantonio. Christen McDonough and Lauren Stauder.

reflections on their time with the Irish resonated with the team.

they loved most about Notre Dame was really emotional and heartfelt," Reaney said. "We're going to miss them so much."

The Irish will close out their regular season with a home meet against Cleveland State on Saturday before preparing for the ACC

Reaney said the senior's "Hearing them say what

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forward Matt Willows snuck around the Irish defense and made a nice move past Irish senior goaltender Steven Summerhays to give New Hampshire a shorthanded goal and a 3-2 lead.

The Wildcats added another goal early in the third to double their lead, then closed out the scoring at 5-2 with an empty-netter in the final minute of the game.

All in all, the Irish power play was 0-for-6 on the weekend, while surrendering the key Willows goal.

After the sweep, the Irish now sit in a tie for eighth in the Hockey East standings, with just seven conference games left on its schedule. Notre Dame is now 1-6 on the road in conference games, and its three remaining road games will come against No. 2 Boston College and No. 7 Providence.

The Irish will return home next weekend though, as they'll face off with Maine in a pair of games on Friday and Saturday night.



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Sophomore left wing Mario Lucia readies for a faceoff Jan. 24. Lucia scored two goals against New Hampshire this weekend.



LEAH BILLION | The Observer

Senior forward Kayla McBride looks for a pass while defended by Miami senior guard Krystal Saunders on Jan. 23. McBride picked up a double-double with 23 points and 11 rebounds against Duke on Sunday.

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when asked about the opening minutes of the second half. "We didn't rebound, and they got some offensive rebounds. They're a really good team, so you expect they're going to have a stretch where they're going to make some shots and I felt we weathered the storm on top."

Kayla McBride made her first five shots and finished the afternoon with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Duke's leading scorer, Liston, also netted 23 points.

"She played well," McGraw said of Liston. "I thought that we actually did a pretty

good job on her for a stretch No. 1 and No. 2 teams in players in the league, really hard to guard, and she played well."

Achonwa and Allen both scored 15 points, while Loyd added 17. The Irish bench added an extra 18 points, while the Duke bench scored just three.

"I thought the bench was and were able to come out critical in the win," McGraw said. "We just got such great production from everybody who came in the game. And that's kind of a hostile environment, a really great crowd and atmosphere, and we really played well."

> The loss was the second of the year for the Blue Devils, who have now lost to the

in the second half, but the country, both times by she still ended up with 23 double digits. No. 1 UConn points. She's one of the best won, 83-61, when the two teams met in Durham, N.C., on Dec. 17.

> The Irish are still undefeated after 21 games, but McGraw said she is not worried about keeping her team focused.

> "It's easy," she said. "We have a goal, and we're working every day to it. We can't get too high after one win, and we have to get ready for Florida State."

> The ACC gauntlet continues Thursday when the Irish head to Tallahassee, Fla., to take on No. 23 Florida State at 7 p.m.

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to 37-36.

"When you're down nine or 10 early in the second half, I think you're at a crossroads a little bit," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "But I thought what helped us offensively was we went smaller like we did in the Duke game and just started ball-screening for Eric and let him make plays for us."

But Boston College again began to take control of the game. The Eagles went up 45-38 with 9:31 left in regulation after former Irish guard redshirt junior Alex Dragicevich drilled a 3-pointer for Boston College. The transfer ended the game with seven points and endured a plethora of boos from the Irish faithful each time he touched the ball.

The Irish then used a breakout performance from freshman forward V.J. Beachem to come back. Beachem scored seven points in a 4:18 span, including a layup with 2:59 remaining in regulation to tie the game at 60.

"My teammates have a lot of confidence in me, especially the older guys like [senior center] Garrick [Sherman] and Eric," Beachem said. "I know if I'm open — even when I was missing when I was open — they were

still hitting me, expecting me to be able to knock those shots down, and to be able to hit them today was really big."

The freshman also tallied Notre Dame's first points of the extra session on a 3-pointer to give the Irish a 69-68 advantage, their first lead since the first half. His 10 points were a career high.

"Big night for V.J. Beachem; we've been waiting for this," Brey said. "It was only a matter of time, only a matter of time with V.J. I think he's kind of joined the club now. Huge minutes for him and he made big shots for us."

Boston College gained a 64-60 lead with 57 seconds remaining in regulation before an Atkins 3-pointer made the score 64-63 with 48 seconds left. Eagles junior guard Lonnie Jackson scored two of his 15 points on a pair of free throws with 16 seconds left before Sherman cut the deficit to one again with 7.8 seconds left. Eagles sophomore guard Olivier Hanlan then missed the front-end of a oneand-one before Atkins sent the game to overtime with his free throw on the other end.

In overtime, the Irish gained a 73-69 lead before Boston College scored four unanswered points to tie the game with 35.5 seconds remaining and set the stage for Atkins' heroics.

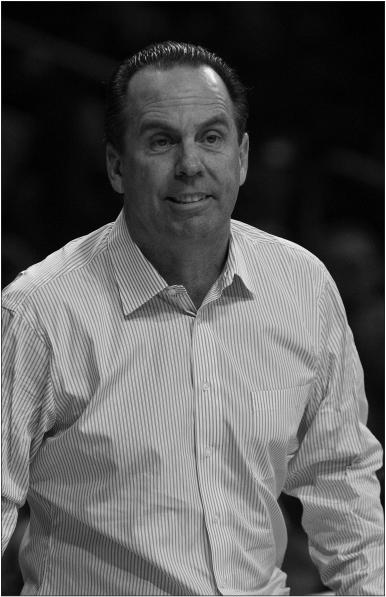
After scoring just four points in

the first half on 1-for-5 shooting, Atkins finished the night 9-for-17 for 24 points. Irish junior forward Pat Connaughton contributed 17 points and nine rebounds, while sophomore forward Zach Auguste added 10 points and eight boards.

The Irish next head to Syracuse for a Monday night matchup with the No. 2 Orange (21-0, 8-0) at 7 p.m. The Orange are coming off a 91-89 overtime home win over No. 17 Duke on Saturday night, and the Irish are winless in their last three games in the Carrier Dome. Syracuse is also one of just two remaining undefeated teams in Division I and will likely move into the top slot when the new national rankings are released Monday morning after No. 1 Arizona's 60-58 upset loss to Cal on Saturday night.

"What a great opportunity," Brey said. "We won't have much of a shot in there — maybe they'll be No. 1 in the country — but I sure like going to Syracuse and competing Monday night after what happened this afternoon than the alternative or what could have happened and not getting [the win]. So I think we'll go up there with a positive frame of mind with nothing to lose and let it rip."

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MICHAEL VIII The Observer

Irish coach Mike Brey observes his team's game against Boston College on Saturday. Notre Dame took the 76-73 victory in overtime.

GRANT TOBIN | The Observer

New quarterbacks coach Mike LaFleur is introduced at a press conference Friday. LaFleur previously coached in the NFL.

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entire offense and really set the table in making sure that all that is put together and laid out there so we can have a great Saturday moving the ball effectively."

"It's my responsibility to really make sure this thing looks the way coach Kelly wants it to look, have the menu, if you will, available to him," Denbrock said.

LaFleur, meanwhile, spent the past four seasons as the quarter-backs coach of the Washington Redskins. The 33-year old began his coaching career at his alma mater, Saginaw Valley State, in 2003 as an offensive assistant and later served in the same role in 2004 and 2005 under Kelly at Central Michigan.

LaFleur played two seasons at Western Michigan before transferring to Saginaw Valley State, where he made his first career start at quarterback — a 28-21 victory — against Kelly's Grand Valley State squad in 2000.

"[I] first got a chance to watch Matt as a player — just a great competitor, loved the way he played the game," Kelly said. "... And then was able to hire him when I was at Central Michigan, did a great job developing a dual-threat quarterback that we had at Central Michigan in Dan LeFevour.

"I loved the way he was able to communicate with him and build a great relationship with him."

Along with the new coaches, Kelly expressed the desire to transition back to an offense that he believes "is best suited for the personnel that we have." Kelly said that philosophy starts at quarterback, where he would like to see more plays being made outside the pocket. Overall, the offense figures to move at a faster tempo.

"He likes to be very aggressive with what he does," Denbrock said of Kelly's offenses through the years. "I think that's the direction we're certainly moving into with the athletes that we have. We really feel like we're in a position offensively to push the tempo a little bit more and to put our playmakers in positions where they can make big plays and sustain drives and do the things that all of us hope our offense looks like, one that's dynamic, can score more points and can move the football consistently."

Much of that dynamism will start at quarterback, where Kelly made sure to note there will be a competition between Everett Golson and rising sophomore Malik Zaire for the starting role.

"I'm not ready to hand everything over to Everett," Kelly said.
"I like Everett ... but I'm also somebody that wants to make sure ... that we give everybody an opportunity to compete for that position."

In addition to working with LeFevour — who graduated from Central Michigan as the only player in NCAA history with 12,000 career passing yards and 2,500 career rushing yards — LaFleur coached Redskins quarterback and 2011 Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III the last two seasons in Washington.

"There's a fine line that you can't be too strict in your teachings to take that playmaker ability out of that quarterback," LaFleur said.

Injury updates

Kelly said rising senior line-backer Ben Councell and rising senior center Nick Martin "have exceeded all expectations" in their recoveries. Councell tore his left ACL against Navy on Nov. 2, and, Martin tore his left MCL three weeks later against BYU.

"If they walked through here right now, you would not know they had surgery," Kelly said. "They are well ahead of schedule."

Kelly said rising senior line-backer Jarrett Grace's recovery is progressing, but at a slower pace. Grace broke the fibula in his right leg Oct. 5 against Arizona State.

Rising junior safety Nicky Baratti (shoulder) could be cleared for contact in April, but Kelly said they may hold him out of contact through the spring and have his first contact come in the fall.

Kelly added that rising sophomore linebacker Doug Randolph (shoulder), rising sophomore offensive lineman John Montelus (shoulder) and rising senior defensive lineman Chase Hounshell (shoulder) have all had "excellent" recoveries.

Rising senior defensive lineman Tony Springmann (knee, infection) "is moving around quite well" and "has made some really good progress." Kelly said if he continues to show no side effects, he could possibly be cleared for spring practice.

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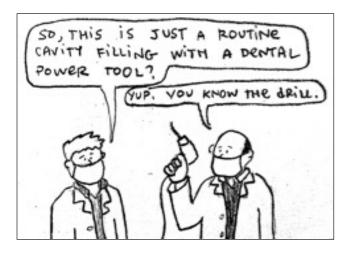
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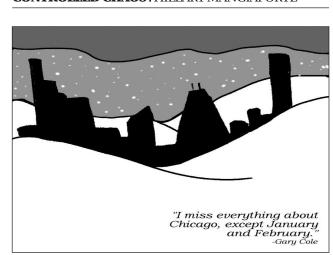
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep your thoughts to yourself and be mindful of those around you. It isn't worth getting into an argument over a trivial matter that will pass if left alone. Focus on fitness, health and self-improvement, and you will make positive gains. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll have everything going for you if you step into action and follow through with your plans. Don't hold back, especially if there is something you want to share with someone special. Romance will be heightened.

 $\textbf{GEMINI (May 21-June 20):} \ \textbf{Tread carefully, especially when dealing with emotional}$ matters. Listen attentively and be honest but kind in your response. You'll benefit most if you do not interfere or take sides. Reassess your personal position but don't make a move. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Express your feelings and follow through with your plans. A commitment or promise will go a long way, ensuring that you have a bright future. Talk over your plans and visit places and people who can help your dreams come true. ★★★★ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will discover information that will lead to a significant

change. Fixing up your home or looking at real estate will be misleading. Think twice before you spend on something you don't need to do. A partnership change will benefit you. *** **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Discuss important plans with someone who has knowledge or experience to offer. A partnership will bring about an unusual change

in your life and your direction. Socializing and romance will lead to an interesting realization. Say what's on your mind. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Assess personal situations but don't make an impulsive move. Play out any situation you face by observing, understanding and being mindful of those around you and what they may be experiencing. Not all the facts

will be visible. Wait for greater clarity. ★★★ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Creative alterations at home will help you get a project off the ground. You'll be persuasive in drumming up the support you require to reach your goals. A trip or engaging in a cultural event will be eye opening. Love is highlighted. ★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Not everything will be as crystal clear as you think. Question what's being said and try to be as precise in your description or communication with others as possible. Misunderstandings will end up being costly. A quick response will be required. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look over your past accomplishments and you will find an interesting way to incorporate the old with the new in order to come up with a fabulous and interesting way to advance in the future. Celebrate with someone

generate greater cash flow. Taking on a challenge may pose a problem, but a unique and innovative approach will lead to your success. Ask questions if someone is not giving you a straight answer. ★★★ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look over personal papers, investments or old lottery

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look for any opportunity that will help you to

tickets. Something you may have missed in the past will help you out monetarily now. Put a romantic twist on your day by divulging your feelings and making special plans for two. *** Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, intuitive and creative. You are loving, gracious and

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. CKSUN

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(Answers tomorrow)

SUITOR BANDIT

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

The bandleader feared becoming one as the

Answer. Jumbles: CHAOS COMIC

Answer:

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 88, DUKE 67

ND tops Duke, stays perfect

By VICKY JACOBSEN Sports Writer

No. 3 Duke kept No. 2 Notre Dame within striking difference for the first 25 minutes of Sunday's matinee, but the Irish ran away with the second half to hand the Blue Devils a 88-67 loss, their first defeat at home by a conference opponent since 2008.

"I'm really, really impressed with the game," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We could have rebounded better, but the offense did a really nice job. I thought [senior guard] Kayla McBride, [sophomore guard] Jewell Loyd, [freshman guard] Lindsay Allen and [senior forward] Natalie Achonwa, they really came out and played one of their best games of the

Allen scored a layup four seconds into the game, and from then on the Irish (21-0,

8-0 ACC) never trailed. The Irish jumped out to an 8-2 lead in the opening minutes, but four consecutive Duke baskets by senior guard Tricia Liston cut the advantage to two halfway through the first period. The Irish went on a 11-0 run several minutes later to extend a 26-23 lead to 37-23 before heading into halftime up 44-34.

The Blue Devils (21-2, 8-1) came out of the break with a vengeance, opening the half with a 5-0 run. They were able to hold the deficit in the single digits for a time, but a three-point shot by Irish sophomore guard Michaela Mabrey with 14:13 remaining put Notre Dame up by 10, and after that the Blue Devils could never catch up.

"We got a little sloppy, turned the ball over a couple of times," McGraw said

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FOOTBALL

Kelly introduces Denbrock, LaFleur

By MIKE MONACO Sports Editor

Irish head coach Brian Kelly officially introduced two new coaches - offensive coordinator Mike Denbrock and quarterbacks coach Matt LaFleur — in a joint press conference Friday.

Denbrock, who previously coached Irish offensive tackles and tight ends from 2002-04, rejoined the Notre Dame staff in 2010 and spent his first two seasons coaching the tight ends. During the past two seasons, Denbrock has been the outside wide receivers coach and the passing game coordinator.

After former offensive coordinator Chuck Martin left in December to become the head coach at Miami (Ohio), Denbrock served as interim offensive coordinator in the Pinstripe Bowl win over

"[Denbrock has] a great understanding of the offense that



Irish offensive coordinator Mike Denbrock speaks at his introductory press conference Friday at the Guglielmino Athletics Complex.

we want to run and certainly has my trust in putting together the offense on a day-to-day basis for us," Kelly said.

Kelly reaffirmed that he will call the plays next season, a task Martin carried out in 2013.

"Mike will put it all together," Kelly said. "He'll oversee the

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 76, BOSTON COLLEGE 73 (OT)

Atkins's 3 lifts Irish over **Boston College in OT**

By SAM GANS

Sports Writer

With his team tied at 73 as the clock wound down in overtime against Boston College on Saturday afternoon, Eric Atkins had the ball in his hands and redemption on his mind.

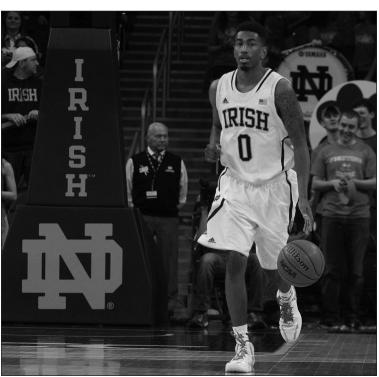
Minutes earlier, the Irish senior guard and captain had a chance to win the game. Down 66-65, Atkins drew a foul with 0.7 seconds left in regulation and went to the line for a one-andone opportunity. He made the first free throw but missed the second and the potential gamewinning put-back attempt.

"I felt like I let my team down [by] not hitting that free throw," Atkins said. "So in overtime, especially coming down to that last shot, I knew it was going to be me."

He delivered.

Atkins nailed a 3-point attempt with 0.8 seconds remaining in the game to snap Notre Dame's three-game losing streak and give the Irish (12-10, 3-6 ACC) a much-needed 76-73 victory over the Eagles (6-15, 2-6) in Purcell Pavilion.

"I just knew that I wanted to take the last shot of the game



MICHAEL YU | The Observer

Senior guard Eric Atkins dribbles downcourt against Boston College on Saturday. Atkins finished the overtime game with 24 points.

and make sure that they really didn't have another chance," Atkins said. "When I got it, I just rocked [the defender] a little bit, went between my legs. And then when he went for the crossover, I really had a clean look at it and as soon as I shot it, I knew it was going in."

The Irish had to mount a second-half rally to get in position to force overtime. Up 29-26 at halftime, the Eagles began the second half on a 6-0 run to open a 35-26 lead before Notre Dame used a 10-2 run to cut the deficit

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Wildcats sweep Notre Dame

HOCKEY | NEW HAMPSHIRE 4, ND 2; UNH 5, ND 2

Observer Staff Report

With its trip to New Hampshire this weekend, No. 14 Notre Dame was hoping to keep its momentum rolling through a key road series. Instead, the Irish got more than they could handle from the Wildcats, who used 4-2 and 5-2 victories to send Notre Dame home without a

The Irish (15-11-1, 4-8the hosts by double-digits on both nights, but New Hampshire (16-13-1, 8-6-0) made the most of its chances and shut down the Irish power play to secure the weekend sweep.

On Friday night, the Irish had to contend with a brand new environment, facing off against both a rowdy crowd (roughly 6,000 on both nights) and an unfamiliar rink (the far wider, Olympicsized sheet). Still, the Irish came out firing early as a shot from junior defenseman Eric Johnson caromed in off the skate of sophomore winger Mario Lucia to give the visitors a 1-0 lead in

the second period. However, that was the only lead Notre Dame would hold all weekend, as New Hampshire finished off the period with two goals of its own.

Up one, the Wildcats appeared to be in the driver's seat when they went on the power play with just over five minutes to play. Irish senior forwards T.J. Tynan and Bryan Rust took a long rebound and started a break, Hockey East) outshot where Rust took a pass from Tynan and buried his shot to get a late shorthanded equalizer. The Wildcats took the lead back just 29 seconds later though on the power play, and added a late empty netter to claim a 4-2 victory on Friday night.

> The Irish didn't start as well on Saturday night, though goals from Lucia and Tynan — both assisted by freshman center Vince Hinostroza — dug them out of early 1-0 and 2-1 deficits.

> The Wildcats flipped the tide of the game in their favor late in the second period, when sophomore

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